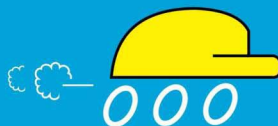


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Today's Teams

Slimbridge AFC

Bideford

Eric Edge	1	Steve Oliver
Luke Payne	2	Sam Haynes
Max Harper-Emerson	3	Liam Gregory
Korey Pring	4	Ben Wood
Christien Turner	5	Craig Allan
Dean Turner (C)	6	James Mayne
Liam Smith	7	Matty Bye (C)
Ben Hands	8	Nial Heeney
Ewan Dunbar	9	Kevin Squire
Will Hawes	10	Ryan Turner
Tornado Bellow	11	Billy Tucker
Sam Mendes	12	Matt Ward
Lewis Adams (GK)	13	Will Hancox
Yeshaya Lomotey	14	Ian Sampson
Adam Bllomfield	15	
Jack Dempsey	16	Toby Down
Edjija Mbunga	17	George Smeaton
Joe Noakes	18	

Managers:

Lee Driver-Dickerson
Dave Strain

Sean Joyce
Craig Laird

Physios:

Rebecca Cox

Tony Beal

Referee:

Ollie Williams

Assistants:

Jake Allsopp
James Cox

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 from Bideford. We hope you enjoy your afternoon with us, and have a safe journey back home to Devon later.

After last week's hectic spell of three games in six days we return to normality of Saturday afternoon football. We are still in the FA Cup although on the balance of chances we might feel ourselves unlucky not to go straight through to the next round however the lads have a second chance on Tuesday evening in the replay away at Wantage. Should we succeed we have a mouth-watering local derby at local rivals Bishops Cleeve the following Saturday.

It was good to see that a couple of the Under 18's making the first team squad down at Bristol Manor Farm, with Adam Bloomfield making his senior debut coming on as a late substitute. If you get chance come down and support the youngsters on a Thursday evening they play some great attacking football.

Today's game will be another tough one against Bideford who just finished outside the playoffs last season and I expect they won't be far away again this year. Hopefully the lads can find their shooting boots today and gain some much need points.

Enjoy today's game

Rob

This Week's Fixtures

Sat 01 Sep 18

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

Our Visitors Today

Bideford A.F.C. is an English non-league football club from Bideford, Devon that plays in the Evo Stik Southern League South and West..

It was first formed in the Late 1890's and was then called "Bideford United". It was nicknamed the Robins, due to its Red Shirts, which it is still known as today. After playing local football, Bideford joined the Devon and Exeter League in 1904. Football was suspended for the duration of World War 1.

After the First World War, its name was Changed to "Bideford Town" and Since the first decade of the twentieth Century, the club has predominantly played at the Sports ground in Bideford. Until entering hibernation for the duration of World War Two, it was a highly successful club, albeit that it played the majority of its football in North Devon.

In 1927 Cardiff City won the F.A Cup and their Captain was Fred Keenor who had 32 International Caps, this number was almost unheard of. It was a big day for the Club when Fred brought his Cup winning team and the Cup to Bideford.

Following its reformation in the 1947/48 season, The Club was reborn as "Bideford Association Football Club" and re-entered the Exeter and East Devon League, with only two of the Pre War team surviving, Gerald Brommell and Fred Shute. The team in 1947/9 was run by a committee which met at the Maltscoop Inn, and they selected the team also. For the start of the 1948/49 season Fred Pincott was appointed Manager and the club had a house in Chanters Avenue for him to live in, but team selection was still in the hands of the committee. Bideford were runners up in the 1948/49 Season, and applied to join then the Western League Division Two.

Our Visitors Today

This was declined and instead they were made to join Division Three. Bideford won the division, without losing a game, and two seasons later they won the second division and promotion to Division One. At this time, the club did not have a club house, but there was a Nissen Hut just inside the main gate, and a wooden grandstand, which was replaced with the present one after the Bradford fire disaster.

In 1964/65 Bideford reached the first round proper of the FA Cup, and drew away at Colchester 3:3 and lost home in the replay 1:2, at which BBC camera's were present. Bideford won the Western League three times before joining the Southern League in 1972. The club spent three seasons in the Southern league before the extra expense involved and increased travelling took its toll, forcing them to drop down back to the Western League.

