

Slimbridge 1 - 5 Yate Town

Wednesday 15th November

Swans suffer second heavy home defeat in a week, with Jekyll and Hyde performance.

Slimbridge started the game brightly with Marley Thomas and Max Harper-Emerson causing the visiting defence all sorts of trouble. At the other end the fast paced James Difford shot wide when well placed on the edge of the box. On 18 minutes Harper-Emerson had a recurrence of his ankle injury and was replaced by Sean Lawson.

Six minutes later the visitors took the lead when a through ball from Difford found Ben Brookes who lifted the ball over Ollie Hall and into the net. The lead only lasted five minutes as the home side got back on level terms; Lawson made a run on the left pushing the ball across to Jack Twyman whose neat pass found Thomas on the right to slot home past the advancing Harvey Rivers in the visiting goal.

The home side were now on top, Mikey Bryant heading over from close range from a Alex Hoyle cross on the right. Hoyle then lifted a great ball over the visiting defence for Lawson to run onto but Rivers managed to gather. As the half ended Rich Twaite made a last minute tackle on Brooks when looking to shoot on goal.

At the start of the second half, Bryant was replaced by Dean Turner in a tactical move by the home side. A minute after the restart, Thomas had the ball in the net only to be harshly judged offside. At the other end Thwaite diverted visitors shot onto his own bar and away for a corner. Immediately at the other end Thomas shot wide when bearing down on goal with only Rivers in the visiting goal to beat.

The tide turned on 55 minutes when Yate defender Matson Evans was allowed to run into the Swans box and his shot cannoned into the net off the nearside post to give the visitors the lead. From this point on the home side failed to get a grasp on the game and went on to concede a third on 73 minutes when Kyle Tooze's shot bounced back off the bar for Brooks to tap in. Ten minutes later Brooks completed his hatrick after a great through ball from Steve Davies. Davies then completed the scoring with two minutes of the game left shooting across the advancing Hall into the far corner.

Slimbridge: Hall, Pring, Squires (Wilton 60), Thwaite, Hoyle, L Payne, Twyman, Bryant (Turner), Mace, Harper-Emerson (Lawson), Thomas

Supporters Man of the match: Jack Twyman

Attendance 171