

Brantham Athletic A

Tilbury A

(Tilbury were leading 2-0)

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Tilbury's trip to Brantham Athletic was cut short when a floodlight failure called the game off after The Dockers earned a two-goal lead.

Following Saturday's penalty shootout victory in the FA Trophy against Welwyn Garden City, The Dockers faced a Tuesday night match against Brantham Athletic. Marc and Liam made just one change to Saturday's starting 11, with Lester Ward replacing Kieran Jones, who started on the bench. Oli Spooner started in what would have been his 200th appearance for the club, had the match not been abandoned.

Tilbury took control of the game early on with the lion's share of possession, and they almost made this dominance count after just 10 minutes. Max Appauh collected the ball on the right wing and took his touch inside before driving goalward. His slotted pass made its way to Lester Ward on the opposite wing, but his effort was fired over the crossbar.

The Dockers would take the lead just 7 minutes later, when Luke Reeve sent in a delightful cross towards the back post. Dan Trendall was the man to attack it, and he headed home to give his side an early lead.

The visitors continued to push forward and were awarded a free-kick on the edge of the area. Lester Ward stepped up to take it, and the Chelmsford loanee exploited the weak Brantham wall to fire through it and into the net to double our advantage.

However, that was all she wrote, as during the interval, Brantham Athletic's floodlights went out, and despite attempts to get them working again, the referee had no choice but to abandon the game. Tilbury will be forced to start from scratch when we return to Brantham on a rearranged date.

The Dockers are back in action on Saturday 27th September when we host Felixstowe & Walton in a 3pm kick-off at Chadfields.

SQUAD: Fairs, Reeve, Martin, Hayes, Konte, Carter, Spooner ©, Reynolds, Appauh, Ward, Trendall.

SUBS UNUSED: Balisani, Jones, Akintunde, Forbes, Aderibigbe.

GOALS: Dan Trendall, Lester Ward.

(goals and appearances will unfortunately not count to season tally)