

Amersham Town 1-9 Harefield United

A match which was ruined from the perspective of Amersham Town, by a contentious red card for Josh Quadry. However, multiple defensive mistakes would also prove costly for them today.

First half

The early exchanges were dominated by neither side, with both sides having a few chances, the closest from Chris Martin-Thomas who failed to get enough power on his header to beat Harefield's goalkeeper.

In the 16th minute, a penalty was given. A contentious decision to say the least but after the Harefield forward was unable to connect with a cross the referee deemed that Josh Quadry had impeded his man and had made no attempt to play the ball, despite not making any contact. And a red card was given. Amersham were down to 10 men.

Up stepped Montel Brown, who confidently placed his penalty giving Harefield a 1-0 lead.

Despite being a man and a goal down, Amersham still were managing to create a few chances, which none managed to find the back of Jacob Ballheimers net.

No more than 10 minutes after Harefield's first goal they doubled their advantage. After a defensive mixup on the edge of Amersham's penalty area, the ball bounced kindly for Christian Swaby whose sweet strike gave Pompeyo Castillo no chance giving Harefield their 2-0 lead.

In the 29th minute that lead was extended to 3. A cross from the left hand side which Castillo looked to claim slipped from his hands into the path of Max McLeish who placed the ball into an empty net.

3 minutes later Amersham looked to have got themselves back into the game. Kai Bartolo chased down Josh Andrews and just as Andrews looked to clear Bartolo got a boot in front of it and found its way past an unsuspecting Ballheimer to reduce Harefield's advantage to 2.

Almost instantaneously Amersham's hopes would be nullified. After a cross into Amersham's goalmouth, the ball once again slipped from Castillo's hands into a melee in the 6 yard box which was poked home by McLeish as he doubled his tally for the afternoon. Amersham 1-4 Harefield.

And to complete Harefield's scoring in the first 45, an inviting cross was slotted away by Jake Sobolak who opened his account for the game.

HALF TIME: Amersham Town 1- 5 Harefield United

Amersham went into the changing rooms with a mountain to climb. However they would have felt that the score line was preventable. A mix of defensive errors, a controversial red card and adverse weather conditions left them with a lot to do in the second 45.

Second Half

Only 2 minutes after the restart put the final nail in the coffin. A long ball over the top found Montel Brown who expertly finished making the score 6-1 to the visitors.

As the scoreline shows, as the game went on Harefield continued to dominate. Any chances for Amersham were few and far between.

Harefield showed no signs of letting up as they brought more misery to Amersham on an already miserable day at the Meadow. This one was a sweeping move from right to left which came to Kristian Grady whose effort from the edge of the box curled into the postage stamp.

In the 67th minute, Harefield struck again. A pinpoint ball over the top came to Kristian Swaby and his superb effort from an angle that was against him struck the inside of the post and made the score 8-1.

And to complete scoring Kristian Swaby got his Hatrick. A powerful strike from the right side of the box got the better of Pompeyo Castillo and rolled into the net.

FULL TIME: Amersham Town 1-9 Harefield United

A disappointing result for Amersham at a storm stricken Spratleys meadow. An uphill battle from the start getting a red card early on but they will feel that the deficit could have been less. But it's important for the players to keep their heads up as we travel to face Reading City next Saturday in an attempt to put an end to this difficult run of form.

AMERSHAM: Pompeyo Castillo (GK) , Joshua Quadry, Kevin Fernandes, Mark Webb, Archie Sykes, Ethan Sennett, Shaun Aram, Naz Miah, Chris Martin-Thomas, Kai Bartolo, Jayden Gibson.

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