

Milton Utd 3: Amersham Town 2.

In the end the good guys lost but this was an invigorating game replete with good football and goalmouth incidents. Amersham took a two goal lead into the break with two outstanding efforts but were then undone by three Milton Utd goals in thirteen minutes in the second half.

There had already been a number of close calls for either side when Amersham took the lead in eighteen minutes. After some intricate passing down the right Naz Miah curled an inviting cross onto the head of Shaun Aram who deflected the ball expertly across Milton goalkeeper, Timmy Mungall, and into the far corner of the net.

Better was to come from the away side. On the half hour a contested ball broke to Chris Martin-Thomas about forty yards from goal. Spotting Mungall off his line he lofted the ball over the stranded keeper and into the net. Town keeper, Matt Messer was then called upon to launch himself full stretch to deflect wide a goal-bound shot from Milton's John Mill.

Milton came out after the break with renewed vigour and immediately put the Amersham defence under pressure. Ollie Nadin was presented with an excellent chance from a cross after six minutes of the half but clipped the ball just wide of the post. Ten minutes later, however, they drew a goal back. A long ball down the right resulted in a low cross to which Tyler Webb reacted the quicker to expertly deflect the ball past Messer.

Milton United then won the game with two Louis Joyce goals in two minutes. First, on seventy two minutes, he ran on to a long ball which had bisected the Amersham defence to slip his shot past the advancing Messer. Then another long ball from the Milton defence presented him with an opportunity to run on and shoot into the far corner of the goal. There was still time for Amersham to see a lob cleared acrobatically off the Milton line, and for a Milton defender to be dismissed for a reckless challenge before the final whistle.

Amersham Town: Messer, Clay, Griffith-Dunbar, Webb, Sykes, Sennett, Jones, Miah, Martin-Thomas, John, Aram. **Subs:** Quadry, Penemo,, Johnson, Bartolo, Austin.