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# Bishop's Stortford FC Match Report



**Bishop's Stortford FC**



**Ware FC**



Bishop 's Stortford 6 - 1 Ware : HT 2 - 0 : Att 132

## HERTS CHARITY CUP – 1<sup>ST</sup> ROUND

Playing their first competitive match of the season and looking to regain possession of the Charity Cup the Blues won this tie convincingly after a slow start with Kyle Vassell notching a hat-trick.

In a scrappy start Stortford created a few openings but it wasn't until late in the first half that they began to dominate. Cliff Akurang was narrowly wide of the far post with a side-foot volley from a Johnny Herd cross from the left and then in the 39<sup>th</sup> minute KYLE VASSELL scored the first goal after robbing a defender and running through to beat keeper Dominic Russo ( 1 -0 ). The striker added a second shortly before the break when he again ran down the middle and this time chipped the visiting stopper ( 2-0 ).

The Blues were in control of the play for most of the second half and Matt Johnson was unlucky with a header that struck the inside of an upright. It came as a surprise when the visitors reduced the deficit in the 66<sup>th</sup> minute following substitute Spencer Knight 's free-kick to the far post. The ball came back across the box and LIAM FOSTER powerfully headed over keeper Sam Cowler and under the bar from 10 yards ( 2-1 ). The two goal margin, however, was restored two minutes later as good work and a fine pass from Steve Cawley set KYLE VASSELL through on goal to net his third goal ( 3-1 ).

Substitute KYLE ASANTE came on for Vassell in the 74<sup>th</sup> minute and within two minutes his name was on the score-sheet when he converted a cross from the left with a shot into the bottom corner of the net ( 4-1 ). The next goal came in the 78<sup>th</sup> minute with Sam Collins ' fine cross-field ball found Asante on the right and the substitute 's centre into the middle was headed into the net by ASHLEY MILLER ( 5-1 ).

The final goal of the night arrived with five minutes left when Johnny Herd 's free-kick from the left was forced home by CALLUM McNAUGHTON ( 6-1 ).

Full time: 6-1

BISHOP ' S STORTFORD: Sam Cowler; Ashley Miller; Johnny Herd; George Allen; Sean Francis; Callum McNaughton; Matt Johnson; Anthony Church; Cliff Akurang ( sub – Steve Cawley 60 mins ); Kyle Vassell ( Kyle Asante 74 mins ); Reece Prestedge ( Sam Collins 60 mins ).

Unused substitutes: Jesse Waller-Lassen and Harry Baker.