



OPPOSITION REPORT



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BUXTON FC

GOALSCORERS:

GILSENAN 48'
COLEMAN 83'
SODJE 87'
CAMPBELL 94'

DATE: 17/1/26
NATIONAL LEAGUE NORTH



HALF TIME SCORE
0-0

4 - 0 FT

VENUE: SILVERLANDS, BUXTON
ATT: 710

WEATHER: OVERCAST, DAMP
PITCH CONDITIONS: 3G/SYNTHETIC



MARINE AFC

GOALSCORERS:

NONE



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STARTING XI's



Buxton

Colours Shirts Blue
 Shorts Blue
 Socks Blue

Date 17/01/2026

Referee Samuel Bragg

4th Official...Daniel Hitchell

Marine

Colours Shirts Green
 Shorts Green
 Socks Green

Attendance

Assistant (Red) Jordan Tindall

Assistant (Yellow) Daniel Clenton

Number					Number		
1	Joe Young			Fraser Barnsley	1		
4	Tate Campbell			James Brown	2		
5	George Ward			Leigh Whelan	4		
6	Kieran Burton			Daniel Martin	5		
7	Johnny Johnston			Finlay Sinclair-Smith	7		
8	Connor Kirby ©			Bailey Marsden	11		
11	Luke Brennan			Adam Anson	12		
20	Tai Sodje			Adam Thomas	14		
23	Tristan Gill			Joly Zanzala	16		
26	Zac Gilsean			Charlie Jolley	17		
27	Sammy Robinson			Josh Wardle ©	21		
		Time of Sub	Player Sub	Subs	Time of Sub	Player Sub	
30	Logan Melville			Jack McIntyre			33
2	Will Trueman			Matty McDonald			10
3	Deniche Hill			Lewis Bell			15
10	Cian Coleman			Noah Roberts			19
17	Ryan McLean			Sam Fielding			25
21	Oli Greaves			Jed Abbey			28
24	Connor Douglas			James Potter			30

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STARTING FORMATIONS

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4-2-3-1



MARINE AFC

4-2-3-1



TEAM'S PREVIOUS FORM

(LAST 5 RESULTS)

0 - 2



TELFORD
(H) LOSS

0 - 2



M'FIELD
(A) WIN

3 - 1



W'SOP
(H) WIN

1 - 1



S'SHIELDS
(H) DRAW

2 - 1



O'FD C
(A) LOSS

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TEAM'S 1st IX PLAYER INFORMATION

No	PLAYER	P	A	F	H	B	OBSERVATIONS	R
1	Joe Young	GK	23	R	1,86 M	TALL/ ATH	Tall GK, good at claiming crosses. Likes to play out short from the back, usually to No6. Will go long up to the wings, more often the right wing. Showed ability on 20 mins, saving a powerful shot. He did however have an awkward moment on 18 mins, flapping at a corner under pressure & almost conceding a goal, saved by his defenders. Overall, he was solid & dependable. Not tested too much in this game though.	7
4	Tate Campbell	RCM	23	R	1,82 M	TALL/ ATH	A mobile midfielder, normally covering for the No8, but gets forward if the opportunity arises. He is pretty quick & snaps into challenges to win back the ball. He played some excellent long passes into No7 on the right wing to set off attacks down that side. He offered a physical presence in the centre of the pitch for Buxton. He capped off his display with a powerful, accurate finish into the GK's bottom right corner on 94 mins. One of the players of the match for me.	8
5	George Ward	RCB	24	R	1,84 M	TALL/ ATH	A tall physical & imposing centre back. Comfortable with the ball at his feet & in aerial duels. I saw him playing out from the back under pressure & being comfortable & assured. He came across to me as a really solid & reliable centre back in this game. He didn't make any errors; the opposition strikers had a tough time up against him. He played really well.	8
6	Kieron Burton	LCB	22	L	1,88 M	TALL/ ATH	Another physical centre back, also solid & reliable. He is also a key man in building up attacks from the back, with the GK playing short to him often. He can play short or accurately go long, out to the right flank. He is also dominant aerially; I don't recall him losing out in any headed duels in this match. A reliable & important defender in the team, he had a solid game.	7
7	Johnny Johnson	RW	22	R	1,75 M	AVE/ ATH	An electric player on the right wing. Not the tallest & has a low centre of gravity. He is quick & has quick feet, giving the LB a really tough time in this game. In the 1 st half, it looked like Buxton's only way through, could be through him. 2 nd half, he helped create the 1 st goal on 48 mins, cutting in from the right wing, squaring to No26 to fire home. He should have also gained what looked like a penalty, from a direct run into the box, which wasn't awarded. He can run quickly at defenders, jinking & doing step-overs, he is a real threat from the right. Had an influential game, unfortunate not to get on the scoresheet himself. He was subbed off on 71 mins.	8
8	Connor Kirby ©	LCM	27	R	1,73 M	AVE/ ATH	Team captain. He was vocal on the pitch with his team-mates. Looked to get forward & join in attacks. I also noticed him drift out wide onto the right wing to assist No11. He was guilty of giving fouls away in the mid 3 rd putting his side under pressure & facing set-pieces. I don't think he had the best of games & was subbed off on 92 mins.	6
11	Luke Brennan	LW	24	R	1,80 M	TALL/ ATH	A quick winger out on the left wing. Looks to cut inside onto his right foot. He has good control with the ball into his feet & looks to play the ball inside centrally. He delivered the free-kick on 87 mins for No20 to score. He was subbed off on 88 mins. Had a positive game.	7

