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# Bishop's Stortford FC Match Report



**Bishop's Stortford FC**



**Cheshunt FC**



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## HERTS SENIOR CUP – 2nd ROUND

Two first half goals were enough for the Blues to defeat a spirited Cheshunt side and progress to the quarter-final stage of the County Cup. Stortford were in control of the tie for long periods but looked more penetrative before the break when they had the Ambers ' defence at full stretch. The young back three of George Allen, Tommy Fletcher and Callum McNaughton, meanwhile, allowed the visiting forwards few opportunities to threaten Joe Wright 's goal.

Rod Stringer 's side was almost at full strength against the Ryman League Division 1 North outfit. Both Harry Baker and Nicky Symons were injured whilst Liam Enver-Marum was making his competitive debut for Stortford.

The Blues were soon moving forward with fluency and were close to going ahead in the 9<sup>th</sup> minute when a free-kick from the right by Matt Johnson was headed into the side-netting at the far upright by Callum McNaughton. It was ten minutes later that they did go in front. When Cliff Akurang received a pass from Liam Enver-Marum just inside the box he was brought down by a rash challenge from Osa Obamwonya. Referee Adrian Waters immediately pointed to the spot and REECE PRESTEDGE swept the penalty past keeper Will Viner ( 1-0 ).

A rare opportunity for the visitors saw Will Holmes put Luke Marshall clear in the 25<sup>th</sup> minute but Joe Wright was out sharply and cleared the danger with his legs outside the area.

Stortford 's second goal came in the 29<sup>th</sup> minute. Ben Adams, who sent over a good number of excellent crosses from the right before the break, centred to the far post and CLFF AKURANG headed in from close range ( 2-0 ).

Anthony Church, who was winning a lot of the ball in midfield, went close in the 36<sup>th</sup> minute after a good move and then the midfielder was unlucky six minutes later when his flick at another Adams ' cross was narrowly wide of the far post.

In time added on before the interval, Cheshunt 's Will Holmes followed a run at goal with a shot inches wide of the target.

Half time: 2-0

There was a change for the Blues on the restart with Luke Milbourne replacing Ashley Miller to make his senior competitive debut for Stortford. The Blues continued to have the upper hand in the early stages of the second period and in the 49<sup>th</sup> minute, following a cross from Ben Adams, Anthony Church shot over the bar at the far upright.

A drive from the edge of the box by Liam Enver-Marum was inches over the bar whilst Matt Johnson had a shot blocked in the 56<sup>th</sup> minute. Enver-Marum was again close to netting his first Stortford goal midway through the half and then Reece Prestedge headed a Callum McNaughton centre over the bar from a good position at the back stick.

The visitors were close to pulling a goal back in the 69<sup>th</sup> minute as substitute Max Mitchell collected the loose ball after Joe Wright had pushed out a right wing cross but with a scoring chance from 12 yards presented to him, he placed his low shot a foot wide.

In the 76<sup>th</sup> minute Luke Milbourne laid the ball out to Reece Prestedge to take inside from the right flank and the skipper 's deflected shot at goal was kept out by stopper Will Viner 's outstretched boot. Five minutes later substitute Tom Collins turned a Ben Adams ' cross low into the net but the goal was overruled by an offside decision.

During the three minutes of stoppage time at the end of the tie a short cross from substitute Josh Fagbohun reached Anthony Church whose deflected 15 yard effort resulted in an excellent one handed save by keeper Will Viner. The last action of the contest saw Tom Collins square the ball across the goal and Reece Prestedge 's angled attempt hit the side-netting.

Referee Adrian Waters yellow-carded the Blues ' George Allen and the Ambers ' skipper and former Blue Ted Llewellyn in the tie.

Full time: 2-0

BISHOP 'S STORTFORD: Joe Wright; Ashley Miller (sub – Luke Milbourne 46 mins ); Ben Adams; George Allen; Tommy Fletcher; Callum McNaughton; Matt Johnson; Anthony Church; Liam Enver-Marum (sub – Tom Collins 67 mins ); Cliff Akurang (sub – Josh Fagbohu 62 mins ); Reece Prestedge.

Unused substitutes: Sean Francis and Sam Cowler.

CHESHUNT: Will Viner; Joe Clemo; Ted Llewellyn; Osa Obamwonya; Lewis Payne; Milton Elenge; Joe Tabiri (sub – Max Mitchell 63 mins ); Robbie Nash; Josh Cooper; Will Holmes (sub – Allen Bossman 57 mins ); Luke Marshall (sub – Tunde Adewumni 57 mins ).

Unused substitutes: Jack Parker and Mete Sem