

Potters Bar Town 1 Blues 0

Blues' FA Cup dreams were ended at the first hurdle for the fourth straight season as they went down 1-0 at Potters Bar

The promise of the Blues' football the previous weekend was a distant memory as they lost against a side a league lower than them.



The Scholars netted the all important goal after 65 minutes with Eoin Casey heading in George Nicholas' cross at the back post past Tyler McCarthy. Earlier Stortford had edged the first half with Joe Maybank's, in the starting eleven for the first time, and Darren Foxley going close whilst George Casey was prominent with his runs down the right wing.

Dipo Akinyemi replaced Jason Williams, who had a hamstring injury, at the interval and the substitute missed a good chance to give Stortford the lead six minutes after the restart.



Following Town's goal Stortford pushed forward but created few openings against a resolute defence. Foxley had an effort saved by the keeper for a corner late on and in the first minute of added time Aaron Tumwa saw his hooked shot from the edge of the box narrowly clear the cross-bar and the hosts held on to progress to the next round.



Merthyr Tydfil 0 Blues 0

Blues doubled their points tally for the season with a goalless draw at Merthyr Tydfil, on Saturday.

In another game where they controlled long periods of the game, it was a second successive clean sheet in league games for Kevin Watson's side, but they have now failed to score in over six hours of football.

The hosts' best chance in the first half came when Adam Davies headed the ball across goal to Mo Touray whose shot was blocked and forced behind for a corner.

Blues also went close in the first half when when Dipo Akinyemi forced a point blank save from Oliver Davies, and the home keeper was called into action several times as Stortford controlled things for long periods.



They were nearly made to pay in the final minutes Jarrad Wright nearly clinched the three points for Merthyr but his close range powerful header flew over the crossbar, and the Blues held on to make the trip home from South Wales with a deserved point.