GFA Cup Quarter Final

Wednesday 30 March 2016

Slimbridge 2-0 Cheltenham Town

The Swans advanced to the Semi Final of the GFA Senior Challenge Cup with a comprehensive victory over Cheltenham Town at Wisloe Road. The Swans travel to Bishops Cleeve on Thursday 14th April, with the winner of that tie advancing to meet either Bristol Rovers or Forest Green Rovers in the final.

In a season of new experiences, this was the first time the Swans had ever played a competitive game against a side who had played at Football League level, and despite Cheltenham fielding their youth team for the clash, the triumph was well deserved, with celebrations both on and off the pitch at the final whistle.

Slimbridge controlled much of the game, and took the lead in the 20th minute, when Paul Fahy set off on a mazy run, beating Matt Bower, before drilling the ball past Robins' Keeper Bojan Tetek.

The Swans second goal came on 57 minutes, when a defensive mix up in the Cheltenham box saw Brad Martin set up Sean Lawson, who made no mistake from eight yards out to double the advantage.

Cheltenham had a couple of opportunities to get back into the tie, but Adam Thomas made a superb stop from Lewis Thompson, before Alex Dinsmore missed a cross with the goal gaping in front of him.

But the Swans were not to be denied, and played out time comfortably for the victory, a morale booster ahead of the visit to Wisloe Road of Tiverton Town for a League encounter on Saturday (3.00pm)

Team: Thomas, Brown (Smith 45), Mace, Turl, Rich Thwaite, Ward, Twyman, Turner, Fahy (Martin 57), Martin, Lawson (Orchard 67)

Supporters Man of the Match: Dean Turner