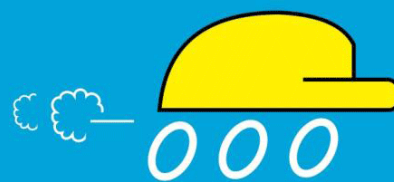


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Today's Teams

Slimbridge AFC

Evesham United

Eric Edge	1	Harvey Rivers
Luke Payne	2	Nick Hancock
Max Harper-Emerson	3	Will Tunnickliff
Korey Pring	4	Joe Turley
Christien Turner	5	Nick Humphreys
Dean Turner (C)	6	Linden Dovey
Liam Smith	7	Marley Thomas
Jack Dempsey	8	Archie Haskayne
Ewan Dunbar	9	Stephen Davies
Will Hawes	10	Joe Tumelty
Tornado Bellow	11	Cory Simpson
Sam Mendes	12	Sean Brain
	13	
Yeshaya Lomotey	14	Carl Brown
Joe Noakes	15	Ashley Williams
Ben Hands	16	Lewis Ellington
Edjija Mbunga	17	Will Wellon
	18	

Managers:

Lee Driver-Dickerson
Dave Strain

Paul Collicutt
Gerry Oldham

Physios:

Rebecca Cox

Ally Bulpitt

Referee:

Richard Walker

Assistants:

Paul Tyler
James Claytor

Club Chat

With Rob Peck

Good evening, and welcome to Thornhill Park.

I'd like to offer a warm welcome to the players, officials and fans from our visitors from Evesham United. We hope you enjoy your evening with us, and have a safe journey back home later.

Last week was a bit of a rollercoaster in terms of performances from the Swans, a fantastic win over Bideford and then defeat to Hellenic League leaders Wantage Town in the FA Cup.

After going two goals behind against Bideford the lads showed great character to come back and claim a win in the second half. Max's late winner was probably one of the best solo efforts we have seen for a while at Thornhill Park.

I must also mention what a fantastic job the Under 18's team are doing this year both on and off the field. Sitting top of the Southern section of the Midland floodlit youth league with four straight wins is testament to all the hard work being put in to secure the future of our club.

On to tonight's game, a tough one against our near neighbours Evesham United who include a number of former Swans in their squad. Let get behind the lads and see if we can nick a point or three.

Enjoy tonight's game

Rob

This Week's Fixtures

Wed 12 Sep 18

19:45 Slimbridge v Evesham United

Sat 15 Sep 18

15:00 AFC Totton v Evesham United

15:00 Bideford v Fleet Town

15:00 Blackfield & Langley v Cirencester Town

15:00 Cinderford Town v Mangotsfield United

15:00 Melksham Town v Bristol Manor Farm

15:00 Slimbridge v Larkhall Athletic

15:00 Street v Highworth Town

15:00 Thatcham Town v Barnstaple Town

15:00 Winchester City v Paulton Rovers

15:00 Yate Town v Moneyfields

Our Visitors Today

The Evesham United Football Club that we know today dates from just after the Second World War when soldiers returning from action reformed the club and immediately joined the Worcestershire League. However, a club did exist in Evesham prior to the War, the "Town" reaching the F.A. Amateur Cup Final in 1923, losing 1 – 2 after extra time to London Caledonians at Crystal Palace.

Starting in the 1951/52 season, in the club's first five years in the Worcestershire Combination they were League Champions twice and runners-up on two occasions, their lowest position being third in that first season.

In 1956 they left to join the Birmingham League and followed this with a move to the Warwickshire

League in 1959 before returning to the Worcester (now Midland Combination) in 1963. They won the league title four times (1965/66, 1967/68, 1968/69, and 1991/92) and reached the Challenge Cup Final on six occasions, lifting the trophy in 1988 and 1992.

Initially the club played at Crown Meadow, moving to Common Road in 1968 and opening the clubhouse in 1975.

A terrific season in 1991/92 saw the club complete a memorable double of Midland Combination Premier Division Champions, thus achieving promotion to the Southern League Midlands Division, and the Combination Challenge Cup. They also reached the quarter final of the F.A. Vase before losing to eventual finalists Guiseley. Some £5,000.00 was spent on the ground and they marked their first season in the Southern League by finishing in a creditable 15th position.

A number of Managers and poor seasons followed but in November 2003, former Coventry City defender, Davis Busst, was appointed a successor to Phil Mullen. Busst took over a club struggling near the foot of the Dr. Martens League Western Division but managed to turn things around and Evesham eventually finished mid-table with a creditable 50 points.

