

Tilbury 0

Waltham Abbey 0

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Following a Saturday without football, The Dockers were back in league action as they welcomed Waltham Abbey to The EMR Stadium for some Tuesday night football. Last time Tilbury were on the pitch was on the 6th September when a Dan Trendall double and a goal from Medo Konte, helped us through to the next round of the FA Trophy against London Lions. Marc and Liam made just one change to the starting 11 from that day, as Oli Spooner returned to action in place of Kieran Jones, who started on the bench.

The game produced a very uneventful first half, with neither side managing to test the keepers. Waltham Abbey caused some problems for the Tilbury back line before the break when Khale Da Costa skipped Medo Konte and delivered an inviting cross. The Tilbury back line failed to clear, and Amrit Bansal-McNulty had a shooting opportunity in the area, but Harry Fairs matched the effort and made a save.

On the stroke of halftime, Tilbury had a chance of their own, after some brilliant work by Dan Trendall to win possession back high up the field. He set the ball across to Max Appauh, who sent in the cross for Oli Spooner to meet with a lovely cushioned chest down into the path of the arriving Jamie Reynolds. However, the midfielder didn't get the connection he wanted, and it was a comfortable save for Bradley Robinson.

Following the break, Luke Reeve was given space to carry the ball up the pitch down the right-hand side. His cross was bent around the defence and won by Oli Spooner, who directed his header goalward. Unfortunately, Robinson was down quick to deny the effort.

The Abbotts were quick to respond with a chance of their own though, when a quick free kick was switched across to Abdiraham Mohamud in space on the left wing. He took on two defenders before chopping onto his right foot, but the eventual strike soared past the far post and went out for a goal kick.

Bradley Robinson was called to action again for the visitors when Max Appauh's out-swinging free kick was towards Sam Carter. The midfielder's header was flicked goalward, but Robinson got a fingertip on it to push the ball over the crossbar and deny Tilbury the opener.

Tilbury had a chance to win the game in stoppage time when Dan Trendall recycled a chance by chasing down the loose ball on the left. The forward fizzed in a low cross to Oli Spooner, but his strike was sent over the crossbar.

That was all the action at Chadfields and the points are shared as there was nothing to separate the two sides. The Dockers are back in action on Saturday 20th September when we travel to Welwyn Garden City in the FA Trophy Second Round Qualifying.

SQUADS: Fairs, Reeve, Konte, Martin, Hayes, Spooner ©, Carter, Reynolds, Appauh (Jones), Ward (Akintunde), Trendall.

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