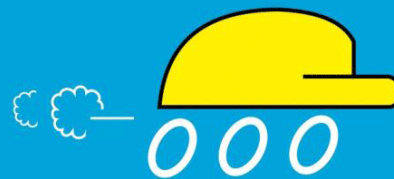


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Lewis Adams	1
Finleigh Brown	2
Archie Brennan	3
Ioan Richards	4
Steven Jackson	5
Christien Turner	6
Dean Turner (C)	7
Liam Smith	8
Dan King	9
Will Hawes	10
Ewan Dunbar	11

Myron Turner	12
	13
Sam Mendes	14
Joe Noakes	15
Yeshaya Lomotey	16
Jamie Martin	17
Mark Magee	18

Barnstaple Town

Steve Oliver
Mike Humphreys
Steve Reed
James Dart
Ross Jones
Oliver Gardner
Brodie Montague
Steve Holland
Jack Jenkins
Sol Wheatley
George Nancekivell

Jack Rice-Lethaby
Saddam Tornado
Harry Stevens
Nick Glover

Managers:

Lee Driver-Dickerson
Dave Strain

Aaron Harper-Penman

Physios:

Rebecca Cox

Referee:

Wayne Barratt

Assistants:

Paul Tyler
Liam Teraud

Club Chat

With Rob Peck

Good afternoon, and welcome to Thornhill Park.

I'd like to offer a warm welcome to the players, officials and fans from our visitors today Barnstaple Town. We hope you enjoy your stay with us, and have a safe journey home.

After a couple of weeks out on the road we return back to Thornhill park today in what is a proverbial six pointer with our visitors three places below us in the relegation zone and ourselves hovering just above.

Our last home game saw us secure three valuable points against a strong Thatcham side where we probably played some of our better football for some time.

It was disappointing to lose both matches on the road first a heavy defeat at Highworth before being denied at Larkhall with an injury time winner for the Larks. However it was good to see another of the Under 18 lads Finleigh Brown given his senior debut featuring alongside three other 18 year olds in the side.

Tuesday night's victory in the Gloucestershire Senior Cup at Cheltenham Town was a great experience for everyone at the club we now await our opponents in the Semi-final which could include either of the senior Bristol sides City and Rovers or our neighbours Forest Green.

Enjoy today's game,

Rob

This Week's Fixtures

Sat 26 Jan 19

- 15:00 AFC Totton v Fleet Town
- 15:00 Bideford v Bristol Manor Farm
- 15:00 Blackfield & Langley v Paulton Rovers
- 15:00 Cinderford Town v Larkhall Athletic
- 15:00 Melksham Town v Moneyfields
- 15:00 Slimbridge v Barnstaple Town
- 15:00 Street v Mangotsfield United
- 15:00 Thatcham Town v Highworth Town
- 15:00 Winchester City v Cirencester Town

Our Visitors Today

Founded in 1904 as Pilton Yeo Vale, the club entered the North Devon league. They were founder members along with Ilfracombe, South Molton, Pilton Social Barnstaple Y.M.C.A, Braunton and Bideford.

Their first ever league Match was on 1st October 1904 when they played Ilfracombe at Pilton Park and were defeated 4-2.

The club changed it's name to Barnstaple Town at the end of the season, and continued in the North Devon League, Devon & Exeter League and then the South Western League.

When the Western League was reformed after the Second World War, Barnstaple Town entered two teams, one in division 2 and a reserve side in division 3.

The early 1950's were one of the club's most successful times under the management of Arthur Coles.

In 1953, Barnstaple won the Western league First Division Championship but only after a nail biting climax to the season with everything depending on the results of matches being played on the final day of the League Season. On that day, Barnstaple Town beat Dorchester Town 6-1 and their challengers for the title, Street won 2-1 at Well City. That left the sides level on points and when the goal average was calculated Street had 2.07 and incredibly Barnstaple had 2.08. Rumour has it that most of the 3,000 crowd that watched Barnstaple beat Dorchester stayed behind at Mill Road after the match to await the Street result.

Our Visitors Today

Barnstaple Town also beat Plymouth Argyle in the final of the Devon Pro' Cup at Home Park that season, but sadly Coles moved on to Weymouth and the club never had quite the same success again.

