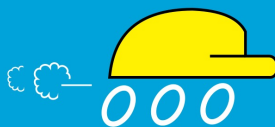


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Slimbridge AFC v Cirencester Town
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Match Day

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everyone connected with Cirencester Town
to Thornhill Park

SLIMBRIDGE AFC

V

CIRENCESTER TOWN

EVO-STIK LEAGUE SOUTH, West

WEDNESDAY 16TH AUGUST 2017
KICK OFF 7.45PM

Today's Teams

Slimbridge AFC

Cirencester Town

Ollie Hall	1	Matt Wieczorek
Sam Turl	2	Sam Farr
Adam Mace	3	Ellis Dunton
Rich Thwaite	4	Max Arnold
Alex Hoyle ©	5	James Mortimer-Jones
Kory Pring	6	Henry Spalding
Henry Birkett	7	Kieren Diaz-Benitez
Jack Twyman	8	Louis Loader
Nathan Payne	9	Mason Lewis
Marley Thomas	10	Aidan Bennett
Max Harper-Emerson	11	Sam Walsh
Joe Stokes	12	Dan Roberts
Dean Turner	14	Jack Horrell
Luke Payne	15	Arie Peursum
Joe Wilton	16	Ryan Elliott
Kieran Squires	17	Aidan Bennett

Managers:

Freddy Ward

Lee Driver-Dickerson

Charlie Griffin

James Mortimer-Jones

Physios:

Tony Woodward

Lisa Vicat

Referee:

Scott Tallis

Assistants:

Harley McKittrick

Alan Cox

Club Chat

With Tim Blake

So, we're back! Good evening, 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.

It should how far the club has come in the last few years that we didn't even flinch when over 500 people came through the turnstiles for our pre-season Gloucester City-Bristol Rovers game. After all, we'd dealt with nearly a thousand last season when Hereford came down, and thanks go to all our helpers and volunteers, all unsung, who make things click behind the scenes, and are so responsible for the Thornhill park welcome that we are gaining a reputation for. Five hundred people? Three media teams? Radio commentaries? Filming? Piece of cake.....

We should also formally welcome our new Assistant Manager, Lee Driver-Dickerson, whose presence has already been felt in training and in the way he has supported the style of football that Freddy wants us to play. Lee brings a wealth of experience from his time at Frampton, and, in Freddy's words, we are 'blessed' that he has decided to join us. Welcome Lee, from all of us.

This is noted elsewhere, but we will not be printing physical programmes for all our games this season. We have been given the option of posting them online by the League, so where we feel it would not be cost effective to print, we will be making the programmes available for download on www.slimbridgeafc.co.uk

We're back here on Saturday for an Emirates FA Cup tie against Cinderford Town for what should be another local cracker. Enjoy the game this evening, and see you Saturday!

Tim

A dynamic action shot of two football players in mid-air, competing for a ball. The player on the left is wearing a white jersey and blue shorts, while the player on the right is wearing a yellow jersey and green shorts. A soccer ball is suspended in the air between them. The background is a dark, gradient sky.

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Our Visitors Today

Cirencester Town FC was formed in 1889 and played amateur football in the Cirencester & District League, Cheltenham League and eventually the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League.

In the late '60s Cirencester joined the Gloucester County League, moving from there up to the Hellenic League in 1969. During that time they had their first national cup run, reaching the 2nd round proper of the FA Amateur Cup. They won their first major piece of silverware, taking the Hellenic First Division Championship in 1973-74 to reach the Premier Division. Following a subsequent relegation the modern phase of development was slowly established, with their Smithsfield ground being improved.

Runners up to Cinderford Town in '90-'91 put the club back in the Hellenic Premier, and they also picked up the Hellenic League First Division Challenge Cup for the first time as well as the Gloucestershire Senior Amateur Cup (North). Premier Division Runners up '91 – 92 behind Shortwood United in the Premier Division, they also lost 2-1 to Shortwood United in the GFA Challenge Trophy Final, but bagged that season's Arthur Shipway Cup.

Season 1995-96 was the start of the new era. In partnership with Cirencester College, the club began the groundbreaking Football Academy programme.

Our Visitors Today

Developing rapidly, first under Dave Hockaday and when he moved as Youth Team Manager to Watford FC, followed by Steve Lowndes, the Academy have been National College Champions in '97 and in '98, five times winners of the English Schools FA U19 Colleges Cup since 1998, and British Colleges Trophy Champions 4 times since '97. The youngsters have regularly reached the latter stages of the FA Youth Cup as the last remaining non-league club in that competition and in 2008-09 reached the third round proper before losing to Sunderland at the Stadium of Light. The success of the Academy has had the knock on effect of providing CTFC with new blood and developing talent.

