

BETHEL GO TOP of Division 1

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United were hoping to put the disappointment of unfortunately being knocked out of the Berks & Bucks cup the previous weekend behind them and continue their unbeaten league run with a victory to keep them in amongst the top teams in the league.

Manager Greg Lyford recalled Adrain Vaughan to the starting 11 to replace Ben Haines who was still carrying a slight knock to his ankle and Danny Lynch replaced the unavailable Sean De-Oliveira to spearhead the attack.

Team in Full (4-2-3-1) Anthony Roach, Paul 'Torres' Alexander, Adrian 'H' Hudson, Michael Haynes, Kevan Tamplin, Stuart Newton (Capt), Dominic Atherley-Smith, Adrian Vaughan, Daniel Evans, Mark Montgomery, Danny Lynch

Subs: Mashelle Kawishe, Ben Haines, Greg Lyford

The away side started the game at a scintillating pace, moving the ball quickly and accurately all over pitch from the first whistle.

0 – 1 – Bethel deservedly took the lead after 5 minutes with good work down the right-hand between Paul 'Torres' Alexander and Adrian Vaughan resulted in Danny Lynch beating his man and crossing low towards the edge of the box. Daniel Evans showed great awareness listening to the call of his Capt Stuart Newton and dummied the ball expertly allowing Newton to fire and unstoppable drive high past the diving goalkeeper.

The away side continued to pile the pressure onto their opponents and didn't take long to double their lead.

0 – 2 – Mark Montgomery's left wing corner was whipped in right footed to the back post where Dominic Atherley-Smith was lurking unmarked to chest the ball home and continue his improved scoring record this season.

Bethel were now in a comfort zone and were able to relax and play some

fantastic attacking, yet patient football. Centrebacks Michael Haynes and Adrian 'H' Hudson were starting attacks from the back, stroking the ball around before playing it forward into middle field.

0 – 3 – United hit the net again after a Atherley-Smith's long throw was allowed to bounce in the Rangers penalty area before Daniel Evans pounced to nod the ball over the line.

Although the Rangers Captain tried to prevent the ball crossing the line with his hand, he could only punch the ball into the net and was then booked for his troubles!

0 – 4 – Bethel added a 4th right on the stroke of half time after Kevan Tamplin offered support down the left hand side to Montgomery who decided to cheekily backheel the ball into the path of Atherley-Smith out by the corner flag. Some fantastic skill and strength enabled him to beat 2 men on the touchline and still have the awareness to pull the ball back for Evans to side foot home from 8 yards to put the gloss on a brilliant 1st half performance.

HALF TIME

The home side started the second half up tempo as they tried to regain some respect and at least put some pressure on their visitors.

However, the individual quality of United was just too much for them and they were soon on the back foot again as Lynch and Evans fired wide, then the goalkeeper did well to smother Newton's effort when one on one and finally Montgomery slammed a shot into the side netting after breezing past his opponent on the left hand side.

Although Bethel were still retaining the ball well with Captain Stuart Newton especially keeping the ball ticking over nicely, they weren't creating clear cut opportunities as frequently as they had been for the majority of the match. As a result, manager Greg Lyford decide to introduce the fresh legs and creativity of Ben Haines for Adrian Vaughan on one side and Mashelle Kawishe took the place of Montgomery wide on the left wing.

It didn't take too long for them both to get involved with Kawishe firstly putting in a teasing cross after beating his man with just evaded the United attackers and Haines, immediately linking up well with Alexander down the

right-hand touchline.

0 – 5 – Infact it was Haines who added Bethel's 5th as he showed great hunger even though his side were already in command, to close down the Rangers full back after a poor goalkick from the keeper. As the defender attempted to pass the ball back to the keeper, Haines nipped in to round the goalkeeper and finish well from a tight angle. A deserved reward for great persistence and enthusiasm.

Lyford then brought himself onto the field for a 15minute cameo up front in place of Dominic Atherley-Smith which meant that Evans slipped back into midfield alongside Newton.

Bethel continued to create chances as the unlucky Lynch curled a good effort just wide and Alexander was unfortunate to head straight at the goalkeeper from Lyford's cross after good work between Newton, Haines and Alexander.

1 – 5 - Rangers did manager to pull 1 goal back and their right winger deserved it for a gutsy and committed display. No one would have been surprised if he was unable to play on after he was on the wrong end of a typical no-nonsense challenge from Tamplin, however he brushed himself off and after a jinking run, he fired low and hard past Anthony Roach into the corner of the net.

FULL TIME

A fantastic start at a high tempo, with some quick, sharp and accurate passing enabled Bethel to put the match to bed as a contest after 20minutes.

MoM – This week the award goes to the Captain Stuart Newton not just for his wonderful goal but his all round game was definitely there to be seen today. He tackled back well, won headers all around the park and passed the ball both long and short with great accuracy and more importantly his selection of pass set the standard for how the game was going to be played by his team.