

Chelmsford City 1 - 2 Enfield Town: Enfield extend advantage against relegation rivals

Enfield Town have extended their advantage over their relegation rivals after beating Chelmsford City 2-1 in the National League South today.

Enfield previously beat Chelmsford 2-1 in January, and their win today at the Melbourne Community Stadium means they have completed the double against the hosts.

Jack Bates' 76th-minute goal for the visitors was the first of his career, after making 14 appearances for the club this season. He has been on loan from Worthing since February, who are fighting Truro City for the National League South title.

Chelmsford could have equalised in the final ten minutes, but Kane Crichlow's goal was ruled offside after a deflected shot from Paul Appiah.

Charlie Ruff opened the scoreline for the hosts, putting them 1-0 ahead in the 28th minute. An ambitious press from the Enfield goalkeeper, Joe Wright, invited Crichlow to play in the Chelmsford captain, and converted from inside the penalty area.

An early second-half goal for Bayley Brown put the away side level, as the home side seemed to be struggling after the break.

Enfield have moved six points clear of the relegation zone in 19th, before taking on St Albans at the bottom of the table in next week's fixture, while Chelmsford dropped to 12th.