

UTTOXETER & DISTRICT SUNDAY LEAGUE – DIVISION 2

ASHBOURNE YOUTH FC 2 v 3 ABBOTS BROMLEY FC SUNDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

Abbots Bromley kept their unbeaten start to the season intact and secured their first away win of the season with a well-deserved win at Ashbourne. Playing a lone striker for the second successive week, Bromley's midfield were too powerful for the opposition in the early stages and their reward came as early as the 14th minute when man of the match Dan Garlick put a ball through to James Stevenson who cleverly chested the ball down to Alex Langridge who then beat a defender before firing a crisp left foot shot from 20 yards into the corner of the net giving the keeper no chance.

Up until then Bromley's defence had only been troubled once when the woodwork was hit from close range and it was Bromley again who stretched their lead in the 42nd minute when after several short passes between Langridge and Stevenson it was Stevenson with a strike from the edge of the area which left the keeper wrong footed to make it 2 - 0 going into half time.

As expected the home side came out after the break looking for a way to break down Bromley's formation and were rewarded in the 52nd minute when a ball launched into the opposition's area wasn't dealt with leaving Steve Williams to easily find the net.

The fight back lasted only 6 minutes when a free kick was awarded to Bromley and from 25 yards midfielder Olly Crooks curled a delightful ball into the area which evaded everybody including the keeper to find its way into the net and restore Bromley's two goal lead.

In the 75th minute the game almost descended into farce not withstanding serious injury when a collision in the middle of the park left Bromley's Greg Peters motionless with a head injury only for the referee to continue with play whilst most of the Bromley and Ashbourne players indicated to the touchline for help.

Without any whistle from the referee Ashbourne continued with play and put the ball into the net. The game was stopped for 5 minutes whilst Peters was ushered away to be attended to by paramedics who were called upon from a nearby event.

The stoppage seemed to affect the visitors more and it was the home side who came close in the dying minutes only to be denied by a superb one handed save from keeper Tim Jackson which gave his side all three points.