

Hellenic League Premier Division

Tuesday 16 August 2011

Slimbridge 2-0 Wantage Town

Two second half substitutions from Manager Leon Sterling produced two priceless goals in the last five minutes of a game that looked to be heading for a goalless draw, and saw the Swans remain unbeaten after the first two games of the season.

Wantage had the best of the opening ten minutes, and seemed to settle quicker than the home side, but the teams cancelled each other out to a large extent as the first half progressed. with few real chances created by either side. Slimbridge saw a Paul Carter header, and a Lewis Wilton run as possibly their best efforts of the half, while Richie Claydon's free kick after Carter brought down Mark Threlfall in the edge of the box was the pick of the bunch for the visitors.

Slimbridge made the brighter start to the second period, with chances beginning to be created - Carter's vicious corner needed to be cleared off the line on 49 minutes, while at the other end Claydon scuffed wide when he picked up a miscued ball from Rob Hine.

On 64 minutes, Dave Evans in the Slimbridge goal needed to be alert to keep out Mark Threlfall's shot, and with the game entering the last 10 minutes, was called into action again to deal with a dangerous strike from Tom Butler.

On 85 minutes, the deadlock was broken - After Alex Higgs, who had replaced Karl Nash, had already gone close after turning his man and shooting just wide, and the youngster was on target to nod home Carter's cross, and put the home side ahead. Higgs was also instrumental in the second goal two minutes later, dispossessing a Wantage defender and crossing for Jamie Martin, who was on for Marvin Roberts, to gleefully ram home the Swans' second goal to make the game safe.

Slimbridge entertain Bradford Town in the FA Cup extra preliminary round at Wisloe Road on Saturday (3.00pm) before travelling to Shrivenham next Tuesday (23rd, 7.45pm)

Team: Evans, Cornwall, T. Cole, Wellon (Sterling78), Hine, Ward, Carter, Bryant, Roberts (Martin 63), Nash (Higgs 50), Wilton

Goals: Higgs 85, Martin 87