

Slimbridge 5-2 AFC Totton

Saturday 21st December 2019

Swans flying high after five star performance

After last weekend's victory at unbeaten leaders Thatcham Town, Slimbridge continued where they left off with one change to the side, top scorer Sol Wanjau-Smith returning from injury at the expense of James Spruce on the left wing.

The game started at a high tempo which brought early success for the Swans, Dion Chambers cross field ball from left to right found Dan King who picked out Wanjau-Smith at the far post for a tap in from a few yards out. However the lead only lasted 5 minutes when a corner for Totton saw the ball fall to Patrick Nolan who fired through a crowd of legs and into the net.

Slimbridge responded with Wanjau-Smith firing wide a minute later. The home side unexpectedly fell behind after 14 minutes, Alex Haynes delivering the perfect weighted pass through the defence for prolific striker Craig Feeney to latch onto and slot past Lewis Adams.

The Swans continued to press forward playing the ball down both flanks in an attempt to open up the visitors defence. Wanjau-Smith fired wide from the left flank and then Ryan Beckinsale's effort sailed wide from a narrow angle.

Feeney and Haynes linked up again in the middle but Haynes shot was fired over. Beckinsale strike from Wanjau-Smith's cross cleared the bar before Mike Ford's long range attempt fell wide.

On 34 minutes King's shot was saved by Mathew Hall in the Totton goal after a great cross from Aaron Nesbeth on the left. Five minutes later a dangerous cross for the visitors from the left found its way onto the head of Silvano Obeng his effort was caught by Adams.

As Slimbridge upped the pressure Wanjau-Smith forced a great save from Hall on the line after some good work from Nesbeth down the right. A free kick was awarded to the home side just outside the box a minute before half time. King swung the ball towards the far post where Will Peck was waiting to head past Hall and bring the scores level.

The second half belonged to the Swans, Wanjau-Smith forcing a save from Hall and a great opportunity went begging a few minutes later Joel Whites ball forward to King who struck his shot over the bar with just the keeper to beat. At the other end Feeney cleared the bar from 10 yards when clear in space.

Chambers long range shot cleared the bar on 61 minutes however two minutes later the Swans took the lead. The ball was played to the feet of Myron Turner on the edge of the box. He managed to shrug off the challenge from two defenders to fire past Hall into the net.

Slimbridge extended their lead on 69 minutes Kings shot was saved well by Hall but the ball rebounded out for substitute Jamie Martin to lift the ball into the net. The fifth goal came on 75 minutes, another substitute Adam Price latching onto Chambers through ball delicately chipped the ball over Halls head to score his first goal for the club.

Price almost gained a second late on when his long range effort was well saved by the busy Hall in the Totton goal. The Swans now sit in seventh place in the league with the play-off positions still in sight.

Over the Christmas period the Swans travel to neighbours Cinderford Town on Boxing Day with a 1pm kick-off before returning to Thornhill Park on New Year's Day to entertain Evesham United in another local derby at 3pm.

Slimbridge: Adams, Nesbeth, Peck, Ford, White, C Turner, King (Sarson 82), Chambers, M Turner, Beckinsale (Martin 65), Wanjau-Smith (Price 65)

Subs not used: Pring, Tuodolo

Attendance: 92

Supporter's man of the match: Myron Turner