

Blues 2 AFC Hornchurch 3

Late goals from Aaron Greene and Greg Cundle were unable to prevent Blues going down 3-2 against AFC Hornchurch, on Tuesday evening.

In a hastily arranged friendly played in freezing conditions, Blues dominated the closing stages but were made to pay for some early defensive lapses against the Ryman League Premier Division side.

The visitors took the lead in the 25th minute when Blues failed to deal with a corner before the home side saw Luke Callandar's effort ruled out for offside.

It was 2-0 in the 38th minute when Hornchurch netted with a fine curling effort from 25 yards that left Harry Voss helpless and they made it 3-0 straight after the break after some poor defending.

A rash of substitutions actually improved the flow of the game and, with 11 minutes remaining, Greene reduced the arrears from the penalty spot after a trip in the box.

Four minutes later Cundle set up a grandstand finish, but the visitors held on to leave the ProKit UK Stadium with a victory.