

BSFC UNITED 5 – 2 RTYFC COLTS

After some early morning showers and the first pre match pitch inspection of the season to make sure the playing surface was ok, this weeks away fixture against Bishops Stortford United got under way on time. On paper and going by previous results against United, this always looked like being the Colts toughest test of the season so far but there was very little between the two sides in the first half and if anything, the Colts probably had the better of the first 35 minutes. Both teams created goal scoring opportunities but the best chances were falling to our boys who weren't anywhere near as clinical up front this week as they were in last weeks league cup game. To everyone's frustration it was the home side who actually went into the break 1-0 up when they scored just a couple of minutes before the half time whistle blew.

Within minutes of the restart United doubled their lead with a goal and just five minutes later, a mistimed challenges for the ball from our keeper saw him penalised and Stortford went 3-0 up from the resulting penalty kick. Things went from bad to worse soon after the penalty as some scrappy defending that Adam described as 'embarrassing' lead to yet another soft goal and all of a sudden at 4-0 down, the game was gone and we looked dead and buried. To the boys credit the Colts desperately tried to keep their heads up and get back into the game and with just ten minutes of the match left Harry latched onto a corner from the left and he was able to take out the frustrations of his earlier missed chances by finding the back of the net from six yards to get a consolation goal. Stortford continued to attack at every opportunity but Marcel made a couple of good saves to keep us in with an outside chance of a miracle comeback and when Jem was brought down in the area with five minutes to go that unlikely comeback looked a little more possible as we were awarded a penalty of our own. Harry stepped up to take the spot kick was tipped onto the bar by the United keeper but Jem was quick to pounce on the rebound and slot home to make it 4-2. Unfortunately that's as close as we came to getting anything from this game because it was United who scored the final goal of the match in the dying moments.

This was definitely one of those weeks when missed chances in the first half and missed tackles in the second half cost us dearly but the 5-2 score line probably didn't reflect the actual balance of the game.

With the absence of Andy, there was no man of the match trophy awarded this week which was either down to the fact that Adam felt no-one deserved it or maybe because we all legged it in fear before Adam could make his way across the pitch!