



TOOLSTATION LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION

Saturday 26th August 2006

WESTBURY'S 2ND DEFEAT DESPITE EDWARDS' DEBUT STRIKE

Larkhall Athletic 2-1 Westbury United

Paul Brickley gave a debut to new signing Paul Edwards and he almost returned to haunt his former club, however his goal was not enough as ten man Westbury lost again.

In perfect conditions the match got off to a tight start with good defending from both teams. The hosts made the first chances when Paul Moon headed over the bar and Jack Heard headed wide.

The opening goal came on 23 minutes ; Heard played in his strike partner Shaun Wiles-Richards and he made no mistake with a low finish past the advancing Stuart Powell in Westbury's goal.

Wayne Wheeler sent a 20 yard free kick over the bar before Westbury gifted Larkhall a second goal. Slow defending by Martin Little enabled Heard to pass to Dave Cooper and he finished comfortably.

Heard volleyed wide early in the second half, but the talking point happened just after the hour mark when Westbury's James Dowd committed a bad tackle from behind on Wiles-Richards. Dowd was shown a second yellow card (after being booked in the first half) and the home forward was forced to leave the pitch injured.

Westbury's ten men dug deep to prevent a further goal for the Larks. They had a strong penalty claim denied 12 minutes from time when Aaron Billett was bundled over by James Gray. The referee awarded a corner instead and from the flag kick Billett struck an effort over the bar.

Brickley pushed four men up front and the gamble paid dividends when Wheeler set up Edwards who hit a great finish past Ashton Turner to reduce the arrears on 88. Edwards also headed wide as his new side almost grabbed an unexpected point.

TEAM - Stuart Powell, David Whyte, Martin Little, David Thompson, Lee Morgan, James Dowd, Nick Beales, Paul Beavers, Paul Edwards, Wayne Wheeler, Tarick Yachou
SUBS - Aaron Billett, Luke Smith (used) Mark Young (unused)

Westbury United September Fixtures:-

Saturday 2nd September, Almondsbury, HOME, League, 3pm
Saturday 9th September, Highworth, Away, FA Vase, 3pm
Tuesday 12th September, Portishead, HOME, 7.45pm
Saturday 16th September, Bradford Town, HOME, 3pm
Wednesday 20th September, Wellington, Away, 7.45pm
Saturday 23rd September, Longwell Green, HOME, 3pm
Saturday 30th September, Weston St Johns, Away, 3pm