

Waltham Abbey 4

Tilbury 1

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Following defeat at home against Redbridge on Saturday, Tilbury travelled around the M25 for more league action under the lights when we faced Waltham Abbey. New signing, and former Waltham Abbey player, Hassan Nalbant started for Marc and Liam's side, with Darren Phillips also returning to the starting 11.

The Dockers had the first chance of the game after just 7 minutes, when a ball forward was flicked on centrally. Oli Spooner charged it down and battled well before unleashing a volley, but the strike was well saved by Bradley Robinson.

The Abbotts began to take control of the game, keeping a majority share of the possession, and they almost turned it into a goal when Abdirahman Mohamud carried the ball inside from the right and fired low past Harry Fairs, but Jack Hayes was on hand to make a clearance off the line.

However, the pressure finally told, and Waltham Abbey took the lead on the stroke of half-time courtesy of Aaron Eyoma. The forward picked the ball up in the middle of the park and evaded two challenges before bending his effort into the far corner from distance.

And it was the same story straight after the break, when a ball down the line was latched onto by Aaron Eyoma with a beautiful touch inside, which set him up for another bent finish into the right-hand corner.

The hosts didn't let up and should have made it three when Aaron Eyoma caused problems for Tilbury once again. He was released down the left-hand side and delivered a dangerous cross to Matthew Price, who was arriving at the back post. Fortunately, Price was unable to find the target.

On the hour mark, Waltham Abbey finally found their third, and it came in the form of Aaron Eyoma's hat trick. Price's blocked shot bounced up and fell to the feet of Eyoma, who set up to

shoot but sold everybody with a composed chop, leaving himself with a simple finish into the empty net.

Abbey put the ball in the net once again, with a quick free kick which was headed home at the back post, but the linesman's flag was quickly raised to rule out the goal.

The Dockers managed to pull back a consolation when a high press forced a rare error at the back for the home side. Substitute, Kieran Jones pounced on a poor back pass and slotted the ball through the keeper's legs for his second of the season.

With two minutes remaining, Waltham Abbey scored again when Matthew Price ran onto his own flick around the corner before slotting past the keeper. However, the winger, who was in an offside position, made a movement towards the ball another goal was ruled out.

But The Abbotts made sure they netted their fourth when a ball down the line set Kai Brown on his way on the left flank. Brown cut in on his right foot and drilled the strike low into the near side bottom corner to well and truly put Tilbury to bed.

That was all the action at Capershots, and the loss left Tilbury back in the bottom four. The Dockers are back in action on Saturday 18th October when we host Wroxham in a 3pm kick-off.

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

SUBS UNUSED: Aderibigbe.

GOAL: Kieran Jones.