

Evesham United 2-0 Slimbridge

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Slimbridge suffer defeat on the road

In one of only a handful of fixtures to beat the snowy weather Slimbridge fell to defeat from two second half goals created and scored by the Simpson brothers with home stopper Andy Hannah putting in a man of the match performance to keep out the Swans.

The first half was a fairly even affair with the Slimbridge midfield doing well to harass and breakdown a strong Evesham side containing six former players. Kye Simpson forced a save out of Lewis Adams in the first minute finding space on the left.

A break from the back for the Swans saw Will Hawes and Ewen Dunbar link up through the middle, the final ball to Dunbar in the box was too high and the Slimbridge striker was flagged for a high foot on the home keeper.

Kane Simpson burst into the box on the right taking the ball around Adams who spread himself well to put the striker off only to see his cross shot go out for a goal kick. On 10 minutes Hawes tried a speculative shot from 40 yards that sailed wide of the far post.

Swans captain Dean Turner saved his team from going behind on 14 minutes hooking the ball off the line from Kane Simpson after he collected a throw-in on the right from Liam Harding. Slimbridge managed to get a grasp of the game in midfield frustrating the home side and not allowing them to play their normal passing game.

Hawes and Dan King linked up in the middle Kings effort from 25 yards going over the bar. A few minutes later the visitors had another let off, Marley Thomas striking the left post with a shot the ball going back along the goal line and bouncing back into play off the post on the right.

On the half hour Myron Turners strike from outside the box was well saved by Hannah. A few moments later King on the left played the ball to Archie Brennan whose cross found Dunbar at the far post his header finding Turner who fired just over the bar. As the half came to an end Steve Jackson's shot from Brennan's pass was saved by Hannah but the Swans could not get the ball into the net with the home defence blocking numerous attempts inside the box, when the ball did break clear to King, his effort on the left fell wide.

The home side started the second half strongly and were rewarded for their spell of pressure with a goal on 56 minutes. Kye Simpsons shot from 20 yards hitting the post and rebounding into the path of brother Kane Simpson to fire past Adams to give the home side the lead.

Less than five minutes later Slimbridge almost drew level Dunbar working himself to the edge of the box and firing over Hannah who pulled off a cracking save to tip the ball over the bar. Slimbridge continued to push for an equaliser but failing to make any headway in the final third of the field.

Substitute Mark Magee returning from injury looked lively around the edge of the box. With less than ten minutes remaining Magee collected a through ball from Myron Turner just inside the box before turning and firing at goal only to see Hannah tip the ball over the bar.

With 4 minutes left on the clock Joe Noakes ball from the back destined for Dunbar on the right wing was intercepted by Jacob Davidge who ran into the box squaring to Kane Simpson on the right duping Adams into going to ground early allowing him to tap the ball into an empty net to give the home side victory.

The Swans are next in action against Cirencester Town at Thornhill Park on Saturday afternoon.

Slimbridge: Adams, Brown, Brennan, Noakes, Jackson, C Turner, D Turner (76 Smith), M Turner, Dunbar, Hawes (62 Magee), King (67 Martin)

Supporter's man of the match: Christien Turner