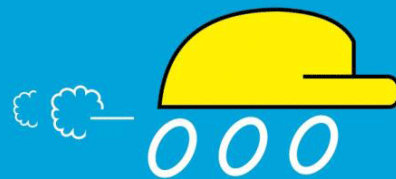


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Today's Teams

Slimbridge AFC

Lewis Adams	1
Jayden Maddock	2
Dan King	3
Korey Pring	4
Christien Turner	5
Joe Noakes	6
Dean Turner (C)	7
Myron Turner	8
Mark Magee	9
Yeshaya Lomotey	10
Sam Mendes	11

Bristol Manor Farm

Ben John	1
Stuart Tovey	2
Aron Robbins	3
Lloyd Mills	4
Steve Kingdon	5
Ashley Kington	6
Jack Durrant	7
Lewis Bamford	8
Owen Howe	9
Jordan Metters	10
Troy Simpson	11

Liam Smith	12	Jamie Adams
	13	Chaz Hemmings
Steven Jackson	14	Jamie Bird
Will Hawes	15	Martin Stowell
Josh Beadle	16	Kai Fisher
Jamie Martin	17	Callum Sainty
Ewan Dunbar	18	Jordan Lam

Managers:

Lee Driver-Dickerson
Dave Strain

Lee Lashenko

Physios:

Rebecca Cox

Steve Carter

Referee:

Simon Brown

Assistants:

James Claytor
Paul Tyler

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 Bristol Manor Farm. We hope you enjoy your stay with us, and have a safe journey home.

The Christmas period is a time to reflect on the year so far and look forward to a New Year starting. This year has been a difficult one for many of us, both on and off the pitch however as always the band of volunteers around the club have pulled together and continue to put in long hours behind the scenes to make the club the success it is today.

Lee stepping into the manager's seat during the summer has had the hard task of building a new squad from scratch, and so far he has done well bringing new talent into the side on a small budget. The Under 18 team have also exceeded expectations this year through Adam Coyle's coaching and David Morgan's organisation off the field.

Saturday's victory at Mangotsfield shows how as a team on the field we can play good attacking football and it is only a matter of time before we start putting a few more results together and lift ourselves up the table to a position we truly deserve based on performances this season so far.

Let's get behind the lads again today and support them towards hopefully another good performance and a few more points to our tally.

Rob

This Week's Fixtures

Wed 26 Dec 18

- 13:00 AFC Totton v Blackfield & Langley
- 15:00 Barnstaple Town v Bideford
- 15:00 Cirencester Town v Highworth Town
- 13:00 Evesham United v Cinderford Town
- 15:00 Fleet Town v Thatcham Town
- 13:30 Larkhall Athletic v Melksham Town
- 13:00 Paulton Rovers v Street
- 13:00 Slimbridge v Bristol Manor Farm
- 12:00 Winchester City v Moneyfields
- 13:00 Yate Town v Mangotsfield United

Sat 29 Dec 18

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

Our Visitors Today

Bristol Manor Farm Football Club was formed for the 1960/'61 season before disbanding and reforming for the start of the 1962/'63 campaign.

Our ground here at 'The Creek' used to be the site of the Port of Bristol Authority Sports & Social Club. In 1965 when the authority moved to new premises, Manor Farm took it over, making it our permanent home.

Having a base of our own enabled the club to apply successfully to join the Somerset Senior League where we made good progress through the divisions. In 1977 the club decided to step up to the Western League, joining the First Division for the start of the 1977/'78 season.

The Club were crowned Division 1 Champions for 1982/'83 and since that promotion to the Premier Division of the Western League Bristol Manor Farm have played most of our football at that level.

The last decade at the club has certainly been the most ambitious period of our history.

An exciting run during the 2010/11 FA Cup competition saw us win a penalty shoot-out against Almondsbury Town and hold Basingstoke Town to a draw before being pipped by a single goal in the replay.

