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TWO goals in the space of three second half minutes denied Blues a share of the spoils after a fighting performance against the Daggers.



Adam Flint's new-look team faced a strong Dagenham side, but after a disappointing display in Thursday's opener against VCD, the home side controlled periods of the game against National League club and could consider themselves unlucky to taste defeat again.

The hosts started well and controlled the opening 15 minutes of the game with Johnville Renee firing a free kick over the bar before they took the lead in the eighth minute.



Chi Osadebe out-muscled Kiran Kinde John and drove towards the goal and placed it under keeper Lewis Moore into the bottom corner.

Blues continued to look threatening going forward, and it was against the run of play

they the Daggers levelled on the 15 minute mark as Matt Robinson picked up the loose ball and fired it into the bottom corner. The Daggers fielded the majority of the team who had drawn with Colchester United on Tuesday, and they took control during the rest of the half, but Blues still looked sharp going forward with Darren Foxley causing problems down the flank, and they could have going into the break ahead. Osadebe was denied by the base of a post..



Both sides went close in the opening minutes of the second half with Ryan Charles and Renee having efforts for the Blues, but as Flint started to bring on substitutes the visitors slowly took control. Around the 60th minute mark, Ike Nzuruba and Max Brassington replaced for Charles and Damian Green before five minutes, Jordan Westcott and Chi Osadebe made way for Alfie Mason and Jack Thomas.



In the 70th minute Harry Donovan put Dagenham in front, driving the ball into the ground from six yards out and getting the luck of the bounce as hit a post to leave Bobby Mason stranded.

Dagenham effectively wrapped up the win three minutes later as Matt Robinson rose to head a corner home at the back post.



Blues still pushed forward, with Foxley causing the visitors all sorts of problems and putting in a couple of crosses that flashed agonisingly across the face of the goal, and boss Flint can be happy with his side's showing against full-time opposition.



Blues: B Mason, S Omofe, M Crowther, E Ronto, D Green, J Robinson, D Foxley, J

Renee, C Osadebe, J Westcott, C Osadebe, R Charles. Subs; A Mason, G Mutimor, V Farah, J Thomas, I Nzuruba, D Walker, M Brassington

Dagenham & Redbridge; L Moore, G Hoyte, L Gordon, P Webber, H Donovan, K K Kandi, H Robinson, M Cheek, E Romaine, O Harfield. Subs; T Najida, E Bonds, M Agboola, L Hirst, M Hyde, L Balugun, S Salis, A McQueen, O Swain.

VCD Athletic 3 Blues 0

A tough start to their pre-season campaign saw Blues go down 3-0 in Crayford, on Thursday.

Adam Flint included two trialists in an 18 man squad, with several players including Jamie Cureton on holiday, and the visitors struggled against a side who already had two games under their belt. The hosts took the lead through Gaggin in the eighth minute and wrapped up the win with strikes from McDonald (75) and Odusanya (90).

Blues: Mason, Brassington, Cruse, Wright, Green, Robinson (c), Farah, Renee, Osadebe, Ronto, Charles Subs: Crowther, Mason, Thomas, Bennett, Mutimor, Trialist, Trialist