

Maldon and Tiptree 3 Tilbury 1 Att 286

Tilbury suffered their first away league defeat of the season against a good Maldon and Tiptree side on a chilly and wet evening. Tilbury went into the game with an unchanged line up and started well.

On 4 minutes, Tony Stokes played in Lewis Smith who hit wide from a tight angle.

On 7 Maldon put pressure on the Tilbury goal, but Harry Girling was equal to it. The next attack saw the scoring start. A through ball found Shomari Barnwell who one on one with Girling rounded him to score.

It remained fast and furious and Stokes was the next player to go close for the Dockers. He chipped towards goal from 25 yards with McNamara tipping over. On 14 Brian Moses hit wide, before the Jammers again attacked in numbers. The ball from the right found Aaron William-Bushell who made no mistake.

As Maldon continued to attack in numbers, it looked like Maldon could score at any opportunity. Tilbury also attacked in numbers and pulled a goal back on 25 when Lewis Smith weaved in and out before hitting his shot towards goal, but taking a deflection off Martyn Stokes and past the unmoved McNamara.

The next attack saw Girling again save well from Kaid. Maldon scored the all important third on 28 when the ball was not cleared and the ball fell to the effective Scott Kemp to fire home.

Tilbury had a good period as they looked to come back into the game. On 34 Smith played in Brian Moses who hit his effort off the bar and away to safety. Cameron Brodie was the next player to hit the woodwork. On 42 he saw his thunderbolt crash off the post. The only disappointment of the half, saw a stray elbow against Lee Noble, that was not seen by the officials, that would have seen a red card for violent conduct.

The first half, was certainly value for money

Tilbury did start the second half well with Noble going close with a free kick and Ogunwamide seeing his effort easily saved.

On the hour again Girling saved well from Kemp. Maldon took the sting out of the game soon after keeping the ball well and keeping out Tilbury. Tilbury made a couple of substitutions in their last push, but it was Alfie Mason who should have increased the home side's lead on 81 when he hit wide from 5 yards. Despite the Tilbury rally, Maldon held firm.

The final action of the evening again fell to Mason who from 30 yards saw his effort crash off the inside of the bar.

Tilbury are back in action on Saturday when they entertain Soham Town Rangers, with the Dockers still 2 points clear at the top.

Team: Girling, Boswell (Kendall 82), Worrell, Brodie (Spoonier 65), Phillips, Burns, Ogunwamide, Noble, Moses, Stokes (Agyakwa 80), Smith.

Subs Unused: Coyte