During their time in the Southern League, the club set an all-time FA Cup record, when in 1974–75 they played thirteen FA Cup games in a single season – as a result of playing numerous replays in qualifying rounds including needing five games to beat Falmouth Town and four more to beat Trowbridge Town in the next round. With the subsequent abandonment of second and further replays, this record will never be beaten again. Bideford were finally knocked out 0:2 by Bristol Rovers. In 1977/78 Bideford again reached the First Round Proper, travelling to Portsmouth where they lost 1:3. Finally they achieved the feat again in 1981/82, being knocked out by Barking 1:2.

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Two more Western League titles followed in the early 1980s, before a financial crisis hit the club. A re-formation took place in 1987, leading to the current set up, a company limited by guarantee, under the revised company name Bideford AFC (1987) Ltd.

Under the chairmanship of Jim McElwee, and his successor Paul Mitchell, the club won four more Western League titles, and also made the FA Vase semi-finals, where they lost to Winchester City. Despite winning the Western League four times, under Manager Sean Joyce, between 2000 to 2006, the club elected not to apply for promotion to the Southern League due to the amount of travelling and expense that would be involved in playing teams which, almost without exception, would be over 100 miles away.

However after winning the Western League again for the 10th time in the 2009/10 season and winning the Devon St Luke's Bowl where they beat Exeter City 2–1 in the Final; Bideford AFC accepted promotion to the Southern League in May 2010, joining Division One South & West. In their second season in Division One South & West the club won the Division and gained promotion to the Southern League Premier Division as champions. They remained in the Premier Division the following season, by Goal Difference.

At the end of the 2015/16 season, the Robins were relegated to the Southern League Division One South & West.

Several players from the club have progressed to Football League status, the most recent of them being Tony Dennis and Shaun Taylor. Three former internationals have played for the club at the end of their career, Welshman Leighton Phillips, as well as Dermot Curtis and Will Haynes from the Republic of Ireland.

Our Visitors Today

Bideford have also won the Westward Ho! Cup, the Western League Challenge Cup, the Western League Subsidiary Cup, the Western League Alan Young Cup, the Devon Professional Challenge Cup. In FA competitions, Bideford AFC's record is quite impressive, reaching the First Round Proper of the FA Cup on four occasions, and reaching the Semi-Final of the FA Vase in 2003/04. The 2009/10 FA Vase campaign saw Bideford reach the quarter-final stages, where they were knocked out by an impressive Lowestoft.

Manager Sean Joyce is an ex-professional footballer, who spent his career playing for Doncaster Rovers, Exeter City and Torquay Utd. He has managed Bideford since 1998, bringing much success to the Club during his time here.

CLUB RECORDS

- Highest League Position: 8th Southern League Premier Division 2013–14
- FA Cup best performance: First round 1964–65, 1973–74, 1977–78, 1981–82
- FA Trophy best performance: Second round 1969–70
- FA Vase best performance: Semi-Final 2003–04
- Record home win: 16–1 v Soundwell, 1950–51
- Record home loss: 1–10 v Taunton Town, 1998–99
- Record away win: 10–0 v Melksham, 2003–04
- Record attendance: 5,750 v Gloucester City, FA Cup, 1949
- Record number of appearances: Derek May 647.
- Highest Goal Scorer: Tommy Robinson 259.

Our Visitors Today

Playing Squad

Shaun Joyce...Manager

A former League professional, who played for Cambridge United, Doncaster Rovers, Exeter City; Torquay United and then Non-League with Elmore and Taunton Town. Sean made 200 Football League appearances, taking over as Bideford Manager, during the 1998/99 season. Bideford were at that time a struggling Western League Premier division side, and since then, Sean has taken the club from success to success during his eighteen years as club manager, gaining Promotion to the Southern League South West Division one and then up to the Southern League Premier. Sean lives in Paignton with his wife Jo and runs his own business.

Craig Laird.....Assistant Manager

Craig joined the Robins last season, and has proved an incredible asset to the Club. Clubs he has managed include, Bridgwater Town, Dorchester Town, Weston Super Mare, Weymouth & Yate Town. He lives in North Petherton, Somerset.

Tony Beal...Physio

Tony a former goalkeeper and long standing club Physio lives here in Bideford with his family, he works as an engineer in South Molton.

