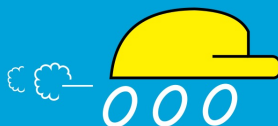


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Wednesday 15TH November 2017
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Today's Teams

Slimbridge AFC

Yate Town

Ollie Hall	1	Harvey Rivers
Sam Turl	2	Mayson Evans
Adam Mace	3	Sam Black
Rich Thwaite	4	Brad Abraham
Alex Hoyle ©	5	Trey Anderson
Dean Turner	6	Charlie Hitchings ©
Jack Twyman	7	Steve Davies
Henry Birkett	8	Lewis Leigh-Gilchrist
Sean Lawson	9	James Difford
Max Harper-Emerson	10	Ben Brooks
Marley Thomas	11	Theo Llewellyn
Kieran Squires	12	Matty Tanner
Korey Pring	14	San Boulton
Luke Payne	15	Giancarlo Gabiaddini
Joe Wilton	16	Andy Elcock
Nathan Payne	17	Chris Gregan

Managers:

Freddy Ward
Lee Driver-Dickerson

Polly Britton
John Lester

Physios:

Lucy Pearce

Nigel Hawkins

Referee:

Darren Wilding

Assistants:

John Roskelly
Liam Beames

Club Chat

With Rob Peck

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

It's been a tough couple of weeks for the club on and off the pitch. Losing our dear friend John Ashplant has been difficult for us all but on the pitch the boys have struggled away at Cleeve and then the loss at home the Evesham in an 8 goal thriller.

However we have the opportunity tonight to turn things around and gain another three points towards our target of league safety in what is our third of four local derby games in two weeks.

We say goodbye to Henry Birkett this week as he departs for pastures new, during his short time with the Swans he brought a great deal of skill and passion to the midfield and will be missed both on and off the pitch. Thank you Henry for your efforts, and hope to see you down at Thornhill Park again in the future.

For those who may not have seen in the press, our New Year's Day game at home to Cinderford Town has been moved forward to Saturday 30th December with a 1pm kickoff.

