

Wallingford & Crowmarsh 0: Amersham Town 0.

Cherry Red Combined Counties League: Premier Division North.

Both teams relied on strong defences in the first half, with Wallingford creating the better chances. The second half saw far more of the two attacks with both coming close to scoring. In the end a draw was a fair result and the second Amersham have gained in the past ten days away to strong opponents.

Amersham created an opportunity in the first two minutes when, in a mazy run down the left, Shaun Aram beat three opponents but was crowded out as he closed in on goal. Twelve minutes later, from a free kick by Naz Miah, Ethan Sennett headed just over the bar. But Wallingford also created the occasional half chance and, on twenty four minutes, Joe Cheesman got behind the Amersham defence but hit his shot went wide. One minute later they could have scored. A quick break down the right resulted in a low cross which found James Williams unmarked four yards from goal. It looked a certain goal but Town keeper, Matt Messer, spread himself well and blocked the shot.

The second half opened with two half-chances for the home team. First a corner from the right was headed over from close range: then Williams was put through the middle but, from twenty yards, his shot cleared the bar. Amersham came back strongly and, on fifty five minutes, a run and low cross from Josh Clay was just out of reach of the onrushing forwards.

Twelve minutes later Town came closest to scoring. Clay took the ball on the edge of the penalty area, made space and saw his fierce low drive rebound off the foot of the post. Chris Martin-Thomas then saw a shot ricochet off a covering defender and drift just past the far post.

Just a goalless draw looked inevitable, in added time Amersham were indebted to Messer for a superb double save. First, at full stretch, he palmed wide a low drive and then recovered immediately to smother the follow-up shot. A fine end to a good game lacking only goals!

Amersham Town: Messer, Quadry, Griffith-Dunbar, Webb, Sykes, Sennett, Clay, Miah, Martin-Thomas, Bartolo, Aram. **Subs:** Penemo, Jones, Fogaphasy, Johnson, Stephen-Lett.