

Buckhurst Hill 2

Tilbury 2

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After a hard-fought draw against Redbridge on the weekend, Tilbury were back on the road as they travelled to face Buckhurst Hill. George and Jack made just one change to the starting lineup from Saturday, as Issa Sidibe started in place of Charlie Stimson.

The Dockers came close to opening the scoring on the stroke of halftime, when Joe Elliott's long throw was met by Jake Brocklebank. The midfielder rose above the Stags' defence, but the woodwork denied him the opportunity to score against his former club.

Billy Lawlor was called to action after the break, as a Buckhurst Hill corner was cleared away by Joe Elliott, but only as far as Harvey Brown. The defender tried his luck from distance with a volleyed effort, which drew an incredible save from Lawlor, who tipped the ball over the crossbar.

The hosts begin to dominate the match, and should have put themselves in front on the hour mark through Kacper Bialek, who saw his effort from 6-yards out blocked by Joe Elliott. The Stags had another half a dozen attempts, but there was no way through for Buckhurst Hill.

That would be the case until just a minute later when the Tilbury resistance was finally broken. Brad Rowland found himself in space on the right, and his low cross was re-directed past the keeper at the front post by Max Gnandi.

The Dockers would make sure they responded quickly though, as Bobby Rea's delivery was brought down by Ben Allen in the penalty area, before he calmly rolled the ball into the bottom left corner.

But Buckhurst Hill would regain their lead with just two minutes remaining, as a cross from the left-hand side was met by Max Gnandi once again. The forward was unmarked and able to loop his header into the top corner, surely winning all three points for his side.

However, in the dying moments Tilbury drew level for the second time. A free kick from the left was sent in deep into the area, where Luke Reeve was on hand to knock the ball back across the face of goal for Malaki Toussaint to fire home and win a point for The Dockers.

That was all the action at Roding Lane, and another late goal earned Tilbury a point. The Dockers are back in action on Saturday 10th October when we host Takeley in a 3pm kick-off.

SQUAD: Lawlor, Taylor (Fry), Reeve ©, Elliott, Rea (Barlow), Bennett, Toussaint, Brocklebank, Allen, Sidibe (Stimson), Salau (Nandi).

SUBS UNUSED: Wheatley.

GOALS: Ben Allen, Malaki Toussaint.