

Tilbury 3 Stanway Rovers 0 Saturday 7th October 2023 Essex Senior League

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Tilbury looked to pick up where they left off after an unbeaten run through September. Today they welcomed Stanway Rovers to the EMR Stadium following a few player departures and incomings. In the week we said goodbye to Jack Folan, Harry Hope, and Brian Moses who we wish all the best for the future. However, we also welcomed Peter Mokwenye and Tobi Adegunle who both made the squad for today's game. Peter came in place of Macaulay Joynes who is away on holiday and Tobi began the game on the bench. Alfie Fry also returned to the starting lineup in place of the injured Connor Martin.

Following a delayed start to the match due to the referee being stuck in traffic, the game was underway 15 minutes late, and it took another 15 minutes for the first chance of the game. This attempt went the way of the visitors as Tom Lewis skipped past two challenges and drove toward the 18-yard box. The winger created space for a shot, but his low effort was denied by Page and put out for a corner. The resulting set-piece was deep and created a scramble just in front of the goal line before The Dockers were able to clear.

Tilbury were able to create a chance of their own after 36 minutes when Salter's corner met Roman Campbell at the near post. Campbell tried to flick his header into the far corner, but the ball sailed just over and landed on the roof of the net. But the hosts finally found the opener just before half-time when Dan Trendall showcased his blistering pace to burst past his man. The winger then drilled in a low ball to Harry Donovan who converted from close range to give Tilbury the lead.

The Dockers came out from the second half lively and almost doubled their lead when Donovan knocked the ball onto Tom Salter. Salter cut inside onto his left foot and looking for the near-side bottom corner drilled a strike goalward. However, the effort rolled narrowly wide.

Salter then came close again not long after, when a ball came bouncing towards him. The winger found his inner Gascoigne to flick the ball over the defender's head and hit a volleyed effort towards the goal. But the strike was straight at the keeper who denied a brilliant goal.

Tilbury's new man Adegunle was introduced for his first game for The Dockers and was involved straight away when Sam Carter spread play out wide to him. The debutant delivered a brilliant ball to Roman Campbell, but his header sailed just wide.

The hosts did get their second though, when Harvey Browne was released by Campbell on the right-hand side of the area. The substitute kept calm and coolly slotted the ball into the bottom left corner.

Then the game was put to bed with three minutes to go as captain, Oli Spooner was brought down in the area and Roman Campbell converted from the penalty spot, sending the keeper the wrong way.

That was all the action at Chadfields and a dominant second-half display sealed another win for The Dockers, and it was also another 3-0 victory. Tilbury are back in action on Tuesday 10th October as we host Coggeshall Town for a 7.45 pm kick-off.

SQUAD: Page, Fry, Mokwenye, Hayes (Metalia), McQueen, Donovan, Spooner, Carter, Campbell, Salter (Browne), Trendall (Adegunle).

SUBS UNUSED: North, Martin.

GOALS: Donovan, Browne, Campbell.