

Slimbridge 2 – 5 Salisbury

Saturday 14th October 2017

A strong well organised Salisbury team dominated for much of the game and deserved their victory despite a second half comeback from the Swans and some excellent saves from Ollie Hall late on in the home goal.

The first 15 minutes was all Salisbury but they failed to hit the target on a number of occasions with the chances they had. Ollie Hall the home keeper held onto a shot from the visitors Chris Sheppard, shortly after he parried another shot that Rich Twaite then cleared while under pressure.

Slimbridge's first chance came on 25 minutes when an Adam Mace free kick drifted wide of the post with no one to get on the end of it. Jack Twyman was harshly judged to have handled a yard outside the box on 32 minutes, and from the resulting free kick the visitors Lewis Benson lifted the ball over the wall past Hall to give Salisbury the lead. Salisbury continued to dominate the rest of the half with Hall tipping a Sam Roberts flick over the bar.

The second half started the same as the first with Salisbury on top, although a Micky Bryant cross-shot was spilled but keeper Charlie Searle who was lucky to recover the ball. Henry Birkett was introduced replacing the tiring Bryant, and made an instant impact. The Swans started to gain some control of the game leading to the equalising goal on 63 minutes. Hall throwing the ball out to Max Harper-Emerson on the wing, who passed to Sean Lawson and after a 1-2 with Mace, rifled the ball home. Two minutes later Birkett's pass found Marley Thomas who feed in Harper-Emerson who slotted past Searle from a narrow angle to give the home side the lead.

With 15 left, the unmarked Daniel Young headed the equaliser at the far post. Three minute later Salisbury took the lead Eddie Perrett slotting home from close in. Hall was called into action a number of times to deny the visitors onslaught on the Swans goal. Lewis Benson increased the visitors lead on 90 minutes then completed his hat trick in stoppage time from another set piece 20 yards out.

Team: Hall, Turl, Mace, Pring, Thwaite, L Payne (Turner 82), Twyman ©, Bryant, (Birkett 53), Lawson, Harper-Emerson, Thomas (Wilton 70)

Attendance 205

MOM: Ollie Hall.