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TEAM'S 1st IX PLAYER INFORMATION CONT...

20	Tai Sodje	CF	22	R	1,75 M	AVE/ATH	He is a mobile striker, with quick pace. He isn't the biggest, so loses out on physical duels. He is a pest for defenders & has to be Watched. He is a poacher in the penalty area, as seen with the free kick he scored from on 87 mins. He showed he is dangerous in the box & takes his chances when they come. A real threat in the box.	8
23	Tristan Gill	LB	19	L	1,79 M	AVE/ATH	Playing at LB. Goes forward to help No11 on the left wing. In the 1 st half, he was struggling with Marine's attacking play, with a lot of balls into the box coming from that side. He takes throw-ins from deep on the left. 2 nd half, he didn't have as many problems & had a solid game in my opinion.	7
26	Zak Gilsean	AM	22	R	1,78 M	AVE/ATH	Just joined on loan from Grimsby. Playing in an AM position. He takes free-kicks & corners on the right-hand-side. Scored a lovely finish from outside the box on 48 mins, on his right foot, after good work from the No7. He was subbed off on 67 minutes, after needing treatment on his right leg, for what looked like a muscle injury. A positive first start for him.	7
27	Sammy Robinson	RB	24	R	1,79 M	AVE/ATH	A physical RB. Has strength to hold off opponents & gets stuck into challenges. Goes forward to help No11 on the LW. Takes throw-ins from deep on the left. Also communicates & organises on the pitch. A solid game.	7

TEAM'S SUBSTITUTE INFORMATION

No	PLAYER	P	A	F	H	B	SUB OBSERVATIONS	R
2	Will Trueman	CM	23	R	1,80 M	TALL/ATH	Introduced on 92 mins. Didn't really have time to make any real influence.	6
10	Cian Coleman	AM	21	R	1,78 M	AVE/ATH	Introduced 67 mins. The best of the subs to come on. Showed energy & graft in the AM area. Also willing to track back & battle to win the ball back. Has decent close control into feet. Scored with a firm shot from outside the box to the GK's right hand-side on 82 mins. A positive performance after coming on.	7
17	Ryan McLean	LW	25	R	1,75 M	AVE/ATH	Introduced on 88 mins, showed some pace & good movement. Didn't really influence the result though, replaced a tired player.	6
21	Oli Greaves	AM	26	L	1,72 M	AVE/ATH	Introduced on 88 mins. Showed a willingness to run & challenge for aerial balls. Didn't have much time to make any real influence.	6
24	Connor Douglas	RW	20	R	1,78 M	AVE/ATH	Introduced on 71 mins. Showed a willingness to track back on the right hand-side. Also cuts infield from the right flank. Didn't really have any great impact on the game, after coming on.	6

SUBS UNUSED: No30 Logan Melville & No3 Deniche Hill

TEAM SHAPE (WITHOUT THE BALL)



1. In the 1st half early in the match, Buxton used this formation, when facing a set-piece from a deep position, up towards their penalty area. I only spotted them use this set-up on the one occasion.



