

SPORT ITALIA HELLENIC LEAGUE –PREMIER DIVISION

(played on Tuesday 7th November 2006)

SWANS QUICKFIRE START SINKS HILL

SLIMBRIDGE 4, HARROW HILL 0

Slimbridge eased to a comfortable three points from their Hellenic Premier encounter with Harrow Hill, courtesy of two early strikes from in-form striker, Robbie Colwell and a goal apiece from Matt Green and Craig Cole.

There was only 40 seconds on the clock when defender Ashley Thomas returned a booming header back into the Hill area. Some hesitancy to clear saw Colwell sneak in and round goalkeeper Andy Reid to give Slimbridge the lead.

Slimbridge seemed to sense the unease in the Hill back line missing the influential Paul Frowen. After Colwell headed a long diagonal free-kick straight at Reid, he made no mistake in the 13th minute, heading firmly in at the back post following a run and cross from the left by John Cant to double the lead.

Cant himself then cut in from the left and unleashed a shot that curled away from the upright at the last second. Eventually, on 23 minutes, a break-out by the visitors saw Shaun Bucklan dispossessed on a charge into the Slimbridge box with a good recovery tackle from skipper Leon Sterling, clearing the danger.

Back at the other end Tim Haddock shot wide after being put in by Colwell and a strong effort by Cant was flicked over his own bar by Reid. Pressure was building again, and the third goal arrived on the half hour when Colwell laid back for Green to put a low drive through a packed area into the corner of the net.

Hill came forward more as the first half wound down, but good possession couldn't find a way through a tight defence until home 'keeper Ryan Chandler had to be quick off his line to thwart a run from Jody Taylor.

The second half started with Slimbridge pressing, one well-worked move prising an opening for Will Morford, who was desperately unlucky to see his drilled shot come back off the post with the diving Reid beaten.

Hill then had their best spell of the game, but again were lacking a cutting edge, much good work petering out on the approach to the eighteen yard line.

Craig Cole came off the bench on 56 minutes, and seven minutes later got on the end of a long raking cross from Steve Badham on the left, and lifted the ball over a committed Reid and into the net first bounce.

Hill kept going and Taylor put the ball wide of the post, running in from an acute angle. Defender Tom Burford then got forward for a corner and his subsequent header drew a good turn over his own bar from Chandler, but the game had petered out as a contest long before the final whistle.

Slimbridge; R.Chandler, L.Sterling, S.Badham, T.Haddock, Ashley Thomas (J.Inch70), A.Axton, Matt Green, J.Meadows (C.Cole56), W.Morford (B.Dibden 61), R.Colwell, J.Cant.

Harrow Hill; A.Reid, J.Barton, R.Workman, M.Reid, T.Burford, S.Bucklan (T.Fletcher72), L.Davis, S.Morgan, J.Taylor, S.Jones, W.Freeman.

Referee; Mr.K.Morris (Hereford)