

Hungerford Town 2 Blues 0

An early penalty miss proved costly for the Blues as they went down 2-0 at Hungerford Town, on Saturday.

Shomari Barnwell struck a post with his fourth minute spot kick, and although the visitors started brightly in the snow, once the home team settled they dominated the game for long periods.

Young centre half Rian Bray went straight into the starting line-up after signing on loan from Millwall with Adam Everitt returning to the side following suspension.

The visitors started well and had a golden opportunity to open the scoring when Luke Callander looked set to head home Aaron Green's cross, only to be pulled down by Mike Jones.

Jones was lucky to escape with a yellow card, and efforts proved to be worthwhile as Barnwell rattled the woodwork with his spot kick.

Harry Hickford and Callander both had half chances as the good start continued but the home team slowly took control with Harry Voss saving well from a Soares' free kick while Bentley should have done better as the ball came back in

The Crusaders took the lead in the 31st minute when Bentley was given far too much space in the area and fired into the far corner.

Soares, Williams and Bentley all went close to doubling that lead but Blues could have levelled just before the break when

Barnwell's low drive was saved by Legg in the home goal.



Callander had the ball in the net just after the break only to see the effort ruled out for offside and the Blues' striker also saw an effort go just wide, while Barnwell also went close before Hungerford hit the killer goal in the 70th minute.

Williams was left unmarked on the edge of the box and fired into the far corner from 20 yards.

Elliot Ronto and Davidson replaced Everitt and Alex Stephenson almost immediately and Sam Ford came on for Callander nine minutes from time but the chance of note in the closing stages saw Greene fire wide from 30 yards leaving Blues five points from safety.

Blues: H Voss, P Rodgers, A Stephenson (E Ronto 72) ,R Bray, P Walsh(c), A Lazarri, A Everitt (C Davidson 72), H Hickford, L Callander (S Ford 81), S Barnwell, A Greene. Unused subs: E Adebowale, R Simpson.

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