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20-08-00 WWW. West Wallsend Win Grand Final



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The early opening exchanges surprised many spectators as Medowie were prepared to mix it with the premiers and forced the first corner of the match.

In the fourth minute Nathan Humble found room to have a shot when he collected a cross from Steve Pepperall but was wide of then target.

A minute later Westy took a corner and Darren Pozniak placed a free header wide of the upright. Medowies keeper was again called on to save at point blank from a scramble in the six yard box.

The game was now swinging from end to end and when the Westy keeper the ball in the area Nathan Humble was again in the action but his shot was gratefully cleared by a West Wallsend defender and the chance went begging.

Again it was Medowie who looked most likely to score as Humble once more got himself into a goal scoring position but this time Adam faith was on the line to prevent a goal.

In the 18th minute Nathan Humble appeared to collide with a Westy defender as Medowie sensed they could open the scoring, from the incident Humble collapsed to the ground and it was some minutes before he could be removed to the sideline. Unfortunately for Medowie Nathan had to be replaced by James Franklin.

It would be fair to say Nathan could have had 3 goals by this time in the game and yet he would now take no part in the contest.

After the re-start both teams continued to entertain the crowd each side producing good attacking football but finding it difficult to convert action into goals.

39 in and Westy put together a neat move, which opened the defence for Jarrod Cooper, try and chip the keeper but Shalimov was aware of the danger and covered his gaol well. This stung Medowie into action again and Westy had to make desperate saves to keep their goal in tact.

As the game moved towards half time Cameron Wallace free on the left let fly with shot from 20 metres out and the ball eluded Shalimov to find the far corner of the net for the