Cameron Buchanan, the former Wolves and Bournemouth player, local lads Fred Smale and Ray Smith, Bill Johnson formerly of Grimsby Town, Noel Peyton, the ex Leeds United and Eire International, John Hancock formerly with Exeter City and ex Barnsley and Doncaster Rovers player Lol Chappell all tried to revive Barnstaple's fortunes from the managers seat but with no great success.

Player Manager Charlie Sells, who had been with Exeter City, built up the club in the 1970's followed by the former Andover keeper Trevor Morris and then Brian Perks. Perks left Mill Road for Bideford during the season of 1979/80 and under the guidance of joint managers Brian Hill and Dave Baglow, Barum went on to win the Western League Championship for the second time, winning by one point from AFC Bournemouth Reserves. That title went virtually unnoticed as there was a printers strike at the time and no newspapers were printed.

Richard Gray, the former Falmouth Town player, took over the following season and brought some success to the club although they never won the title. A couple of seasons later he left after a disagreement with the club, and after a succession of managers Town lost their Premier status in 1989/90. Brian Hill was again appointed manager to put Town back in the Premier Division and after 3 seasons in the wilderness won the First Division Championship in 1993/94 in fine style scoring more goals and recording more points than ever before.

Our Visitors Today

Jimmy Hargreaves, Eddie Kelly, Phil Lloyd, Mark Jenkins and John Hore have all tried the manager's seat since but all without success.

Jeff Evans was appointed manager in 2002 and along with his assistant Peter Buckingham guided the club to the final of The Devon Bowl where they were narrowly beaten by Tiverton Town. The following season Peter Buckingham took over as sole manager and Barum finished in seventh place in the league, their highest finish for many a season. During the 2008/09 season Owen Pickard took over the manager's seat for his first taste of management and was able to save the club from what looked like certain relegation at the Christmas period of the season.

Owen Pickard left at the end of the 2011-12 season and the team is now lead by Dave Griffiths and former second team manager Terry Chapple. With the club now working within their means Town are now fielding a much younger side with many of their players experiencing Western League football for the first time. Barnstaple remained in the Premier League until the end of the 2012/13 season when they were relegated to Division One – the first time in their history that they had finished at the bottom of their division.

The gloom surrounding Mill Road was to be short lived as in the December of 2013 the club appointed the joint management team of Barry Yeo and Karl Baggaley and the rest, as they say, is history. Building a squad where, on occasions, all eleven players on the field were born in Barnstaple – surely a record that not many teams at any level of football would be able to equal, the managers turned the 2013/14 season around and finished a creditable 3rd.

Our Visitors Today

In their first full season in charge, 2014/15, the club returned to the Premier Division by winning the First Division title for the 3rd time in its history. Their total of 100 points, 128 goals scored and a goal difference of 101 were among 15 club records set during the year, in addition to reaching the final of the Les Phillips Cup for the second time.

2015/16 was to be equally successful. After an average start the team went on two long unbeaten runs which saw them finish as runners up in the Premier Division, missing out on back to back titles by just 3 points, but securing the coveted prize of promotion to the Southern League Division One South & West.

This would see them playing at the highest level in the club's history – the biggest step the club had taken since joining the Western League in 1948. At the end of 2016/17, having secured Southern League football for a second season with a 17th place finish, the management duo stood down and as is often the case in these situations, most of the players also left for challenges elsewhere.

Richard Pears left Exmouth Town and took over as manager during the summer and took Barnstaple Town into 2017/18 with virtually a completely new squad. After a run of poor results he decided to step down in the December and his assistants Kevin Darch and David Griffiths were appointed managers initially to the end of the season.

Our Visitors Today

Player Profiles

ROBERT HOLMES

Goalkeeper age 26, Previous clubs Ilfracombe Town, Bristol Rovers and Kidderminster Harriers. Also in second season with Town.

TOM SAVIGAR

Midfielder age 18. Former scholar at League Two side Newport County. Can play in midfield or at Right Back

ARCHIE REAY

Midfielder age 18. Returned to the club from fellow Devon Southern League club Tiverton Town. He also has the distinction of being the first player born this century to play for Barum when he made his debut in the FA Cup last season.

GEORGE NANCEKIVELL

Midfielder age 22. Second season with club. Previous clubs Torridgeside

TONY RADFORD

Utility player age 32. Also in second season with club. Previous clubs Elmore, Witheridge and Cullompton

NEIL LAST

Left Back age 25. New signing this season. Previous clubs Newton Abbot Spurs, Dawlish Town, Stoke Gabriel..

