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EDITOR'S CORNER

Barking V Tilbury

Good evening everyone, and welcome to Lawtech Stadium for this Essex Senior League tie against Tilbury!

It has been a good start to the season for the Blues, who are unbeaten without conceding a goal. We kicked off the season with a late win over Buckhurst Hill, before a goalless draw against White Ensign, and then a victory over Cockfosters in the FA Cup last Saturday. Reports for all of these games are in tonight's programme.

We would also like to wish all fans and players of Tilbury as well as the officials and any neutrals a safe journey home from Lawtech Stadium today.

Come on you Blues!

Penned by programme editor Trevor Gilbert

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Athenian League - Champions	1934/35
London League Premier - Champions	1920/21
London League Division One - Champions	1909-10
FA Non-League Team of the Year	1978/79
FA Cup - Second Round Proper	1978/79, 1979/80, 1981/82, 1983/84
FA Amateur Cup - Runners Up	1926/27
FA Trophy best - Second Round	1979/80
FA Vase Best - Fifth Round (Last 16)	1996/97
London Senior Cup - Winners	1911/12, 1920/21, 1926/27, 1978/79
Essex Senior Cup – Winners	1893/94, 1895/96, 1919/20, 1945/46, 1962/63, 1969/70, 1989/90
East Anglian Cup - Winners	1937/38, 1953/54 (Shared)
Essex Thameside Trophy – Winners	1952/53 (Shared), 1956/57, 1958/59, 1996/97
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Errington Challenge Cup – Winners	2022/23
Dylon Shield Winners	1979/80
Essex Senior League Reserve Division – Champions	2011/12

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COCKFOSTERS 0-1 BARKING

Saturday 5 August 2023 – FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round – Report by Terry Gilbert

In a closely contested cup tie Barking secured a hard-fought victory away against Cockfosters for the second consecutive season, thanks to Gabriel Oloko's 50th minute strike.

The match, however, was blighted by contentious officiating that left both teams frustrated and tempers flared as the game progressed, adding to the intensity on the field.

Barking's line up saw a few changes, with Mitchell Cohen, the regular goalkeeper for the Under 23's, earning a spot on the bench for the first time. Matthew Cambridge made his debut start, while Joel Bevan also found himself included in the squad as an unused substitute.

The early stages of the game saw little action, with both teams struggling to create clear-cut chances. Martin Tuohy had the first attempt of the match, but his shot sailed wide of the mark. As the quarter-hour mark approached, neither side had managed to impose themselves on the game. Cockfosters threatened to break the deadlock in the 23rd minute when George Sippett's powerful strike forced a brilliant save from Barking's goalkeeper, Harry Girling, who managed to deny the home forward with his legs. In the 29th minute, Cockfosters thought they had taken the lead after a defensive mix-up from a corner allowed the ball to fall to the feet of George Lutaaya, who slotted it into the net and wheeled away in celebration. However, the assistant referee raised her flag, and after a brief discussion with the referee, the goal was disallowed. Barking continued to press forward, and their closest opportunity came in the 42nd minute when Kenedi Dariri's header seemed destined for the back of the net, only to be cleared off the line by Cockfosters' Joe Entwistle.

Despite the late first-half drama, Barking managed to hold on until halftime, which was extended due to an excessive amount of added time.

As the second half kicked off, the sun came out from behind the clouds and Barking emerged with renewed energy, taking control of the game's tempo. Their efforts were rewarded in the 50th minute when Aundre Spencer played a well-timed through ball to Brad Rowland, with the Cockfosters' defence vainly appealing for offside, Rowland's shot was blocked by home keeper, Quamil Dequishat, **Gabriel Oloko** capitalised on the rebound and fired home, giving Barking a crucial goal advantage.

As the match entered its final stages, Cockfosters intensified their efforts to find an equaliser: Girling was called into action again in the 77th minute, making an important save to deny the home side, the resulting follow up shot from Entwistle was deflected over for a corner.

