

Bowers & Pitsea 1

Tilbury 0

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Following a well-fought victory against Heybridge Swifts with 10 men on the weekend, Tilbury took the short trip down the A13 to face Bowers & Pitsea. After scoring his first goal of the season for the club, Ezra Agyiri earned a start alongside Jake Brocklebank, who replaced the absent Kieran Jones.

The Dockers broke the Bowers resistance early on as Ezra Agyiri escaped from his full back to run through on goal. The winger drove inside and looked for the far corner, but Joe Whitney got down quick to match the effort.

But the hosts were dangerous when they broke, as they crafted a quick breakaway down the right-hand side. The eventual shot was low towards the near post, but Dion Henry stood tall and made the save.

At the half-hour mark, Tyler Forbes went on one of his signature zig-zag runs to advance into the penalty area. Forbes worked the ball onto his right foot and forced another good stop from Whitney. Dan Trendall was first to react as he went to latch onto the rebound, but before he could reach the ball, he was brought down in the box, and Tilbury had a penalty. Tyler Forbes stepped up, but Joe Whitney continued his fine performance and denied the spot kick to keep the game level.

Soon after, the visitors broke down the right flank once again through Tyler Forbes. The forward set the ball back to Alfie Fry for a first-time cross, but Dan Trendall's flick at the near post is just wide.

The end-to-end action continued in this mid-week tie, as Bowers & Pitsea crafted a counterattack with a slotted pass through to Norman Wabo. His effort was once again low, but Dion Henry managed to get a leg on the effort and put the ball out of play for a corner.

Norman Wabo was given another chance in the next attack, as an early cross found the winger in space inside the area. However, Wabo's header bounced wide of the target.

After the break, Tilbury were denied the lead when Ezra Agyiri received a pass on the left-hand side. Agyiri danced past the challenge and whipped his strike towards the far top corner, but the ball struck the frame of the goal and bounced back into the area. Lester Ward was on hand to pounce on the rebound and get a strike on target. Unfortunately, Whitney was there to protect his clean sheet.

Down the other end, Dion Henry was called to action when he threw himself across the goal to make a brilliant save to deny Rene Batlokwa's curling strike from distance.

In the 77th minute, the home side would take the lead as a deep corner made its way through the area and to Norman Wabo, who was waiting at the back post. Wabo took the ball on his chest and fired it into the far corner to give his side the lead.

As time ran away from them, The Dockers crafted one final attack as they searched for the equaliser. The opportunity was created by Lester Ward, who won the ball back on the halfway line before carrying it to the edge of the area and delivering a perfect cross for Luke Reeve to get on the end of. The defender rose higher than anyone else to cannon his header low, and surely snatch back a point for the visitors. But man-of-the-match Joe Whitney somehow got down to get a fingertip on the effort and push the ball around the post, securing the win for Bowers & Pitsea.

That was all the action in Pitsea, and despite one of our best performances of the season, Tilbury fell to a late defeat. The Dockers are back in action on Saturday 20th December when we host Brantham Athletic in a 3pm kick-off.

SQUAD: Henry, Fry, Reeve, Elliott, Ward, Winn (Carter), Brocklebank, Amir (Braney), Agyiri (Forbes J), Forbes T (East), Trendall ©.

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