

Kendal Town 0, Workington 0

Kendal Town showed huge character and commitment after they held promotion favourites Workington Reds to a 0-0 draw in front of a strong crowd of 325 at The STB Accountants Stadium.

Workington dominated huge periods of the game, however Kendal Town shot stopper Morgan Bacon pulled off a string of stunning saves, while Kendal's youthful team defended superbly well as they battled out for the draw.

Kendal going into the game were given little chance especially after in previous season they had suffered heavy defeats against their Cumbrian rivals.

However Chris Humphrey has assembled a youthful but also physically fit team who put their bodies on the line throughout the game.

Kendal made a bright start to the game and played with lots of endeavour and energy as Workington were under pressure for the first ten minutes.

However Workington eventually gained control and began to create opportunities, with Scott Allison seeing his shot on goal scrape the outside of the post, while Charlie Birch made a good challenge to deny Brad Carroll while Morgan Bacon smothered Reuben Jeromes shot on goal.

Kendal's only real chance fell to Chris Humphrey who dragged his shot wide before having to come off injured soon after.

However Morgan Bacon made the save of the game on 42 minutes after he pulled off an acrobatic save to deny Sam Smiths goal bound volley.

Workington were camped in the Kendal half for the second period where Bacon tipped over Scott Allison's header onto the bar, while there were numerous scrambles in the six yard box where brave defending produced a series of blocks while Brad Carroll had a near post header flash over the bar.

However former Kendal Town player Dan Wordsworth had the two best chances where the centre back blazed over the bar on two separate occasions from corners.

Kendal created little, with debutant Hugo Rodriguez going the closest after volleying the ball over the bar from close range, while J'nai Butterfield Steeds got into good positions before being denied by the Workington defence.

Workington pinned Kendal back as the game went deep into stoppage time however Kendal cleared away a corner in the 3<sup>rd</sup> minute of stoppage time as referee Christopher Porter blew for full time with Kendal celebrating a superb and brave performance before being congratulated by the fans at full time.

Kendal Town: Bacon, Ngongo, Birch, Lightfoot, Barnes, Bamba, Humphrey (Rodriguez 26), Livingston (Samson 85), Jaaskelainen, Holland-Wilkinson (McCarragher 71). Subs (not used) Camacho, Fagan.

Workington: Atkinson, Clarke (Kelly 56), Brockbank (Bowman 83), Wordsworth, Smith, Casson, Potts (Holt 71), Carroll, Jerome, Allison, Hubbard. Subs (not used) Robertson, Little.