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Hashtag United 3

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The Dockers' 2026/27 league campaign started with just a point as we drew 0-0 away against Brightlingsea Regent. Tonight, we welcomed undefeated, and former tenants, Hashtag United to the EMR Stadium for the first time in over three years. George and Jack made just two changes to Saturday's starting 11, as Charlie Stimson and Michael Okafor replaced Troy Chiabi and Alfie Fry.

The Tags took the lead after 18 minutes when the ball fell to Sam Park on the edge of the area after Ellis Devereux saw his effort blocked by Joe Elliott. Park delivered a cross-cum-shot which lopped over Lawlor and into the top corner to open the scoring.

Directly from kick-off, Tilbury worked the ball forward and won a throw-in high up the field, in search of an equaliser. Joe Elliott launched the ball into the area for Luke Reeve to head goalward, but his attempt struck the frame of the goal before bouncing to safety.

Following the break, The Dockers grew more and more into the game, but despite all the times they delivered dangerous crosses into the area, the Hashtag defence always had an answer to the question.

The hosts would eventually be caught on the break, as Jason Ring's long ball over the defence released Ellis Devereux, who timed his run well to go through one-on-one and calmly finish with a dinked shot.

Tilbury kept pushing for a late lifeline back into the game and caused problems for The Tags from the left flank, where Soumen Nandi was sizing up his full-back before driving inside and whipping a strike, which flew just over the crossbar.

However, Hashtag would once again hit the home side on the break through Ellis Devereux, who attacked down the left before drilling a low cross into the area. The delivery was well cut out by Joe Elliott, but Devereux was first to react, emphatically firing home from close range.

That was all the action at Chadfields, and Tilbury had been defeated by one of the early title contenders. The Dockers are back in action on Saturday 22nd August when we travel to Biggleswade Town in the FA Cup Preliminary Round.

SQUAD: Lawlor, Bennett (Townsend), Reeve (Taylor), Elliott, Okafor, Rea (Chiabi), Winn © (Brocklebank), Toussaint, Allen, Nandi, Stimson (Barlow).