

## **FA Vase 1<sup>st</sup> Rond**

**Saturday 1 November 2014**

### **Newquay AFC 1-3 Slimbridge AFC**

The round trip may have been just under four hundred miles, but it was a profitable visit to Cornwall for the Swans, who booked their place in the Second Round of the FA Vase with a victory against their South West Peninsula League opponents. Leading at the break through Sean Lawson, two Paul Fahy strikes which bookended an Alex Coles strike for the hosts, saw Slimbridge pick up what was eventually a comfortable victory at the Mount Wise Stadium.

With the best part of a gale blowing across the ground, the game had a scrappy start, With Fahy's shot from Lawson's lay off the first real chance of the game on six minutes. Four minutes later, Matthew Drummond tried his luck at the other end, as the home side played with the wind behind them, only to see his shot sail wide.

Newquay had a good opportunity on 18 minutes, when Coles was fouled on the edge of the Swans' box, but Sam Fearon's shot was easily saved by Dave Evans to keep the game scoreless.

Slimbridge began to take control of the game and to create some decent chances - Jamie Martin forced a save from Newquay Keeper Joe Crane after good work from Lawson and Fahy, before Lawson's effort was too high after Ryan Thwaite and Martin had set him up in a good position.

With half an hour gone, Lawson had the best chance of the game so far, when he found himself through one on one with Crane, but the Newquay stopper made a superb save to keep out Lawson's effort.

Martin was the next to try his luck, shooting wide after Lawson's powerful break down the left flank, and Fahy miscued a good chance after Crane had fumbled Lawson's shot to him in the penalty box as we approached the half.

Five minutes before the break, the visitors' pressure was rewarded, when Ryan Thwaite's effort was saved by Crane, but the ball rebounded to Lawson who gleefully converted to put the visitors ahead.

The second half continued in the same vein as the first, and six minutes in, the Swans doubled their lead - Coles took a tumble in the Slimbridge box, and while his teammates were protesting to Referee Andrew Bennett that they should have had what would have been a very controversial penalty, a quick break saw Fahy through on goal at the other end. Fahy calmly rounded Crane to record the second of the afternoon.

The second goal saw Slimbridge begin to lose a little concentration, and they were punished four minutes later when Coles was left in space to convert a cross and put the home side back in the game.

Newquay started to gain a little momentum, but their recovery was snuffed out ten minutes later, when Martin's good work set up Fahy, who drilled the ball home for the Swans' third of the afternoon.

As the home side's frustration began to show, the game became very scrappy, but still the better chances were for the visitors - Lawson hit the post on 69 minutes with a good effort.

Newquay rallied once more, and Hayden Turner had two efforts in quick succession, the first one going wide, and the second resulting in a simple save for Dave Evans.

Jamie Hammond went close on 83 minutes, with an effort that went just wide, before Adam Mace was unlucky to see his effort go just the wrong side of the post into the side netting a minute later.

With two minutes remaining, the miserable afternoon for the hosts was compounded, when Shaun Middleton clashed with Dean Turner and was dismissed.

The draw for the next Round of the FA Vase will be made on Monday.

Team: Evans, Turl, Ryan Thwaite, Freeman (Tunnicliff 75), Richard Thwaite, Ward, Turner, Parrott (Mace 67) Lawson, Martin (Hammond 69), Fahy

Supporters Man of the Match; Paul Fahy