Enjoy tonight's game

Rob



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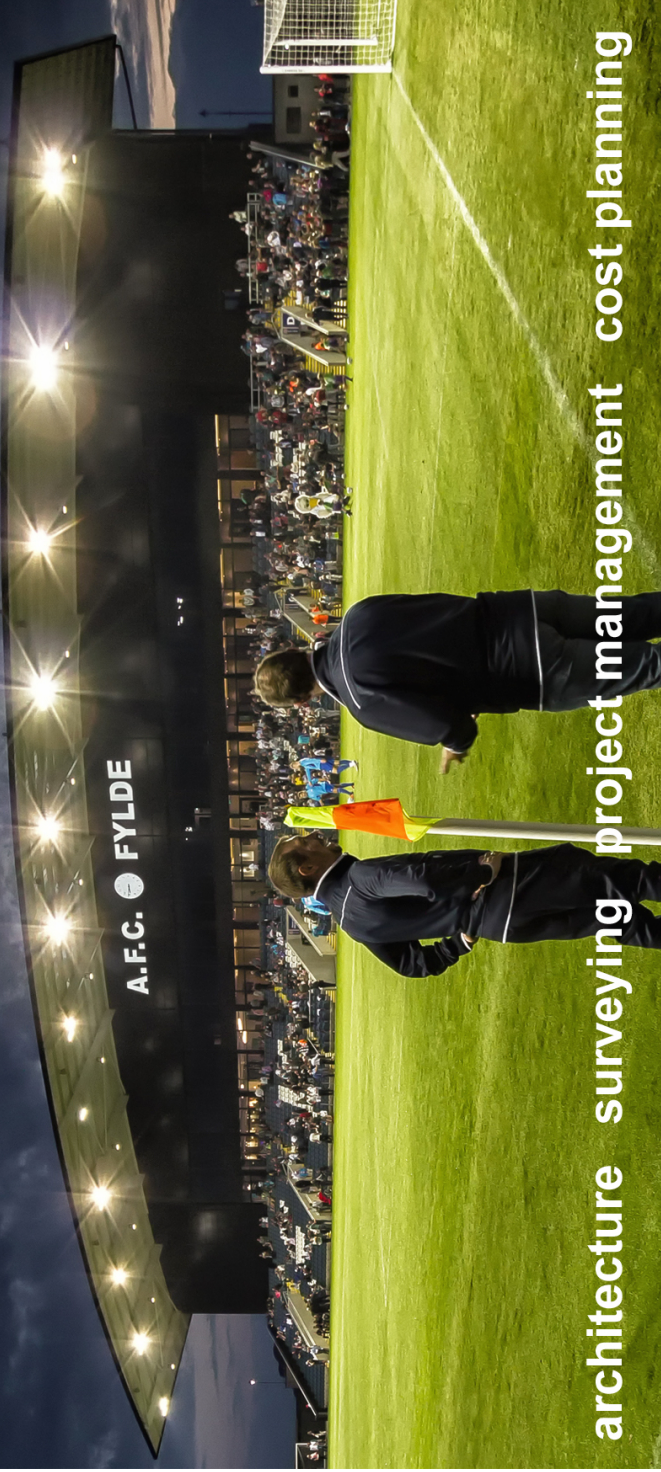
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12/08/17	Paulton Rovers	A	League	2-1	Hall	Turl	Mace	Thwaite	Hoyle	L Payne	Twyman	Reeves*	Stokes	N Payne	Wilton	Harper-Emerson	Thomas 2	Turner	7
16/08/17	Cirencester Town	H	League	1-3	Hall	Turl	Mace	Pring	Hoyle	L Payne	Twyman	Turner	Stokes	Harper – 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	2-5	Hall*	Turl	Mace	Pring	Thwaite	L Payne	Twyman	Bryant	Lawson 1	Harper-Emerson 1	Thomas	Turner	Birkett	Wilton	10
21/10/17	Barnstaple Town	A	League	3-0	Hall	Turl	Mace 1	Thwaite	Hoyle	Turner	Twyman	Birkett	Wilton 1*	Harper-Emerson	Thomas 1				9
25/10/17	Taunton Town	H	League	2-2	Hall	Turl	Mace	Thwaite	Hoyle	Turner	Twyman	Birkett	Wilton	Harper-Emerson	Thomas 2*	Lawson	Squires		8
28/10/17	Bideford	A	League	1-3	Hall	Turl	Mace	Thwaite	Hoyle	Turner*	Twyman	Birkett	Wilton 1	Harper-Emerson	Thomas	Lawson			9
04/11/17	Bishops Cleeve	A	League	1-1	Hall	Turl	Mace 1*	Thwaite	Hoyle	Turner	Twyman	Birkett	Lawson	Harper-Emerson	Thomas	Ward	Squires		10
11/11/17	Evesham United	H	League	3-5	Hall	Turl	Squires	Thwaite	Hoyle*	Ward	Twyman	Birkett	Lawson	Mace 1	Thomas 1	Harper-Emerson 1	Wilton	Pring	11
15/11/17	Yate Town	H	League																
18/11/17	Swindon S'Marine	A	League																
25/11/17	Wimborne Town	H	League																
02/12/17	Didcot Town	A	League																
09/12/17	Winchester City	H	League																
16/12/17	Cirencester Town	A	League																
23/12/17	Paulton Rovers	H	League																
26/12/17	Shortwood United	A	League																
31/12/17	Cinderford Town (1pm)	H	League																
06/01/18	North Leigh	A	League																
13/01/18	AFC Totton	H	League																
20/01/18	Evesham United	A	League																
27/01/18	Bishops Cleeve	H	League																
03/02/18	Bristol Manor Farm	A	League																
10/02/18	Kidlington	H	League																
17/02/18	Salisbury	A	League																
24/02/17	Mangotsfield United	H	League																
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28/04/18	Wimborne Town	A	League																

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Our Visitors Today

Yate Town FC began life as Yate Rovers in 1906, and Rovers won the Glos F.A. Junior Cup in 1913-14. World War One then intervened, and although Rovers reformed after the war, they later disbanded, probably in the early thirties. In 1933-34 season Yate Y.M.C.A. was formed and they entered the Bristol and District Division 5 under the captaincy of Arthur Gould. Goalkeeper Frank Boulton, one of four brothers in this team, later played for Arsenal. The team was promoted to Division 3 at the end of the following season. After the Second World War, they reformed, still known as Yate YMCA, playing in the Bristol and District League and the Avon Premier Combination. Yate YMCA were amongst the founders of the Gloucester County League in 1958 and the following year they dropped the YMCA from their title in favour of Town.

A major step forward in the clubs progress occurred in 1983 when they obtained membership of the Hellenic League and moved on to the first step of the non-League pyramid system.

Promotion to the Premier Division was soon accomplished when at the conclusion of the 1984/85 season Yate Town finished runners-up behind Pegasus Juniors in Division One. The following season they won the Hellenic Premier League finishing the campaign unbeaten at home. That successful formula continued into the 1988/89 season when they retained the Championship crown, losing just one league game. A second prize was obtained in the shape of the Gloucestershire Challenge Trophy. In the quest for further soccer prestige, Yate Town obtained election to the Southern League, Southern Division in 1989.

