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Tilbury 4

Essex Senior League

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Following Tilbury's triumph over Great Wakering Rovers last week, it was a trip to the Mile End Stadium to face Sporting Bengal. Injury problems had struck Tilbury with Marlow, Hayes and Metalia all out. Alex Clark, Alfie Fry and Dean Hall returned to the starting lineup for Marc and Liam's side.

The Dockers wasted no time in scoring the opener when Sam Carter's perfect pass out wide released Alex Clark. Clarky drove down the line before sending in a cross-cum-shot which looped over the keeper and flew into the top right corner.

But the hosts came close when defender, Zougui rose well to win the header. But he was denied by the crossbar and the rebound was unable to find a way past Roman Campbell who brilliantly cleared the ball off the line. And soon after, Sporting Bengal saw another headed effort cleared off the line, this time by Alfie Fry.

But despite this pressure from the home side, Tilbury worked their way up the other end and doubled their lead right before half time. Dan Trendall did the hard work by dancing past three defenders before squaring the ball to Oli Spooner, and the captain had the easy job of firing into the empty net.

The second half was much the same as The Dockers threatened once again, this time through substitute, David Knight, who managed to find Harry Donovan at the front post. But his header was palmed away by the keeper and pushed out of play.

The resulting corner was taken by Macauley Joynes and the full back dropped his cross right on top of the keeper. The ball fell to Donners whose first-time volleyed effort soared into the far corner to net his second goal in two matches.

But the visitors were not finished there and put the game to bed late on courtesy of Alex Clark. Oli Spooner won the ball in the middle of the park before waiting before he played through Clarky, who was bursting through on the left flank. Clark bared down on goal and made no mistake in slotting away his brace.

That was all the action at the Mile End Stadium and Tilbury once again extended their lead at the top of the league table. The Dockers are back in action on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March as we host Saffron Walden Town for a 3pm kick off.

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

GOALS: Alex CLARK x 2, Oli SPOONER, Harry DONOVAN.