Tilbury 2

Brightlingsea Regent 0

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Last weekend, goals from Dan Trendall and Ronnie Winn secured all three points on the road against Heybridge Swifts. This afternoon, we welcomed Brightlingsea Regent to Chadfields as we looked to get one over on our opposition, following the 2-2 draw at North Road in December. Regent came into this game 13th in the league table and just three points behind The Dockers in 11th, so a win today could solidify a mid-table finish for Tilbury after what was a difficult start to the season.

George and Jack made just one change to the starting lineup from last week, with Tyler Forbes replacing the injured Kieran Jones.

Brightlingsea came closest to opening the scoring in the opening period of the game through Daniel Rowe. The striker collected the ball on the edge of the area, shifted into a shooting position before firing just wide of the target.

The Dockers were awarded a penalty on the stroke of half-time, when a lofted pass bounced towards Jack Hayes entering the area. Idreess Namisi attempted to get back for the visitors, but the defender caught Hayes with a high boot, and the referee pointed to the spot. Lester Ward stepped up for the hosts, but his spot-kick was saved by Luke Avenell.

Brightlingsea Regent came close to taking the lead after the break, when a ricocheted shot deflected off Tilbury's Alfie Fry and bounced goalwards, only to be denied by an incredible save from Billy Lawlor.

On the hour mark, Lawlor was called to action once more, getting down brilliantly to his left-hand side to keep the scoreline level. From the resultant corner, Jake Brocklebank headed clear, and Soumen Nandi kick-started a counterattack. Nandi shrugged off the challenge from Harry McDonald in the middle of the pitch before releasing Dan Trendall down the right flank. Trendall raced towards the goal and squared his pass to Tyler Forbes, who slotted the ball into the empty net to break the deadlock.

The home side doubled their lead in the 77ᵗʰ minute, as Jack Hayes sent a perfect pass over the top of the Brightlingsea back-line. Dan Trendall latched onto the pass and drilled his strike underneath Avenell to secure the three points for Tilbury.

That was all the action at Chadfields, and three points saw us climb to 10ᵗʰ in the table. The Dockers are back in action on Saturday 28ᵗʰ March when we welcome Newmarket Town to The EMR Stadium. Next weekend is also Non-League Day, so we would love to see as many of you as possible supporting the lads!

SQUAD: Lawlor, Fry, Taylor, Hayes ©, Reeve, Brocklebank, Toussaint, Nandi (Elliott), Forbes (East), Ward (Agyiri), Trendall.

SUBS UNUSED: Weston, Tucker.

GOALS: Tyler Forbes, Dan Trendall.