2011/'12 was the most successful season in the history of the club to that date. We won the GFA Challenge Trophy after beating Shortwood United 5-0 in a thrilling final and this was followed three days later with another cup triumph when we beat Willand Rovers in extra time to finally lift the Les Phillips Cup.

We lost the GFA Trophy Final to Bristol Academy in 2012/'13 however and finished third from bottom of the Premier Division. After good service to the club, Manager John Black decided it was time to stand down.

Our Visitors Today

The start of the 2013/14 season saw the beginning of a new era at Bristol Manor Farm FC when current boss Lee Lashenko took over the Manager's job. Fresh from winning the title with Bishop's Sutton, Lashenko quickly made an impact with Manor Farm.

An FA Cup run that saw us put nine goals past Oldland Abbotonians and then seven past Lymington Town quickly brought us to the attention of the national press. The tabloid photographers had a field day down at The Creek – photographing the team with the FA Cup and a variety of 'armyard' accessories and costumes – it was a brilliant and fun day that everyone here will never forget! The First Round Qualifying Round tie against Corsham Town then ended in a 4-4 draw with Manor Farm winning the hard fought replay 1-0. We then also held Bridgwater Town to a 4-4 draw in the next round before narrowly going out 2-1 in the replay.

The club continued to fight for top spot in the league and also applied for promotion to the Southern League. We finished the league season as Runners-up but were unsuccessful in our promotion bid when Larkhall Athletic were accepted ahead of us. It was the highest-placed finish in the club's league history, however, breaking club records for goals scored and fewest goals conceded.

In 2014-2015 Bristol Manor Farm missed out on promotion to the Southern League by 3 points, allowing Slimbridge to go up instead. We did win the GFA County Challenge Trophy however with a 2-0 win over local club Shirehampton.

During an epic 2015/2016 season an heroic run in the FA Vase took us to within sniffing distance of Wembley with a notable comeback win in the fifth round, overcoming Sunderland RCA 3-2 and a long return trip to the North-East for a Quarter Final showdown with Morpeth Town. On a heavy pitch The Portwaymen were unlucky to go out with Morpeth scoring a breakaway goal in the dying seconds after Farm had laid virtual siege to The Highwaymen's goal throughout the second half. Morpeth went on to beat Hereford FC 4-1 in the showpiece Wembley final.

Our Visitors Today

We finished third in the Western Premier League – just missing out once again on promotion but won the GFA County Challenge Trophy for the second season in succession with a record 9-2 win over Lydney Town in the final. On a happy night at Ashton Gate our former Exeter City and Truro City striker Dean Stamp also won the Bristol Post 'Footballer of the Year' award for his astonishing tally of 59 goals in all competitions.

The many highlights of Manor Farm's triumphant 2016/17 season will be forever woven into the fabric of the club's history as we finally secured that elusive promotion to the Southern League in emphatic style, amassing 102 points and scoring over 100 goals on the way to being crowned as Western League Champions.

We also unluckily missed out on a second FA Vase Quarter Final in succession with another narrow 2-1 defeat in a fifth round tie in front of 1,500 partisan fans at Bromsgrove Sporting FC.

An extraordinary unbeaten league run of 21 games between September and March (19 wins and 2 draws) went a long way to securing the coveted league title for Manor Farm however, which was eventually clinched with three games to spare following a 2-0 win at local rivals Hallen on Good Friday.

Subsequently our debut in the Southern League last season saw Manor Farm emerge as the 'third team in Bristol' - behind only 'The Robins' and 'The Gas' as the top-rated non-league team in the city. This was reflected once again on another glittering night at Ashton Gate when we won the Bristol Post 'Team of the Year' award and Lee Lashenko was also a popular winner in the 'Coach of the Year' category.

The team hit the ground running with a dramatic opening day victory away at North Leigh, overcoming a 2-0 deficit inside the first twenty minutes with an emphatic 5-2 comeback win. We occupied a top six berth for all but the season's final fortnight until narrow defeats to promoted champions Taunton Town and second-placed Salisbury helped push us agonisingly out of the play-off picture on a dramatic final day of the regular season.

