

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD 2, WEST HAM UNITED CST (BLUES) 3**  
(FOOTBALL CONFERENCE YOUTH ALLIANCE – ESSEX/HERTS  
DIVISION)

The Blues' Academy side were made to pay again for another slow start as they lost by the odd goal in five to the Hammers Community Sports Trust. Two goals down in the first twenty minutes they were then 3-1 behind at the break and although they had the better of the second period they were unable to level the scores.

The visitors went in front in the 14<sup>th</sup> minute when Sean Kettle's corner from the right wasn't cleared by the Stortford defence and eventually **WASIU ADENIRAN** netted with a deflected shot from ten yards (0-1). Then six minutes later **ADENIRAN** doubled the lead when he ran on to a long clearance from keeper George Ackland to beat a slow defence and shoot past Declan Button with a low effort (0-2).

Midway through the half Johnny Ashman hit the bar for the visitors with a 25 yard free-kick. However, Stortford halved the deficit in the 27<sup>th</sup> minute from a penalty as Hammers' defender Mamadou Kane handled after Alex Warman had crossed high into the box and skipper **JACK ISHERWOOD** gave Ackland no chance from the spot (1-2).

The Blues were now having the better of the exchanges and Isherwood was unlucky with a fine volley just over the near post angle following a pass from Lukeman Agbomabiwon and soon afterwards Rene Leacock was just over the target from distance.

It was against the run of play three minutes from the interval when **WASIU ADENIRAN** completed his hat-trick with a neat flick wide of Button after the striker had collected a through pass from Imedd Kartita (1-3).

Half time: 1-3

Stortford continued to have the edge after the break and early on after the restart Aaron Thomas had a shot kept out by the legs of keeper George Ackland.

In the 67<sup>th</sup> minute an excellent pass from his own half by Alex Askri found **JACK ISHERWOOD** running into the box and the skipper lifted the ball over stopper Ackland into the corner of the net (2-3).

Imedd Kartita went close for the Hammers soon afterwards whilst Sean Kettle struck Declan Button's right hand upright with a free-kick in the last minute of normal time.

But in added time Jack Isherwood missed out on the chance of a hat-trick of his own and an equaliser for the Blues when he shot wide of the goal after Aaron Thomas had slipped him the ball.

Full time: 2-3

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD:** Declan Button; Ben James; Rene Leacock; Lukeman Agbomabiwon; Alex Askri; Bryn Thorpe; Ben Smith; Danny Palmer; Jack Isherwood; Aaron Thomas; Alex Warman (sub – Mason Naylor 83 mins).

Unused substitute: Callum Lynskey.