



Westbury United Football Club



TOOLSTATION LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION

Tuesday 29th August 2006

FIRST POINTS FOR WESTBURY AND WHEELER STARS - IN GOAL!

Westbury United 1-0 Shepton Mallet

Westbury gained their first points of the season in an unlikely manner at Meadow Lane. They were leading through Luke Smith's 18th minute goal when, on 28 minutes, goalkeeper Stuart Powell clattered into Shepton forward Dominic Fallows and was shown a straight red card. Star player Wayne Wheeler took over between the sticks and kept a clean sheet in fine style!

The match got off to a frantic start with Paul Beavers forcing Jerry Gooding into an early save while in the visitor's first attack James Laird struck an effort just wide.

Westbury's determination was far better than in their previous defeats and they put together a few fine moves. Smith cut inside and fed David Thompson who hit a curling shot narrowly over the bar. The goal came soon after when Smith arrived to round off a one touch move between Paul Edwards, Wheeler and Beavers by finishing with a first time clip over Gooding.

Steve Seals struggled when the ball bounced awkwardly on 27, David Last was first to the ball but his goalbound shot was helped in by Fallows who was in an offside position, the goal was disallowed.

The vital moment came a minute later ; Fallows burst through and as Powell raced from his box he clattered into his opponent. The referee had no option but to send Westbury's keeper off. Wheeler took over in goal and watched the resulting free kick drift wide.

Westbury's ten men continued to play attacking football in the second half and whenever Shepton attacked the defence showed skill and strength to deny them. David Whyte, Seals and James Dowd excelled with good support from Smith, Aaron Billett, Thompson and Nick Beales.

Wheeler's first save was from a direct free kick taken by pacy substitute Reynold Turnock. He also set up a number of counter attacks with excellent clearances and inspired bravery when threatened. With 17 minutes remaining he made a brilliant save ; when Fallows broke into the box Wheeler stood tall and dived to parry the forward's shot before running and pouncing on the ball! From then the closest the visitors came was a 20 yarder from Turnock that whistled over the bar.

*STAR MAN - Nobody stood out in a fine team display

TEAM - Stuart Powell, David Whyte, Aaron Billett, David Thompson, Steve Seals, James Dowd, Nick Beales, Paul Beavers, Paul Edwards, Wayne Wheeler, Luke Smith

SUBS - Martin Little, Lee Morgan, Tarick Yachou (all used)

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