



Tuesday 29th November 2011

TONBRIDGE ANGELS 1, BISHOP'S STORTFORD 2
(FA CHALLENGE TROPHY – 3RD QUALIFYING ROUND REPLAY)

The Blues battled through to win this FA Trophy replay at Longmead Stadium after being a goal behind at one stage. The winner came with 15 minutes left of normal time when Dwight Gayle headed a Reece Prestedge corner into the back of the net. The goal was a case of third time lucky as it came from the third of three successive flag kicks taken on the right by the Stortford skipper. The first had seen a near post shot from the Blues leading goalscorer deflected off the line and the second had resulted in Angels' keeper Lee Worgan tipping another effort from Gayle round the post.

The hosts had most of the possession until the final whistle but the Stortford defence with Jordan Archer and the central defence pairing of Sean Francis and Jack Jeffries in outstanding form thwarted the Kent side until in the third minute of stoppage time when Frannie Collin broke into the box and looked destined to net a late equaliser. However, Jordan Archer made a brilliant reaction save, turning the ball to one side, to keep his goal intact.

Ian Walker had to make two changes to his side that had drawn with Tonbridge three days earlier. David Adepipe started for the first time replacing the injured Ade Cole whilst Max Lette Jallow replaced Ritchie Jones.

The hosts made the better start and went a goal ahead in the 8th minute. There seemed to be a hint of offside as Tonbridge skipper Scott Kinch played in Frannie Collin from the right wing and Collin's floated ball to the far post was headed past Archer by LEE BROWNING from 8 yards (1-0).

Stortford could have been in worse trouble two minutes later as a Max Lette Jallow pass was intercepted and Collin made tracks for goal. However, David Adepipe managed to get back to tackle the Tonbridge striker just outside the penalty box.

The Blues started to initiate some attacks and in the 11th minute Junior Dadson had a shot saved by Worgan after good work by Gayle and then when Daniel Subuola was fouled on the right edge of the area, Reece Prestedge's free-kick was held low down by the Tonbridge stopper. Then, in the next attack, Dadson and Gayle combined on the left before the former player drove an angled shot inches past the far post.

In the 24th minute there were appeals for a Blues goal as a deep cross from the right from Dwight Gayle appeared to be held behind the goal-line by Worgan but play continued and just four minutes later the scores were level. A swift move up the right wing ended with David Adepipe crossing inside to the 18 yard line where DANIEL SUBUOLA cracked a low shot into the far bottom corner of Worgan's goal (1-1).

With the hosts strangely seeming to go off the boil it was Stortford who looked the more likely to take the lead at this stage and in the 31st minute Dadson's corner from the left was headed against the bar by Sean Francis and Paco Craig swept the rebound wide. Four minutes before the break, following a quick break upfield, Dwight Gayle's chip was just over the target.

Half time: 1-1

Early after the restart Jordan Archer punched away a long range Michael Boateng drive from the right and the Blues keeper had to be quick off his line to smother and clear the ball out of danger when Collin bore down on goal in the inside right channel.

In the 52nd minute Lee Browning fired in a shot from 15 yards out that Jordan Archer parried away at the near post and this led to a goalmouth scramble before the ball was cleared out of danger.

Scott Shulton replaced Paco Craig just before the hour mark as the young midfielder had stubbed his toe.

There was a period of uneventful play until the 64th minute when David Adepipe cross from the right was headed narrowly wide of his own post by Angels' central defender Ben Judge. Junior Dadson's resultant corner saw an unmarked but off balance Sean Francis not quite able to direct a header goalwards.

In the 74th minute Daniel Subuola was fouled 20 yards out and Dwight Gayle's free-kick deflected for the first of the three corners that led to what proved to be the winning goal. At the first corner Gayle's near post shot deflected off of defender Danny Walder on the line for another flag kick and the next resulted in Worgan tipping another near post effort from Gayle round the upright. The third corner from Prestedge had better results as DWIGHT GAYLE rose brilliantly to head the ball into the back of the net from close range (1-2).

Scott Shulton was close to scoring a third goal for Stortford in the 78th minute when the substitute cut in from the left but had his shot saved by Worgan. At the other end David Adepipe committed a foul outside the Stortford area and Frannie Collin's free-kick was inches wide of the mark.

With time running out Tonbridge substitute Chris Henry had a run and shot from the left that Jordan Archer did well to keep out and then held on to a deflected shot from Michael Boateng after the ball had fallen loose. There was over six minutes of added time and fortunately Stortford had most of the possession in that time and they almost sealed it with a third goal when Gayle's cross from the left was deflected just wide of an upright by Scott Shulton.

The Blues moment of anxiety came in the third minute of stoppage time as Frannie Collin broke into the box down the middle but Jordan Archer was the hero, pulling off a great reaction save to turn the shot aside.

There were yellow cards from Referee Colin Lymer during the tie for Blues' Max Lette Jallow and David Adepipe.

Stortford will now travel to play Ryman Premier side Carshalton Athletic in the next round of the FA Trophy – the 1st Round proper.

Full time: 1-2

BISHOP'S STORTFORD: Jordan Archer; Bai Mass Lette Jallow; Phil Anderson; Paco Craig (sub – Scott Shulton 59 mins); Sean Francis; Jack Jeffries; David Adepipe (sub – Alli Abdullahi 83 mins); Reece Prestedge; Dwight Gayle; Daniel Subuola (sub – Steffan Gaisie 83 mins); Junior Dadson.
Unused substitute: Ritchie Jones.

TONBRIDGE ANGELS: Lee Worgan; Michael Boateng; Danny Walder (sub – Jake Beecroft 81 mins); Scott Kinch; Ben Judge; Sonny Miles; Lee Browning; Anthony Storey; Mikel Suarez (sub – Ade Olorunda 68 mins); Frannie Collin; Kayne McLaggon (sub – Chris Henry 83 mins).
Unused substitutes: Robbie Kember and Tim Olorunda.

Attendance: 274