

Hellenic League Premier Division

Thursday 11 October 2012

Oxford City Nomads 2-0 Slimbridge

Slimbridge put in a dissapointing performance at Oxford City Nomads on Wednesday evening, going down 2-0 to last seasons champions

After a good win the previous Saturday and other midweek results going their way, the Swans were looking to further cement their place in the top three but it wasn't to be.

The Nomads looked much the sharper side throughout and thoroughly deserved their win. Sean Bennett, making his first start for the Swans brought down Adam Lovegrove inside the penalty area in the 80th min and the same player got back on his feet to convert the penalty kick, 6 mins later Louis Joyce chested down a cross and drove a smart volley past Evans to seal the points.

The first half belonged to the hosts as Slimbridge found themselves on the back foot. A bad clearance by Evans in the visitors goal after 13 mins went straight to Corey Forbes but his first time shot went just wide of the post

Two minutes later Albi Skendi went past Tom Speers and with just Evans to beat his shot was weak and the danger was cleared. Sustained pressure from the Nomads was almost rewarded in the 18th minute when Lovegrove intercepted a bad back pass by Bennett but his rasping shot cannoned back off of the post.

Slimbridge's first real chance came after 22 minutes when the ball struck Referee O'Hare and Liam Harding took full advantage by running past the static nomads defence but his final shot was poor.

Two more rare attacks by the Swans was all they had to offer in the first period and they were relieved to go into the break level

Manager Leon Sterling's patience finally ran out ten minutes into the second half as he made two quick substitutions, replacing Gavin Lang with Chris Fower and Alex Higgs for Saul Williams.

Williams got straight into the action, using his trickery and pace to try and open up a stubborn home defence. On 68 minutes Williams went by two defenders and fired in a good shot which Walker in the home goal had to clear with his feet

Jack Twyman, the Swans man of the match, did his best to unsettle the hosts with some good attacking runs but the Swans front men were finding it hard to break down the nomads defence.

Bennetts challenge on Lovegrove broke the deadlock in the 80th minute, the latter driving his spot kick low past Evans.

The points were then sealed when on 86 minutes Joyce volleyed home a good cross, leaving Evans with no chance. Saul Williams had a chance late on but the swans were a well beaten side.

Supporters m.o.t.m-Jack Twyman.