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A scrappy match in windy conditions ended with the Romans coming away with a third successive victory thanks to a Naby Diallo goal six minutes after the break.



This was the third single goal loss on the trot suffered by the Blues who paid the price for a lack of sharpness in the final third.

Stortford had a slight edge early on and they went close in the 13th minute with Tarik Moore-Azille's far post header kept out by a stretching Steve Phillips following Dominic Green's corner. Then Green's low angled strike rebounded away off Phillips' legs a minute later.

A shot on the turn from Manny Monthe in the 28th minute was held at close range by Joe Wright and the visitors gained more of a foot-hold in the game after the half-hour. A Marvin Morgan rising effort was tipped over by Wright in the 34th minute.

Tambeson Eyong and Ryan Auger both struck long range efforts for the Blues that were off target before the interval. City's winner arrived in the 51st minute. A long wind assisted ball

downfield was controlled by Marvin Morgan who set up Naby Diallo to smash into the corner of the net past Wright from just inside the box.



Stortford had most of the possession until the final whistle but apart from substitute Jermaine Osei missing out on a half chance and Claudiu Vilcu's overhead kick going narrowly wide keeper Phillips was hardly troubled.



Blues: Wright, Rodgers, Rumens, Eyong, Moore-Azille, Vilcu, Woods-Garness, Auger (O'Neill 65), Asante (Osei 62), Ekim, Green (Kouassi 79). Unused substitutes: Furlonge and Lovelock.

Bath: Phillips, Bowman, Ball, Hemmings, Monthe, Rigg, Diallo (Marshall 85), Murphy, Fleetwood (McCootie 65), Morgan, Watkins (Hunter 3). Unused substitutes: Batten and Hutchinson.

Attendance: 301