



## Herts Senior Challenge Cup

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2012

SAWBRIDGEWORTH TOWN 2, BISHOP'S STORTFORD 5  
(HERTS SENIOR CHALLENGE CUP – 3<sup>RD</sup> ROUND)

Four goals in the space of 17 minutes in the second half paved the way for Stortford's progression to the County Senior Challenge Cup Semi-Finals in misty and damp conditions at Crofters End. Two of the goals were netted by George Artemi, one of a number of players making their Blues debut, whilst the other two goals came from the penalty spot. Matters were different before the break as having taken the lead Stortford were pegged back by the hosts who had ended the half confidently.

The tie saw Rod Stringer give debuts to Callum Stewart, Ugo Udoji, a defender whose last Club was Bromley, George Artemi and Ben Davison who came on as a substitute late in the match. There was also a first appearance for some time of Max Lette Jallow who played in midfield.

Stortford's near neighbours made a bright start and in the 10<sup>th</sup> minute it took a good tackle to stop Gavin Cockman's run on the left and then when a Sawbridgeworth free-kick wasn't cleared properly Scott Williams shot from the edge of the box cleared the bar.

Stortford's first chance came when Ricky Sappleton slid the ball through down the middle for Junior Dadson whose drive from 20 yards was wide of the target. However, the Blues took the lead soon afterwards in the 17<sup>th</sup> minute when CALLUM STEWART collected a loose ball on the halfway line and drifted past several challenges before finding the net via a post with a low shot from just inside the box (0-1).

The lead was short lived as the Robins were back level in the 26<sup>th</sup> minute as GAVIN COCKMAN took advantage of a poor clearance from the Stortford defence and shot into the corner of the net giving Jordan Archer no chance (1-1).

With the Blues going off the boil, the Essex Senior Leaguers had the better of exchanges leading up to the interval with Cockman's long throws into the box causing a few problems.

Half time: 1-1

The match began quietly after the restart before Ricky Sappleton and Matt Johnson combined to send Scott Shulton away on the right and his angled shot was deflected away for a corner. Then a Matt Johnson free-kick on the left resulted in George Artemi heading the ball back across the face of the goal.

The pressure continued and shortly afterwards the same combination produced Stortford's second goal in the 59<sup>th</sup> minute. Matt Johnson's flag kick on the left reached GEORGE ARTEMI who headed powerfully into the net at the far post (1-2).

Three minutes later Stortford extended their lead from the penalty spot. Shulton received the ball on the right and cutting into the box was brought down by Sawbridgeworth defender Jamie Solkhom. SCOTT SHULTON got up and beat keeper Jamie Ring with the spot-kick (1-3). Shulton was then replaced by Dwight Gayle.

The Blues looked far more comfortable now and Daniel Subuola, who had replaced Ricky Sappleton on the hour, tried a long range drive which was fumbled by Ring for a corner. Junior Dadson's pace was a problem for the hosts' defence and he blazed wide when offered a chance in the 69<sup>th</sup> minute. His speed again exposed the right flank of the Sawbridgeworth defence in the 73<sup>rd</sup> minute and after going past keeper Ring he squared the ball into the area where Dwight Gayle was fouled by Tom

Whitbread. As with his penalty against Workington three days earlier DWIGHT GAYLE sent the keeper the wrong way from the penalty (1-4).

Stortford's fifth and last goal in the 76<sup>th</sup> minute came as a result of a goalkeeping error when GEORGE ARTEMI collected the ball 20 yards out after a knock down from Dadson and struck a low shot that Ring let through his hands and over the line (1-5).

A minute later the Robins were also awarded a penalty as substitute LEWIS FRANCIS was fouled in the box by Ugo Udoji and netted the spot-kick (2-5).

The Blues might have had another penalty minutes later when Lewis Coomber appeared to handle a Harry Milton cross in the penalty area. There was still plenty of action before the final whistle with Dwight Gayle having a goalbound shot blocked by a defender after linking with Artemi and then, in the 88<sup>th</sup> minute, Junior Dadson outpaced defender Michael Barker on the left and hit the near post with his shot.

At the other end, just before the final whistle, a deep free-kick from Spike Bell wasn't held by Jordan Archer and when the ball ran loose in the area Lewis Coomber's shot was cleared off the goal-line by Harry Milton.

There were no cards shown by Referee Gary Evetts during the tie.

Full time: 2-5

BISHOP'S STORTFORD: Jordan Archer; Callum Stewart; Harry Milton; Bai Mass Lette Jallow; Ugo Udoji; Phil Anderson; Scott Shulton (sub – Dwight Gayle 63 mins); Matt Johnson (sub – Ben Davison 73 mins); Reneil Sapleton (sub – Daniel Subuola 60 mins); George Artemi; Junior Dadson.

Unused substitutes: Mark Haines and Sebastian Dunbar.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH TOWN: Jamie Ring; Spike Bell; Jamie Solkham; Michael Barker; Dan Crook; Tom Whitbread (sub – George Wappett 73 mins); Jason Todd; Joe Murphy; Scott Williams (sub – Lewis Francis 69 mins); Lewis Coomber; Gavin Cockman.

Unused substitute: Ben Riches

Attendance: 173