

Wednesday 10th September 2014

BISHOP'S STORTFORD 4, BRAINTREE TOWN 2
(FOOTBALL CONFERENCE YOUTH ALLIANCE – ESSEX/HERTS
DIVISION)

The Blues' Academy side began the new campaign with a victory that could have been more comprehensive as they were at one time 4-0 ahead at the ProKit (UK) Stadium. Jack Isherwood notched a hat-trick as Stortford were four in front by the 52nd minute.

ISHERWOOD struck his first goal with a 25 yard free-kick past keeper Harry Lewis in the fifth minute after Mason Naylor had been fouled (1-0). Ben James nearly scored soon afterwards as the match at that stage became a little one sided. It was James who provided the pass for **ISHERWOOD** to double the tally in the 19th minute. The Stortford striker was drawn out to the left side of the box but his shot on the turn crept low inside the near upright via the keeper's outstretched hand (2-0).

Within two minutes the lead was further extended. Good work by Lukeman Agbomabiwon saw him slip the ball to **MASON NAYLOR** who took the ball on centrally to beat Lewis (3-0).

Stortford could have gone even further ahead before the break with Aaron Thomas, Ben Smith, after a great run, and Isherwood nearly netting more goals.

Half time: 3-0

The fourth goal came seven minutes after the restart when **ISHERWOOD** met Ben James' cross from the right with a header into the corner of the net to complete his hat-trick (4-0).

Braintree stopper Lewis made a good save with his legs to deny Aaron Thomas but the visitors hit back on the hour after substitute **JACK TYNER** lobbed the ball over Declan Button (4-1). The Iron were more in the game by now and Button saved another effort from Tynan at the expense of a corner.

The Blues conceded a second goal in the 81st minute from the penalty spot. Substitute Rene Leacock was ruled to have fouled Jack Tyner inside the box and **PALVY MANDUAKILA** beat Button with the spot kick (4-2).

Full time: 4-2

BISHOP'S STORTFORD: Declan Button; Alex Warman (sub – Rene Leacock 76 mins); Louis Monk; Lukeman Agbomabiwon; Alex Askri; Bryn Thorpe; Mason Naylor; Aaron Thomas; Jack Isherwood (sub – Jamie Powter 74 mins); Ben James (sub – Danny Palmer 76 mins) ; Ben Smith.

Unused substitute: Tom Beckett