

North Leigh 2: Amersham Town 1.

Amersham Town left this game with an acute sense of frustration. After an even first half they dominated the second without ever unduly troubling Drew Brei in the North Leigh goal only to fall to a sucker punch in the sixth minute of time added.

Both teams played some attractive attacking football in the first forty five minutes with North Leigh being particularly threatening down their left. Both sets of forwards were tightly marked and found space difficult to access. North Leigh came closest to scoring in the early stages when Amersham were robbed of the ball in midfield and Samuel Olawale advanced on Town keeper, Matt Messer, only to be denied by a fine saving tackle.

Amersham took the lead on forty one minutes. A long throw from Ramane Griffith-Dunbar on the left was headed out by a defender but Shane Johnson bent a fine volley into the corner of the net. The equaliser, however, came only four minutes later. A North Leigh corner from the right was headed firmly home from amongst a crowd of players by George Rushton.

With the wind behind them Amersham started the second half brightly. After only five minutes a cross from the right was just behind the onrushing forwards. The away side continued to control the game, moving the ball swiftly through the midfield and out to the wings. Their attacks, however, were either blocked by the resolute North Leigh defence or petered out without a shot.

Town came closest on seventy minutes when Johnson timed his run well to meet a free kick from the right but put his powerful header just wide. With the referee looking at his watch, however, they fell behind. The ball was lost in midfield and Ashfar Masumbuko ran on to loft a shot from twenty yards to which Messer got a hand but could not prevent entering the net.

Amersham Town: Messer, Quadry, Griffith-Dunbar, Webb, Fogarasy, Jones, Clay, Miah, Charles, Johnson, Bartolo. **Subs:** Sykes, Gibson, Georgiou, Stephen-Lett.