Our Visitors Today

The 2004/05 campaign saw Evesham take their place in the Southern League Division One West, with Busst in his first full season in charge with the experienced Paul West as his assistant. It turned out to be a season to remember for Evesham's long-suffering fans with the Robins earning a place in the play-offs. A tense 2 – 1 victory against Ashford Town (Middlesex) paired Evesham with local rivals Bromsgrove Rovers in the play-off final. A crowd of over 800 squeezed into Common Road to witness Evesham romp to a 4 – 0 win and promotion to the Southern League Premier Division for the first time in their history. After a poor run of results, Busst left in February 2006 and West stepped up to take over. Despite a marked improvement, Evesham were relegated on the final day of the season, finishing just one point behind Northwood.

After selling their Common Road ground for housing Evesham entered into a ground share agreement with Worcester City whilst moves were being put in place to build a new stadium on the southern outskirts of Evesham.

In 2006/07, the club took a step in the right direction with former Wigan, Bradford and Port Vale defender, West, again at the helm. Evesham lifted the Worcestershire Senior Cup for the first time, beating Stourbridge 2 – 1 in the final. The play-offs were also reached but unfortunately a late goal ensured Bromsgrove a narrow 1 – 0 win and eventual promotion.

Season 2007/08 turned out to be one of the most memorable in the club's history. The club took Blue Square Premier Halifax Town to a replay in the 4th Qualifying Round of the F.A. Cup before losing 2 – 1 at the Shay. In the Carlsberg Trophy, West's side beat higher graded Bromsgrove Rovers and Corby Town on route to the 3rd Qualifying Round, before going out at Blue Square North Redditch United after a replay. However, it was Evesham's league form that caught the imagination. Despite suffering three defeats in the opening six games. Evesham put together a remarkable run of results and stormed to the top of the British Gas Midlands Division. Only two more reversals followed in 34 league games and West's side clinched the Championship ahead of Leamington with a game to spare.

Our Visitors Today

A massive 91 points were bagged, and a staggering 22 clean sheets kept in 40 games with the experienced Mark Owen topping the clubs scoring charts with 33 goals, including two hat-tricks.

2008/09 saw Evesham back in the Premier Division and finishing in a creditable 9th position. They reached the 1st Round Proper of the F.A. Cup for the first time in their history before bowing out to Torquay United at Plainmoor and completed a second Worcestershire Senior Cup win in three seasons when defeating Kidderminster Harriers in the final.

2009/10 was a season of struggles as the Robins finished in 16th place. After being just outside the play-offs when the bad weather disrupted the season, a disastrous run of only 2 wins in the last 25 games saw them in freefall, before they finally made sure of staying in the division with a point at home to Bedford Town with three games left to play.

2010/11 was again a season of contrasting fortunes with the club in the drop zone at Christmas and staring relegation in the face. However, some shrewd signings saw the club enjoy a tremendous run of form and climb the table to finish in a respectable 12th spot runners-up Salisbury City.

After five and a half years at the helm Manager Paul West and his brother and Assistant Manager Leon West called time on one of the most successful periods in the club's history. Matt Clarke was appointed as the new Manager at the end of November 2011 and joining him as his assistant was Rob Elmes together with UEFA B Qualified Coach Kieran Jackson.

Season 2011/12 was a disappointment with the club being relegated from the Evo-Stik Southern Premier Division and after spending six years ground sharing at Worcester City Football Club the Robins began the 2012/13 season in Division One South & West at their new Spiers & Hartwell Jubilee Stadium.

Our Visitors Today

A mediocre start to the 2012/13 season saw Matt Clarke and Rob Elmes resign from their positions with Paul West returning to see the team through to the end of the season. West departed in early May 2013 and was replaced by former West Bromwich Albion and Sunderland midfielder Shaun Cunnington. The experienced Cunnington managed previously at Willenhall Town, Alvechurch and Halesowen Town. The squad was re-vamped with high hopes for a successful 2013/14 campaign. However, after a series of poor results Cunnington resigned his position at the end of October with former Bishops Cleeve manager Paul Collicutt taking over as the new permanent boss.

Season 2013/14 was a disappointing one for the Robins who finished 16th in the South & West Division. Season 2014/15 will be remembered as one of success and heartache for the club. The Robins enjoyed an excellent run in the FA Cup before bowing out to Conference South side Bromley in the Fourth Qualifying Round after beating higher graded Redditch United and Histon on the way. Following the FA Cup exit a remarkable run of form resulted in just one defeat in 28 league games and a second-place finish in the South & West Division behind Champion Merthyr Town. However, despite home advantage in the play-offs Evesham suffered a disappointing defeat against Larkhall Athletic.