WILL PINNICK

Midfielder age 21. New signing this season. Previous club Elmore.

Our Visitors Today

JAMES DART

Centre Back age 29. Another new signing this season. Previous clubs Holsworthy, Launceston, Kilkampton.

JACK LANGFORD

Striker/ Centre Midfielder age 26. New signing. Previous clubs Appledore and Witheridge

BILLY HOPCROFT

Striker age 27. Regular scorer for the club. Top scorer last season.



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Fixtures 2018-19

Evo-Stick League South, Division One South

Sat 18 Aug 18	15:00	Blackfield & Langley	A	League	L	0-1
Wed 22 Aug 18	19:45	Highworth Town	H	League	D	0-0
Sat 25 Aug 18	15:00	Wantage Town	H	FAC Pr	D	1-1
Mon 27 Aug 18	15:00	Bristol Manor Farm	A	League	L	0-3
Sat 01 Sep 18	15:00	Bideford	H	League	W	3-2
Tue 04 Sep 18	19:45	Wantage Town	A	FAC Pr R	L	0-1
Wed 12 Sep 18	19:45	Evesham United	H	League	L	0-1
Sat 15 Sep 18	15:00	Larkhall Athletic	H	League	D	1-1
Sat 22 Sep 18	15:00	Barnstaple Town	A	League	W	2-1
Sat 29 Sep 18	15:00	Winchester City	H	FAT Ex Pr	D	1-1
Tue 02 Oct 18	15:00	Winchester City	H	FAT Ex Pr R	W	3-3
Sat 06 Oct 18	15:00	Paulton Rovers	A	League	L	1-2
Wed 10 Oct 18	19:45	Merthyr Town	H	Lge Cup 1	W	5-1
Sat 13 Oct 18	15:00	Melksham Town	H	FAT Pr	L	2-3
Sat 20 Oct 18	15:00	Fleet Town	H	League	L	1-3
Sat 03 Nov 18	15:00	Street	A	League	L	1-3
Tue 06 Nov 18	19:45	Melksham Town	H	Lge Cup 2	W	4-0
Sat 10 Nov 18	15:00	Paulton Rovers	H	League	W	1-0
Tue 13 Nov 18	19:45	Cirencester Town	A	League	D	3-3
Sat 17 Nov 18	15:00	Moneyfields	A	League	L	1-0
Sat 24 Nov 18	15:00	Winchester City	H	League	L	1-3
Sat 01 Dec 18	15:00	Melksham Town	A	League	L	0-1
Tue 04 Dec 18	19:45	Cinderford Town	A	Lge Cup 3	L	2-4
Sat 08 Dec 18	15:00	AFC Totton	A	League	L	1-2
Sat 15 Dec 18	15:00	Yate Town	H	League	L	1-4
Sat 22 Dec 18	15:00	Mangotsfield United	A	League	W	3-2
Wed 26 Dec 18	13:00	Bristol Manor Farm	H	League	D	3-3
Sat 29 Dec 18	15:00	Blackfield & Langley	H	League	L	0-4

Fixtures 2018-19

Evo-Stick League South, Division One South

Tue 01 Jan 19	15:00	Cinderford Town	A	League	L	0-1
Sat 05 Jan 19	15:00	Thatcham Town	H	League	W	1-0
Sat 12 Jan 19	15:00	Highworth Town	A	League	L	0-4
Sat 19 Jan 19	15:00	Larkhall Athletic	A	League	L	1-2
Tue 22 Jan 19	19:45	Cheltenham Town	A	County C	W	2-2
Sat 26 Jan 19	15:00	Barnstaple Town	H	League		
Sat 02 Feb 19	15:00	Evesham United	A	League		
Sat 09 Feb 19	15:00	Cirencester Town	H	League		
Sat 16 Feb 19	15:00	Fleet Town	A	League		
Sat 23 Feb 19	15:00	Street	H	League		
Sat 02 Mar 19	15:00	Yate Town	A	League		
Sat 09 Mar 19	15:00	AFC Totton	H	League		
Sat 16 Mar 19	15:00	Winchester City	A	League		
Sat 23 Mar 19	15:00	Melksham Town	H	League		
Sat 06 Apr 19	15:00	Moneyfields	H	League		
Sat 13 Apr 19	15:00	Mangotsfield United	H	League		
Sat 20 Apr 19	15:00	Bideford	A	League		
Mon 22 Apr 19	15:00	Cinderford Town	H	League		
Sat 27 Apr 19	15:00	Thatcham Town	A	League		

