



# Westbury United Football Club



## TOOLSTATION LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

**Saturday 6 October 2007**

### **EMBARRASSMENT FOR WESTBURY AS FIVE SEE RED!**

#### **Westbury United 1-5 Bradford Town** (Match abandoned after 70 minutes)

It will be the decision of the Toolstation League Committee as to whether this result stands. The match was abandoned on 70 minutes after Nick Evans became the fifth Westbury player to be sent off on a crazy, embarrassing afternoon for Westbury United at Meadow Lane. The rules of football state that a match cannot continue once a team is reduced to six players. It may sound like the referee had a bad game, but he didn't, each decision was justified.

There was no sign of what was to come as for 35 minutes the match was an entertaining local derby with plenty of chances befitting of two teams where goals have flowed recently. Westbury started strongly as Nick Ridout struck a fierce free kick that rattled the crossbar and then saw a strike blocked ; this resulted in a series of corners and Nathan Hallett nodded Westbury ahead from one of the flag kicks on 10 minutes.

Bradford drew level on the half hour when Dan Fowler broke clear and crossed to Jerad O'Pray who side footed home from ten yards. The away side then took a 2-1 lead a few minutes later when Liam Richards cross found Russell Whatley who powered a header past Evans.

Ridout was the first to see red for violent conduct on 37 ; after being fouled by Steve Wickings, Ridout ran up to the Bradford defender and pushed him to the ground.

Bradford went 1-3 ahead straight after half time when Richards found Steve Roddy, looking in an offside position, and he was able to tap the ball into the net.

Steve Seals was the next to see red on 53 for a second yellow card offence.

Despite being down to nine men, Westbury poured forward and Aaron Billett, Hallett and Wayne Wheeler all came close to reducing the arrears, Billett the nearest as his 30 yarder struck the crossbar.

Captain Lee Morgan became the next to leave the pitch when his professional foul on Richards resulted in a penalty which Roddy scored to make it 1-4 on 65.

Richards himself scored the next goal on 68 when he arrived in the box to finish easily with no defender around him. Wheeler was sent off for dissent following this goal.

The final red card came on 70 when Roddy burst through with only Evans to beat and the Westbury keeper brought his opponent down before the referee showed him the card and ended the game.

TEAM - Nick Evans, David Whyte, Luke Smith, Mark Pearce, Steve Seals, Lee Morgan,  
Matt Smith, David Thompson, Nick Ridout, Wayne Wheeler, Nathan Hallett  
SUBS - Aaron Billett, Matt Sharp, Mark Young (all used)