Season 2015/16 was another successful one for United who finished just two points short of the playoffs. Due to Cinderford's refusal to accept promotion at the end of last season, United were originally placed in the Evo-Stik Northern League, but after a successful appeal were re-instated in the Southern League South & West Division.

The 2016/17 campaign saw the Robins reach the South & West play-offs for a second time in three years but were narrowly beaten by Salisbury City in the Semi-finals. For the 2017-18 season, Paul Collicutt will again be in the hot seat looking to go one better this time around.

Our Visitors Today

In 2017/18 the club did not have a brilliant start to the season in either the league or in the cup competitions, losing to Newcastle Town in the FA Cup Preliminary Round replay, having drawn at Newcastle 'The Robins' lost 3-2 after extra time. A first-round defeat at home in The FA Trophy to Cirencester town saw more cup misery, this was compounded when Stratford Town put Evesham out of The Bigfreebet League Challenge Cup at the very first hurdle.

In the league victories were hard to come by winning just 8 of the first 18 games of the season. With mid-season form looking reasonable it was starting to look like being a mediocre season until United put together a fantastic late season run, winning 9 out of the last 12 league games. The play-off semi-final had an air of Déjà vu about it, with the scores between 'The Robins' & Swindon Supermarine being all level after 120 minutes, it was another season of not to be as Supermarine who eventually won the play-offs pushing Evesham aside 5-4 on penalties. Making the play-offs for a third time in four years was no mean feat, and one that would afford Paul 'Colly' Collicutt another tilt at promotion in 2018/19.

PAUL COLLICUTT Manager Paul is a former player with Swindon Town, Trowbridge Town, Cheltenham Town, Gloucester City, Forest Green Rovers, Newport AFC and Cinderford Town. He was Assistant Manager to Frank Gregan at Forest Green and Nick Jordan at Evesham United. A Cleeve boy born and bred, Collicutt captained Cheltenham Town to the Southern League title and promotion to the Alliance Premier League in 1985. He re-joined his home town club, Bishops Cleeve, as a player in 1999 and during his decade at the club went on to successfully manage them into the Southern League. Paul returned to management with Evesham in November 2013.

GERRY OLDHAM Assistant Manager Gerry was assistant manager to John Brough at Cinderford Town for two seasons before taking up a similar role at the Jubilee Stadium during the summer of 2016. Before that he enjoyed a long association with local side Cheltenham Saracens.

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MARK LOCKWOOD Coach Mark moved to the Jubilee Stadium at the same time as Gerry Oldham after serving Cinderford Town during their title winning campaign. Spent two seasons at the Causeway Ground and previous to that he worked with Oldham at Cheltenham Saracens.

HARVEY RIVERS Goalkeeper – D.O.B 24/11/1995 Previous clubs include Yate Town, Cirencester Town & Swindon Supermarine. Harvey decided to make the switch in the summer of 2018 to join the Robins, he is a product of Hartpury Academy.

JOSH ROGERS Goalkeeper – D.O.B 13/10/1998 19-year-old goalkeeper who has again signed first team forms at Evesham having been playing in the Under 21's. Josh was previously on Cheltenham Towns books.

SHAYNE ANSON Defender – D.O.B 2/5/1988 Having played for Cirencester Town, Gloucester City, Tuffley Rovers & Paulton Rovers. Shayne is a strong defender who sticks to the task & is looking forward to success at 'The Jubilee'.

LINDEN DOVEY Defender – D.O.B. 13/10/1986 Club captain who is a strong defender in his fifth season at the Jubilee Stadium. Quick and reads the game well. Linden did play as a striker for a number of years. Also turned out for Rushall Olympic and Stourbridge.

WILL WELLON Defender - D.O.B 01/12/1988 Signed for Evesham from North Leigh in January 2018, previously spent 3 years at Evesham, departing in Jan 2017. Also featured for Tuffley Rovers last season.

LIAM HARDING Defender/Midfield – D.O.B. 07/12/1992 Signed at the start of the 2014/15 season after impressing in preseason. Can play anywhere across the back or in midfield and has previously turned out in the Western League Premier Division for Slimbridge.

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NICK HUMPHREYS Defender/Midfield – D.O.B 9/11/1991 Nick is a very versatile left sided player, amongst his former clubs are Stonehouse Town, Kings Stanley, Shortwood United and Cinderford Town, he joined the club in the summer of 2018 and is looking to impress the gaffer by cementing a position and chipping in with the odd goal.

