

Bristol Manor Farm 2-2 Slimbridge

Tuesday 19th November 2019

Late Farm goal snatches points from the Swans

After an agonising defeat at Winchester at the weekend the Swans management made four changes to the side, Dion Chambers and Rhys Sarson coming in for the injured Dean Turner and Sol Wanjau-Smith. Danny King and Korey Pring returned to the side after injury with Christien Turner and Mike Ford dropping to the bench.

The visitors made a great start to the game after four minutes Will Peck made a run down the left flank and sending in a pin point cross to the far post where Rhys Sarson had peeled away from his marker to head the ball across the goal with Adam Price getting the faintest of touches to put the Swans ahead.

The visitors really bossed the middle of the park not allowing the home side to get into the game. Chambers tried his luck from distance forcing a save from Ben John the ball was cleared out to Sarson who touched the ball into the path of Ryan Beckinsale who forced another save from John.

Joseph McClennan forced a corner for the home side, Joshua Nelmes heading over as the Swans held firm at the back then a strike from the dangerous Lewis Bamford fell to Lewis Adams to make the stop. With just over 15 minutes gone a low hit 30 yard free kick from the Bristol side forced a save from Adams down to his left.

On 21 minutes, Bamford again causing trouble to the Slimbridge defence got a shot away which was saved by Adams. However the Swans continued to play some really good football in the middle of the pitch and it wasn't long before Dan King finished off a team effort from the back his shot blocked in the goal area.

A couple of minutes later a neat one two between Myron Turner and Sarson saw Turners effort drop just over the bar. Beckinsale then hit a shot from 20 yards that whistled over the bar as the visitors looked to extend their lead.

Another great ball from Peck on the left to Beckinsale just inside the Manor Farm half on 40 minutes for him to run onto and with space hit a 25 yard shot over the diving keeper into the top of the net for the visitors second of the night.

The home side started the second half well, McClennan firing over after 53 minutes as the visitors held firm in defence. On 57 minutes the Swans almost had a third goal, Peck's shot headed off the line by Nelmes.

Two minutes later the Slimbridge defence fell asleep allowing Bamford to collect a cross from the left and strike the ball low into the net at the far post from close range. Sarson and Turner linked up with Turner forcing a save from John and then following up only to find the side netting.

There was an air of panic in the visitors box on 70 minutes Kory Pring scrambling the ball away from a throw in, the ball coming straight back into the box for captain Joel White to head clear for a home corner from which Adams punched clear.

On 78 minutes Slimbridge were fortunate when a through ball to Bamford was missed by Adams however the ball fell safe and cleared downfield. With two minutes to go Jack Horrell's shot was saved well by John and Turner's follow-up cleared off the line by Tyler Ashmead as Slimbridge looked to put the game out of sight.

A minute later the score was level, the Swans failed to deal with a long ball into the box Lewis Leigh-Gilchrist reacting first to fire home from close range. There was just enough time for Peck to hit the side netting in time added on.

The visitors will feel disappointed that they failed to secure all three points in what was an entertaining game for all to watch.

The Swans return home this weekend with Willand Rovers the visitors on Saturday at 3pm.

Slimbridge: Adams, King, Peck, Chambers, White, Pring, Horrell, Beckinsale, Sarson, Price (Ford 54), M Turner

Unused subs: C Turner, D Turner, Maye, Dunbar

Attendance: 133

Supporter's man of the match: Dion Chambers