GOALKEEPERS

Steve Oliver

Steve is 30 years old & re - signed this summer from Barnstaple Town, for this third spell at the club. Steve lives in Bideford, and is a sales manager and lives with his family in Bideford. Steve has also played for Ilfracombe Town, Appledore and Witheridge. Steve He has made over 120 appearances for Bideford.

John Ross

Signed in the close season from Cullompton.

Our Visitors Today

Defenders

Craig Allen

Craig is 28 years old & signed this summer from Barnstaple Town. Craig lives in Bristol, & has made over forty appearances for the Robins. Craig works as a Podiatrist, for the N.H.S in North Somerset.

Liam Gregory

Liam is a left sided full back, who has signed this season from Tiverton Town; he has also played for Barnstaple Town. He is 23 years old & works as a Style Designer for Atlas Packaging in Barnstaple, & lives locally @ Newton Tracey.

James Mayne

Signed this summer from Barnstaple Town, he lives in Bideford and is now in his second spell @ the Robins, he is 30 years old & works as a Heating Engineer for Ron Sussex. James has now played more than forty games for the Robins.

Ian Sampson

Ian who is aged 26, hails from Holsworthy in North Devon, and has previously played for Oxford United; Didcott Town and Tiverton Town, where he was player of the year. Ian has played over 260 games for the Robins and with us has won the Southern League Division One South and West, and the Devon St Luke's Bowl. He works as a P.E Teacher. In 2014/15 he won the Supporters and Players player of the year awards.

George Smeaton

George is a Central Defender who signed for us this summer, he Lives in Dorset.

Aaron Taylor

Signed in the close season, following his release from Plymouth Argyle, he lives in Braunton.

Our Visitors Today

Midfielders

Matty Bye

Matty is 29 years old and lives in St Thomas in Exeter; with his wife; and he is in his second spell with the Robins. He works as a Postman. He has previously played for Exeter City (where he was voted young player of the year); Truro City and Tiverton Town. Matty is a skill full midfielder who also played in Belgium for six months. Matt has now played over 280 games for the Robins, and scoring over ten goals in the process. Matt won the Western League premiership and the Southern League Division One South and West with the Robins. Matty played in the SARDS Tournament winning side in 2010-2011.

Ben Carter

Ben who is 26 years of age, joined the Robins this season from Willand Rovers & has previously played for Tiverton Town. He lives in Torquay, where he works as a Carpenter. Ben has now made over ten appearances for the Robins.

Toby Down

Toby has just signed for the Club after being released from Exeter City. He has also played for Taunton Town and Buckland Athletic. His father is former Club Captain Ian Down. He lives in Torbay.

Sean Downing

Sean, who is 26 years of age, lives in Bideford with his wife, where he works as a Teacher. As well as being an accomplished exciting footballer, he is also a 2 handicap golfer as well. He came up through the youth ranks at Plymouth Argyle, and has also played for Appledore, where he was the Devon Premier Cup Man of the Match, and Park United. He has played over 320 games for the Robins, scoring over 100 goals in the process. Whilst with the Robins, he has won the Western League Premier division; the Southern League Division One South and West and the Devon St Luke's Bowl. He has been leading goal scorer two seasons on the trot as well the player of the year. He has played for Devon and won one England C Cap.

Our Visitors Today

Will Hancox

Will is a new signing who player for Bridgwater Town last season, after progressing through the Torquay United Academy. Will lives in Torquay & has now played over twenty games for the Robins.

Sam Haynes

Signed in the Close Season following his release from Exeter City.

Niall Heeney

Neil signed for the Robins in the close season from Barnstaple Town.

Charlie Joyce

Charlie is son of Manager Sean, he lives in Paignton, He is 18 years old and works for an Architects company in Exeter. He also plays for Kingskerswell.

Ben Palmer

Ben is a new signing from Taunton Town, which is his home Town. He works as a Teacher.

Matt Ward

Signed for the Robins following his release from Plymouth Argyle. He lives in Great Torrington.

Dan Western

26 year old Dan has joined the Robins from Tiverton Town, whom he had joined from Willand Rovers. Dan has now played over 80 games for the Robins, scoring over ten goals in the process. He lives in Exeter, and works as a Roofer.

