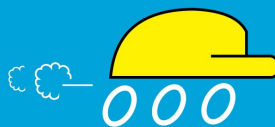


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**SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST 2017
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Today's Teams

Slimbridge AFC (From)

Cinderford Town (From)

Ollie Hall	1	Cameron Clarke
Sam Turl	2	Josh Nelmes
Adam Mace	3	Andy Lewis
Rich Thwaite	4	Nick Grimes
Alex Hoyle ©	5	Daniel Clare
Kory Pring	6	Isaac Kelly
Henry Birkett	7	Nick Humphreys
Jack Twyman	8	Sammie Hicks
Nathan Payne	9	Jack Alderdice
Marley Thomas	10	Liam Angel
Max Harper-Emerson	11	Matthew Macdonald
Joe Stokes	12	Ben Hands
Dean Turner	14	Blaine Waugh
Luke Payne	15	Lewis Ellis
Joe Wilton	16	Robbie Atkinson
Kieran Squires	17	Callum Mconie

Managers:

Freddy Ward
Lee Driver-Dickerson

Paul Michael
Andrew Smith

Physios:

Tony Woodward

TBC

Referee:

Darren Wilding

Assistants:

Jack Reed
TBC

Club Chat

With Tim Blake

Good afternoon, and welcome to Thornhill Park. I'd like to offer a warm welcome to players, official and fans from our visitors from Cirencester Town. We hope you enjoy your afternoon with us, and have a safe journey back home later on.

Well, our opening game at Winterfield Road was certainly eventful! We went behind to a stonewall good Rich Thwaite tackle that was deemed a penalty by Referee Andy Sheppard, before the team showed a level of resilience that we did not have last season, with Marley Thomas coming on as a sub to notch firstly an equaliser, and then the winning goal in the matter of five minutes. The bus was bouncing on the way back, it was a great result and a great way to start the new season. Hopefully we will have carried this good form into Wednesday's game against Cirencester Town..

As we get back into the routine of the new season, I must remind that we are back at Thornhill Park on Bank Holiday Monday, when Shortwood United are our visitors for another highly anticipated local derby – the fixture gods have definitely been good to us in providing local games in August, and that one should be another cracker.

A reminder again that Rob Peck, our Website Guru has worked his wizardry, and all our matchday programmes this season will be available online at www.slimbridgeafc.co.uk. A lot of clubs seem to be stopping prining on matchdays altogether as a result of the new League directive, however, we still intend to publish physical copies that you can buy on the day as long as we think there will be a demand. As with all these things, economics come into it, so we will need to make sure that when we print programmes, people buy them, otherwise we may well stop printing next season as well. It's over to you folks!