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Honors

1975-76 Somerset Senior League Runners-Up
1975-76 Somerset Senior League Cup Runners-Up
1976-77 Somerset Senior League Runners-Up
1977-78 Joined Western League Division One
1982-83 Western League Division One Champions
2011-12 Les Phillips Cup Winners
2013-14 Western League Premier Division Runners-Up
2014-15 Toolstation Cup Winners
2016-17 Western League Premier Division Champions (Promoted to the Southern League)

1988-89 GFA Challenge Trophy Runners-Up
1989-90 GFA Challenge Trophy Winners
2011-12 GFA Challenge Trophy Winners
2012-13 GFA Challenge Trophy Runners-Up
2014-15 GFA Challenge Trophy Winners
2015-16 GFA Challenge Trophy Winners

Our Visitors Today

Playing Squad

Ben John, Goalkeeper – This is Ben's first season at the farm after playing for Bitton last season in the Western League after many seasons at a higher level, Ben is a lively character and will add passion to his team mates in front of him.

Stuart Tovey, Defender – Stuart is a seasoned Southern League player who has also played at Paulton Rovers, Chippenham Town & Larkhall Athletic, joined the Farm last season, he has strength in depth as a defender and can play in midfield too.

Aron Robbins, Defender – Aron has already played in the Southern League for Clevedon Town before joining the Farm three seasons ago, he is a seasoned left back that likes to get forward and scores goals.

Jamie Turner. Defender – Jamie is our vice-captain this season. He has become a great defender and continues to develop, he still full of potential and very energetic; he reads the game well and won't make it easy for strikers.

Jack Durrant. Midfield – Jack is a workhorse in midfield and his vision and ability to pass a short or long ball is just amazing, he is also a great ball winner. Jack has played for Cheltenham Town in the past as well as other clubs above the Western league level.

Steve Kingdon. Defender & Club Captain – Steve turned professional with Bristol Rovers where he was for 2 seasons, he has also played at Clevedon Town, Taunton Town and was captain of promotion winning Tiverton Town. Steve is a very solid centre back with a great vision and understanding of the game.

Jordan Metters. Attacking Midfielder – Jordan is such a gifted and talented player, not only does he create chances for others but he scores a lot of goals himself whether being inside or outside the box. Has a tremendous vision and passing accuracy.

Our Visitors Today

Chaz Hemmings. Midfield – Chas has played for Weston Super Mare and at Bath City was with Frome Town last season. Chas has serious ability and intelligence on the ball and likes to get forward.

Owen Howe. Striker – Owen signed for the Farm this season from Salisbury where he scored many goals, he is very strong and is very quick off the mark, and he has also played for Bideford and Tiverton Town.

Ashley Kington, Midfield – After leaving Bristol City, Ashley has played at Bath City and Weston Super Mare where he played last season, Ashley is a quality central midfielder that has every attribute that is needed to help the club and his team mates to progress to the next level.

Troy Simpson. Striker – Troy is a class act, he has speed and intelligence in abundance and creates and scores goals for fun, Troy played for the Farm's U18s in the past and it's great to see him continue to progress at the our club.

Lewis Bamford, Striker – Lewis joined the club in October 18 from Cinderford Town, this young lad who was also at Newport County has serious pace and is very strong with the quality to create and scores goals.

Jamie Bird, Striker – Jamie joined the Farm after leaving Hereford FC in early November 18, this young lad has the quality and speed to deliver lots goals and create assists for others, he was also at Cardiff City and Weston Super Mare before Hereford.

Lloyd Mills. Defender/Midfield - Big Lloyd can play either as centre back or in central midfield, either way he gives 100% to the cause, he has proved to be a big asset to the team over the past 3 seasons.

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Jamie Adams. Defender/Midfield - Jamie joined the Farm in early December 2017 from Larkhall Athletic, he has also played for Cardiff University, Bridgwater Town and Clevedon Town so he has a massive amount of experience at this level.

Martin Stowell, Defender – This Martins second spell at the Farm after helping us to gain promotion from the Western League, he is always where he should be and gives the team some height advantage.

