

Coggeshall 1 Tilbury 0 (Att 89)

Tuesday night football returned for the Dockers with an outing to Coggeshall Town. With Both teams looking to secure their Isthmian League status for next season this was very much a 6 pointer with winner more or less guaranteed to avoid relegation.

Tilbury started the more lively exposing a shaky Coggeshall defence. Though early link up play between Lee Noble and Roman Campbell failed to trouble Coggeshall keeper Matthew Cafer. The first 20 mins of the game was all about Tilbury, long spells of possession and in runs to the Coggeshall box was really setting the stall out for a Tilbury goal. Coggeshall however had the first real chance of the game, a forward ball found Alex Teniola one on one with Lamar Johnson. Johnson came off the victor in the attack with an important block that was cleared by Ayo Shogbeni.

Tilbury again kicked into gear mounting more pressure and finally getting a meaningful chance on 30 mins, A ball played through to Brian Moses on the right side from Billy Harris was then driven low and hard across the goal but no one was able to connect and tap home.

Following the Tilbury effort Coggeshall again attempt to mount some pressure but barely get beyond the final third. Until against the run of play a cleared ball from the Coggeshall area found its way through, a chasing Lamar Johnson dashed towards the ball and in his effort to make the clearance fails to connect leaving an open net for in form Dylan Logan to slot a side footed pass into Johnson's goal.

Tilbury came straight back fighting and again get an element of success down the right side of the pitch this time a Lee Noble low cross finds Roman Campbell who can only manage a strike against Cafer to be denied yet again. The corner that followed was whipped in by Noble and met by Jamal Allen only for his header to sail over.

Tilbury pushed continually to the end of the half with Charles Brown beating 2 Coggeshall defenders then hitting his strike low to Cafers right. Cafer at full stretch got a good hand to the ball denying a Tilbury equaliser on the brink of half time.

Tilbury came out for the second half full of confidence and continuing to dominate the game as they had done in the first half. It took until the 53rd minute until the Coggeshall goal was put under real pressure. Noble hits a cross from the right for Moses to meet with his head but put it just wide of the target again.

Coggeshall again managed a one on one break situation once more 2 mins later. A cleared ball fell to Ross Wall who chipped over a charging Lamar Johnson only for Shogbeni who was in great form to confidently clear off the line and prevent a further deficit.

Tilbury Continued pressure for large spells with Roman Campbell very much the focal of the attack and winning every ball played to him but that just didn't seem enough on a night that seemed Tilbury were never going to score.

It was the same story as the previous chances for Coggeshall's next attack, that long ball clearance latched onto by the Coggeshall attack one on one with Johnson. This time it capped of a poor night for the Dockers keeper. Making himself big in an effort to block and shot Johnson was adjudged to have committed a foul and deny a goal scoring opportunity. The referee wasted no time in showing the Red card and sending Johnson for an early shower. Remi Nelson was the man to step up and pull on the gloves, his first job was to save the resulting free kick to which he done without a problem.

Nelson was never really tested between the sticks, only touching the ball a handful of times due to the continued attacking onslaught from Tilbury. A long range Lee Noble shot went wide, a Brian Moses header was saved and a Noble solo effort also kept out by Cafer meant no matter what the Dockers were not going to find the back of the net and Coggeshall will have probably the luckiest win of the season.

A disappointing and frustrating night for Tilbury who played very well but just couldn't find the net. The team will be looking to put in further performances to keep their Isthmian league place for the 2022/23 season.

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

Subs Unused: Millar, Upton, Worrell