

Tilbury 4 Little Oakley 0 Tuesday 7th November 2023 Essex Senior League ATT 125

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Tilbury had a chance to increase their unbeaten run to sixteen games as they welcomed Little Oakley to The EMR Stadium for some Tuesday night league action. The Dockers could also climb to the top of the league for the first time this season, as they look to make a statement in the title race. Marc and Liam made only one change to the side from Saturday's victory, with Sam Carter returning in place of Alfie Fry who occupied the bench.

It didn't take Tilbury long to open the scoring, and after just 6 minutes Tilbury's number 6, Jack Hayes headed home the opener from a perfectly placed Joynes corner. And The Dockers soon after almost found a second when the ball was lifted down the line to Roman Campbell, who brilliantly won the flick on to release Dan Trendall, however, his strike was low and straight at the keeper.

But the hosts would double their lead after 18 minutes when Alex Clark received the ball in the middle of the park. Clarky done exceptionally well to drive wide and skip past his man to give himself space on the by-line. The winger then picked out the unmarked Roman Campbell to poke home from close range.

Then right on the stroke of half-time, Tilbury found a third when a ball was crossed into the box and landed at the feet of Dan Trendall. Trendall took a touch to set himself and unleashed a fantastic, drilled strike into the far corner.

On the hour mark, Roman Campbell won a free kick just inside his own half. Joynes took the set-piece quickly playing Trendall on the left-flank before he burst towards the by-line. His low ball across goal found the arriving Donovan, who saw his shot somehow denied by the keeper's feet. The rebound fell to Alex Clark, but he couldn't find the target and blazed his effort over the bar.

The Dockers then added a fourth after the substitute Igli Metalia battled well to win the ball back in a dangerous area. Metalia then set the ball back to the edge of the box where Campbell was waiting before unleashing a strike that rolled into the bottom right-hand corner, to net his second of the game.

But the job was not done yet, and Tilbury who looked to fight for another clean sheet had some pressure to deal with. Little Oakley came close with an effort from distance as Blackwell's strike was dipping into the top corner. However, he was denied by an incredible save from Christian North, to prevent the visitors from scoring.

That was all the action at Chadfields and it was another win for The Dockers who continued their fantastic sixteen game unbeaten run. They also now occupied top spot in the Essex Senior League table for at least a day before Romford host Woodford Tomorrow evening. The Dockers are back in action on Saturday 11th November as we host Tring Athletic in the FA Vase Second Round for a 3pm kick off.

SQUAD: North, McQueen, Joynes, Martin (Fry), Hayes, Carter, Spooner ©, Donovan (Metalia), Trendall (Browne), Clark (Salter), Campbell.

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GOALS: Hayes, Campbell x 2, Trendall

