

Frome Town 1-2 Slimbridge

Tuesday 24th September 2019

Swans defeat league leaders to continue unbeaten run.

Slimbridge extended their run of victories to four games away at league leaders Frome Town who before the game had won 5 and drew their other previous league fixtures. With Sol Wanjau-Smith failing to recover from injury sustained at the weekend Leighton Tuodolo took his place in the starting line up with new signing Lewis Spurrier taking a spot on the bench.

It was Slimbridge who came out of the dressing room all fired up putting some early pressure on the home side in very wet conditions. Johnathon Davies of the home side fired in a cross that was deflected away by the Swans defence for the first corner of the game. The corner was headed around the box finally going out for a goal kick.

With only 9 minutes gone Tuodolo forced a save from the home keeper Robert Brown after collecting Dan King's free kick on the right. Three minutes later Slimbridge keeper Joe Wright pulled off a great save to tip Daniel Cottle's effort over the bar.

On 17 minutes Ryan Beckinsale found the side netting with both sides playing the ball around at a high tempo up and down the field. It was Beckinsale that broke the deadlock on 29 minutes skipping over a tackle on the edge of the box to fire past Brown. A minute later Rhys Sarson's effort was blocked going out for a corner.

Wright was called into action again saving from a free kick that was placed under the wall from 25 yards.

Just moments later a break from the Frome midfield caught the Swans on the back foot Will Hailston's close range shot being saved by Wright as the home side started to pile pressure on the Swans.

Mark Coopers cross found an unmarked Davies, his shot headed away by Ioan Richards for a Frome corner. Wright did well to claim the ball from the corner under pressure. Some great link up play on the right between Dan King and Jack Goodall saw King through on goal, Brown did well with the block.

At the end of the first half Rex Manning's slipped past Goodall crossing for Hailston who fired wide. Goodall then pulled off a great block inside the box from a dangerous right wing cross.

King found the side netting early in the second half as the Swans looked to push forward for a second goal. Beckinsale again finding space up front collecting King's pass his shot was saved well by Brown. Goodall then made a tackle on the edge of his own box, with the ball at his feet ran the length of the pitch feeding Beckinsale who's first time shot sailed over the bar.

With the game still being played end to end at a fast pace saw a second goal on 61 minutes, Frome Town gaining a free kick inside their own half fired the ball into the Slimbridge box. The ball was only partially cleared out to Mannings on the edge of the box who's overhead kick sailed past everybody in the box and finding the back of the net.

Five minutes later Cottle's shot went wide before Joel White got his head to a Swans free kick which also fell wide.

With just less than 15 minutes of the game remaining and both sides looking for a winner Richards produced a last gasp header to force the ball out for a corner at the far post. Then a few moments later a home free kick at the edge of the box was defended well by the Swans blocking the kick and forcing the ball away for a corner.

With seven minutes left on the clock, new boy Lewis Spurrier showed a turn of pace down the right his cross found Will Hawes on the edge of the box. Hawes controlling the ball and firing a shot low into the bottom corner beating Brown and sending the visiting supporters wild.

A Slimbridge free kick 25 yards out for a trip on Tuodolo saw Hawes fire straight at Brown. The home side trying to salvage a point deep into stoppage time with Richards heading off the line the follow up fired inches wide. Slimbridge saw out the remaining seconds in the Frome half to record a remarkable victory that sees them climb the league table to fifth place their highest position since entering the Southern league.

Slimbridge are on their travels again this weekend facing Mangotsfield United again this time in the FA Trophy before returning home to face local rivals Yate Town next Wednesday in the Southern League Challenge Cup. Between the two cup games the Under 18's entertain Chippenham Town at Thornhill Park on Monday evening in the FA Youth cup with a 7:45pm kick off.

Slimbridge: Wright, Goodall, Peck, M Turner, White, Richards, King (Spurrier 71), D Turner, Sarson (Hawes 65), Beckinsale (Horrell 71), Tuodolo

Subs not used: C Turner, Chambers

Frome: Brown, Cooper, O'loughlin, Mapstone, Peck, Davies, Hobbs, Hailston, Maidment, Mannings, Cottle

Attendance: 202