

## **SWANS PUT POOR 'BORO ON THE RACK**

### **SLIMBRIDGE 11 , HOUNSLOW BOROUGH 1**

**Hounslow manager, Dennis Bainborough was threatening to resign after this dismal showing from his depleted Hounslow side had given Slimbridge their biggest win since joining the Hellenic League in the summer of 2002.**

**The Slimbridge goals came at regular intervals, with Robbie Colwell hitting a hat-trick and two goals apiece for Kacey Johnstone, John Cant and Will Morford. Tim Haddock also made the score-sheet along with a spectacular own goal from Gabriel Callulli. Michael Meaker managed the lone 'Borough reply late on.**

Having had their last four games lost through water-logged pitches, Slimbridge boss Doug Foxwell had put his side through an exhausting mid-week assault course to sharpen up fitness, and was rewarded with an explosive start that the visitors never recovered from.

Early pressure told as 'Borough's stand-in goalkeeper, Adam Bark could only parry a fierce drive from Fred Ward straight to Johnstone, who picked his spot to open the scoring on five minutes.

Some brave, if nervous-looking Hounslow defending, kept the home side at bay and when the prolific former Wales International Meaker broke through the middle to lay off to an incoming Darrell St. John, who sliced wide on 15 minutes, it perhaps seemed as if the storm had been weathered.

However, on 18 minutes Slimbridge doubled their lead when Hounslow left-back Callulli, under pressure from Colwell, somehow managed to hit a mis-directed bicycle kick clearance across his own goalkeeper into the top corner of the net that stunned his own side and everyone else in the ground!

On 25 minutes it was 3-0 when Ward cut in from the right and unselfishly put in Johnstone to fire home.

Less than a minute later and a Ward short corner was picked up by Cant to score with a shot high into the net from the edge of the area.

Just before the interval, Meaker went on a solo run into the Slimbridge box, but was thwarted by a good recovery tackle from Ashley Thomas.

Two minutes into the second half good work from Ward and Colwell put in Haddock to round Bark and drive in from an acute angle to make it 5-0, Colwell got his first goal of the game on 58 minutes, then Morford, on at half time for Johnstone took on a through ball from James Cole to make it seven on 61 minutes.

By now Slimbridge were flying and a minute later Craig Cole put in Colwell to run the ball into the net for number eight.

Colwell completed his eight minute hat-trick on 66 minutes, and assisted Cant to get his second on 82 minutes to make it 10-0.

Meaker took advantage of some slack marking to put a well-placed low drive inside the post from 25 yards to spoil the clean sheet for Ryan Chandler, but the 11-1 score-line was completed with a burst of pace from Morford to go clear and slot confidently past the exposed Bark a minute before the final whistle.

**Slimbridge; R.Chandler, L.Sterling, J.Cole, T.Haddock, Ashley Thomas, A.Axton( J.Meadows 45), E.Ward, J.Inch(C.Cole 53), K.Johnstone (W.Morford 45), R.Colwell, J.Cant.**

**Hounslow Borough; A.Bark, K.Dyers, G.Callulli (J.Antonie 27), C.Mitchell, R.Fletcher, D.St.John, S.Muyiwa (S.Roberts 48), J-B Bates, M.Meaker, K.Keane, E.Mee.**

**Referee; Mr.P.Humphrey (Swindon)**