

Slimbridge 1-4 Yate Town

Saturday 15th December 2018

The score line probably didn't do justice to the efforts of the Slimbridge team who struggled against the driving rain and high winds in the first half and were unlucky not to pull level early in the second half.



Playing with the wind from the kick off, Yate took full advantage camping in the Slimbridge half for much of the first half. With only three minutes on the clock, Joe Noakes tripped former Swan Ross Langworthy inside the box leaving the referee Mr Jack Shepherd no option but to award a penalty which Langworthy duly dispatched past Lewis Adams into the top right corner.

The disastrous start continued for the home side 6 minutes later Yate made it two Nick Peare receiving the ball on the right of the box running in and squeezing the ball past Adams and a home defender at the near post.

Yate continued to take advantage of the wind, Langworthy forcing Adams into a acrobatic save tipping the ball just over the cross bar. Peare found himself space in the box only to see his header saved by Adams.

Slimbridge's first venture in the opposition half came on 19 minutes, Dan King crossing from the left into the path of Yeshaya Lomotey forcing Lewis Thomas in the visiting goal into a point blank save with his feet from 10 yards. Minutes later new signing Mark Magee almost latched onto Lomotey's cross from the left as Slimbridge looked to reduce the deficit.

On 26 minutes Jaden Maddock ventured forward playing a teasing cross from the right into the Yate box which was cleared as far as Myron Turner who shot first time only to see it deflect into the arms of Thomas. Thomas long clearance downfield found Langworthy whose shot was bravely blocked by Noakes to give the visitors a corner. The corner was deflected out for a second corner, which was caught by the wind forcing Adams to tip the ball over the crossbar to safety.

Yet again as Yate used the wind to their advantage Noakes was called upon to block another Langworthy shot forcing another visitor's corner. Yate had three attempts on goal from the corner each time the Swans defence held strong.

With half time approaching Lomotey played a delightful ball to Magee forcing a save out of Thomas at his near left hand post.

The Swans with the wind at their backs in the second half started brightly, King getting down the left flank only to see his cross sail into Thomas's hands. On 51 minutes the Swans pulled a goal back, King's initial shot was blocked but the ball fell kindly to Magee to open his Slimbridge account slamming the ball home from inside the box.

Two minutes later the home side were unlucky not to be level when captain Dean Turner struck the post from outside the box with Thomas beaten. A few minutes later a Slimbridge corner was cleared down field to Langworthy who ran 30 yards passing a Swans defender only to see his shot fly over the bar with only Adams to beat.

However on 69 minutes Yate increased their lead, Langworthy latching onto a through ball duped Adams before slotting the ball into an empty net. Moments later Adams pushed substitute Dave Simms-Burgess strike round the post. Man of the match Noakes then made a number of blocks and a last man tackle to keep the Bluebells at bay.

The final action of the game saw Yate extend their lead substitute Olly Mehew's mazy run into the box before laying off the ball to Simms-Burgess in space to seal the visitor's victory.

The Swans return to action next Saturday when they visit fellow strugglers Mangtosfield United before the Christmas run of games starting with a 1pm kick off at Thornhill Park on Boxing day where Briston Manor Farm are the visitors.

Slimbridge: Adams, Maddock, King, Pring, C Turner, Noakes, D Turner, M Turner, Magee, Lomotey, Mendes

Attendance: 112

Supporter's man of the match: Joe Noakes