

Slimbridge 1-2 Street

Saturday 23rd February 2019

Swans lose out in scrappy affair

A changed Slimbridge side to last week's victory at Fleet saw Fin Brown and Sam Mendes start with captain Dean Turner suspended and Christien Turner unavailable. There were also places on the bench for two more of the Under 18 squad Fintan Small and Jacob Waddington making the step up to the senior ranks.

A long kick forward from Lewis Adams found Mark Magee via Jamie Martins knock on allowing Magee to run at the away defence however his layoff to Myron Turner was blasted over the bar. Joe Noakes did well in the Swans box to block Steve Murray's effort from 5 yards out.

Both sides had a few half chances with Magee firing straight at keeper Liam Kingston and Jamie Short dragging a shot wide from close range. Josh Bennett caused panic in the Swans area putting a cross through the box but Finleigh Brown was on hand to clear the danger for a visitor's corner.

Will Hawes was unlucky not to find the target with 18 minutes gone, his shot deflected wide for a corner. Moments later Short fired wide then Murray headed wide from another probing cross from Bennett.

On the half hour mark, Liam Smith picked up Hawes pass and hit a shot that only just sailed over the bar from 25 yards out. As the half wore on Street dominated the play forcing a number of blocks from the home defence. Adams was alert to Lewis Waldy's shot tipping his 15 yard effort around the post and then on the stroke of half time Adams managed to get a hand to Craig Herrods shot when he broke through the defence with only Adams to beat.

The second half was a more entertaining affair, Street taking advantage of a sleepy Slimbridge defence when Short's cross from the right eventually found Aidan Chainey towards the back post and he slammed home to give the visitors a deserved lead after 47 minutes.

The lead lasted only 5 minutes when Archie Brennan made headway down the left flank cross to Magee whose initial shot was well save by Kingston the ball broke free and Hawes bundled the ball in the net from a couple of yards out.

After a spell of pressure from Street they took the lead again on the hour mark, Mathew Hurley's long range shot coming back off the underside of the bar with Adams beaten bouncing on the line and into the net.

Slimbridge struggled to get there passing game going however they pushed to find a second goal and almost got one on 90 minutes when Joe Noakes struck the cross bar from close range.

Next up for the Swans is a tough trip to local neighbours Yate Town who currently occupy second place in the table.

Slimbridge: Adams, Brown, Brennan, Richards, Noakes, M Turner, Smith (71 Small), Hawes, Magee, Mendes (79 Dunbar), Martin (65 King)

Unused Subs: Maddock, Waddington

Attendance: 95

Supporters Man of the match: Lewis Adams