

## **Amersham Town 2: Hilltop 2.**

### **Combined Counties Premier Division North.**

When a referee comments “that was a great game,” you know that the match has been highly competitive and full of incident. So it was for this game, which was in doubt due to frost until a late pitch inspection.

After a well contested opening nineteen minutes Amersham took the lead. A cross from the right was knocked by Shaun Aram into the path of Callum Coen who calmly stroked it past Hilltop keeper, Sukhraj Dulai.

The game continued to be end to end with Dulai called upon to save well to push wide a header by Chris Martin-Thomas from a corner. It was the visitors who equalised, however, on thirty three minutes. A straight ball down the middle found Mohamed Ali one on one with Town keeper, Ban Clargo. Clargo saved the first shot but, after a scramble, Ali hit the rebound into the net off the post.

Hilltop then took the lead seven minutes later. As a forward entered the box he was tripped for a clear penalty. Mohamed Yaxye gave Clargo no chance with his spot kick. On the break of half time, however, Amersham equalised. A fine move down the left resulted in a pass from Josh Penemo and a low drive from Archie Sykes into the corner of the net meaning both Amersham scorers recorded their first goals for the team. Both sides then paused for breath.

The second half was slightly quieter as the attacks found it difficult to break down obdurate defences. Hilltop’s Shuaib Ali saw a strong shot drift just over the bar while, on fifty minutes, a slick move down the Amersham right resulted in a low cross from Coen with which the onrushing forwards just failed to connect. As the pitch started to freeze in the early evening the referee blew for time.

In the league Amersham now play another home game next week, on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> against Milton Utd, kick off 3.00pm.

**Amersham Town:** Clargo, Sykes, Penemo, Webb, Fogarasy, Jones, Fofana, Miah. Martin-Thomas, Coen, Aram. **Subs:** Messer, Stephen-Lett, Johnson, Gibson, Bartolo.