

TT No.005: 16/01/05 - Ground Focus: *Dennis Woods* - Farnborough NE (Wessex3); Match Stats v Otterbourne; 1-0; Att: 26; Programme: 24pp, 50p.

On Saturday I visited Farnborough North End v Otterbourne, along with Peter Franks and Steven Crawley for their Wessex League Division 3 game. Farnborough North End are currently leading the table and Otterbourne had a run of 12 consecutive wins, so a tight-game was expected. Farnborough North End took the lead through a deflected own goal mid-way through the first half, which turned out to be the only goal of the game.

The second half got rather heated and a number of players from both sides were booked and each side had a player sent off for fighting. An additional 10 minutes and 20 seconds of stoppage time was played at the end of the second half.

A very good programme was issued for 50p which contained 24 pages and included everything that you could wish for including pictures of a recent home match. No admission was taken and the attendance was 26. There is no club house at the ground but there is a pub at the top of the road called the Ship Inn which had hand pumps. However, the club used a room at the bowls club behind the ground which served tea and chocolate.

We were informed by the secretary that the game was the last first team game to be played at Farnborough Gate, as the club are relocating to a new ground which will have floodlights installed so that they can progress into the second division, although the programme states that the next game at 'the gate is on the 12th February against Overton United'. So, it may be worth checking first, if you are planning a visit. The 2nd team will now play their games at the ground. The ground is a 20-minute walk from Farnborough's main station, although Farnborough North and Frimley are slightly closer (the line runs behind one of the goals). WebEd - Cheers Dennis. If you haven't been to FNE yet, time is running out!

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