NATHAN SUMMERS Defender – D.O.B 8/6/1996 A proven ball winner who loves a challenge, Nathan has plied his trade at Plymouth Argyle, Hereford FC & Frome Town. Having joined 'The Robins' in the summer he is hoping to play as many games as possible, in the fight to win the league.

WILL TUNNICLIFF Defender – 13/11/1999 Will is on dual registration along with Gloucester City, this giant of a defender has a great future in the game and has already played for Bishops Cleeve, Cirencester Town & Gloucester City. It will be very interesting to follow Will's journey through the game.

JOE TURLEY Midfielder – D.O.B. 15/10/1993 Another member of Cinderford Town's championship squad. Signed for Evesham at the start of the 2016/17 season. Spent much of last season out injured. Strong midfielder who also has an eye for goal.

ASHLEY WILLIAMS Midfielder – D.O.B. 14/05/1986 Experienced midfielder who moved from Premier Division Paulton Rovers in the summer of 2015. Strong and hardworking player who has also played for Chippenham Town and Mangotsfield United. Vice-Captain.

ARCHIE HASKAYNE Midfielder – D.O.B. 18/01/1998 Signing from Slimbridge AFC last season, the former Worcester City and Gloucester City youth player has made a big impact at the Jubilee Stadium. Played at Cheltenham Saracens, helping them finish in a promotion position in Division One West of the Hellenic League before Slimbridge gave him his chance at Southern League level. Recently signed a contract until the end of the 2017/18 season.

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NICK HANCOCK Midfielder – 10/09/1991 Midfielder who spent last season with league rivals Shortwood United. Hardworking player who always gives 100%. Was a member of the FA Cup 'giant killing' Shortwood side from a few years ago.

DANIEL TUSTIN Midfielder – D.O.B 30/11/1998 Dan is a competitive midfielder who captained the Evesham United U18 side and has also featured for the U21 team. The 20-year-old is now in his second year with the 1st team.

CARL BROWN Midfielder/Striker – D.O.B. 16/07/1988 Beginning his fifth full season at the Jubilee Stadium after originally signing for the club in November 2012, before departing towards the end of that season. Can play in midfield or in attack. Has also played for Bishops Cleeve.

GARYN PREEN Midfielder - D.O.B 25/10/1991 Re-joined Evesham from Hereford in early March 2018, having previously played for the Robins. An attack minded midfielder who will hopefully add momentum to the promotion push again this season.

JOE TUMELTY Midfielder – D.O.B 20/12/1994 Joes former clubs include Larkhall Athletic, Hereford FC & Frome Town. Having signed in the summer he is hoping to become an important part of the team, he loves nothing more than to score goals or assist others in scoring goals.

CORY SIMPSON Attacking Midfielder – D.O.B 00/00/0000 Cory is happiest on the left wing, he signed from Bristol Manor Farm in the summer of 2018. Last season he scored 10 goals in 25 appearances for Larkhall before a brief spell at Salisbury, he has also played for Cadbury Heath.

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SEAN BRAIN Striker – D.O.B 3/9/1995 Sean has finally signed for his hometown club & nothing would give him greater pleasure than to become a hometown hero, he joins Evesham having spent the last 4 seasons at Bromsgrove Sporting, he has also played for Stratford Town and Rugby Town. He had spells with Cheltenham Town & Crewe Alexandra as a youth player.

STEPHEN DAVIES Striker – D.O.B 27/4/1989 Started his career with Swansea City, he is an experienced wide man with great pace and an eye for goal. In more recent years has been playing for Yate Town, Mangotsfield United & Shortwood United.

LEWIS ELLINGTON Striker – D.O.B 23/11/1998 Lewis was the subject of interest from Premier League sides in 2014 and has also been on the books of Bristol Rovers, Bristol City & Chippenham Town. A right sided player with a very quick turn of pace.

MARLEY THOMAS Striker – D.O.B 4/11/1994 Another player with a wealth of Evo-Stik South experience having turned out for Slimbridge, Kidlington & Shortwood United. Marley is looking to get amongst the goals and with his pace he may just do that, which would help in his target of helping EUFC to get promotion in 2018/19.

TYRONE TUCKER-DIXON Striker – D.O.B 29/9/1998 Another player with pace that is tricky, Tyrone is no stranger to scoring goals so his target of 20 for the season may be a little conservative. Despite only being 19 he has a wealth of experience from time spent at Caldicot Town, Gloucester City & Kidderminster Harriers.



