



Westbury United Football Club



TOOLSTATION LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday 14th April 2007

WHEELER STRIKE COMPLETES WESTBURY COMEBACK

Almondsbury 2-3 Westbury United

Wayne Wheeler's goal straight after half time completed an excellent comeback for his team after they had gone two goals behind. It was a very warm and sunny afternoon in the lea of the M5. Mark Pearce was again the outstanding player, however the whole team (including seven teenagers) played their part in a good result.

The first half was a largely uneventful affair, except for an exciting, hectic eight minutes where four goals were scored! Almondsbury's top marksman Russell Church broke through to open the scoring with a low drive on 24 minutes and, after Wheeler had fluffed an equalising chance, home goalkeeper Gary Bloodworth's clearance on 27 found Nick Rugman in space ; he ran through the middle of Westbury's defence before finishing easily past Nick Evans.

Westbury finally woke up and a series of quick breaks led to a set piece on 31 minutes ; Lee Morgan floated the ball into the box and Mark Pearce headed powerfully against the crossbar before pouncing to score on the rebound. Matty Smith then won the ball from Almondsbury's kick off and his run and cross from the right wing found Wheeler ; he headed against the bar and the ball came out to Nathan Hallett who nodded it over the line to make it 2-2!

Soon after the break Wheeler latched onto a clearance from Pearce and, having held off his marker, struck the ball under Bloodworth's dive to put Westbury ahead.

The home side rarely threatened to get back in the game ; Morgan blocked a cross-shot from Church and John Mitchell struck the ball over the bar from a corner. Westbury had a chance to put it beyond their host's reach, but Wheeler lashed a shot wide.

*STAR MAN - Mark Pearce (Westbury United)

TEAM - Nick Evans, David Whyte, Luke Smith, Mark Pearce, Steve Seals, Lee Morgan,
Nick Beales, Matty Smith, Sam McQueen, Wayne Wheeler, Nathan Hallett

SUBS - Charlie Heydon, David Thompson, Sahied Ibrahams (all used)