

# ST ALBANS CITY 0 BLUES 1

Sam Ford's 46th minute strike was enough to give the Blues their first win of the season against a top half side as St Albans City were beaten on Saturday.



The win moved the Blue Brazil to within a point of 20th placed Gosport Borough, with the only disappointment being a win for fellow struggler Whitehawk against Welling United.



Walsh broke through the home defence and fed the ball to Ford who superbly rifled home an angled shot from eight yards for his first goal for the Blues.

With Shomari Barnwell and Greg Cundle having both returned to their parent clubs, new signing Solomon Taiwo made his debut, while back-up keeper Ashley Harris was named as substitute for the first time.



There was a good early break down the right as Paul Rodgers' cross was cleared with Luke Callander waiting to pounce before, somewhat inevitably, Adam Everitt was booked for chopping down Charlie Walker. Rodgers cleared Gardiner's header off the line in the 19th minute but six minutes later Aaron Greene had the ball in the net, only to see the effort ruled out for offside. Greene again went close late in the 37th minute but Blues had a let-off just before the break when the Walker clattered the crossbar when it seemed easier to score.



That miss proved costly for the hosts as Ford hit the winner immediately after the break, and they could have doubled the lead in the 73rd minute when a fine long Correy Davidson ball found Ford and he played it through to Greene but Saints just scrambled it clear.



A late challenge from Rodgers saw him collect a yellow card, and Richard Walton brought off a superb save from the free-kick to keep the hosts out and Blues hung on for their fourth away win of the campaign.

Blues: R Walton, P Rodgers, A Everitt, H Hickford, P Walsh (c), R Bray, C Davidson, S Taiwo, L Callander (E Kouassi 77), S Ford (Fagan 88), A Greene. Unused subs: A Harris, E Ronto, E Adebowale.

Att 602.