

Wednesday 30th September 2015

BISHOP'S STORTFORD 0 FOOTBALL CV REDS 2
(FOOTBALL CONFERENCE YOUTH ALLIANCE – DIVISION 'C')

The Blues found it hard going against their Stamford based opponents at the ProKit (UK) Stadium. Poor passing let them down and the Stortford youngsters created few chances or openings during the ninety minutes. CV Reds soon caused problems from the first whistle. When Stortford stopper Callum Lynskey dashed out of goal in the first two minutes striker Sean Coughlan whipped an acute angled shot past him but fortunately defender Lewis McDonald was well placed to clear the ball away near the goal-line. Then shortly afterwards Lynskey blocked well from Coughlan before the visitors' Samuel Thorpe shot narrowly over from distance.

The Blues' keeper parried away another effort from Coughlan at full stretch and then saved a shot from Daniel Olisa.

Stortford started to settle but didn't pose a threat until the 16th minute when striker George Bartlam almost got in on the end of a long ball forward from Alex Askri. However, just after the half hour Bryn Thorpe was caught in possession but was rescued by Lynskey who brilliantly tipped a floated shot at goal by Olisa on to the crossbar.

There were more chances for the visitors before they went in front four minutes before the interval. SeanSEAN COUGHLAN chased a long pass down the middle alongside Stortford defenders Bryn Thorpe and Alex Askri and when Callum Lynskey failed to collect the ball cleanly the CV Reds number nine had a simple task to roll it into an empty net (0-1).

Half time: 0-1

Stortford were close to being two down shortly after the restart as Ilya Fjodorovs hit a post and then a goalbound shot from Coughlan rebounded off of Askri near the goal-line. For the Blues, substitute Aaron Thomas saw his free-kick deflect wide after he himself had been fouled on the hour.

There was a period of even play through the middle stages of the second half but Stortford found themselves down to ten men in the last fifteen minutes when Ross Gill hobbled off with an ankle injury. With the game drawing to its conclusion Daniel Olisa missed a chance for the visitors when shooting into the side-netting but the Blues were close to equalising in the 89th minute as Aaron Thomas passed to Alex Rogers closing in from the left only for his acute angled shot to be saved low down by keeper Daniel Perry.

Any hopes of the Blues extracting anything from the match however were extinguished in the third minute of stoppage time. Sean Coughlan slipped the ball down the middle for Ilya Fjodorovs to beat Callum Lynskey.

Full time: 0-2

BISHOP'S STORTFORD: Callum Lynskey; Lewis McDonald; Callum O'Brien; Danny Palmer; Alex Askri; Bryn Thorpe (Jack Thomas 70); Alex Rogers; Ross Gill; George Bartlam; Joe Senior (Aaron Thomas 56); Jordan Brown (Sam Philpot 73).

Unused substitutes: Samuel Brown and Ted Dean.