The home team continued to push for a late leveller, in the first minute of added time Girling made a superb save tipping over a curling shot from George Lutanya. Barking seemed penned in their own area as Cockfosters managed to force a series of corners and Jason Beck came close, firing over the bar shortly after Girling's save. The referee added over ten minutes of stoppage time, during which Cockfosters continued to apply pressure, but Barking stood firm leaving the home side to join Buckhurst Hill and White Ensign this season in being unable to breach the Barking back line

The reward for beating Cockfosters is an away tie at Heybridge Swifts in the preliminary round on Saturday August 19th. A bit sooner this Tuesday evening we are back in the league and back at the Lawtech Stadium to face Tilbury.

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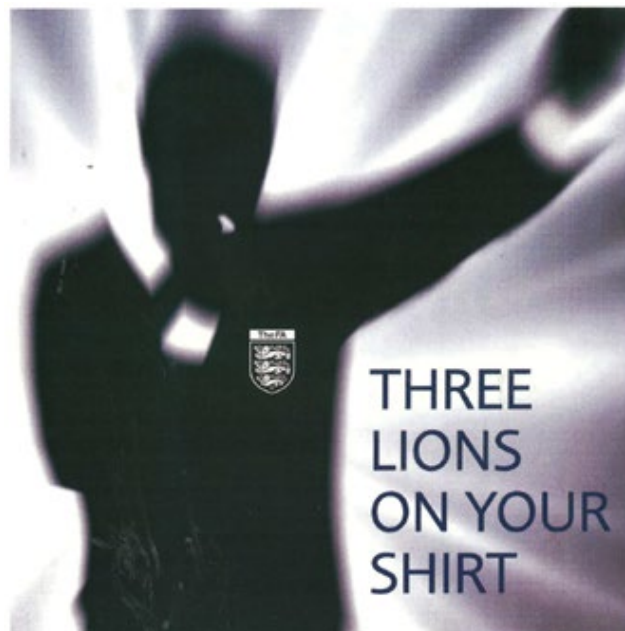
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DATE	OPPONENTS	COMP	SCORE	ATT	GOAL SCORERS
29 Jul 23	Buckhurst Hill	ESL	1-0	136	Adu-Gyamfi
2 Aug 23	White Ensign	ESL	0-0	91	
5 Aug 23	Cockfosters	FAC EPR	1-0	170	Oloko
8 Aug 23	Tilbury	ESL			
12 Aug 23	Stanway Rovers	ESL			
15 Aug 23	Romford	ESL			
19 Aug 23	Heybridge Swifts	FAC PR			
26 Aug 23	Potton United	FAV 1QR			
28 Aug 23	Sporting Bengal	ESL			
9 Sept 23	Little Oakley	ESL			
12 Sept 23	Great Wakering Rovers	ESL			
16 Sept 23	Coggeshall Town	ESL			
22 Sept 23	Woodford Town	ESL			
30 Sept 23	FC Clacton	ESL			
4 Oct 23	Ilford	ESL			
7 Oct 23	West Essex	ESL			
10 Oct 23	Hullbridge Sports	ESL			
14 Oct 23	Takeley	ESL			
21 Oct 23	Frenford	ESL			
28 Oct 23	Halstead Town	ESL			
4 Nov 23	Saffron Walden Town	ESL			
11 Nov 23	Athletic Newham	ESL			
18 Nov 23	Buckhurst Hill	ESL			
25 Nov 23	Stanway Rovers	ESL			
2 Dec 23	White Ensign	ESL			
9 Dec 23	Tilbury	ESL			
16 Dec 23	Little Oakley	ESL			
23 Dec 23	Coggeshall Town	ESL			
6 Jan 24	Woodford Town	ESL			
20 Jan 24	Sporting Bengal	ESL			
27 Jan 24	Great Wakering Rovers	ESL			
10 Feb 24	Romford	ESL			
17 Feb 24	Hullbridge Sports	ESL			
24 Feb 24	Ilford	ESL			
9 Mar 24	Athletic Newham	ESL			
16 Mar 24	Saffron Walden Town	ESL			
23 Mar 24	Halstead Town	ESL			
30 Mar 24	Frenford	ESL			
6 Apr 24	Takeley	ESL			
13 Apr 24	West Essex	ESL			
20 Apr 24	FC Clacton	ESL			

