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Following Tilbury's last game where they saw themselves be put to the sword by Basildon United, they welcome high flying Stowmarket Town to Chadfields. It's been a tough couple of weeks for Tilbury, having a game postponed against Bury Town which stopped them from being able to gain any momentum ahead of this tough fixture against the joint league leaders. As well as Mr Consistent Ryan Boswell and assistant manager Luke Wilson departing from the club. The Dockers went into this game sitting 15th and had a challenge if they wanted anything from this match. The visitors were looking for revenge today after losing 4-1 to Tilbury back in October and hoped for a win to challenge top of the league Aveley.

The earliest chance in the game came in the 5th minute and went the visitor's way as Thompson-Lambe swung in a deep cross towards the back post which was claimed by Harry Girling before he was bundled into the net and was awarded a foul.

The 11th minute saw another Stowmarket attack as Caley-Broom collected the ball on his own 18-yard box and ran it to the by-line after bombing past his man with ease, his cut back found George Bugg whose strike was brilliantly blocked by Tilbury skipper, Charlie Kendall.

Tilbury began to grow into the game and their first big chance came two minutes later as Lee Noble's corner was cleared back to him, and his second cross fell to George Allen at the back post who was unable to control it and his touch was sent over the bar.

The first goal of the game was in the 21st minute and went the way of the visitors, as Willie Clemons played a beautiful outside of the boot pass to Bugg who was running through on goal and slotted it past the keeper to put Stowmarket ahead. The next action of the game was in the 39th minute as Thompson-Lambe stole the ball from Tiffin before wriggling his way into the box but his shot was unable to beat Girling. Tilbury broke away on a quick counterattack from this as the ball came to Lewis Smith on the right-hand side who put in a good ball and after a scramble Roman Campbell got his shot away however it was straight down the keeper's throat. But this gave Tilbury some hope of getting back into the game.

The second half started with a creative corner routine from Stowmarket as Thompson-Lambe played a low ball which was dummied by the front post runner and then the second man's strike was denied by a good save from Girling. It wasn't long after until Tilbury found their lifeline as in the 55th minute Sam Jermiah received the ball in his own half before carrying it forward and unleashing a left-footed strike from the edge of the box which found the bottom corner to top off a brilliant solo goal and level up the game.

Tilbury started to control the game but was unable to create chances and find a way to win this game which eventually cost them as in the 76th minute Ben Hunter worked his way into the box and was brought down for a penalty. Substitute Josh Mayhew stepped up and slotted it away to put the visitors 2-1 up against the run of play. This goal seemed to make the players drop their heads and led to their capitulation as almost straight from kick off Clemons dispossessed the Docker's defence and opened his body up to score the fourth goal of the night.

However, Stowmarket didn't let up as in the 84th minute Clemons got past the defender with an exceptional show of skill before being dragged down for the second penalty of the game. Super Sub Josh Mayhew stepped up again to net his second goal to well and truly put the game to bed.

That was all the action at the EMR Stadium, and the result added to Tilbury's poor run of form as the Dockers are without a win in their last five games and see themselves still in 15th place in the league table. Tilbury are back in action on Tuesday 18th January in the Essex Cup away to Brentwood Town at 7:45pm.

SQUAD: Girling, Tiffin (Worrell), Peart, Allen J, Allen G, Noble, Millar, Kendall (Olukolu), Campbell, Smith (Metali), Jermiah

SUBS UNUSED: Nelson, Stone

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