

TT No.72: Keith Aslan - Saturday 7th December 2019; **YNYSHIR ALBION** v Newport City; Welsh League Division 2; Kick-Off: 14.02; Result: 0-2; Admission & programme: £3; Attendance: 53 (44 home, 6 away & 3 neutral).

This one is a 20-minute walk from Porth station on the valley line from Cardiff. As I approached the ground, I thought to myself 'this looks familiar' with good reason, I've already done it. How I laughed. Easy mistake to make if you're old and senile. Who hasn't gone back to a ground without realising it's already a 'tick'. So that's just me then. A quick scan of *Traveller* revealed I wasn't going to get anywhere new so with a shrug of the shoulders I went into town for diner at Ynyshir's only café. Having discussed the game, the previous evening with a fellow hopper a third party told him he was almost certain I'd done the ground, not information considered important enough to pass on to me.

If you're going to do a revisit there can't be many better grounds than this one. Chunky terracing that would send the health and safety brigade into paroxysms, an old stand and changing rooms, everything a proper ground should be with glorious views of the surrounding hills. A table was set up with hot drinks and sweeties but if you don't like your drinks black, best get stuck in before half-time which is when the milk runs out.

Spoke to the Newport City (nee LLanwern, nee Spencer Works) secretary who said bookings in the Welsh League are at an all-time low. Not because players are behaving themselves but because the referees have to report them to the league on an App. (And I've no idea what an app. is). Because the process is so complicated most refs. don't know how to do it, so they don't book anybody. The match itself falls into the category of 'funny old game'. Ynyshir had most of the chances, at least three quarters of the play yet still managed to somehow lose 2-0.

When I got home, I mused on the fact that I must be the only person in the world with two Ynyshir Albion programmes in my collection. Must try and find a ground I haven't already been to next week.