

Match Reports

Slimbridge 3-1 Gloucester City U21

GFA Senior Challenge Cup QF

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Swans progress in County Cup

Slimbridge playing their first game since the departure of manager Lee Driver-Dickerson and now under the interim reigns of Tom Speers and Tom Deakin played with a more relaxed and flowing style of football to see off a youthful Gloucester City side.

Toumarni Sidibe starting in a more central attacking role had two good shots blocked and saved early on in the game as the Swans looked very relaxed playing the ball around the middle of the park.

It was from a home side's corner that Sidibe almost got on the score sheet when his header was cleared off the line. A further corner a few minutes later saw Marley Thomas's effort blocked on the line as the Swans dominated much of the early play.

The visitors had a good chance on 20 minutes when Brad Bevan fired into the side netting. The home side continued to press forward and got their reward on 32 minutes, Sidibe picking up the ball insided the box and rounding former Swans keeper Alex Avenell and sloting into the net.

As the first half came to a close Myron Turner had a shot blocked and the follow up strike by Mike Ford fell straight to keeper Avenell. A second goal for the home side came two minutes later, Sidibe striking a 25 yard effort from the left across the goal into the bottom right corner. The Swans almost got a third in injury time with the ball striking a post from a corner.

Gloucester City started the second half more lively than the first with a corner that was dealt with well by the home defence and then Ricardo Jalo seeing an effort go over the bar.

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Just past the hour mark, a good move started by Ben Prictor saw his cross headed down by Thomas to Sidibe but the ball was cleared off his boot as he tried a shot. From the resulting corner Avenell produced an outstanding save to tip Nathan Dennis's header around the post as it was heading for the top corner of the net.

As the game wore on, but sides failed to create too many chances until 8 minutes from time when Sidibe's cross from the left found substitute Jamie Martin in space in the box, and he made no mistake firing past Avenell to give the Swans a three goal lead.

Gloucester City never gave up and gained a consolation goal three minutes from time, Omar Gilkeh bundling the ball home.

Slimbridge: L Adams, B Deakin, B Prictor, M Ford, N Dennis, K Pring, E Mbunga, M Turner, T Sidibe, B McLean, M Thomas

Subs Used: J Martin, R Ahmed, B Hands

Attendance:126

Supporters player of the match: Toumani Sidibe