

UTTOXETER LEAGUE SUB CUP (GROUP 2)

STONE TOWN 2 v 4 ABBOTS BROMLEY FC

SUNDAY 3RD APRIL 2011

Bromley progressed through to the latter stages of the cup by topping the group after this well deserved victory.

The opening stages were dominated by the visitors who spurned several chances and they were made to pay in the 18th minute when Stone striker Simon Naggington finished off a good move by slotting the ball into the net from 10 yards.

With both sides needing victory to have a chance of a semi-final place the game was end to end but it was the home side who went into the break with 1-0 lead.

The second half started with Bromley looking for a way to get back into the game and they didn't have to wait long when in the 49th minute striker James Stevenson picked the ball up and hit a sweet volley from 25 yards into the roof of the net to continue his recent scoring spree.

The visitors began to sense they could now go on and win the game and their positive approach paid off seven minutes later when Stevenson was again left to strike a shot from 20 yards and with the ball going wide of the post saw Gareth Thomas on the end of it to drive the ball into the corner of the net to give his side the lead.

Stone were then handed an immediate reprieve three minutes later after a misplaced pass by midfielder Will Parkinson found striker Josh Clayton on his own who coolly lifted the ball over keeper Jackson to put his side back on level terms.

With the game now finely balanced and both sides looking for what might prove the winning goal it was Bromley who made the breakthrough when Thomas again in the 75th minute collected a fine pass from Olly Crooks by hitting a crisp shot past the keeper to give him his second goal of the game.

The best move of the match came nine minutes later when the visitors were awarded a free kick outside the penalty area which saw Crooks chip a ball over the wall to find Thomas on his own who then completed his hat trick by driving the ball through the Stone defence giving the keeper no chance and putting the game beyond doubt whilst also continuing his sides impressive eight match unbeaten run in all competitions.