

Uttoxeter & District Sunday League
Div 2/3 Sub Cup (Group 2)
Sunday 6th March 2011

Abbots Bromley 3 v 1 Three Tuns (Uttoxeter)

In a hard fought and sometimes bad tempered affair Bromley ran out winners, but in a competition that could be decided on goals scored could be regretting the many chances missed.

The home side were ahead as early as the fifth minute when winger Ashley Clay picked up the ball and from 25 yards sent a dipping shot over the keeper into the roof of the net.

Bromley midfielders Mark Hurst and Chris Stevenson worked tirelessly to take control of the game and the home side would have been disappointed going into the break with only a one goal cushion after dominating possession and seeing many chances spurned.

The second half started as the first had ended with Bromley on the attack and in the 51st minute increased their lead when striker James Stevenson accepted a pass from Greg Peters before turning on the edge of the area and driving a left foot shot past the keeper to claim his third goal in three games.

The visitors immediately hit back two minutes later when Ian Dean finished off a good move down the right hand side by applying an excellent finish past keeper Tim Jackson to bring his side back into the game.

The contest opened up and with the home side fearing another comeback from previous encounters stretched their lead in the 60th minute when James Stevenson collected a lovely ball from John Garlick rounded the keeper and with the goal at his mercy crashed the ball against the post before seeing the ball fall to fellow striker Gareth Thomas who again rounded the keeper and this time drove the ball into the middle of the net.

The last quarter of the game saw Bromley keeper Tim Jackson pull off an excellent save and the match ended with a flurry of bookings but with the home side comfortably taking all three points to top the group.