

TT No.48: Brian Buck - Friday 4th October 2019; **Bodmin Town v Wadebridge Town**; South West Peninsula League Premier West; Result: 2-1; Attendance: 134.

Friday and suddenly I had a new set of problems to deal with. I suddenly realised that I had forgotten to bring my medication with me. To keep me going, I take four lots of tablets a day. Sometimes I put them in a bowl, pour milk on them and have them for breakfast! So, most of the day was spent either in *Boots Pharmacy* in Exmouth or on the phone, trying to get a prescription from my doctors faxed to the chemists, so I could get my tablets. I finally achieved this just as I was about to set off for Bodmin.

It took me about 90 minutes to get there from Exmouth. The journey is mostly dual carriageway driving and you don't need to go into the body of the town to get to the ground. All you need to do is to remember where the turning to the car park is when you get there. I've been to games here before. My first visit was on 24 October 1994 and my most recent visit came on 2 September 2009. The ground was much as I remembered it. You get an excellent view from the large main stand and it's in a kind of bowl with steep banking behind both goals, with the clubhouse being behind one of them.

There was a good atmosphere here tonight, especially as the hosts are well supported. I was a bit surprised that they only did a four-page programme though. The match got off to a feisty start but the decent ref didn't book anyone and soon things settled down. Wadebridge started the game well, but they lost their way a bit after Bodmin took the lead against the run of play on 26 minutes. But by the time Bodmin doubled their lead 8 minutes later it was deserved. The second half saw Wadebridge play better, especially after they pulled a goal back on 48 minutes. I was sitting next to their chairman who was hoping that his side would bring on two of their 'whippersnapper' subs. He told me that one of them had got two feet! In added on time there was a mini punch up, but the ref just booked the protagonists. Then it was time for the journey back and a 19-mile detour because the A30 was closed for roadworks at one point. Nice!