

Tilbury 8

Braintree Town 1

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BBC Essex Senior Cup Third Round

Chadfields

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Ahead of their FA Cup Third Round tie against Chelmsford City, Braintree Town were welcomed to Chadfields for an Essex Senior Cup fixture, in which they named an U18 squad. The Dockers came into this game off the back of new managers, George Christou and Jack Toghli's first win in the FA Trophy, when we defeated Hadley to advance to the second round for the first time in 43 years. The draw for that round was held yesterday, and we will travel to Dagenham & Redbridge on Saturday 15th November.

Tilbury opened the scoring inside 20 minutes through Tyler Forbes, who was played through down the right by Dan Trendall before cannoning his first-time strike into the near-side top corner.

Kieran Jones doubled our advantage after a quick one-two with Dan Trendall, as Jones ran through the centre of the defence and slotted past the keeper.

Dan Trendall made it three after 33 minutes with a tidy finish into the bottom corner when he met Kieran Jones' cross.

Right before halftime, captain Oli Spooner followed in Balisani's blocked effort to make it 4-0 going into the interval.

The fifth came in the 48th minute as Jake Forbes, Tyler Forbes' brother, came on for his debut and found the net with his first touch for the club.

Just three minutes later, Kieran Jones added to his tally with a drilled strike from the edge of the area that found the bottom right-hand corner.

The young Braintree side managed to pull a goal back when Charlie Kent laid an indirect free kick across to Joe Wood, whose effort found a way through the sea of bodies to score his first professional goal.

Following a couple of substitutions, centre half Jack Hayes found himself playing up top, and he did not disappoint. Hayes intercepted a pass as Brantree attempted to play out from the back, before slotting home to increase the scoreline once again.

There was still enough time for another goal, as Oli Spooner spun well on the edge of the penalty box and fired his shot into the corner for the final goal of the game.

That was all the action at The EMR Stadium, and we were through in the BBC Essex Senior Cup. The Dockers are back in action on Saturday 1st November, when we host Walthamstow in Isthmian League action.

SQUAD: Bett, Fry, Reeve (Carter), Hayes, Martin, Brocklebank, Spooner ©, Jones (Reynolds), Forbes T (Konte), Trendall (Forbes J), Balisani.

SUBS UNUSED: Phillips.

GOALS: Tyler Forbes, Kieran Jones x 2, Dan Trendall, Oli Spooner x 2, Jake Forbes, Jack Hayes.