

Farnborough 0 Blues 5



Jamie Cureton and Darren Foxley both hit a brace as Blues ran riot in the second half at Cherrywood Road, on Wednesday.

With player-coach Mark Hughes being rested and Jack Thomas completing his three-game ban, it was an even younger Blues' team than normal who took the field at Cherrywood Road, with three of last season's under-16 championship winning squad starting for the visitors.



Last season's Academy keeper Callum Lynskey was named on the bench for the first time, and while Borough also fielded a young side, it was the Blues who returned with a deserved three points.

The visitors shaded the first half and were rewarded deep into injury time when Foxley's free-kick was firmly headed past tBufton by Joe Robinson.

Foxley made it 2-0 three minutes after the break with a 20 yard pile-driver before former Farnborough striker Cureton effectively wrapped things up shortly after when he tapped home Foxley's corner.

Foxley ended all hope for the hosts in the 57th minute with a contender for goal of the season as he hit an absolute scorcher from 25 yards beyond the despairing home keeper.

Cureton completed the rout in the 87th minute with a solo effort as he lobbed the keeper from the edge of the box.



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Att 159.

DORCHESTER TOWN 1 BLUES 0

A DEFENSIVE lapse just before the break cost Blues as they went down 1-0 at Dorchester Town, on Saturday.

In a dull game between two teams with little to play for, Dorchester took the three points in first half stoppage time as Blues switched off and allowed Tom Blair to curl the ball high into the top corner from 20 yards.

Blues' boss Kevin Watson named an unchanged team following the Easter Monday loss at Royston, but it was the hosts who shaded the early action with Luke Winsper heading over from 15 yards.

The visitors won their first corner of the afternoon in the 14th minute after Casey's diagonal causes confusion in the Magpies back line. Darren Foxley swung it in and but Marvel Ekpiteta's shot was off target and the hosts cleared.

George Casey went close after a good move involving Freddie Oakman and Alfie Mason, while Jamie Cureton nearly marked his 950th senior appearance with a goal as he fired over the bar from 25 yards.

Cureton again went close as the half drew to a close, seeing an effort deflected wide, but with the visitors caught napping Town grabbed what proved to be the winner.

Stortford keeper Callum Kitscha did well to keep out an effort from Blair early in the second half before Cureton rushed a shot and fired wide.

A trademark Foxley corner forced home keeper Weale to tip the ball over as Blues had a good spell without creating many clear-cut opportunities.

A last ditch tackle by Mason denied George Casey in the Dorchester box and the hosts scrambled away a couple of corners as Stortford threw everything forward in the closing stages but Kitscha did well to keep a long-range effort from Bastik before the game petered out.

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ROYSTON TOWN 4 BLUES 2

BLUES' failure to turn their first half domination into goal came back to haunt them as they went down 4-2 at Royston Town, on Easter Monday.

Kevin Watson's side produced an excellent display in the final 30 minutes of the first half but had only a well-taken goal from skipper Mark Hughes to show for their efforts, and four goals in the space of 20 minutes after the break saw their five game unbeaten run come to an end.

After seeing their home game against Merthyr Town fall victim to the rain, Watson brought Tom Clifford and Freddie Oatman into the starting line-up and after a shaky start which saw Blues' keeper Callum Kitscha save well from Powell's half volley 18 yards out, the visitors took a 21st minute lead.

George Casey earned the visitors their first corner of the game, and the impressive Darren Foxley swung in the flag kick and Hughes evaded the home defence to send a firm header just inside the near post.

The hosts should have doubled that advantage ten minutes later as Foxley won the ball down the left and played the ball in for Hughes who fired just past the far post when he may have been off passing to the unmarked Jamie Cureton.



Cureton also saw an effort flash just wide as Blues finished the first half well on top, but having had the slope in their favour in the first 45 minutes it was clear that they needed a second goal.

Bridges headed wide for the hosts after a dangerous cross from the left early in the second half before the Crows levelled the score on the hour mark as Castigniole's shot fortunately deflected into the path of Joe Hankins who fired home from 18 yards.

While the refereeing grew increasingly erratic, Blues could have few complaints about Royston's 71st minute penalty as Hughes fouled Adam Murray in the box, and Bridges dispatched the spot kick to put his side ahead.

The hosts made it 3-1 four minutes later as Kitscha made his first serious mistake since joining Blues in late February when he completely misjudged a long clearance after Callum Taylor had gone close, and allowed Castigniole to round him and fire home.

Foxley went close to reducing the arrears, but the game was effectively over as a contest in the 79th minute as Blues failed to clear a long ball and Powell fired into the corner of the net from just inside the box.

Cureton gave the sizable number of Blues' fans in the 346 crowd hope when he met Foxley's perfect cross in the 84th minute and drove the ball home, but aside from a fracas between Blues' sub Callum Taylor and Murray, there was little action in the final minutes as Royston closed out their win.

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