TILBURY FC

Tilbury F.C. now have concrete proof that they were formed in 1889 and competed in the Gravesend League from 1889/1890. With the Docks being the only employer of any size in the area, all the Players and Officials of the Club were Dockers, hence the adoption of the nickname, "The Dockers", which still stands today. The aim of the Club was to gain success at Junior level via the Essex Junior Cup, and thereby to eventually bring Senior Level Football to the Town. Tilbury soon made a name at the Junior level, with successive League championships, and an appearance in the Final of the Junior Cup in 1903/04, where they were defeated after a replay by Chelmsford Arc Works. It was to be another 5 years before they reached the Final again, in 1908/09, but this time they carried off the Trophy by defeating the County's oldest club, Saffron Walden Town.

However, at this stage, support for the club was poor. Only a couple of miles down the road, Grays Athletic were now playing in Senior ranks, and Grays Thurrock United were playing Professionally in the Southern League. Most local fans were going to these clubs, and finances for Tilbury were very tight. At the end of the 1910/11 season, the club also lost its home ground, and the Committee decided that the club should take a break from playing while it sought a new home base. The intended short break stretched to three seasons and was then further extended by the outbreak of the First World War, in 1914. As a result, it was not until 1919/20 that Tilbury were able to resume, this time in the South Essex League. They became Champions of that League in 1921/22 and were again a force in the County Junior ranks. The big push for advancement into Senior ranks came in 1924/25. The Title was again captured, and so was the Essex Junior Cup. As a result, in the following season, Tilbury were invited to enter the Essex Senior Cup instead, which they accepted, as they realised that some good results would really aid their cause.

In 1926/27, Tilbury reached the 3rd Round of the Cup, the first Junior side to do so, and also became the first Junior club to knock a Senior club out of the Cup, when they played superbly to defeat the mighty Walthamstow Avenue 3-2. During the Summer, they were granted Senior status by the Essex F.A. Disaster almost struck, however. Application was made to several Leagues but, one by one, they were all rejected, and it looked as though Tilbury were doomed. At the very last moment, the Kent League stepped in and offered them a place, which was eagerly accepted. With Tilbury remaining as one of only 5 Amateur clubs in a Professional competition, it was no surprise that they found it tough going on the field of play. Off the field, however, the 4 seasons spent in the Kent League were a success. Tilbury enjoyed their time in the League and made many friends and contacts. It was an off-field matter, though, that led to them eventually leaving the competition. The League had expanded in size greatly since Tilbury joined and added to the difficulty of continually crossing the Thames was the end of season fixture congestion.

This meant a great many midweek matches and, with no Floodlights in those days, those games had to kick off at 4.30pm, and Tilbury nearly always had to field weakened teams due to players' work commitments. At the end of the 1930/31 season, the Committee very reluctantly took the decision that the club would have to move on. They made an application to join the London League, one of those that had rejected them 4 years earlier, and this time were accepted. Tilbury stayed in the London League until 1939, when the outbreak of the Second World War led to the disbandment of most Senior Leagues. During that spell, they were twice 4th in the table, and once reached the League Cup Final, but were mostly to be found in the bottom half of the League Table. In September 1939, all Football was forced to return to a more local basis, due to Travel restrictions and Fuel rationing. Along with 9 other local clubs, Tilbury formed the War Time South Essex Combination.

