

**KEN GREEN MEMORIAL CUP – QUARTER FINAL  
20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2011**

**STAR (STONE) 0 v 1 ABBOTS BROMLEY FC  
(after extra time)**

Abbots Bromley secured a place in their first semi final since reforming with an heroic display against a Star side that had previously come out on top in two previous encounters this season

The visitors started the game with a determination to avenge their latest defeat only two weeks ago and created the first real chance when striker Tim Fearnett used his pace to break away only to see his effort go wide of the post.

With the experienced Bob Askey leading the line, the home side were finding it difficult to breach the solid Bromley defence and on occasions when they did, were denied by stand-in keeper Mike Sweeting who was to produce a man of the match performance.

After a first half that produced some good football and the match goalless the second half became a battle in the middle of the pitch with tempers flaring, which resulted in cautions for both sides.

As the half wore on it became apparent that one goal may decide the tie and Star could have wrapped it up when on two occasions with only the keeper to beat saw the ball go over the bar.

After 90 minutes the teams could not be separated and as the pitch became heavier, both sides would have to endure extra time and a possible penalty shoot out.

Both sides started positively with both keepers being kept busy and with the match heading for penalties the breakthrough finally came in the 116<sup>th</sup> minute when after collecting a ball from the right Bromleys Tim Fearnett turned in the penalty box before delivering a pass to striker James Stevenson who then slotted the ball into the corner of the net to signal an end to his recent goal drought.

With only minutes remaining the home side were twice awarded free kicks on the edge of the area but were denied on both occasions with the wall doing its job.

The referee signalled an end to what had been a typical cup tie played by two evenly matched sides but Bromley came out winners savouring a victory which made amends for their previous Staffs Cup Quarter Final exit.