

TT No.011: 24/01/05 Club/Ground Focus: *Paul Roth* - Larkhall Athletic (SDWL1);

An early start from my home town, Margate, meant arriving in Bath 20mins before opening time! I armed myself with a day bus pass (£2.50), and commenced a detailed tour of the city`s GBG listed pubs. Walking about I soon remembered what a truly lovely place Bath is. Despite having the aforementioned bus pass, I somehow managed to walk from the centre out to Larkhall`s ground, a good two miles culminating in one

almighty hill at the end. A sharp right turn brings you into the lovely setting which is "Plain Ham". The pitch has recently been levelled and floodlights installed. A small stand (standing only) is to the left as you enter and is set ten or so feet above the pitch offering a superb elevated view.

Even as the rain began to fall more heavily, I was taken by the beautiful setting with the city below and lots of rolling hills all round. There is a well-appointed clubhouse selling real ale, tea and coffee, and cold snacks including filled rolls.

50p bought a pretty decent programme. And so, to the only slightly

disappointing part of my day - the football! Minehead easily kept the home side at bay and stole the game, scoring the only goal after 68 mins.

I heartily commend this lovely little club to all travellers - a brilliant day.

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