

Wednesday 21st January 2015

BISHOP'S STORTFORD 3, BOREHAM WOOD (BLUES) 0
(FOOTBALL CONFERENCE YOUTH ALLIANCE – ESSEX/HERTS
DIVISION)

Aaron Thomas netted a hat-trick as the Blues put aside the memory of the heavy defeat against Braintree in their last game a fortnight ago. This was Stortford's fifth victory in six Youth Alliance contests at the ProKit UK Stadium so far this season.

They were on top for most of the first half although Francesco Fera nearly gave the visitors an early lead in the 8th minute with his low angled shot from the left just missing the far post. In the next attack a minute later Stortford went one up. Stortford raided down the right flank and Alex Warman's cross was met by **AARON THOMAS** who steered the ball past keeper Patrick Majchrowski from eight yards (1-0).

In the 18th minute a Lukeman Agbomabiwon corner was turned goalwards by Bryn Thorpe but Jamie Doyle cleared off the goal-line at the near post and three minutes later with the Blues well on top when Louis Monk was fouled Agbomabiwon's 30 yard free-kick rebounded off the bar. In the 33rd minute another Agbomabiwon corner caused problems for the Wood defence and although the ball was half cleared Jack Isherwood collected the loose ball and the skipper's fifteen yard attempt at goal was cleared off the line by Tommy Evans.

Stortford continued to press and a promising move on the left ended with Aaron Thomas crossing low into the middle and a couple of opportunities to find the back of the net were missed. Then shortly afterwards Wood stopper Majchrowski parried away an angled shot from Isherwood.

The Blues' second goal came two minutes before the break. Alex Warman and Jack Isherwood linked in a move in the inside right channel and although Isherwood's shot was stopped by Majchrowski the ball ran loose for **AARON THOMAS** to sweep into the net (2-0).

Half time: 2-0

Fera went close to reducing the arrears for Wood nine minutes after the restart and although Thomas was denied by a good blocking save from Majchrowski after being put clear by Isherwood the visitors came out with a much more positive attitude after the interval. For much of the second half they had the edge on proceedings.

Ben James had a shot saved with twenty minutes left whilst at the other end Stortford keeper Tom Beckett made a couple of fine saves inside a minute from firstly Jamie Doyle and then Amadeu Djalo.

It was a little against the run of play that Stortford added a third goal in the 77th minute. Alex Warman played the ball down the middle and although the Wood defence should have cleared the danger **AARON THOMAS** gained possession and ran on to beat the advancing keeper with a low effort to notch his third goal of the afternoon (3-0).

Before the end Jay Thorne was close to scoring a consolation goal for Wood whilst Ben Smith for Stortford struck a rising shot narrowly over the bar with virtually the last kick of the match.

Full time: 3-0

BISHOP'S STORTFORD: Tom Beckett; Ben James; Ben Smith; Lukeman Agbomabiwon; Alex Askri; Bryn Thorpe; Louis Monk (sub – Mason Naylor 63 mins); Danny Palmer (sub – Jamie Powter 68 mins); Jack Isherwood; Aaron Thomas; Alex Warman (sub – John Clarke 80 mins).

Unused substitute: Stephen Robinson.