

Kendal Town 2 Runcorn Linnets 3

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Northern Premier North West Division

Kendal Town had a difficult afternoon at a rain soaked Parkside Road after losing 3-2 to an impressive Runcorn Linnets team who remained undefeated.

However Kendal made the perfect start after 6 minutes when Chris Humphrey unleashed an unstoppable left footed low strike from 20 yards which went into the right hand corner.

Runcorn pushed for the equaliser and were rewarded when Ryan Brooke scored on 31 minutes before Alex Downes headed the visitors in front 7 minutes into the second half.

Kendal roared straight back and equalised two minutes later when Charlie Birch scored following a good ball across the area by Chris Humphrey.

However Runcorn regained the lead through Iwan Murray after 73 minutes as the visitors saw out the game in an end to end contest as Kendal crashed to defeat.

Both teams made a frenetic start to the game with Iwan Murray seeing his effort deflected wide by Precieux Ngongo on 2 minutes while Hugo Rodriguez saw his effort cleared by one of the Runcorn players.

Kendal made the breakthrough after a seemingly harmless ball fell to Chris Humphrey who unleashed an unstoppable effort from 20 yards which nestled into the right hand corner of the net,

Runcorn dominated possession with Ally Brown and Iwan Murray creating opportunities, while Morgan Bacon made a number of good saves.

Kendal when in possession looked dangerous where Charlie Birch was denied by Niki Lee Bulmer who pulled off a fine save, before Rodriguez headed the ball over the bar.

However Runcorn equalised on 31 minutes when Craig Lindfield's strike rebounded off Bacon before Ryan Brooke scored from close range.

Runcorn continued to create chances most notably from Brookes and Lindfield who headed the ball with Bacon making some strong saves.

And the visitors edged in front 7 minutes into the second half after a cross into the area deflected off N'gongo and into the path of Ryan Downes who headed the ball into the net.

Kendal battled back two minutes later following a pass by Chris Humphrey which fell to Charlie Birch who drilled the ball into the bottom right hand corner of the net. Runcorn pushed and probed the Kendal defence only to be denied by Morgan Bacon who pulled off a stunning save to deny Iwan Murrays goal bound free kick..

The visitors regained the lead on 73 minutes following a good attacking move which saw Iwan Murray fired the ball home from close range.

Runcorn created further chances most notably through Murray who saw his shot blocked by Charlie Barnes.

Kendal best opportunity from that point fell to Humphrey who saw his effort comfortably saved by Bulmer as Runcorn held out to secure the win.

