Western League Premier Division

Tuesday 19 November 2013

Slimbridge 0-0 Bitton

The Swans' season revival continued with a draw which stretched their unbeaten run to three games in a week, on a bitterly cold evening at Wisloe Road. The result moves the Swans a further place up the Western Premier League table, where they are now five places higher than they were this time last week.

The home side had the best of the first half, although the visitors probably just edged the scrappy second period, so in the end a draw seemed fair on the balance of play, although both teams could have nicked all three points.

The early exchanges saw chances at both ends, with Will Wellon just failing to connect with a Paul Carter corner, while at the other end, Dan Spill's long range effort forced Dave Evans into a save with less than ten minutes on the clock.

After Carter had brought a good save from Bitton Keeper John Rendall, Slimbridge felt they may have had a shout for a penalty when Danny Chandler was felled in the box, but referee Lee Sheridan disagreed.

The second half started with Adam Mace forcing a goaline clearance with a powerful shot, before headers from Spill and Eugene Keary went close for the visitors.

Both sides had the chance to win the game in the space of three minutes just after the hour - firstly Chandler's superb strike brought an equally good stop from Rendall, and then Jason Thatcher saw his effort cleared off the Swans' line by Wellon's last minute intervention.

Liam Harding went close with an effort on 74 minutes, but neither side could break the deadlock, and had to settle for a point apiece.

The Swans entertain Ilfracombe Town in a Les Phillips Cup tie at Wisloe Road on Saturday (3.00pm), before travelling to Fairford Town next Tuesday for a GFA Challenge Trophy game (7.45pm)

Team: Evans, Rutter, Brown, Robinson, Wellon, Hughes, Twyman, HArding, Chandler (Kinnear 69), Carter, Mace (Turner 66)

Supporters Man of the Match: Will Wellon