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A strong U's side defeated the Blues by the odd goal in five after trailing at the break.

Stortford keeper Tom Lovelock saw plenty of action early on making saves from Colchester's Ollie Lee and Sherwin Grot but his side went ahead in the 15th minute.

Spencer McCall won the ball in midfield and supplied it to Sheldon Sellaars who smashed a scorching 25 yard shot rising into the net via the underside of the bar.

Elliott Buchanan was narrowly wide shortly afterwards with a glancing header. However, United pressed the Blues defence strongly but they held out well until the interval. Lovelock made an excellent stop with his legs from Grot on the half hour whilst Kenzer Lee and George Allen worked hard in the centre of defence.

Five minutes from the interval Buchanan missed out on a header following a cross from the right by Sellaars.

The visitors levelled seven minutes after the restart with Jack Curtis netting in off the far post following good work by Drey Wright and then sloppy defending two minutes later allowed Dan Holman to nip in and beat Lovelock.

Colchester's third goal came in the 66th minute with Macauley Bonne whipping a loose ball low into the net when the Blues had chances to clear.

Stortford pulled a goal back soon afterwards with Lee heading home following Sellaars' deep free-kick from the left but they were unable to add to their tally with Tom Derry being foiled by a Jack Edwards tackle in the 89th minute after Mikel Suarez had nodded on an Allen free-kick towards the six yard box.

Blues: Tom Lovelock; Anthony Furlonge (De'Reece Vanderhyde 61); Johnny Herd (Ejiro Okosieme 85); Spencer McCall (Triallist 72); Kenzer Lee; George Allen; Sheldon Sellaars (Tom Derry 77); Anthony Church (Jay Dowie 72); Elliott Buchanan (Mikel Suarez 77); Josh Ekim (Frankie Merrifield 61); Billy Lobjoit (Matty Fanimmo 61).

Unused sub: Joe Benjamin.

COLCHESTER UNITED: Chris Lewington; Kane Vincent-Young (Gavin Massey 66); Tosin Olufemi (Alex Gilbey 70); Tom Lapslie (Joe Edwards 61); Frankie Kent (Tom Eastman 57); Alex Wynter (Cameron James 70); Dion Sembie-Ferris (Drey Wright 32 (Callum Harrison 82)); Ollie Lee (George Moncur 61); Sherwin Grot (Dan Holman 46); Byron Lawrence (Jack Curtis 46); Macauley Bonne (Tomi Adeloye 70).

Unused subs: Elliot Parish and Tyler Brampton

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