

Tilbury 3 Hullbridge Sports 0 (Att 288)

The Dockers under the guidance of interim manager Luke Wilson headed into Saturdays fixture with Hullbridge Sports looking for their 2nd win on the bounce.

The game started with Tilbury very much the attacking team spending large spells in the Hullbridge half of the pitch. Chances came early with long balls being aimed towards Lewis Smith on the left wing, the first coming on just 2 mins with a ball from Harry Girling carried into the box by Smith only for the opportunity to be defended and cleared.

Tilbury's next clear chance on goal came on the 10 min mark, a low driven pass from the right side from Ola Ogunwamide found a central Roman Campbell, Campbell side footed and placed just wide of the target.

Hullbridge finally started making progress forward and on the 20 min mark had a free kick in a dangerous position just outside the box after a push from Luke Wilson. Tobi Adekunle stepped up but struck low only to hit the Tilbury wall. Tilbury then had a free kick of their own 6 mins later after a foul on Jordon Peart down the left flank by Morgan Mahoney. Lee Nobel struck well into the box finding the head of Roman Campbell who headed goal bound to be met with 1 hand of Hullbridge stopper Lewis Greene pushing the effort onto the bar with a great save.

It was only a minute later Morgan Mahoney almost broke the deadlock. A break from Hullbridge and a slight mistake from Jamal Allen allowed a low strike from Mahoney, beating Harry Girling but unable to beat the upright. 2 goal posts rattled in the space of 2 mins.

This kicked Tilbury into 2nd gear and the chances kept coming as we entered the final 15 of the half. Jordon Peart with balls into the box just missing their intended target and Lewis Smith with a long range effort going just over the bar. Finally on 36 min the deadlock was broken, a breaking Ola Ogunwamide managed to play a ball through to Roman Campbell down the right, Ogunwamide was brought down but the referee allowed play to continue, Campbell carried the ball then struck a thunderous shot into the bottom left corner of the Hullbridge net.

Hullbridge had 1 more chance in the half with ex Docker Tony Scopes going close with a volley on 41 mins. However, an in-form Ola Ogunwamide doubled the lead on 45, getting past 2 Hullbridge defenders Ogunwamide with only the keeper to beat chipped into the far right side of the goal.

The second half started much the same as the first. Tilbury took only 5 mins to extend their lead further through star man Ola Ogunwamide with a close range tap in on the right side of the goal.

The game then evened out somewhat becoming a midfield battle with few chances created for either side. It took until the 72 min mark before any real attack, Hullbridge hitting a shot low to Harry Girling's right side that was saved well by the Tilbury keeper. Tilbury also had a few chances, Ogunwamide had a shot on 75 that Greene couldn't hold and Campbell wasn't able to capitalise on the follow up.

Ogunwamide had chances again on 81 and 88 mins to complete his hat trick but it wasn't to be with Hullbridge defenders able to block out his efforts.

This win sees Tilbury start to climb the table and at time of writing are now sitting in 11th place. A tough challenge awaits with the next match an away fixture against AFC Sudbury.

Man of the Match – Ola Ogunwamide

Tilbury: Girling, Boswell (Stone), Peart, Noble (Metalia), Wilson (Peter), Allen, Spooner, Campbell, Smith, Ogunwamide, Coombes. **Subs Unused:** Blanchard, Wright