

CONCORD DOWNED BY LATE WINNER

BLUES 1 CONCORD RANGERS 0



Greg Cundle netted with three minutes remaining to throw Blues a relegation lifeline at the ProKit UK Stadium.

The game against fellow strugglers Concord was a must-win one for Steve Smith's side, and while it was far from a classic, the three points were much-needed for the hosts and cut the gap between the Blues and 19th placed Concord to just three points.



Prior to the goal the match was typical of a contest between two struggling sides who found it difficult to play constructive football on a tricky pitch.

The visitors looked the sharper of the sides in the first period with striker Jordan Chiedozie's low effort kept out by the legs of Harry Voss in the 20th minute. The Blues came close when skipper Phil Walsh saw his header in the 33rd minute from Elliott Ronto's cross fall straight into the arms of Rangers' stopper Bailey Vose. Cameron Norman headed narrowly over the top for the Essex side before the break whilst Chiedozie blasted over early in the second half.

However, Stortford were growing in confidence as the match progressed and Vose tipped a Luke Callander header over the bar following a Ronto free-kick and Walsh again was close with another header.



In the 64th minute, though, Lyle Della-Verde forced a fine save from Voss diving to his left. Cundle netted for the hosts within a minute of coming on in the 75th minute but the goal was over-ruled for offside.

However, the on-loan striker had the final say in the 87th minute after Sam Ford's shot was half saved by Vose following an Alex Stephenson throw-in and he drove the ball into the corner of the net from close range.



BISHOP'S STORTFORD: H Voss, P Rodgers, A Stephenson, H Hickford, P Walsh, H Darling, E Ronto (G Cundle 75), Z Fagan (Everitt), L Callander (S Barnwell 59), S Ford, A Greene. Unused substitutes: C Davidson, F Ngassa

CONCORD RANGERS: Vose, Girdlestone, Wyatt, Norman, King, Ekpiteta, Collins, White, Chiedozie, Cawley, Della-Verde (Topley 69). Unused substitutes: Stokes, Laucys, Young, Bowles
Referee: P Howard.

Attendance: 381