Kai Fisher, Defender – Kai joined the Farm from Tiverton Town in November 18, he is also dual signed with Bodmin Town, Kai is a strong central defender with lots of experience at this level.

Callum Sainty, Defender – Callum joined the Farm in November 18 from Hereford FC, he is a strong defender with great distribution and will add value to our defence.

Jordan Lam, Striker – Jordan also joined the club in November 18 from Hereford FC, he is very quick and will give the team plenty of options down the left side of the pitch

Alex Russell, Midfield – This is Alex's second spell at the club; he has played for Bristol City and a number of other professional clubs in the past and recently in the Western League for Hallen.

John Lock, Defender – John is not just a quality defender but he is a leader on and off the pitch, he has been at the Farm for the past 5 seasons, he has taken on some coaching work with the team this season.

Iain Harvey, Defender/Midfield – This is Iain's third season at the Farm, he previously played at Chippenham Town for many years, he is a leader on the pitch and can still put in a shift on it.

Our Visitors Today

Connolly Jarrett, Goalkeeper - Connolly has progressed from our youth team and has played in the Western League, he is also dual registered to play for Almondsbury UWE, this young lad has lots of potential for the future.

Lee Lashenko. Manager – also known as Laz, this is his 6th season at the Farm where he lead the team to 2nd place, 4th Place, 3rd place and then as champions of the Western League before finishing just 2 points outside the playoffs last season after being in the top 4 most of the season in the Southern League.

Chris Bailes. Coach – this is Chris's forth season at the club, anyone that has survived his fitness training sessions particularly in pre-season will tell you that they hate him for the pain they suffer but they would also say that they have benefitted massively from the work.

Terry Buffery. Coach – Terry has been around football for years managing various teams; he is every goal keeper's night mare during training,

Mike Mahoney, Goalkeeper Coach – Mike played in goal for Newcastle United back in the 70s before finishing his career in the USA, he has spent a lot of time over the years in a coaching capacity and already made his mark with the squad.

Steve Carter. Physio – This is Steve's third season at the Farm; he started his role with Yeovil Town youth and then moved onto Bath City, he also spent 10 years as the Physio at Yate Town.

Andy Mathias. Coach – Andy has been around football for a long time and has been involved with both Yate Town & Winterbourne United management in recent years.



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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		
Sat 29 Dec 18	15:00	Blackfield & Langley	H	League		

Fixtures 2018-19

Evo-Stick League 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 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

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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 1-4 Yate Town

Saturday 15th December 2018

The score line probably didn't do justice to the efforts of the Slimbridge team who struggled against the driving rain and high winds in the first half and were unlucky not to pull level early in the second half.

Playing with the wind from the kick off, Yate took full advantage camping in the Slimbridge half for much of the first half. With only three minutes on the clock, Joe Noakes tripped former Swan Ross Langworthy inside the box leaving the referee Mr Jack Shepherd no option but to award a penalty which Langworthy duly dispatched past Lewis Adams into the top right corner.

The disastrous start continued for the home side 6 minutes later Yate made it two Nick Peare receiving the ball on the right of the box running in and squeezing the ball past Adams and a home defender at the near post.

Yate continued to take advantage of the wind, Langworthy forcing Adams into a acrobatic save tipping the ball just over the cross bar. Peare found himself space in the box only to see his header saved by Adams.

Slimbridge's first venture in the opposition half came on 19 minutes, Dan King crossing from the left into the path of Yeshaya Lomotey forcing Lewis Thomas in the visiting goal into a point blank save with his feet from 10 yards. Minutes later new signing Mark Magee almost latched onto Lomotey's cross from the left as Slimbridge looked to reduce the deficit.

On 26 minutes Jaden Maddock ventured forward playing a teasing cross from the right into the Yate box which was cleared as far as Myron Turner who shot first time only to see it deflect into the arms of Thomas.