They completed the 1939/40 season in this League, but at the end of that campaign were forced to disband for the duration, when their ground was commandeered by the Army, as a site for the Anti-Aircraft Guns brought in to protect the Docks. Tilbury resumed in the London League in 1946/47, and then on a new home ground, the present Chadfields in 1947/48, and embarked upon a four-season spell of much success and National recognition. They reached 2 successive Essex Senior Cup Finals, were 3 times League Runners Up, and were desperately unlucky to be knocked out of the F.A. Amateur Cup at the Quarter Final stage, when reduced to 9 fit men through injury. The proudest moment, though, came in the F.A. Cup. In 1949/50, Tilbury fought their way through to the 1st Round Proper, eventually going down 0-4 away to a Notts County side led by the legendary England centre forward Tommy Lawton. In the previous round replay, at home to Gorleston, a crowd of 5,500 had packed into St. Chad's Road, and that is still the official Ground Record. The proceeds from this Cup run were used, a few years later, to buy the Freehold to the 13-acre site that the Ground stands on.

TILBURY FC (cont.)

In 1950/51 Tilbury moved into the Corinthian League. Apart from one League Cup Final, this was to be a barren 7-year spell, and at the end of that time they returned to the London League. The move into the Corinthian ranks had coincided with the gradual breakup of the successful but ageing post-War side. The move back to the London League now coincided with the coming together of an extremely talented bunch of local young players, that brought great success in the coming seasons. In 1957/58, Tilbury finished 3rd in the London League, but in each of the next 4 campaigns were the undisputed Champions. On 3 occasions they also captured the League Cup. Also, in 1960/61, the Essex Senior Cup was won for the first time, when Walthamstow Avenue were beaten 4-1 (aet) in the Final, just 3 weeks after by winning they had won the Amateur Cup at Wembley. 1962/63 saw Tilbury move into the Delphian League. This was to be the Winter of the "Big Freeze", which almost totally disrupted all Sport throughout the Country for a period of almost 3 months. This was to coincide with that League's last ever season. In 1963/64, that League joined the expanded Athenian League set up, becoming the bottom Division of a 3 Division set up. The Athenian League being the Premier Division, the Corinthian League being Division One and the Delphian, Division Two. Tilbury were inaugural Champions of Division Two, also winning the Essex Senior Cup again. 5 seasons later, they completed the climb to the Premier Division, by winning the Division One championship. 5 seasons were spent in the Athenian Premier Division before, in 1973/74, they joined the newly formed Isthmian League Division Two, which was later re-named Division One.

In 1974/75, they became the first ever winners of the Isthmian League Cup, and 12 months later were the Division One Champions. 5th place in their first Premier Division season was the best Tilbury could achieve in their 5 seasons stay, before being relegated back to Division One. However, during that spell, in 1977/78, Tilbury enjoyed a remarkable run in the F.A. Cup, as they started in the Preliminary Round and fought their way right through to the 3rd Round Proper, before going down 0-4 away to Stoke City. The storm clouds were already forming though, and just 2 seasons later relegation followed, amid a financial crisis so severe that the Club almost died. Since then, Tilbury have found things tough. They have suffered relegation on several occasions, but have mostly bounced back fairly quickly, but the successes of previous years have never been re-captured. In 2004/05, Tilbury finished their one season in the Southern League Division One East in rock bottom position and were relegated to the Essex Senior League. They bounced back immediately, and earned a return to Isthmian ranks, and have managed to remain there since. The past 2 seasons were moderately successful, with two 11th place finishes in the League, and in 2008/09 Tilbury won the Isthmian League Cup and the East Anglian Cup, these were their first Trophies in 30 years. 2010/2011, with a new Manager in Paul Vaughan, and a tie-up with South Essex College Academy, saw the Club hoping to build for the future. With an inexperienced squad, the first half of the campaign was a real struggle, and by Xmas Tilbury were in real danger of relegation. However, as he gained experience, Vaughan gradually rebuilt and reinforced his squad, and the 2nd half of the campaign saw a run of results that steered the Club to safety well before the end of the season.

