

Tilbury North Greenford United
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Fa Vase Fifth Round
ATT - 664
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After a two week break from action, Tilbury were preparing for their Fifth Round FA Vase tie against North Greenford United. There was just one change to the starting 11 for Marc and Liam's side from the victory over White Ensign, as Jack Hayes replaced the absent Alfie Fry.

The Dockers started the game on the front foot as Macauley Joynes' cross found the unmarked head of Alex Clark. Clark's attempt looked destined to open the scoring until Sam House made an incredible reflex save to deny the winger.

After a quarter of an hour, we saw the next chance of the game followed by a swift response from the visitors. Joynes' was involved once again but this time from a dead ball on the edge of the area. His free kick grazed the top of the net before North Greenford wasted no time finding Ryan Ewhare on the right-hand side. The number 7 drove goal-ward and forced a save from Christian North who got down well to make the stop.

The game began to swing the way of the visitors as Ewhare came close once again from another counterattack. The winger skipped away from 3 defenders until the ball rolled out of his path as he prepared to pull the trigger. Christian North was out quick to block the poked effort.

With time running out Ewhare got another sight at goal but was denied this time by the foot of North who made a fantastic save.

But there was nothing to separate the two sides inside 90 minutes and the game went to a penalty shootout.

After 2 penalties scored for both teams, Siemieniczuk converted and Metalia hit the post for Tilbury which meant advantage North Greenford. Which they made full use of, scoring all 5 penalties to advance to the FA Vase Sixth Round 5-3 on penalties.

That was all the action at Chadfields and in front of one of our best crowds in recent years, we bow out of the FA Vase on pens. Thank you for all of your support and please continue this support as we fight for a league title. The Dockers are back in action on Tuesday 13th February as we travel to Romford in the Peter Butcher Memorial Trophy.

SQUAD: North, McQueen, Joynes, Martin, Hayes, Donovan (Marlow), Spooner (Metalia), Carter, Trendall (Browne), Clark, Campbell.
SUBS UNUSED: Page, Baker.