Hope you enjoy the game this afternoon

Tim



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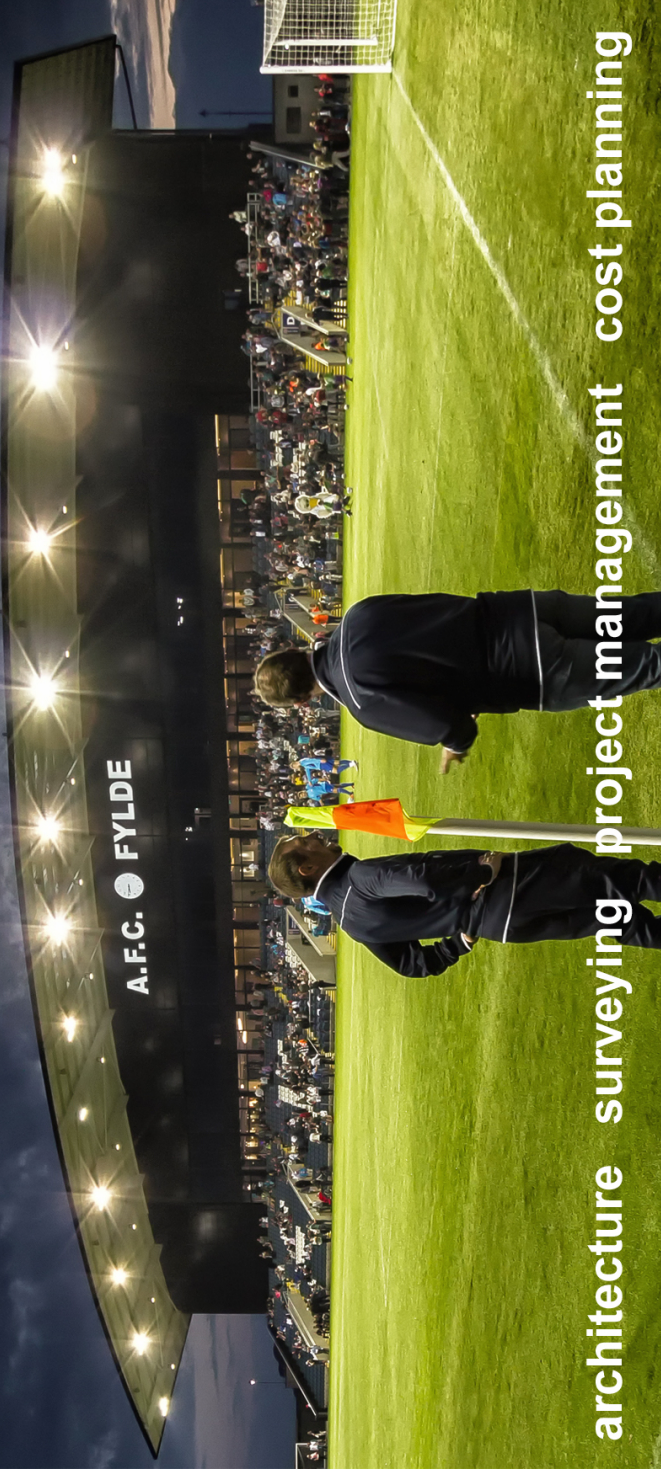
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28/08/17	Shortwood United	H	League																
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Our Visitors Today

Cinderford Town was formed in 1922 and played in the Gloucester Northern Senior League until 1939. In that year they joined the newly formed Bristol Charity League but this league folded two weeks later at the outbreak of World War II. In 1957 they won the title but the two seasons they spent in the top flight put severe financial pressure on the club, who were forced to withdraw and return to the Gloucester Northern Senior League. Three years later the club made the unusual decision to join the Warwickshire Combination and won a league and cup double in 1964, which saw them step up to the West Midlands (Regional) League.

Cinderford returned to play in the newly formed Gloucestershire County League for the 1969–70 season and stayed for the next five years, finishing as runners-up on three occasions, but again sought a higher standard of football and were accepted into the Midland Football Combination. Town played in this League for the next 10 seasons, achieving a best finish of 4th, before being forced to withdraw and return to the Gloucestershire County League after more financial problems.

In the 1990–91 season the club gained admission to the Hellenic League, initially in Division One, where they won the league championship at the first attempt. Four years later the club claimed the Premier Division title and stepped up to the Southern League, where they remain to this day.

Our Visitors Today

In the 2015-16 season, they were champions of the Southern League Division One South & West but initially rejected promotion on financial grounds.

However they were forced to accept promotion, in June 2016, following a series of appeals which affected the constitution of the Southern League heading into the new season. They took up their place in the Southern Premier Division in the 2016-17 season.

Following relegation, the club are back in the Evo-Stil League South, West





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Freddy on the new season

Swans' Manager Freddy Ward is delighted with a pre-season campaign that saw Slimbridge win four of their six pre-season games, although he has warned against anyone getting carried away ahead of Slimbridge's third Southern League season – 'The slate has been wiped clean now (ahead of the start of the new season), so let's hope we have a similar set of results after six League games!'

Ward admitted that he was pleased with the progress his young side was making. 'It's looking very promising – we had a couple of really good tests, which we coped with well, and I'm hoping it bodes well for the season ahead.'

