

Slimbridge 1-1 Burnham

Saturday 24th August 2019

Swans earn replay in FA Cup

Slimbridge earnt themselves a replay in the Emarites FA Cup despite a dominant first half performance and a certain penalty that was not awarded. Christien Turner returned to the side after missing Wednesday night's game through injury with Rhys Sarson also declared fit.

Leighton Tuodolo started the game well when his early shot was blocked by the visitors defence as Slimbridge camped themselves around the Burnham box for much of the first 5 minutes.

Slimbridge had a scare on 8 minutes; a free kick from 40 yards out on the right was deflected onto Lewis Adams left hand post and scrambled away to safety. As the Swans continued to press forward Sam Bunting produced a good save from Myron Turner's shot 15 yards out, Dean Turner followed up but his weak shot rolled straight to Bunting.

Two minutes later Jamie Martins dangerous cross from the right was deflected out for a corner. It was Martin that aided his defence this time on 27 minutes as Burnham made a rare venture into the Swans box. As Joey Gritt was about to strike Martin cleared the ball off his foot and out for a corner, Adams did well to claim the corner as it swung in.

Another Burnham free kick from 40 yards out was missed by Adams but Tuodolo was in the right place to clear the ball down field.

Slimbridge took the lead on 35 minutes, Martin finding space on the right to pick out Myron Turner with his cross allowing Turner to head the ball over Bunting for his third goal in as many games.

A controversial start in the second half for the Swans, Tuodolo picking up the ball on the left ran into the box unopposed but as he steadied himself to shoot he was tripped from behind by a visiting defender tracking back. The referee waved away the appeals from the home side for a penalty and let play continue, this seemed to unsettle the home side.

Sam Coles got a shot away for the visitors a few moments later as the Swans sat back on their single goal lead. Slimbridge lost Jamie Martin to injury on 55 minutes he was replaced by Adam Bloomfield.

Burnham were allowed space and time on the ball Gavin James hitting a shot wide from distance, Joel White conceded a free kick a few moments later George Wellers effort striking the wall before his follow up flew over the home sides bar.

On a rare move forward, Tuodolo fired over before Burnham put the ball into the net at the other end. Joe Blount picking up a loose ball on the right of his own penalty box, ran the length of the field his pass inside found James who slotted past Adams at the near post. Fortunately for Slimbridge James was judged to be in an offside position.

Two minutes later Blount and James linked up again this time Blount fired his effort high and wide. With 12 minutes of the game remaining Christien Turner was caught napping on the edge of the box by James who coolly slotted past Adams to bring Burnham level.

Slimbridge rocked by the equaliser pushed forward for a winner, Bloomfield did well to find Myron Turner whose fierce shot from inside the box was tipped over the bar by Bunting as the home support thought it was going in. The final play of the game saw a Slimbridge free kick blocked by the visitor's wall; a resulting corner was cleared to end the game all square.

Slimbridge will now travel to Burnham on Tuesday 4th September for the replay at 7:45pm, travel details to be announced shortly. Before that Slimbridge return to league action travelling to Evesham United on Wednesday evening and then entertaining Basingstoke Town next Saturday.

Slimbridge: Adams, Handley, Peck, Chambers (Ford 80), C Turner, White, Martin (Bloomfield 55), D Turner, Sarson (Tucker-Dixon 72), M Turner, Tuodolo
Unused subs: Latori, Bekinsale

Burnham: Bunting, Duncan, Rohart-Brown, Kemp, Tripp, Gritt, Blount, Weller, James, M Ayers (Malloy 59), Coles (Fraser 77)

Attendance: 82

Supporters man of the match: Leighton Tuodolo