

Tilbury 1

Witham Town 1

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Isthmian League North

Chadfields

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It was finally time for the last game of what has been a rollercoaster of a season. A difficult start followed by a change in management towards the end of 2025 is not what we had planned, but since the arrival of George, Jack and their management team, performances have improved, and we now find ourselves mid-table with a strong foundation for next season. But before we can look that far ahead, we play host to Witham Town, who sit just one place above us in the table.

The Dockers were awarded a penalty after 25 minutes when Dan Trendall got in front of the defender before being brought down in the area. Kieran Jones stepped up, but former Tilbury shot-stopper, Harry Fairs guessed the right way and made the save.

Witham Town went on to take the lead on the stroke of halftime as a pass cut through the centre of the pitch towards another familiar face, Sam Bantick. The forward let the ball run past him and Jordan Elongo continued his run on the right, latching onto the pass before slotting past the keeper for the opener.

The hosts found the equaliser after the break courtesy of Tyler Forbes, who met Kieran Jones' corner at the back post, firing home his 13<sup>th</sup> goal of the season.

The Town came close to finding the winner when Luke Ige's corner flashed across the face of goal, getting a touch from Jordan Elongo on its way. However, the winger couldn't get a clean enough connection and the ball rolled out of play for a goal kick.

With 5 minutes to go, the visitors were reduced to 10 men, as Liam Whipps dragged Malaki Toussaint to the floor, earning himself a second yellow card.

For the final time this season that was all the action at Chadfields, and we had to settle for just the single point. Thank you for your support this season. Enjoy your summer, and we hope to see you again next season. Up The Dockers!

SQUAD: Lawlor, Elliott, Taylor (Ward), Hayes ©, Reeve, Toussaint, Winn, Jones (Fry), Nandi (Odukoya), Forbes T, Trendall.

SUBS UNUSED: Northwood, Forbes J.

GOAL: Tyler Forbes.