

Match Reports

Slimbridge 4-2 Highworth Town Southern League Div. One South

Saturday 11th December 2021

Edji leads Swans comeback

Despite being two goals behind just after half an hour, the Swans fought back to take the points through goals from Edji Mbunga, Ben McLean and a Toby Lawrence long range strike.

The visitors dominated the early play of the game with a free kick deflected over the bar and then Nathan Dennis clearing a dangerous ball into the box.

The home side did get a chance with a Mbunga break down the left resulting in a corner, keeper Luke Kuczynski punched clear to Will Hawes who headed the ball back to the keeper.

It was then Lewis Adams turn to save his side, stopping Toby Hollands shot and then moments later a Felipe Barcelos strike from close range was touched onto the post and away to safety.

However the visitors took the lead on 21 minutes, Holland sending a delightful chip over Adams into the top left corner. The lead was increased just after the half hour point, Barcelos received the ball with his back to goal, turned a home defender and slotted the ball past Adams.

As the half came to a close the Swans had upped their game and were looking to get a goal back, Marley Thomas firing over from 30 yards. A good team move with Thomas, Hawes linking up with Mbunga's effort being saved.

The home side got the goal they deserved on the stroke of half time, Thomas delivering a cross from the right finding Mbunga in space at the back post to score with a diving header.

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Slimbridge continued to pile on the pressure early in the second half with Thomas chipping into the keepers arms and from a corner just past the hour mark Kuczynski saved well at the back post after a scramble.

The equaliser eventually came on 65 minutes, a Slimbridge free kick on the halfway line resulted in a Swans corner that was cleared up field. After a few moments of build-up play the ball was pushed to Toby Lawrence who stuck from 35 yards into the top corner of the net.

Highworth almost retook the lead a few minutes later, Hooland firing inches wide from a free kick on the edge of the Swans box.

It was however the home side that continued their comeback, on 73 minutes Mbunga cut in from the left wing and his cross found its way to Ben McLean who scored from close range.

On 90 minutes the home side completed the scoring, Ben Prictor played a ball forward to Jamie Martin, he squared the ball to Mbunga running through from the middle and rounded the keeper before slotting into the net to give a well-deserved victory to the Swans.

Slimbridge: L Adams, R Tomlin, B Prictor, B Hands, N Dennis, T Lawrence, E Mbunga, M Turner, W Hawes, B McLean, M Thomas

Subs Used: J Martin, L Harper

Attendance: 85

Supporters player of the match: Edji Mbunga