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# BSFC Academy FC Match Report



**Bishop's Stortford FC**



**Romford**



Bishop 's Stortford 3 - 0 Romford : HT 1 - 0

## FA Youth Cup—1st Round Qualifying

The Blues' Youth team progressed relatively comfortably into the next round following this win over Romford at the ProKit UK Stadium. Their squad was made up of a mixture of the Academy and the Community teams that play in the Eastern Junior Alliance and they will now travel to Canvey Island in two weeks' time in the next qualifying round.

With some of the players not having played together before it took some time for Stortford to settle but even so they had the edge on proceedings from an early stage and Kieran Amos had a header saved under the bar by keeper Charlie Holmes following a Mason Naylor corner on the right in the 2<sup>nd</sup> minute.

There was good pressure from the Blues but without any clear cut openings until the 35<sup>th</sup> minute when they took the lead. After a raid up the right George Nash played a short ball into JORDAN WESTCOTT who nodded it obliquely across Holmes and into the far corner (1-0).

Shortly afterwards George Nash teed the ball up for George Powell to shoot low at goal but the visitors' stopper saved and a little later he also held on to a Mason Naylor free-kick before the interval.

Stortford almost doubled their lead two minutes after the break after a run on the right flank by Ben Smith ended with him cutting the ball back to the edge of the box where skipper Joe Ryan struck a great shot that hit the bar.

In the 56<sup>th</sup> minute Romford keeper Holmes did well when he came off his line quickly to grab the ball from Mason Naylor's feet as the winger ran at goal. The midway stage of the second half saw the Blues get a little sloppy in their play but they extended their lead in the 65<sup>th</sup> minute. Stortford substitute Josh Perry was fouled by Romford skipper Dan Black and from Ben Smith's free-kick on the right JACK HAYES headed into the net at the far post (2-0).

The Blues' keeper Jordan Page had a quiet evening and he wasn't extended until the 74<sup>th</sup> minute when he dived to make a full length save following a free-kick from Nick Tormey. The visitors had more of the possession in midfield in the later stages of the tie but never threatened in front of goal and Stortford added a third goal with two minutes remaining of normal time. It was the best goal of the match with Ben Smith and MASON NAYLOR exchanging passes down the left before the latter cut in and beat Holmes with a precision shot into the opposite bottom corner of the net (3-0).

Just before the end Josh Jewson was close to adding another goal with a shot from 18 yards that was inches past the post.

Referee Douglas Lawson booked Jordan Westcott in the second half for kicking the ball away.

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD:** Jordan Page; Dan Trendall; Josh Jewson; Joe Ryan; Kieran Amos; Jack Hayes; Mason Naylor; George Powell (sub – Ben James 89 mins); George Nash (sub – Josh Perry 61 mins); Jordan Westcott; Ben Smith.

Unused substitutes: Tom Weller, Will Barry and Cameron Robson