

BOSTON UNITED 4, BISHOP'S STORTFORD 0  
(FOOTBALL CONFERENCE YOUTH ALLIANCE – DIVISION 'C')

The Blues failed to build on their excellent win over league leaders Brentwood Town a fortnight earlier when they made the long journey to Lincolnshire and conceded four goals as the Pilgrims collected maximum points. The game played at Boston Town's Tattershall Road ground, though, wasn't as one-sided as the scoreline might indicate. Tim Moylette's side had almost as much possession as the hosts but they paid for poor defensive work with at least three of the four goals being as a result of mistakes at the back.

After a difficult journey the Blues in fact made a bright start and in the 4<sup>th</sup> minute Jordan Handscomb, who was especially lively in the first half, collected the ball following a throw-in on the right and had an acute angled shot saved low at the near upright by keeper Travis Portas at the expense of a corner.

However, five minutes later the hosts took the lead when striker KEMAL YENIBERITZ scored with a shot inside a post after taking advantage of indecision in the Blues defence (1-0). Boston had the edge and they doubled their lead in the 22<sup>nd</sup> minute following a free-kick from Harry Vince. The ball fell kindly to skipper JACK DYKES who beat Stephen Robinson from 15 yards (2-0).

There was another defensive mistake three minutes later as the menacing TINO CHAVUNDURA netted (3-0). To the credit of the Blues they fought back and could easily have reduced the arrears before the break. In the 35<sup>th</sup> minute a free-kick from Aaron Thomas rebounded off a defender to skipper Bryn Thorpe who saw his shot blocked and run away to safety and then another Aaron Thomas free-kick was held by Portas. In the last action of the half George Bartlam and Jordan Handscomb were involved in an attack up the left which ended with Bartlam slipping the ball through for Handscomb but the striker flicked it inches wide of the far post.

Half time: 3-0

Eight minutes after the interval the Blues failed to clear out of defence and this time BAILEY FORTH took advantage to roll the ball into an empty net (4-0).

After United's last goal play was even with Aaron Thomas having a shot saved by Portas in the 66<sup>th</sup> minute and late pressure from Stortford saw them force two successive corners but they were unable grab a consolation goal.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD: Stephen Robinson; Callum O'Brien; Sam Philpot; Jack Thomas; Alex Warman; Bryn Thorpe; George Bartlam; Ross Gill; Jordan Handscomb (Jordan King 74); Aaron Thomas; Sam Brown (Ted Dean 74).

Unused substitutes: None