

SUNDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2010
STAFFS F.A. CUP 1st ROUND

A.F.C. DYERS ARMS 4 v ABBOTS BROMLEY FC 4 (A.E.T)
(Abbots Bromley won 4-3 on Penalties)

In a game that had everything AB from Uttoxeter League Div 2 progressed through to the second round at the expense of Leek and District Division 1 side A.F.C Dyers Arms.

A much changed Bromley side were up against it as early as the 10th minute when Andy Pegg beat the offside trap to put Dyers Arms 1-0 ahead. Within two minutes Dyers should have gone further ahead but were denied by Bromley keeper Kristian Hine who kept out a penalty awarded for a push by Bromley defender Greg Peters.

Dyers continued to create chances to extend their lead and without the heroics of keeper Hine, Bromley should have been out of the cup tie by half time with only Stevenson and Clay going close for the visitors.

The second half of the game was turned on its head when Captain for the day James Stevenson levelled for Bromley with a rare header in the 50th minute and then shocked the home side two minutes later with a beautiful left foot volley from the edge of the area to put the visitors 2-1 ahead and to take his tally to 5 goals in the last 5 games.

The game swung from end to end and it was Dyers who finally broke through in the 75th minute and levelled the tie when Turner capitalised on a loose ball from a corner kick.

Both sides went searching for the winner but were denied by their respective keepers so the game ultimately went into extra time.

The first 10 minutes of extra time saw Dyers make their experience tell and it was Andy Pegg who completed his hat trick with goals in the 97th and 100th minutes to put the home side 4-2 in front.

As they have showed in recent weeks Bromley showed great determination and were rewarded in the 107th minute when midfielder Mark Hurst scored from close range to reduce the deficit.

The comeback was completed three minutes later when Sweeting slotted the ball home after a scramble from a corner kick to level the scores at 4-4

As the thought of penalties was drawing nearer Bromley midfielder Hurst was dismissed for a second bookable offence which left the visitors with 10 men for the remaining 5 minutes.

Inevitably penalties were going to decide this typical cup tie and after 5 penalties each both sides could still not be separated after missing two spot kicks each.

Sudden death penalties were needed and after Dyers missed it was down to Sweeting to finally end the tie which he did by coolly converting his spot kick and finally put Bromley through in what will be looked at as one of the shocks of the round.