

Concord Rangers 1

Tilbury 1

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As the fixtures continued to come thick and fast for Tilbury, tonight saw them face a trip to Canvey Island for another league fixture against Concord Rangers. The last time the two sides met was just a couple of months ago, when The Dockers came out 2-0 victors thanks to goals from Nathan Best and Kieran Jones. Tonight saw George Christou and Jack Toghli's side make three changes from Saturday's defeat away to Cambridge City, as Jake Brocklebank, Ezra Agyiri and Medo Konte all featured in the starting eleven.

The visitors came close to opening the scoring after just 15 minutes when Luke Reeve carried the ball forward from his own half. The full-back fired a pass into Hassan Nalbant, who chested down to Oli Spooner on the edge, but the eventual strike was blocked and put out of play.

The eventual corner was deep to the back post and won by Darren Phillips, who headed home. However, the referee blew his whistle to disallow the goal for a foul.

Concord Rangers crafted an opportunity of their own and should have found the opener when Stephen Toussaint took the ball on the half-turn and spread play out to a familiar face, Harrison Day. The winger delivered a beautiful cross from the right-hand side, but Bobby Kelman was unable to find the target.

Tilbury continued to dominate the first half with the majority of the chances, and they almost took the lead through Dan Trendall. The forward latched onto a ball over the top of the defence and beat Jacob Marsden to the ball, but the keeper made himself big and denied the effort.

The deadlock was finally broken in the 40<sup>th</sup> minute, and the goal went the way of The Dockers. The chance came from another Oli Spooner corner which, this time, found Jack Hayes on the edge of the six-yard box. His header was incredibly denied by Jacob Marsden, but he could do nothing to stop the rebound as Hayes fired home to give the away side the lead.

Just as Tilbury were looking comfortable going into the break, they were shot back down to earth when Luke Reeve was shown a second yellow card for a late challenge just inside the Tilbury half.

Looking to take advantage of the extra man in the second half, The Beachboys almost found the leveller right after the interval. Concord advanced down the left-hand side, and Freddie Buers unleashed a drilled shot goalwards. Stephen Toussaint made his run across the front post to flick his effort from point-blank range. But he was somehow denied by a brilliant reflex save by Harry Fairs.

The Tilbury resistance stood firm for the entirety of the second half, but it was stoppage-time heartbreak as the points were shared on the road. The goal came down the right flank, as a slotted pass released Bobby Kelman just inside the area, and the forward made no mistake, firing his strike low into the far bottom corner in the 93<sup>rd</sup> minute.

That was all the action at the Aspect Arena, and despite the team's best efforts, they had to settle for another draw. The Dockers are back in action on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November when we travel to Dagenham & Redbridge in the FA Trophy Second Round Proper.

SQUAD: Fairs, Reeve, Konte, Phillips (Fry), Hayes, Spooner ©, Reynolds, Brocklebank (Carter), Agyiri, Trendall, Nalbant (Jones).

SUBS UNUSED: Bett, Balisani.

GOAL: Jack Hayes.