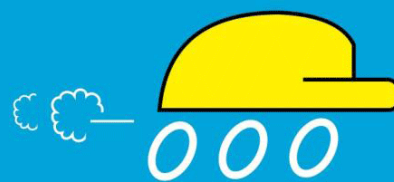


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# Today's Teams

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## Slimbridge AFC

## Melksham Town

|                    |    |                  |
|--------------------|----|------------------|
| Eric Edge          | 1  | Kent Kauppinen   |
| Luke Payne         | 2  | Mark Cooper      |
| Max Harper-Emerson | 3  | Jamie Lyons      |
| Korey Pring        | 4  | Simon Gilbert    |
| Christien Turner   | 5  | Warren Maidment  |
| Ben Hands          | 6  | Dave Thompson    |
| Dean Turner (C)    | 7  | Luke Ballinger   |
| Yeshaya Lomotey    | 8  | Mike Perrott (c) |
| Ewan Dunbar        | 9  | Neikell Plummer  |
| Adam Bloomfield    | 10 | Jon Davies       |
| Edjija Mbunga      | 11 | Rob Hobbs        |
| Liam Smith         | 12 | Billy Fletcher   |
|                    | 13 |                  |
| Sam Mendes         | 14 | Lee Davidson     |
| Joe Noakes         | 15 | Mark Wall        |
| Will Hawes         | 16 | Jacob Hutchings  |
| Jamie Martin       | 17 | Darren Behcet    |
| Tornado Bellow     | 18 | Karim Rendal     |

### Managers:

Lee Driver-Dickerson  
Dave Strain

Kieran Baggs  
Micky Baggs,  
Andy Gilbert

### Physios:

Rebecca Cox

Chloe Gerrish

### Referee:

Mark Pearson

### Assistants:

Ryan Price  
Paul Tyler



# Club Chat

With Rob Peck

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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 Melksham Town. We hope you enjoy your stay with us, and have a safe journey home.

It's been another busy week of football, defeat on the road at Paulton Rovers last weekend followed by a great win in the league challenge cup against our old friends from Merthyr Town.

It was also a pleasure to have Dan and Tom visit us from North London on Wednesday 'Two Guys In search of the beautiful game'. They were very complimentary of our hospitality and they captured all the goals on film. For more info they can be found on the internet at <http://beautifulgame2015.blogspot.com/>

Lewis Adams deputising for the injured Eric Edge performed superbly and certainly didn't look out of place in the team, it is hard to believe he is only 17 years old. Jayden Maddock's also made his first team debut on Wednesday and he also fitted into the team with confidence. Adam Coyle certainly has a talented bunch of lads in his squad and those featuring in the first team are making the most of their opportunities.

Today's game will be tough, Melksham are sitting in a comfortable position in the table just outside the playoff's however the confidence gained by recent performances should make for an entertaining game. If today's game finishes in a draw, a replay will take place on Monday evening (October 15<sup>th</sup>) at Melksham where the game will be played to a result.

Have a good afternoon

Rob

# This Week's Fixtures

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Sat 13 Oct 18

Evo-Stik Southern League Division One South

15:00 Evesham United v Highworth Town

Buildbase FA Trophy Preliminary Round

15:00 AFC Totton v North Leigh

15:00 Bideford v Street

15:00 Bristol Manor Farm v Paulton Rovers

15:00 Cinderford Town v Moneyfields

15:00 Fleet Town v Barnstaple Town

15:00 Larkhall Athletic v Thame United

15:00 Mangotsfield United v Kidlington

15:00 Slimbridge v Melksham Town

15:00 Thatcham Town v Cirencester Town

15:00 Yate Town v Blackfield & Langley

Tue 16 Oct 18

19:45 Cirencester Town v Winchester City

# Our Visitors Today

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Melksham Town F.C were formed in October 1876, the first game being played at "Challymead".

The club were founder members of the Wilts League in 1894 and in 1974 the club joined the Western League.

In 1976 Melksham Town were relegated to the newly formed Western League first division.

In 1979 the Town won the First Division title and were duly promoted to the Premier Division where they remained until the end of the 1987/88 season when the Town were relegated back to the First Division.

The club reached a real low point when they finished bottom of the Western League in the 1992/93 season and were relegated from the Western League under the pyramid system to the Wiltshire County League. The clubs stay was a short one as Town clinched the Wiltshire County Championship in 1993/1994 season and with all the necessary work off the field completed gained promotion back to the Great Mills Western League Division 1 after one year.

