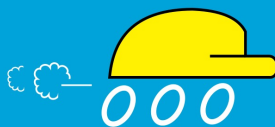


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Match Day

Slimbridge AFC would like to welcome
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V

Salisbury

EVO-STIK LEAGUE SOUTH, WEST

Saturday 14TH October 2017
KICK OFF 3.00PM

Today's Teams

Slimbridge AFC

Salisbury FC

Ollie Hall	1	Charlie Searle
Sam Turl	2	George Colson
Max Harper-Emerson	3	Elliot Wheeler
Corey Pring	4	Thomas Whelan
Richard Thwaite	5	Rhys Baggridge
Dean Turner	6	Jacob Wannell
Jack Twyman ©	7	Lewis Benson
Henry Birkett	8	Aaron Dawson
Joe Stokes	9	Stuart Green
Nathan Payne	10	Kane O'Keefe ©
Marley Thomas	11	Daniel Young
Luke Payne	12	Claudio Herbert
Adam Mace	14	Flavio Tavares
Joe Wilton	15	Eddie Perrett
Sean Lawson	16	Callum Hart
	17	Samuel Roberts

Managers:

Fred Ward

Lee Driver-Dickerson

Steve Claridge

Physios:

Lucy Pearce

Charlie Blake,
Mark Puley

Referee:

Mathew Perry

Assistants:

Alan Robinson
Joshua Marchant

Club Chat

With Rob Peck

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

It has been a disappointing 10 days from a results perspective losing to both Cinderford and Hartley Wintney in the League Cup and FA Trophy respectively having gained 7 valuable league points the week before.

However the lads on the pitch have been playing some great football and from the touchline you can really see how well they work hard for each other and the desire to win as a team. I have really enjoyed the season so far and to sit in 8th place in the league after 9 games shows how the hard work that Freddy and Lee have put in is reaping rewards.

Last Saturdays game dedicated to promoting 'Kick It Out' was a great success, everyone in the club deserves a pat on the back especially Tim who did an enormous amount of work leading up to the game and also Steph from the Youth football club for organising the kids on the day who were all a credit to their club.

I had the pleasure of spending the afternoon with Alex Kohnert from the Kick It Out organisation and he was suitably impressed by our professionalism and the game as a whole.

Looking to today's game, Salisbury are a tough side who sit just above us in the league and one of the more favoured teams for promotion this year. If the lads continue to play the great football they have produced so far this season, there is no reason why we can't bag the points.

Enjoy your afternoon

Rob



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12/08/17	Paulton Rovers	A	League	2-1	Hall	Turl	Mace	Thwaite	Hoyle	L Payne	Twyman	Reeves*	Stokes	N Payne	Wilton	Harper-Emerson	Thomas 2	Turner	7
16/08/17	Cirencester Town	H	League	1-3	Hall	Turl	Mace	Pring	Hoyle	L Payne	Twyman	Turner	Stokes	Harper – Emerson*	Thomas 1	N Payne	Wilton	Thwaite	11
19/08/17	Cinderford Town	H	FAC 1Q	1-2	Hall	Turl	Mace	Thwaite	Hoyle	L Payne	Twyman	Birkett*	Stokes 1	Harper – Emerson	Thomas	Turner	Wilton	N Payne	-
26/08/17	AFC Totton	A	League	2-1	Hall	Turl*	Mace	Thwaite	Hoyle	Twyman	Turner	Birkett	Stokes	N Payne	Thomas 2	Harper-Emerson	Reeves	L Payne	8
28/08/17	Shortwood United	H	League	1-3	Hall	Turl	Mace	Thwaite	Hoyle	L Payne	Twyman	Birkett*	Stokes	Harper-Emerson	Thomas 1	Turner	Wilton	Wilton	12
05/09/17	Shortwood United	A	GFA	1-2	Beauchamp	N Payne	Harper-Emerson	Thwaite	Squires	Pring	L Payne	Twyman	Lawson*	Birkett 1	Thomas	Stokes	L Payne	Turl	-
09/09/17	Larkhall Athletic	A	League	2-2	Beauchamp	Turl	Mace	Pring	Hoyle	Birkett	Twyman	Stokes	Lawson	Harper-Emerson	Thomas 2*	N Payne	Squires	Ward	14
16/09/17	North Leigh	H	League	0-2	Hall*	Turl	Mace	Pring	Thwaite	Turner	Twyman	Birkett	Lawson	N Payne	Thomas	Harper-Emerson	L Payne	Stokes	15
23/09/17	Bristol Manor Farm	H	League	2-1	Hall	Turl	Squires 1*	Pring	Thwaite	Turner	Twyman	Birkett	Stokes	Mace	Thomas	N Payne 1	Harper-Emerson	L Payne	10
27/09/17	Kidlington	A	League	2-2	Hall	Turl	Squires	Pring	Thwaite 1	Turner*	Twyman	Birkett	Stokes	Mace 1	Thomas	L Payne	N Payne	Harper-Emerson	9
30/09/17	Mangotsfield United	A	League	2-1	Hall	Turl	Squires 1	Pring	Thwaite*	Turner	Twyman	Birkett	Stokes 1	Mace	Thomas	L Payne	Harper-Emerson	N Payne	8
03/10/17	Cinderford Town	A	BFB Cup	2-3	Hall	Turl	Mace	Pring	Squires	Turner	L Payne	Birkett	N Payne 1	Harper-Emerson	Wilton	Twyman	Stokes	Thomas 1	-
07/10/17	Hartley Wintney	H	FAT Pre	0-1	Hall	Turl	Harper-Emerson	Pring	Thwaite	Turner	Twyman	Birkett	Stokes	N Payne	Thomas	L Payne	Mace	Lawson	-
14/10/17	Salisbury	H	League																
21/10/17	Barnstaple Town	A	League																
25/10/17	Taunton Town	H	League																
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Next First Team Game – vs Taunton, 25th October 2017, 7.45pm

