

Tilbury 2

Wormley Rovers 0

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Football is finally back! Tilbury kicked off their 2026/27 campaign with a home fixture in the FA Cup against Spartan South Midlands Premier Division side Wormley Rovers. New faces have joined the team throughout pre-season, with many featuring in today's starting 11.

The Dockers came close to opening the scoring in the 20th minute when Ben Allen's corner was delivered deep to the back post. Joe Elliott was the target and the defender headed the ball back across goal where it took a deflection and bounced wide after striking the post.

It wouldn't take much longer before the hosts took the lead, as Tilbury worked the ball down the right-hand side where a cross was fizzed along the six-yard box. The ball was met by the arriving Ben Allen, who bundled the ball over the line to put his side ahead.

Following the opener, the game quietened down until stoppage time in the second half when Tilbury were able to increase the deficit. The opportunity was created by Bobby Rea, who did exceptionally well to skip past two challenges before clipping a cross to the back post for Ben Allen to attack and double his tally.

There was still time for one last chance, when in the dying moments, Josh Taylor took the ball past two defenders before drilling a low strike towards the nearside bottom corner. However, the Wormley keeper made a very good save.

That was all the action at Chadfields and Tilbury were through to the next round of the FA Cup. The Dockers are back in action on Saturday 15th August when we travel to Brightlingsea Regent for our first league game of the season.

SQUAD: Lawlor, Nzengo (Fry), Bennett, Winn ©, Elliott, Reeve (Okafor), Nandi (Townsend), Toussaint, Chiabi (Brocklebank), Allen, Rea (Taylor).

SUBS UNUSED: Wheatley, Diboussi.

GOALS: Ben Allen x 2.