

Amersham Town 1: British Airways 1. **Combined Counties League: Premier Division North.**

This was no game for the purist and the result leaves Amersham needing to win at home to Holyport next Saturday to be sure of avoiding relegation.

With a strong gusty wind and a bumpy pitch both teams found it difficult master the conditions. There were few well executed moves and neither goalkeeper had a lot to do. For the first twenty minutes the game was evenly balanced. Riley Durkin managed a couple of breaks down the right but the crosses were well defended whilst, at the other end, Frankie Major had a shot on goal from twenty yards but Pompeyo Castillo in the Amersham goal was well positioned.

On twenty two minutes British Airways took the lead. A long throw from the right was nodded on and Alfie Essex was unmarked at the far post to side foot home. The ball then spent a lot of time in the air as the bounce made it difficult to exert control on the ground. A good Amersham move on thirty three minutes found Kai Bartolo on the right but his cross was touched by BA keeper, Eric Negaru, just out of reach of Shaun Aram.

The Amersham goal arrived on thirty eight minutes. There seemed no danger to the BA defence when a long ball bounced towards the penalty area but Bartolo outpaced the defence and coolly shot past Negaru.

The second half proceeded in much the same fashion as the first. Both teams had scoring opportunities and Amersham saw a couple of shots deflected just past the post but the finishing touch was lacking.

Amersham's home game next Saturday against fellow relegation candidates Holyport has a 2.00pm kick off. The match precedes Amersham's enjoyable Race Night at the club, tickets available at £12 each from Brian Barnett (barney@brianbarnett.co.uk).

Amersham Town:. Castillo, Sykes, Penemo, Webb. Jones, Sennett, Durkin, Miah, Bartolo, Ishmaili, Aram. **Subs:** Clargo, Martin-Thomas, Fofana, Olotin, Cracroft.