

Hellenic League Premier Division

Wednesday 10 April 2013

Slimbridge 2-1 Thame United

The Swans progressed to the Semi Final of the Bluefin Sports Supplementary Cup after another close game with Thame United at Wisloe Road.

An early Jack Twyman goal gave the advantage to the home side, but just prior to the break, Ben Gray hit back to leave the scores level at the half. Tom Cole's second half winner saw Slimbridge through to the next round of the competition.

The home side took the lead with just three minutes on the clock, when Freddy Ward crossed a neat ball into the Thame box, and Twyman was on hand to head the ball home.

With Twyman pulling all the strings in midfield, the home side got the upper hand, and should have been further ahead when they were undone by sloppy defending at Half Time approached. Ben Gray was left in acres of space to convert a free kick and level the scores on 41 minutes.

There was a controversial incident just before the break, when Jamie Martin was felled in the Thame box by the last defender as he closed in on goal, but, after consulting his linesman, Referee Ady Hunt awarded the home side a free kick outside the box, and took no further action. The resulting free kick was blocked, leaving the score even at the break.

The deciding goal came with 57 minutes on the clock - good work between Marv Roberts and Twyman saw Tom Cole converting a sweet cross which split the Thame defence to put the Swans back in front.

Roberts nearly added to the tally with ten minutes remaining when he turned his man neatly, before seeing his shot come back into play off the post with Thame Keeper Lee Farrow stranded.

Thame nearly nicked a late equaliser to take the game into extra time in the 91st minute, but Tom Speers made a brave challenge on the goalline to keep the ball out, and ensure the Swans' safe passage into the Semi Final.