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Tilbury opened their Pitching In Isthmian League, North Division season with a hard fought 1-0 win with Brian Moses scoring the only goal of the game in the first half.

On a lovely warm afternoon in Cambridge, Tilbury gave goalkeeper Harry Girling his league debut and he made some important saves.

Neither side could really put their stamp on the game in the early stages.

The only goal of the game came in 14 minutes. A long kick forward from Harry Girling, was met by a poor backward header by a Cambridge defender and the ball fell to striker Brian Moses, who got his foot to the ball and hit past a helpless Dan George at his near post.

The game settled with both sides giving away needless fouls. The home side struggled to have any clear-cut chances, with the only goalmouth action seeing Moses denied by a save from George after a good move.

On 56 Tilbury had a great opportunity to go further in front when Oli Spooner played a good ball to Lewis Smith who one on one with the keeper saw him hit wide.

The home side saw a Sharman header go wide as the home side grew into the game. Girling denied a Gibb curling effort from the edge of the area.

On 73 Moses picked up on another defensive mistake and hit over from 30 yards.

In the 75th minute, Tilbury substitute Cameron Brodie was dealt a crawl blow, when Sharman stooped low for a header, but the Tilbury man was dismissed for an alleged high boot. The club plans to appeal the decision.

As Cambridge attempted to make the extra man tell, Gibbs had a sight of goal inside the box, but Girling was equal to it.

In the closing stages, tempers threatened to boil over as the referee found it hard to keep control of the sides. On 82 substitute Luke Knight kicked out at a Tilbury player in front of the red, what seemed to be the inevitable red card, but to the surprise to many, was shown a yellow card.

In the final seconds the home side continued to peg back the Tilbury back line and a cross arrived found unmarked Jarid Robson at the back post, but the midfielder put his header over the bar.

Tilbury start home league action next Saturday when they welcome Dereham Town.

Team: Girling, Boswell, Worrall, Kendall, Burns, Phillips (Turpin 68), Agyakwa (Brodie 66), Barton (Ogunamide 66), Moses, Spooner, Smith.

Subs Unused: Coyte and Kadiri