

## Ashford town 3-1 Amersham town 21.12.25

On Saturday, Amersham fell to a 3-1 defeat to hosts Ashford Town. After a controlled start to the game from the visitors, the hosts broke the deadlock in the 16th minute. Amersham continued to control the rest of the first half. However after the break Ashford doubled their advantage, undoing all of Amersham's hard work. Amersham would get a consolation to make it 2-1, however it would be no more than that as a goal from a free-kick would finish the scoring at 3-1 to the home side.

### FIRST HALF

Ashford set their intentions clear in the opening stages, getting the ball into dangerous positions and troubling Matthew Messer in the Amersham net.

Despite Ashford's fast start Amersham had some chances of their own, many of which coming from set pieces, Naz Miah the architect for the majority. On this occasion, A hooked ball into the box was headed back across the face of goal but no Amersham player was able to get a touch to turn it home.

However despite the control Amersham had over the game the hosts would break the deadlock just past the quarter of an hour mark. On the 16th minute after a cross into the box, Amersham would fail to clear their lines and after a miscommunication between the defence the ball fell to Jack Arnold who poked home from a few yards out. Ashford Town 1-0 Amersham Town.

Chances began to come thick and fast for Ashford mostly coming from balls over the top of Amersham's backline. The closest of the lot coming from Abs El Jalaoui who after another laser like long ball from the Ashford goalkeeper was through 1-1 with Matthew Messer, Messer did superbly well to close the angle on the attacker and keep the scoreline at 1-0.

Soon after that Ashford would come close to doubling their advantage again after Germaine Dua made his way through the Amersham left

flank he squared the ball to Jack Arnold but he failed to get sufficient contact to beat Matthew Messer.

## HALF TIME ASHFORD TOWN 1-0 AMERSHAM TOWN

Amersham despite the score line will be very pleased with how they have played. A much bigger improvement on prior weeks and will go into the second 45 with a lot of confidence that they can flip this scoreline on its head.

## SECOND HALF

This confidence will be short lived as a minute after the break Ashford would double their lead. Ashford came out switched on in contrast to Amersham who had started slowly. After a superb flowing move Ashford cut through Amersham like a hot knife through butter the ball was put on a plate for Jack Arnold and he slotted past Matthew Messer doubling his tally for the afternoon. Ashford Town 2-0 Amersham Town .

Not long after doubling their lead Ashford should have a third. A failed clearance following a cross, the ball fell to Abs El Jalaoui but he couldn't punish Amersham's defence.

In the 58th minute after a moment of madness at the back Amersham would be handed a lifeline. Oliver Rowan played a fairly routine pass back to his defensive partner Luke Elliot, but to his displeasure he lost his footing and Chris Martin-Thomas was slid through on goal. He checked back past the back tracking Ashford defense and calmly rolled his shot past the goal keeper halving the deficit. Ashford Town 2-1 Amersham Town.

Amersham would use this goal and obtain some newfound confidence and started to search for an equalising goal. Chances came and went for Amersham getting everything right in the build up but just missing the finishing touch.

Amersham's closest chance of the second half came from a free kick on the edge of the box. Modou Fofana pestered Archie Larkham winning

the ball back on the edge of Ashford's box, the only way Larkham could stop Fofana was by pulling his shirt back and committing a foul. The subsequent free-kick from Naz Miah failed to sneak under Marcin Brzozowski's crossbar.

In the 82nd Minute Ashford would put any lingering doubts to bed. A free kick 30 yards from goal would prove too powerful for Messer To keep out, delivering the knockout blow for Amersham and giving Jack Arnold His Hattick.

### FULL TIME ASHFORD TOWN 3-1 AMERSHAM TOWN

From Amersham's perspective they will feel the scoreline doesn't entirely reflect all of the game. There were bright periods from Amersham showing what they are capable of creating lots of chances and threatening defences. However today defensive errors and the lack of a finishing touch would prove costly today.

AMERSHAM XI: Matthew Messer (GK), Joshua Quadry, Joshua Penemo, Stephen Lett Craig, Dominic Jones, Ethan Sennett ©, Callum Coen, Naz Miah, Chris Martin-Thomas, Modou Fofana, Shaun Aram. SUBS: Archie Sykes, Henry Bungay, Daniel Fogarsy, Shane Johnson, Rhys Rabess.

Join us next Saturday as we face North Greenford United as we begin a run of 4 consecutive fixtures At the Meadow.

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