

Bury Town 1 Tilbury 3 (Att 472)

Bury St Edmunds on a Saturday afternoon was where the Dockers hoped to secure at least a point and guarantee Isthmian League football for 2022/23.

Tilbury had the first chance of the game on just 2 minutes, Sam Jeremiah finding his name back on the starting team sheet linked up well with Roman Campbell with a one two, Jeremiah then playing on to Philip Brown who beats the keeper but was not able to beat the right post and puts his shot wide of the target.

Bury Town had ideas of their own to prevent the Dockers having an enjoyable afternoon. On 7 mins the haunting of the Heybridge Swifts defensive errors returned. An attempted clearance by Ayo Shogbeni deflects into the path of Ollie Hughes who fires straight home from the left beating Tilbury keeper Lamar Johnson.

The following 20 mins of the game was a midfield battle with either side really creating too many notable chances. Tilbury always looked the more dangerous and clearly looked to level up the game and achieve the much needed point required. The Tilbury breakthrough came in minute 26, a ball played from left back Igli Metalia to Sam Jeremiah in the box, Jeremiah turns with the ball at his feet only to be brought down. The match Referee with little hesitation points to the penalty spot giving the Dockers a fantastic opportunity to level up the game. Penalty king Charles Brown stepped up to take the kick smashing a low hard strike to the right of Bury stopper Samuel Blair. Despite diving the right way Blair had no chance in keeping the ball out of the net and denying Brown from levelling the game.

Tilbury looked to take the lead of the game as they continually grew stronger and more dominant in the fixture. On 31 Sam Jeremiah was again involved in the build up play, a ball across to Roman Campbell wasn't met until Philip Brown hits a shot that is well blocked by Joe White.

Following a strong end the first half Tilbury came out for the second with the same mentality and drive to put this game to bed. On 51 Tilbury had their first real second half chance. A move that started with a Bury attack beating Johnson but cleared off the line by Jamal Allen to give Bury a corner that was easily cleared by the Tilbury defence straight to Charles Brown who breaks away with a pass to Jeremiah who carries the ball into the box gets his shot away but it is blocked into the path of Lee Noble who also has his strike blocked.

Tilbury took a further 15 mins before any real attempt was made to take the lead a quick transition following a shot from Maxwell Maughn had Johnson distribute well to Jeremiah who again had his shot blocked.

Finally on 71 mins a goal kick from Blair is won by Tilbury and played to the busy Jeremiah breaking down the left wing driving towards the box then playing a low ball across goal for Charles Brown to side foot home from 8 yards and give the Dockers the much deserved lead they so very much craved and worked for.

Bury continued to the very end in an attempt to take something from the game. A period of pressure on the 83 min mark resulted in 2 successive corners for the boys in blue but they couldn't find the target from either attempt.

To put the game beyond all doubt Tilbury added a third goal to their tally for the second week running. Sam Jeremiah latched onto a through ball to comfortably slot home from close range and

cap off a fantastic Man of the Match performance and give Tilbury all 3 points to guarantee Isthmian League football next season.

Tilbury: Johnson, Anderson, Metalia (Worrell), P Brown, Allen, Shogbeni, Harris, Noble, Campbell, C Brown, Jeremiah (Nelson)

Subs unused: none