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The Rocks netted three first half goals without reply to consign Stortford to their 14th home league defeat this season.



At times it was embarrassingly too easy for the visitors and they could have won by a wider margin.

The visitors took the lead in the sixth minute when Tom Wraight headed a Simon Peddie deep centre back across goal and Ben Marlow volleyed high into the net.



The Blues fought back and skipper Paul Walsh and newcomer Jack Williams went close with headers. However, Thurrock doubled their lead in the 24th minute as Marlow was allowed to run at goal and when his shot struck the bar Wraight was on hand to lash low into the corner. Stortford stopper Richard Walton saved well from Femi Akinwande soon after the half-hour but the lead was extended in the 34th minute when a Marlow drive from

outside the box flew past Walton.



Soon after the restart Marlow should have completed his hat-trick when he broke clear to chip the ball over Walton but it went the wrong side of the upright. The fourth goal arrived in the 57th minute with Akinwande netting at the back post from close range following Wraight's cross. Before the final whistle Lee Burns missed a sitter whilst at the other end a back header from Blues' substitute Emmanuel Adebowale rebounded off the bar and Luke Callander had a header and shot in quick succession kept out by United keeper Lukas Lidakevicius.

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD:** Walton, Rodgers (Adebowale 58), Everitt, Hickford, Walsh, Bray, Davidson (Kabeya 55), Taiwo, Callander, Ford (Kouassi 71), Williams. Unused substitutes: Ronto, Harris.  
**EAST THURROCK UNITED:** Lidakevicius, Peddie, Sammons (Osifuwa 57), Burns, Marvin Ekpiteta, Wood, Harris, Marlow (Craddock 75), Akinwande, Heard, Wraight. Unused substitutes: Honesty, Freiter, Ruel. Referee: J Smith Attendance: 283