

Tilbury 2

Bowes & Pitsea 2

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Isthmian League North

Chadfields

ATT 270

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Following a victory on the road last week against Newmarket Town, Tilbury sat 13th in the league, but just three points behind Redbridge in 8th. Today they faced Bowers & Pitsea, who came into this tie as one of the most in-form teams in the league, staying undefeated in their last five matches, winning four and scoring seventeen. George and Jack made a few changes to the starting lineup from last weekend, as Mo Amir and Connor Martin both started in place of the injured Sam Carter and Alfie Fry.

The Dockers had a chance to take the lead after 20 minutes when Dan Trendall brought the ball down in the middle of the pitch before turning and releasing Tyler Forbes. However, Joe Whitney was down well to his right-hand side to make the save.

The deadlock was eventually broken in the 35th minute, when Tilbury crafted an identical chance to the earlier one, as this time, Kieran Jones found Tyler Forbes in behind. Forbes drilled his strike low and found the bottom left corner to give his side the lead.

This lead wouldn't last long, though, as Bowers & Pitsea hit back on the stroke of half-time. It was Jamie Salmon's corner which was whipped in, and the ball somehow crept in at the front post.

Following the break, the hosts had a chance to regain their lead when Lester Ward's corner was flicked on at the front post by Dan Trendall. Luke Reeve was the target, but he saw his headed effort fly just over the crossbar.

In the 67th minute, Tilbury were reduced to 10-men, as Kieran Jones was shown his marching orders for committing a foul as the last man in defence. Jonathan Evans stepped up to take the free-kick and converted brilliantly with a well-stuck effort over the wall.

Despite having fewer men on the pitch, the home side continued to push for an equaliser, and it finally came in the 95th minute. Lester Ward's beautiful delivery from the right wing found Tobias Braney, who headed home and earned a huge point for The Dockers.

That was all the action at Chadfields, and 10-man Tilbury showed brilliant fight to come back and win a point. The Dockers are back in action on Saturday 24th January, when we take the trip to face George and Jack's former side, Redbridge.

SQUAD: Henry, Reeve, Hayes ©, Elliott, Martin (Braney), Brocklebank, Jones, Amir, Ward, Forbes T (East), Trendall.

SUBS UNUSED: Wheatley, Forbes J, Weston.

GOALS: Tyler Forbes, Tobias Braney.