Match Reports

Thomas long clearance downfield found Langworthy whose shot was bravely blocked by Noakes to give the visitors a corner. The corner was deflected out for a second corner, which was caught by the wind forcing Adams to tip the ball over the crossbar to safety.

Yet again as Yate used the wind to their advantage Noakes was called upon to block another Langworthy shot forcing another visitor's corner. Yate had three attempts on goal from the corner each time the Swans defence held strong.

With half time approaching Lomotey played a delightful ball to Magee forcing a save out of Thomas at his near left hand post.

The Swans with the wind at their backs in the second half started brightly, King getting down the left flank only to see his cross sail into Thomas's hands. On 51 minutes the Swans pulled a goal back, King's initial shot was blocked but the ball fell kindly to Magee to open his Slimbridge account slamming the ball home from inside the box.

Two minutes later the home side were unlucky not to be level when captain Dean Turner struck the post from outside the box with Thomas beaten. A few minutes later a Slimbridge corner was cleared down field to Langworthy who ran 30 yards passing a Swans defender only to see his shot fly over the bar with only Adams to beat.

However on 69 minutes Yate increased their lead, Langworthy latching onto a through ball duped Adams before slotting the ball into an empty net. Moments later Adams pushed substitute Dave Simms-Burgess strike round the post. Man of the match Noakes then made a number of blocks and a last man tackle to keep the Bluebells at bay.

The final action of the game saw Yate extend their lead substitute Olly Mehew's mazy run into the box before laying off the ball to Simms-Burgess in space to seal the visitor's victory.

Match Reports

The Swans return to action next Saturday when they visit fellow strugglers Mangotsfield United before the Christmas run of games starting with a 1pm kick off at Thornhill Park on Boxing day where Bristol Manor Farm are the visitors.

Slimbridge: Adams, Maddock, King, Pring, C Turner, Noakes, D Turner, M Turner, Magee, Lomotey, Mendes

Attendance: 112

Supporter's man of the match: Joe Noakes

Match Reports

Mangotsfield United 2-3 Slimbridge

Saturday 22nd December 2018

Swans returning to winning ways after classy first half performance.

After enduring a number of close run defeats in recent weeks Slimbridge returned from Mangotsfield with three well earned points and more importantly taking them a place further up the league away from relegation.

Slimbridge started the game on the front foot, Mark Magee latching onto a ball over the top his shot just clearing the host's crossbar. With six minutes played Slimbridge were awarded a free kick just inside the Mangotsfield half, the ball was floated into the box taking a deflection giving the visitors their first corner. A pin point corner ball found the unmarked Joe Noakes whose bullet header hit the back of the net giving the Swans an early lead. Unfortunately for Noakes he suffered a cut to the head and had to leave the field, being replaced by new signing loan Richards.

Four minutes later Slimbridge extended their lead, a well worked passing movement from the defence found Ewen Dunbar in space down the right his first time cross caused confusion in the home box with keeper Kieran Hodges spilling the ball into the path of Magee who made no mistake from 3 yards out to score.

Slimbridge continued to boss the midfield through Myron and Dean Turner, keeping the hosts at bay for the first twenty minutes. Mangotsfield registered their first corner of the game on 23 minutes, Daniel Demkiv shot being diverted wide by Kory Pring.

With 28 minutes of the half gone, Mangotsfield pulled a goal back through former Swan Sonnie Low from just inside the visitor's box.

Match Reports

However the Swans responded immediately Dan King's cross finding Will Hawes inside the box and his acrobatic overhead kick found the back of the net restoring Slimbridge's two goal cushion.

Slimbridge had a couple of further chances to increase their lead Dunbar's cross shot sailing over the bar and Steve Jackson strike from 25 yards just wide.

The second half was a different story, Mangotsfield making two substitutions at half time were the team on the offensive Clayton Fortune forcing a double save from Adams before Demkiv headed wide and Kyle Tooze firing a shot over from inside the box. The Swans had another let off on 55 minutes a cross in from the left found the head of Demkiv but to the relief of the visitors it flew wide past the far post.