Our Visitors Today

Strikers

Kevin Squire

Kevin is 40 years old and previously played for Ilfracombe Town, and Barnstaple Town. Kevin has played over 400 games for the Robins, and scored over 100 goals in the process. He lives in Ilfracombe with wife Jenny and Daughters Rebecca and Emily. He works as a production operative in a factory in Ilfracombe. Whilst with the Robins, Kevin has won the St Luke's Bowl; the Western League Premier Division and the Southern League Division One South and West.

Billy Tucker

Billy who is 23 years old, has also played for Barnstaple town, Brisbane Knights and Petroc. Billy lives in Barnstaple and has now played over 140 games for the Robins; scoring over thirty goals in the process. Billy has represented Devon.

Ryan Turner

Ryan is 24 years old & signed for the Robins this summer from Barnstaple Town, he has made over fifty appearances.

Ben Wood

Ben lives with his girlfriend in Sherborne, Dorset and works as a Teacher. He is 30 years old, and has made over 280 appearances for the robins, scoring over 30 goals in the process. Ben has also played for Yeovil, Weymouth, Frome Town & Dorchester Town. He has won the Toolstation Western League Premier Division, The Southern League, South West Division One and the Devon St Luke's Bowl. Ben's Mum and his mum is an ardent supporter.

Ryan Stanners, Forward

A busy player who plays behind the strikers. Excellent technical skills and likes to take players on. Always looking to be involved in the game.

Aysa Corrick, Forward

Exciting and skillful, loves to take on players but also prepared to put in the graft when defending.



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Fixtures 2018-19

Evo-Stick 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		
Tue 04 Sep 18	19:45	Wantage Town	A	FAC Pr R		
Wed 12 Sep 18	19:45	Evesham United	H	League		
Sat 15 Sep 18	15:00	Larkhall Athletic	H	League		
Sat 22 Sep 18	15:00	Barnstaple Town	A	League		
Sat 29 Sep 18	15:00	Winchester City	H	FAT Pr		
Sat 06 Oct 18	15:00	Cirencester Town	A	League		
Sat 20 Oct 18	15:00	Fleet Town	H	League		
Sat 03 Nov 18	15:00	Street	A	League		
Sat 10 Nov 18	15:00	Paulton Rovers	H	League		
Sat 17 Nov 18	15:00	Moneyfields	A	League		
Sat 24 Nov 18	15:00	Winchester City	H	League		
Sat 01 Dec 18	15:00	Melksham Town	A	League		
Sat 08 Dec 18	15:00	AFC Totton	A	League		
Sat 15 Dec 18	15:00	Yate Town	H	League		
Sat 22 Dec 18	15:00	Mangotsfield United	A	League		
Wed 26 Dec 18	15:00	Bristol Manor Farm	H	League		
Sat 29 Dec 18	15:00	Blackfield & Langley	H	League		

Fixtures 2018-19

Evo-Stick South, Division One South

Tue 01 Jan 19	15:00	Cinderford Town	A	League
Sat 05 Jan 19	15:00	Thatcham Town	H	League
Sat 12 Jan 19	15:00	Highworth Town	A	League
Sat 19 Jan 19	15:00	Larkhall Athletic	A	League
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 30 Mar 19	15:00	Paulton Rovers	A	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		
Mon 03 Sep 18	19:45	Stourport Swifts	A	League		
Thu 13 Sep 18	19:45	Cheltenham Town	A	League		
Thu 27 Sep 18	19:45	Malvern Town	H	League		

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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.

Luke Payne

24 year old defender who has come on really strong in the last few months, was with the swans last season, a vital player for us this season.

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.

Alex Hoyle

Alex has been a long term injury casualty but once fully fit Alex will be an important player for the swans, strong in the air, Former captain.

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.

Swans Pen Pics

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.

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 Tryner

A 20 year old defender who is another new recruit for us this season, formerly with FC. Barometrics, Joe came highly recommended to us by Barometrics former manager and ex-Swans player Joe Tustain, his first season at this level.

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.

Swans Pen Pics

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.

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.

Saddam Bello

A new signing this season, tornado,as he is known also has plenty of pace, a tricky player who will be looking to score goals.

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 1-1 Wantage Town

Saturday 25th August 2018

Swans hold on against a very industrious Wantage Town side to remain in the FA Cup, despite leading for more than 40 minutes of the game.

