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Lowestoft Town 0

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Isthmian League North

EMR Stadium

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Following victory in the Preliminary Round of the FA Cup against AFC Dunstable last week, it was back to league action for Tilbury as we welcomed Lowestoft Town to Chadfields. Marc and Liam made no changes to the starting 11 from our previous fixture, as new signing Lester Ward was amongst the substitutes alongside the returning Jack Hayes.

The first half was very uneventful, as fans had to wait until the 30th minute for the first piece of action. Max Appauh gained possession down the right-hand side and released David Aderibigbe on the underlap. His cross found Darren Phillips, but the header was blocked and put out of play.

Just 2 minutes later, The Dockers came close once again as Luke Reeve found Darren Phillips with a ball forward. The striker won his header and slotted through Max Appauh, but his effort was sent wide.

The game began to come to life more, and Lowestoft crafted an opportunity of his own down the right wing. A cutback cross bounced to Mitchell Belmar, who cushioned a pass to set up the shot on the edge of the area from Kyle Haylock, but Harry Fairs got down well to make the save.

And Harry Fairs was called to action once more on the stroke of half-time, when Aaron Bullent burst through the centre of defence, with just the keeper to beat. However, Harry Fairs came rushing out and made another crucial stop.

The hosts came close again after the break as they utilised David Aderibigbe's weapon of a long throw, which caused problems for the keeper, who flapped at the ball and was unable to claim, and the ball bounced to Luke Reeve, whose acrobatic attempt was sent over.

Once again, Aderibigbe's throw proved to cause issues for The Trawlerboys. This time, the throw made its way to the back post where Max Appauh was waiting. Unfortunately, he was unable to direct his strike goalward.

The Dockers' pressure continued to grow, as they won a corner with 15 minutes remaining. Kieran Jones sent the set-piece towards the near post, where it was cleared away. But only as far as the substitute, Lester Ward, but the winger's shot rolled agonisingly wide of the post.

That was all the action at The EMR Stadium, and there was nothing to separate the two sides. The Dockers are back in action on Monday, 25th August for a 3pm kick off, as we travel to the top of the league, Maldon & Tiptree.

SQUAD: Fairs, Aderibigbe, Konte, Reeve, Martin, Carter (Jones), Spooner ©, Reynolds, Appauh, Trendall (Ward), Phillips.

SUBS UNUSED: Hayes, Nicholas-Davies, Akintunde.