

Amateur Cup - Second Replay

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Middlesborough: Thirty-six thousand fans at Ayresome Park for the third and final instalment of the Marathon Amateur Cup Final between Bishop Auckland and Crook Town. Already, the teams have shared eight goals and four thrill-packed hours. And not a few fans are hoping that they'll share the trophy, too...

But whatever the result, there are civic congratulations for the teams - extended by the Mayor of Middlesborough. First to Crook Town...

And then Bishop Auckland, the team who refused to be beaten. A man down at Wembley. Two goals down at Newcastle.

All eyes on the centre circle - and Bobby Davidson wins the toss for Crook Town.

The Bishops kick off with high hopes - for this is their lucky ground - where they've yet to lose a Final.

Crook mount the first dangerous attack; but there's no first-minute shock this time.

Bishop Auckland hit back to force a corner - Oliver heads home - but the score is disallowed.

Slowly, the Bishops get on top; but the breakaway raids of Crook always spell danger. Harrison gets away - beats two defenders. Sharatt comes out - but Harrison calmly lobs it home.

The second half - Crook still one-up; but ^{CAN.} ~~can~~ they hold that slender lead? Well, ^{THEIR} ~~the~~ tactics are right, attack is always the best defence. The Bishops hitting back now - striving ^{desperately} to save the game.

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Crook one up - always a nice feeling in a vital game - a feeling that's reflected in their play, as they redouble their efforts. A vital period for the Bishops

^{not only} But the Bishops/weather the storm - they're hitting back hard. A fine movement spells danger, But the ball finally runs out of play

A period of mid-field play - and still it seems to be the Cup Veterans that are playing the better football - though their inside-forwards are wasting chances.

Now the Town seem to be the fresher side - perhaps because of that comforting vital goal lead. Again, they're dangerous; but a packed ~~defence~~ defence keeps them out.

Crook again - a throw-in ^s sends them away. This could be it. No. a threatening move fizzles out - for an easy clearance.

Still it's Crook - pressing hard now to consolidate their advantage...

A high one - but Sharratt shows his England class...

Extra - first half

Still it's real fighting soccer - with hard knocks given and taken in the true spirit of Amateur football...

And though Bishop Auckland are playing the better football - it's the cut-and-thrust of the spirited Town side that looks more likely to get the goals.

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Tense and exciting moment as Crook nearly put the result beyond doubt.

Now it's all Bishop Auckland - calling on those last reserves of energy to try and force an equaliser. But the Crook defence is playing tight - giving nothing away.

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Time is running short - the Referee's looking at his watch - a dreaded sign that brings redoubled efforts from the men of Bishop Auckland.

No time is wasted - a throw-in is hurriedly taken - a last chance for the Bishops - but No! Fred Jarrie is ^{right} there!

Both teams tiring now - the strain of three hectic cup-ties is telling on these amateurs. Still it's ^{ad} exciting, if ~~not scientific~~ football, as the play sweeps from end to end.

And Bishop Auckland are still trying gamely as the final whistle brings sincere congratulations for winner and loser alike.

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Sixty thousand fans at St. James's Park, Newcastle, for the second instalment of that North-Eastern Amateur Cup thriller - Bishop Auckland Versus Crook Town. The teams drew at Wembley - a result that gave many fans, who couldn't make the expensive journey to London - a chance to see their favourites in action.

Bobby Davidson won the toss for the Town, so Ray Oliver kicked off. But it was Crook who set the game going. An interception. Thompson gets away.

A centre - and Harrison was there to bang it home.

Crook were a goal up in fifteen seconds. The Bishops rocking on their heels, but fighting back strongly. But that Crook defence is not caught napping.

Three minutes later, Crook again - with Thompson finding Harrison for goal number two.

Two goals in four minutes - Crook seem to be making sure this time - and early a third - just over the bar.

The Town still pressing. A corner. Bishop Auckland clear their lines.

A sudden breakaway. The Bishops in full cry; but Jarrie blocks their way to goal.

Bishop Auckland coming back into the game - as Crook go back on defence - trying to hold on to that two-goal lead. Again, there's a goal-chance - but Jarrie keeps his goal intact.

And when Crook did attack - they found Harry Sharratt in similar uncompromising mood.

The second half - Crook Town 2, Bishop Auckland nil. Then a ray of hope for the Bishops. A free kick by Bob Hardisty is partially cleared. Ray Oliver gains control and bangs it home.

Exactly ten minutes later - ^{Williamson} ~~Williamson~~ through to O'Connell. A measured pass to Oliver - and Bishop Auckland were level.

Bishop Auckland two - Crook Town two - and that's how they stayed - until the final whistle. So there's one more replay to go - then, if there's no result - they share the trophy they've both tried so hard to win.