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Bishop's Stortford FC Match Report



Chipstead FC



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Chipstead 1 - 6 Bishop 's Stortford : HT 1 - 1 : Att 204

The FA Cup 3rd Round Qualifying

The goals continued to rain in as Stortford netted another six in the deep of the Surrey countryside to progress through to the final qualifying round. It means that the Blues have notched up 15 goals in the last three matches whilst they have scored 17 in their three Cup-ties so far this campaign with ten coming from the boot of Kyle Vassell who recorded another hat-trick at the High Road ground.

Stortford's final winning score-line was comfortable but as against Hendon a fortnight ago in the previous round they made a slow and disjointed start. Their Ryman League Division 1 South opponents made life difficult winning most of the loose balls in midfield and took the lead before a Vassell penalty late in the half levelled the scores. However, once the Blues had taken the lead through another spot-kick eight minutes after the restart there was only going to be one winner as they commanded the remainder of the proceedings.

Rod Stringer was able to field another unchanged starting eleven but they were very slow to settle. The hosts with some accurate passing were the more assertive and were close to taking the lead in the 5th minute. A cross from the left by Junior Kaffo found Dan Moody beyond the far post and after Callum McNaughton had blocked the first goal-bound shot, Sean Francis cleared Moody's second attempt off the line.

The Chips' striker Carlton Murray-Price threatened Joe Wright's goal shortly afterwards before the Blues started to create a few opportunities. In the 8th minute a long range curling effort from George Allen was tipped over the bar by keeper Anthony Hall and then four minutes later, after Kyle Vassell had crossed low from the left, Ashley Miller, at the far post, pulled the ball back for Reece Prestedge to shoot narrowly wide from 16 yards.

Chipstead, though, went one up in the 17th minute. Sean Francis was ruled to have fouled Lance Banton-Brown thirty yards out and when skipper Simon Cooper lobbed the ball over the Blues' wall CARLTON MURRAY-PRICE volleyed low past Joe Wright from ten yards (1-0).

The hosts' stopper Anthony Hall made a number of excellent saves during the contest with probably his best coming in the 26th minute. Callum McNaughton had played a long ball out to the left for Kyle Vassell to latch on to and when he centred low into the six yard box the keeper somehow managed to divert Ashley Miller's point blank attempt over the bar. From Reece Prestedge's resultant flag-kick Cliff Akurang headed a foot past the near upright.

Callum McNaughton was narrowly wide with a header following a Matt Johnson free-kick shortly after the half-hour mark. Stortford equalised in the 39th minute from the spot following an attacking move on the right flank. Kyle Vassell sent an excellent pass forward for Ashley Miller to collect just inside the box but the full back was brought down by simultaneous challenges from defenders Jamie Thoroughgood and Simon Cooper. Referee Constantine Hatzidakis immediately awarded a penalty that KYLE VASELL hammered down the middle (1-1).

Stortford were now beginning to look more positive and Anthony Church had a drive from outside the box parried away by keeper Hall and then, in the 44th minute, when Cliff Akurang crossed from the left Kyle Vassell's near post header across the face of the goal looked to be falling kindly for Reece Prestedge coming in at the far upright but Hall managed to divert the ball away from the skipper's foot at the last split second. In the last minute before the break Scott Simpson shot over the bar following Dan Moody's corner for the Chips.

Half-time: 1-1

Stortford had the edge on the restart and went ahead in the 53rd minute from another penalty. Vassell, continuing to torment the Chipstead defence, was put through to fire a fierce rising shot that Hall turned on to the crossbar. The rebound fell to Ashley Miller whose acute angled effort was well saved again by the hosts' stopper. However, the ball ran loose and was never properly cleared and George Allen, on the right, delivered a deflected pass into the box where Miller was adjudged to be tackled illegally by Lance Banton-Brown. KYLE VASSELL duly stepped up to beat Hall from the spot again (1-2).

The Blues were now getting forward at every opportunity and the third goal arrived just three minutes later. Anthony Church did well to challenge and win the ball off defender Tom Penson in the middle of the Chipstead half and the midfielder slipped it to the right where the oncoming ASHLEY MILLER charged into the box and drove a fine low shot wide of Hall and just inside the far upright (1-3).

In the 58th minute a misplaced pass by George Allen inside his own half allowed Lance Banton-Brown for a run at goal but Joe Wright, diving to his right, saved low down to deal with the shot and on the hour KYLE VASSELL completed his hat-trick. Cliff Akurang nodded the ball down for substitute Nicky Symons to find the number nine with a searching pass and he finished with a powerful low effort from 18 yards (1-4).

In the 67th minute Johnny Herd sent Cliff Akurang clear on goal but Hall came out quickly to block the ball away. Then, at the other end, when Joe Wright misjudged his short clearance, Callum McNaughton executed an excellent tackle on Sam Spencer as the substitute bore down on goal. The fifth goal came with twenty minutes remaining. A long pass from the left by Johnny Herd was taken on by Anthony Church and although Hall made another blocking save Church regained possession and squared the ball back into the box for substitute Kyle Asante to see his shot diverted into the net from close range by CLIFF AKURANG (1-5).

The Blues kept hammering away at the Chipstead goal and Johnny Herd was close with a long range attempt before Anthony Church's flighted effort from the edge of the area was turned over the bar by Hall. Then, after some inter-passing between Cliff Akurang and Johnny Herd the latter saw Hall save at his feet.

The final goal came with two minutes remaining of normal time. Substitute Harry Baker, on the right, slipped the ball forward for CLIFF AKURANG to fasten on to and beat Hall with a ground shot from 15 yards for his second goal of the afternoon (1-6).

Referee Hatzidakis booked the Blues' Kyle Vassell and Kyle Asante and the hosts' Anthony Hall, Simon Cooper and Dan Moody during the tie.

Full time: 1-6

BISHOP'S STORTFORD: Joe Wright; Ashley Miller (sub – Harry Baker 74 mins); Johnny Herd; George Allen; Sean Francis; Callum McNaughton; Matt Johnson (sub – Nicky Symons 57 mins); Anthony Church; Kyle Vassell (sub – Kyle Asante 64 mins); Cliff Akurang; Reece Prestedge.
Unused substitutes: Ben Adams, Luke Milbourne and Sam Cowler.

CHIPSTEAD: Anthony Hall; Devon Williams; Tom Penson; Simon Cooper; Jamie Thoroughgood; Ben Rayner; Dan Moody (sub – Chris Hugill 83 mins); Junior Kaffo; Carlton Murray-Price (sub – Scott Todd 76 mins); Scott Simpson; Lance Banton-Brown (sub – Sam Spencer 61 mins).
Unused substitutes: Sam Charles, Hanif Boyle, Elvis DeFreitas and John Cartledge.

Attendance: 204