

# BISHOP'S STORTFORD 0 WEALDSTONE 3

**Blues' struggles at home continue as three goals from set pieces resulted in another defeat at the ProKit (UK) Stadium.**



The visitors' margin of victory was warranted and but for several outstanding saves by Joe Wright the Stones would have won the game by the interval.

His first save was in the second minute when he turned Elliot Benyon's header from Omar Koroma's left wing cross over the bar and the West London side, on the front foot from the first whistle, went close in the 13<sup>th</sup> minute as Matty Whichelow saw his low shot fly narrowly wide.

Whichelow was again close with a rising shot inches over after dispossessing Dominic Green on the edge of the box.



The first danger from Stortford came a minute later as Johnny Herd was not far off target but Wealdstone came back in the 22<sup>nd</sup> minute with Benyon's shot on the turn tipped over the bar by Wright and then a

minute later the Blues had a miracle escape when a Danny Green corner caused all sorts of problems with close range shots fired in, one rebounding off Wright's legs, until an Assistant Referee raised his flag.

In the 26<sup>th</sup> minute a mazy run by Green ended with Wright holding the ball at the feet of the Blues midfielder.

A long throw from Herd caused problems in the visitors' defence shortly after the half hour before being blazed away by a defender for a corner. Green had a shot deflected off Danny Rumens for a corner and then in the 40<sup>th</sup> minute, at the other end, Evans Kouassi did some great work on the left before crossing the ball into the middle where Bradley Woods-Garness flicked the ball goalwards but saw Stones' keeper Jonathan North dive to his left to save.

Koroma was close with a shot a minute later and the striker gave the visitors the lead in the last minute of normal time. Green's low corner from the right produced a scramble and KOROMA fired inside the near post from six yards (0-1).



Ten minutes after the break a reckless challenge by Paul Rodgers on Jack Smith resulted in a 25 yard free-kick that GREEN gave Wright no chance with a perfect shot into the top left hand corner (0-2).

On the hour mark a far post header from Evans Kouassi was over the bar following a

deep cross from the left by Woods-Garness as Gordon Boateng's side looked to get back in the match. The Blues' boss made three substitutions in a short space of time with Ryan Auger, Ross Elsom and Ioannis Varouxakis, making his debut, all coming on.

Stortford had more possession as the game drifted to its conclusion and after Woods-Garness saw a shot deflected inches over a header from Danny Rumens was well saved by North diving to his right after a Ryan Auger corner in the 79<sup>th</sup> minute.

However, the visitors added a third goal six minutes from the end when EDDIE OSHODI headed in Matty Whichelow's corner from the left (0-3) The Blues nearly clinched a consolation goal in the first minute of added time at the end when a header from Sam Smith from Dominic Green's free-kick was saved by North with the keeper flinging himself across goal to turn the ball round the post.



BISHOP'S STORTFORD: Joe Wright, Paul Rodgers, Johnny Herd, Tambeson Eyong (Ross Elsom 73), Tarik Moore-Azille, Danny Rumens, Bradley Woods-Garness, Josh Ekim (Ryan Auger 64), Sam Smith, Evans Kouassi (Ioannis Varouxakis 61), Dominic Green.

Unused substitutes: Howard Hall and Tom Lovelock.

WEALDSTONE: Jonathan North, Jack Smith, Josh McLeod-Urquhart, Eddie Oshodi, Tom Hamblin, Elliott Godfrey, Matty Whichelow, Danny Green (Josh Hutchinson 86), Elliot Benyon, Omar Koroma (Ciaron Brown 75), Jonny Wright (Dylan Williams 80).

Unused substitute: Scott McGleish