

Hellenic League Premier Division

Saturday 2 April 2011

Wootton Bassett Town 1-2 Slimbridge

A third away game in five days resulted in another victory for Slimbridge over Wootton Bassett as Ross Langworthy scored two more goals to keep the pressure on Ardley at the top of the table.

The squad system that manager Leon Sterling has used for most of the season paid off again as, despite not being involved at all at Wantage on Thursday night, the young Hartpury student hassled and harried throughout the 90 minutes. There was a slight end of term attitude about the team as despite a tight and competitive game every one seemed relaxed and to be enjoying the challenge of the last month of the season.

This squad has continued to exceed all expectations and were well in control of this game against last season's Div One Runners-Up for most of the first half. The home side were restricted to very few attacks and a number of chances went begging as Slimbridge tried to forge ahead. Pressure continued to build but it took 43 minutes before Rob Hine lifted the ball over to Marve Roberts. The big centre forward held off the challenge of several defenders to push the ball past the home keeper where Langworthy gratefully applied the finishing touch.

At half time Sterling shuffled the pack again, bringing Paul Carter on for Lewis Wilton and within minutes a free kick from the substitute was headed towards goal by Hine. His powerful header was cleared straight upwards but skipper Roberts was unable to force the dropping ball home. Craig Cole came on to replace Roberts who picked up a knock but before Slimbridge could adjust to the change the scores were level. From just in front of the visitors dug-out and a distance of about 30 yards, Tom Dingle unleashed an unstoppable shot that arrowed into the top corner.

Slimbridge reacted well and restored the lead within ten minutes when Langworthy ran on to a through ball from Cole. His shot was parried by

the home keeper but it had sufficient momentum to spin up and over the net. This goal seemed to stiffen resolve and a more concentrated and disciplined last half hour brought another three points home with the Swans.

Team: Evans, Ward, Wellon, Sterling, Speers, Hine, Bryant, Wood, Roberts, Langworthy, Wilton. Subs: C Cole (for Roberts), Carter (for Wilton) Cornwall (not used).