

Wednesday 7th October 2015

LOWESTOFT TOWN 2, BISHOP'S STORTFORD 1
(FOOTBALL CONFERENCE YOUTH ALLIANCE – DIVISION 'C')

Blues' Academy side are still searching for their first Youth Alliance win of the season after this odd goal defeat at Crown Meadow. The loss, however, was a harsh one for Tim Moylette's team. They had the better of the first half when they missed a few chances and then after continuing to have the edge after the break they took the lead midway through the second period with a goal from Danny Palmer only to concede two goals in the last 16 minutes because of lapses in defence.

Stortford's first chance to take the lead came as early as the 2nd minute when Joe Senior provided a pass for George Bartlam to have a shot at goal but the number nine put his effort wide of the post. Then in the 13th minute Bartlam headed wide after a Callum O'Brien free-kick into the box. The Trawlerboys had as much of the possession as the Blues in the first period and they threatened at times with Connor Davies shooting over the top and Linton Garrod's attempt at goal being held by Stortford stopper Callum Lynskey.

On the half hour a good run forward by Jack Thomas saw the ball eventually break loose to Joe Senior who shot over the target from 15 yards. The nearest Stortford came to opening their account in the first half was in the 32nd minute as Danny Palmer played George Bartlam into the right side of the area and the striker's shot was half stopped by keeper Martie Bone and as the ball rolled goalwards defender Callum Bennett somehow managed to divert it away a foot from the goal-line.

Then in the 41st minute after Jack Thomas was fouled on the right edge of the box Callum O'Brien's free-kick was tipped away at the far upright by keeper Bone. There was another escape for the hosts two minutes from the interval. Alex Rogers crossed from the left and Bartlam's header from a few yards range at the back post was deflected by the keeper on to the bar and away from danger. Just before the break Jordan Brown blasted the ball wide from a few yards inside the area when offered a half chance.

Half time: 0-0

There was an early chance for Stortford on the restart with substitute Jordan Handscomb sending George Bartlam through on the left in the 52nd minute but Bone parried out the shot at his near post at the expense of a corner. The Blues were getting a distinctive edge on proceedings and they strung together several well worked moves that came to nothing. However, Jack Thomas and Danny Palmer were particularly strong at this stage in midfield and it was these two players who were involved in the opening goal in the 67th minute with Thomas sending the ball through the

middle and PALMER calmly slipping it low past the advancing Bone (0-1).

The signs were good for the visitors but it all went wrong in the last sixteen minutes. A drinks break following a hold-up in play due to a player being injured seemed to cause Stortford's players to lose their concentration. Within a minute of play restarting again the hosts were back on level terms. A swift move up the left flank finished with the ball being switched into the middle and striker CRUISE NYADZAYO shooting low and wide of Callum Lynskey (1-1).

Worse was to follow with four minutes left of normal time as skipper Bryn Thorpe, who otherwise had played well, was caught in possession near the edge of the penalty box and NYADZAYO went on to net the winning goal with a shot that found the net via the inside of the post (2-1).

Full time: 2-1

BISHOP'S STORTFORD: Callum Lynskey; Lewis McDonald; Callum O'Brien; Danny Palmer; Alex Askri; Bryn Thorpe; Alex Rogers; Jack Thomas; George Bartlam (Mitchell Hodgson 78); Joe Senior; Jordan Brown (Jordan Handscomb 46).

Unused substitute: Jordan King.