

Barking 2

Tilbury 0

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Errington Challenge Cup

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After regaining some momentum with five wins on the bounce, The Dockers faced a trip to Barking in the league cup. Just one change was made to Marc and Liam's starting eleven with David Knight replacing Harry Donovan.

Barking came close to finding the opener after just 16 minutes when Christian North was called to action, getting down to his left-hand side to deny Luke Hirst's snapshot.

Despite Tilbury seeing a lot of the ball, it was Barking's high press that forced the errors in the final third for The Blues. Warren Kayembe was almost the man to make The Dockers pay for these mistakes as his effort from distance rolled just wide.

The visitors created their first real chance of the game after the half hour mark with Dan Trendall beating his man on the right and drilling in a low cross to the front post. Roman Campbell got in-front of the defender and flicked the ball towards goal, but the keeper did well to deny the striker.

But it was Barking who took the lead in the 37th minute courtesy of Izzy Bademosi. The winger held his run well when he was played through before slotting the ball past the keeper from just inside the area.

And the hosts doubled their lead right after the break when a wonder strike from Kenedi Dariri flew into the top corner after the winger chopped back onto his left foot.

Things went from bad to worse for Tilbury when a scuffle occurred just outside the penalty area, in which Jack McQueen received a red card for his involvement.

Barking almost found a third but Christian North denied Jack Dickinson's effort in the dying minutes.

That was all the action at the Lawtech Stadium and a terrible night for Tilbury saw both Connor Martin and Alex Clark being taken off through injury, as well as a suspension for Jack McQueen. The Dockers are back in league action on Saturday 16th March as we travel to Buckhurst Hill for a 3pm kick off.

SQUAD: North, Fry (Plunkett), Joynes, Martin (Hall), McQueen, Carter, Spooner, Knight, Trendall (Browne), Clark (Baker), Campbell (Donovan).

