

Wednesday 22nd October 2014

BISHOP'S STORTFORD 1, HISTON 4
(FOOTBALL CONFERENCE YOUTH ALLIANCE – ESSEX/HERTS
DIVISION)

The final scoreline at the ProKit UK Stadium was a little harsh on the Blues who for most of the time had matched the third in the table Stutes. However they paid the price for lapses of concentration and some sloppy passing.

There were few openings at either until the 18th minute when the visitors went a goal up. Striker Max Maguire broke on the right and when he crossed in low towards the six yard box Blues' defender **ALEX WARMAN** had the misfortune to turn the ball past keeper Stephen Robinson (0-1).

The set back didn't seem to worry Stortford as they entered a good spell soon afterwards. Skipper Jack Isherwood worked himself into a good position in the 20th minute and saw his angled shot held low down by Histon stopper Scott Davies at his near post. Then five minutes later a back header from Isherwood caught out the keeper but centre back Spencer Saberton cleared the ball away close to the goal-line.

There were other promising moves for the Blues but they found themselves further behind five minutes before the break. **MAX MAGUIRE** was allowed to cut in virtually unchallenged from the right and from an acute angle struck a low shot into the far bottom corner of the net (0-2).

Half time: 0-2

The Blues' best period of the match came directly after the interval when they forced a couple of corners in quick succession that almost led to goals. In the 52nd minute a Lukeman Agbomabiwon corner from the right wing resulted in a header from Bryn Thorpe that was blocked near the line and Rene Leacock had his follow-up saved by the keeper.

Then in the 56th minute another Agbomabiwon flag kick from the right saw Bryn Thorpe again get his head to the ball and his downward header bounced over the bar.

As the match entered its closing stages a Jack Isherwood free-kick was held by Davies before there was a flurry of goals before the final whistle. In the 84th minute an attack by the visitors finished with a number of

attempts at goal being blocked until **MICHAEL KING** blasted the ball into the net (0-3).

Stortford pulled a goal back with two minutes of normal time remaining after Jack Isherwood raided down the right flank and his low cross was met by **RENE LEACOCK** at the far post who netted from close range (1-3).

Histon had the final say though in the 90th minute as substitutes Aysa Ourtilbour and **DOVYDAS KAIRYS** combined to split the Blues defence and the latter beat Stephen Robinson with a fine effort (1-4),

Ben James almost scored a second goal for Stortford in added time but Davies denied him with a good save.

Full time: 1-4

BISHOP'S STORTFORD: Stephen Robinson; Alex Warman (sub – John Clarke 77 mins); Louis Monk; Lukeman Agbomabiwon; Alex Askri; Bryn Thorpe; Rene Leacock; Aaron Thomas (sub – Danny Palmer 68 mins); Jack Isherwood; Ben James; Ben Smith.
Unused substitutes: Jamie Powter and Declan Button.