

Dereham 2 Tilbury 1 (Att 215)

A Blustery Saturday afternoon in Norfolk sets the scene for Tilbury in their longest away day of the season. It didn't take too long before the chances came on 4 mins Dereham hit the crossbar following delivery of an early corner.

On 11mins another Dereham opportunity after Jordan Peart was deemed to have fouled Rhys Logan a 30 yrd free kick was the result. Logan stepped up to take it and struck just wide of Harry Girling's right post.

Tilbury finally had their first proper chance of the game on 14 mins and made it count, a Lee Noble corner finding the head of Roman Campbell who headed home from close range to give Tilbury an early lead. It didn't take too long for Dereham to retaliate, straight from Kick off Dereham are in the Tilbury box to pressurise the Tilbury goal, Shaun Bammant went down in the area but the referee immediately waves away the Dereham appeal for a penalty.

Tilbury did however win another free kick on 17 mins a well worked free kick between Sam Jeremiah and Jordan Peart finishes with a Peart cross for Charlie Kendall to meet but couldn't convert. Tilbury's momentum to attempt to extend their lead continued a further free kick delivered by Lee Noble on 20 mins finds Roman Campbell but his shot was saved by Dereham keeper Antoni Bort.

A Dereham chance against the run of play on 21 mins saw Luke Johnson strike just wide. The play was firmly back in Tilbury control for the remainder of the 1st half the real chances coming on 30 with Campbell forcing a good stop from Bort following a one on one situation another right on the break following a strong tackle from Igli Metalia on Johnson set Jesse Olukolu free to drive into the Dereham box but his shot failed to find the target instead sailing over.

The second half didn't take too long to get started, Dereham came out looking to quickly even things up. On 47 Toby Hilliard forced Girling to make a strong save from a one on one. Sending the ball up the other end. Some quick feet from Olukolu finds Metalia who strikes wide.

The Pressure from Dereham continued and the game looked to be turning in their favour more pressure ensued and eventually following a goalmouth scramble that Tilbury looked to have cleared the assistant referee flagged to indicate the ball had crossed the line off Dereham's Ashton Fox to level things up on 61 mins.

Tilbury couldn't seem to get into the same rhythm they had in the first half and Dereham mounted the pressure until on 69 mins Logan was brought down in the Tilbury Box by defender George Allen. The ref points straight to the spot much to the frustration of the Tilbury players. Harry Girling already booked following the first Tilbury goal threw the ball at the floor and the referee views this as dissent and a second bookable offence sending Girling from the field. A quick change in personnel had debutant Suaibo Balde exit and enter wearing a pair of goalkeeper gloves was outfield player Casum Tiffin who's first job was to save a penalty. Unfortunately for Tilbury that was not possible after a low strike to Tiffin's right from Logan finds the back of the net giving Dereham the lead.

Ten man Tilbury kicked back into gear after falling behind but their real chances a one on one with Sam Jeremiah on 74 saved by Bort and the closest chance from a Igli Metalia free kick that hit the upright Tilbury were not able to level things up and leave Norfolk with a much needed point.

Tilbury: Girling, Metalia, Peart, Noble, Allen G, Allen J, Olukolu, Kendall, Campbell, Balde (Tiffin), Jeremiah

Subs Not Used: Worrell

