



TOOLSTATION LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Boxing Day, Tuesday 26th December 2006

POINTS SHARED IN CHRISTMAS DERBY DRAW

Shrewton United 1-1 Westbury United

This was a local derby to warm the hearts of those watching on a freezing cold Boxing Day afternoon. It was one from the old school with tackles flying in, plenty of chances from quick attacking play, fine goalkeeping and every player putting in 100%. Matt Sharp and Aaron Billett returned from injury for Westbury.

The home side could have been 3-0 ahead before ten minutes had been played. Westbury keeper Nick Evans made three saves; the first from Gavin Cooley's low shot, the second when Dean Foot got through into a one on one situation and the third a great stop from Anton Brownless' fierce strike.

Having survived the early onslaught, Westbury opened the scoring with their first chance on 13 minutes. Luke Smith's set piece was met by a header from the unmarked Lee Morgan and the ball flew into the net.

Evans made another brave save soon after when Jesse Walters latched onto Anton Brownless' through ball. Later in the half Walters rounded Evans but was denied a goal scoring attempt by Matt Sharp's last gasp challenge.

Westbury had a period of pressure around the half hour mark when home keeper Craig Campbell saved from Sharp's weak effort and Wayne Wheeler glanced a header just over the bar.

Towards half time the challenges became quite fierce, but the players' anger never really threatened to spill over aside from an incident with Wheeler and home captain Anton Brownless ; he and his counterpart Nick Beales led by example throughout the match.

Westbury's tendency to be slow starters after the break was exposed when Shrewton equalised within 20 seconds of the restart! Cooley's cross from the right was flapped at by Evans and Lee Weekes was on hand to smash the ball into the net.

More chances followed; for Westbury, Wheeler and Nathan Hallett brought saves out of Campbell. Further opportunities were spurned by Wheeler, Mark Pearce and Tarick Yachou. For Shrewton, Walters and Foot missed the target while Evans did well to block an effort by the dangerous Walters.

*STAR MEN - Anton Brownless (Shrewton Utd) and Nick Beales (Westbury United)

TEAM - Nick Evans, Matt Sharp, Luke Smith, Mark Pearce, David Thompson, Lee Morgan,
Nick Beales, Aaron Billett, Tom Staddon, Wayne Wheeler, Nathan Hallett

SUBS - Tarick Yachou, David Whyte (used) James Dowd (unused)