In 1996/97 the Town clinched the 1st Division title and in the process became the first ever winners under Screwfix Direct , the new sponsors

1997/98 saw Town finish in 3rd position in The Western League Premier and the season 2001/02 saw the club celebrate its 125th anniversary and finished in 10th position,

The Town continued to ply their trade in the Toolstation Western League Premier Division until he 2009/10 season which saw the club finish 19th and relegated to the First division.

The 2011-2012 season saw the club promoted back to the Premier Division after finishing runners up where they remained until gaining promotion at the end of the 2017-2018 season to Step 4 Southern League.

# Our Visitors Today

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The 2014-2015 season culminated in the club winning the Toolstation Western League Premier Division for the first time in their history but club were denied promotion as the current facility at The Conigre was deemed inadequate and the proposed new ground at The Oakfields was delayed due in part to issues with “great crested newts”!

The new ground suffered further delays resulting in the club starting the 2016-2017 season with a series of away fixtures before finally being forced to return to The Conigre with the last game played at The Conigre on Boxing Day 2016 with a 1-0 victory over near neighbours Bradford Town .

Finally the club moved to their £7m facility which was funded by Wiltshire Council, Football Foundation and Premier League facilities fund at The Oakfield’s Melksham in January 2017. Although the opening day on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2017 saw an FA Vase replay defeat to Bristol Manor Farm in front of just over 1,200 people.

The 2016/2017 season saw the club finish in 3<sup>rd</sup> position in the Western Premier League and win the Les Phillips League Cup for the first time in their history .

The 2017-2018 season ,the first full season at The Oakfields ,saw the club finish runners up in the Toolstation Western League Premier and gain promotion to Step 4 and the Evostik Southern League representing the highest level in the club’s history .The season also included a FA Vase quarter final tie in front of a record 2,208 spectators at The Oakfield’s which saw the Town lose to eventual FA Vase winners Thatcham Town.



**Kent Kauppinen (Goalkeeper) DOB: 12/12/1991 Appearances: 2**

Goalkeeper signed this season, previous clubs include Chippenham Town and Swindon Supermarine. Commanding presence. Debut 03/2009

**Mark Cooper (Defender) DOB: 02/01/1992 Appearances: 19 Goals: 1**

Played for Town in latter end of last season on dual registration basis from Weymouth Town before committing to Town for 2018-2019 season. Key figure in Town gaining promotion from Toolstation Western League. Comfortable on either foot.

**Warren Maidment (Defender) DOB: 3/04/98 Appearances: 117 Goals: 6**

Another youngster who has progressed through the ranks at Melksham making first team debut at 16. Another local lad with a very promising future ahead of him and his commanding performances at the back belie his tender years.

**Lee Davidson (Defender) DOB: 29/07/86 Appearances: 74 Goals: 3**

Signed for the club in 2015-2016 season from Shepton Mallet and has featured at left back, central defence and midfield. Good delivery from set pieces and possesses dangerous long throw. Previous clubs include Shepton Mallet, Paulton Rovers, Frome Town and Trowbridge Town. Debut 08/2016.

**Jamie Lyons (Defender/Midfield) DOB 10/11/1986 Appearances: 32 Goals: 4**

Experienced left sided player comfortable at full back or further forward. Signed for the Town in September 2017 from Larkhall Athletic where he was a key member for 11 consecutive seasons and led them to promotion in 2013-2014 season when they won the Toolstation Western League .Debut September 2017 v Buckland Athletic

**Dave Thompson (Midfield/Defender) DOB: 16/10/88 Appearances: 275 Goals: 34**

Returned to club in September 2013 after spells at Paulton Rovers and Frome Town. Dave has now completed over 250 games for the Town and has been a key player over the last few seasons. Strong in the tackle and good in the air is equally effective in central defence or midfield. Injuries curtailed his appearances to some extent last season but all set for a strong 2018-2019 season. Debut- August 2008.

**Rob Hobbs (Midfielder) DOB 23/05/1989 - Appearances: 17 Goals: 4**

Signed from Evostik South & West side Mangotsfield in January 2018.Experienced midfielder player who has plied his trade at Cheltenham Town, Team Bath, Larkhall, Swindon Supermarine and Frome. Made debut in January 2018 v Brislington and got first goal for club in FA Vase 5th round tie v Tring in February 2018.

