

Kidlington 0: Amersham Town 0.

Cherry Red Combined Counties League: Premier Division North.

The rain lashed down throughout this game on a well-tended pitch which was alternately sticky and slippery. In these conditions the defences of both teams dominated and neither goalkeeper had to make a difficult save throughout the game. At the final whistle, however, Amersham, left the field the happier having gained a hard earned away point.

The best chance for each team fell within the first ten minutes. First, a ball in from the right found Amersham's Shane Johnson in space near the penalty spot. He was quickly surrounded and unable to get off his shot. At the other end Lewis Gabbidon put his header from an enticing cross just past the post.

The game then developed into a midfield and defensive battle in the rain as both teams sought unsuccessfully for an opening. Gabbidon again came into the picture on twenty six minutes when a misplaced pass saw him clear but, as the ball held up, he was well tackled by the covering defence. At the other end Josh Quandry tried a snap shot but the ball drifted wide.

As the second half progressed and fatigue grew both teams resorted increasingly to the long ball. Both defences coped competently and, in spite of a couple of attacking half chances, the goalkeepers remained largely untroubled.

Amersham Town: Messer, Clay, Griffith-Dunbar, Webb, Sykes, Sennett, Quadry, Miah, Johnson, John, Aram. **Subs:** Quadry, Penemo, Jones, Stephen-Lett, Bungay, Austin.