2. This formation, was the standard one which I saw Buxton use when defending their own half. No4 Could also drop into the back 4 to help make a 5. Buxton didn't really need to do anything tactically to change their defensive set up, as they were comfortable overall.

TEAM SHAPE (WITH THE BALL)



1. This formation, was the main one Buxton used when going forward on the offence down their left flank. The Left full back pushes up to assist the Left winger & the remaining 3 defenders move across to cover the space.

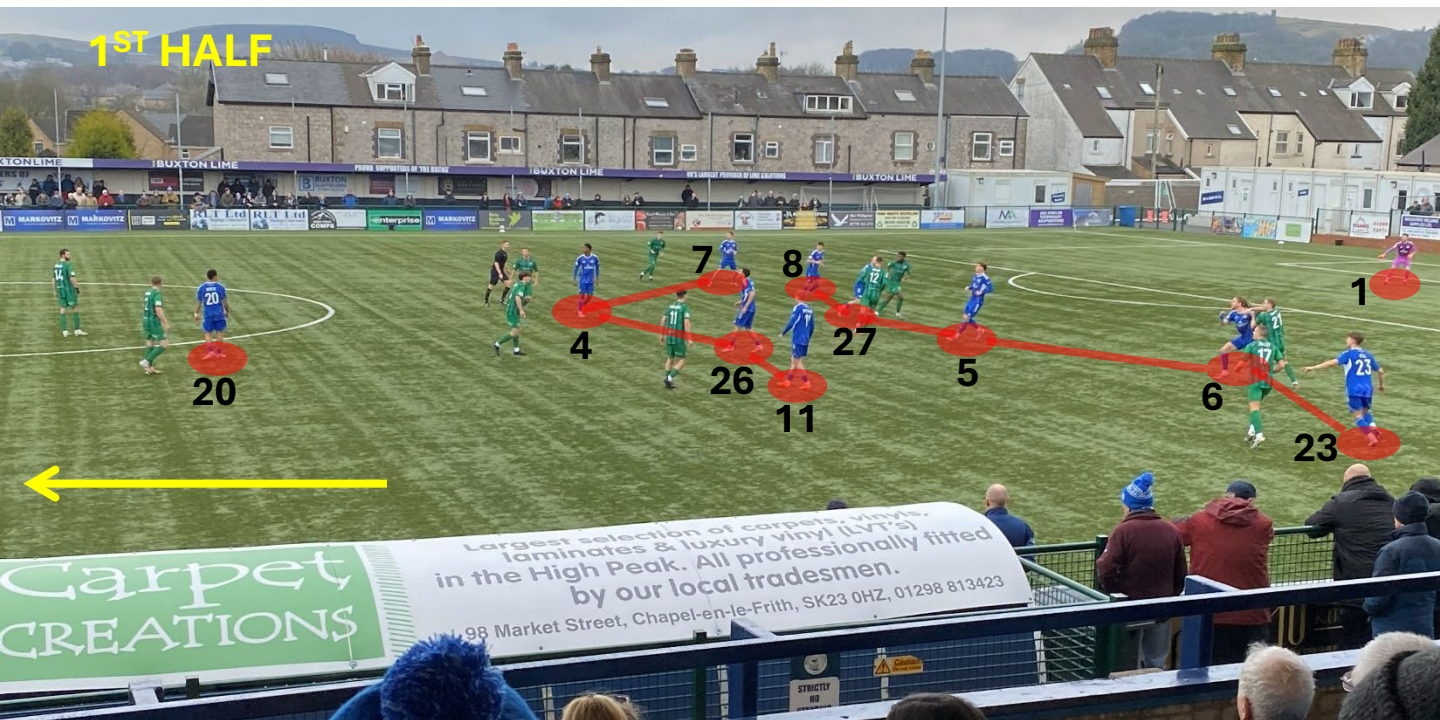
2. This formation, was the main one Buxton used when going forward on the offence down their right flank. The Right full back pushes up to assist the Right winger & the remaining 3 defenders move across to cover the space.

