

Athletic Newham 1

Tilbury 2

Pre Season Friendly

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Bobby Moore Sports Hub

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Following Saturday's victory over Pitsea Athletic, Tilbury hoped to stick to winning ways as they continue their pre season campaign.

The Dockers' system began to click in early periods of the match, as Luke Reeve comfortably carried the ball into the opposition half before sliding a pass through to the right wing-back. His first time cross found Darren Phillips at the far post, who headed goalward but saw his effort blocked. Kieran Jones regained possession on the edge of the area and looked to find the far corner, but his strike curled just wide.

The visitors did manage to put the ball in the net as Juwon Akintunde's effort from the edge of the area found the bottom right-hand corner. However, the referee deemed there to be a foul in the build-up as Juwon spun his man before getting his shot away.

Tilbury continued to pile on the pressure as the ball made its way out wide to Dan Trendall, who chopped back onto his right foot and delivered a brilliant in-swinging cross to the back post, but the header was sent over the bar.

With less than 10 minutes remaining of the half, The Dockers finally took the lead as Akintunde displayed his strength to hold up play and set a pass back to Oli Spooner, who quickly found Dan Trendall on the left. The winger's low cross went past everyone in the box, but the right wing-back managed to keep the ball in play and find Juwon Akintunde with a perfect first-time cross, and Akintunde found the bottom left-hand corner to score his third goal in two matches.

Soon after the break, as more trialists took to the pitch, Tilbury doubled their lead as the left winger muscled off his marker before setting back to the left back, who brilliantly drilled his effort from the edge of the area into the far corner.

Athletic Newham managed to pull a goal back as they won a free kick just outside the box and slightly to the right. The taker lined up his effort and fantastically found the bottom left-hand corner with a very well-taken set piece.

That was all the action in this pre season match-up and Tilbury's winning run continued. Thank you to Athletic Newham for the game and best of luck for the season.

The Dockers are back in action on Saturday 12th July as we travel to face Basildon Town.

1st half XI: Bett, Trialist, Trendall, Trialist, Reeve, Wallace, Trialist, Spooner, Jones, Phillips, Akintunde.

2nd half XI: Bett, Trialist, Trialist, Martin, Hayes, Carter, Reynolds, Trialist, Trialist, Trialist, Weekes.