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Wednesday 3 February 2016

Slimbridge 1-3 Shortwood United

The Swans can have no complaints about the result of this game, although they led Play Off chasing Shortwood for over an hour.

After Paul Fahy's early penalty had put the home side in front, a costly 15 minute spell in the second half saw the visitors notch three goals, two of them from ex-Swans' striker Will Morford, to allow Shortwood, who were reduced to ten men before they equalised, to complete the double over their neighbours.

The home side made the perfect start when Paul Fahy was tugged over in the box trying to reach a free kick with just two minutes on the clock, and Fahy picked himself up to convert the penalty.

Despite trailing, Shortwood had the better of the first period, with Nick Peare, Jake Lee and James Singh all having opportunities to level things up, while Slimbridge's best effort came from Sean Lawson, who shot wide just before the break, to leave the home side ahead at the Half.

Shortwood were reduced to ten men on 53 minutes, when Peare saw straight red for a very late challenge on Sam Turl, but, with Slimbridge failing to retain possession in midfield, the sending off changed the complexion of the game as momentum swung towards the visitors.

Eight minutes later, Liam Meredith was allowed too much space to get a cross over, and James Singh's header levelled things up, despite the best efforts of George Burton in the Slimbridge goal.

Things went from bad to worse for the Swans five minutes later, when Adam Price hit a free kick which Burton parried, but Morford was quickest to the rebound and converted the follow up.

Ten minutes later, it was game over, as Jake Lee's strike came back into play off the bar, and again, Morford reacted quickest to be left with an easy tap in to kill the game off.

Team: Burton, Turl, Brown (Mace 73), Hoyle, Greening, Turner, Ry Thwaite, Twyman (Ward 72), Fahy, Lawson, Martin (Orchard 80)

Supporters Man of the Match: Sam Turl

The Swans travel, weather permitting, to Larkhall Athletic on Saturday (3.00pm), before making a trip down the M5 on Tuesday, when they visit Bridgwater Town (7.45pm)

The Swans postponed home game with Winchester City has now been set for Wednesday, 2nd March, 7.45pm. The Away trip, originally scheduled for Saturday 25th March, has been moved to Good Friday, 24th March, with a 3.00pm Kick Off.