

Kendal Town 2 v Mossley 2

Nine man Kendal Town battled back from 2-0 down before drawing 2-2 with Mossley in a bad tempered contest at Parkside Road on Tuesday Night. Kendal had a first half to forget after Michael Samson was sent off, while the visitors went 2-0 up after goals by Anthony Brown and Dylan Fitzgerald.

And in the second half the game exploded into life when Hugo Rodriguez scored, before a brawl between both teams saw referee Ian Gittens send-off Jamie Hodgson while Mossley were also reduced to ten men after Fitzgerald was also brandished a red card .However Kendal completed the dramatic comeback when a long ball by Morgan Bacon was headed into the net by Rodriguez as Kendal celebrated an unlikely point.

Kendal going into the game were keen to bounce back from the 3-2 defeat against Runcorn however the team prior to the game suffered a huge boost after former Preston North End manager Simon Grayson deputized for Chris Humphrey who had to self-isolate after being in contact with one of his work colleagues. Mossley who themselves had just returned from a two game isolation period made the better start and were 1-0 up on 15 minutes when Anthony Brown headed the ball into the net following a delivery into the penalty area.

And things became even worse for the mint cakes following the dismissal of Michael Samson who brought down one of the Mossley players after being adjudged to have been the last man.

Mossley capitalised on the one man advantage and were 2-0 up moments later when Dylan Fitzgerald calmly chipped the ball over Morgan Bacon before Anthony Brown headed the ball into the grasps of the Kendal keeper. Kendal's only real opportunities fell to Charlie Birch who's free kick was saved by Mossley shot stopper Liam Lovell, before Charlie Barnes fired the ball wide from a corner.

However the second half was much improved for Kendal who played with more energy and began to force Mossley back while launching tempting deliveries into the penalty area. Early free kicks from Charlie Birch and Jamie Hodgson forced the keeper into action while Jaaskelainen fired his shot wide from another free kick.

Mossley were dangerous on the break, however Kendal broke up the visitors attacks with Morgan Bacon making some comfortable saves.

Kendal found a way back into the game on 70 minutes following a seemingly harmless cross into the area by Birch which was fumbled into the path of Hugo Rodriguez who scored from close range.

And Kendal buoyed by the goal pushed for the equaliser before the game became bad tempered with two confrontations between both sets of players, while the second of the two confrontations resulted in referee Ian Gittens sending off Jamie Hodgson and Mossleys Dylan Fitzgerald.

However two minutes after the melee Kendal equalised in dramatic fashion on 89 minutes when Morgan Bacon from his own area launched a long ball into the penalty area which was headed into the net by Rodriguez which led to wild celebrations throughout the ground.

Mossley still with the one man advantage attempted to go for the win deep into stoppage time however Kendal held out to celebrate a huge point further showing the teams fighting spirit.