

First Team Games Report

Westmorland County FA

Benevolent Trophy – Round 1

Date: 8th October 2011

Fixture: Lunesdale United vs Shap FC

Results: HT: 3-1 FT: 5-2

Goal Scorer(s): Craig Willan (3); Darren Potter (1); Oliver Jackson (1)

Man of the Match: Craig Willan

Squad:

Capstick, Eric	Emerson, Sid	Farrell, Patrick	Horner, Carl
Jackson, Luke	Jackson, Oliver	Johnston, Pete	Lewis, Jonathan
Potter, Darren	Robson, Andrew	Ryding, David	Sorenson, Shaun
Willan, Craig	Wolstenholme, John		

Lunesdale entertained local rivals Shap in this first round tie and started well.

Johnny Lewis had two good efforts saved by Andrew Dawson in the Shap goal before new dad Daz Potter collected the ball wide left and he outpaced the defenders before firing home to give the home team a deserved lead.

On 15 minutes a John Wolstenholme cross was well finished by Craig Willan to double the lead. Shap created chances in this tie, but lacked the finishing touch.

Young Andrew Robson (making his first team debut) showed quality, but unfortunately picked up a thigh strain and was replaced on 25 minutes by Oliver Jackson.

On the half hour mark a quick free kick by Lewis found Willan in space and he finished well to give the home team a three goal lead.

Shap got a foothold in the game just before half time when a defensive clearance found a Shap mid fielder who's through ball found ex Lunesdale player Tom Birkett in space and he finished well to give a 3-1 half time score.

Both teams created chances early in the second half, but it was the home team who made the game safe on the hour mark when the impressive Lewis found Willan who completed his hat trick. Willan was replaced by Patrick Farrell for the last 30 minutes.

Shap continued to push forward and on 72 minutes they scored direct from a corner which found the top corner. Shap continued their push forward, but were leaving space at the back and when Lewis teed up Pete Johnston he looked certain to score, but somehow he shot over.

In the last 5 minutes Lewis again turned provider when he found Jackson in space and volleyed home to complete the scoring.

Dave Ryding (player/manager) got on for the last few minutes and he named Craig Willan as Man of the Match.