

Brightlingsea Regent 0

Tilbury 0

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Isthmian League North

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Following victory in the Extra Preliminary Round of the FA Cup, Tilbury's league season got underway with a visit to Brightlingsea Regent. George and Jack made just one change to the winning starting eleven from last week, as Alfie Fry replaced the injured Jon Nzengo.

The Regent came close to opening the scoring after 24 minutes when a corner was whipped in towards the back post, causing the ball to bounce around in the area before being sent over the crossbar from close range.

The Dockers began to pile on more pressure and almost made it count after half an hour. Ben Allen was the man driving Tilbury forward as his low cross found Soumen Nandi on the penalty spot. Nandi intelligently set the ball back to the late-arriving Troy Chiabi, but his strike was tipped around the post by Roan Tucker.

With 20 minutes left on the clock, Brightlingsea crafted the best opportunity of the game so far as they found Luca Terminiello in space on the left-hand side. The winger rolled the ball under the keeper, but Ronnie Winn did brilliantly to recover and clear the ball off the line.

In the dying moments, the hosts played the ball back to Tucker, who was put under pressure by Freddy Townsend. The young striker slid in and blocked the keeper's clearance, allowing an opportunity for Charlie Stimson. However, Stimson's effort was sent over the crossbar.

That was all the action at North Road, and Tilbury had earned themselves a point on the road in the season opener. The Dockers are back in action on Tuesday 18th August when we host former tenants, Hashtag United, in a 7.45 pm kick-off.

SQUAD: Lawlor, Fry, Bennett, Reeve, Elliott, Rea (Taylor), Toussaint (Townsend), Winn ©, Nandi, Allen (Brocklebank), Chiabi (Stimson).

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