

Hellenic League Premier Division

Sunday 13 January 2013

Slimbridge 0-1 Oxford City Nomads

A below par performance from the Swans allowed Oxford City Nomads to complete the double over their hosts, Corey Forbes scoring the only goal of a very scrappy game sealing the points for the Nomads.

On a bitterly cold afternoon ,manager Leon Sterling gave a Debut to new goalkeeper Lee Martin, signed from Longlevens, but there was nothing Martin could do when after 23 minutes Chris Fower played a poor ball straight into the path of Forbes who ran on to fire the ball home from 18 yards, the ball going in off the post.

Slimbridge could not seem to get into any sort of Rhythm, there was very little goalmouth action from either side and far too many of Slimbridge's passes went astray which allowed their visitors to go into the break a goal to the good.

The second period was not much different from the first, although the Swans did apply a little more pressure on the Nomads defence they just could not break down a resolute defence.

Tom Speers went the closest to equalising when his powerful header from Nial Halford's free kick was well tipped over by keeper Juan Martin.

Oxford nearly increased their lead on 75 minutes when Andrew Styles found himself with a free run on goal but a great last ditch tackle by Sean Bennett prevented any further goals.

Slimbridge will have to pick themselves up from this poor performance, a home game on Tuesday against Abingdon Town and then a visit to Holyport next Saturday will give them a chance to redeem themselves.