

## Kendal Town 1 v Brighouse Town 0

Ten man Kendal Town edged into the next round of The FA Trophy after defeating Brighouse Town 1-0 in a hard fought contest at Parkside Road.

Emil Jaaskelainen's goal 30 minutes into the first half proved to be the difference in a game where Morgan Bacon made a number of good saves, while Kendal were under further pressure after Joe Hodgson was sent off with just 20 minutes left in the game.

However despite being down to ten men, Kendal dug deep with a superb defensive performance which proved to be enough as they held onto secure victory.

Kendal made a confident start and created the first opportunity after Hugo Rodriguez headed the ball over the bar from a good delivery into the penalty area by Jamie Hodgson.

Brighouse who have made a bad start to their season created chances of their own with Laurence Sorhaindo seeing his powerful shot on goal blocked by Seydou Bamba who put his body on the line as Kendal continued to show their defensive solidarity.

Kendal were dangerous in attack with Charlie Birch seeing his headed attempt on goal go past the post.

An Kendal opened the scoring on 30 minutes when Emil Jaaskelainen went clean through on goal after capitalising on a mistake before he placed the ball into the right hand corner of the net. The Mintcakes nearly made it 2-0 after Jamie Hodgson's curled shot on goal was palmed away by Jacob Carney in The Brighouse goal.

Brighouse searched for the equaliser deep into the first half, however Kendal's defence stood firm with Precieux Ngongo blocking a goal bound shot from Eddie Church.

Kendal created the first chance of the second half after Seydou Bamba blazed the ball over from distance, while Morgan Bacon denied Eddie Church in a lively start to the half.

Brighouse pushed for the equaliser with Javelle Clarke curling the ball over the post, before Morgan Bacon came out to block Joe Jagger's shot on goal.

Kendal were then under further pressure on 70 minutes after Jamie Hodgson was sent off for a foul on Church.

However despite being down to ten, Kendal nearly made it 2-0 following a speculative overhead kick by Hugo Rodriguez which went over the bar.

Brighouse with the one man advantage searched for the equaliser with Bacon denying Alhassana Kata, while Joe Jagger missed a sitter blazing the ball over from close range.

Jagger for the second time missed another glorious opportunity, with Sorhaindo heading the ball over from a corner.

Kendal under increasing pressure saw Chris Humphrey come onto the pitch to add some stability and it was Humphrey who nearly made it 2-0 when he saw his goal bound effort rebound off the inside of the post.

Brighouse applied late pressure from corners, set pieces and long balls into the area however Kendal's defence stood firm as they celebrated yet another 1-0 win.