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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		
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	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		
Thu 20 Sep 18	19:45	Tuffley Rovers	A	FA Y Cup		
Tue 25 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 3-2 Bideford

Saturday 1st September 2018

Swans come from behind to score late winner with dominant second half performance

Slimbridge gained their first league win despite falling behind to two first half goals to take victory in injury time with a fantastic strike from Max Harper-Emerson whose solo run from his own half sending the home supports wild.

The game started brightly for Slimbridge Ewen Dunbar picking the ball up on the left and his run into the box resulting in a tame shot at the visitors keeper Steve Oliver. Jack Demsey tried his luck from a free kick just outside the Bideford box but could only find the hands of Oliver. The visitors started to get into the game with Swans defender Korey Pring cutting out a Kevin Squire cross to conceded a corner.

Bideford took the lead on 10 minutes Squire latching on to a poor back pass and rolled the ball into the Swans net past Eric Edge from an acute angle. Five minutes later visitors Ben Wood who tormented the home defence for much of the first half fired in a shot but Edge safely caught. On 20 minutes Will Hawes and Tornado Bello linked up well on the right with Bellos shot being saved by Oliver at the base of the near post. A few minutes later Bideford's Ryan Turner attempted a shot from the half way line having spotted Edge of his line however Edge was quick enough to react and claimed the ball just inside the 6 yard box.

Slimbridge found themselves two goals down on 31 minutes when Ryan Turners low cross from the left fell to the feet of the unmarked Squire who tapped in at the far post. The Swans failed to let their heads drop, Max Harper-Emerson gaining a corner from his run down the left cutting in past the visitors defence and cut out by Oliver. A goal mouth scramble ensued from the corner, Hawes finding the back of the net on the third attempt to pull a goal back before half time.

Match Reports

The second half started well for Bideford gaining an early free kick in the Swans half, Matt Bye's effort however sailed wide of the goal. The industrious Dean Turner linked up with Bello on the right before Liam Gregory managed to cut out Bello's cross for a throw in.

Harper-Emerson was now enjoying some time on the ball on the left, setting up Dunbar whose shot on the hour mark was expertly tipped around the post by Oliver as the Swans started to dominate the game. Twice in a matter of a few minutes Dean Turners cross from the left was met by Bello only to see his header go wide of the post on both occasions.

On 63 minutes Dunbar was tripped just outside the box, Hawes initial strike was poor but cleared back to him and at the second attempt fired back into the box striking the base of the post. Oliver was forced into another spectacular save tipping the ball over his crossbar after a cross into the box was deflected by one of his own defenders.

A fully deserved equaliser finally came along on 76 minutes, Harper-Emerson cross from the left was diverted into his own net by the visitors Craig Allan under pressure from Swans captain Dean Turner. As time was running out Dunbar had a couple of long range shots that were directed straight at visiting keeper Oliver.

As the game entered injury time with a draw the likely outcome, Edge in the home goal found Harper-Emerson just outside the 18 yard box on the left. The youngster then went on a mazy run down the left beating three defenders and let fly across the keeper and into the far side of the goal sending the home fans wild in celebration.

Next up for the Swans is a tough trip to Wantage Town on Tuesday night (4th September) in a FA Cup preliminary round replay. The winners of this game will travel to Bishops Cleeve on Saturday (8th September) for a first qualifying round tie.

Match Reports

Slimbridge: Edge, Payne, Harper-Emerson, Pring, C Turner, Dempsey
(Mendes 83), D Turner, Smith, Dunbar, Hawes (Lomotey 67), Bello

Attendance: 98

Supporters star man: Dean Turner

Match Reports

Wantage Town 1–0 Slimbridge

Tuesday 4th September 2018

The Swans hopes of FA Cup glory were extinguished on Tuesday evening when they lost by a single goal to a stubborn Wantage Town side who now go on to meet Bishops Cleeve in Saturdays first round qualifier.

Slimbridge started off brightly enough and were certainly well on top for the first twenty minutes but that was about as good as it got for the visitors as Steve Robertson's 60th minute header secured the home side's passage into the next round.

The Swans can have no excuses in what can only be described as a 'Laboured' performance which was disappointing to say the least especially as the previous win against Bideford promised such a lot more.

In a game with very few chances for either side credit must go to Wantage for their workmanlike performance that the Swans could not match and it will now be up to the management team of Lee Driver-Dickerson and Dave Strain to try and pick the team up for the next game which will now be at home to Evesham Utd next Wednesday, 12th September with a 7.45pm kick off.

Team; Edge, Payne, Harper-Emerson, Pring, C Turner, Dempsey (Mendes 67), D Turner, Smith (Lomotey 80), Dunbar, Hawes, (Mbunga67), Bello

ATT: 133.

League Table

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

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

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