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**Glamorgan fall short against unbeaten Hartpury**

TWO late Hartpury goals were enough to see off a brave Glamorgan side who fell to their third straight defeat of the season.

With the rain pouring down, Glamorgan almost managed to hold out for a valuable home point, before Scott Wilson and Duncan Culley popped up in the last 10 minutes to sink home hearts.

The unbeaten hosts were grateful to leave Glamorgan Sport Park with all three points, after Luke Jones wasted a glorious opportunity to give Glam a lead before half-time.

In what was a balanced first half, both sides managed to create opportunities, but neither could get away any serious shots on goal.

It took 20 minutes before the first real chance of the match and it fell to Culley whose header came back off the post before being fired over by one of his teammates from under the bar.

Hartpury continued this pressure, creating big chances, the best of which fell to Culley who rounded the keeper but couldn’t get his effort on goal, hitting the post for the second time in a number of minutes.

Glamorgan were managing to soak up the pressure well, but all the hard work was almost undone when left back Marcus Giglio crossed superbly for the dangerous Culley, but his effort was headed over.

But despite all the chances that had fallen the visitor’s way, Glamorgan had the best chance of the half after some superb play in the middle of the field led to Jones being played through on goal. The midfielder had time to get a shot in on goal, but decided to square the ball instead which was cut out by the Hartpury defence.

It looked as though the game was going to die out as half-time approached, but Hartpury managed to carve out two great chances – the first fell to Culley who yet again failed to beat Glamorgan keeper Mike Lewis

Just minutes later the ball fell nicely to Dan Holloway inside the Glam box who hammered his effort well over, to signal the end of the half.

The second half started in a much better way for the home side, who found themselves with another great chance to take a surprise lead, but Sam Gilroy hit his effort right at Hartpury ‘keeper James Norty with the rebound being fired wide from a tight angle.

These chances helped create some momentum for Glamorgan who came close from a dangerous corner and through Aaron Jewell who saw his curling effort comfortably saved by Norty.

This appeared to spark some life into top of the table Hartpury, who should have taken the lead when the ball fell to an unmarked Matt Liddiard in the box, but his headed effort failed to trouble the goalkeeper to the dismay of his manager.

But despite the wasted chance, Wilson picked up the ball inside the Glamorgan area and placed it past the ‘keeper to give his side the lead. It was agony for the home side, but the joy on the unbeaten Hartpury player’s faces showed that this was a big moment for them in the early stages of the season.

To add insult to injury for Glamorgan, Giglio made space down the left hand side before crossing low into the box for Culley to finally get his goal to make it 2-0 to the leaders.

All that was left was for Mamadou Diallo to pick up a second yellow card for a late tackle, following on from his early booking for dissent. The dismissal signaled the end of the match as the rain continued to fall to sum up the mood around Glamorgan Sport Park.

Speaking after the match, a disappointed but optimistic Glam coach, David Gough, said: “I’m proud of the players out there today. We had conceded eight goals in our last two games and today came up against one of the best sides in University history who haven’t been beaten in five years – with 10 minutes to go we were level, which says it all.

“They’ve won the league every year, and have a brilliant recruitment system, so I’m really proud of my players for giving it a real go out there. “

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