Fixtures 2018-19

Midland Floodlit Youth League (U18)

Thu 16 Aug 18	19:45	Pegasus Juniors	A	League	W	2-1
Thu 23 Aug 18	19:45	Bromyard Town	H	League	W	9-0
Thu 30 Aug 18	19:45	Redditch United	H	League	W	7-3
Mon 03 Sep 18	19:45	Stourport Swifts	A	League	W	4-0
Thu 13 Sep 18	19:45	Cheltenham Town	A	League	W	7-3
Thu 20 Sep 18	19:45	Tuffley Rovers	A	FA Y Cup	W	4-1
Tue 25 Sep 18	19:45	Malvern Town	H	League	W	3-0
Tue 03 Oct 18	19:00	Torquay United	A	FA Y Cup	L	0-1
Thu 25 Oct 18	19:45	Bishops Cleeve	H	League	D	2-2
Thu 01 Nov 18	19:45	Cheltenham Town	H	League	D	3-3
Thu 08 Nov 18	19:45	Dudley Town	A	Lge Cup	W	3-0
Thu 15 Nov 18	19:45	Pegasus Juniors	H	League	W	5-0
Sun 18 Nov 18	15:00	Tuffley Rovers	A	County Cup	W	3-0
Tue 27 Nov 18	19:45	Redditch United	A	League	W	6-4
Mon 3 Dec 18	19:45	Gloucester City	H	Lge Cup	L	2-5
Sun 6 Jan 19	14:00	Rodborough Hawkes	A	County Cup	W	3-0
Thu 17 Jan 19	19:30	Bishops Cleve	A	League	W	8-0
Mon 21 Jan 19	19:45	Tuffley Rovers	H	League	W	2-0
Mon 28 Jan 19	19:45	Malvern Town	A	League		
Tue 5 Feb 19	19:30	Tytherington Rocks	A	County Cup		

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Swans Pen Pics

Eric Edge

21 year old goalkeeper signed for the swans for the first time this season, played in the USA for FC Miami City, has plenty of experience behind him, an excellent signing for us.

Lewis Adams

An excellent young keeper who plays for our Under 18s, has a bright future ahead of him.

Jaden Maddock

Another exciting youngster who plays for our Under 18s, Jaden has impressed for our youth team and will be looking to cement a regular first team place.

Korey Pring

21 year old defender who had a very good season last year, reliable and very strong, Korey will be looking to push on for us this year.

Jack Dempsey

Jack's first season with us this year, looked very strong in pre-season, this 29 year old has previous experience at Southern league level, formerly with Oldland Abbotonians.

Christien Turner

This 24 year old defender could be the find of the season, signed from neighbours Brimscombe & Thrupp in the summer, Christien has already shown great potential.

Joe Noakes

A 21 year old signing from Bishops Cleeve in the summer, Joe will be looking to establish a regular first team place in this, his first season with us.

Dean Turner

Known as 'Deano' to everyone here at Thornhill Park, Dean is in his 9th season with the swans, a true clubman who will never lie down.

Swans Pen Pics

Sam Mendes

Another excellent signing by manager Lee Driver-Dickerson in the summer, Sam is well respected locally, formerly with Westfields FC, strong tackler and passes a ball well.

Ben Hands

Recruited from Bishops Cleeve pre-season, 21 year old Ben arrives at Thornhill Park with high hopes of establishing himself after we received very good reports about him.

Joe Wilton

Joe's second season with us, has good speed and can cause problems for opposing defences, hoping to see Joe progress further with us this season and establish a regular first team place.

Yeshaya Lomotey

23 year old previously with Shortwood Utd, a tricky midfielder/forward with plenty of pace.

Max Harper-Emerson

Another 21 year old with plenty of potential, Max is another player who is capable of opening up defences, expecting to see Max further improve with us this season.

Adam Bloomfield

Adam has been a scoring sensation for our Under 18s so has rightly been given his chance in the first team where hopefully he can progress.

Will Hawes

A great signing for the Swans in pre-season, Will played at Shortwood utd last year, a strong, bustling forward who will be looking to get his name on the scoresheet regularly this season.

