

BISHOP'S STORTFORD 2, PETERBOROUGH UNITED 2
(FOOTBALL CONFERENCE YOUTH ALLIANCE – DIVISION 'C')

Blues twice came back from a goal down to take a point and stretch their unbeaten run to three games, on Monday.

Earlier in the contest Peterborough's Louis Martin's struck a free-kick from near the halfway that Stortford stopper Steve Robinson tipped over the bar and it was a shot from distance that resulted in the visitors' opening goal in the 8th minute as JACK ROGERS' 35 yarder found the top corner of the net (0-1).

There was a half chance for the hosts to net a quick leveler four minutes later when a loose ball ran to skipper Aaron Thomas but his attempt at goal from 15 yards screwed well wide. Then a cross-field pass from Joe Senior on the left was fastened on to by Lewis McDonald running towards the penalty area but his lob over keeper Simon Glazebrook dropped wide of the far upright. United almost doubled their lead in the 20th minute when Dylan Carter's header from an Aaron Halliday centre from the left wing rebounded off the crossbar.

The Blues equalised however in the 27th minute following a good move down the middle. Jordan Handscomb and Aaron Thomas were involved before the latter set up GEORGE BARTLAM to score from ten yards via a slight deflection off of a defender (1-1).

Aaron Thomas and Jordan Handscomb were close to giving the Blues lead but they fell behind again three minutes from the break when Robinson failed to punch away a long range effort from LOUIS MARTIN and the ball flew straight into the net (1-2).

Half time: 1-2

On the restart a deep cross to the far post by Lewis McDonald was nodded wide of the target by Jordan Handscomb and then, in the 54th minute, a far post header from Bryn Thorpe following a Mason Naylor corner was just wide. Shortly after the hour Mason Naylor sent Handscomb en route for goal in the inside right channel but the striker shot into the side-netting and with Stortford having the slight edge substitute Ted Dean was almost in on goal when collecting a Handscomb pass but lost control of the ball at the vital moment.

With fourteen minutes left a corner from substitute Callum O'Brien saw a header by Bryn Thorpe well saved by the diving Simon Glazebrook before, at the other end, a blast from the edge of the box by Peterborough's Dylan Wilson was turned over the bar by Robinson.

A cross from Alex Rogers was lifted on to the roof of the net by Lewis McDonald but in the 80th minute the Blues grabbed an equaliser. A long ball down the middle by Ross Gill was fastened on to by TED DEAN who beat the advancing Glazebrook (2-2).

There was a spell of end-to-end action before the final whistle with United coming the closest to a winning goal when, in the 85th minute, Louis Martin shot for goal but Robinson turned his low shot round the post for a corner.

Bishop's Stortford: Stephen Robinson; Lewis McDonald; Alex Rogers; Jack Thomas; Ross Gill; Bryn Thorpe; Joe Senior (Callum O'Brien 62); Mason Naylor; Jordan Handscomb (Samuel Brown 78); George Bartlam; Aaron Thomas (Ted Dean 58)
Unused substitutes: Sam Philpot and Jordan King.