

Hampton & Richmond Borough 4 Blues 1

Shomari Barnwell's second half penalty was scant consolation for Blues as a disappointing display at Hampton saw them comprehensively beaten at Hampton.



With Adam Everett suspended, Blues' management team made two changes to the side that beat Concord Rangers last week with Greg Cundle and Michael Richens coming into the starting eleven.

After an even start the home side took the lead when Brenden Kiernan hits a cracking half volley from 30 yards into the roof of Blues' net. While that goal had a hint of fortune about it their second two minutes later was done to poor marking as Alfie Pavey was left unmarked to head home a corner.



Richens headed over in a rare Blues attack, but although the visitors had plenty of the ball, the game was effectively over as a contest in the 25th minute when marking at a corner was again non-existent, allowing Nathan Collier to head home.

Cundle, Aaron Greene and Phil Walsh all had chances in the closing stages of the first half but the hosts regained control after the break and made it 4-0 in the 56th minute when Harry Voss did well to stop a powerful Kieren Casey effort only for the ball to fall into the path of Josh Murphy who fired home.



Two minutes later Blues got on the scoresheet as Barnwell's header was handled on the line by Wesley Fonguck, and after the home player had been dismissed the on-load Dagenham & Redbridge forward converted a well-struck penalty.

Alex Stephenson and Paul Rogers both had chances to reduce the arrears but the visitors never looked likely to stage a comeback and the only bright point was that four of the other bottom six sides also lost.



Blues: H Voss, P Rodgers, A Stephenson, H Hickford, P Walsh, H Darling, E Ronto (S Barnwell 46), M Richens, S Ford (C Davidson 64), G Cundle (L Callendar 75), A Greene.
Unused subs: E Adebowale, C Akurang
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