

## **AFC Sudbury 4 Tilbury 2 (Att 315)**

Tilbury travelled to AFC looking for a hat trick of wins under caretaker manager Luke Wilson. Tilbury started livelier and had a great opportunity early on with Ola Ogunwamide hitting a low cross in from the right finding Roman Campbell who hit just wide of the right post. It didn't take long before another opportunity came Tilbury's way, a short corner from Nobel to Lewis Smith on the left saw Smiths strike from the edge of the 18yrd box sail just wide of the right corner of the Sudbury goal.

Sudbury started to settle into the game creating their own opportunities from around the 15 min mark the best being a low driven shot low to Harry Girling's bottom left corner from Jamie Shaw. The 2<sup>nd</sup> opportunity for Sudbury a minute later saw a Jake Turner free kick after a foul on Jake Clowsley collected comfortably by Girling.

Harry Girling was called on once again on 24 with a fingertip save from a looping Sudbury cross from the left side putting the ball out for a corner. The resulting corner fell to Laste Dombaxe who shot just wide of the target.

The deadlock was finally broken on 28 mins after a well worked Tilbury attack, Smith started the move with a ball into Lee Nobel in a central position, Nobel played a ball into Campbell who was flanked by 2 Sudbury defenders. Campbell shielded the ball well and created enough space to turn and drive a low shot past Alfie Stronge.

Sudbury continued with their own pressure in an attempt to level things up before the half time whistle, Dombaxe with a free kick on 35min that was collected by Girling and a dangerous corner on 40 that resulted in a Sudbury headed attempted also being collected by Tilbury's keeper.

A fairly even first half with Tilbury just having the edge over Sudbury.

Sudbury started the 2<sup>nd</sup> half much how they finished the first, a chance on 46 pushed away by Girling and a penalty on 48 awarded to Sudbury after what looked like a push on Cruis Nyadzayo by Girling. Reece Harris stepped up to take the kick and blasted high over the bar.

Tilbury where not without chances, a free kick on 52 after a foul on Jordon peart had Nobel play a deep ball in from the left, the ball eventually dropped to Luke Wilson who struck well hitting a Sudbury defender who didn't really know much about it. This allowed a Sudbury counter after a Tilbury error to not continue their attack. Girling saving the 1<sup>st</sup> shot 1 on 1 and Jamal Allen assisting with the rebound and a 2<sup>nd</sup> save by Girling.

The Sudbury equaliser came on 57mins through a low driven shot from Jake Clowsley that appeared to have been seen late by Girling causing it to be spilled into the net. It only took a minute for Tilbury's response a Lewis Smith shot blocked only to be followed up by Oli Spooner and volleyed in to the net at close range.

The game was then to change from an even fixture that could have gone either way to a one sided attack on defence game. Ryan Boswell received a 2<sup>nd</sup> yellow on 63 and was given his marching orders.

The introduction of the dangerous Ross Wall for Sudbury didn't help Tilbury to see out the game. Within 10 mins of coming on Wall was already on the scoresheet with a looping header over Girling finding the back of the net following a Sudbury Free Kick.

Sudbury took the lead for the first time in the fixture from the penalty spot on 76 mins. A long Range effort from Lewis O'Malley parried by Girling who was deemed to have fouled Nyadzayo on the follow up. Nyadzayo stepped up to take the kick and scored with a low struck shot to Girling's left.

Sudbury then appeared to put the game beyond all doubt after a 2<sup>nd</sup> headed goal from Ross Wall, a Sudbury corner played to the back post with an unmarked wall able to power a bullet header into the Tilbury net.

After a 2<sup>nd</sup> half of very few chances for Tilbury Ola Ogunwamide came close to reducing the deficit on the 90 min mark but was brought down in the box by Joe Grimwood winning Tilbury a penalty of their own. Lewis Smith stepped up to take and hit a low side footed shot to the right of Stronge who gathered the ball with ease denying Smith.

A game very much of 2 halves, Tilbury let down by their discipline in a game that was very entertaining and in the end flattering of there hosts.

**Tilbury – Girling, Boswell, Peart (Stone), Noble, Wilson, Allen, Coombes, Campbell, Spooner, Ogunwamide, Smith**

**Subs Unused: Morton, Wright, Mills**