

Wednesday 4th March 2015

HISTON 4, BISHOP'S STORTFORD 2
(FOOTBALL CONFERENCE YOUTH ALLIANCE – ESSEX/HERTS
DIVISION)

After a dull, drab first half this match came to life after the break with Tim Moylette's side going two down at one stage but then giving a glimmer of hope of extracting a point before two late goals by Histon substitutes gave the hosts the win.

A strong cross wind made playing conditions less than easy and the first half was devoid of goalscoring opportunities. The Blues made a promising start with Lukeman Agbomibiwon narrowly over with a shot from the edge of the box and there were a couple of occasions when Stortford couldn't quite put the finishing touches to moves into the area.

However, the Stutes settled down and Joe Carden was close with a shot across the face of the goal and on the half hour Blues' keeper Tom Beckett saved well from the same player after a defensive error. Then just before the interval Aysa Ourtilbour missed a chance to put Histon ahead.

Half time: 0-0

The deadlock was broken two minutes after the restart with a somewhat lucky own goal in favour of the hosts. Histon striker Luke Brown chased a long ball into the right side of box and when his shot beat the advancing Beckett it rebounded off the near post. Unfortunately Stortford defender **BRYN THORPE** running back towards his goal was unable to avoid the ball and it hit him and went inside the upright (1-0).

The Stutes doubled their lead in the 66th minute following a deep free-kick taken by Harry Norman to the far post where **ANTHONY WRIGHT** flicked the ball into the net from a very tight angle (2-0).

This reversal seemed to galvanise the young Blues and coupled with skipper Jack Isherwood moving up front Stortford showed greater desire. Isherwood was just wide from a Mason Naylor centre and then with twenty minutes left the deficit was reduced. A good run and cross from the right by Ben James was met on the edge of the box by **JACK ISHERWOOD** and his shot finished in the corner of the net (2-1).

Stortford were enjoying a good spell and Aaron Thomas was close with an effort from outside the area but with the match entering its closing stages the hosts hit back. In the 83rd minute substitute Matthew Allen hit the post with a shot and soon afterwards a pass from Wright found

another substitute **MAX MAGUIRE** at the angle of the box and his perfect effort dipped over Tom Beckett and under the bar (3-1).

Stortford weren't finished yet and they pulled another goal back in the 87th minute. Mason Naylor crossed in low from the right and although Jack Isherwood had an attempt blocked **AARON THOMAS** netted from close range (3-2).

Histon, however, had the final say as they scored their fourth goal in the 89th minute. Michael King crossed from the right and substitute **JOSH HALES** headed home (4-2). Stortford nearly netted a third in stoppage time but keeper Scott Davies kept out an Aaron Thomas shot with his legs.

Full time: 4-2

BISHOP'S STORTFORD: Thomas Beckett; Alex Askri; Ben James; Lukeman Agbomabiwon (sub – Danny Palmer 76 mins); Jack Isherwood; Bryn Thorpe; Mason Naylor; Aaron Thomas; Jordan Handscomb (sub – Rene Leacock 66 mins); Ben Smith; Alex Warman.
Unused substitute: Callum Lynskey.