

Wednesday 10th December 2014

AFC SUDBURY 3, BISHOP'S STORTFORD 0
(FOOTBALL CONFERENCE YOUTH ALLIANCE – ESSEX/HERTS
DIVISION)

The Blues' Academy side had hoped to build a consistent winning run after beating Thurrock the previous week but they slipped to defeat against third in the table AFC Sudbury (Yellows) in a match played at the Colne College sports ground at Brightlingsea.

The hosts had the majority of possession in the game for the most part and looked sharper up front but Stortford, having gone a goal down early on, fought back after the break to have more of the play only to see their opponents net two further goals in the final six minutes. The conditions for the contest were not ideal as a strong cross wind and a firm playing surface led to some scrappy play.

Early action had Ben Smith having a shot held by home keeper Daniel Joyce whilst Stortford stopper Stephen Robinson also had a few shots to deal with. The Suffolk side took the lead in the 14th minute after the Blues lost possession of the ball near the halfway and an accurate pass found striker **SCOTT KEMP** cutting inside from the left wing and his low shot beat Robinson to finish in the far bottom corner of the net (1-0).

Sudbury continued to the interval to be the stronger side but Stortford went close to equalising in the 24th minute when skipper Jack Isherwood headed a ball into the box from Aaron Thomas into the side-netting.

Half time: 1-0

On the restart Ben Smith went close whilst at the other end Wayne Blackman was narrowly off target with a 25 yarder for Sudbury. However, from about the hour mark, Stortford looked stronger and took the initiative in midfield. Although Isherwood flicked a pass from Smith to the keeper in the 71st minute it was a case of the Blues being unable to test Joyce to any great extent.

Then in the final six minutes the hosts netted twice as they exploited gaps at the back with Stortford committed to pushing upfield. Both goals were similar as Tyler Kemp hit through balls down the middle for the goals. The second goal in the 84th minute was as a result of substitute **CHARLIE USHER** running on to the ball to beat Robinson (2-0) and then four minutes later **SCOTT KEMP** completed the scoring by beating the keeper after running clear (3-0).

Full time: 3-0

BISHOP'S STORTFORD: Stephen Robinson; Alex Warman; Louis Monk; Lukeman Agbomabiwon; Alex Askri; Bryn Thorpe; Ben Smith; Aaron Thomas (sub – Mason Naylor 61 mins); Jack Isherwood; Danny Palmer; Rene Leacock.

Unused substitute: Callum Lynskey.