

Cinderford Town 0: Amersham Town 1.

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‘Phew,’ was the general reaction of the Amersham supporters at the final whistle, following eight minutes of time added. In a tight contest, which nevertheless included much good football, defences were generally on top and chances were few.

The first clear sight of goal fell on four minutes to Amersham’s Shane Johnson from a cross by Shaun Aram but Cinderford keeper Lewis Adams saved at his near post. Both well marshalled defences then prevented further alarms until eighteen minutes when Cinderford’s Owen Taylor volleyed just past the post. Amersham’s Aram then featured, cutting inside but driving a fierce shot just wide.

The goal arrived out of the blue just before half time. The ball was played into the Cinderford area and, from amidst a jumble of players, Johnson was able to poke a shot past a stranded Adams and into the corner of the net.

The second half followed in much the same vein as the first for the first ten minutes. Then, as players tired and the game opened up, the action started to flow from end to end. The best chance fell on seventy two minutes to Amersham’s Joshua Clay when put through by Razvan Roman but Adams was out quickly to smother the ball at the feet of the forward.

There followed a succession of blocks by both defences and Amersham’s Ethan Sennett did well to get in front of a Cinderford forward to nod a high through ball back to Clargo. Cinderford then threw men forward in search of an equaliser and Clargo had to punch clear a couple of dangerous crosses. But the Amersham defence and midfield stood firm and the entire team was rightly applauded at the final whistle.

Amersham Town: Clargo, Quadry, Griffith-Dumbar, Webb, Fogarasy, Sennett, Roman, Miah, Johnson, John, Aram. **Subs:** Stephen-Lett, Penemo, Jones, Clay, Georgiou, Few, Bartolo.