



Uttoxeter & District League Division 2

Cheadle Town End 1 v Abbots Bromley FC 2



Bromley finally got their season started with a hard fought win against a good Cheadle side.

After two consecutive league defeats the visitors opted to play with a lone striker, which meant a lot of the game was played in the middle of the park in the early stages, with neither keeper being called upon.

The breakthrough came after 25 minutes and with Bromley appealing for offside striker Shaun Keates breached the defence to run on and calmly slot the ball past keeper Tim Jackson into the middle of the net to give Town End the lead.

With half time approaching the visitors were awarded a free kick just outside the area, which saw recent signing Dave Neves get the final touch and see the ball cross the line to send the teams in at the interval all square, which was a fair reflection of the first 45 minutes.

Bromley came out for the second period with renewed confidence and were quick to make that count when after 50 minutes skipper Oliver Crooks threaded a delightful ball through the home defence to striker Neves who ran on to neatly fire the ball past the advancing keeper Cunningham to give the visitors the lead.

The game opened up for the first time with both sides creating chances and both defences being stretched.

Town End continued to play some good football in search of an equaliser and with only 5 minutes remaining nearly got their reward when a ball delivered into the area looked to be heading into the net but was diverted away for a corner by the impressive John Garlick.

Six minutes injury time were added and the visitors defence was continually called upon. Relief at the final whistle was clear to see with Bromley claiming their first points with a strong and determined performance.