



Saturday 16th July 2011

BISHOP'S STORTFORD 0, WEST HAM UNITED XI 3

The Blues commenced the pre-season campaign at Woodside Park with an entertaining encounter against a strong West Ham squad that included England International Scott Parker, Mark Noble, Jack Collison and former Stortford loanee Callum McNaughton. Not surprisingly the visitors won at a canter but it was a good workout for Ian Walker's side which contained a mixture of old and new players.

Watched by Manager Sam Allardyce the Hammers went ahead after 11 minutes. JUNIOR STANISLAS, receiving the ball back after a free-kick on the left, drilled a long ball diagonally into the box which whistled past Nicky Eyre into the far corner of the net as McNaughton slid in (0-1).

The scoreline was doubled six minutes later as Jordan Spence and combined on the right with Frank Nouble before the latter's low angled shot beat Eyre at full stretch and OLLIE LEE netted from close range after the ball came back off the far post (0-2).

Woodside Park was then hit by monsoon conditions around the half-hour mark. This seemed to bring about a change with the Blues coming more into the picture. Craig Calver was fouled just outside the box in the 34th minute and former Havant & Waterlooville striker Mustafa Tiryaki struck the free-kick which deflected away for a corner. Then, four minutes later, the Hammers failed to clear another corner and Junior Dadson's angled shot from the left was comfortably held by keeper Malek Stech. In the 40th minute a Dadson flag-kick from the left flew across the six yard box with no one getting a touch.

Just before the break Hammers substitute Cristian Montano was close with a drive to extending the lead.

Half time: 0-2

After the interval the visitors, always in control of midfield, created a number of opportunities to increase their lead with Llegett Sebby and Montano going close. With twenty minutes to go, following a good Stortford move, Danny Francis saw his shot well saved by Stech and shortly afterwards the keeper did well to clear under pressure from a Reece Prestedge free-kick.

The Hammers third goal came with eight minutes remaining when Montano slotted the ball down the middle for JACK COLLISON to take on, round keeper Joe Wright, and net (0-3). Just two minutes later the Blues substitute keeper made an excellent save to deny Montano from adding a fourth goal.

Full time: 0-3

BISHOP'S STORTFORD: Nicky Eyre; Jack Jeffries; Blue Braithwaite; Ali Abdullahi; Mo Habu; Ritchie Jones; Adi Cole; Tom Hanchip; Craig Calver; Mustafa Tiryaki; Junior Dadson.

2nd Half substitutes: Joe Wright, Max Lette Jallow, Phil Anderson, Mitch Hahn, Masood Olafunmishe, Herve Boueno, Les Thompson, Reece Prestedge, Danny Francis, Leon McKenzie, Zine Salah, Phillippe Lesouder

Attendance: 810