

Tilbury 2

Heybridge Swifts 0

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Isthmian League North

Chadfields

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During the week, a youthful Tilbury side, including eight of our U18'S EJA side, bowed out of the Essex Senior Cup following a five-star showing from Billericay Town. This afternoon, George and Jack fielded a much more familiar side with Luke Reeve, Joe Elliott and Mo Amir featuring in the starting lineup. Sam Carter also returned to the squad amongst the substitutes.

The Swifts crafted the first opportunity of the match after 25 minutes, when Joe Babbage's delivery found the head of Milo Grimes. The midfielder pushed past two defenders to win the header, but his attempt rattled the crossbar.

Seconds later, The Swifts put the ball in the net as Ramiah Mills skipped past a challenge on the left-hand side, before finding Andrew Fennell, who came sliding in at the back post. However, the linesman swiftly raised his flag, and the goal was disallowed.

The Dockers would take the lead after half an hour when Kieran Jones found space in the box for a shot, and his effort was blocked by the arm of a defender as the referee pointed to the spot. Kieran Jones took responsibility and made no mistake from 12-yards, opening the scoring before the break.

But there was still enough time for some more action in the first half, as Tilbury were reduced to 10-men, with Mo Amir receiving two yellow cards in quick succession.

After the break, Heybridge Swifts looked to make the most of the extra man, and came close to drawing level with a whipped corner towards the near post. The header was won by a Heybridge shirt, but Ronnie Winn did brilliantly to clear the ball off the line.

With 20 minutes remaining, the home side extended their lead, as a mix-up at the back for Heybridge left, goalkeeper Marcus Garnham scrambling. Ezra Agyiri was quickly on the case to take advantage of the mistake and slotted the ball into the empty net to seal the win for Tilbury.

That was all the action at Chadfields, and a second-half battle from the 10-men of Tilbury won us all three points. The Dockers are back in action on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December when we travel to Bowers & Pitsea in a 7.45pm kick-off.

SQUAD: Henry, Fry, Winn, Reeve, Elliott, Forbes T (Agyiri), Amir, Braney (Carter), Jones, Trendall © (Brocklebank), Ward.

SUBS UNUSED: Forbes J, East.

GOALS: Kieran Jones, Ezra Agyiri.