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After taking the lead with a Dipo Akinyemi strike in the third minute Stortford then stumbled to their heaviest defeat of the campaign so far as the hosts deservedly took the points with two goals in each half. For the first time this season the Blues defence looked really vulnerable whilst Stortford were unable to cope with the Kings long ball style of play and close marking that left little space to create much at the C R Y Community Stadium.



Kevin Watson was without the services of Jordan Westcott who was unavailable due to work commitments and Jason Williams was serving the last match of his suspension. Stortford had just three substitutes and joining Christian Owusu on the bench were Callum Taylor and Alfie Mason who had both played the previous night at Colchester United in the 18s FA Youth Cup second round tie. Mason came

on to the pitch in the final few minutes for his senior Stortford debut.

Kings' skipper Jorell Johnson headed close over the bar very early on but Stortford were ahead in the third minute. Jack Thomas found Ryan Richefond on the right wing and when the midfielder cut the ball back towards the near post AKINYEMI was there to guide it past keeper Martin Bennett and into the net.

The lead was fairly short-lived however. In the 11th minute Brendan Ocran's strongly hit corner from the left caught the Blues defence napping and central defender SAM TRING headed into the far corner. It was evident at this time Stortford were going to have a far harder contest than that in September between the two sides when the Blues had won relatively comfortably.

A period of even action saw the hosts' Callum Adebisi lob the ball over from an angle on the right whilst Darren Foxley almost put Richefond through in the 25th minute but Bennett was able to gather the ball.

Kings went in front in the 31st minute following another corner on the left from Ocran. The original flag-kick came back out to the on-loan player from Billericay Town and his next delivery to the far post was headed back across goal by Mustafa Tiryaki and TRING found the net with a firm header for his second goal.

Tring was close to another goal soon afterwards with another header, this time from an Ocran cross. Josh Simpson had a cross from the right tipped away by Bennett past the far upright and then in a promising attack in the 43rd minute Simpson set up Richefond to cross in from

the right and Freddy Moncur's hooked shot was held by Bennett diving to his left. On the restart, Ocran struck a free-kick that almost went in at Tyler McCarthy's near post whilst at the other end Darren Foxley's free-kick from the right was turned over the bar by Bennett.

The hosts extended their lead, however, ten minutes after the interval when Johnson and Kieran Turner broke together in the inside right channel. When they reached the edge of the box Turner slipped the ball on to JOHNSON who fired wide of McCarthy despite a number of Stortford defenders getting back to cover. Darren Foxley, with a deflected shot in the 70th minute, hit the post and following up Akinyemi headed wide from Owusu's cross back into the area to give the Blues some hope and Stortford did pressure the Kings defence. But it was to no avail as the hosts netted their fourth goal in the 76th minute. A headed flick on by Tiryaki sent KIERAN TURNER to storm in from the right and fire into the far corner past McCarthy. Kings finished strongly and ten minutes from time McCarthy had to save a low shot from substitute Steve Ward with his legs.

STORTFORD: Tyler McCarthy; George Casey; Aaron Tumwa (Alfie Mason 82); Josh Simpson (Callum Taylor 73); Marvel Ekpiteta; Joe Robinson; Ryan Richefond (Christian Owusu 62); Jack Thomas; Dipo Akinyemi; Freddy Moncur; Darren Foxley.

Unused substitutes: None

KING'S LANGLEY: Martin Bennett; Emmanuel Folarin; Callum Adebisi; Gary Connolly; Sam Tring; Elliott Godfrey; Brendan Ocran (Steve Ward 76); Josh Coldicott-Stevens; Mustafa Tiryaki (Ceykan Karagozlu 82); Jorell Johnson; Kieran Turner (Jack Waldren 89).

Unused substitutes: Warren Plowright and Ross Hampton.

Referee: Paul Johnson Attendance: 181

Jordan Westcott's late goal salvaged a deserved point for the Blues in a thriller on Saturday.



The home side dominated for long periods, but found themselves staring defeat in the face after the visitors scored in the 89th minute.

Midfielders Westcott and Jack Thomas were particularly outstanding after the interval, and it was fitting that the former popped up with the equaliser four minutes into stoppage time..

The Stortford boss made a number of changes with Alex Rogers coming into the left side of defence whilst Westcott returned and Jason Williams played his first match after suspension.



Freddie Oakman became the fourth 16-year-old from Blues' successful under 18 side to be included in the first team this season, and the youthfulness of the hosts' squad for this match can be gauged by the fact that Boro's experienced striker, Jamie Cureton, had notched his first Premiership goal for Norwich City before any of the Stortford squad had been born.

The early action saw Freddy Moncur go close from the edge of the box and Boro missed a chance to take the lead in the 4th minute through Connor Calcutt, who, receiving a pass from Cureton was denied by a good save by Tyler McCarthy. However, the visitors went ahead four minutes later as Perry Coles stretched to convert a Cureton cross.



Stortford fought back and Dipo Akinyemi was close to levelling twice although Coles fired wide across the Stortford goal in the 18th minute.

Akinyemi struck the bar in the 26th minute after receiving a through pass from Darren Foxley and two minutes later the on-loan striker from Stevenage saw his free-kick go inches over the cross bar.

A George Casey free-kick into the box caused problems to the Hampshire side's defence and a number of promising attacks were let down by the final ball.

After the break the hosts upped the pressure. Williams had a goal ruled offside whilst Akinyemi's low angled drive was held by Beeney at the near post after cutting inside from the left flank.

Williams missed a chance in the 50th minute when firing wide after being put through by Akinyemi and the leading marksman also shot wide from a Moncur centre from the right. More near misses followed from Akinyemi and Williams.

A rare attack at the other end in the 62nd minute resulted in a corner to the visitors

that saw Cureton have a shot rebound off of McCarthy's legs.

Beeney held a Darren Foxley effort that led to a melee in the box in the 65th minute and then eventually, two minutes later, the Blues equalised.

A swift move up the right flank ended with Moncur crossing towards the middle and when the ball ran loose towards the edge of the area Williams curled a fine shot under the bar for his 11th goal of the season.

Blues continued to press strongly and Moncur had a long range effort held by Beeney and a Williams shot at the far post was blocked in the 73rd minute.



It was against the run of play when substitute Bobby Dormer netted from close range for Boro after McCarthy had dropped the ball following a Coles corner from the left at the end of normal time. In a breath-taking finale Cureton hit the bar with a clever angled lob before George Casey's long range deflected attempt spun off the top of the bar and over and from Foxley's resultant corner on the right Westcott headed home in the 94th minute to start the celebrations.

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Unused substitutes: Alfie Mason and Freddie Oakman. Attendance: 252