

Windsor & Eton 4: Amersham Town 2.

CCFL Premier Challenge Cup 2nd Round: 16th September 2025.

Amersham Town were ahead at half time in this entertaining and pacy cup tie but fell to three goals in the second period.

Both teams started brightly. Windsor were particularly dangerous down their left and, after six minutes, Town keeper Matt Messer had to be alert to collect a strong shot from the winger. Amersham threatened in their turn when Kai Bartolo was put through the middle but Conaill Ryan in the Windsor goal was out quickly to smother at the forward's feet.

Windsor broke the deadlock on twenty three minutes. A Windsor forward broke down the left and was able to cut along the goal line and cross. The first shot was blocked but Ethan Darcy was on hand to knock the ball past Messer.

Just as it looked as if the game was drifting out of Amersham's reach they responded with two excellent goals. First, on thirty eight minutes, a lovely move down the right from one end of the pitch to the other resulted in Bartolo outpacing the defence and shooting strongly past Ryan. Five minutes later another prolonged Amersham attack ended with the ball out to John Charles on the wing, He floated in a curling cross for substitute Archie Sykes to head expertly out of Ryan's reach.

Windsor, currently lying third in their division, were always going to come out strongly after the break. The half was only a minute old when Nick Thumbwood broke through the defensive line and slotted the ball past Messer for the equaliser. Both keepers were then called into action but Windsor gradually gained the ascendancy and took the lead on sixty minutes. There seemed no danger when Toby Raggett collected the ball wide to the left of the Amersham penalty area but he curled a precise shot beyond Messer's reach and into the far corner. The scoring was then completed in the fourth minute of time added when Windsor's Darcy crossed perfectly for substitute Emile Hohmann to head home.

Amersham Town: Messer, Quadry, Penemo, Webb, Lett-Stephen, Sennett, Jones, Miah, Bartolo, Charles, Aram. **Subs:** Johnson, Sykes, Few, Roman, Georgiou.