

Monday 15th December 2014

BISHOP'S STORTFORD 5, TILBURY (BLUES) 0
(FOOTBALL CONFERENCE YOUTH ALLIANCE – ESSEX/HERTS
DIVISION)

Scoring all five goals in the last half hour of this match enabled Blues' Academy side to enter the Christmas break on a high note.

The rush of goals at the end of the contest was in stark contrast to the start when Tim Moylette's outfit had looked lack lustre and the visitors had marginally been the better side in the opening half. Stortford's efforts in the first 45 minutes saw Jordan Handscomb have a couple of attempts saved by Tilbury stopper George Ryan and Jack Isherwood went close following a Ben James corner. Danny Palmer also wasn't far off target with a long range shot.

Half time: 0-0

The Blues started to get a grip on proceedings early on after the restart. In the 51st minute a strong run by Ben Smith led to Jack Isherwood having a shot well saved by Ryan and then Mason Naylor hit the bar from close range seconds later.

Shortly afterwards, following a corner, Jordan Handscomb had his eight yard effort cleared off the line by Tilbury defender Benjamin Richards. Aaron Thomas had a chance but lifted his shot over the bar and then Stortford took the lead on the hour. Thomas, on the left, played the ball inside to Ben Smith whose shot from just inside the box was pushed out by Ryan but skipper **JACK ISHERWOOD** was quickly on the ball to fire low into the net (1-0).

The lead was doubled within four minutes. A Ben Smith free-kick from the right was aimed towards the far upright and a looping header from **JORDAN HANDSCOMB** crossed the line from a very tight angle (2-0). **BEN SMITH** then made it three in the 73rd minute receiving a pass from Mason Naylor and he dummied a defender before shooting low into the net (3-0).

In the 83rd minute Isherwood broke on the right and crossed to the far upright where **MASON NAYLOR** only had to tap the ball over the line (4-0). At the other end Blues' keeper Stephen Robinson preserved a clean sheet with an excellent save turning an effort from Joackim Mbu round the post for a corner.

The Blues fifth goal in the last minute of normal time was another well worked goal. Mason Naylor and **DANNY PALMER** inter-passed on the left and the latter took the ball into the box before slamming it into the far bottom corner from 16 yards (5-0).

There was still time before the final whistle for Mason Naylor to hit the post when connecting with a centre from the right by Smith.

Full time: 5-0

BISHOP'S STORTFORD: Stephen Robinson; Rene Leacock (sub – Alex Warman 59 mins); Ben James; Danny Palmer; Alex Askri; Bryn Thorpe; Mason Naylor; Aaron Thomas (sub – Lukeman Agbomabiwon 61 mins); Jordan Handscomb (sub – John Clarke 67 mins); Jack Isherwood; Ben Smith

Unused substitutes: Callum Lynskey and Thomas Beckett.