

Tilbury 3 AFC Sudbury 1 (Att 176)

A Very pleasant afternoon with the sun shining over the EMR stadium was the setting for this Isthmian North league fixture with Tilbury looking to take all 3 points and set themselves very much on route to safety.

The game had a fairly slow start with no one really testing each other. A half chance for Tilbury Number 9 Roman Campbell on 11 mins saw his side footed effort go wide from a Billy Harris cross. Sudbury took until the 21st minute of the fixture before any real test of Tilbury Keeper Lamar Johnson. A Shot from Joshua Stokes straight at Johnson done very little to pressure the Tilbury keeper.

Sudbury started to look the stronger more dangerous side in the later parts of the first half. On 34 mins a miskick from Jamal Allen set up a Sudbury attack but a chasing Ayo Shogbeni was on hand to cover his fellow centre half and make a fantastic challenge before a shot could be taken.

Shogbeni went from hero to villain in the space of 10 mins right on the brink of half time the match Referee points to the spot following a shogbeni handball. Correy Davidson steps up to take the kick, Davidson hits low down to Johnsons right for Johnson to save his second penalty of the week and deny a half time lead for Sudbury.

After a first half of very few chances Sudbury appeared to come out strong looking to take control of the game and take the lead. Then against the run of play on 52 mins Roman Campbell gets onto the end of a Charles Brown cross following a run down the left flank to make it advantage Tilbury.

The Campbell lifts the Dockers and a period of continued pressure on Sudbury with good chances from Brian Moses and the ever dangerous Charles Brown. On 70 Mins Brown again makes a dangerous solo run driving his effort straight at Joshua Blunkell in the Sudbury Goal, A counter attack followed with Joshua stokes battling with Shogbeni into the Tilbury area. A quick thinking Johnson reacts with a dash from his goal sliding at the feet of the duelling pair and directing the ball away from goal with strong hands.

Tilbury momentum again begins to build on 76 Moses gets his shot away for Blunkell to save with his feet. Then on 79 mins further success for the dockers with a move that started with Campbell wide on the right receiving a ball from Lee Noble, Campbell changes his run to a diagonal move towards the Sudbury goal. Campbell fumbles his way through two defenders still with the ball at his feet before side footing past Blunkell from 6 yards doubling the Tilbury lead.

Sudbury refused to be beaten and continued in their efforts to achieve something from the game. On 88 mins from nowhere substitute Jamie Shaw takes a thunderous shot from the edge of the 18 yard box, from the left side Shaw bends his shot round an outstretched Johnson to pull a goal back for Sudbury and set up what could have been a grandstand finish.

The teams set up ready for the re start, Remi Nelson steps into the centre circle to get the game re started. Nelson takes his kick forward to a charging Charles Brown who collects the through ball and sets his shot from 18 yards striking straight into the Sudbury net and putting the game beyond all doubt and ensuring Tilbury take all three valuable points.

The win sees Tilbury sit comfortably in 14th place 14 points from the automatic relegation places with 6 games left.

Tilbury: Johnson, Anderson, Peart, Nelson, Shogbeni, Allen, Harris, Noble, Campbell (Metalia), Moses, Brown

Subs Unused: Millar, Jeremiah, Upton, Worrell