

# **Hellenic League Premier Division**

**Monday 25 April 2011**

## **Slimbridge 2-0 Carterton**

An early Ross Langworthy Brace saw the Swans finish their first season back in the UHlsport Hellenic Premier League with a victory, and end the season in a very creditable fifth place.

Manager Leon Sterling made four changes from the side which left Ardley pointless on Saturday, bringing in Jamie Inch, Ben Wood, Ross Langworthy and Paul Carter at the expense of Will Wellon, Sterling himself, Jamie Martin and Craig Cole.

In contrast to Saturday's sluggish start, Slimbridge were on the offensive immediately from the kick off, and took the lead with only four minutes on the clock. Langworthy was played through on goal only to appear to be hauled down by the last man, but Referee McEllin waved play on. The youngster was not to be denied though, and as play continued, he found himself in space again, and rifled a shot past Carterton Keeper James Domm to put the home side ahead.

Slimbridge continued to press, and nearly doubled their advantage on eight minutes, when Carter's pass played in Ron Hine, and his shot edged just wide of the Carterton post. The home side were not to be denied though, and two minutes later Langworthy notched his second - again played through on goal, Langworthy displayed great composure to lob the ball over Domm and score his second of the day.

The Swans continued to press, and should have added another goal on 10 minutes, when a flowing move involving Langworthy, then Hine and finally Bryant saw the Slimbridge winger's shot blocked with a good defensive tackle. Still Slimbridge stormed forward and Langworthy had the first of many attempts to complete his first hat trick for the club on 13 minutes, when his long range shot whistled past just the post.

On 23 minutes, Carterton fashioned their first chance of the day, Jon Fletcher's effort being well saved by Dave Evans.

With 31 minutes gone, the home were still playing some lovely football - Langworthy's neat flick to Marvin Roberts saw the Swans' captain earn a corner, and the home side should have capitalised on a goalmouth scramble that followed, but Carter managed to get the ball away. Langworthy was unlucky with a header from Carters corner with eleven minutes remaining in the half, and there was still time for Bryant and Roberts to fail to convert chances before the half time whistle.

Carterton came back into the game for a more evenly matched second period, but were well marshalled by Tom Speers and Jamie Inch, while at the other end, Langworthy was denied his first treble for the club by the crossbar when his superb lob on 62 minutes came back off the woodwork.

The Swans have one final game left to play this season - the Stroud Charity Cup Final against Yate Town Reserves on either the 10th or 11th of May at Frampton, with a 6.30 Kick Off. The date will be confirmed as soon as it is available.

Team: Evans, Ward, Cornwall, Inch, Speers, Wood, Bryant (Sterling 60), Hine (L. Wilton 60), Roberts (R., Wilton 75), Langworthy, Carter

Goals: Langworthy 4, 9