

# Blues 1 St Albans City 5

**Clinical finishing in the last half hour by the Saints consigned Stortford to yet another disastrous afternoon on home territory and the defeat sent them to the bottom of the table.**



Worrying for Blues' new management team, it could have been worse but for a fine display by keeper Tom Lovelock in his first league game of the campaign..

Fielding a much changed side the Blues competed well before the break with Rohdell Gordon causing a few problems to the visitors' defence. City put some pressure on the Blues however in the minutes leading up to the interval and Lovelock saved well from Tom Bender and Louie Theophanous.



The Blues' stopper was soon in action again on the restart and saved a David Noble free-kick and then twice from Theophanous.

On the hour the visitors took the lead when Bender headed in from close range following a long throw from skipper Lee Chappell and they then went on to score two further goals in the next seven minutes.



Firstly Noble crossed for Sam Merson to head wide of Lovell and then Theophanous cutting in from the right struck a rising shot into the top far corner. Lovelock denied Theophanous with an outstretched leg in the 83<sup>rd</sup> minute but the Saints' frontman netted sixty seconds later after fastening on to a through pass by substitute Dipo Akinyemi.

Two minutes from the end Femi Akinwande grabbed a consolation goal for Stortford with an excellent 30 yard effort over James Russell. However, City's Junior Morais added a fifth goal in the third minute of added time.

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD:** Lovelock, Ekpiteta, Herd, Richens, Allen, Hickford, Gordon (Rodgers 68), Fagan (Sawyer 46), Slabber, Akinwande, Greene (Ronto 79). Unused substitutes: Ekim, Toner.

**ST ALBANS CITY:** Russell, Casey, Bender, Chappell, Martin, Hill, Herd, Thomas (Lucien 79), Theophanous, Merson (Morais 68), Noble (Akinyemi 81). Unused subs: Ball, Hoenes

Referee: C Lymer Attendance: 424.