

Slimbridge 1 – 8 Wimborne Town

Saturday 25th November 2017

A patched up Swans side missing 6 regular players through injury and suspension were beaten by a well organised Wimborne side, playing some good attacking and entertaining football.

After some good early exchanges from both sides, Luke Burbidge's cross was thundered against the bar from 5 yards out by James Stokoe, whilst at the other end Karl Nash had a shot pushed around the post by the visiting keeper Gerard Benfield. Ollie Hall in the home goal was called into action to pull off a great save from Burbidge after Henry Birkett was disposed in the middle.

Wimborne took the lead on 15 minutes with Stokoe looping the ball over Hall from 20 yards out on the right. Four minutes later Slimbridge levelled the score, Karl Nash supplied a neat through ball for Sean Lawson to run onto and tuck past Benfield.

Within five minutes Matt Oldring put Wimborne back in front on heading home at the far post unopposed from a corner after another great save from Hall. The visitors increased their lead two minutes later Tobias Holmes latching onto a long through ball to slot past Hall. Wimborne's fourth came in the 31st minute; Jack Lovell's cross was met by Louis Kellaway who fired home from inside the box. On the stroke of half time Kieran Squires committed a foul 30 yards from goal, the resulting free kick from Billy Maybury's flew into the top corner to leave Hall with no chance and make it five goals to the visitors.

Slimbridge made a change at half time with the struggling Squires being replaced by Nathan Payne at left back. Maybury scored his second and Wimborne's sixth on 49 minutes with a 30 yard screamer from open play.

Slimbridge were awarded a penalty on 51 minutes, Nash was bundled over in the box after collecting a Lawson pass from the right the referee awarding the Swans a penalty. Nash summed up the homes sides day firing the spot kick well over the bar.

Wimborne's seventh came on 65 minutes through visiting substitute Luke Holmes whom finding the top corner of the net from 20 yards. The visitor's goal feast was completed in stoppage time by Luke Burbidge whose mazy run beat 3 Slimbridge players and slotted the ball across Hall and into the far corner.

Next up for the Swans is an away fixture at Didcot Town next Saturday 2nd December with a 3pm kick off.

Slimbridge: Hall, Turl, Squires (N Payne 45), Pring, Thwaite, Birkett, L Payne, Ward, Nash, Lawson (Philp 53), Wilton (Hoskins 70)

Attendance: 98

Supporters Man of the Match: Ollie Hall