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WEST HAM AND WIGAN BATTLE ON IN THRILLING SECOND NIGHT OF THE PREMIER LEAGUE ALL STARS

Premier League All Stars, the charity football element of the Premier League's Creating Chances community initiative, saw an action-packed second night with four more teams battling it out at the All Stars Arena. Legends, celebrities and fans of each team committed to the cause in an incident filled night in this knock-out competition that will see the ultimate champions winning £100,000 for their Club's nominated charity. The other Clubs charities will all benefit from the remaining pot of £200,000. All of the action is live on Sky One every night from 8pm.

First to take to the pitch were West Ham and Reading. The Hammers fielded a team that included Allen McKnight, John Moncur and legendary striking duo Frank McAvennie and Tony Cottee. Celebrity fans and acting trio Danny Dyer, Geoff Bell and Tamer Hasan pulled on the claret and blue.

For Reading, the legends were Barry Hunter, Michael Gilkes, Mick Gooding and Scott Howie. Boxer Michael Spott, musician James Fox and TV presenter Mark Rumble made up the celebs and, of course, three lucky fans completed the ten man squad, with 19 year old Ben Fisher elected captain.

After a tense stand-off with the score at nil all well into the first half, and fans had to wait until the final minute of the game and Power Play, where every goal counts for two, before Tamer Hassan hit the back of the net putting the Hammers 2-0 up. It was ten seconds later when Cottee scored again to finish Reading off, with a final score of 4-0.

Reading leave the competition winning £5,000 for their community initiative, Reading Respect Project.

The second game of the night saw Tottenham Hotspur taking on Wigan Athletic. Returning to the Lilywhites were legends Micky Hazard, David Howells, Nayim and Espen Baardsen, joined by celebrity fans John 'Nasty Nick Cotton' Altman, Hollyoaks' John Pickard and funnyman Phil Cornwell. Again, three dedicated followers of Spurs completed the line-up. For the Latics, David Lowe, Stuart Barlow, Colin Greenall and Simon Farnworth were the legends. Celebrity fans were rugby's Martin 'Chariots' Offiah, TV presenter Jez Edwards and comedian Paul Tonkinson, with three more fans.

Wigan took an early lead but with three minutes of the first half remaining, fan/player Lee Barr scored to equalise for Spurs. Two minutes into the second half Howells scored taking Spurs into the lead but it was short lived. Two fans relishing their moment on the big stage led their team to victory and kept Wigan in the contest, taking the final scoreline up to 5-2 between them.

Spurs won £5,000 to be donated to the Tottenham Hotspur Foundation's project to deliver 500,000 sporting opportunities in their community.

The competition continues tonight as Liverpool take on Derby County and Chelsea play Bolton Wanderers.

Free tickets are available from www.skyone.co.uk/allstars or by calling 0870 060 33 88.

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