

Tilbury 1

Saffron Walden 0

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Essex Senior League

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Following another victory on a bitter cold evening in East London, The Dockers were back at home as they entertained Saffron Walden Town. Tilbury went into the game with an 11-point cushion and a chance to extend that once again with Woodford and Romford not playing in the league. Connor Martin returned to the squad and new man, Troy Osei-Bobie, made an appearance on the bench.

The hosts started brightly, when Alex Clark timed his run to perfection as he was played through one on one, but his lofted effort was just wide of the target.

The Bloods were the first team that were able to test the keeper through Solomon Ofori. The winger did exceptionally well to keep the ball in play before firing a low drive toward the near post, which was well stopped by the foot of Christian North.

But the deadlock was finally broken on the hour mark courtesy of Alex Clark who made up for his earlier miss. Clarky displayed some tidy footwork inside the area to open the space for a shot as he bent the effort into the bottom left-hand corner.

The Dockers came close to doubling their lead soon after when Dan Trendall picked out Harry Donovan making a darting run into the Saffron Walden box. However, the midfielder's shot could not match that of the pass as his strike flew over the bar.

That was all the action at Chadfields and Tilbury had extended their unbeaten run in the league to 23 matches, as well as taking a massive step forward in their title hunt. The Dockers are back in action on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March as we travel to face Barking in the Errington Challenge Trophy for a 7.45pm kick off.

SQUAD: North, Fry, Joynes, Martin, McQueen, Donovan (Osei-Bobie), Carter, Spooner ©, Trendall (Salter), Clark, Campbell (Knight).

SUBS UNUSED: Browne, Plunkett.

GOAL: Alex CLARK.