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Salisbury FC is a phoenix club.

The Whites played their first competitive game on Saturday, 8 August 2015 away to Brockenhurst in the Sydenham's Wessex Premier Division, followed by the first competitive game on home turf, hosting Whitchurch United 3 days later.

The new club began in December 2014 when Salisbury FC Ltd was incorporated and created by a consortium of five – David Phillips, Ian Ridley, Jeremy Harwood, Graeme Mundy, and Steve Claridge, the latter also having the role of Team Manager. After buying the remaining assets of predecessor club Salisbury City FC from the administrators, they started the huge task of creating a football club from scratch.

By early April 2015 a new lease had been obtained on the Raymond McEnhill Stadium which had been purpose-built in 1997 for the old club, enabling Salisbury FC to apply to the FA seeking a competitive league for the 2015/2016 season. However, the stadium had been locked and shuttered for a year, the grass on the pitch was 18 inches high, and much work was needed both on and off the pitch to bring it back into use. Supporters of the old club, desperate to see football back at the ground again, worked hard with other volunteers to get it all up and running in time for the first game 28 April 2015, when a friendly against AFC Totton was watched by 729 people and ended in a 2–2 draw.

In May 2015, the FA placed the new club in the Sydenham's Wessex League Premier Division. Steve Claridge then knew the level of competition the club would face, and the type of players he would need for the season ahead. Following some intense work in a very short time, in trial and friendly matches, he succeeded in putting a side together, finally having the nucleus of the squad just in time for those opening league games. For the loyal supporters and fans, 18 months of hurt and pain following the messy demise of Salisbury City was eased as they finally watched their new team line up for the first time.

Clubs representing the City in their various previous incarnations had had a proud and successful history over 67 years, and in the later years SCFC reached the first tier of Non-League football, so expectations of the new club were high,

Our Visitors Today

but one point from the first two league games did not look too auspicious. Though the fans didn't know it yet, a magical first season was underway.

There followed a brilliant run of 14 matches unbeaten in all competitions, then a magnificent mid-season run of 17 consecutive wins, again in all competitions, and a longest winning run in the league of 21 matches. This was quite an achievement for a club that had no players only 10 months earlier.

Not surprisingly, attendances throughout the season were good, averaging more than 700, and were higher than expected, matching previous attendances for Salisbury City FC. A league all-time record attendance of 1485 watched the local derby with Bemerton Heath Harlequins on 28 December 2015, and a stadium record of 3450 was recorded for the second leg of the FA Vase Semi-final against fellow phoenix club Hereford FC. Whites' travelling supporters regularly numbered between 200 and 300, and sometimes more.

An extraordinary season saw a final goal tally of 199 in 59 games in all competitions, together with the remarkable total of 27 clean sheets. Salisbury made the quarter-finals of the Sydenham's Wessex League Cup, were runners-up in the Wiltshire Senior Cup, and after an excellent campaign in the FA Vase went out in the semi-finals, just missing out on a trip to Wembley that could have been that extra cherry on the icing on the cake in a superb inaugural season.

The Whites secured their place as Sydenham's Wessex League Premier Division Champions of 2015/2016, with 6 games in hand, and ended on 105 points and a goal difference of 97, earning automatic promotion to the Evo-Stik Southern League Division One South and West for the 2016/2017 season.

In their first season at the new level, the Whites achieved remarkable success and finished as Runners Up. Hereford were crowned Champions, but following several long sequences of good results, and in particular one such towards the end of the season, Salisbury entered the play-offs, narrowly defeating Evesham United before losing out to Tiverton Town by 2-0 in front of a massive crowd of 2247 (the highest attendance of the season at the Raymond McEnHill Stadium).

