Western League Premier Division

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Willand Rovers 0-5 Slimbridge AFC

Slimbridge now face an anxious wait to see if they have gained promotion to the Southern league after this resounding 5-0 win away at Willand Rovers which confirmed third spot in the Toolstation Western League Premier Division.

The Swans knew that just one point would be enough but they were certainly not going for a draw, smashing in five goals without reply to register their biggest win of the season.

If the first half was nondescript, then the second half was anything but as the Swans showed why they have done so well this season, finishing with best defensive record in the league, whilst punishing their opponents with the pace of their forward line.

Slimbridge went into the break with a single goal lead thanks to a stunning strike from Sean Lawson, who latched on to a good ball from Paul Fahy and struck a tremendous shot which left Willand keeper Kurtis Parkin clutching at thin air as the ball went into the top corner.

Controversy arose on 53 minutes when Lawson and Fahy combined well to set up Dean Turner whose shot was deemed to have crossed the line by the referees assistant, which upset the home side immensely but their complaints fell on deaf ears with referee Mr Bennett.

Ten minutes later and the game was put out of Willands reach when Jamie Martin forced in a corner kick from Alex Parrott.

The Swans were champing at the bit now as Willand found it difficult to cope with the pace of Fahy and Lawson and it was the latter who made it

four nil when Ryan Thwaite's volley rebounded nicely for Lawson who fired home from 10 yards.

A last minute penalty converted by man of the match Fahy started wild celebrations in the home dressing room who now await the result of a FA league committee meeting planned for May 14th to see if their application for promotion will be accepted.

TEAM; Evans, Turl, Brown, Odiero, Rich Thwaite, Hoyle, Turner (Ryan Thwaite 66) Parrott (Twyman 65) Lawson, Martin (Mace 69) Fahy.

Supporters man of the match, Paul Fahy.