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BSFC Academy FC Match Report

Bishop's Stortford FC

Brentwood Town



Bishop 's Stortford 1 - 1 Brentwood Town : HT 0 - 1

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A last minute goal from substitute Harry Andrews rescued a point for the Blues at the ProKit UK Stadium after they had been behind for most of the match.

Stortford went into the fixture without regulars Joe Ryan and Ben Smith whilst Luke Milbourne, who had made his senior competitive debut the previous evening, started on the bench. Even so they made a promising start as in only the 2nd minute Jack Isherwood crossed into the box from the left and Joe Milbourne struck the bar with a shot from 12 yards.

Two minutes later Isherwood, on the left, slipped the ball into Alex Warman's tracks but after advancing on goal his drive at goal was wide of the near upright. The visitors then made their first threatening move and Billy Rix narrowly headed over the angle from Rahim Watson's centre.

Brentwood took the lead in the 15th minute following a free-kick. Blues' stopper Declan Button punched the ball away but it fell to RYAN CREED who drove it low into the net from 16 yards (0-1).

Stortford lost their way after conceding the goal and Rahim Watson was narrowly wide with an attempt at goal for the Essex side. However, the Blues missed a chance to equalise in the 35th minute when Jordan Barra's cross from the left reached Jack Isherwood in space near to goal but the striker's first shot was blocked and his next effort was cleared away by a visiting defender close to the goal-line.

Before the break a Ben James long range shot was tipped over the bar by keeper James Goode and in the final minute of the half Jordan Barra lofted the ball towards the box from the left and Goode just managed to hold on to the ball a split second before Isherwood arrived.

Half time: 0-1

Luke Milbourne entered the action immediately on the restart and the Blues should have scored in the 51st minute. A quickly taken free-kick by Ben James left Mason Naylor clear on goal as the Brentwood defence day-dreamed. However, Goode rescued the situation by saving Naylor's shot at the near post.

From that point the visitors seemed to have the edge in midfield and their defence gave the Stortford strikers few openings. It seemed that the Blues would get nothing from the contest but then in the final seven or eight minutes Stortford began to exert some pressure.

A Luke Milbourne low free-kick from the left went across the face of the goal past the far upright and then in virtually the last action of the afternoon Stortford grabbed an equaliser. Ben James' corner from the right fell towards the back post and HARRY ANDREWS powered a strong header under the bar and the efforts of a defender on the goal-line to keep the ball out were in vain (1-1).

Full time: 1-1

BISHOP'S STORTFORD: Declan Button; Jordan Barra; Rene Leacock; Ben James; Kieran Amos; Bradley Jarvis; Sam Sheffield (sub – Luke Milbourne 46 mins); Joe Milbourne; Jack Isherwood; Alex Warman (sub – Toby Dellow 65 mins); Mason Naylor (sub – Harry Andrews 59 mins).

Unused substitutes: None