

Burnham 3: Amersham Town 1.

Playing table topping Burnham, Amersham's well coached defence coped well and they were able to launch some telling attacks of their own, conceding defeat only in the last ten minutes.

Burnham's wingers threatened throughout the game but Amersham defended in numbers, preventing crosses into the box. They suffered a setback after only seven minutes when Henry Bungay had to go off injured. They then weathered a period of sustained pressure before mounting some attacks of their own. Five minutes before the break Callum Coen made room for a shot which whistled just past the post.

As in the first half, Amersham were relying on quick breakaways, never allowing the Burnham defence to relax. But, on fifty-six minutes, Burnham took the lead. Youssef Bouimane cut in dangerously from the left wing: Amersham keeper, Matt Messer, was quick to block the shot at his feet but Bouimane was able to hack home the rebound.

Amersham sought to retaliate immediately, A fine move down the middle saw Coen release Shaun Aram whose fierce drive passed just over the bar. Amersham then fell further behind on eighty one minutes, again from a break down the left which resulted in a low cross enabling Jordan Brown to knock the ball home. Three minutes later Amersham pulled a goal back. The Burnham defence hesitated over a long clearance down the middle by Ethan Sennett allowing Kai Bartolo to run in and slot the ball past Archie Cunningham in the Burnham goal.

Messer then made a couple of fine blocks but Amersham's hopes of gaining a point were dashed with three minutes left to play. In a goalmouth melee an Amersham defender was judged to have handled the ball. Shyron Dennis gave Messer no chance with his spot kick. It was a little hard on the away team who had battled well throughout the game.

Amersham are at home next Saturday to Holyport, kick off 3.00pm.

Amersham Town: Messer, Sykes, Penemo, Webb, Jones, Sennett, Gibson, Bungay, Martin-Thomas, Coen, Aram. **Subs:** Stephen-Lett, Fernandez, Bartolo, Kyei, Miah.