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Coming off the back of a defeat to Brentwood Town on penalties in the Essex Cup, Tilbury welcome bottom of the league Romford to Chadfields. The Dockers hoped for a positive run as they go into the game sitting 15th in the league and without a win in their last 7 games.

The first chance of the game fell the home side's way where in the 6th minute, Chris Millar saw his first-time effort go wide of the post. Tilbury found themselves on the attack again 5 minutes later with Chris Millar on the left-hand side as he attempted to cut inside on his favoured right foot, but he was dispossessed. Charlie Kendall was then brought down in the penalty area, but the referee waved away any penalty claims. The 22nd minute saw a rare break from Romford through Ogunnowo, who kept the ball under pressure before finding Beattie on the left-hand side. The deep cross found Mahmoudi whose shot was put out for a corner. Ogunnowo took the resulting corner and found an unmarked Rowan Dorking, but his header was unable to find the target.

Tilbury began to control the game and it wasn't long until they took the lead as in the 28th minute Lee Noble found Nelson with a beautiful backheel pass. Remi Nelson then found space for a cross towards un-marked Jeremiah who headed home for 1-0.

The home side didn't let up though, and 4 minutes later saw their lead doubled as Roman Campbell's flick on found Millar who beat two defenders with great skill before cutting inside and firing the ball into the far corner. The Dockers kept the pressure up with a great passing move on the right-hand side before releasing Igli Metalia with space to pick out a cross. The ball was fired in hard and low, but Tilbury were unable to convert the chance. Roman Campbell had another chance before half-time as he spun his defender inside the box to find space for a shot. However, his left-footed strike was easy for the Romford Keeper to deal with.

Tilbury started the second half strong with an early chance just 3 minutes in, with some lovely link up play between Metalia and Jeremiah before the low cross coming to Campbell who attempted a cheeky backheel flick which would have topped of a brilliant goal. Unfortunately, the keeper was able to match him.

The 52nd minute saw Romford with a half chance after a horrifying header back to the keeper fell short and was intercepted by Atumuto, but his touch was too heavy and took him off the pitch. However, that was a warning for Tilbury. In the 62nd minute, Lee Noble went on a lovely slaloming run towards the edge the box however, his low strike was just shy of the post.

The home side went 3 goals to the good in the 83rd minute when Jeremiah collected the ball on the halfway line before releasing an oncoming Olukolu who was through on goal before slotting home past the keeper to top of a great display from the Dockers and to seal their first win in 8 games.

That was all the action at the EMR Stadium as Tilbury are finally back to winning ways. The win meant that they had jumped to 14th in the league table and find themselves 6 points clear of relegation. The Dockers are back in action on Saturday 5th February at 3pm for the longest trip of the season to Norfolk to face Dereham Town.

SQUAD: Girling, Metalia, Peart, Nelson, Allen G, Allen J, Jeremiah, Kendall (Worrell), Campbell (Olukolu), Noble (Tiffin), Millar

SUBS UNUSED: Mensah, Moreton

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