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EXAMPLE OF TEAM SHAPE (WITH THE BALL)



EXAMPLE OF TEAM SHAPE (WITHOUT THE BALL)



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DEFENDING SET PLAYS (CORNERS)



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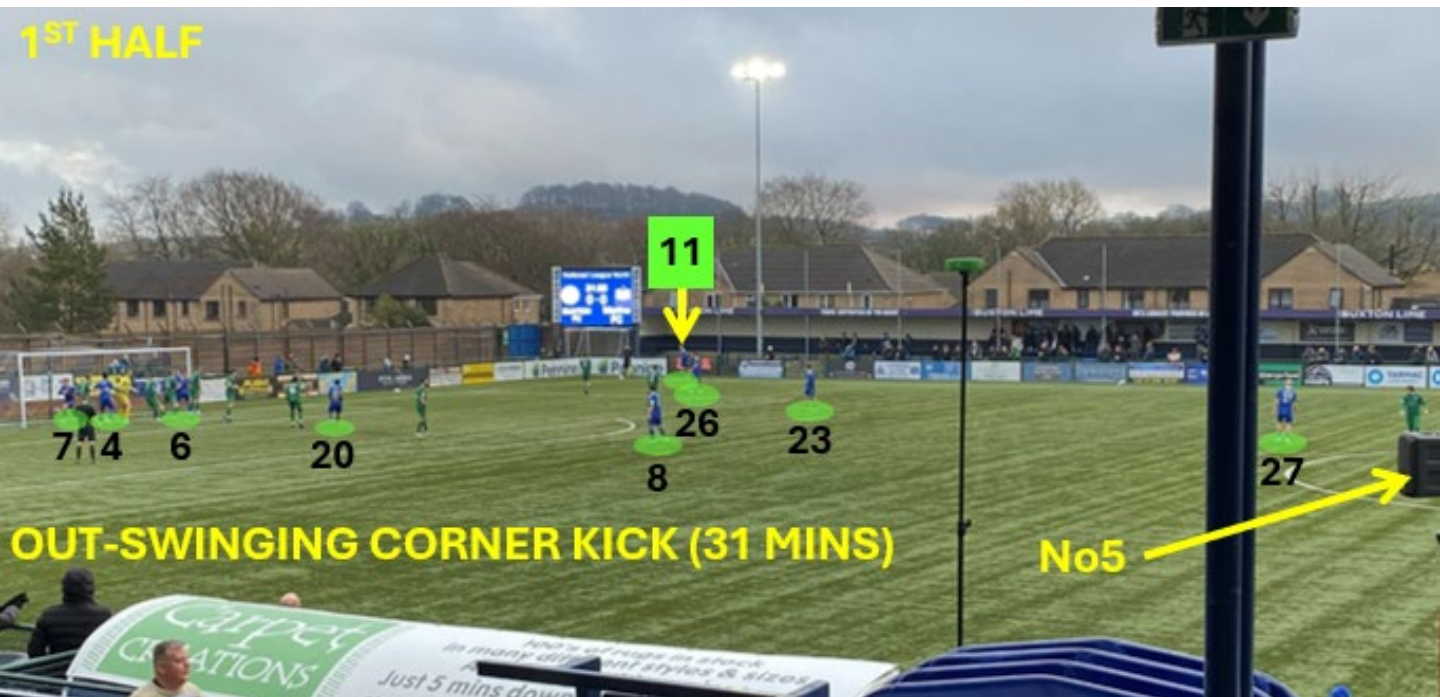
ATTACKING SET PLAYS (CORNERS)

1ST HALF



IN-SWINGING CORNER KICK (26 MINS) No26

1ST HALF



OUT-SWINGING CORNER KICK (31 MINS)