2011/12 saw Tilbury greatly exceed their expectations, as Vaughan's squad stayed in and around the promotion race all season, clinching a play-off place with a game to spare. Sadly, though, it ended in extra time defeat against Needham Market. Success spread through the club as well, with the newly formed Reserves, comprised mainly of players under 21 years old, coming second in the Essex Senior Reserve League, and winning the League Cup. Unfortunately, this level could not be maintained over the next few seasons, as Tilbury continually lost some of their better players to higher level clubs, and Vaughan was continually having to rebuild his squad. The Club's Academy proved its worth in this respect, as Tilbury still managed to finish in a respectable position.

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TILBURY FC (cont.)

In October 2014, Paul Vaughan stepped down as Manager, and the Club acted quickly to appoint player Gary Henty as the new boss, and he acted quickly to appoint former Tilbury player Danny Smith as his assistant and another ex-"Docker" George Young as Coach. Tilbury finished that season in a comfortable lower mid-table position, but showed great improvement in 2015/16, at one time being as high as 5th, on the back of a very long unbeaten run. This included good runs in both the Essex Senior Cup and F.A. Trophy, with no fewer than 3 National League sides being defeated. However, as the season entered its final few weeks, their poor disciplinary record came back to bite them, with player suspensions taking their toll leading to a fall down the Table to 11th. That pattern was repeated in 2016/17. The first half of the season saw Tilbury in or just below the Play-Off places, but in the second half of the campaign a dramatic loss of form of just 3 wins from 22 games saw them plummet down as low as 17th.

The season was rescued in the final month, in which Tilbury went unbeaten, winning three and drawing two of the final five League matches, climbing back up to a respectable 12th position. On the cup front, Tilbury had a fine run through to the Semi-Final of the Essex Senior Cup, before going down narrowly to National South side East Thurrock United. Unfortunately, Tilbury suffered a terrible run of results in October of 2017. A heavy defeat in the F.A. Trophy brought about the resignations of manager and assistant, Gary Henty & Danny Smith, plus coach George Young. Once again, the Club turned to a former player to take over. Joe Keith returned to the club and brought in a few new signings over the next few weeks and guided the club to a safe final position. However, this run could not be maintained, and in October of the next season, with the Club lying second from bottom, the Management Team was changed again. Marc Harrison, a former Under 16 side Manager at Tilbury, had enjoyed a very successful spell with Basildon United, and now returned to Chadfields, bringing Liam Wallace with him as his Assistant. Making several new signings, they immediately brought about a big improvement, and took the club right up to 7th place, before a final day defeat away to the Division Champions sent them back to a final 10th place finish.

2019/20 got off to a slow start for the Club, but once they got going they rapidly climbed up the League Table. By March, Tilbury were sitting comfortably in 4th position, and seemed certain of a place in the Promotion Play-Offs. Then, the Covid 19 virus created a Pandemic that swept across the World and caused the Isthmian and many other Leagues to be declared Null & Void, with all Football coming to a close. 2020/21 got off to an even better start, and Tilbury found themselves as the early season League Leaders. Once again, however, the Covid Pandemic raised its head. The situation across the Country deteriorated greatly and Lockdown once more came into force. As in the previous campaign, that signalled, eventually, the abandonment of the season, and denied Tilbury what seemed a near certain place at least in the Play-Offs. With all restrictions lifted from July 12th 2021, and with most of the squad retained plus one or two quality additions, the Club are hoping that fate does not intervene again, and that they can challenge for the honours.



WHITE ENSIGN 0-0 BARKING FC

Wednesday 2 August 2023 – Essex Senior League – Report by Terry Gilbert

This game at White Ensign marked our first away trip of the season, looking back at last season's games we emerged victorious on both occasions with an impressive aggregate score of 8-2, yet despite hitting the post twice in the second half we could not find the net against an Ensign side who looked much improved from last term.