Off field, a long planning process led to the development of the Community Club phase led by Chairman Steve Abbley and implemented over 3 years by Business Manager Anna Kocherhan. In summer 2002 Brian Hughes succeeded Ray Baverstock as manager. At the same time the club, having invested the proceeds of the sale of Smithsfield in the Corinium Stadium at Kingshill, moved into their new facility and renamed as "The Centurions". This development was followed in November 2004 by the opening of The Arena, a state of the art full size indoor training facility. We have now been awarded the FA's "Charter Standard Community Club" status and this summer we received the 2006 Gloucestershire FA Award for "Charter Standard Community Club of the Year", which was presented to Steve Abbley by Sir Geoff Hurst.

Our Visitors Today

The Junior section of the club, with its philosophy of “football for all” and which has in the region of 300 members, is of vital importance to the club and with a thriving Ladies team in addition to the Men’s first team, the club really does provide a valuable service to the local community. With the Arena hosting approximately 70 teams in its 5-a-side and 6-a-side football leagues, and the Club being a thriving private and corporate event venue, the future of the Club is assured.

In 2003-04, Cirencester Town battled hard with Champions Redditch United and runners up Gloucester City to finish third in the Western Division and joined the newly restructured Southern Football League Premier Division, where, in their first season, they finished seventh, only one point away from the Play Off places.

In May 2006, after four highly successful years and having raised expectations at the club, Brian Hughes resigned as First Team Manager to be replaced by Neil Hards. Neil had taken a year out of football after his achievements at Winchester City where they gained “back to back” promotions and won the FA Vase in 2004. Unfortunately, despite some good early performances, the team lacked the necessary consistency, and a disastrous run of results after Christmas meant they finished in the relegation places. However the club was later reprieved from relegation after a number of changes were made to club allocations in the non-league structure due to club mergers and other decisions.

Our Visitors Today

In May 2007, former players, Adi Viveash and Paul Hunt, took over as Manager and Assistant Manager respectively, and the club was looking forward to making progress again under the new management team, as they set out on their new managerial careers. However things did not go according to plan and despite winning 4 out of 5 games over the festive period the club were relegated to the South and West Division.

Manager Adi Viveash left the Centurions to take up his role as Chelsea and Brian Hughes was again called upon to take up the hot seat as First Team manager. The 2009 – 10 season proved to be a very successful one with the Development squad winning the league in their first season and the first team gaining promotion via the play offs after 2 very good away wins both with late goals.

Manager Brian Hughes managed the clubs first season back in the Premier Division in 2010-2011 and the club finished 13th. Unfortunately 2011-12 saw the heartbreak of relegation and our first year back in the South & West division saw us finish a respectable 10th in the table

2013-2014 saw the club have its most successful season ever gaining automatic promotion back to the Southern League Premier by clinching the title on the last day of the season to beat Merthyr Town to the championship. Brian Hughes worked with a small squad which managed to overturn a 9 point deficit and clinched the title last term by winning the last 7 games of the season.

Our Visitors Today

2014-2015 proved to be a successful first season back in the Southern Premier following the promotion the previous season, narrowly missing out on a play off place by only 4 points and finishing in a respectable 8th place. The club also marked the season celebrating its 125th Anniversary which saw many former players and supporters join the celebrations throughout the season.

A second season in Southern League Premier had the Centurions finish in 15th place and a good FA Trophy run saw us reach the 1st round proper for the first time in our history, narrowly losing to Truro City in a replay 1-0 at the Corinium Stadium. Brian Hughes continues to push the club forward in the right direction and also had a personal milestone completing over 600 games in charge of Cirencester Town FC last term and will no doubt be looking to achieve similar success in 2016-2017.

2016-2017 saw changes at the helm after a poor start Brian Hughes was relieved of the manager's job and Charlie Griffin was installed as his replacement. Despite a huge effort, we yet again suffered relegation, losing on the final day of the season to Kings Langley in a must win game to have any chance of survival and needing results elsewhere to go our way which unfortunately did not happen.

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This Week's Fixtures

Wednesday 16th August:

Evo-Stik League South, West:

Evesham United v Cinderford Town

Slimbridge v Cirencester Town

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

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Pegasus Juniors 0-4 Slimbridge AFC

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Slimbridge 2-4 Gloucester City

Goalscorers: Nathan Payne, Twyman

Clanfield 2-4 Slimbridge AFC

Goalscorers: Luke Payne, Stokes, Nathan Payne, Wanjau-Smith

Westfields 2-2 Slimbridge AFC

Goalscorers: Rich Thwaite, Harper-Emerson

Undy Athletic 0-3 Slimbridge AFC

Goalscorers: Mace (Pen), Nathan Payne, Thomas

Programmes for the 2017-18 Season

The Evo-Stik Southern League has this season made the decision that programmes can either be made available by home clubs in the tradition printed format, or alternatively as an electronic download from the club website.

Therefore, we will not be selling printed programmes for all home games this season. Games where we feel there will be a low demand will only be available this season in their online version.

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