

Tilbury 0

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Following a goalless stalemate in the league during the week, Tilbury turned their attention to FA Trophy action as we hosted Hertford Town in the First Qualifying Round. George and Jack made two changes to the starting 11 from Tuesday night, as Malaki Toussaint started in place of Troy Chiabi and Connor Wheatley stepped in for the injured Billy Lawlor.

The Dockers came close to opening the scoring after 20 minutes when Ronnie Winn's corner was sent towards the back post where Malaki Toussaint came flying in to attack the delivery. Unfortunately, his header was sent just wide of the target.

The hosts continued to look the more dangerous of the two sides as Charlie Stimson's headed flick released Ben Allen, who was battling with two defenders as he carried the ball into the box. However, Josh Bowler saved his eventual strike.

Just three minutes later, Tilbury threatened again through Connor Wheatley's long kick forward, which caused trouble for the Hertford back line. Stimson did well to get the ball under control before setting it back to Ben Allen. The midfielder's strike was hit first time, but he was unable to find the target.

On the stroke of halftime, Hertford Town were reduced to 10 men when Albert McGregor was shown a second yellow card for a foul on Bobby Rea in the middle of the park.

Despite this, it was Hertford who threatened first in the second half, as Patrick Matejko burst through with just the keeper to beat, but there was no way past Connor Wheatley.

In the dying moments, the hosts had one last opportunity courtesy of a free-kick from the right-hand side. Troy Chiabi's delivery was not fully cleared by the Hertford defence, but Tilbury were unable to make it count, as Joe Elliott's header flew just over the crossbar.

In the penalty shootout, despite Connor Wheatley saving Ben Herd's spot-kick, the game went to sudden death. Bobby Rea stepped up for Tilbury and saw his effort saved, which handed Ayo Quadri the opportunity to send his side through to the next round. And he made no mistake, firing home from the spot.

That was all the action at Chadfields, and Tilbury were knocked out of the FA Trophy. The Dockers are back in action on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 3pm when we host Walthamstow in a bank holiday fixture.

SQUAD: Connor Wheatley, Jon Nzengo, Josh Taylor, Ronnie Winn © (Soumen Nandi), Joe Elliott, Luke Reeve, Malaki Toussaint, Jake Brocklebank, Charlie Stimson (James Barlow), Ben Allen (Troy Chiabi), Bobby Rea.

SUBS UNUSED: Zain Hussain, Alfie Fry.

PENALTIES: Hertford Town won 4-3 on penalties.

Tilbury: Joe Elliott GOAL, Troy Chiabi GOAL, Jake Brocklebank SAVED, Luke Reeve GOAL, Bobby Rea SAVED.

Hertford Town: Lene Burden GOAL, Ben Herd SAVED, Reiss Webber GOAL, Ollie Porter GOAL, Ayo Quadri GOAL.