

# **BISHOP'S STORTFORD 1, BOSTON UNITED 5**

## **(FOOTBALL CONFERENCE YOUTH ALLIANCE – DIVISION 'C')**

The Pilgrims handed out a second half mauling to Stortford who were playing their second match in three days. The Blues had taken an early lead and although the visitors soon drew level, four goals conceded after the break then brought about a heavy defeat against Boston who had won the reverse fixture in December 4-0.

Stortford had begun well with Aaron Thomas striking a 25 yard effort in the 6<sup>th</sup> minute that was fairly comfortably held by keeper Harry Payne. United's Oliver Drummond cut in from the left soon afterwards but Callum Lynskey stopped the acute angled shot with his legs at the expense of a corner. It was the Blues who went ahead in the 8<sup>th</sup> minute after GEORGE BARTLAM began a solo run through the middle and finished with a low drive that evaded Payne's dive and entered the net just inside the keeper's left-hand upright (1-0).

The Lincolnshire side hit back five minutes later to score an equaliser with skipper JACK DYKES volleying into the far corner of the net over Lynskey from the left side of the area when a clearance had come out to him (1-1).

There was then little to choose between the two sides up until the interval. A Callum O'Brien cross from the left was nodded wide by Jordan Handscomb and in the 31<sup>st</sup> minute Bartlam was unlucky when he had a shot at goal from the edge of the box blocked by a defender. Two minutes later Callum O'Brien was forced to leave the pitch having suffered a nasty eye injury.

Half time: 1-1

The visitors upped their tempo from the start of the second half. Callum Lynskey made a good blocking save soon after the restart when Jordan Tate broke inside from the left flank and then striker Kemal Yenibertiz sent a far post header over the bar following a Dykes' free-kick. Lynskey turned a low shot from Scott Floyd round the post in the 56<sup>th</sup> minute but from the resultant corner United took the lead. The ball came back to Harry Vince whose cross was poorly defended and YENIBERTIZ converted from close range (1-2).

Floyd was close with an effort over the bar and the Pilgrims extended their lead from a penalty in the 63<sup>rd</sup> minute after Ted Dean fouled Jordan Tate just inside the box. SCOTT FLOYD netted the spot-kick although Callum Lynskey dived the right way and narrowly failed to stop the penalty (1-3).

Jordan Handscomb was not far off target with a volley and Aaron Thomas was wide with a 15 yard effort midway through the half following a Handscomb cross but Boston notched their fourth goal with twenty minutes left. A good run on the right by Floyd saw his cross deflected into the path of HARRY VINCE who hit a rising shot into the net (1-4). Stortford's defence was now being heavily stretched and Lynskey made fine saves in quick succession from Floyd and Vince.

United's last goal arrived in the 86<sup>th</sup> minute following a corner kick into the box when Jack Thomas fouled HARRY VINCE and the player picked himself up to give Lynskey no chance from the second penalty of the afternoon (1-5).

There was a 90<sup>th</sup> minute shot at goal by Blues' substitute Joe Senior but it was safely pouched by Boston stopper Payne.

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD:** Callum Lynskey; Danny Palmer; Alex Rogers; Jack Thomas; Ted Dean; Bryn Thorpe; George Bartlam (Jordan King 63); Aaron Thomas (Joe Senior 69); Jordan Handscomb; Lewis McDonald; Callum O'Brien (Sam Brown 33).

Unused substitutes: Sam Philpot and Steve Robinson.