

Cambridge City 6

Tilbury 2

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Isthmian League North

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Following a two-week break from action, Tilbury travelled to Cambridge City for a mid-week Isthmian League fixture. George and Jack made just one change to the starting 11 that defeated Walthamstow, as Billy Lawlor returned from injury to replace Connor Wheatley.

The Dockers opened the scoring after 22 minutes, when a poor back-pass from Jaiden Babalola was latched onto by Soumen Nandi, before the forward took the ball around the goalkeeper to net his first goal of the season.

However, their lead did not last long, as a corner from the right-hand side met Jayden Randell, who rose highest out of anyone in the area, looping his header over the keeper for the equaliser.

Then The Lilywhites took the lead on the half hour mark, when a long ball forward caused an error of our own, gifting Charlie Royle an open goal, and gifting the hosts a 2-1 lead.

On the stroke of halftime, Cambridge City extended their lead through Charlie Norman, who emphatically fired home from close range after Josh Taylor cleared the initial effort off the line.

After the break, the ball fell to Freddie Hockey, who shifted into space and calmly slotted his shot into the bottom left corner for Cambridge's fourth of the day.

Tilbury managed to pull a goal back when, new signing, Rasheed Salau battled brilliantly to snatch the ball from Randell and Philp and score on his debut.

Unfortunately, the goal would not lead to a comeback, as Cambridge scored again with 10 minutes to go, when a clipped cross was not fully cleared. This allowed Sam Chaney to arrive at the back post and fire past the keeper to put the game out of sight for Tilbury.

In the dying moments, there was still time for the hosts to put a cherry on top, when Cambridge scored from another corner. The delivery was sent towards the back post, where the ball was headed back across for Lewis Hayes to bundle the ball over the line.

That was all the action in Cambridge, and it was a night to forget for Tilbury. The Dockers are back in action on Saturday 19th September when we host Little Oakley in a 3pm kick-off.

SQUAD: Lawlor, Nzengo, Rea, Taylor, Reeve, Elliott, Winn ©, Toussaint (Brocklebank), Allen (Townsend), Stimson (Salau), Nandi (Fry).

SUBS UNUSED: Wheatley.

GOALS: Soumen Nandi, Rasheed Salau.