

English Cup Final
London V West Midlands
At Lincoln City, Sincil Bank
15th April 2010

Lincoln City was the hosts of The English Cup Final between London and The West Midlands. It was the first leg of a potential double for London.

Dave Gilbert of Lincolnshire Fire Service had done a tremendous amount of work to provide a first class stage for this cup, he had also organised sponsorship and a very impressive community fire service day. There was a great crowd of about 500 present and the conditions were a bit windy at kick off.

After kick off, both sides were feeling each other out, it wasn't until the 7th minute when a long throw was cleared and Ben Wood had a lovely strike blocked. Shortly after this a West Mids corner was headed against a post and then cleared. On 20th minute, London striker, Dean Fenton turned his defender and ran the length of the pitch, putting in a great cross which the defender cleared over the bar for a corner. London continued to dominate the first half with good crosses coming in from Michael Deane and Wayne Mills, none of which could be converted. It remained 0-0 at half time.

The first chance of the second half came on the 60th minute, London's Michael Deane put another great cross in, it flashed across the face of goal, but nobody could get on the end of it. On 77 minutes, Dean Fenton squared the ball to Matt Hayes 8 yards out goal, but his shot was blocked for a corner. From the corner Deane Fenton out jumped the West Mids defence to put London 1-0 up. Minute's later London pressure tells resulting in a penalty, Mark Scotchford steps up and sends the keeper the wrong way to make it 2-0. In the 81st minute Wayne Mills put Matt Hayes in, his shot is spilled by the keeper and Dean Fenton follows up to put London 3-0 ahead. Dean could have had his hat-trick in the 86th minute only being denied by a fine save by the keeper. In the last minute West Midlands could have scored after breaking London's offside trap, but the cross to the back post was blocked and then cleared with the final whistle being blown.

The London Captain Ben Wood was presented with the English Cup on the pitch by Mike Thomas, Lincolnshire's Chief Officer.

Wayne Mills (London) was named The Man of the Match.