

Brentwood Town 1 Tilbury 2 (Att 243)

A damp afternoon at The Arena saw Tilbury take on Brentwood town for the third time this season. Off the back of consecutive defeats to The Blues Tilbury was looking to set things on a more positive path.

An early chance for Lewis Smith, a long range effort from the right side of the pitch failed to gain an early advantage with Oliver Bowles equal to the shot for a comfortable first save of the game.

Both sides spent much of the first 15 mins working each other out with little in the way of chances on goal. Brentwood came closest during the period with a free kick taken from the left resulting in a looping Brentwood header landing on top of the net.

Tilbury attempted to turn the tide just a minute later a foul on Roman Campbell allowed a free kick to Tilbury. Eljay Worrell took the kick with a short pass to Smith who then created a slow build up to attack which was eventually collected with ease by Bowles.

A second free kick in concession for Tilbury created a much more dangerous attack on Bowles goal. A deep cross by Worrell found the head of Charlie Kendall who headed his effort low towards the goal but found Bowles equal to it.

Tilbury pressure continued and on 21 mins Lewis Smith switch play to debutant Jesse Olukolu playing down the left. Olukolu found space to get his cross into the box finding the head of Sam Coombes, unfortunately Coombes could only head wide with the best chance of the game so far.

The misses kept coming late into the half, Roman Campbell wide with an 18yrd strike on 22 mins and a headed effort from a Kendall cross also goes wide on 34 mins. Brentwood also couldn't find their target with Rob Harvey trying a long range effort on 28 mins and Connor Hogan coming closest for Brentwood with a side footed strike just wide of Harry Girlings right post on 40 mins. Tilbury looked however to take the lead on 42 mins when the ball fell to an out of position George Allen who struck from 12 yards only to scuff his shot wide. The teams went in 0-0 at half time with Tilbury looking the stronger team.

It took 5 mins of the second half for Tilbury to apply the pressure they finished the first half with, Olukolu hitting his 18 yard effort just wide of the target.

Finally the deadlock was broken on 60 mins, Eljay Worrell picks up a ball from the left and hits a thunderous strike with the outside of his boot high into the Brentwood net to make it advantage Tilbury.

Brentwood attempted a quick fight back to even things back up with a 5 mins of continued pressure on the Tilbury goal, this resulted in a wide effort along with a fantastic 1 on 1 save from Harry Girling rushing from his goal and making himself big charging down Tom Richardsons effort and saving with his left arm outstretched.

A quick transition from defence to attack for Tilbury, quick feet from Jesse Olukolu gave his space to make a pacy run down the left flank then hit a low dangerous cross into the box. The cross came in at such pace Brentwood defender James Love could do nothing and the ball deflected straight into his own net to make it Tilbury 2 goals to the good.

The game then went back to missed chances with Campbell putting just over from a Lewis Smith corner on 74 mins and Rob Harvey for Brentwood also striking over on 82 mins. Girling was again

called into action on 84 mins pulling off a fantastic save low to his right after an effort from Freddie Gard.

Brentwood finally got a consolation goal deep into injury time. A high forward ball found its way to Richardson who struck low to beat Girling and take away a potential clean sheet.

A great team effort and fantastic debut for Jesse Olukolu brought home 3 much needed points for the dockers.

Tilbury: Girling, Boswell, Worrell, Coombes, J Allen, G Allen, Olukolu, Nelson, Campbell, Kendall (Metalia), Smith

Subs not used: Stone, Mills