

Tilbury 1

Stanway Rovers 2

Tuesday 2nd December 2025

Isthmian League North

Chadfields

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Following a second consecutive victory, it was time for some Tuesday night football under the lights at Chadfields. Tilbury has a 100% record against Stanway Rovers, having met four times previously. Two of those meetings came in the FA Cup, with the other two coming in our 2023/24 Essex Senior League-winning season. However, the Rovers have made a bright start to life in the Isthmian, currently occupying 11th, and they could even rise to as high as 7th with a win tonight.

In the 10th minute, the hosts won a free-kick from around 25 yards out, and Tobias Braney stepped up to take it. Braney's strike was full of power and forced a save from Josh Blunkell, who tipped the ball over the crossbar.

The Dockers took the lead after just 12 minutes with a very well-worked move. The ball was played out wide to Dan Trendall, who anticipated the pass perfectly and took it into his stride down the right-hand side. Trendall then produced an outside of the boot pass around the defence to find Tobias Braney, who made no mistake from close range to open the scoring.

Tilbury came close once again before the break as Mo Amir's deep corner found Jack Hayes, who rose above the defence to head back across to the far post. However, the ball was brilliantly headed off the line by a Stanway defender.

The visitors drew level right after half-time, when a long throw-in from the right-hand side was flicked on by Joe Debell, and the ball managed to make its way into the far corner for the equaliser.

Stanway continued to dominate the opening portion of the second half, coming close with a free kick on the edge of the area. Reece Harris was the man over it, and his whipped effort narrowly avoided the top left corner.

And the away side went on to take the lead with just 6 minutes remaining, when they were awarded a penalty for handball. Nat Mardell took responsibility and calmly fired into the bottom left-hand corner.

That was all the action at Chadfields, and Stanway Rovers had stolen all three points late on, in horrible conditions. The Dockers are back in action on Saturday 6th December when we travel to Brightlingsea Regent for a 3pm kick-off.

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

SUBS UNUSED: Fry, Konte.

GOAL: Tobias Braney.