Yate Town moved to their present ground in Lodge Road in 1984 having previously played at Yate Aerodrome (1954-1960) and Sunnyside Lane (1960-84) to prepare for the higher standard of football. Covered accommodation was erected in 1987 and floodlighting in 1988.

Our Visitors Today

The 1993/94 season was disappointing as Yate finished second from bottom in the Midland Division. Luckily relegation was avoided but restructuring of the Southern League meant that the club was switched back to the Southern Division after three seasons in the Midland.

The 1994/95 season, their first in the Southern Division, saw Yate make a terrible start which led to long serving manager, Pete Jackson, being relieved of his duties. The appointment of former Bristol Rovers favourites Ian Alexander and Phil Purnell, as Manager and Assistant, led to an immediate upturn in fortunes. The club enjoyed an excellent end of season run which saw them finish in sixteenth position. They again reached the final of the Gloucester Senior Cup losing on penalties after extra time to Cheltenham Town. Improvement continued in the 1995/96 season with a young squad enjoying their best campaign for a long time, finishing in the top half of the Southern League.

The club celebrated its Golden Jubilee in season 1996/97. During the 1997/98 close season John Freeguard was appointed Manager but after obtaining just two victories from seventeen games he resigned and was replaced by Martin Durnell, Manager of Yate's very successful Youth Team, assisted by Club Captain Danny Iddles. Despite these changes the Club still finished in the basement spot, but as before, relegation was avoided due to the restructuring of the Southern League. The 1998/99 season a young side finished 20th in the Southern League.

The 1999/2000 season saw Yate Town return to the Midland Division for the first time for six seasons due to the regionalisation of the Midland and Southern Division into Western and Eastern Divisions. Unfortunately they finished well adrift and were relegated to the Hellenic League. Manager Martin Durnell resigned and was replaced by former players Gary Hewlett and Richard Thompson who became Joint Player Managers. After a poor start to the 2000/01 season Yate Town enjoyed a long run of victories that saw them finish in third place in the league.

Our Visitors Today

The following two seasons saw Yate finish third and second behind eventual champions North Leigh. North Leigh did not take up the promotion place available so Yate were again returned to the Southern League level of non-league football. After a poor start to the 2003-04 season, Yate improved and consolidated Southern League status by finishing in sixteenth position.

Yate enjoyed their most successful season in 2004-05. They finished Runners-up in Division One West, and secured promotion to the Southern League Premier Division for the first time. Additionally, they won the Glos F.A. Senior Challenge Cup for the first time in their history, beating Bristol Rovers 2:0 in the final at the Memorial Stadium. They had previously defeated Bristol City and Forest Green Rovers en route to the final.

Town exceeded all expectations 2005-2006 season, their first in the Premier Division. Despite another poor start, they finished in a highly creditable sixth position, and also retained the G.F.A. Senior Cup when beating Cheltenham Town in the Final. In 2006-2007 Yate were again challenging for a play off spot for much of the time, but were badly hit by injuries in the final few weeks, which led to a poor run of results, and Town finished in a mid table position. In 2007-2008 season Yate continued to establish themselves as a Premier Division Club, and finally finished in an encouraging tenth position.

A poor run of results which saw Yate gain only two wins in twenty League matches and slide into a relegation position, led to Richard Thompson being relieved of his duties in February 2009 and Lee Barlass, who had been Richard's Assistant for several seasons, also left the Club. Dave Mogg, formerly Manager at Hallen F.C. and Assistant Manager at Taunton Town and Weston Super Mare was then appointed as Manager. Despite his best efforts, the Club could not climb out of the relegation zone and are now in the South & West Division.

Our Visitors Today

The 2009-10 season saw a much changed and relatively inexperienced squad finish in a respectable mid table position. Despite the addition of several experienced players, the 2010-11 season saw little progress being made under David Mogg, and after two years in charge he was replaced as manager by Rob Cousins, initially in a caretaker capacity. Performances quickly improved, and Rob was soon appointed as permanent manager. A string of good performances at the end of last season led to us regaining the Glos. F.A. Senior Challenge Cup, beating Cheltenham Town Reserves 3-2 in the Final, having beaten Bristol City Reserves in the Semi-Final. We again finished in a mid table position in the league. In the 2011-2012 season we made a very poor start to the League campaign, although making some progress in both F.A. Cup and F.A. Trophy. Results improved considerably after the first third of the season, although we finished in the bottom half of the table.

