

## Blues 0 Whitehawk 3

**There was no “new manager bounce” for Blues as they were hammered 6-0 at Vanarama South leaders Maidenhead United, on Saturday.**

Joint bosses Mark Hawkes and Steve Smith gave debuts to Jamie Slabber and Harry Hickford, with George Allen returning for his third spell at the Blues, but a ruthless second half display from the high-flying hosts saw a record National League defeat for the visitors.



Blues started well with Slabber having a penalty appeal waved away before seeing an effort deflected over, and it was definitely against the run of play when the home side took a 16th minute lead as Dave Tarpey swung in a free kick that eluded everybody and found the net.

The visitors' best effort of the first half came on 31 minutes as Slabber headed down a long ball to Chase O'Neill who hammered a volley just over, and shortly after a header from Slabber forced a good save from former Blues' keeper Carl Pentney.

The killer goal came five minutes before the break when Mulley hit a stunning volley from 35 yards over the head of the otherwise superb Joe Wright to send his side into the break with a 2-0 lead.

The early stages of the second half proved to be a disaster for the visiting side as they were caught napping as Tarpey was bundled over in the box by Paul Rodgers, and recovered sufficiently to net his second of the game from the spot.

Four minutes later it was 4-0 when Marks scrambled home from six yards.

A rash of substitutions stemmed the flow for half an hour, but the home side made it 5-0 in the 82nd minute when Tarpey wrestled clear of George Allen and volleyed high into the roof of the net from 18 yards.

Five minutes later the scoring was completed when Blues failed to clear a loose ball and Tarpey netted from 15 yards.