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Mangotsfield United 3-3 Slimbridge

Saturday 18th January 2020

Swans pick up point in entertaining encounter

Slimbridge returned from Bristol with a well earnt point in an entertaining encounter that could so easily have been three. Callum Jones made his debut for the Swans on loan from Newport County replacing the absent Christien Turner in defence.

It was Mangotsfield who made the early running, Robbie Cox forcing a save from Lewis Adams from a 20 yard shot after 7 minutes. A minute later Rhys Sarson attempted a lob on home keeper Marko Radovanovic who was facing into the sun for the first half, but his effort was plucked out of the air by the confident keeper.

Back down at the other end on 10 minutes Daniel Demkiv pushed the ball past Adams to the left of the goal inside the Slimbridge box. Adams clattered into Demkiv trying to run past conceding a penalty, although Adams guessed correctly and made the save he could not hold onto the ball leaving Demkiv to fire the rebound into the net to give the home side the lead.

A couple of minutes later the Swans were almost two down, Jordan Rogers firing across goal from a narrow angle on the left striking the far post with Adams beaten.

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The Swans were unlucky not to have equalised on 16 minutes, Sarson attempted to lob Radovanovic again this time the ball fell over Radovanovic's head but as he turned the ball struck the home keepers hand which slowed the balls path towards goal allowing the keeper a second chance hooking the ball off the line and out for a corner.

A couple of half chances fell to either side around the half hour mark, Sol Wanjau-Smith hitting a week shot at the home stopper before Rogers hit an 18 yard effort wide. Rogers then headed over from a corner as the Swans did well to keep themselves in the game.

The Swans came back into the game as half time approached and duly capitalised when Sarson with his back towards goal was tripped from behind inside the box the referee awarding the visitors a penalty. Wanjau-Smith stepped up to slot the ball down the middle to score his third penalty in two games.

New boy Callum Jones having a steady game in the Swans back line made an important block from Rogers shot. With a minute to go before half time Slimbridge took the lead, James Spruce threaded a delightful through ball to Myron Turner for him to tuck under the advancing Radovanovic and into the net.

On the stroke of half time it should have been three, Wanjau-Smith collecting Turners pass but then clearing the bar with his shot 8 yards out from the goal.

Mangotsfield started the second half like the first piling the pressure on the visitors, James Byrne long range effort sailed wide before the Swans managed to clear another home corner.

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On 54 minutes Wanjau-Smith chased a long ball forward but he could only find the side netting with his first time shot. A minute later Adams produced a fantastic save to tip Demvivi's shot onto the cross bar but from the resulting corner Rogers headed home to bring the scores level.

The game didn't stay level for long, Wanjau-Smith went down for a push in the back on the left wing. He stepped up and hit a floating cross / shot that sailed into the net just inside the far post to restore the Swans lead.

Five minutes later, Spruce got through the home defence only for Toby Rennie to produce a great tackle inside the box to rob the visiting winger from taking a shot. Both teams continued to search for goals in an entertaining encounter, Demkiv's header from a free kick was cleared after Joel White had been booked having clattered into him as he chased a long ball down the right.

Adam Price made an important block inside the box with 8 minutes left of normal time. However a minute later Demkiv got his head to a long free kick which was diverted past a static Adams to give the home side a point.

Next week see's the Swans entertain Barnstaple Town at Thornhill Park.

Slimbridge: Adams, Nesbeth, Peck, Ford, White, Jones, Spruce (Horrell 82), Price (Chambers 83), Sarson, M Turner, Wanjau-Smith

Unused subs: Martin, Tuodolo

Attendance: 151

Supporters man of the match: Rhys Sarson