Swans Pen Pics

Jamie Martin

Long serving stalwart, Jamie is now classed as a senior Swan, always capable of making and scoring goals, a popular player here at Thornhill Park.

Ewen Dunbar

Transferred from Evesham Utd in August Ewen is a very quick forward, this 19 year old has a big season ahead of him.

Liam Smith

A strong midfielder in his second spell with the swans, played at Hartpury college, 23 years old.

Edji Mbunga

Signed for us last season after playing for Gloucester City and Redditch Utd, a quick forward player who has a good eye for goal.

Mark Magee

A mid-season signing from Westfields, a proven goal scorer at this level, mark will bring some much needed experience to the side.

Swans Pen Pics

Manager- Lee Driver-Dickerson

Lee was assistant to manager Freddy Ward last season and has been appointed in the hot seat after Freddy stood down pre-season, a great motivator and man manager.

Assistant manager- Dave Strain

Dave comes with great experience behind him, was assistant manager to John Brough at North Leigh last season and previous to that spent 16 years coaching at Cheltenham Town academy.

Sports therapist- Rebecca Cox

Newly appointed this season, Rebecca also doubles up as physio for our u/18s development team, Rebecca has settled in well with us here at Thornhill Park since her arrival.



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Match Reports

Slimbridge 1-0 Thatcham Town

Saturday 5th January 2019

A great team performance today by the Swans to beat last season's FA Vase winners Thatcham Town with a late 25 yard strike.

A game containing very few clear cut chances saw a frantic last 10 minutes of action in which Slimbridge hit the bar then took the lead through a Will Hawes 25 yard effort and Thatcham denied a goal at the end of normal time by a wonder save from Lewis Adams.

The first minute saw Thatcham break with a 4 on 3 scenario, finishing in Scott Rees shot straight at home keeper Lewis Adams. Slimbridge then took command of the game for a 15 minute spell knocking the ball around and looking confident in the midfield but could not quite carve out a chance up front.

The visitors Josh Helmore's shot was deflected into Adams arms before a 30 yard free kick was driven at the Swans defensive wall and cleared up field. On 21 minutes a long throw in from Dan King found Will Hawes but his headed effort drifted wide.

Dean Turner pushing forward fired his shot straight at keeper Chris Rackley from 15 yards out. Mid way through the half Thatcham were forced into a substitution when Rees took a knock and was replaced by Tom Moran.

Moran soon got into the action firing wide then moments later Shane Cooper-Clark audacious chip sailed closely over Adams bar.

Match Reports

With ten minutes of the half remaining Curtis Angell broke down the left and into the box but Adams was positioned well to make the save. Only four minutes later Moran in space got his head to a corner which hit the bar and cleared to safety by the Swans defence.

The second half period continued much in the vain of the first with both sides playing good attacking football along the ground trying to keep the ball and push forward in search of a goal. King was tripped 30 yards out from the visitors goal, Hawes stepped up to take the kick and fired just wide of the left hand post.

Slimbridge were then forced into a substitution when Korey Pring appeared to hurt his ankle in a tackle when running through the middle from the back. He was ably replaced by Joe Noakes slotting into the left side of the back three. Moment later Dean Turner getting forward once again forced a save out of Rackley in the visitor's goal. At the other end a Thatcham free kick 30 yards out was driven against the Swans wall and follow up shot fired over.

On 64 minutes Hawes cross from the right was deflected over the bar for a Swans corner, Noakes directing his header from the corner just wide. With 15 minutes remaining George Jeacock fired a dangerous cross in from the right that flashed past the Swans goal and out for a goal kick.

As the game entered the last 10 minutes both sides continued to press for an all-important winner. A free kick for visitors deep in their own half was fired long into the Slimbridge box and headed wide out for a corner.

Match Reports

Noakes headed the corner clear to the visitors who held the ball up well pressurising the home defence before firing it in again with Noakes deflecting the ball wide for another corner.

It was Christien Turners block that cleared the danger for yet another visitor's corner as the Swans rode out a spell of pressure finally cleared by Dean Turner.

It was Dean Turner that proved pivotal in a Swans move that saw Hawes head against the bar with the ball looping over the goal to safety. With only five minutes of normal time remaining a neat passing move in the middle saw the ball fed to Hawes who controlled the ball with his back to the goal turned and unleashed a strike into the bottom left corner of the net from 25 yards out to the delight of the home players and supporters.