We made two changes to the starting line up from Saturday with Chris Adu-Gyamfi and Caiden Imbert-Thomas replacing Gabriel Oloko and Kai Haysman.

The match kicked off with a flurry of activity and in the opening minute White Ensign had an early chance, but their shot sailed wide of the mark. Barking quickly responded, with Chris Adu-Gyamfi firing in a shot that took a deflection, resulting in a corner. At that time the momentum seemed to be on the Ensign's side as their well-placed balls over our defence were causing significant problems for the Barking defenders. After eight minutes Martin Tuohy's determined chase for the ball put pressure on Ensign's goalkeeper, Harry Fairs, who mis-kicked the ball. Tuohy managed to deliver a cross, but Adu-Gyamfi found himself in the net with a defender rather than connecting with the ball.

As the game settled, Barking intensified their pressure on the home goal but the tide soon turned as a momentary lapse saw Harry Girling, Barking's goalkeeper, handling a back pass in the box. The resulting free kick was blocked, and the subsequent goal-bound effort was cleared by the vigilant Kenedi Dariri. In the 38th minute it was Barking's turn to have an opportunity from a free kick, but Henry Mabassa's header narrowly missed the target, hitting the side netting instead. As half-time approached, White Ensign made a determined push, managing to break through Barking's defence, only for Girling to make a crucial save with his legs.

After several close calls in the first half a change was required and there was a substitution: Kai Haysman replaced Tom Troubridge, prompting a tactical shift in formation. Both teams struggled to create clear-cut chances early in the second half, resorting to unsuccessful attempts from long range. In the 53rd minute, a deflected shot by Brad Rowland hit the post and bounced away, narrowly avoiding the back of the net and resulting in a corner. Adu-Gyamfi showcased his ability to hold the ball up in the area, setting up Fahad Nynja with a chance in the 61st minute, but the resulting shot sailed just over the crossbar. The match settled into a back-and-forth rhythm, with neither team managing to find a cutting edge in the final third. Despite the effort, the lack of clinical finishing remained a challenge and gradually fatigue set in but the pace did not flag. In the 86th minute, a throw-in fell to Tuohy inside the box, and his quick, instinctive shot rattled against the same post that had denied Barking earlier. As the clock ticked into stoppage time, tension escalated. Aundre Spencer received his second yellow card in four minutes for a foul just outside the box, resulting in his dismissal. The ensuing free kick failed to find the target and the match concluded in a 0-0 stalemate.

Despite the draw we are unbeaten in our two opening games and have kept a clean sheet in each match, we temporarily leave the league behind and on Saturday travel to Cockfosters in the preliminary round of the Emirates FA Cup.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

Our last meetings with Tilbury compiled by Terry Gilbert

April 23rd 2022 - Isthmian League North

Tilbury 0

Barking 1 (Charlie MacDonald Penalty)

September 10th 2021 - Isthmian League North

Barking 2 (Barney Williams, Kieran Jones)

Tilbury 1

February 5th 2019 - Isthmian League North

Tilbury 0

Barking 0

September 25th 2018 - Isthmian League North

Barking 0

Tilbury 1

April 24th 2018 - Isthmian League North

Barking 0

Tilbury 1

January 2nd 2018 - Isthmian League North

Tilbury 1

Barking 3 (Billy Jones, Abs Seymour 2)

ON THIS DAY

A selection of Barking games from this day in the past by Terry Gilbert

August 8th 2015 – Essex Senior League

Barking 2 (Eden Nelson, Wale Odedoyin)

Ilford 2

August 8th 2009 – Essex Senior League

Takeley 2

Barking 0

August 8th 1998 - Friendly

Tilbury 2

Barking 3 (Danny Whybrow, Darren Cheriton, Gary Ansell)

August 8th 1992 - Friendly

Harwich & Parkeston 5

Barking 1 (Cliff Johnson Penalty)

August 8th 1989 - Friendly

Vauxhall Motors 1

Barking 2 (Tony James, Steve Browne)

August 8th 1978 – Friendly

Harlow Town 0

Barking 0

August 8th 1966 - Friendly

Barking 0

Brentford 1

BARKING 1-0 BUCKHURST HILL

Saturday 29 July 2023 – Essex Senior League – Report by Trevor Gilbert

The Blues got the new season underway with a win secured late on against Buckhurst Hill as Christian Adu-Gyamfi bundled home from a corner in injury time for a 1-0 victory. This meant we have been victorious on the last three opening days and was our first league victory over today's opponents.



