

Hellenic League Premier Division

Tuesday 13 September 2011

Slimbridge 2-3 Oxford City Nomads

After Oxford's early spell of pressure, it was Slimbridge that took the lead with their first move of the game in the 2nd minute Marvin Roberts cross from the right was neatly headed past the visiting keeper at the left post by Karl Nash to give the home side the advantage.

Oxford then had a good spell of pressure for the next 10 minutes culminating in an equaliser on 12 minutes. A mazy run by James Dobson was only partly cleared by the Slimbridge defence falling to Conor McDonagh to slot home. Within 3 minutes Slimbridge should have retaken the lead when Roberts shot wide with only the keeper to beat.

Both sides played some good passing football for the remainder of the half but unable to trouble the opposing keepers.

Slimbridge started the second half much brighter having much of the early possession, with Karl Nash and Jamie Martin linking up well but failing to get a shot on target. In the 60th minute Slimbridge restored their lead when a defensive mistake allowed Roberts to nip in a score past the stranded Paul Davis in the visitor's goal after a good run and cross by Martin on the right.

Both sides had a number of chances following the goal, when Davis saved a Rob Hine header at the base of the post on 66 minutes. At the other end Dave Evans in the home goal tipped wide from a fizzing shot from midfielder Denel Thomas. Oxford had a long spell of pressure in the closing 10 minutes with the Slimbridge defence holding firm until the 88th minute when substitute Jermaine Ferreira popped up at the back post to head home unopposed from a Nomads corner. Two minutes later the away side scored what turned out to be the winner, when the ball fell kindly to Kyan Issac to place the ball into an empty net after Jamie Inch and the sprawling Evans had failed to block a run through the middle.

While trying to get back on level terms in injury time the home skipper Roberts was given a straight red card for an alleged altercation with the visiting defender Kamran Abbassi who lay on the floor for a number of minutes clutching his face although got up and completed the remainder of the game without the need of treatment.

Slimbridge: D Evans, L Cornwall, W Wellon, L Sterling, J Inch, R Hine, E Ward, M Bryant (Ross Langworthy), M Roberts, K Nash (A Higgs), J Martin (B Martin)

Goals: Nash 2, Roberts 60