

Tilbury 1 White Ensign 0  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
ATT 263  
Essex Senior League  
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Tilbury were back at Chadfields for the first and last time this month as we welcomed White Ensign for an Essex Senior League clash. Alfie Fry returned to the starting lineup in place of the injured Jack Hayes, and Harvey Browne moved to the bench being replaced by Monday's goal scorer, Alex Clark.

The visitors were gift-wrapped an opportunity inside 20 minutes as Tilbury were dispossessed on the edge of their own penalty area. Christian North was up quick to make a recovery save before play was slid across to Gruszczynski. However, Jack McQueen got across brilliantly to make the block.

Soon after, The Dockers created a chance of their own when Clark's flick over the defender allowed Oli Spooner to head the ball into Roman Campbell's path. Campbell battled well to get there ahead of the defender and fire a strike on goal.

The hosts came close once again, this time with a chance gifted by the visitors. Ensign misplaced a pass to give Alex Clark possession on the right. Clark beat his man and drilled an effort across goal which rolled just wide with the help of a defender's touch.

And right on the stroke of half time, Tilbury thought they found the opener as Jack McQueen's header flew agonisingly wide of the post.

But The Dockers finally netted their goal straight after the break. Macauley Joynes' corner was missed by the keeper and had to be cleared off the line. But the clearance went only as far as Roman Campbell who was on hand to emphatically fire home from close range.

All the opportunities continued to go Tilbury's way, but they failed to put two clear cut chances to bed with 15 minutes remaining. The first from Harry Donovan whose shot flew over the bar from 12 yards out. And the second from Alex Clark who failed to hit the target after being played through one on one.

That was all the action at The EMR Stadium, and three points went the way of The Dockers and with Bengal's loss away to Takeley meant that Tilbury went 10 points clear at the top of the table! Tilbury are back in action on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January as we host North Greenford in the FA Vase.

SQUAD: North, Fry, Joynes, McQueen, Martin, Donovan (Salter), Carter, Spooner ©, Clark, Trendall (Browne), Campbell (Metalia).

SUBS UNUSED: Page, Marlow.

GOAL: Roman Campbell.