

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2014

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD 1,BROMLEY 1  
(VANARAMA CONFERENCE SOUTH)**

Entertaining for virtually the entire ninety minutes, this match at the ProKit UK Stadium saw the Blues share the points with 5<sup>th</sup> in the League Bromley. Stortford got off to a great start with an early goal before the Lillywhites equalised shortly before the break. Then in the last half hour the South Londoners had the edge but two top drawer saves from David Gregory ensured that a point was won.

Rod Stringer made a few changes to his starting eleven. David Gregory was back in goal after illness and Sheldon Sellears along with George Sykes got the nod for the first whistle. Joe Wright, Ryan Auger and Mikel Suarez were on the bench whilst Scott Shulton was unavailable. Former Stortford skipper Reece Prestedge, now with Bromley, was also unavailable for his new side due to illness but the visitors did have former central defender Adam Bailey-Dennis in their side.

The Blues made an excellent start. In the 4<sup>th</sup> minute Anthony Church threaded a through ball for Ryan Melaugh to fasten on to down the middle. When Melaugh shot for goal stopper Seb Brown managed to get enough of his body on the ball to divert it trickling past the post. It was from the resultant corner that Stortford scored their goal in the 5<sup>th</sup> minute. Sheldon Sellears' flag kick on the left into a crowded goalmouth was met by **ANTHONY CHURCH** who headed into the net from close range (1-0).

Stortford's lively start continued as in the next attack Ashley Miller's cross from the right just missed the leaping George Sykes' head. Then, in the 22<sup>nd</sup> minute, Brown stretched to prevent a Sykes centre intercepting a cross meant for George Allen breaking forward.

The Blues looked dangerous going forward in this period of play and in the 26<sup>th</sup> minute Ryan Melaugh struck a cross-shot from an angle on the edge of the box that was held by Brown. Then another corner from Sellears was cleared out to Melaugh whose 23 yard drive was only a fraction over the bar.

The visitors had had short spells of pressure but with no openings until four minutes before the break when they equalised against the run of play. Duncan Culley and Ali Fuseini worked the ball out to the right flank where Damian Scannell gained possession and crossed into the middle with number nine **JORDAN ROBERTSON** finding the far corner with a glancing header from ten yards (1-1).

Half time: 1-1

On the resumption the entertainment continued with play switching from end to end. A Sheldon Sellears free-kick four minutes after the break almost resulted in Bromley conceding an own goal. However just after the hour mark David Gregory made his first crucial save. It followed a corner on the right taken by Damian Scannell and Adam Bailey-Dennis' back post header was kept out by the on-loan keeper diving full length low and to his left to prevent a goal.

The Blues' opponents began to get most of the possession as the match progressed but Bromley keeper Brown had to be alert in the 75<sup>th</sup> minute to tip away a Sheldon Sellears' free-kick for a corner.

Rod Stringer made a triple substitution a couple of minutes later with Phil Anderson, Rod Young and Ryan Auger replacing Ryan Melaugh, Sheldon Sellears and Spencer McCall. With eight minutes left of normal time Young had an effort at goal held at the near post by Brown after good work by George Sykes.

There were three minutes of added time and in the first of these David Gregory made another excellent stop. This time a corner on the right from Harry Grant found skipper Danny Waldren sliding in but the Stortford keeper somehow blocked the ball away at point blank range.

There were no yellow cards for Stortford but Referee Ashvin Degnarain cautioned Duncan Culley, Harry Grant and Danny Waldren during the match.

Full time: 1-1

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD:** David Gregory; Ashley Miller; Johnny Herd; Joe Tabiri; George Allen, Danny Fitzsimons; Sheldon Sellears (sub – Rod Young 77 mins); Anthony Church; George Sykes; Spencer McCall (sub – Ryan Auger 77 mins); Ryan Melaugh (sub – Phil Anderson 77 mins).  
Unused substitutes: Mikel Suarez and Joe Wright.

**BROMLEY:** Seb Brown; Ugo Udoji; Joe Anderson; Ali Fuseini; Jack Holland; Adam Bailey-Dennis; Damian Scannell (sub – Moses Ademola 79 mins); Danny Waldren; Jordan Robertson (sub – Jamie Slabber 84 mins); Duncan Culley (sub – Adam Birchall 63 mins); Harry Grant.  
Unused substitutes: Pierre Joseph-Dubois and Louis Dennis.

Attendance: 300