

**Uttoxeter & District Division 2**  
**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

**Abbots Bromley 0 v 0 JCB Lakeside**

In a game contested by the second and third placed teams in the division, both sides coped admirably with the strong winds, but the result did nothing to enhance either teams league position.

The opening stages were fiercely contested in midfield with neither side troubling either keeper and it wasn't until the 20<sup>th</sup> minute when the first real opportunity was created.

Bromley winger Harry Bailey threaded the ball through to striker Gareth Thomas who rounded one defender but was then denied by keeper Ryan Boot who saved well pushing the ball out for a corner.

With the game continually being dominated by the conditions, there was going to be limited opportunities and so it proved as the sides went into the break level.

The second half started with Bromley keeper Tim Jackson being called into action on several occasions and continuing his fine performances from previous weeks.

Playing with the wind JCB were beginning to take a grip on the game and should have taken the lead when on two occasions, with only the keeper to beat both chances were put wide.

Bromley wasted several half chances but there one and only real opportunity came when winger Ashley Clay crossed and with the keeper beaten saw the ball evade both strikers and go out for a goal kick.

The last quarter saw the visitors launching long throws into the box, which were dealt with by Bromley centre backs Garlick and Buck and it was JCB who nearly stole it with last kick of the match after a well taken free kick by Darren Bullock was cleared off the line by midfielder Mark Hurst. JCB claimed that the ball had gone over the line but referee Bekalo waved away their protest before blowing the final whistle and ending a difficult morning for both sides.

Bromley manager Mark Hurst (snr) said: "we showed courage and character against a good side and the two games against JCB this season have epitomised what this squad is about. If we show these qualities for the rest of the campaign we can look back at our first season with satisfaction and try to progress from there"

**ABBOTS BROMLEY NEXT MATCH:**  
**STAFFS FA SUNDAY CHALLENGE TROPHY QUARTER FINAL**  
**ABBOTS BROMLEY FC v MEIR SPORTS**  
**23<sup>RD</sup> JAN 2011 K.O 11.00 AM**