No5

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DEFENDING SET PLAYS (FREE KICKS)

1ST HALF



DEFENSIVE FREE-KICK, IN-SWINGER (1ST MINS)

2ND HALF



DEFENSIVE FREE-KICK, IN-SWINGER (55 MINS)

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ATTACKING SET PLAYS (FREE KICKS)

1st HALF



IN-SWINGING FREE KICK, FIRED OVER THE BAR (12 MINS) No26

2nd HALF



IN-SWINGING FREE KICK, CURLED INTO FAR POST AREA BY No11. No20 RUNS INTO THE BACK POST AREA & SCORES AFTER A GOALMOUTH SCRAMBLE. A POACHER'S FINISH (87 MINS).

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DEFENDING SET PLAYS (THROW-INS)



ATTACKING SET PLAYS (THROW-INS)



GOALS (ALL BUXTON)

1st GOAL: Great work by Buxton No7 on the right wing, cutting inside & squaring across for No26 on his Buxton debut, to curl a shot into the GK's bottom left corner from the edge of the box, shot with right foot (48 mins).

2nd GOAL: Shot fired in with power & pace from the edge of the box by substitute No10, squirming under the GK. Shot on right foot (83 mins).

3rd GOAL: Free-kick taken from just outside the box on the right-hand side by No11. A ball hit in right footed towards the far post, a scramble ensues & No20 capitalises, firing home from close range (87 mins).

4TH GOAL: Shot fired in with power, accuracy & pace from the edge of the box on the right side by midfielder No4 with his right foot (90+4 mins).

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MATCH OBSERVATIONS

ATTACKING:

- Look to attack mainly down their right-hand side
- No7 is the main man the look to get into space the right wing in attacks
- They get plenty bodies forward in an attacking transition
- They have players with quick pace & break up-field with speed
- Get the ball forward with accurate long balls up to the wing players

DEFENDING:

- Solid CB pairing who have a good understanding & are defensively well disciplined
- The defence train pre-match in a back 4 practicing heading the ball away & also their positional movement. They are well drilled in their organisation
- They get long distance on cleared headers
- They can play long accurate balls forward & also play short balls

STRENGTHS:

- They are solid, well organised & resilient in defence
- They are good aerially & have decent height in their defence
- They are dangerous attacking down their right flank & also centrally, if allowed to get shots away.
- They are capable physically
- They are committed
- They show intelligence on the ball & don't give it away too often

WEAKNESSES:

- Buxton conceded a lot of early set-play situations around their penalty area in the 1st half
- They are susceptible to long throw situations around their penalty area, giving numerous 1st half opportunities to Marine to get throws directly into their penalty area
- The CM players can & did give silly fouls away in the midfield area, allowing Marine to get direct free-kicks into the Buxton penalty area

MATCH SUMMARY

In the 1st half, they game was very even, maybe Marine edged it in terms of attacking intent & having more set-piece opportunities into the Buxton penalty area. Only one of these opportunities troubled Buxton in the 18th minute. The Buxton GK flapping at an in-swinging corner & a goalmouth scramble ensued, which was cleared from near the goal line. But overall, 0-0 at HT was about right.

How the 2nd half unfolded however, was a surprise to everyone. Buxton as the home side obviously had the onus on them to play in a more positive manner to force a home win. But to score 4 goals wasn't expected on the 1st half showing. I think, after Buxton scored their 2nd goal on 82 minutes, Marine's defence lost their defensive discipline & quickly conceded another 2 goals to complete a bit of a rout. What this did show, is what Buxton are capable of in the attacking 3rd if given too much time & space. Their attacking focus is down their right flank, through the dangerous No7, who is quick & skilful on the ball. They can make the most of set-pieces, scoring their 3rd via a free-kick. They are also accurate at shooting from distance, scoring 3 goals from the edge of the area. On their 2nd half showing, Buxton deserved the win, showing a mean clinical side. This is something to be cautious of.

RESOURCES USED FOR REPORT

WEBSITES:

www.fotmob.com

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