

Report by Mason Hutchinson

It was back to league action as The Dockers travelled to the Terry Mac seeking revenge for the opening day defeat. Tilbury came into the game top of the league looking to extend their lead and add to their amazing seventeen-game unbeaten run. Igli Metalia was the only change to the starting lineup from the FA Vase victory over Tring athletic, as he replaced the absent Harry Donovan.

Fans saw a cagey start to the game with strong challenges that had Dan Trendall on the receiving end of all three. One of the resulting free kicks did not result in anything but the other two saw headers that the keeper had to deal with. The first was simply caught following Roman Campbell's headed effort that was straight down the throat of the keeper. The second was well won in the air and troubled the keeper who awkwardly flapped the ball onto the post before it was cleared.

The rest of the half lacked any action until Richard Kone got his first chance of the game. The Newham striker struck a snapshot that looked very close on first viewing until we were awarded a throw-in.

The Dockers did find the much-needed opener though as Macauley Joynes' corner was delivered from the right-hand side. The ball headed towards the near post and managed to creep in directly from the set-piece. The Newham players disputed the decision for Tilbury to be awarded a corner, but The Dockers celebrated as they took the lead.

Looking for an equaliser, The Kings whipped in a dangerous corner that found the head of the defender. His header looped up over the defence and was dipping into the net before Anthony Page did very well to tip the ball over the bar.

But the lead was soon doubled when Athletic Newham attempted to clear away another corner, but it went only as far as Harvey Browne on the edge of the area. The substitute took one touch on his chest to set himself before hitting a fantastic, volleyed strike that flew past the keeper into the far corner.

That was all the action at the Terrence McMillan as the visitors took home all three points and extended their run of games unbeaten to an astonishing eighteen matches. Tilbury's attention now turns back to Brentwood Town for the rescheduled Essex Senior Cup match away from home, on Tuesday 21st November at 7.45 pm.

SQUAD: Page, McQueen, Joynes, Hayes, Martin, Carter, Metalia, Spooner (Salter), Trendall (Mokwenye), Clark (Browne), Campbell.

SUBS: Plunkett, North.

GOALS: Joynes, Browne