The Swans were forced into a late change with striker Edji Mbunga unable to take his place in the side due to injury; he was replaced by Joe Wilton in the starting line-up. On the back of four league wins and sitting on the top of the Hellenic league table, it was no surprise that Wantage started the game on the front foot.

A third minute corner to the visitors found Jack Dunmall in space but his header was cleared only for Bradley Cox to fire back in but this was blocked and cleared up field by the Slimbridge defence. Wantage were lucky not to take the lead a few minutes later, a free kick on the edge of the box from Connor Mattimore stuck the top corner of the post and bar cannoning away for a goal kick with Swans keeper Eric Edge well beaten.

A hamstring injury forced late replacement Wilton to be substituted on 12 minutes being replaced by Liam Smith. Christien Turner was forced into conceding a corner at the near post after Mattimore had broken down the right flank and fired in a dangerous cross. Dan Comer headed the resulting corner over the bar to the relief of the home side.

Will Hawes forced a save from the Wantage keeper Curtis Meare from 20yards giving the Swans their first corner on 16 minutes.

Match Reports

It was taken short unfortunately Ben Hands cross was too hard and sailed wide near the far corner flag. At the other end Cal Wright's shot flew inches wide of Edge's left post.

Joe Noakes cross from the left flank almost found Smith at the far post but he was just beaten to the ball by Meare in the visitor's goal. Midway through the half a mistake by Noakes allowed Kaylem Patterson to get a shot on goal but Edge was well positioned to make the save.

On the half hour Edge was called into action twice in a minute making two point blank saves the second pushing the ball off the line and out for a corner. The corner was cleared up field and a through ball to Tornado Bello was just intercepted by the visitor's keeper at the last minute to keep the score line level.

Five minutes later the Swans took the lead, Ewan Dunbar made a run down the left skipping past the visiting defence and pulling the ball back for Hawes whose mishit shot crept into the far corner much to the delight of the home support.

Another neat pass through the middle of the Wantage defence was latched onto by Tornado Bello, his shot was too close to Curtis who managed to stick out a leg and divert the ball wide when it looked certain the Swans would double their lead.

Wantage started the second half as they did the first on the attack, Cox hitting the bar from a free header from an early corner. Noakes then gave away another corner to the visitors heading over his own bar from a dangerous cross fired in from the left.

Match Reports

On the hour, Swans Christien Turner turned the ball away for a corner having worked hard to chase down Mattimore's run down the right. The corner again picked out Cox who this time got his header on target only to find the hands of Edge.

Edge then found Bello out wide on the left, after running down the flank his cross was too hard for the on rushing Dunbar to reach however with the pace of Dunbar sprinting across to the right he managed to keep the ball in passing to Smith who fired tamely straight at Curtis.

Bello was unlucky again not to get on the score sheet, his pace through the middle put him through one on one with the keeper again but he nicked the ball just wide of the post having beaten the visiting keeper.

The Swans were left to rue the missed chances a minute later with just ten minutes remaining Mattimore managed to skip down the right and pull the ball back for Jon Davoile to fire past the stranded Edge as the home defence stood watching to equalise.

Slimbridge almost won it on the stroke of full time, after a passage of good play the Swans forced a corner sending up the big guns from defence. Christien Turner got his head to the ball from the corner and somehow the Wantage defence managed to scramble the ball off the line and away to safety.

Match Reports

Both teams now go back to Wantage Town on Tuesday 4th September at 7:45pm for the replay to determine who earns a place in the first qualifying round, the draw for which takes place on Tuesday lunchtime at FA headquarters.

Slimbridge: Edge, Payne, Noakes (Tryner 63), D Turner ©, Pring, C Turner, Wilton (Smith 12), Hands, Bello, Hawes (Lomotey 79), Dunbar

Attendance: 65

Supporters Star Man: Christien Turner

Match Reports

Bristol Manor Farm 3-0 Slimbridge

Monday 27th August 2018

Swans return home pointless against a strong Manor Farm side who took an early lead that they never looked like relinquishing.

Manor Farm took the lead on 5 minutes a through ball splitting the visiting defence wide open for Owen Howe to run onto and expertly tucked into the bottom right corner past Eric Edge. Slimbridge tried to respond gaining a corner two minutes later, this was cleared to Ben Hands but his shot was fired wide of the post.

