

Eastbourne Borough 1 Blues 0

Blues' winless streak was extended to eleven games as they went down to a 41st minute Elliot Romain goal in Sussex.

The visitors matched Borough for long periods but were again made to pay for their lack of a cutting edge up front.

New signing Freddie Moncur made his debut for the Blues while Tom Lovelock retained his place in goal after the previous week's heroics against St Albans City.

Aaron Greene, Jamie Slabber and Femi Akinwande – who shrugged off the hosts' attempts all afternoon to kick him off the park – all had early chances as Blues started well while at the other end a good tackle from George Allen denied Pinnock.

What proved to be the only goal of the game came four minutes before the break when Romain rose to head home a deep cross from five yards out.

Michael Richens went agonisingly close to levelling in first half injury time as home keeper Carey did well to palm away a stinging 20-yard effort.

Blues again started well after the break, and Slabber should have

levelled ten minutes into the second half when he rounded Carey but skied his effort over the bar.

Slabber limped off in the 71st minute to be replaced by Evans Kouassi but despite the visitors having more of the possession they were unable to trouble the home keeper, and they had the woodwork to thank for preventing a second goal as the game entered injury time.

With Welling winning at Wealdstone, Blues are now two points adrift at the foot of the Vanarama South table.

Blues: T Lovelock, M Ekpiteta (P Rogers 88), J Herd, G Allen, H Hickford, M Richens, F Moncur, Z Fagan, A Greene (E Ronto 80), F Akindwande, J Slabber (E Kouassi 71). Unused subs: J Ekim, R Gordon.

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