The visitors did not give up; two minutes after going a goal behind Helmore headed a cross destined for the top left hand corner only for Adams to get his hands to the ball making a wonder save to preserve the Swans lead. A final flurry from Thatcham saw Noakes head a cross out for a corner and on the final whistle Adams claimed the corner with all 11 visiting player inside the home side's 18 yard box.

A well-deserved victory for the Swans sees them now 9 points clear of the relegation zone with a number of crucial games starting with a visit to Highworth Town next weekend.

Slimbridge: Adams, King, Brennan, Pring (Noakes 55), C Turner, Richards, D Turner, M Turner, Magee (Martin 74), Hawes, Jackson

Attendance: 102

Supporter's man of the match: Dan King

Match Reports

Highworth Town 4-0 Slimbridge

Saturday 12th January 2019

A poor start from Slimbridge saw them concede after just 2 minutes. Ryan Morgan's long throw from the left into the box was headed away by Christien Turner for a corner. Wayne Turk unmarked in the box headed the ball down towards the goal and despite some desperate attempts to clear it off the line the ball ended up in the net.

Five minutes later the Swans found themselves two goals down when Darren Jefferies cut in from the left flank and drilled the ball past Lewis Adams into the bottom corner.

From the restart Ewen Dunbar worked himself towards the right corner flag crossing the ball to Will Hawes whose header found the side netting. Adams did well a few moments later saving with his feet and from the resulting corner Morgan headed over. As the visitors started to get back into the game Steve Jackson headed over a Dan King cross from the left before Jackson's shot a few minutes later sailed over the home sides bar.

On 33 minutes Dunbar won the ball on the right and fed Dean Turner just on the edge of the box, the Swans captain shot heading for the top left corner was expertly tipped away by Connor Johns.

Five minutes later a free kick on the left for the visitors was headed down by Christien Turner inside the box to Hawes but his shot was too high over the bar.

Match Reports

As half time approached the visitors were desperately trying to find a way back into the game Dan King's long range shot going wide then a long throw in from Joe Noakes to Hawes who found Mark Magee in space only to see his first time shot deflected away for a corner. The corner found the head of Christien Turner in the box and his goal bound effort was blocked on the line and cleared to safety.

The second half started in a similar vein to the first half for the home side Sean Wood's free kick on 48 minutes striking the top of the Slimbridge post off the fingertips of Adams and coming back directly into the path of Turk giving him an easy tap in to an empty net for his second of the game and the home sides third.

In an attacking move from the Swans Magee's cross found the head of Christien Turner forcing a save out of Johns and a corner to the visitors. On 65 minutes Noakes long range cross evaded the Slimbridge strikers allowing Johns to claim.

A minute later Callum Parsons headed effort from a corner was stopped on the goal line by Dunbar and cleared to safety. Two minutes later the visitors were given a let off, former Swan Edji Mbunga making his debut for Highworth received the ball in the box from a free kick and somehow managed to put the ball over from two yards.

The home side put the game out of sight with just over ten minutes remaining Parsons evading a number of Swans defenders to put the ball past Adams. The Swans did get one final half chance when Dan Kings run down the left wing and cross into the box found Jamie Martin's head at the far post but his effort sailed just over the bar.

Match Reports

Next week Slimbridge are on the road again this time a trip to Bath to visit Larkhall Athletic followed by the long awaited County Cup game to face Cheltenham Town at Whaddon Road on Tuesday 22nd January.

Slimbridge: Adams, King, Dunbar, Noakes, C Turner, Richards, D Turner (Lomotey 68), M Turner (Smith 55), Magee (Martin 70), Hawes, Jackson

Attendance: 129

Supporters Man of the Match: Christien Turner

Match Reports

Larkhall Athletic 2-1 Slimbridge

Saturday 19th January 2019

Swans defeated by injury time Larks winner

Lee Driver-Dickerson made a number of changes to the side defeated at Highworth last weekend bringing in Under 18's player Finleigh Brown for his senior debut to give a youthful look to the Swans team with 4 players aged 18 and under. The injured Mark Magee was rested and Liam Smith returned to the side at the expense of Myron Turner who dropped to the bench.