The 2013-14 season was notable for a superb run in the FA Cup, where we made it into the First Round Proper for the first time. Despite a series of poor results in the League, we excelled in the FA Cup, and victories against Poole Town, Winchester City, Oxford City and North Leigh saw us drawn at home to Conference giants Newport County in the Final Qualifying Round. We were leading 3-1 as the tie approached injury time, but two late goals saw Newport secure a 3-3 draw after an excellent performance. Few people gave us a chance in the replay against a team which eventually gained promotion to the Football League, but a never to be forgotten night saw us fight back from being a goal down to equalise and then two goals in extra time gave us a tremendous 3-1 victory. This amazing performance earned us a trip to neighbouring Football League Club, Cheltenham Town in the First Round Proper, and we again excelled ourselves before losing 3-0. This Cup run was the catalyst for much improved results in the League, and we eventually finished just outside the Play Offs in sixth position. Unfortunately we became a victim of our own success, and the close season saw the departure of most that squad.

Our Visitors Today

During the 2013/2014 season, the new look squad acquitted themselves very well. After an inconsistent start, a series of good results saw us briefly threaten to make the play-offs, before we ended the season in a creditable ninth position. We also had another decent run in the FA Cup, before losing to Gloucester City in the third qualifying round replay.

The 2014-15 season saw us struggle for consistency, which led to Rob Cousins and Michael Meaker being replaced by Craig Laird, assisted by Rob Boyd in March 2015. Several experienced and high profile signings were introduced by Craig for the 2015-16 season, but unfortunately that campaign proved very disappointing, and led to another change in management, with Paul Britton, assisted by John Lester, being appointed before the start of last season. They were targeted with introducing new, younger players into the team; this obviously meant that last season was one of transition, as players were gradually brought into the squad throughout the season, and by the end of it there was virtually a new look young team in place, which shows great promise for the future. The great majority of these players have returned for the 2017-18 season, and these have been augmented by further additions to the squad during the close season.

Goal Scorers

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Name	Team	Total
Dean Stamp	Bristol Manor Farm	13
Oliver Bailey	Winchester City	12
Tobias Holmes	Wimborne Town	11
Matthew Wright	Taunton Town	9
Marley Thomas	Slimbridge	9
Jordan Charran	Barnstaple Town	9
Benjamin Whitehead	Cirencester Town	8
Kane O'Keefe	Salisbury	7
Declan Morley-Lyne	Cinderford Town	7
Marvin Brooks	Salisbury	7
Levi Cox	Shortwood United	7
Felipe Barcelos	Didcot Town	7

This Week's Fixtures

Wednesday 15 November 2017

19:45 Larkhall Athletic v Shortwood United

19:45 Slimbridge v Yate Town

Saturday 18 November 2017

15:00 Bideford v Larkhall Athletic

15:00 Bristol Manor Farm v Cirencester Town

15:00 Cinderford Town v Salisbury

15:00 Didcot Town v Barnstaple Town

15:00 Evesham United v Taunton Town

15:00 Kidlington v Paulton Rovers

15:00 North Leigh v Bishops Cleeve

15:00 Shortwood United v AFC Totton

15:00 Swindon Supermarine v Slimbridge

15:00 Wimborne Town v Mangotsfield United

15:00 Yate Town v Winchester City

League Table

EvoStick League South, West - 2017 / 2018

#	Team	Pl	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
1	Taunton Town	13	10	2	1	31	15	16	32
2	Salisbury	14	8	3	3	40	16	24	27
3	Bristol Manor Farm	14	8	2	4	37	27	10	26
4	Swindon Supermarine	13	8	2	3	19	13	6	26
5	Evesham United	15	7	4	4	26	20	6	25
6	AFC Totton	14	7	2	5	23	13	10	23
7	Winchester City	14	7	2	5	29	23	6	23
8	Bideford	13	7	2	4	23	17	6	23
9	Wimborne Town	15	7	2	6	27	23	4	23
10	Didcot Town	15	7	2	6	25	30	-5	23
11	Slimbridge	15	5	4	6	26	32	-6	19
12	Kidlington	12	4	6	2	20	16	4	18
13	Larkhall Athletic	14	5	3	6	24	24	0	18
14	North Leigh	13	5	2	6	23	21	2	17
15	Cinderford Town	13	4	3	6	23	21	2	15
16	Yate Town	13	3	5	5	24	27	-3	14
17	Paulton Rovers	11	4	2	5	14	19	-5	14
18	Cirencester Town	14	4	2	8	21	30	-9	14
19	Barnstaple Town	13	3	2	8	21	32	-11	11
20	Shortwood United	12	3	2	7	18	36	-18	11
21	Mangotsfield United	14	2	4	8	12	28	-16	10
22	Bishops Cleeve	14	1	2	11	11	34	-23	5

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.
