

Hellenic League Premier Division

Tuesday 12 February 2013

Slimbridge 3-3 Shrivenham

The Swans finally broke their goal drought, but were handicapped by some poor defending which saw the visitors sitting on a thoroughly deserve two goal advantage as the game moved into the last 20 minutes, but two goals in as many minutes rescued a point for the home side.

Shrivenham took an early advantage. Tom Speers miscontrolled the ball in front of goal, and Lee Mills nipped in to nick the ball off him and steer home past Lee Martin with just six minutes on the clock.

Slimbridge's best chance of an equaliser came just after the half hour, when Jamie Martin's flick across goal managed to elude Marv Roberts, before bouncing off the knee of the incoming Will Wellon and rolling the wrong side of the post.

Josh Fowler doubled Shrivenham's advantage on 38 minutes, when he beat the offside trap, and scored easily past Martin.

Ten minutes into the second half, Slimbridge finally got on the scoresheet - Tom Speers making amends for his earlier error when he forced home a corner.

However, four minutes later, another defensive mix up, this time between Martin and Will Wellon, allowed Fowler to notch his second and restore Shrivenham's two goal cushion.

With 16 minutes remaining, the Swans were handed a lifeline when Dean Barnard was clipped in the box as he closed in on goal, and Marv Roberts stroked home the resulting penalty.

Two minutes later, the Swans were level - Speers picked up his second goal of the night with a neat run and shot down the left flank.

Despite Slmbridge pressure, they were unable to add to their tally, and Shrivenham returned East with a well earned point.

Team: L. Martin, Wellon, Njoya, Bennett, Speers, Cole, Harding, Ward, Roberts, J. Martin (Barnard 64), Holloway (Fower 54, replaced by Sterling 64)

Goals: Speers 56, 76, Roberts (Pen 74)

Supporters Man Of The Match: Tom Speers