

FA Vase 2nd Qualifying Round

Saturday 4 October 2014

Slimbridge 6-0 Oxford City Nomads

Slimbridge progressed into the first round proper of the FA Vase with relative ease, brushing aside former Hellenic League opponents Oxford City Nomads by six goals to nil

Highlight of the afternoon was the seven minute hat-trick by substitute Jamie Martin with the other goals coming from Dean Turner, Ben Tunnicliff and Paul Fahy.

In a one sided contest, the Swans took an early lead when in the twelfth minute Man of the Match Paul Fahy left two defenders in his wake and crossed for Dean Turner to slot past the helpless Alex Williams in the visitors goal.

It was Fahy who was causing the visitors problems for most of the game with his mazy runs and Adam Mace was unlucky when he just failed to latch on to a good cross by the speedy winger.

It was not until the 22nd minute when the Nomads had their first real opportunity, Sam Turl slipped whilst in possession allowing Jamie Mundy a run on goal but he decided to cross the ball which was easily cleared by a confident looking Swans defence.

On 33 minutes the home side went two up, Mace took a corner kick from the right and in came Ben Tunnicliff, who leapt like a Salmon to head past Williams.

Two further chances came to increase the lead before half time, one from Mace whose fierce 30 yard drive went just wide and then one from Sean Lawson whose shot was pushed away for a corner, but the Swans settled for a two goal cushion going into the break.

The Nomads had their best spell just after the break and it took two stunning reflex saves from Dave Evans, one from a pile driver of a shot from Mundy and then after a goalmouth melee in the 55th minute an even better save when John Rixon looked certain to score but Evans dived to his left to push the ball out for a corner.

Slimbridge made the Nomads pay for not converting their chances and went three up in the 63rd minute when Fahy found himself one on one with Williams and cooly took his time to place his shot neatly into the corner of the net.

Lawson was next to go close as Slimbridge piled the pressure on their visitors, his fierce shot bringing a good save from Williams.

Manager Leon Sterling made a couple of substitutions, Stuart Davies And Jamie Martin entering the arena, and it soon paid dividends for the Swans when on 83 minutes Davies crossed for Martin to head home.

In the 89th minute a Freddy Ward corner was played back across the goal by Fahy and Martin was left in acres of space to head in his second.

Then, amazingly, in the 90th minute Martin completed his hat trick when Williams made a poor clearance straight to Fahy who fed a through ball to Martin and the latter cooly slotted past the helpless keeper to complete a miserable afternoon for the visitors.

The Swans now await Monday Lunchtime's Draw at the FA to see who their opponents will be in the First Round Proper on Nov 1st

Team; Evans, Turl, Ryan Thwaite, Richard Thwaite, Tunnicliff, Ward, Turner, Parrott (Davies 70) Lawson (Martin 75) Fahy, Mace.

Subs Not Used, Freeman, Sterling.

Supporters Man Of The Match, Paul Fahy.

Attendance 53.