**Mike Perrott (Midfielder) DOB: 24/03/89 Appearances: 220 Goals: 46**

Another who has returned to his home town club after a successful spell at Paulton Rovers in the 2013-14 season helping the club secure Southern League status with Team Bath and Frome Town amongst other clubs he has featured for. Key member of the side and has established himself in a central midfield role and another who is capable of picking up important goals from midfield. Debut- October 2015.

**Ben Thomson (Midfielder/Defender) DOB: 24/12/88 Appearances: 225 Goals: 26**

Previous clubs include Frome Town, Team Bath, Corsham Town and Larkhall Athletic. Left sided full back/midfield/winger with ability to put in early crosses from open play and provides excellent delivery from set plays.Also pops up with the odd goal.

**Mark Wall (Midfielder) DOB: 23/03/1990**

Joined the club in the close season from Bradford Town, where he has been a key influence in that side over a few seasons. Ball playing midfielder. Debut 08/2018.



**Luke Ballinger (Def/Mid/Striker) DOB: 26/02/88 Appearances: 161 Goals: 84**  
Another who has returned to his home town club after spells playing at higher level with Frome Town, Chippenham Town and Gloucester City. A versatile player with plenty of experience Luke is the holder of a record number of England futsal caps at over 100. Has featured in a variety of positions for the club at either right back, right mid or up top. Helps Kieran with team affairs.



**Jon Davies (Midfielder/Striker) DOB 20/03/1990 Appearances: 7 Goals: 2**  
Joined the club at the end of the 2017-2018 season from Southern League Frome Town and was instrumental in helping secure promotion. Previous clubs include Frome Town, Salisbury, Bath City and Chippenham Town amongst others. Top quality player who undoubtedly could play at higher level. Ended the 2017/2018 season as Southern League Frome Town's leading scorer with 16 goals from 42 games played.



**Neikell Plummer (Striker) DOB 06/06/1991**  
Another pre season signing. An Experienced striker who has featured recently for Brislington and Bradford Town amongst others. Excellent at holding the ball up and bringing others into play and has scored 52 goals in 79 games over the last two seasons for Western League side Brislington. Scored on full debut 08/2018.



**Simon Gilbert (Midfield/Defender) DOB 07/04/1985**  
Another signed pre season. Experienced player who has played at Weston Super Mare, Yate, Odd Down Bradford Town and Larkhall. Debut 08/2018.



**Seth Wain (Striker/Midfield) DOB 29/05/2000 Appearances: 3 Goals:**  
Another youngster progressing from the Town's current Under 18 squad. Made an impressive debut after coming on as substitute v Chipping Sodbury at the end of 2017. Bags of skill and comfortable on the ball and another with a promising future.



**Dan Watts (Defender) DOB 15/05/2001**  
Another who has progressed from the Town's Under 18s side and has been given an opportunity at an early stage in his career.



**Karim Rendall (Striker) DOB 14/06/1986**  
Joined club in September 2018 after spending previous two seasons at Bradford Town in Western League Premier where he had scored 29 goals in 89 appearances. Experienced striker.



**Billy Fletcher (Defender) DOB 31/07/1991**  
Signed from Bittou in September 2018 after featuring for Bradford Town in Western League in previous season where he made 36 appearances. Imposing Central Defender good in the air and comfortable on the ball.



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## Evo-Stick South, Division One South

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

# Fixtures 2018-19

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## Evo-Stick South, Division One South

|                      |              |                            |          |               |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------|
| Tue 01 Jan 19        | 15:00        | Cinderford Town            | A        | League        |
| <b>Sat 05 Jan 19</b> | <b>15:00</b> | <b>Thatcham Town</b>       | <b>H</b> | <b>League</b> |
| Sat 12 Jan 19        | 15:00        | Highworth Town             | A        | League        |
| Sat 19 Jan 19        | 15:00        | Larkhall Athletic          | A        | League        |
| <b>Sat 26 Jan 19</b> | <b>15:00</b> | <b>Barnstaple Town</b>     | <b>H</b> | <b>League</b> |
| Sat 02 Feb 19        | 15:00        | Evesham United             | A        | League        |
| <b>Sat 09 Feb 19</b> | <b>15:00</b> | <b>Cirencester Town</b>    | <b>H</b> | <b>League</b> |
| Sat 16 Feb 19        | 15:00        | Fleet Town                 | A        | League        |
| <b>Sat 23 Feb 19</b> | <b>15:00</b> | <b>Street</b>              | <b>H</b> | <b>League</b> |
| Sat 02 Mar 19        | 15:00        | Yate Town                  | A        | League        |
| <b>Sat 09 Mar 19</b> | <b>15:00</b> | <b>AFC Totton</b>          | <b>H</b> | <b>League</b> |
| Sat 16 Mar 19        | 15:00        | Winchester City            | A        | League        |
| <b>Sat 23 Mar 19</b> | <b>15:00</b> | <b>Melksham Town</b>       | <b>H</b> | <b>League</b> |
| <b>Sat 06 Apr 19</b> | <b>15:00</b> | <b>Moneyfields</b>         | <b>H</b> | <b>League</b> |
| <b>Sat 13 Apr 19</b> | <b>15:00</b> | <b>Mangotsfield United</b> | <b>H</b> | <b>League</b> |
| Sat 20 Apr 19        | 15:00        | Bideford                   | A        | League        |
| <b>Mon 22 Apr 19</b> | <b>15:00</b> | <b>Cinderford Town</b>     | <b>H</b> | <b>League</b> |
| Sat 27 Apr 19        | 15:00        | Thatcham Town              | A        | League        |

