



TOOLSTATION LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Wednesday 13th December 2006

DEFENCES DOMINATE DULL DRAW

Clevedon United 0-0 Westbury United

This was the kind of match where the referee's final whistle is greeted by a sigh of relief! Both defences dominated to such an extent that neither goalkeeper had anything more than a routine save to make. With this draw, Westbury extended their latest unbeaten run to five matches and have only lost one of their last fourteen in the league. Matty Bown came on as a substitute for his first game since being injured eight months ago.

The play actually got off to a promising start with some pacy attacks, home keeper Mark Selway saving twice from Wayne Wheeler and once from Nathan Hallett in the opening twenty minutes. At the other end Paul Hayward headed over the bar.

The turning point came on 34 minutes when a scuffle between Westbury's David Whyte and Clevedon's Eugene Dunn saw both players red carded, on reflection a yellow card for each player would have kept everyone on the pitch and not affected the tactics that were providing a decent game. Just before half time Westbury keeper Nick Evans saved well when Steve Lester's header threatened to break the deadlock.

The second half was littered with offsides at both ends; for Westbury the defence of Matt Sharp, Luke Smith, Mark Pearce and Lee Morgan played superbly to keep an encouraging clean sheet. The closest Clevedon came to scoring was when Evans saved a low drive from Hayward.

Westbury had the better chances without really making Selway work; Paul Edwards touched the ball wide from a Nick Beales pass and late on a free kick from Luke Smith rebounded to Hallett who forced Selway into a save.

STAR MEN - Mark Pearce & Lee Morgan (Westbury United)

TEAM - Nick Evans, Matt Sharp, Luke Smith, Mark Pearce, David Whyte, Lee Morgan,
Nick Beales, David Thompson, Paul Edwards, Wayne Wheeler, Nathan Hallett

SUBS - Matty Bown (used), Tarick Yachou, James Dowd (unused)