Lee Benson's new look side started with only one player –

Kenedi Dariri – remaining from last May's Errington Challenge cup final. Although there was another familiar face in Isioma Richard who has been out injured since last November and made a welcome second half appearance as a substitute. This left twelve players making their Barking debut.

An equal first ten minutes was ended with two dangerous free kicks for Buckhurst Hill, but neither caused much danger, with the closest hitting the side netting. Barking also went close from a free kick after 12 minutes but Kai Haysman's dipping dead ball effort clipped the corner of the crossbar.

Five minutes later and the Blues went close again but Martin Tuohy's headed effort from Kenedi Dariri's cross was wide of the target. Buckhurst Hill forced Girling into a comfortable save after 23 minutes, which was probably his only notable save of the half. There was a 15-minute lull before Alex Reed was forced into his first save for Buckhurst Hill as Tuohy latched onto Harry Girling's long clearance, expertly bringing it down, jinking past one defender and shot low to Reed's right but he was equal to it and he was able to palm it away.

The second half was even quieter than the first, with both sides on occasion breaking the defensive line before being denied by high-quality last-ditch tackles, with Henry Mabassa consistently sliding in, hard, fair and most importantly clean. Barking starting to threaten with the game entering the final ten minutes, Harvey Brown's high through ball was latched onto by Gabriel Oloko but his effort on the stretch bounced wide of the target. Even though they didn't test Reed, Barking were the better side in the second half and got their reward thanks to their substitutes in second half injury time: a corner to the far post by Samraj Gill bounced around the six-yard box before squeezing past Reed and into the net with **Christian Adu-Gyamfi** being credited with the final touch.

There were six minutes of injury time signalled so there was still time for Buckhurst Hill to try and claw an equaliser and Girling did have to make one diving save but he was able to preserve his clean sheet on debut for the Blues and all three points.

PHOTO REVIEW: COCKFOSTERS 0-1 BARKING

Saturday 5 August 2023 – FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round – Photos by Terry Gilbert



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Barking FC are an unincorporated association run by a committee.

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First Team Manager: Lee Benson

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Essex Senior League
Tuesday 8 August 2023
Kick Off 7:45pm



Barking FC	No.	Tilbury FC
Harry Girling	1.	Anthony Page
Kenedi Dariri	2.	Jack Folan
Aundre Spencer	3.	Macauley Joynes
Tom Troubridge	4.	Harry Donovan
Henry Mabassa	5.	Joe Burton
Harvey Brown	6.	Jack Hayes
Bradleigh Rowland	7.	Johnny Ashman
Fahad Nyanja	8.	Oliver Spooner
Martin Tuohy	9.	Olly Miles
Kai Haysman	10.	Harry Hope
Gabriel Oloko	11.	Alfie Leach
Christian Adu-Gyamfi	12.	Tom Salter
Daniel Okah	14.	Brian Moses
Ciaran Burke	15.	Christian North
Matthew Cambridge	16.	Izaih Antoine
Caiden Imbert-Thomas	17.	Alfie Fry
Lee Benson (Manager)		Marc Harrison (Manager)
Glenn Robson (Coach)		Liam Wallace (Manager)
Steve Gaunt (Coach)		



Grant Conway



Matthew Flowers
Zeki Bedri-Karayaka

NEXT UP AT LAWTECH STADIUM
SATURDAY 12 AUGUST 3PM
STANWAY ROVERS
ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE