

First Team Games Report

Westmorland Football Association

Benevolent Trophy – Round 2

Date: 21st January 2012
Fixture: Sedbergh Wanderers vs Lunesdale United
Results: HT: 1-3 FT: 4-5
Goal Scorer(s): Sid Emerson (1); Craig Willan (1); Oliver Jackson (2); Andrew Robson (1)
Man of the Match: Andrew Robson

Squad:

Alderson Tom	Bousfield Kevin	Emerson Sid	Jackson Tom
Jackson Oliver	Jackson Ben	Johnston Peter	Lowis Johnny
Nicholson Steve	Potter Darren	Robson Andrew	Ryding Dave
Willan Craig	Wolstenholme John		

Lunesdale finally got this cup tie played after Sedbergh agreed to switch the game to Tebay when their pitch failed an inspection (again).

Lunesdale, playing with a near gale force wind at their backs dominated the early stages and went ahead on 12 minutes when a great through ball from Johnny Lowis found Andrew Robson who finished well to give Lunesdale a deserved lead.

Oliver Jackson then scored a brace on 32 & 37 minutes to make it 0-3.

Sedbergh did create a few chances, but were thwarted by Steve Nicholson in goal and a goal line clearance by Kevin Bousfield.

Just before half time, Oliver Wales beat his marker and hit a superb shot into the top corner to give Sedbergh a foothold in the game.

The second half started with the wind getting even stronger but Lunesdale defended well with Pete Johnston and Kev Bousfield in the centre of defence.

With Sedbergh pushing forward, Lunesdale did catch them on the break a few times, but Ben Close in Sedbergh's goal produced some good saves.

On 80 minutes, Sedbergh scored their second goal. But soon after, another two goals for Lunesdale gave them a 5-2 lead. The first was a solo effort by left back Sid Emerson who collected the ball in his own half and out paced the defenders before finishing well. The fifth goal saw Craig Willan get on the score sheet.

This should have made the game safe, but with 2 minutes remaining a Matt Parkin 30 yard strike gave Steve Nicholson no chance as it nestled in the top corner.

In added time, a short back pass was pounced on by Sedbergh to make the final score 5-4 to Lunesdale.

This was a good performance after a two month lay off.

Oliver & Thomas Jackson worked their socks off and Lowis in midfield was outstanding. Andy Robson (playing only his second game for the first team) was named Man of the Match for an outstanding display wide right – not only attacking, but defending as well.