

Slimbridge 2-4 Moneyfields

Saturday 6th April 2019

Slimbridge robbed of a point by two controversial goals against promotion chasing Moneyfields.

Slimbridge started the game brightly Will Hawes delivering a pin point cross into the box where visiting keeper Steven Mowthorpe took three attempts to gather the ball under pressure from Mark Magee and Dan King.

A couple of minutes later Stephen Hutchings hit the top of the cross bar after getting his head to a long speculative cross. Lewis Adams was then called into action to tip Robert Evans long range shot round the post for a corner which Adams then claimed.

Hawes provided a great through ball to Magee whose shot was somehow deflected wide by Mowthorpe and out for a Swans corner with loan Richards heading the corner just wide.

Moneyfields controversially took the lead on 26 minutes when a through ball found Hutchings five yards out, but he and another visiting player both appeared to be at least yard off side. With only Adams to beat Hutchings kept his cool and slotted home much to the frustration of the home team who protested vigorously to both the referee and his assistant.

Eight minutes later the Swans found themselves two goals behind, Lloyd Rowlatt was allowed to run through the middle of the Slimbridge defence and out to the right of the box delivering a cross to Nathan Paxton who fired home from close range.

Slimbridge failed to give up and pulled a goal back with two minutes of the first half remaining. Kings run down the right allowed him space to fire home from a narrow angle much to the relief of the home support.

The second half saw more action for King, latching onto Magee's chip over the visiting defence only for Mowthorpe to block his shot away for a corner. Rowlatt pulled off a late clearance under pressure from Richards after Joe Noakes headed past Mowthorpe in the visiting goal as the Swans piled on the pressure looking for an equaliser.

Adams did well to block Evans shot and the follow up was diverted wide for a corner which Adams punched clear. A long range shot posed Adams some problems as it squirmed up out of his arms and requiring a second effort to push the ball over the bar to safety.

With the Swans having good spells of play they finally got the second goal that they deserved on 71 minutes through King, his challenge on Brett Proate won him the ball and with space down the right to cut in and fired home to the delight of the home side.

With only seven minutes remaining Adams pulled off a point blank save from Lewis Fennemore after the defence failed to clear. However a hammer blow came with four minutes remaining, substitute Joseph Briggs was given space to shoot from 15 yards out past Adams to restore the visitors lead. Deep into stoppage time the Swans conceded a free kick 25 yards out, which Fennemore took quickly hitting to back of the net while Adams was still marshalling his wall and before the referee had blown his whistle for the kick to be taken. Despite protests from the home camp the goal was allowed to stand.

The Swans continue a busy week at home welcoming Bristol City to Thornhill Park on Wednesday night (10th) in the GFA Senior cup semi-final followed by a crunch game at home to Mangotsfield United on Saturday in a relegation six pointer.

Slimbridge: Adams, Noakes, Waddington (90 Dunbar), Richards, Jackson, C Turner, D Turner, Smith (63 M Turner), Magee, Hawes (66 Martin), King

Unused Subs: Mendes, Pring

Attendance: 88

Supporter's man of the match: Dan King