Slimbridge started the game on the front foot Steven Jackson gaining an early corner from which the home side cleared. A few moments later Liam Smiths long ball from deep in the visitors half found Dean Turner on the edge of the box unfortunately he was not able to take full control of the ball so home keeper Shaun Semmens claimed.

The visitors made the early possession count, Will Hawes delivering a fast ball from the left across the box to Jackson who slammed home at the far post to give the Swans the lead. Slimbridge continued to boss the game in search of a second goal. On 14 minutes Archie Brennan on the left played a ball through to Hawes who forced a save from Semmens.

Larkhall's first venture forward resulted in a corner that was cleared downfield to Jackson linking up with Hawes only for Hawes shot to sail wide. With 20 minutes gone the home sides winger Wayne Nderemani swung a cross into the Swans box that caused panic Lewis Adams initial punch failed to clear the ball fortunately Christien Turner was on hand to head the ball clear.

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With Larkhall now on the front foot as the Swans tried to protect their valuable lead levelled the score on 29 minutes Nderemani skipping past Brown on the left and his pin point cross found the unmarked Lewis Powell to tap in at the back post. The final 15 minutes of the half saw the Larks dominate with Christien Turner well placed to clear a Nderemani cross conceding a corner which Adams comfortably claimed. Harry Hope found the side netting from a narrow angle on the right with Brennan snapping at his heels.

Larkhall started the stronger of the two sides in the second half, Dan Restorick shooting over from the left and Lewis Hunt also getting a shot away but that also failed to hit the target. On 53 minutes Brown produced an important block inside the box to advert a scoring opportunity.

Hope went close on 58 minutes heading over from a Larkhall free kick then five minutes later Matt Britton's long range attempt fell straight into the arms of Adams. At the other end Smith's cross come shot was cleared by the home side before Hawes shot was well saved by Semmens.

There was a holdup in play for several minutes as both physio's treated Josh Jones for a head injury after he had blocked Jamie Martins run on the edge of the box, to the relief of all present Jones was able to return to his feet and continue.

With 15 minutes remaining a Slimbridge corner was cleared downfield to Nderemani on the left but his shot was wide of the goal. The visitors now pressing for a winner pushed forward, Dan King's initial cross was cleared back to him and his second found the arms of Semmens.

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Martin picked up the ball on the right with 5 minutes of normal time remaining but again Semmens was well placed to claim the cross. Adams was then forced into a save under pressure on the goal line but was fouled in the process.

The Swans playing the ball out from the back found King in space but his shot from 30yards out flew over the bar. In the last minute of normal time Adams pulled off a point blank save from Hope's close range header to keep the scores level.

It was Hope that delivered the killer blow two minutes into injury time rifling the ball into the Swans net unmarked inside the box to give the home side the lead. Despite Slimbridge's attempt to gain a late equaliser they returned home pointless again when they really deserved more from their first half efforts.

The Swans are in County Cup action on Tuesday evening when they face Cheltenham Town at Whaddon Road with a 7:45pm kick off and then next Saturday face relegation rivals Barnstaple Town at Thornhill Park.

Slimbridge: Adams, Brown, Brennan, Richards, Jackson (90+5 Lomotey), C Turner, D Turner, Smith (86 M Turner), King, Hawes, Dunbar (55 Martin)

Supporter's man of the match: Liam Smith

Match Reports

Cheltenham Town 2-2 Slimbridge (2-4 on pens)

Tuesday 22nd January 2019

Swans shock Robins to progress into semi-final of the County Senior Cup

Slimbridge held a good account for themselves against a strong Robin's squad that included 6 first team players to force the tie to penalties having lead for much of the game.

Lewis Adams was called into action early on tipping over a short corner before he blocked a Alex Addai run into the box as the striker was about to shoot. The visitors took the lead on 20 minutes Adams kick down field was knocked down by Steve Jackson to Sam Mendes, Mendes through ball to Jamie Martin split the defence allowing him to expertly tuck the ball past Rhys Lovett sending the strong Swans support wild up in the stand.

It was mostly one way traffic for the remainder of the half with Cheltenham knocking the ball around trying to find a way through the Swans defence. The strike force of Billy Waters and Immanuelson Duko had a number of chances but failed to find the net with Adams in good form to deny them both.

Slimbridge despite soaking up the pressure for long periods in the second half managed to venture further up field in search of a second goal. Adams doing well to push Tyreece Briscoe's fierce shot around the post.