# Fixtures 2018-19

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## Midland Floodlit Youth League (U18)

|                      |              |                        |          |               |   |     |
|----------------------|--------------|------------------------|----------|---------------|---|-----|
| Thu 16 Aug 18        | 19:45        | Pegasus Juniors        | A        | League        | W | 2-1 |
| <b>Thu 23 Aug 18</b> | <b>19:45</b> | <b>Bromyard Town</b>   | <b>H</b> | <b>League</b> | W | 9-0 |
| <b>Thu 30 Aug 18</b> | <b>19:45</b> | <b>Redditch United</b> | <b>H</b> | <b>League</b> | 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 |
| <b>Tue 25 Sep 18</b> | <b>19:45</b> | <b>Malvern Town</b>    | <b>H</b> | <b>League</b> | W | 3-0 |
| Tue 03 Oct 18        | 19:00        | Torquay United         | A        | FA Y Cup      | L | 0-1 |
| <b>Thu 11 Oct 18</b> | <b>19:45</b> | <b>Pegasus Juniors</b> | <b>H</b> | <b>League</b> |   |     |
| <b>Thu 25 Oct 18</b> | <b>19:45</b> | <b>Bishops Cleeve</b>  | <b>H</b> | <b>League</b> |   |     |
| <b>Thu 01 Nov 18</b> | <b>19:45</b> | <b>Cheltenham Town</b> | <b>H</b> | <b>League</b> |   |     |

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# Swans Pen Pics

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## **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

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## **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

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## **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.

## **Nick Pulman**

18 year old nick was voted Bath City FC academy player of the year last season, recruited in the summer from Bitton FC, Nick will be hoping to impress the swans in his first season with us.

# Swans Pen Pics

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## **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

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## Slimbridge 5-1 Merthyr Town

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Slimbridge progress in league cup with five star performance.

Slimbridge progressed through to the second round of the City Security Services Ltd League Challenge Cup against a strong Merthyr Town side. A brace from Jamie Martin and Yeshaya Lomotey along with a solo effort from Max Harper-Emerson settled the tie with Ryan Prosser's 30 yard strike a consolation for the visitors. The Swans also gave debuts to Under 18's full back Jaden Maddock and new signing Josh Beadle in an entertaining game where the score line didn't really reflect the balance of the game.



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Southern Premier side Merthyr Town started the game at a fast pace with full back Joe Hunt firing at Swans 17 year old keeper Lewis Adams after a good run down the left. Slimbridge responded with some intricate passing play resulting in Will Hawes cross from the left being cut out in the box.

With just less than ten minutes gone Jamie Martin broke through the visitor's defence squaring to Joe Wilton whose initial shot was blocked and blocked again from Hawes follow up. Almost immediately at the other end Ian Traylor's shot sailed wide under pressure from Swans centre half Christien Turner.

Hunt then managed to get on the end of another good ball his shot was initially blocked by Turner and Prossers follow up forcing a save from Adams. Traylor then broke the offside trap with 15 minutes gone but Adams did well to save with his feet. Three minutes later a short corner from Merthyr to Cole Jarvis caught the home side off guard, Jarvis shot turned round the post by Adams in the home goal.

The hosts opened the scoring on 25 minutes, Josh Beadle making his debut for the Swans fed the ball through to Lomotey his initial shot was blocked by the Merthyr defence but he managed to recover the ball from the rebound laying it off to Martin who slotted the ball past two defenders and home keeper Lewis Webb to score his second of the week.

