Tilbury 2

Wroxham 0

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Isthmian League North

Chadfields

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The time had come for the final dance. During the week, it was announced that Marc Harrison and Liam Wallace would be departing the club, with today's match against Wroxham being their final game in charge. New gaffers, George Christou and Jack Toghli, will be taking over from our FA Trophy fixture against Hadley, but first was an opportunity to thank two incredible people for everything they have done for this club. Thank you, Marc and Liam.

The starting 11 saw just one change from Tuesday as Max Appauh started in place of Oli Spooner, who made his way to the bench.

The Yachtsmen were the closest to taking the lead inside 10 minutes when Liam Jackson collected the ball on the edge of the area. The striker unleashed a rocket of a strike towards the near-side top corner, but his effort was denied by the woodwork.

Just 4 minutes later, Dan Trendall and Max Appauh showcased some tidy play down the left wing as they linked up to make their way into the area. Appauh's cut-back found the arriving Trendall in space, but his shot was well-blocked by a recovering defender.

The Dockers came close to breaking the deadlock once again, as Tyler Forbes spun his man on the halfway line to burst through on goal. He was forced wide by a recovering defender, and the shot from a tight angle was saved by Thomas Coombe.

At the half-hour mark, Max Appauh got himself involved again as he gained possession just outside the penalty area on the left-hand side. Appauh shifted the ball onto his right foot and whipped a strike towards the far corner, but his effort rattled the crossbar.

The Dockers finally took a well-deserved lead before the break, when Luke Reeve recycled a chance down the right flank. The full-back delivered a dangerous ball, which was met by the faintest of touches from Sam Carter to help the ball on its way as it found Jack Hayes at the back post. And the skipper made no mistake, emphatically firing home from close range.

After half-time, Tilbury almost doubled their lead through the man making his home debut, Hassan Nalbant. The striker battled his way through two defenders to advance into the area with just the keeper to beat, but Thomas Coombe got down to his left-hand side well to make the stop.

Then right at the death, Tyler Forbes did brilliantly to dance past two challenges before lifting a pass over the top to release Juwon Akintunde. His effort was saved, but Lester Ward was on hand to convert the rebound and seal all three points for The Dockers.

That was all the action at Chadfields, and the boys delivered with a massive three points for Marc and Liam's farewell party!

The Dockers are back in action as George Christou and Jack Toghli take charge of their first game for Tilbury on Saturday 25th October when we host Hadley in the FA Trophy First Round Proper.

SQUAD: Fairs, Reeve, Konte, Hayes © (Aderibigbe), Phillips, Carter, Reynolds, Appauh (Jones), Forbes, Nalbant (Akintunde), Trendall (Ward).

SUBS UNUSED: Spooner.

GOALS: Jack Hayes, Lester Ward.