

Amersham Town 1: Abingdon Utd 1.

This was a hugely competitive game with both sides creating chances and either could have won the game in the last two minutes.

The first twenty minutes were evenly balanced with both attacks probing unsuccessfully for an opening. Abingdon shot over the bar following a corner and were then grateful to concede a corner of their own from a quick Amersham break away.

Amersham then started to gain some ascendancy with Josh Quarmby prominent down the right. Twice he crossed dangerously, the first gathered well by Abingdon keeper, Eddie Cavanagh, the second resulting in a fierce shot from Town's Ronan Ishmaili which was deflected over the bar. At the other end the Amersham defence, led by captain Ethan Sennett, snuffed out some dangerous attacks. Town took the lead six minutes before the break. A lovely diagonal ball from Ishmaili in midfield found the unmarked Shaun Aram advancing on goal and he clipped the ball past Cavanagh.

Abingdon were always going to come out for the second half with all guns blazing. Amersham defended in depth and successfully repelled several dangerous attacks. They were undone, however, on sixty nine minutes when a cross from the left resulted in a goalmouth scramble. One shot was cleared from off the line but Abingdon's Aaron Woodley was on hand to force home the rebound.

Space was now opening up as both teams sought a winner. Several shots were blocked in both penalty areas. With two minutes remaining, however, either could have won it. First a dangerous Abingdon attack down the right resulted in a low cross which the onrushing forward, at full stretch, was unable to deflect it home from five yards. Then a shot from Amersham's Kai Bartolo was palmed wide by Cavanagh and the shot from the rebound was cleared off the line.

Amersham Town: Clargo, Quadry, Fernandez,, Webb, Stephen-Lett, Sennett, Coen, Jones, Martin-Thomas, Ishmaili, Aram. **Subs:** Sykes, Miah, Durkin, Messer, Bartolo.