

# **Hellenic League Premier Division**

**Sunday 27 November 2011**

## **Lydney Town 2-1 Slimbridge**

Slimbridge bowed out of the Hellenic League Challenge Cup with an inept performance against Lydney Town who play in a division lower than the Wwans.

Leading 1-0 through a Jamie Martin header with just 7 mins left on the clock they allowed their opponents to take the tie to extra time with some sloppy defending, Liddington firing home the equaliser on 83 mins.

The same player gave the hosts the lead on 97 mins but the swans were given a lifeline with just seconds left on the clock when they were awarded a penalty but Karl Nash's spot kick was saved by Harris in the home goal.

The first half was devoid of any good football, Slimbridge were far too keen to give the ball away and the longer the half went on the more Lydney grew in confidence.

Mickey Bryant had a good shot tipped over the bar on 10 mins and 2 minutes later Harris in the home goal punched the ball into his own net but referee Cobby disallowed it for a push.

Lydney's best effort of the half came on 32 mins when Adam Hill's long range effort was well tipped over the bar by Dave Evans.

Jamie Martin had the ball in the net after 38 mins but the Assistant ruled him to be off-side.

The visitors took an undeserved lead after 41 mins when Fred Ward's free kick from the left was met by Jamie Martin who's faint header flew past Harris.

The Swans should have increased their lead soon into the second half when Shane Anson went on a mazy run, going past three defenders and laying a good ball through to Bryant who's first time shot cannoned back off the post.

On 52 mins Lydney nearly drew level, Leon Cornwall brought his opponent down on the edge of the box and Liddington's resultant free kick hit the post before being cleared.

Lydney were starting to gain control and looked much the better side, manager Sterling brought on two subs in Roberts and Cole in a bid to shake thing up but the swans just couldn't get into any sort of Rhythm.

On 70 mins Roberts headed on to Nash who really should have done better when only having the keeper to beat but Nash shot straight at him.

Sterling had seen enough and brought himself on after 75 mins but the writing was on the wall and on 83 mins a Lydney were awarded a free kick on the edge of Slimbridge's box, Jon Kear's shot was saved by Evans but the rebound was fired home by Jarred Liddington to bring the scores level.

On 88 mins Nash pumped a high ball into the box and Robert's headed against the post so the tie went into extra time.

Lydney went in front for the first time on 97 mins when some sloppy defending allowed Liddington to cut in from the right wing and fire a low shot past Evans.

Lydney's tails were up now and their home supporters were urging them on.

Karl Nash was unlucky on 117 mins when his shot was cleared off the line and a minute later Slimbridge had a penalty appeal turned down when Roberts appeared to be felled.

However with just seconds left on the referees watch Brad Martin ran into the box and was felled by a late challenge, this time the spot kick was awarded and the tie looked certain to go to penalty kicks.

Karl Nash placed the ball on the spot and hit a low shot to Keeper Harris's right but Harris got a hand to it and pushed round for a corner.

That just about summed up the Swan's afternoon and Lydney deservedly marched through to the Quarter Finals.

Team: Evans, Anson, Cornwall, Hine (Sterling 75), Inch, Wood, Ward, Bryant (Cole 58), Nash, J. Martin ( Roberts 56), B.Martin