

Stanway Rovers 1
Tilbury 2
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Essex Senior League
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Following a difficult loss to take last week, Tilbury had to pick themselves up and take a trip to in-form Stanway Rovers. With three suspensions forcing changes to Marc and Liam's side, David Bell, Dean Hall and Alfie Fry all featured in the starting 11.

The Dockers came close to taking the lead when Shae Hutchinson was played through. The striker was being held back by the defender but managed to win the ball and force a save from the keeper.

Tilbury's goal would come soon after through defender Jack McQueen. It was Macauley Jones who found McQueen from his corner and the Tilbury man's header was emphatically fired into the top corner.

Stanway Rovers wasted no time in finding the equaliser though, as they were awarded a free kick on the edge of the area. Bennet took the set piece which was saved by Girling. However, the ball was pushed into the path of Maycock who fired under the keeper to level the game.

Harry Girling would make up for this with a fantastic save, pushing the ball onto the crossbar with his fingertips.

The tightly contested battle would continue throughout the second half which saw a scarce number of chances for both sides. The hosts almost went ahead when a low driven cross managed to evade everybody in the area.

But it was The Dockers that would find their second goal through the captain, Oli Spooner. Spooner was played through on goal and managed to muscle off the challenge from Corlett before finding the far corner and sealing all three points for the visitors.

That was all the action in Colchester, and it pushed Tilbury one step closer to the league title and automatic promotion. With two matches remaining, Tilbury require just three points to leave the Essex Senior League as champions. The Dockers are back in action on Tuesday 16th April as we travel to Saffron Walden for a 7.45pm kick off, with a chance of winning the league.

SQUAD: Girling, Fry, Joynes, Hall, McQueen, Donovan (Osei-Bobie), Spooner ©, Carter, Bell (Clark), Hutchinson, Campbell (Knight).

SUBS UNUSED: North, Browne.

GOALS: McQueen, Spooner.