

Hellenic League Premier Division

Tuesday 13 March 2012

Reading Town 1-1 Slimbridge

New signing Andy Sheppard had an evening to remember as The Swans took a well-earned point at Reading Town, with a performance that would have pleased Manager Leon Sterling after the poor showing at the weekend.

Sheppard was harshly penalised for handball to conceded a penalty for the Swans early in the second half, but popped up in the other penalty area five minutes later to level the scores and claim a point for the visitors.

After a frantic start, it was the hosts who got the upper hand and created some good chances, with Swans Keeper Dave Evans forced into action on more than occasion, tipping the ball over the bar to keep the scores level. Both defences were playing well, but Reading took the lead on 46 minutes, when a shot which cannoned into Sheppard was deemed to constitute deliberate handball, and the penalty was duly dispatched to put the home side ahead.

Five minute later, the scores were level - Sheppard with a superb diving header to convert Freddy Ward's free kick with 51 minutes on the clock

The game continued to flow from end to end, with chances for both sides, but in the end a draw was a fair result, and will give the team a confidence boost ahead of their short trip to local rivals Shortwood United on Saturday (3.00pm)