

Match Report: Amersham 1–3 Milton United 21.2.26

Amersham were left frustrated on home soil as a strong and creative first-half performance ultimately went unrewarded, with Milton producing a clinical display to secure a 3-1 victory.

From the first whistle, Amersham pressed aggressively, winning the ball high up the pitch and forcing Milton into early defensive errors. Their energy and intensity set the tone, and they dominated possession during the opening exchanges.

Within the first five minutes, Amersham were firmly on top. A teasing cross from number 7 was delivered into the box and met by Chris Martin Thomas, but he was unable to keep his header under the bar. It was an early warning sign for Milton, who was struggling to cope with Amersham's movement and pressing. Milton's first opportunity came from a free kick on the right-hand side. The ball was whipped into the danger area, but Tawriq Yusuf from a tight angle could not guide his effort towards goal.

While the visitors began to grow into the game, they were not yet posing serious problems for the Amersham back line. Despite Amersham's control, it was Milton who struck first in the 14th minute. A 50/50 challenge saw Quadry come off second best, and the loose ball was quickly worked into by John Wills, who found himself with a simple tap-in to give the visitors a 1-0 lead. It was a setback that felt harsh on Amersham as they had been dominant. The goal appeared to knock Amersham slightly out of rhythm, and for a short spell Milton enjoyed their most positive period of the half, keeping Amersham penned into their defensive third.

Milton nearly doubled their advantage when a debatable free kick was awarded on the edge of the area. However, the resulting set piece from Yusuf drifted narrowly wide. Gradually, Amersham regained control and began creating clear-cut chances once again. Ronan Ishmalli showed great skill on the left wing, beating his marker before drilling a dangerous cross into the box. Naz Miah attempted to steer it goalwards but could not generate enough contact, and the keeper did just enough to prevent the ball from trickling in. Moments later, Amersham were inches away from levelling.

A superb through ball released Aram one-on-one with the goalkeeper. His shot took a slight deflection, which reduced its pace and allowed a recovering Milton centre-half to clear heroically off the line. The pressure continued to

mount. Aram then produced a brilliant mazy run through midfield, gliding past defenders before finding Ishmalli out wide. His cross picked out Callum Coen in a promising position, but instead of heading first time, he opted to bring the ball down on his chest, allowing Milton to scramble clear.

It felt like only a matter of time before Amersham found their equaliser and eventually they did. A well-delivered corner from coen was met powerfully by Chris Martin Thomas. The header was saved, but Naz Miah reacted quickest at the far post to steer the ball home and make it 1-1.

At half-time, Amersham could feel encouraged. They had created better opportunities and arguably should have been ahead.

Half time

The second half began in scrappy fashion, with neither side able to assert clear control. The game became more direct, with both teams looking to play early balls into their forwards. Naz Miah attempted to spark something with an ambitious long-range effort, but his strike sailed over and struck one of the parked cars behind the goal.

However, it was Milton who once again took the leaf. In the 52nd minute, a deep free kick was delivered towards the back post. Amersham managed to head the ball back across their own goal, but in doing so presented Noah Parsons with a simple close-range finish to restore Milton's lead at 2-1. The goal shifted the momentum. Milton grew in confidence, while Amersham were forced to chase the game.

Amersham continued to battle and came close through another Chris Martin Thomas header from a well-worked cross, but the effort failed to find the target. They were committing bodies forward in search of another equaliser, but that ambition left them vulnerable. In the 72nd minute, Milton struck decisively on the counter-attack. Jayden Buchanan found space down the right flank and drilled a low cross across the six-yard box. Arriving at the back post, a Yusuf tapped home to make it 3-1.

Despite the two-goal deficit, Amersham refused to fold. Number 4 did well to create space before cutting the ball back to Ishmalli, whose powerful strike was well saved by the away goalkeeper. Aram continued to be a creative outlet, delivering an inviting cross that Chris Martin Thomas met with a glancing header, only to see it drift off target.

As the game entered its final stages, Amersham were again denied from a free kick on the edge of the area, with the goalkeeper blocking the effort with his legs. Milton nearly added another to the scoreline late on when Yusuf beat two defenders and curled an effort towards the far corner, but Matt Messer produced an excellent save to keep the score at 3-1.

Full-Time

The final whistle confirmed a 3-1 victory for Milton, but the scoreline did not fully reflect Amersham's dominance for large periods particularly in the first half. The hosts created numerous high-quality chances and could easily have gone into the break with the lead

Ultimately, Milton's clinical finishing was enough to take the three points today.

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