



SHORTWOOD UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

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Wood through in Floodlit Cup

Shortwood 2 Bourton Rovers Development 0 –Wisemans Floodlit Cup (1st round)

Shortwood progressed in the Floodlit cup with this win which was far more comprehensive than the scoreline suggests. To their credit Bourton defended deep and when not in possession pulled everyone back behind the ball and proved difficult to break down but lacked any edge when going forward and Wood keeper Alex Freeman was untroubled throughout and the Wood defence was comfortable and dealt with any threat when Bourton did attack.

With Saturday's FA Vase tie at Street in mind Wood manager Pete Beadle rang the changes and gave his squad minutes and gave George Parker his Wood debut – and he certainly did not look out of place with his fast movement and tricky play. At times the game resembled an attack defence training exercise.

Wood went on the offence from the start and Parker's excellent run and pass gave Kent an early chance and he was inches wide with a low drive. Visiting keeper Flower then made a fine full length catch from Afriyie's cross with Adichareh waiting to pounce. Parker shot straight at Flower and Mulraney fired a free kick just over. Adichareh shot wide before Kent gave Wood the lead with a low 20 yard drive just inside the post after 30 minutes.

It was 2-0 after 40 minutes. Mulraney swung over a corner and Madine could only head past his own keeper for his own goal.

The game continued in much the same vein in the second period with Wood attacking and Bourton defending with Wood attacking. Kent fired over then forced Flower into an excellent save. Afriyie was inches wide with a chip and Flower did well to deny Elliot King as Wood saw out the game.

Shortwood: Freeman, Price, Tom King, Davies, Tryner, Colliver, Parker (Cronin), Kent, Adichareh, Mulraney (King E), Afriyie

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