

Gloom at the Gulag

Chelmsford City 4 Blues 0

There was little Christmas cheer on Boxing Day as Blues went down 4-0 at Melbourne Park against Chelmsford City.

Keeper Harry Voss – one of three debutants for Blues – marked his first game with a fine penalty save, but aside from an early shout for a spot kick of their own and a good effort from Aaron Greene, the visitors never looked capable of taking anything from the game.

Max Cornhill opened the scoring in the 12th minute when Kane Haysman won a penalty for a shove from Michael Richens. Shaun Jeffers' penalty was saved by former Spurs stopper Voss but Cornhill was left with plenty of time and space to net the rebound.

It was 2-0 in the 35th minute when former Blues' hero Elliott Buchanan, grabbed his first goal for the Clarets , flicking a Robbie Willmott free kick into the bottom corner to put City 2-0 up ahead.

Just before the break Greene – comfortably Blues' best outfield player – had the visitors' best chance of the game comes as he danced through into the box but stabbed his effort well over

Voss pulled off a spectacular save to prevent Jeffers from scoring early in the second half before City's top-scorer hit the foot of a post but Willmott wrapped up the points in the 63rd minute with a brilliant striker from distance.

Matt Young completed the rout 15 minutes from time when he picked up the ball on the edge of the area and after his first shot was blocked he found the bottom corner with his second effort.

Blues: Harry Voss, Paul Rodgers, Johnny Herd, Michael Richens, Zach Fagan, Harry Hickford, Anthony Furlonge (Evans Kouassi 46), Freddy Moncur, Dean Morgan (Elliott Ronto 77), Kyran Wiltshire (Greg Cundle 46), Aaron Greene. Unused subs: Simon Lefebvre & Frantz Ngassa