

Lowestoft Town 3

Tilbury 2

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Isthmian League North

Crown Meadow

ATT 420

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The start of a busy Easter weekend saw us travel up to Lowestoft Town to face The Trawlerboys. George and Jack made a couple of changes to the side from last weekend's draw against Newmarket Town, as Tyler Forbes returned from international duty and new signings Luke Northwood and Ayo Odukoya all made their way into the starting eleven.

The Dockers took the lead after just six minutes, when Soumen Nandi skipped past a challenge on the left-hand side of the area before finding the pass to Tyler Forbes. The forward shifted the ball onto his left foot and found the corner to mark his return from international duty.

The home side came close to equalising soon after, as a corner found Connor Deeks. The defender headed back across goal, but Ronnie Winn was on hand to clear the ball off the line.

Tilbury continued to push for a second, with Soumen Nandi splitting the defence to release Luke Northwood down the right. Northwood drove goalward and worked himself into a shooting position, but the strike was saved by Ben Self.

Self was called to action once again, as Soumen Nandi did brilliantly to escape three defenders and slide a pass through to Tyler Forbes, who drilled his strike towards the far corner. However, the keeper was down quickly to tip the ball around the post.

After the break, golden glove winner, Billy Lawlor, made a save of his own, denying The Trawlerboys from distance. Lowestoft thought they had levelled the scoring from the resultant corner, but the ball bounced off the frame of the goal.

The hosts would eventually find the back of the net after 51 minutes, but it took a Tilbury shirt to actually put the ball over the line, as a low cross ricocheted off a defender and past the keeper.

Lowestoft were then awarded a penalty on the hour mark, as Aaron Bullent was brought down in the area. The responsibility fell to Bullent, who stepped up and tried to fire his spot-kick into to the bottom right-hand corner, but his effort struck the post. Kyle Haylock was first to react, but he blazed the rebound over the crossbar.

But it would be just two minutes later when The Blues would take the lead courtesy of Luca Upton, who got in ahead of Lawlor to poke the ball into the net and put his side ahead.

Tilbury thought they had managed to find an equaliser after 77 minutes, as Kieran Jones' free-kick was won in the air by Joe Elliott. However, the goal was disallowed for a foul on the goalkeeper.

Lowestoft would go on to put the game to bed with just seven minutes remaining, when Kyle Haylock latched onto Mitchell Belmar's free-kick, heading home the hosts' third goal of the afternoon.

There was enough time for the visitors to grab a consolation through Soumen Nandi, who fired past Ben Self from 10 yards out in stoppage time.

That was all the action at Crown Meadow and it was defeat on the road for Tilbury. The Dockers are back in action on Bank Holiday Monday, when we host Grays Athletic at 3pm in El Chavico.

SQUAD: Lawlor, Northwood (Taylor), Winn (Brocklebank), Reeve, Hayes ©, Nandi, Toussaint (Fry), Forbes, Odukoya (Trendall), Ward (Jones), Elliott.

GOALS: Tyler Forbes, Soumen Nandi.