From the kick off, Traylor miss-hit shot went wide and soon after Jay Bowen fired over from 15 yards as the game now flowed back and forth with a number of neat passing moves from both sides. With ten minutes of the half remaining Hunt's cross from the left found Traylor in space but his shot was too high to trouble the home goal.

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With five minutes of the first half remaining Harper-Emerson threaded the ball from the heart of the defence to Hawes, whose pass found Lomotey with his back to goal turned a defender and shot past the stranded Webb to double the home sides lead.

Jayden Maddock having a great first game at full back did well to block Hunts cross who had made a number of chances for the visitors down the left. As the half drew to a close, Lomotey headed wide from 2 yards and Joe Wilton managed to hit his shot wide from 20 yards as the Swans continued to press for more goals.

Early in the second half a mistake from Harper-Emerson was pounced on by the visiting full back Lee Price whose shot forced a decent save from Adams who look assured in the Swans goal. Traylor's shot from a 20 yard free kick fell inches wide of the Slimbridge goal after a foul from Wilton.

A ball over the top from Wilton found Harper-Emerson on the left, where he went on a 20 yard solo run passing two defenders and squeezed the ball inside the near post putting Slimbridge into a three goal lead after 57 minutes.

Two minutes later Adams pulled off another save to deny Traylor yet again, before captain for the evening Korey Pring was called into action blocking a dangerous cross into the box to concede the corner. Adams was on hand to pluck the ball out of the air safely from the resultant corner.

With an hour of play gone, Slimbridge introduced substitutes Ewen Dunbar and Finlay Byrnes into the game. After some good work by Dunbar on the right Martin blasted an effort wide from 10 yards.

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The fourth goal of the game came on 72 minutes, Lomotey having his best game in the Swans colours played a pinpoint through ball to Dunbar on the left from the halfway line. Dunbar beat a defender and then keeper Webb at the near post before squaring across the goal line for Martin to tap home.

Merthyr got the consolation goal that their efforts deserved, Prosser collecting the ball just outside the left hand corner of the Slimbridge box launching a delicate chip over the advancing Adams.

Dunbar then hit the post with two minutes left of normal time before he played a delicate through ball to Lomotey who tucked the ball away under the advancing Webb to round off a great night for the Swans.

Cup action continues this weekend as Slimbridge host fellow Evo-Stick League South Division One South rivals Melksham Town in the Buildbase FA Trophy Preliminary Round with a 3pm kick off.

Slimbridge: Adams, Maddock, Harper-Emerson, Pring ©, C Turner, Beadle (68 Byrnes), Smith, Hawes, Martin (72 Hands), Lomotey, Wilton (60 Dunbar)

Attendance: 72

Supporter's man of the match: Yeshaya Lomotey



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| #  | Team                 | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | GD  | Pts |
|----|----------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1  | Yate Town            | 7 | 5 | 2 | - | 15 | 6  | 9   | 17  |
| 2  | Blackfield & Langley | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 14 | 6  | 8   | 17  |
| 3  | Evesham United       | 7 | 5 | - | 2 | 11 | 7  | 4   | 15  |
| 4  | Street               | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 15 | 9  | 6   | 14  |
| 5  | AFC Totton           | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 8  | 6   | 13  |
| 6  | Melksham Town        | 7 | 3 | 4 | - | 11 | 8  | 3   | 13  |
| 7  | Highworth Town       | 7 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 13 | 8  | 5   | 12  |
| 8  | Bideford             | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 11 | 14 | -3  | 11  |
| 9  | Cirencester Town     | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 7  | 4   | 10  |
| 10 | Winchester City      | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 8  | 3   | 10  |
| 11 | Cinderford Town      | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 8  | 7  | 1   | 10  |
| 12 | Paulton Rovers       | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 14 | 17 | -3  | 10  |
| 13 | Larkhall Athletic    | 8 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 10 | 0   | 9   |
| 14 | Mangotsfield United  | 8 | 3 | - | 5 | 14 | 15 | -1  | 9   |
| 15 | Thatcham Town        | 7 | 3 | - | 4 | 13 | 14 | -1  | 9   |
| 16 | Bristol Manor Farm   | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 11 | 0   | 8   |
| 17 | Slimbridge           | 8 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 7  | 11 | -4  | 8   |
| 18 | Moneyfields          | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 7  | 8  | -1  | 5   |
| 19 | Fleet Town           | 8 | - | 1 | 7 | 7  | 26 | -19 | 1   |
| 20 | Barnstaple Town      | 9 | - | - | 9 | 6  | 23 | -17 | 0   |

# Club Constitution

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