1043-20-180 **George J McNinch*** (mcninchg@member.ams.org), Department of Mathematics, Tufts University, 503 Boston Ave, Medford, MA 02474. *Nilpotent orbits of a reductive group over a local field.* Preliminary report.

Let K be a non-archimedean local field; thus K is complete for a non-trivial discrete valuation and has finite residue field. Let G be a reductive algebraic group defined over K. The talk will be concerned with the orbits of G(K) on K-rational nilpotent elements of the Lie algebra Lie(G); it will describe some complements to a parametrization scheme for these orbits which was given by DeBacker. (Received August 26, 2008)