

BLUES CRASH AT HOME AGAIN

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The Blues crashed to yet another home defeat as the Tudors, completing a double over their County rivals, made it two league wins on the spin. Once again Stortford produced a promising first half but fell away in the second period allowing the visitors to complete a convincing victory.



In very misty conditions both sides got off to fast starts. In the first ten minutes the Blues' Evans Kouassi fired over from ten yards after Aaron Greene had crossed into the middle while at the other end Jake Robinson shot across goal. In the 15th minute former Blue Michael Thalassitis headed against the bar from a Jordan Parkes corner.

Greene continued to cause problems for the Hemel defence throughout the first period but Parkes struck the crossbar in the 36th minute with a fine free-kick and Scott Neilson lofted the loose ball over the top. The visitors took the lead two minutes from the break through Parkes from the penalty spot after Stortford substitute Jon Nouble was harshly adjudged to have handled in the box.



Stortford had their own appeals for a penalty waived away by Referee Chris Pollard early on

after the restart and the visitors doubled their lead in the 57th minute when Jake Robinson netted at close range from a Parkes' pass. Jamie Butler made an excellent stop to keep out Freddy Moncur's angled shot on the hour whilst at the other end Blues' stopper Simon Lefebvre beat away a fierce effort from Robinson.

However, further goals from Hemel always looked likely and their third arrived in the 72nd minute after a Parkes' corner wasn't cleared properly and Matt Saunders volleyed high into the net from the edge of the box. They dominated the closing minutes and when Freddy Moncur fouled Jordan Parkes four minutes from time the Tudors' skipper stepped up to net his second penalty of the afternoon.



BISHOP'S STORTFORD: Lefebvre, Rodgers, Herd, Moncur 5, Allen (Ronto 73) Fagan, Kouassi, Richen, Morgan, Akinwande (Nouble 27 (Vasilache 73)) Greene. Unused substitutes: Janilionis, Voss



HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN: Butler, King (Diagne 79), Connolly, Parkes, Hayden, Greenidge, Neilson (Kaloczi, 61), Saunders, Robinson (McNamara 73), Thalassitis, Mendy. Unused substitutes: Gordon, Enver-Marum.

Attendance: 393