

## **Hellenic League Premier Division**

**Tuesday 28 September 2010**

### **Shortwood United 3-0 Slimbridge**

Shortwood powered their way to a deserved victory against Slimbridge this evening, taking the spoils courtesy of goals from Matt Green in the first half, with Ross Casey and Robbie Colwell adding to the scoreline in the second period.

As was to be expected in this local derby, the game started at a frantic pace, and Shortwood made the first real chance after 2 minutes, when a cross from the impressive Ben Rich saw James Coates head just wide. Slimbridge replied with a through ball which set Danny Chandler away, but Shortwood Keeper Martyn Peace made a good stop to deny the Swans' frontman.

Shortwood began to control the game by allowing Slimbridge no time on the ball, and started to create a stream of chances - Colwell had already struck a 25 yarder wide, and then seems his deflected shot converted by Rich, only for the goal to be ruled out for offside, when the home side took the lead on 28 minutes. A scramble in the Slimbridge saw three unsuccessful attempts to clear the ball, with the ball finally falling to Matt Green a couple of yards out, and he buried the chance to give the hosts a deserved advantage.

The Swans had opportunities to get back on terms, but wasteful finishing from Micky Bryant, who had two good opportunities when well placed, saw the scoreline remain 1-0 at the half.

The second period continued at the same frenetic pace, and it wasn't long before Shortwood doubled their lead - On 53 minutes, Casey converted a cross from the left to beat Ashely Gayle in the Slimbridge goal with ease. Things went from bad to worse for the visitors when eight minutes later, Tom Speers slipped when attempting a clearance, the ball ran loose to

Robbie Colwell who was clear through on goal, and he netted for Shortwood's third goal.

Shortwood had further chances to increase the lead, but were happy to settle for the three goal margin as the game neared the end. For the visitors, Carter had a good free kick well saved by Pearce on 73 minutes, but by then the game was over, and the home side held on for an impressive victory.

Team: Gayle, Cornwall, Wellon, Sterling, Speers, Hine (Wood 62), Bryant (Carter 61), Ward, Chandler (Langworthy 72), Cole, Wilton