

Western League Premier Division

Tuesday 7 October 2014

Slimbridge 2-1 Longwell Green Sports

A Paul Fahy first half brace was enough to secure three valuable points for the Swans at Wisloe Road this evening.

Fahy struck in the 20th and 33rd minutes to see the home side two goals to the good at the break. Sam Taylor pulled a goal back for the visitors a few minutes into the second period, but despite their efforts, Longwell Green were unable to fashion an equaliser.

On a surface which had been livened up by a substantial downpour prior to Kick off, Slimbridge started at a high tempo, and soon were in control of the game - Sean Lawson could have nicked an early lead for the Swans, but slipped on the wet surface as he shaped to shoot on three minutes, and lofted the ball high and wide after good work from Adam Mace had set him up well.

Mace and Lawson combined well again on 11 minutes, and Lawson's header from Mace's left wing cross brought an equally good stop from Green Keeper Lee Ballard as the home side pressed.

Lawson was again involved on 13 minutes when his cross was met by Paul Fahy's head, but again Ballard was able to make a stop.

On 20 minutes, the home side got the goal their play up to that point had deserved, when Fahy swept home a Mace cross following more good work from Lawson.

Thirteen minutes later, it was two - Mace played in Fahy who beat two players in the box before drilling the ball home to double the home side's advantage.

Just before the break, Fahy played in Mace, whose shot was just too high, before Lawson forced another save from Ballard, but at the Half the Swans were well worth their two goal advantage.

Longwell Green came out of the blocks early in the second period, and had much the better of the game - Sam Taylor pulled a goal back on 49 minutes with a long range effort which eluded Dave Evans.

Probably Green's best opportunity to level things up came just before the hour mark, when Taylor and Joe White played a neat 1-2 and Taylor saw his effort drift just the wrong side of the post.

As the game progressed, it became more and more disjointed as Referee Brian Durie penalised both teams for fouls on a regular basis, but the Swans held out to secure three points which moves the swans up to second in the table, four points behind leaders Bristol Manor Farm, who have played a game more.

Slimbridge entertain Shepton Mallet on Saturday at Wisloe Road, before hosting Hallen in a GFA Trophy Second Round tie next Tuesday (7.30pm)

Team: Evans, Turl, Brown, Rich Thwaite, Tunnicliff, Hoyle, Turner, Parrott, Lawson Davies 74), Fahy, Mace (Martin 58)

Supporters Man of the Match: Dean Turner