Wednesday 28th January 2015

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

Stortford comfortably beat the Dockers on a wet and difficult pitch to complete a double over the struggling Essex side.

They made a bright start and Jordan Handscomb struck the bar in the 6th minute with Tilbury keeper George Ryan saving well from Danny Palmer shortly afterwards. The Blues went one up in the 9th minute when Lukeman Agbomabiwon sent a through ball down the inside left channel and **AARON THOMAS** kept up his recent goalscoring form with a lob over Ryan and under the bar (0-1).

The lead was doubled in the 24th minute as Jordan Handscomb played in **MASON NAYLOR** from the right flank and the midfielder found the far top corner with a well placed shot from just inside the box (0-2).

The only time that Stortford stopper Stephen Robinson was called into action in the whole match was in the 36th minute when he dived to his right to turn away a free-kick from Acea Laurant.

Half time: 0-2

The match that was scrappy from the start and poorly refereed degenerated in quality after the break. Lukeman Agbomabiwon was just wide with an attempt at goal in the 52nd minute but it wasn't until fifteen minutes from the end that the Blues netted their third goal. Following an attack on the left Aaron Thomas laid the ball centrally for **JORDAN HANDSCOMB** to fire in from close range (0-3).

The rest of the contest saw Stortford go close on several occasions to widening their lead. Alex Warman was narrowly wide from a free-kick and then Lukeman Agbomabiwon's shot from just inside the box rebounded off the bar in the 83rd minute.

The bar was hit for the third time in the game when with two minutes remaining after Ben Smith broke clear to shoot against the keeper's legs the ball rebounded to Jordan Handscomb and his effort came back off the woodwork.

Full time: 0-3

BISHOP'S STORTFORD: Stephen Robinson; Ben James; Ben Smith; Lukeman Agbomabiwon (sub – Callum Lynskey 85 mins); Jack Isherwood; Bryn Thorpe; Mason Naylor; Danny Palmer; Jordan Handscomb; Aaron Thomas; Alex Warman. Unused substitute: Rene Leacock and Tom Beckett.