

Coggeshall Town 1
Tilbury 3
Essex Senior League
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Following Tilbury's first two consecutive defeats of the season, they had to bounce back with a trip to Coggeshall Town in the league. Roman Campbell returned to the starting 11 following an injury and returning Docker, David Knight made an appearance on the bench.

It was a lightning quick start for the visitors, finding the opener after just 9 minutes. The chance came from a well delivered corner from Macauley Joynes which wasn't cleared by the defence. Tilbury hit a snapshot from the edge of the area, and it was well saved, but Roman Campbell was on hand to poke home from close range.

Soon after The Dockers came close again as Oli Spooner was played through with just the keeper to beat... Or so it seemed as he couldn't beat the woodwork.

The one-way traffic continued, but the away side couldn't find the second goal as Dan Trendall's low strike across the keeper hit the post, rolled across the line and hit the other post before being picked up by the keeper.

The first half went from bad to worse for The Seedgrowers, when Macauley Joynes was fouled just inside the area and Tilbury were awarded a penalty. Who else but Roman Campbell to step up and grab his brace!

Just 2 minutes after the break, Tilbury had a third goal disallowed as Sam Carter's volleyed effort from the edge of the area takes a touch off of Ben Marlow before flying into the top corner. Unfortunately, Marlow was deemed to be in an offside position.

The hosts would find a goal with half hour to go though, as Tayo Adedejo finished off Roy Syevens' cross. Despite strong claims from Tilbury for offside, the goal stood.

But Coggeshall's momentum was cut short by the referee who gave James Pugsley his marching orders for a late challenge on Harry Donovan.

And The Dockers finally put the game to bed in the dying moments, as returning Docker, David Knight, chased down Tom Salter's ball down the line. Knight bared down on goal and fired past the keeper.

That was all the action at West Street and Tilbury were finally given a chance to capitalise on their games in hand and get back to winning ways. The Dockers are back in action on Tuesday 20th February away to Halstead Town.

SQUAD: North, McQueen, Hayes (Salter), Martin, Joynes, Carter, Donovan, Marlow (Clark), Spooner, Trendall, Campbell (Knight).

SUBS UNUSED: Page, Browne.

GOALS: Roman Campbell x 2, David Knight.