

**TT No.093: 25/04/05 Ground/Club Focus: *Dave Reed* - Haslemere Hospital Trophy Final (at Hammer FC)**

Having driven home on Saturday evening from the CML Hop, I felt good enough on Sunday to take in the final of the Haslemere Hospital Trophy being played at Hammer, a small village near Haslemere. What a little gem the ground is, situated down a track off Hammer Lane. A small clubhouse and changing rooms are just inside the entrance to the right with two dug-outs further down that side. Opposite at the top of the bank is a small covered area with seating available for 8-10 people (depending on size!). The whole ground is enclosed by trees.

The game was between Liphook United and Chiddingfold, both members of the Surrey County Intermediate League (Western) as are Hammer and we were treated to a very entertaining afternoon as were the crowd of approx. 160. The score after 90 minutes was 2-2, three of the goals coming from free kicks. With no further score in extra time the game went to penalties. Chiddingfold won the shoot-out 3-2 having overcome the disadvantage of having a man sent off after 82 minutes.

All in all, it was a great afternoon's entertainment for £2 including the programme and a visit to this ground can be recommended.

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