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The new club entered the two major FA Cup competitions for the first time, and were narrowly beaten in both cases by teams from higher levels, going out in the First Qualifying Round of the FA Cup to Frome Town, and then, in the FA Trophy First Round they were defeated by Chippenham Town. In the Preliminary Round of the competition The Whites had become one of the few sides to beat Hereford during the entire season when they triumphed 4-3 in a thrilling encounter. Salisbury FC won the Hospital Cup in May 2017.

Past Salisbury Football Clubs

Salisbury FC may be a new club, but it follows in the footsteps of earlier Salisbury clubs going back to the 19th century, including an earlier Salisbury City, playing in the Southern League Second Division from 1906 to 1911. However, the most immediate predecessor club was formed in 1947 as Salisbury FC, later changing its name to Salisbury City FC in 1992.

Playing in the Western League, the original Salisbury FC won the Second Division title in their first season, with a record attendance of 8902 watching the Championship decider against Weymouth in April 1948 at their old Victoria Park ground.

In 1968 the Club entered the Southern League, finally achieving success in the 1985/1986 season when they finished as Southern Division runners-up to Cambridge City, on goal difference, after an unbeaten run of 15 games. They were runners-up again in 1993 but were refused promotion to the next level because of ground grading rules. That promotion however came 2 years later.

Following Salisbury City's near demise in 2002, the club was saved by business consortium and was then led by Neville Beal, a former Salisbury player, with former Southampton FA Cup winner Nick Holmes installed as General Manager.

The 2005/2006 season saw SCFC become Southern League Premier Division Champions, with matches in hand, resulting in promotion to the Nationwide Conference South. They were just passing through it seems, and after another successful campaign gained a second successive promotion to the Blue Square Premier League, where they remained for the next three seasons.

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Unfortunately in the 2009/2010 season the Club went into administration. Despite finishing mid-table they lost their place in the Conference because of an inability to fulfil financial criteria, and were placed in the Zamaretto Southern Premier league. A new Board, led by Chairman William Harrison-Allan, appointed experienced midfielder Darrell Clarke as Player/Manager.

The following season was again successful as promotion saw the side bounce straight back to the Blue Square Bet Conference South and they progressed to the top layer of the Conference a season later when, after a nail-biting series of exciting play-offs, they defeated Dover Athletic 3–2 to restore their previous status in the pyramid.

The first season back in the top flight saw the departure of manager Darrell Clarke to progress his managerial career at Bristol Rovers, and the youngest Manager in their history, Mikey Harris, was appointed, leading them to a respectable 12th place finish.

In the close season of 2014 disaster struck, when the SCFC Board sold their shares to two businessmen. The main 98% shareholder could not settle the Club's debts and it was removed from the Conference for non-payment. Having no league to play in was a breach of the terms of the stadium lease and after a protracted legal tussle involving seemingly endless court appearances, the High Court ordered the winding up of the Club. The residual assets were bought by the new Salisbury FC Ltd and thus a new club was born.

Match Reports

Saturday 7th October 2017

Buildbase FA Trophy Preliminary Round

Slimbridge 0 – 1 Hartley Wintney

Today's game on non-league day was one of four games nationally that was dedicated to Kick it out - promoting Diversity and inclusion for all in football. Unfortunately for the home side, they exited their second cup competition in a week.



The first 15 minutes was very much a cat and mouse game with both sides sounding each other out, Hartley's Jack French dragging a shot wide while at the other end Henry Birkett's free kick was punched clear by the visiting keeper Paul Strudley under pressure from the home sides Dean Turner.

Ollie Hall in the Slimbridge goal pulled off a great save to deny Joshua Webb, as Hartley started to dominate the last 15 minutes of the first half. The only goal of the game came in the 42nd

Match Reports

minute when visiting striker Paul Hodges picked up the ball on the edge of the 18 yard box and fired past a helpless Hall.

Hall was called into action twice in 3 minutes early in the second saving shots from Steve Duff and Hodges. Hodges hit the post midway through the half before Slimbridge got their best chance with Sean Lawson's shot cannoning off the upright from 20 yards with the visiting keeper beaten.

Team: Hall, Turl, Harper-Emerson, Pring, Thwaite, Turner, Twyman, Birkett(Lawson 60), Stokes (L Payne 60), N Payne (Mace 74), Thomas

Attendance 106

Man of the match: Jack Twyman

The banner features a green and yellow diagonal design. On the left, it includes the 'FANS FOR DIVERSITY' logo, a blue box with the 'AFR' logo and 'www.slimbridgeafc.co.uk', and the 'KICK IT OUT' logo. The center text reads 'SLIMBRIDGE' and 'DEDICATE THEIR FIXTURE AGAINST'. The bottom right corner says 'HARTLEY WINTNEY' and 'NON LEAGUE DAY 07.10.17'. The footer contains social media handles and the website URL.

