

Tilbury 1

Harwich & Parkeston 0

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Essex Senior Cup Round of 16

Chadfields

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Following a performance to be proud of in the FA Trophy against Dagenham & Redbridge, Tilbury had to shift their focus to another cup competition, as we welcomed Harwich & Parkeston to Chadfields in an Essex Senior Cup tie. Our last outing in this competition saw us come out 8-1 victors against a youthful Braintree Town, whilst The Shrimpers have defeated both Buckhurst Hill and Woodford Town 2-1 to get to this stage. George and Jack's side this evening featured two of our U18 EJA players, with Jake Weston amongst the substitutes and Dan East leading the line.

The Dockers came close to opening the scoring when Dan East beat Harwich & Parkeston's offside trap to latch onto a ball down the right-hand side. The youngster carried the ball into the penalty area before firing in a low effort towards Alex Balisani. Balisani connected with a backheel flick, but his attempt rolled wide of the target.

Soon after, Tilbury would take the lead after just 20 minutes when Kieran Jones was slotted through the centre of the Harwich back line. Jones beat Brad Cook to the ball and poked it past the keeper to open the scoring.

The hosts thought they had doubled their lead when Jamie Reynolds brilliantly found Alex Balisani in the area with a lofted pass. Balisani brought the ball down and chopped past the defender onto his left foot. The strike was low and past Brad Cook in goal, but Oakley McNair somehow got back for The Shrimpers to clear it off the line.

Tilbury continued to control the game after the break and came close once again after some tidy link-up play between Dan East and Jamie Reynolds, with the latter releasing Kieran Jones over the top of the Shrimpers' back line. Jones played a square pass across to Alex Balisani, but the forward's effort was poked off target.

The Dockers looked to put the visitors to bed in the dying moments as Kieran Jones' slotted pass found Dan East making a run in behind. However, Brad Cook was out quick to make the save.

That was all the action at Chadfields and Tilbury had advanced to the BBC Essex Senior Cup Quarter-Finals. The Dockers are back in action on Saturday 22nd November, when we travel to Witham Town in Isthmian League action.

SQUAD: Wheatley, Fry, Winn (Forbes), Martin (Weston), Reeve, Spooner © (Carter), Brocklebank, Reynolds, Jones, Balisani, East.

SUBS UNUSED: Hayes.

GOAL: Kieran Jones.