'When we press as a team, and break at pace, we'll certainly cause most teams problems. We're working hard to give the players the confidence to pass the ball with belief and confidence, and results have been very pleasing so far.'

With a large influx of new players into the squad ahead of the new campaign, how the new arrivals settled into the team would be very important, and again, Ward is pleased with results so far. 'The new lads haven't looked out of place, and with hopefully a couple more additions in the next couple of weeks, I'll be very happy with the squad I have!'

The other big change at the club in close season has been the arrival of Lee Driver-Dickerson as Ward's Assistant Manager, and Ward is full of praise for his new Assistant – 'Dickers coming in to help me has been a blessing – I can't praise him enough. As I was hoping when I asked him to join the club, he is just what both I and the boys needed.'

Today's Fixtures

Saturday 19th August

Emirates FA Cup Preliminary Round: (Selected Ties)

Slimbridge AFC v Cinderford Town
Colney Heath v Shortwood United
Swindon Supermarine v Northwood
Chipping Sodbury Town v Bishops Cleeve
Aylesbury v Cirencester Town
Highmoor Ibis v North Leigh
Bracknell Town v Winchester City
Fleet Town v AFC Totton
Andover Town v Wimborne Town
Salisbury v Fareham Town
Portland United v Paulton Rovers
Barnstaple Town v Clevedon Town
Bideford AFC v Wells City
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However, all programmes will be uploaded to our website (whether we physically print or not), and will be available 24 hours before the game from www.slimbridgeafc.co.uk

Match Report

Paulton Rovers 1-2 Slimbridge AFC

The Swans returned from Winterfield Road with three points after a feisty encounter. The hosts took the lead just before the break with a disputed penalty, but two goals in five minutes from Slimbridge substitute Marley Thomas secured the win for the visitors.

Both sides began the game well, and there were two good chances at either end - James Byrne shot wide for Paulton, and Rich Thwaite had an effort blocked for the Swans.

Slimbridge had a good opportunity to open the scoring on 14 minutes, when Thwaite was fouled on the edge of the Paulton box - Adam Mace's free kick was saved by Paulton Keeper Kieran Hodges, and Nathan Payne's attempted follow up was ruled out by the offside flag.

Paulton hit back strongly, and Slimbridge had Ollie Hall's point blank stop and Thwaite's subsequent goalline clearance to thank for keeping the scores level before Byrne blasted way too high for the home side in a dangerous passage of play.

As the game ebbed and flowed, Joe Wilton was unlucky at the other end after good work from Harrison Reeves, before Hall and Thwaite again combined to keep Paulton out - this time to stop Dave Sims' effort.

Match Report

With seven minutes remaining in the half Thwaite was penalised for a tackle on Sims in the Paulton box, although the Swans man appeared to make clean contact with the ball. After consulting with his Linesman, Referee Andy Sheppard confirmed his decision as a penalty, and Bryne's shot just evaded Hall, going in off the crossbar to put the hosts ahead at the break.

The Swans got the leveller their play deserved on 76 minutes, when Sam Turl's great work down the right saw him feed Stokes - his cross was drilled home by Marley Thomas to even things up.

Slimbridge again went close three minutes later, when Thwaite just missed Harper-Emerson's dangerous cross, but, two minutes later, Thomas was again on hand to follow up a saved Harper-Emerson shot and put the visitors ahead.

As the game went into stoppage time, Thomas' effort was deflected for a corner as he chased his Hat-Trick, and Paulton Captain Dale Evans was way too high with a 94th minute effort, before the whistle blew on a very tight and entertaining encounter.

Team: Hall, Turl, Mace, Thwaite, Hoyle, Luke Payne, Twyman, Reeves (Turner 79), Stokes, Nathan Payne (Harper-Emerson 59), Wilton (Thomas 60). Subs not used: Pring, Squires

Supporters Man of the Match: Harrison Reeves