

Witham Town 2

Tilbury 2

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Isthmian League North

Simarco Stadium

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Tilbury picked up their first win of the month during the week as we defeated Harwich & Parkeston in the Essex Senior Cup. It's been a couple of weeks since our last league match, as we have been in cup action in our last couple of outings, but this afternoon was an opportunity for The Dockers to build momentum and climb out of the relegation zone.

Tilbury took the lead before the break when Dan Trendall skipped past two defenders before being brought down on the edge of the area. Tobias Braney stepped up to take the free kick and put his strike into the top corner to open the scoring.

Following the interval, the visitors came close to scoring again with Mo Amir's flat delivery from a corner reaching, debutant, Joe Elliott. The defender's header was cannoned towards the far post, but Billy Lawlor was able to match the effort with a very good save.

The Dockers increased the deficit on the hour mark as Tobias Braney was involved again. Braney burst through the centre but was fouled just outside the 18-yard box. However, the referee played advantage, with Mo Amir latching onto the ball and drilling his shot low on target. Billy Lawlor got a touch on the ball to take out the venom, but it continued to bounce goalward. A recovering defender got back brilliantly to make a goal-line clearance, but he could only flick the ball to the arriving Dan Trendall, who fired home the rebound.

Soon after, Witham Town worked the ball up the other end and, familiar face, Sam Bantick was slotted through down the left-hand side of the area, but his effort was dragged wide of the far post.

The Town pulled a goal back with 3 minutes on the clock, when Tilbury failed to deal with a cross into the box as the ball bounced down in the area. Ziad Bakaar was first to react, as he netted from close range.

Then, in the dying moments, Tobias Braney was shown his marching orders when he was handed a second yellow card for delaying the restart of play. The resultant free kick was deep inside Witham's half, and Lawlor launched the ball into Tilbury's penalty area. This initial delivery was headed clear, but only as far as Archie McFadden, who brought the ball down on the edge of the box and drilled his strike into the bottom right corner to equalise with the last kick of the game.

That was all the action at the Simarco Stadium, and it was two points dropped as we suffered another draw, which feels more like a loss. The Dockers are back in action on Tuesday 25th November, when we travel to Takeley for a 7.45pm kick-off.

SQUAD: Wheatley, Fry (Phillips), Elliott, Hayes ©, Konte, Carter (Jones), Brocklebank (Spoonier), Amir (Reynolds), Trendall, Braney, Agyiri (Forbes).

GOALS: Tobias Braney, Dan Trendall.