North Greenford Utd 1: Amersham Town 1. CCFL Prem Division 29th August 2025

Some one all draws are tedious affairs, lacking interest, incident and drama. This was not one of those. North Greenford finished only two places behind Amersham in the last campaign, so it was always going to be a tight contest. Town went ahead in the first half, were reduced to ten men early in the second, and conceded an equaliser only in the ninety fifth minute.

Under new manager Jason Owens and coach Alfie Sanger, Amersham fielded a completely new team. Any lack of familiarity, however, was not apparent in the early stages when both teams competed strongly and chances were few. Former Town keeper, Ryan Lehane was called upon in the twelfth minute to turn aside a fierce drive from an Amersham forward and, twelve minutes later, Town keeper Ben Clargo had to be alert to foil an attempted lob by Greenford's Courtney Austin.

Town eventually took the lead on twenty eight minutes following a delightful move down the right. The ball was pulled back to Naz Miah who calmly slotted it past Lehane. Seven minutes later Town almost increased their lead when Jayden Gibson dribbled through the defence but was foiled by the advancing Lehane.

The second half was only two minutes old when Town captain Ethan Sennett was dismissed for a two footed tackle. The character of the game then inevitably changed as North Greenford threw men into attack and Amersham sought to create chances on the break. The Amersham defence and midfield stood firm with the result that Clargo was rarely troubled and dealt capably with the occasional long-range shot.

Just as it seemed that Amersham had weathered the storm Greenford equalised. As the ball was cleared from a corner it was returned with a fierce drive which Francesco Domenico Pass diverted past Clargo. It was tough medicine for Amersham but a draw was probably a fair result.

Amersham Town: Clargo, Quadry, Griffith-Dumbar, Webb, Fogarasy, Sennett, Aram, Miah, Johnson, John, Gibson. Subs: Stephen-Lett, Jabbi, Jones, Clay, Georgiou..