The home sides lead was doubled on 11 minutes, a delightful ball over the top of the Swans defence found Dean Stamp on the left whose first time shot squeezed inside the near post. Again Slimbridge tried to respond Ewen Dunbar on the left wing put over a pin point cross onto the head of Dean Turner forcing an acrobatic save from Ben John however the assistant referee's flag was up with Turner being adjudged to being offside.

As the first half progressed the home side dominated the middle, Troy Simpson putting a shot wide from Jamie Adams cross. Dean Stamp who terrorised the Swans all afternoon headed over from another cross from a wide position. On the half hour mark, Liam Smith played a neat pass to Dunbar on the left and after cutting inside the full back forced a save from Johns in the home goal conceding a corner. The Manor Farm defence blocked Hands corner original corner, from the second Max Harper-Emerson fired his cross / shot high and wide.

Match Reports

Slimbridge started to gain a little momentum late in the half, Smiths free kick was punched clear by Johns under pressure from Swans centre half Christien Turner. Smith then tried his luck from 25 yards unfortunately it was too high over the bar.

The second half started like the first, with the home side putting pressure on the visiting defence, Edge saving Howe's close range shot before gathering Adams follow-up. A minute later Howe fired a shot wide. At the other end Will Hawes finally got a half chance from 20yards which John spilled but managed to recover at the second attempt.

As the second half played out, Manor Farm continued to pressure the visiting defence which held up well despite being two goals down met with the challenge. Jordan Metters shooting wide on 55 minutes, from the resulting goal kick Edge found Tornado Bellow who played some neat touches to beat a couple of home players before gaining a corner.

Ten minutes later Ashley Kington fired wide from the home side before Matters forced Edge into a diving save conceding a corner in the process from which Howe fired wide. With 15 minutes left Hawes and Bello played a delightful 1-2 with Hawes shot blocked by Lloyd Mills. Dean Turner got his head to the corner kick but directed the ball over.

A scuffled ensued on 82 minutes Simpson chasing a ball through the middle despite the referee blowing for an offside caught Edge very late as he tried to claim the ball. After calming the players down Mr Clench gave Simpson a stern talking too when a booking may have been more appropriate.

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Four minutes into injury time, Manor Farm was awarded a penalty which was duly dispatched by Howe sending Edge the wrong way.

The Swans must now regroup for next Saturdays home league fixture at home to Bideford before tackling Wantage Town on Tuesday 4th September in the FA Cup replay. The winners of this replay will travel to Bishops Cleeve in the first qualifying round.

Slimbridge: Edge, Payne, Harper-Emerson, Pring, C Turner, D Turner (83 Bloomfield), Hands (72 Noakes), Smith, Dunbar (67 Lomotey), Hawes, Bello

Attendance: 184

Supporters Start Man: Max Harper-Emerson

League Table

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

#	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Yate Town	3	3	-	-	6	1	5	9
2	Winchester City	3	3	-	-	7	3	4	9
3	Street	3	2	1	-	7	2	5	7
4	Blackfield & Langley	3	2	1	-	4	1	3	7
5	Melksham Town	3	2	1	-	3	1	2	7
6	Cirencester Town	3	2	-	1	7	2	5	6
7	Cinderford Town	3	2	-	1	4	2	2	6
8	Bristol Manor Farm	3	2	-	1	6	5	1	6
9	Evesham United	3	2	-	1	4	3	1	6
10	AFC Totton	3	1	1	1	2	2	0	4
11	Bideford	3	1	1	1	2	3	-1	4
12	Highworth Town	3	1	1	1	1	3	-2	4
13	Thatcham Town	3	1	-	2	8	4	4	3
14	Moneyfields	3	1	-	2	3	4	-1	3
15	Larkhall Athletic	3	-	2	1	2	4	-2	2
16	Paulton Rovers	3	-	1	2	3	6	-3	1
17	Slimbridge	3	-	1	2	0	4	-4	1
18	Mangotsfield United	3	-	-	3	4	8	-4	0
19	Barnstaple Town	3	-	-	3	2	6	-4	0
20	Fleet Town	3	-	-	3	0	11	-11	0

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