

Tilbury 1 Coggeshall Town 1 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 Essex Senior League ATT 185

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Following another 3-0 victory on Saturday, Tilbury looked to extend their winning run as they welcomed fellow former Isthmian side, Coggeshall Town to Chadfields. There were a few changes to the side with Toby Adekunle and Harvey Browne starting on the flanks as well as Christian North starting in between the sticks. Igli Metalia also made the starting lineup in place of Harry Donovan.

The Dockers had a chance early on when a deflected strike from distance managed to find its way through bodies in the box and crawl narrowly wide of the post. The resulting Tilbury corner was sent in deep to Igli Metalia, but his low header was cleared off the line denying the opener. However, Metalia would get his goal when a cross from the left was not dealt with by the Seedgrowers' defence and the midfielder was on hand to poke home from close range.

Then what followed was a quiet half with few chances for either side until right before half-time when a looping header deceived the goalkeeper and looked to be the equaliser until Jack Hayes headed the ball off the line and out of harm's way.

And it took half an hour of the second half before we saw some action, and it went the way of the visitors when Nathan Dennis was slipped through following a quick counter. The striker held his run to perfection to beat the offside trap before baring down on goal and firing home for the equaliser.

Coggeshall were then forced to play the final 5 minutes with 10 men as Theo Duffin was given a sin bin for dissent, and in their frustrations, the coach also received a booking.

Looking to take advantage of the extra man, Tilbury came forward looking for the winner. Tom Salter received the ball on the half turn and with a magnificent mazing run, disappeared from three challenges. The winger opened a shooting opportunity on his left foot but blazed the shot off target.

That was all the action at the EMR Stadium and Tilbury continued their unbeaten run, but as far as The Dockers are concerned it's two points dropped. Tilbury are back in action this Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October as we visit the league leaders, Woodford for a 7.45pm kick-off.

SQUAD: North, Fry, Mokwenye, Hayes, McQueen, Metalia (Donovan), Spooner, Carter, Adekunle (Trendall), Browne (Salter), Campbell.

SUBS UNUSED: Page, Martin.