

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011

BERKHAMSTED 0, BISHOP'S STORTFORD 4  
(HERTS SENIOR CHALLENGE CUP – 2<sup>ND</sup> ROUND)

The Blues comfortably progressed to the Quarter-Finals of the County Cup at Broadwater with two goals in each half. With virtually a full strength side, Ian Walker's men were too strong for the Spartan South Midland outfit who put up a spirited performance but threatened rarely. The final scoreline was not a flattering one and two of the goals were spectacular.

In the first five minutes of the contest, Stortford had chances to take the lead. In the first minute the ball came over into the box from the right and Daniel Subuola had two bites at the cherry – his first shot was straight at Ed Farmer and his second attempt again was saved by the keeper. Then Dwight Gayle struck a cross-cum-shot from the right flank and the ball dropped just past the far post. Finally, when Gayle headed down the middle, Subuola gained possession and threaded the ball through the defence for Scott Shulton to break for goal but the midfielder miscued his shot off target.

Dwight Gayle went close again before, in the 14<sup>th</sup> minute, the Blues took the lead following a Sebastian Dunbar corner on the right. Skipper for the night, Jack Jeffries headed the ball towards the six yard box and SEAN FRANCIS nodded past Farmer from close range (0-1).

Stortford continued on top and in the 25<sup>th</sup> minute when an angled shot from Gayle was parried out by Farmer, Scott Shulton headed the loose ball straight to the stopper.

The main dangerman for the hosts was Tyler Hatherley and with the aid of an uneven pitch he almost netted an equaliser in the 27<sup>th</sup> minute. Hatherley drove a low shot from 25 yards that rose sharply in front of Jordan Archer and deflected off the Stortford keeper and flew inches over the crossbar. Hatherley also was in action in the 35<sup>th</sup> minute as his shot from the edge of the box was turned round a post by Archer for a corner.

The Blues always looked likely to find the net again, however, and with the break approaching David Adepipe skyed a Gayle cross over the bar and Gayle, himself, was denied by a save by Farmer at the near post. The lead was finally doubled in the first minute of time added on at the end of the first half. David Adepipe was fouled out wide on the left and the resultant free-kick was hammered by DWIGHT GAYLE across goal and inside the far upright (0-2).

Half time: 0-2

Ian Walker made a double substitution on the restart with Max Lette Jallow coming on for Sean Francis with Ritchie Jones switching into the middle of the defence whilst Mitch Hahn replaced Daniel Subuola.

Stortford's third goal arrived ten minutes after the break and was a spectacular one. JUNIOR DADSON collected the ball on the left before unleashing a powerful shot from 25 yards that finished in the far corner of the net (0-3). This was Dadson's first goal for the Blues.

Berkhamsted's Josh Smith collected the only yellow card of the match from Referee Stephen Bates when his very late tackle brought down Sebastian Dunbar in the 57<sup>th</sup> minute. The Stortford defender needed treatment after the incident and Ian Walker withdrew Dunbar from the action a few minutes later as a precaution with Steffan Gaisie replacing him.

Keeping possession well, Stortford were in control but they had occasional lapses and the hosts had the ball in the net in the 68<sup>th</sup> minute when substitute Ashley Harewood-William's headed a Hatherley cross from the left past Archer. However, the goal was ruled out due to an offside decision.

Stortford's attacks were blunted late on as several raids ended with offside decision being given whilst keeper Ed Farmer had to come out quickly to clear from Steffan Gaisie who was almost on the end of a long clearance upfield in the 82<sup>nd</sup> minute.

Ashley Harewood-Williams' low drive past a post from the edge of the box nearly gave the hosts a consolation goal but Stortford further increased their lead in the 87<sup>th</sup> minute from the penalty spot.

Berkhamsted defender Lewis Rodrigoe fouled DWIGHT GAYLE a few yards inside the area and the Blues' leading marksman stepped up to send Farmer the wrong way from the spot-kick (0-4).

Full time: 0-4

BISHOP'S STORTFORD: Jordan Archer; Ritchie Jones; Sebastian Dunbar (sub – Steffan Gaisie 60 mins); Alli Abdullahi; Sean Francis (sub – Bai Mass Lette Jallow 46 mins); Jack Jeffries; David Adepipe; Scott Shulton; Dwight Gayle; Daniel Subuola (sub – Mitch Hahn 46 mins); Junior Dadson.  
Unused substitute: Reece Prestedge.

BERKHAMSTED: Ed Farmer; Ross Clemo; Lewis Rodrigoe; Josh Smith (sub – Aaron Usmani 83 mins); Jamie Gavin; Mark Welling; Frank Jowle; Steve Hawes; Mick O'Farrell (sub – Josh Chamberlain 64 mins); Tyler Hatherley; Jonathan Davies (sub – Ashley Harewood-Williams 64 mins).  
Unused substitutes: Steve Boad and Russell Clark

Attendance: 77