

Amersham Town 0: Virginia Water 2

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Amersham Town fell to a frustrating 2-0 defeat to Virginia Water United. A fairly even game that was turned in the visitors favour by 2 goals from corners in the first 45 . After a disappointing first half. Amersham came out desperately searching for a way to get back into the game. However they would be unable to due to a resilient defensive performance which helped the visitors see out their 2-0 win.

FIRST HALF

The early exchanges were dominated by the away side, Amersham were slow to get into the game and the visitors capitalised on that. One of a few early chances came from a free kick which was awarded after a strong challenge on Lewis Flatman . The following free kick was on target but failed to really challenge the Amersham keeper. Virginia water continued to press early on, this time attacking down the left hand side was Jehonavy Kinzonzi who did well to get to the byline and cut it back, however Ethan Sennet managed to recover and intercept the pass and put it behind from the corner.

However, Unfortunately for Amersham the subsequent set piece would break the deadlock. In the 5th minute an inswinging corner from the left to the back post was poked back onto the bar and after a melee in the six yard box Amersham were unable to clear and Jehonavy Kinzonzi smashed home from a yard out. Amersham 0-1 Virginia Water.

Kinzonzi would continue to be Virginia waters focal point with the majority of their threat coming from him. His 1v1 ability and pace cause consistent problems throughout the first 45.

The first quarter of an hour was very scrappy with a lot of the ball being in the air but Virginia Water continued to threaten, especially out wide and from set pieces. After the game simmered down Amersham began to control some of the ball creating a couple of chances after some well worked moves . One of these chances came on the left side where Naz Miah flicked the ball through to Shaun Aram who looked to be one on

one with the keeper however the defenders were able to track back and sufficiently interfere with Aram and his effort rolled past the post . The best chance for Amersham came on the right hand side when a one two between Josh Clay and Naz Miah found Clay making his way into the box , his cut back found Chris Martin-Thomas, he laid it off to Naz Miah who sliced the bouncing ball wide of the goal.

Amersham continued to be tested from set pieces which Jamie Di Giuseppe seemed to get inch perfect every time. One of which after a header back to the edge of the box found Aston Nunn and his volleyed effort forced a reaction save from Matthew Messer to lift it over the bar.

Virginia Water continued to control the late stages of the first half and that would pay off just before the interval . In the 1st minute of added time at the end of the first half, once again a corner Jamie Di Giuseppe found the head of Rayan Djouadj who doubled Virginia Waters' lead.

HALF TIME AMERSHAM TOWN 0-2 VIRGINIA WATER UNITED

Amersham would be disappointed to go into the break 2 goals down particularly due to the manner in which the first was scored. In spite of a few half-chances Amersham had , their vulnerability to long balls and set pieces proved costly.

SECOND HALF

The hosts began the second half with renewed intent, winning the ball back quickly and pushing further up the pitch. However they were unable to capitalise and often found themselves being too intricate in and around the box.

Amersham's most threatening opportunity came after a superb bit of skill from Josh clay flicking it past his man before putting an inviting ball into the box, Chris Martin-Thomas got onto the end of it but his effort was blocked and it fell kindly to Callum Coen who was unable to keep his attempt down.

As the second half progressed the tempo fell and clear cut chances became very few and far between. Amersham continued to probe but were frustrated by Virginia waters defensive solidity.

Late efforts from distance summed up the late stages of the game as Amersham desperately searched for any consolation.

FULL TIME:AMERSHAM TOWN 0-2 VIRGINIA WATERS UNITED

A frustrating afternoon for Amersham and the visitors' effectiveness from set pieces decided the contest. Amersham's lack of creativity meant that, despite finding themselves progressing with the ball, there was often a lack of cutting edge. Whilst Amersham showed signs of improvement in the second half they were unable to unpick Virginia water.

We look to bounce back next weekend as we travel to face Ashford Town (Middlesex)

AMERSHAM XI: Matthew Messer (GK) , Joshua Quadry , Kevin Fernandez, Mark Webb, Dominic Jones, Ethan Sennett, Josh Clay, Callum Coen, Chris Martin-Thomas , Naz Miah, Shaun Aram,

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