Cheltenhams pressure finally cracked the visiting defence on 79 minutes captain for the evening Christien Turner blocking a through ball only to find Water lurking to tuck the ball home.

Match Reports

With only 3 minutes of normal time remaining the Robins played a corner short into the box and despite attempts to clear Waters was again on hand to tap in and give the home side an almost certain victory.

However Slimbridge failed to give up and a minute into injury time Adams ball forward to Martin in space on the right allowed him a run down the side line firing a pin point cross into the path of Jackson heading the ball past a stranded Lovett to level the scores and send the game to penalties.

Waters converted the first penalty with Will Hawes stepping up to level for the Swans. Next up Aaron Basford's kick was saved by Adams then Liam Smith buried his effort to give the visitors the advantage. Will Dawes fired his attempt wide before Christien Turner put Slimbridge 2 goals to the good. Tom Handley converted Cheltenham's fourth spot kick putting the pressure on Dan King who stepped up to seal the victory and put the Swans into the semi-finals.

Slimbridge: Adams, King, Noakes, Richards (D Turner 49), Jackson, C Turner, M Turner, Smith, Martin, Lomotey (Hawes 72), Mendes (Dunbar 85).

Attendance: 158

Supporter's man of the match: Liam Smith

Player Appearances

		Started	Subs	Goals
K	Pring	29	0	2
D	Turner	27	1	1
C	Turner	27	2	0
E	Dunbar	22	9	9
D	King	21	1	1
W	Hawes	20	5	8
E	Edge	18	0	0
E	Mbunga	16	3	1
J	Noakes	15	3	1
L	Smith	15	9	0
M	Harper-Emerson	14	1	3
Y	Lomotey	14	12	4
L	Adams	14	0	0
M	Turner	14	2	1
B	Hands	11	5	0
L	Payne	10	0	0
J	Maddock	10	2	0
S	Jackson	8	1	2
J	Martin	7	10	3
M	Magee	7	0	3
I	Richards	6	1	0
J	Dempsey	5	0	0
S	Mendes	5	9	0
S	Bello	5	0	0
J	Beadle	4	2	0
A	Brennan	3	0	0
A	Bloomfield	2	3	0
M	Pulman	1	0	0
J	Wilton	1	3	1
F	Brown	1	0	0
S	Bellow	0	2	0
F	Byrnes	0	1	0

Goal Scorers

		Started	Subs	Goals
E	Dunbar	22	9	9
W	Hawes	20	5	8
Y	Lomotey	14	12	4
M	Harper-Emerson	14	1	3
J	Martin	7	10	3
M	Magee	7	0	3
K	Pring	29	0	2
S	Jackson	8	1	2
J	Noakes	15	3	1
D	Turner	27	1	1
E	Mbunga	16	3	1
D	King	21	1	1
J	Wilton	1	3	1
M	Turner	14	2	1



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20	Barnstaple Town	LLDLLL

League Table

Evo-Stik League South, Division One South 2018 - 2019

#	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Blackfield & Langley	23	16	2	5	45	23	22	50
2	Yate Town	23	15	5	3	44	23	21	50
3	Moneyfields	22	15	4	3	46	20	26	49
4	Evesham United	24	13	4	7	46	31	15	43
5	Cirencester Town	23	12	4	7	61	35	26	40
6	Melksham Town	23	11	5	7	37	42	-5	38
7	Winchester City	23	10	6	7	41	33	8	36
8	AFC Totton	22	10	4	8	40	29	11	34
9	Cinderford Town	22	10	4	8	36	30	6	34
10	Bideford	23	10	4	9	46	45	1	34
11	Highworth Town	24	9	7	8	43	44	-1	34
12	Larkhall Athletic	23	9	6	8	35	29	6	33
13	Thatcham Town	23	10	3	10	33	39	-6	33
14	Street	22	9	5	8	35	31	4	32
15	Bristol Manor Farm	23	8	5	10	42	47	-5	29
16	Paulton Rovers	24	7	2	15	37	50	-13	23
17	Slimbridge	24	5	4	15	24	47	-23	19
18	Mangotsfield United	23	5	2	16	33	48	-15	17
19	Fleet Town	23	4	1	18	32	68	-36	13
20	Barnstaple Town	23	3	1	19	24	66	-42	10

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