



UTTOXETER & DISTRICT LEAGUE DIVISION 2



Abbots Bromley FC 2 v Three Tuns Uttoxeter 0

Sunday 27th November 2011

After a disappointing defeat in the Ken Green Cup, Bromley returned to league action recording their sixth successive victory against a Three Tuns side who came into the game on the back of some excellent displays in previous weeks.

The most difficult opponent for both teams were the high winds, which were a dominant feature throughout the game.

The opening exchanges saw Three Tuns take advantage of playing with the wind and Bromley keeper Tim Jackson was called upon on a number of occasions collecting or punching away dangerous crosses from free kicks and corners.

It was Bromley though who should have taken the lead when striker Dave Neves poked the ball wide from 10yds with only the keeper to beat. It was a case of *deja vu* only minutes later when a cross by James Stevenson found Ash Clay at the far post who fed midfielder Gareth Thomas and with the goal at his mercy somehow managed to put the ball over the bar.

The deadlock was finally broken a minute before the break when Neves was hauled down just outside the area and from the resulting free kick Bromley defender Jon Garlick drove the rebound home after the keeper had made a fine save from a cleverly taken free kick by Stevenson.

With the wind at their backs the home side didn't take long to extend their lead when after 53 minutes, a mix up in the visitors defence saw midfielder Matt Tracey take advantage and coolly lift the ball into an empty net to put his side into a commanding position.

Tuns winger Poole continued to be a constant threat and keeper Jackson whilst not busy reacted positively to any threat.

Bromley should have put the game beyond doubt but chances were wasted by Stevenson and Neves, whilst substitute Hurst had a header cleared off the line.

The final minutes of the game saw the visitors with the bulk of possession but Bromley's defence remained resilient and saw them record their first clean sheet of the season in all competitions