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ConIFA WFC: Western Armenia 4-0 Kabylia @ Queen Elizabeth II, Enfield

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The general game was quiet for large spells, with the ball being stuck in midfield. Kabylia showed they could play around when given time and space, though Western Armenia did their best to prevent this from happening. A Herent Yagan long range being the most notable chance early on.

The Kabylia fans momentarily paused their singing to whistle at the Western Armenian team during a particularly long spell of possession. The Western Armenians have several top-flight players in their team, whilst Kabylia had to call on players from the 14th and 17th tiers in France and England.

Jules Tepelian of Ardiz in France gave the Western Armenians the league playing a near two before slotting home. Rafael Saryayan of FC Ararat in the Armenian top flight came c



with a curler before Elhadi Boukir raced on to a through ball and slotted home causing the Kabylia section of the ground to erupt with joy.

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The joy was short-lived as the goal was eventually ruled out for offside.

During the second half, the party continued in the Kabylia crowd and this appeared to lift the players. However, Vicken Barbarian, was judged to be offside when played in through onto goal, Amara Hamadache recovered to tackle him and win the ball, though it trickled into the net for 2-0.

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Kabylia would then have their best chances of the game. Yanis Kemache went on a darting run, using silky skills to bamboozle the defence cutting in from the right, though his shot hit the post.

Nadjim Bouabbas screwed an effort wide, though Western Armenia scored a third and fourth in quick succession. First, David Azan's free-kick hit the post but 27-year-old Massis Kaya reacted first to the rebound and wheeled away to celebrate pointing to the sky.

Vahagn Militosayan, who plays in the Slovakian top flight then ran through on goal, just moments from the kick-off and powered a shot in at goal. Moments later, the man who scored the winner against Panjab would fire a good effort wide.

Kabylia felt they should have had a penalty for a foul on Idir Bouali who worked well to win the ball and drive into the box but that was to be it.

Kabylia worked very hard and never stop running all game long, though the ability and experience of Western Armenia were too much for them, realising this, both sets of fans clapped off their teams to great applause by their supporters. Kabylia fans will be remembered for their passionate and unwavering support, that was always clear throughout the game, with excited cries egging the team on whenever they entered the final third.



Final Whistle



Western Armenia will now take Szekely Land in Bromley in Tuesday. Kabylia will face fellow African side Matabeleland and will hope to use the opportunity to learn more to take forward in future tournaments.

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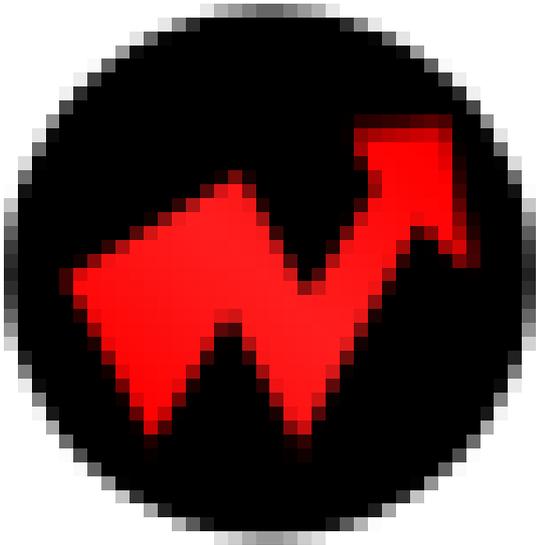
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