

Western League Premier Division

Saturday 24 January 2015

Slimbridge 3-0 Bishop Sutton

The Swans maintained third place in the Toolstation Western Premier League with this win against a Bishop Sutton side who finished the game with nine after two of their players saw red. Sean Lawson put the Swans in control early on, and second half strikes from Dean Turner and Jamie Martin secured the three points for the home side.

Slimbridge made a bright start, and nearly scored with the first move of the game - Sean Lawson setting up Adam Mace, whose shot was pushed wide for a corner by Sutton Stopper Josh Barrington. However, in the fourth minute, Lawson was more successful, netting after a goalmouth scramble to put the hosts ahead.

Slimbridge pressed, and nearly had a second when Sam Turl shot wide after a break down the right on 11 minutes, before a neat 1-2 move between Turner and Lawson was only stopped by an offside flag.

Fahy's mazy run on saw his effort blocked on 29 minutes, before Mace's free kick drifted just wide, but the home side couldn't make their territorial advantage pay off.

Lawson had another effort saved five minutes before the break, and there was still time for Fahy to overhit his cross after another run down the Swans' right flank, but as they went into the break, Slimbridge only had that single goal to show for their endeavours.

Sutton had their two closest effort of the game in the opening five minutes of the second half, with Elliott Blar shooting wide, and Louis Perry forcing Swans Keeper Dave Evans into his first real action with a shot from outside the box. In between these two efforts, Mace's shot got half a block before being saved by Barrington.

On the hour, Slimbridge doubled their lead with a superb piece of play. Dean Turner picked the ball up outside the Sutton box, played a neat 1-2 with Jamie Martin and drilled the ball home.

Four minutes later, Martin should have added another, but as he took the ball round Barrington, he slipped on the heavy pitch and the chance was lost.

A suicidal eight minutes from Bishop Sutton killed off any chance they had of making a comeback, with two players seeing straight red cards from Referee Adam Matthews for dreadful challenges as the visitors' frustration boiled over - firstly, Blair went for an over-the-top two footed challenge on Callum Brown on 67 minutes, and, in the 75th minute, Chukwu Nwokeh floored Alex Parrott with a challenge from behind that also left the Referee no alternative.

In the last few minutes, Slimbridge notched their third, when Parrott's superb ball was cleverly headed home by Martin, and secure the points for the Swans.

Slimbridge travel to Shepton Mallet next Saturday, (3.00pm) to take on Louis Carey and his teammates.

Team: Evans, Turl, Brown, Odiero, Rich Thwaite, Ward, Fahy (Martin 57), Turner, Lawson, Hammond (Parrott 19), Mace (Ryan Thwaite 63)

Goals: Lawson 4, Turner 61, Martin 86

Supporters Man of the Match: Dean Turner