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BSFC Academy FC Match Report



Canvey Island FC



Bishop's Stortford FC



Canvey Island 3 - 2 Bishop 's Stortford : HT 2 - 0

FA Youth Cup—1st Round Qualifying

A poor start by the Blues youngsters in this FA Youth Cup tie, when they went 2-0 down after 13 minutes, cost them dearly as they were eliminated from the Competition at Park Lane. They fought back well in an entertaining contest to produce a close finish that might have been even tighter if a blatant penalty appeal for Stortford hadn't been ignored by Referee David Gainsford when Canvey keeper Chris Cutting brought down striker George Nash in front of goal with 12 minutes remaining.

Tim Moylette 's squad was again a mixture of Academy players and members of the Eastern Junior Alliance under 18s side. There were two changes to the squad from that which had beaten Romford in the previous round. Jack Chatterway, came into the defence, whilst Kieran O 'Neill later joined the action after being originally on the substitutes ' bench. They replaced Josh Jewson and Josh Perry.

The hosts quickly got into gear at the start and Blues keeper Jordan Page made a good save in the first minute by turning a shot from Ronnie Winn round the post. However, he was beaten in the 4th minute after pushing away another effort from Winn and fellow striker TOMMY PULLEN was on the spot to run the loose ball into the net (1-0).

Pullen shot narrowly wide soon afterwards and the Gulls doubled their goal tally in the 13th minute when a cross-cum-shot from wide on the left by RONNIE WINN struck the far upright near the base and rebounded into the net (2-0).

Page saved from Winn after the striker had cut in from the right in the 25th minute but the Blues were by now settling down and with skipper Joe Ryan starting to stamp his authority in midfield Stortford had more of the tie territorially. They had a good spell up to the break without creating any clear cut opportunities. They might also have had a penalty when a shot from just inside the box by Mason Naylor appeared to hit a defender 's hand.

Half time: 2-0

As it turned out it took only 50 seconds of the second half for the Blues to cut the deficit. A fine run on the right flank by Ben Smith ended with the winger crossing towards the near post and GEORGE NASH headed into the top corner from ten yards (2-1).

Smith, again, in the 52nd minute caused problems to the Canvey defence this time dribbling into the box and when the ball broke loose to George Nash the hosts ' stopper Chris Cutting produced a fine save to divert the shot for a corner. There was more pressure on the Essex side 's defence a little later with Joe Ryan 's deflected 20 yard free-kick being tipped over the bar at full stretch by Cutting. Then, after linking with Jordan Westcott down the middle, Ryan 's low effort from just outside the box was held by Cutting.

At the other end Jordan Page saved from Sammy Knott but in the 78th minute Jack Chatterway and Ben Smith were involved in an attack that led to George Nash advancing on goal with only Cutting to beat. Incredibly, the Canvey keeper clearly fouled the Stortford striker to keep his goal in tact and Referee Gainsford waived play on. To add salt to the wound five minutes later Canvey went up the other end and Danny Joyce slipped the ball on for RONNIE WINN beat Page to notch the hosts ' third goal (3-1).

The Blues didn 't give up and within a minute had pulled a goal back. A long ball downfield from the left by Kieran Amos found GEORGE NASH running into the area and he finished with a low shot into the net (3-2).

Stortford despite playing with urgency failed to create any chances for an equaliser in the remaining minutes and Page had to be alert to keep out a late free-kick from Sammy Knott.

The Blues ' Kieran Amos and Kieran O ' Neill have both been selected in the Herts County Youth squad that play the London FA at Letchworth on Sunday 13th October and then Bedfordshire FA, also at Letchworth, on Sunday 20th October.

Full time: 3-2

BISHOP ' S STORTFORD: Jordan Page; Dan Trendall; Jack Chatterway; Joe Ryan; Jack Hayes; Kieran Amos; Mason Naylor (sub – Kieran O ' Neill 64 mins); George Powell; George Nash; Jordan Westcott; Ben Smith.

Unused substitutes: Ben James, Tom Weller, Will Barry and Cameron Robson.

CANVEY ISLAND: Chris Cutting; Tyler Hubbard; George Winn; Danny Joyce; Aiden O ' Connell; Tyler Hope; Kem Cetinay; Sammy Knott; Tommy Pullen (sub – Charlie Crumpton 64 mins (sub – Frankie Pearson 90 mins)); Ronnie Winn; Chaka Barnett.

Unused substitutes: Mark Cant, Bobby Bird and Kristion-John Cowell.