

Tilbury 2 Barkingside 0 BBC Essex Senior Cup Tuesday 24th October 2023 ATT 130

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It was another cup game under the lights at Chadfields as The Dockers welcomed Barkingside in the BBC Essex Senior Cup Second Round. Tilbury's last outing in the competition saw them dispatch of fellow Essex Senior League side, Saffron Walden Town in a 2-0 victory away from home. Marc and Liam made six changes to the starting eleven from Saturday's FA Vase win against Sawbridgeworth as Mokwenye and Fry returned to the squad.

It was a rapid start from The Dockers as Harvey Browne set the ball off to Tom Salter. Salter continued his run to the area and slipped through Metalia. However, Igli could not latch onto the pass and the ball instead made its way to Peter Mokwenye who was arriving from the left and had his effort saved.

Tilbury did find the opener though when after just 17 minutes Tom Salter was dragged to the ground, 20 yards from goal. Macauley Joynes stepped up and beat the wall, managing to get the ball down to nestle into the bottom corner and give his side the lead.

Barkingside thought they had found the equaliser when Adams fired a ball into the feet of Agyman, who had his back to goal. The striker spun well and drilled home into the bottom corner, but his celebrations were cut short when the goal was disallowed for offside.

And not long before halftime Harvey Browne nearly scored a goal of the season contender, when his rocket of a strike from 25 yards out rattled the crossbar, somehow managing to not cross the line and instead bounce out of harm's way. But the visitors were quick to counter, feeding Adams on the right as they searched for an equaliser. The winger's eventual shot was headed for the near side corner, but Christian North got down well to match the effort and keep his side ahead going into the break.

The hosts would carry this intensity into the second half and soon doubled their lead through a blistering quick counterattack. The charge was led by Peter Mokwenye who carried Tilbury up the pitch before a square ball across the face of the goal found Harvey Browne to finish the move off from close range.

On the hour mark, Tilbury made a change which saw Oliver Plunkett make his first competitive appearance of the season after returning from a lengthy injury.

That was all the action at the EMR Stadium, and a comfortable 2-0 victory saw Tilbury advance to the next round of the cup. The Dockers are back to league action on Saturday 28th October as we travel to Hullbridge Sports for a 3pm kick off.

SQUAD: North, Fry, Joynes, Hayes, McQueen, Carter, Metlia (Plunkett), Trendall (Howson) (Donovan), Salter, Browne, Mokwenye (Baker).

SUBS UNUSED: Martin.

GOALS: Joynes, Browne.