

Tilbury 1 Maldon & Tiptree 2 ATT 195

The Docker's looked to build on the three points won from Tuesday's fixture in a close encounter against Bury Town that saw Tilbury move up to 13th in the league table and 8 points clear of relegation. Their visitors today started the day 9th in the league and 10 points ahead of the home side after a 2-2 draw with Bury Town. It's been a great start for interim manager Eljay Worrell and the team hoped to gain some momentum to finish off the season strong.

Maldon & Tiptree had the earliest chance through Akolbire in the 5th minute, who drove down the right-hand side and had his forward pass intercepted, however the clearance was only as far as Cole who played through Oluwatimilehin but his strike was dragged well wide of the goal.

Tilbury started to have a dominant spell by creating chances in wide areas, this was displayed as Jermaine Anderson played a perfectly weighted pass down the line to Jeremiah but unfortunately his cross attempt was blocked. The Dockers created another chance down the left this time as Jordan Peart beat his man excellently and won a corner. Noble's inswinger corner was punched out by the keeper to Millar, but his cross didn't lead to a shot on goal.

Another attack crafted from the right-side hand side by Tilbury saw the ball come to Millar in the box. He found Campbell with his back to goal, but his quick thinking delivered a delicate flick through the defender's legs to Moses who took a touch and fired it in to net to finish off a great move and put the home side ahead in the 28th minute.

Maldon & Tiptree had a chance to equalise before half-time as Ade Cole beat his man and his low cross along the goal line somehow wasn't converted by a team-mate.

The away side came out to the second half all guns blazing as in the 48th minute Scott Kemp found Oluwatimilehin running through before he smashed it past the keeper to make the game level and to put his side right back in it.

The 63rd minute presented the Dockers a chance to go ahead as Roman Campbell won the ball back in the opposition penalty area after some good pressure. The ball eventually fell to an arriving Lee Noble who hit a cracking first time strike, but the keeper was able to match it and get the ball out of harms way. 2 minutes later Campbell knocked the ball forward to Brian Moses and some quick ball movement saw passes between Millar and Jeremiah who set Campbell for a first-time volley which headed toward the bottom right corner. However, the keeper got down well to prevent a goal and concede a corner.

Unfortunately, the Docker's positive spell was unable to provide a winning goal and they were punished in the 69th minute when Akolbire skipped past two on the right and appeared to control the ball with his hand, but the linesman and referee disagreed. The ball then eventually fell to Cole on the edge of the box who let off a fabulous strike to beat Johnson and put Maldon & Tiptree a goal to the good.

Tilbury had to find an equaliser and created another chance in the 87th minute as Jordan Peart bombed on down the line, beating his man in the process before playing a lovely one-two with Jeremiah and attempting a cut back cross to arriving support from the midfield, but the visitors were able to clear it once more. In the dying minutes of the game, Lee Noble showed some great desire and work rate to run back and make a perfect challenge on the halfway line before brilliantly beating two men and finding Jesse Olukolu out on the right. However, he was unable to pick out a cross and it was too easy for the keeper.

That was all the action at Chadfields today and the result left Tilbury still sat in 13th place in the league table. The Dockers are back in action away from home to visit Coggeshall Town on Saturday 5th March at 3pm.

SQUAD: Johnson, Anderson, Peart, Kendall (Metalia), Allen G (Shogbeni), Allen J, Jeremiah, Noble, Campbell, Moses (Olukolu), Millar

SUBS UNUSED: Nelson, Tiffin

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