



# Westbury United Football Club



## TOOLSTATION LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday 2nd December 2006

### HEATH SNATCH A POINT IN FIGHTBACK

#### Westbury United 2-2 Cadbury Heath

Matches against Cadbury Heath are rarely easy on the eye and this was no exception. It was a match of few goalscoring chances, strong defending and a number of flare ups between both sets of players. Westbury remain in second place despite letting a two goal half time lead slip away, however they were without three first choice players who were unavailable.

Home keeper Nick Evans made routine saves early in the match from Joe Dakwa and Leon Maloney. At the other end Wayne Wheeler and Aaron Billett had chances while goalkeeper Simon Crawford saved a chip from Steve Seals.

Westbury began to get on top in the closing stages of the half ; a burst forward by Matt Sharp led to Wheeler setting up Hallett, but he dragged an effort wide of the target. On 40 minutes Wheeler received the ball from Shaun Sheppard and his effort was deflected for a corner ; as in previous matches Luke Smith's delivery was excellent and, with Crawford struggling to reach the ball under his crossbar, Sharp nipped in to put his side ahead.

The goal of the game came in injury time when, following good work by Sharp and Billett on the right wing, Wheeler latched onto the ball twenty yards from goal and curled a beautiful strike into the top corner for his fourth goal in two matches.

Heath dug in right from the kick off after the break and a run into the box by Marcus Duharty was ended by a foul committed by Allan Clarke, a penalty was awarded and Joe Lott powered his spot kick into the roof of Evans' goal.

Spurred on by their revival, Heath were dominant and kept Westbury at bay while forcing a series of corners in their own attacks. It took fine defending from Paul Edwards, Nick Beales and Sharp to prevent them equalising. However with five minutes remaining a Simon Warren corner wasn't cleared and Duharty was on hand to level the score at 2-2.

Westbury finally threatened in the closing stages and the match came close to boiling over with off the ball challenges and players sparring up to each other ; one of these led to a straight red card for Heath defender Maloney.

Wheeler got in behind Heath's defence but good defending by Adie Spicer prevented him from an attempt at goal. Then with five minutes having been added on Wheeler was adamant he'd been fouled inside the box, but a free kick was the referee's decision and the ball was cleared from danger.

\*STAR MEN - Nick Beales (Westbury United) and Simon Warren (Cadbury Heath)

TEAM - Nick Evans, Matt Sharp, Luke Smith, Allan Clarke, Steve Seals, David Whyte,

Nick Beales, Aaron Billett, Shaun Sheppard, Wayne Wheeler, Nathan Hallett

SUBS - David Thompson, Paul Edwards, Tarick Yachou (all used)