Evo Stik Southern League South & West

Saturday 19 September 2015

Marlow 2 - 1 Slimbridge

The Swans returned from Buckinghamshire pointless after a sluggish performance allowed their hosts to come from a goal down to snatch victory thanks to a double strike from substitute Jordan Brown after Paul Fahy had put the visitors ahead with a penalty shortly after the break.

Both sides were reduced to ten men during the second half, first to go was Marlow's Stephen Peacock for a horrible tackle on Adam Mace in the 76th minute shortly followed by Slimbridge centre back Richard Thwaite, who picked up a second yellow card for a late challenge,after he had already been cautioned for showing dissent to referee Mr Carmichael.

Slimbridge got off to a bright start, having the majority of possession for the first half hour but without creating too much but also restricting Marlow to a couple of half chances.

Sean Lawson went close on 25 minutes but Simon Grant in the home goal was quick to push his well struck shot away.

Marlow should have taken the lead on 36 minutes when Devontae Romeo found himself one on one with Adam Thomas in the Swans goal but the veteran keeper pulled of a fine diving save at Romeos feet to keep the scores level going into the break.

The second half was just 9 minutes old when Paul Fahy ran into the Marlow box and was brought down by goalkeeper Grant as Fahy attempted to round him and the referee pointed straight to the penalty spot.

Grant can consider himself a very lucky man as the referee failed to imply the letter of the law, in fact he chose not to show either colour card to

Grant but justice was done when Fahy fired a good shot to the keepers left to open the scoring.

Further near misses by Freddy Ward, Substitute Jamie Martin and Dean Turner was to prove costly for the Swans as Marlow equalised on 69 minutes, a right wing cross was headed away by Richard Thwaite but it fell nicely to Jordan Brown who fired a good shot past the helpless Thomas.

Dean Turner went close to regaining the lead for the Swans on 74 minutes when his drive from Mace's corner kick was cleared off the goal line by a well positioned defender.

Two minutes later and the hosts were down to ten men after substitute Stephen Peacock, who had only been on the field for five minutes, put in a horrid looking challenge on Mace.

Just 3 minutes later Richard Thwaite followed Peacock for an early shower after picking up his second yellow card for a late challenge on Charlie Bull, Thwaite will now miss the Swans important FA Cup Trophy game at home to Egham Town on Oct 3rd.

Marlow stole all three points when in the 89th minute a corner on the right was well headed on to Brown who toe poked the ball past Thomas from close range to end a disappointing afternoon for the Swans.

The games are coming thick and fast now as we travel to near neighbours Shortwood Utd on Tuesday evening for a 7.45pm kick off and then next Saturday we are once again on our Travels in the Emirates FA Cup for a 2nd round Qualyfiying match at North Leigh.

The Coach will leave Wisloe Road at 12pm midday and any supporters wishing to join us should ring Secretary Colin Gay on 07702070229 to book their seat.