

Tilbury 0

Felixstowe & Walton 1

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Isthmian League North

Chadfields

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Tilbury's opportunity to build momentum on a cup victory was cut short on Tuesday when a floodlight failure away to Brantham Athletic meant that our 2-0 lead was wiped away, and we will have to start from scratch at a later date. However, The Dockers would have to put their hardships to one side, as we welcomed top of the league, Felixstowe and Walton United, to The EMR Stadium. Marc and Liam made three changes to the starting 11 from Tuesday, with debutant Tyler Forbes, Juwon Akintunde and Alex Balisani entering the squad.

Before kick-off, both teams took part in a minute's silence for Billy Vigar, who sadly lost his life this week playing the game he loved.

The Seaside's took the lead inside just 5 minutes when Toby Stevenson drove down the left wing and into the penalty area. He got past Tyler Forbes before the winger brought him down, and Felixstowe & Walton were awarded a penalty. Josh Mayhew stepped up and made no mistake, putting his side into the lead.

Tilbury's best chance of the half came in the 24th minute, when Luke Reeve's early delivery found Juwon Akintunde in the middle. However, the header was tame, and Harry Wright made a simple save.

The second half saw The Dockers grow into the game, and they began to take control. On the hour mark, Tyler Forbes picked the ball up on the right wing before chopping past his man and back onto his left foot. Forbes lined up a strike from the edge of the area and cannoned his strike goalward. Unfortunately, his effort was denied by the crossbar, but the rebound fell to Juwon Akintunde, who saw a similar fate with his header also striking the frame of the goal.

The visitors did create another chance of their own soon after, as Josh Mayhew's headed flick on bounced in the path of Ollie Caley-Brown, releasing him one-on-one. Caley-Brown attempted a volleyed effort, but Harry Fairs was out quick to make a brilliant save.

That was all the action at Chadfields, and another loss in the league saw us finish the day in the drop zone. The Dockers are back in action on Tuesday 30th September when we host Gorleston in a 7.45 pm kick-off.

SQUAD: Fairs, Reeve, Konte (Aderibigbe), Hayes, Martin, Spooner ©, Carter (Jones), Reynolds, Forbes, Akintunde, Balisani (Ward).