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Slimbridge 3 – 1 Yate Town

Slimbridge extend their unbeaten run against the battling 9 men of Yate Town.

Yate Town started the game brightly with striker Josh Morgan-Williams causing the Slimbridge back line all sorts of problems in the first 20 minutes with Nick Grimes and Richard Twaite called upon several times making a number of important headers and interceptions. Eugene Keary goal bound shot was blocked by Grimes 2 yards in front of goal, and Morgan-Williams twice placed shots wide when in goal scoring opportunities.

Slimbridge came back into the game with Sean Lawson having a half chance blocked and a Richard Twaite header sailing over from a Lee Smith cross. On 30 minutes Jack Twyman, and Lawson linked up on the left resulting in a Slimbridge corner. The home side took the lead on 35 minutes Mace's cross from the left was chested down by Twyman who played the ball into the path of Smith who drilled the ball into the corner of the Yate net leaving the keeper no chance.

Soon after the restart Yate Town were reduced to 9 men, Morgan-Williams and Swans full back Sam Turl clashed on the touch line with Morgan-Williams kicking out at Turl resulting in a straight red for the visitors. Yate Captain Kye Mountfield also received his marching orders for dissent while protesting against his team mates sending off.

A minute before half time Yate Town equalised from a free kick deep into the home sides half was headed in unopposed at the back post by Jack Ball.

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The second half was one-way traffic Slimbridge taking advantage of the two extra men passing the ball around neatly from the back. Mace and Smith were getting down both flanks delivering delightful crossed unfortunately not managing to find a home player in the box. On the hour Grimes headed wide from a Slimbridge corner when well placed at the back post.

Slimbridge regained the lean on 69 minutes when visiting defender Matson Evans handled at the back post trying to sheppard the ball out for a corner. Mace stepped up to send Jonathan Brown the wrong way, his third successful penalty in three games. Two minutes later the Swans extended the lead when Lee Smith's pin point cross was met by substitute Archie Haskayne who's bullet header left Brown with no chance.

With 5 minutes remaining Joe Stokes was unlucky not to get on the scoresheet when his delightful lob hit the bar with the visitors keeper stranded.

Slimbridge: Kowalski, Turl, Ry Thwaite, Grimes, Rich Thwaite, Ward, Twyman, Stokes, Smith, Lawson, Mace Subs: Martin, Harding, Haskayne

Goals: Smith 35, Mace 69, Haskayne 71

Attendance: 102

MOM: Nick Grimes