

Great Wakering Rovers 0
Tilbury 1
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Essex Senior League
ATT 134
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Following a Saturday without football, it was another Tuesday away day for The Dockers. In-form Great Wakering were the hosts for this Essex Senior League matchup, as Tilbury looked to extend their unbeaten run in the league to 21 games. Jack Hayes returned to the starting lineup with Alfie Fry also returning to the bench.

The first half lacked any clear-cut chances, with Tilbury coming close when there was a scramble in the penalty area. But the best effort of the half went Wakering's way with a quickly taken free kick spread the play to Jake Gordon. Gordon's cross was met by Harry Talbot; however, the header flew wide.

The second half started much the same, this time Ben Search's delivery from the free kick found Harrison Topliss, but he also failed to test Christian North.

Tilbury failed to get a foothold of the game and the hosts came close to opening the scoring once again. This time Max Gnandi was released with just the keeper to beat, but he could not find a way past North who pulled off a brilliant save down to his left-hand side.

The Dockers were finally able to find an attempt to hit the target with 10 minutes to go as Alex Clark was stood up by his full-back. Clarky chopped back to open the space for a cross, but Dan Trendall's touch was straight into Daniel Blockley's arms.

But Tilbury showed why they were top of the league, displaying their ability to always find a goal when they need it. A free-kick from the left-hand side was sent in deep where Connor Martin rose well to head back across goal. Wakering were unable to deal with the danger and Harry Donovan was on hand to bundle the ball over the line with just 2 minutes of the 90 left to play.

As frustration began setting in for the home side, Ben Search picked up a late sin bin for a comment he made to the referee following a booking for Great Wakering.

That was all the action at Burroughs Park, and Tilbury struck late to take home all three points. The win also saw us extend our unbeaten run in the league to an outstanding 21 matches. The Dockers are back in action on Wednesday 6th March when we travel to face Sporting Bengal for a 7.45pm kick off.

SQUAD: North, McQueen, Hayes (Fry), Martin, Joynes, Donovan, Carter, Marlow (Clark), Trendall, Spooner, Campbell (Knight).
SUBS UNUSED: Salter, Browne.

GOAL: Harry Donovan