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This Week's Fixtures

Saturday 14 October 2017

- 15:00 Bideford v Cirencester Town
- 15:00 Bishops Cleeve v Barnstaple Town
- 15:00 Cinderford Town v AFC Totton
- 15:00 Evesham United v Didcot Town
- 15:00 Larkhall Athletic v Kidlington
- 15:00 North Leigh v Wimborne Town
- 15:00 Slimbridge v Salisbury
- 15:00 Swindon Supermarine v Taunton Town
- 15:00 Winchester City v Bristol Manor Farm
- 15:00 Yate Town v Shortwood United

Tuesday 17 October 2017

- 19:45 Bishops Cleeve v Bideford
- 19:45 Wimborne Town v Cinderford Town
- 19:45 Winchester City v Paulton Rovers

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Bideford	LLWLWW
Kidlington	DWDLLW
Slimbridge	WDWLDL
Didcot Town	WLLDLW
Larkhall Athletic	WLDWLL
Paulton Rovers	LLWLWD
Wimborne Town	DWLLLL
Cinderford Town	LLWWLL
Cirencester Town	LLWLWL
North Leigh	LLLWWL
Yate Town	LWLDLD
Barnstaple Town	LWLDLL
Mangotsfield United	LLLLDW
Bishops Cleeve	DLLLLL

League Table

EvoStick League South, West - 2017 / 2018

#	Team	Pl	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
1	Taunton Town	9	7	1	1	18	10	8	22
2	Bristol Manor Farm	9	6	1	2	27	17	10	19
3	Evesham United	9	6	1	2	18	10	8	19
4	Winchester City	8	6	0	2	18	8	10	18
5	Salisbury	9	5	2	2	27	8	19	17
6	Swindon Supermarine	7	5	2	0	11	3	8	17
7	AFC Totton	9	5	1	3	17	10	7	16
8	Slimbridge	9	4	2	3	14	16	-2	14
9	Wimborne Town	9	4	1	4	16	17	-1	13
10	Didcot Town	9	4	1	4	15	19	-4	13
11	Larkhall Athletic	8	3	2	3	14	11	3	11
12	Shortwood United	8	3	2	3	14	21	-7	11
13	North Leigh	9	3	1	5	16	15	1	10
14	Kidlington	7	2	3	2	11	10	1	9
15	Bideford	6	3	0	3	6	7	-1	9
16	Cirencester Town	9	3	0	6	12	18	-6	9
17	Cinderford Town	7	2	1	4	13	10	3	7
18	Paulton Rovers	7	2	1	4	8	14	-6	7
19	Barnstaple Town	9	2	1	6	13	23	-10	7
20	Yate Town	9	1	3	5	14	22	-8	6
21	Mangotsfield United	8	1	1	6	6	19	-13	4
22	Bishops Cleeve	8	0	1	7	3	23	-20	1

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



HANDING over ceremony: In a ceremony at the White Lion Hotel, Cambridge on Wednesday the secretary of Slimbridge AFC (right) Mr. W. G. Prior, received the deeds of the playing field which was bequeathed to the club under the will of Mr. Evi Thornhill. Handing over the deeds is Mr. L. J. Hawkins of Messrs. Scott and Fowler, and also in the picture are members of the football club committee, and Mr. E. W. H. Thornhill, and Mr. A. Thornhill.

Handing Over Soccer Pitch

Slimbridge Bequest of Mr. E. Thornhill

Slimbridge Football Club, thanks to the generosity of its late president Mr. Evi Thornhill, now owns the playing field at The Cross Roads, Slimbridge.

Prior to his death Mr. Thornhill allowed the club to use the pitch, and bequeathed the ground to the club in 1957. Mr. Thornhill died on February 9, 1960, and the necessary legal work having been completed, the official "handing over" ceremony of the deeds took place at the club's headquarters, the White Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on Wednesday evening.

Secretary of the club, Mr. W. G. Prior, received the deeds from Mr. L. J. Hawkins of Messrs Scott and Fowler (Gloucester), the solicitors handling the estate. Mr. E. W. H. Thornhill, joint-president, and Mr. A. Thornhill, vice-president, sons of the late Mr. Evi Thornhill were also present at the ceremony, together with Mr. B. A. Snow, Mr. C. Webb, Mr. G. Weaver, Mr. M. G. Tudor, Mr. E. Pearce of the football club.

To commemorate the gift the club have affixed a plaque to the changing rooms on the ground.
