

## **Hellenic League Premier Division**

**Saturday 10 December 2011**

### **Abingdon Town 1-1 Slimbridge**

A Jamie Martin header 12 minutes from time rescued a point for the Swans after they fell behind to an early goal at Abingdon Town. After a lacklustre first half, an improved performance from the visitors saw them share the spoils in a draw which on balance was fair result for both sides.

Abingdon were first out of the blocks and took the lead with just five minutes on the clock - Corey Forbes drilled his free kick past Dave Evans after a foul by Rob Hine created an opportunity for the hosts on the edge of the Slimbridge box.

Slimbridge had a couple of decent chances to equalise within the opening 15 minutes, but on both occasions Alex Higgs was unable to take advantage of two good opportunities.

The first half remained a very scrappy affair with few chances for either side. Slimbridge upped the tempo and started the second period far brighter, as they took the game to their hosts, and put Abingdon under pressure as they began to create further chances.

With 58 minutes gone, Jamie Martin had their best chance of the game so far, when he found himself through on goal with just the Keeper to beat, but fired over. Ben Wood also went close with a volley that fizzed past the post.

A superb through ball from Micky Bryant following a neat header from Marvin Roberts saw another good chance created for Karl Nash with 20 minutes remaining, but his weak shot was easily saved. As the chances kept coming for the Swans, Man Of The Match Jamie Inch came close with a header from Fred Ward's free kick which just drifted the wrong side of the Abingdon post.

Finally, with 12 minutes remaining, Slimbridge got the reward for their second half display - Shane Anson's cross saw Martin loop his headed over the Abingdon Keeper to level the scores, much to the delight of the visiting fans.

The Swans are at home to Fairford Town on Tuesday (7.45pm) before Holyport come to Wisloe Road on Saturday (3.00pm)