

Amersham Town 2: Reading City 2.

This was a hard earned draw in front of a good crowd by a determined Amersham team. Playing their second game in three days against promotion contenders, they were running on empty for the last twenty minutes but stout defending and solid goalkeeping saw them through,

On a hard pitch, unusual for this season, Town conceded a penalty after fifteen minutes when Josh Quadry was adjudged to have fouled an opposing forward as they both went for a high bouncing ball. Reading's Jack Smith confidently despatched the spot kick hard to the right of Pompeyo Castillo in the Amersham goal.

Amersham worked hard to force themselves into the game and received their reward ten minutes later. Jae-Ru Kelly broke down the right and pulled back an inviting ball for the Amersham forwards. The first shot was blocked but Kai Bartolo was on hand to strike home. The game was then evenly contested but Town took the lead five minutes before the break. A beautifully flighted free kick by Kelly on the right saw several Amersham forwards darting forward for the cross and it was Bartolo who finished the move.

It was to be expected that Reading would come out strongly for the second half and so it proved. Eventually, on seventy minutes, they drew level. Castillo had to leave his area to try to clear a long bouncing ball but his header rebounded off the oncoming Muhamadou Ceesay who had the simple task of tapping the ball into the empty net.

Reading now threw men forward seeking the winner. But strong Amersham defending and some wayward shooting by the away side prevented another score. Deserving a mention in despatches are Mark Webb, Dom Jones and Ethan Sennett who limited the number of clear chances, whilst Amersham still had their moments in attack.

Next Saturday Amersham are at home to British Airways, ko 3,00pm

Amersham Town:. Castillo, Quadry, Penemo, Webb. Jones, Sennett, Kelly, Miah, Bartolo, Ishmaili, Aram. **Subs:** Sykes, **Bungay**, Fofana, Olotin, Cracroft.