

Wednesday 23rd September 2015

GREAT WAKERING ROVERS 3, BISHOP'S STORTFORD 0 (FA YOUTH CUP – 1st QUALIFYING ROUND)

After being reinstated in the FA Youth Cup when Ilford fielded an over-age player in the last round Stortford failed to make the most of their reprieve when they lost 3-0 to the Rovers at Burroughs Park. Against the run of play the Blues were two goals adrift at the break after missing a number of chances and the hosts wrapped up the tie with a third goal shortly before the final whistle. Coaches Tim Moylette and Tony Stavri included four players from the under-21 side in the squad – Chris Huggins, James Baughurst, Brad Lantieri and Harry Andic.

Stortford made a promising start and the Wakering goal bore a charmed life as the Blues missed chances and Rovers stopper Kacper Fraszczak made some outstanding blocks and stops. The first near miss came in the 7th minute with the keeper denying Aaron Thomas at close range. Then in the 13th minute the Stortford defence was caught out by a swift attack with George Cox's through ball fastened on to by Franklin Craik who drilled a low shot past Callum Lynskey (1-0).

Pushing forward in search of an equaliser Fraszczak saved well diving to his right to keep out a low effort from Baughurst in the 16th minute and shortly afterwards skipper Bryn Thorpe headed wide at the back post following a corner from Alex Rogers. The Rovers keeper parried away a shot from Harry Andic whilst in the 22nd minute he somehow kept out a goalbound attempt from Aaron Thomas with his outstretched leg.

On the half hour Stortford found themselves two goals behind as a deep free-kick from the right touchline by Rees Price was headed in at the far upright by Oliver Quick (2-0). Fraszczak again frustrated Aaron Thomas before the interval with a fine block.

Half time: 2-0

In terms of possession the second half was more even but again the hosts' menace going forward was apparent as George Cox struck the bar with a free-kick. Stortford fought back and Chris Huggins was close with a shot from an angle whilst Harry Andic struck shots from distance over the bar.

Rovers' substitute Jordan Farrell hit the post in the 72nd minute and at the other end Stortford substitute George Bartlam missed a good opportunity to reduce the arrears five minutes later heading an Aaron Thomas cross wide of the near upright from close in.

Having used all their replacements earlier Stortford were reduced to ten men in the closing minutes as James Baughurst departed following a bout of cramp and in the 88th minute the tie was settled with Jordan Farrell taking advantage of a defensive error and fire past Callum Lynskey with a low acute angled shot.

Full time: 3-0

BISHOP'S STORTFORD: Callum Lynskey; Chris Huggins; Callum O'Brien; James Baughurst; Brad Lantieri; Bryn Thorpe; Alex Rogers; Jack Thomas (George Bartlam 64); Aaron Thomas; Harry Andic (Ross Gill 78); Danny Palmer (Lewis McDonald 46).
Unused substitutes: Alex Askri and Jordan Brown

Attendance 70