

HORNETS STUNG BY BLUES

Blues 5 Watford1

Helped by two own goals, Blues comfortably progressed to the Herts Senior Cup quarter final with a 5-1 win against Watford.



The result never looked in doubt after a pair of goals put the home side ahead, and the Blues will now wait to see who they play in the last eight.



The hosts started brightly and took the lead in the ninth minute when Watford keeper Andrew Thomas somehow spilled a routine catch from Aaron Green's cross and dropped the ball over the line.



Things went from bad to worse for the unfortunate youngster in the Watford goal, and he was lucky not to see red in the 15th minute when he brought down the advancing Green. Referee Anthony Serrano – who had an excellent game – showed leniency and showed only a yellow card, and Dean Morgan hit a well-

taken spot kick for his second goal in as many games.

Blues looked in control for next 20 minutes but the visitors pulled a goal back when Elliott Ronto fouled a visiting forward in the box, and Ogo Obi netted from the penalty spot.

Freddie Moncur forced a brilliant save from Thomas and Evans Kouassi blazed over as Blues finished the first half strongly but the third goal came five minutes after the break when Michael Richens, Moncur and Kouassi combined well before the latter's cross turned into his own net by Watford's Stevens.



Femi Akinwande twice went close to extending the lead and both Richens and Johnny Herd also had good chances as Blues piled on the pressure.

Any doubts about the result were ended in the 86th minute when Akinwande slid the ball past Thomas from close range.

The scoring was wrapped as the game entered injury time with Ronto hit a powerful drive from 20 yards that Thomas could only get a hand to.

Blues: Lefebvre, Richens, Herd(c), Allen (Osborne), Fagan, Moncur, Ronto, Kouassi, Morgan (Nouble), Akinwande (Furlonge), Greene. Unused subs: Akurang & T Lovelock. Att: 139.

