Western League Premier Division

Saturday 31 August 2013

Slimbridge 1-0 Radstock Town

Slimbridge recorded their first victory in the tool station western league premier division on Saturday with a narrow 1-0win over Radstock Town.

A 7th minute strike from Sean Bennett proved to be enough for the Swans to gather their first league points of the season.

Struggling with injuries and unavailability, manager Leon Sterling included youth team youngsters Joe Kinnear and Mitchell Cornock on the bench,both coming on in the latter stages of the game.

It was Slimbridge who made the best start when in the seventh minute a Dan Robinson corner kick was cleared straight into the path of Sean Bennett who side footed home from 8 yards out.

Radstock immediately responded and Dominique Stewart went close, firing just wide after a good run into the box.

A good through ball from Jack Twyman set Adam Philp clear but Philp shot tamely at Will Osbourne in the visitors goal.

Radstock were pressing for the equaliser now and Dave Evans had to be alert when a back header from James Cole nearly caught him out, Evans racing back to gather.

Josh Reid looked like equalising in the 24th minute when he just had Evans to beat but referee Simon Gudger brought play back for a hand ball offence by Reid.

Next to go close for the visitors was Ibrahim Diallo who's fierce volley just cleared the crossbar.

As the half time interval approached Philp went clear after another good through ball from Twyman but he was thwarted by the assistant's off side flag.

At the other end Otis Wilson's shot from 15 yards out just skimmed the outside of Dave Evan's post as the referee blew for the interval.

Within two minutes of the restart Radstock almost drew level when Josh Reid's shot from 10 yards out rebounded off the woodwork.

The first caution of the afternoon went to Sean Bennett for an ugly challenge on Lindsey Omar.

Jamie Martin went close to increasing Slimbridge's lead in the 55th minute when his dazzling run into the box ended with Osborne pushing his low shot out for a corner.

The same player went close just two minutes later when an astute pass from man of the match Dan Robinson was once again pushed away for a corner kick by the visiting keeper.

Radstock were struggling now to offer much in the way of attacking ideas and the Swans manager Leon Sterling decided to introduce youngsters Kinnear and Cornock and it was Kinnear who had a half chance late on when he nearly got on the end of a good through ball by Robinson but keeper Osbourne was quick off his line to clear.

In stoppage time Ibrahm Diallo nearly got a late equaliser but a great save by Dave Evans in the home goal ensured that Slimbridge chalked up their first points of the season in what has proved to be a tough start for the Wisloe Road outfit in their first season of a new league.

Evans,Robinson,Cole,Sterling,Bennett,Parrot,Nash (Cornock 79),Twyman,Philp,Martin(Kinnear 64) Turner.

Supporters m.o.m Dan Robinson.

Attendance, 42.