

## **Hellenic League Premier Division**

**Saturday 10 September 2011**

### **Slimbridge 1 - 0 Portishead Town**

Slimbridge progressed to the next round of the vase with this narrow win over Western league side Portishead Town.

A 4th Minute strike from skipper Marvyn Roberts proved enough to earn the Swans a home tie with Merthyr Town in the 2nd Qualifying round on Sept 24th.

Roberts decisive goal was a shot from 18 yards which flew past Portishead keeper Seb Gribble. After that chances were very few and far between, a mediocre Portishead side rarely threatened the home defence and it appeared that one goal would always be enough for the swans to progress.

The first 45 mins belonged to Slimbridge and they really should have had the game sewn up within half an hour but some poor finishing when it appeared easier to score ensured that their visitors remained in with a chance of avoiding defeat.

In the 22nd min Ross Langworthy found himself with just the keeper to beat but shot high and wide. The same player was guilty of some further wayward shooting in the 29th and 35th minutes and Slimbridge were almost made to pay for these misses when in the 37th min Portishead's Kieran Marsden got his head to a cross, the header looked destined for the net until Dave Evans in the home goal made a spectacular diving save, managing to parry the ball clear.

The Second half was very much the same, the highlight being the introduction of Karl Nash in the 59th minute who injected some pace and aggression into the Swans Attack. It was Nash who nearly increased the home sides lead with a good run and shot which Gribble did well to hold.

Further chances fell to Roberts, Nash and Langworthy but with no end result.

Portishead, on a rare attack appealed for a penalty in the 89th minute when the ball hit Rob Hine's arm but the referee quite rightly waved their appeals away.

The final whistle came with Slimbridge pleased to have banked the £500 prize money and they now look forward to Welcoming old friends Merthyr Town to Wisloe Road on Sept 24th.

Team: D.Evans, L.Cornwall, B.Martin(L.Sterling 69), W.Wellon, R.Hine, B.Wood, F.Ward, M.Bryant, M.Roberts, R.Langworthy, J.Martin (K.Nash 59)