

AFC Sudbury 3-1 Billericay Town
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Build-up

We are in the first round of the group stages in the FAWNL cup with a midweek matchup between AFC Sudbury and Billericay Town.

The Starting Line-ups

AFC Sudbury – Brunning, Smith, Jeffery, Bezant, Rogers, Slater, Edwards, Goodwin, Allen, Morton, Abrehart

Billericay Town – Mackler, Windsor, Lambe, Birkett, Heath, Evans, Hart, Kadlec, Smith, Lempek, Chambers

The action

We start the game with Erika Lempek kicking us off into the first half of the first group stage game of the FAWNL cup

Sudbury nearly found an opener through a shot from just outside the box, but our number 1, Emily Mackler luckily got a hand on it and hit the woodwork

Billericay gain a corner which is crossed into the middle of the box but unfortunately there was nothing gained from it

We get awarded a free kick after Nee-Chambers was brought down outside the box, which was crossed into the box onto Lambe's head who was in an offside position but unfortunately Amy Brunning got a hand on it and knocked it wide

Sudbury gain a 12th minute opener through captain, Leonnie Bezant, after a corner was delivered to the back post but Bezant managed to get a head on it and slip it past Emily Mackler

Billericay gain an equaliser through number 10, Tiana Nee-Chambers in the 16th minute, with the ball being crossed towards her and the shot flying past the Yellows keeper straight into the bottom corner of the net

Sudbury then gain the advantage back from a penalty taken by Amy-Leigh Abrehart, which was slotted past Mackler who made an incredible attempt to deny The Yellows

Sudbury manage to double their advantage through number 10, Georgie Morton, after her shot slips past Mackler and into the back of the net

The Ricay are awarded a free kick after Abbi Smith was brought down outside the box but unfortunately no one managed to get a head on it and a goal kick was given to Sudbury

Half Time – AFC Sudbury 3-1 Billericay Town

Sudbury's number 7 kicks us off into the second half of the FAWNL Clash between Sudbury and Billericay

The second half is going slow with incredible defensive play from Billericay

Billericay gained a corner after a shot was deflected away, which was shot into the centre of the goal but unfortunately Sudbury's keeper managed to get a glove on it and knock it away

The ball has gone out for a throw in for Billericay, taken by Gracie Hickman, onto Nee-Chambers foot but unfortunately her pass was intercepted.

Aliyat Lambe sustained an unfortunate knee injury which ended with Billericay playing the last minutes with 10 players.

Sudbury nearly gained a late chance through a gap in our midfield, but our defensive tactical formation assisted with keeping them out of the box

Full Time – AFC Sudbury 3-1 Billericay Town

The game ended in an unfortunate 3-1 loss for the Blues, with an incredible goal from T'yana Nee-Chambers. Unfortunately, we failed to convert anymore, leading to a hard loss.

Billericay became a lot more defensive after coming out for the second half which resulted in Sudbury failing to gain more advantage over us.

A tough game, but its onwards and upwards from here with our first league home game against Gwalia United, hoping to gain the three points to propel us into our away game to Plymouth at the end of the month.