

Barking 2 Tilbury 1 (Att 161)

Tilbury's recent disappointing league form continued with a narrow defeat to table toppers Barking.

Tilbury made three changes with new signings Luca Vega and Jake Nickless and the return of Tony Stokes.

Tilbury opened the lead after 11 minutes thanks to Phil Roberts but Barking immediately struck back thanks to Barney Williams before a deflected second half effort from Kieran Jones secured the win.

It was an end to end start to the game, but it was Tilbury who took advantage after 11 minutes as a cross from Lewis Smith found Phil Roberts on the edge of the box and he hit into the net with James Shaw unmoved. The Blues replied within 2 minutes as the ball was played to Barney Williams who fired home from a slight deflection. Midway through the half Lewis Smith had two efforts within a few minutes, but was denied by Shaw who made fine blocks.

Tony Stokes lobbed just over the bar minutes later as Tilbury looked to get back in front. On 32 Barking were denied by the woodwork from a cheeky lob from distance and also had a good shout for a penalty from the rebound.

Barking was the side that finished the half well.

Barking took the lead on 53 when Kieran Jones cut inside and saw his shot deflected into the net.

Tilbury had their own chances of an immediate reply five minutes later as the ball was squared to Lewis Smith from the left, who saw his effort palmed away by Shaw and straight to Roberts who saw Shaw at his best to palm away.

Tilbury pushed forward as time ticked down but the Barking defence stayed resolute and protected their goal for an impressive win.

Tilbury return to action on Tuesday when they welcome Great Wakering Rovers.

Team: Girling, Boswell, Worrell, Vega, Phillips, Fernandes (Stone 62), Stokes (Moses 62), Nickless (Blanchard 76), Spooner, Roberts and Smith

Subs Unused: Crook