Jarvis helps Town to grind it

TAUNTON TOWN 1
CHESHUNT 0
By Andy Power

TAUNTON TOWN gained an important three points against their first-time visitors from Hertfordshire in a dour contest at the Cygnet Health Care Stadium.

The win came courtesy of a Nat Jarvis goal just before the break after the hosts had enjoyed much the better of the opening 45 minutes, but they went off the boil after the break which always gave the Ambers hope.

Town missed several opportunities during the first half, Nick McCootie heading over from Jay Foulston's free-kick and the Taunton striker then seeing his shot kept out by Cheshunt keeper Preston Edwards.

Foulston's cross was also headed wide by Jarvis before he snatched what proved to be the only goal of the afternoon on 44 minutes, a nice move down the left ending with Zac Smith's lofted cross being converted by a stooping header.

Home keeper Jack Bycroft was the busier in a scrappy second half, saving a shot from Ken Charles before making a superb reaction stop from a cross which deflected off his teammate Lee Lucas.

Lucas posted the home side's best attempt at the other end when he drilled narrowly wide, but his team did enough to claim victory against an Ambers side which finished with ten men after Edwards had to go off injured and was replaced in goal by Reece Beckles-Richards.

STAR MAN: Zac Smith (Taunton)
ENTERTAINMENT: ★★☆☆☆