Tilbury 1

Downham Town 1

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Isthmian League North

Chadfields

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Following a seven goal thriller against Redbridge where, despite a late fight back, we were unable to salvage a point, it was back home to Chadfields where we hosted Downham Town. George and Jack made a couple of changes to the squad that faced Redbridge, as Kieran Jones returned from suspension to replace the injured Tyler Forbes. Tobias Braney also featured in the starting 11, whilst u18's EJA players Dan East and Fenton Tucker featured on the bench.

The Dockers put the ball in the net after just 7 minutes, as Joe Elliott's long throw was headed out to the edge of the area. The chance was recycled and a floated ball into the box found Luke Reeve, who beat the keeper to the ball and nodded the ball over the line. But the celebrations were cut short by the linesman's raised flag.

The Saints had an opportunity to take the lead inside 15 minutes, when a free kick from the left-hand side was flashed across the face of goal and met by Jake Miller. However, the defender's header flew just wide of the target.

The deadlock was eventually broken just 5 minutes later, and the go-ahead goal went the way of the visitors. It was once again Lagshan Sivakumar causing issues for the Tilbury defence, as he skipped past a challenge on the left wing before finding the space for a shot. His effort was saved by Dion Henry, but the ball fell to the feet of Charlie Royle who prodded the ball over the line from close range.

The Dockers looked to level the scoring on the stroke of half time, when a cross from the right flank was headed out to the edge of the area where Dan Trendall was waiting. The forward lined up a strike, but his volleyed effort rolled bounced wide.

In the second half, the hosts continued to knock on the door and their prayers were seemingly answered when Dan Trendall was brought down in the area, winning a penalty. Kieran Jones stepped up to take the spot kick, but was unable to find the target.

As we entered stoppage time, Tilbury defender, Jack Hayes was thrown up top in hope of a dramatic ending. And a dramatic ending it was, as Joe Elliott fired his shot back into a sea of bodies, and Jack Hayes was first to react, poking the ball over the line and salvaging a point for the home side.

That was all the action at Chadfields and the captain, Jack Hayes, stepped up for Tilbury. The Dockers are back in action on Saturday 7th February when we travel to face top-of-the-league Felixstowe and Walton.

SQUAD: Henry, Martin (Amir), Winn, Reeve, Hayes ©, Brocklebank, Braney (East) , Jones, Trendall, Elliott, Ward.

SUBS UNUSED: Forbes J, Tucker, Wheatley.

GOAL: Jack Hayes.