

Saturday 6 March 2010
Association of Northern Counties Youth Competition
Manchester County FA v Westmorland County FA
At Ayrshire Road, Salford

Westmorland travelled to the Manchester United Academy for their penultimate game of the season, knowing the home side needed to win by two clear goals to keep them in the promotion places.

The home side failed to use the prevailing wind to their advantage in the first half and created only one chance in the final minute when a through ball found Josh Burke, who appeared to be in an offside position, but his shot was well saved by Stuart Dixon.

Half-Time: Manchester County FA 0 Westmorland County FA 0

The second half started much brighter with both sides playing some outstanding open football and Westmorland's Nathan Dixon's fierce shot from the edge of the penalty area was well saved by Charlie Dorsey on 53 minutes.

Two minutes later Westmorland took the lead when a shot rebounded off a defender on the goal line, Cameron Stewart scored from the rebound.

The home side lost their discipline and Connor Hampson was cautioned for dissent soon after.

Westmorland substitution: 63 minutes Jason Jones on for Jordan Knowles

Manchester were fortunate to equalise on the 64th minute when a poor punch from goalkeeper Dixon rebounded off an attacker's head and Manchester scored.

Three minutes later Manchester took the lead when a looping shot hit the bar and Alex Byrne scored from the rebound.

Westmorland substitutions: 66 minutes Aaron Holland for Jack Burke and Cameron Stewart for Adam Garnett.

As the visitors push forward for the equaliser they were caught a couple of times on the break on but Dixon saved well on each occasion.

The visitors were unlucky not to equalise when a long clearance from Dixon found Jason Jones who chipped the home keeper only to find the Referee had blown the final whistle whilst the ball was in flight.

Management team, Mike Graham, Dave Pearce and Ian Bigland were delighted with the team's second half performance, knowing with a little luck the result could have been very different.

Full-Time: Manchester County FA 2 Westmorland County FA 1

Teams

Manchester County FA

Charlie Dorsey, Nathan McGrohan, Carl Fitton, Will Mellor, Andy Lee, Matt Tierney, Alex Byrne, Josh Burke, Fabrica Bembo-Lita, Glodi Kuba Kuba and Connor Hampson

Subs: Andy Campbell, J Grantham, S Abdullah, M Livesey and Fabrica Bembo-Lita

Westmorland County FA

Stuart Dixon, Thomas Wright, Matthew Rowlinson, Marco Thompson, James Pattison, Jordan Field,
Aaron Holland, Jordan Knowles, Max Shaw, Cameron Stewart and Nathan Dixon
Subs: Adam Garnett, Jason Jones, Jack Burke and Cole Procter

Referee: Steve Parker

Assistant Referees: Peter Maxson and Alex Kirkley