On 65 minutes Fortune latched onto a through ball which initially Adams claimed but then spilled at Fortunes feet before reclaiming as Fortune attempted a strike towards an empty net.

With 15 minutes remaining Slimbridge were nearly gifted a goal, Low surprised his keeper with a back header towards goal as Hodges was moving to his right to claim the ball, fortunately for the home side Hodges was able to calmly race back to his goal and stop the ball on the line.

Slimbridge continuing to soak up the pressure being applied by the home side until five minutes before time Mathew Tanner running through the middle of the Slimbridge defence and firing a thunderbolt past Adams to reduce the arrears leaving the Swans supporters a nervous final few minutes before the relief of the referees whistle to celebrate a well-deserved victory.

Match Reports

Over the Christmas period Slimbridge face Bristol Manor Farm at Thornhill Park on Boxing day with a revised 1pm kick off, before hosting league leaders Blackfield and Langley on Saturday 29th December. On New Year's Day, the Swans make the short trip to local rivals Cinderford with a 3pm kick off.

Slimbridge: Adams, Dunbar, King, Pring, C Turner, Noakes (9 Richards), D Turner, M Turner, Magee, Hawes (77 Mendes), Jackson (90 Smith)

Attendance: 112

Supporter's man of the match: Mark Magee

Player Appearances

		Started	Sub	Goals
K	Pring	24	0	2
D	Turner	21	1	1
C	Turner	20	2	0
E	Edge	17	0	0
E	Dunbar	16	9	9
E	Mbunga	15	3	1
L	Smith	14	6	0
W	Hawes	14	5	5
M	Harper-Emerson	14	1	3
D	King	14	1	1
J	Noakes	13	1	0
Y	Lomotey	13	8	4
B	Hands	11	5	0
L	Payne	10	0	0
J	Maddock	10	1	0
L	Adams	8	0	0
M	Turner	8	1	1
J	Martin	7	6	3
J	Dempsey	5	0	0
S	Bello	5	0	0
S	Mendes	4	6	0
J	Beadle	4	1	0
S	Jackson	3	1	0
A	Bloomfield	2	3	0
M	Pulman	1	0	0
J	Wilton	1	3	1
M	Magee	1	0	1
S	Bellow	0	2	0
F	Byrnes	0	1	0

Goal Scorers

		Started	Sub	Goals
E	Dunbar	16	9	9
W	Hawes	14	5	5
Y	Lomotey	13	8	4
M	Harper-Emerson	14	1	3
J	Martin	7	6	3
K	Pring	24	0	2
D	Turner	21	1	1
E	Mbunga	15	3	1
D	King	14	1	1
M	Turner	8	1	1
J	Wilton	1	3	1
M	Magee	1	0	1



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League Table

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

#	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Blackfield & Langley	18	12	2	4	33	16	17	38
2	Yate Town	17	11	4	2	33	15	18	37
3	Evesham United	18	9	3	6	29	23	6	30
4	Melksham Town	15	8	5	2	30	22	8	29
5	Moneyfields	14	8	4	2	25	14	11	28
6	Cirencester Town	17	8	3	6	41	28	13	27
7	Cinderford Town	16	8	2	6	30	20	10	26
8	Larkhall Athletic	18	7	5	6	25	21	4	26
9	AFC Totton	15	7	4	4	27	17	10	25
10	Street	16	7	4	5	26	21	5	25
11	Highworth Town	18	6	7	5	30	28	2	25
12	Winchester City	17	7	4	6	29	27	2	25
13	Bideford	18	6	4	8	31	37	-6	22
14	Thatcham Town	16	7	1	8	24	31	-7	22
15	Bristol Manor Farm	16	6	3	7	28	30	-2	21
16	Paulton Rovers	17	6	2	9	27	34	-7	20
17	Slimbridge	18	4	3	11	19	33	-14	15
18	Mangotsfield United	17	4	1	12	23	33	-10	13
19	Fleet Town	17	3	1	13	22	49	-27	10
20	Barnstaple Town	18	3	-	15	19	52	-33	9

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