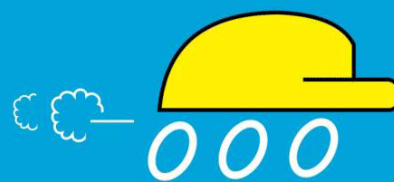


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Today's Teams

Slimbridge AFC

Merthyr Town

Eric Edge	1	Joe Perry
Luke Payne	2	Adam Davies
Max Harper-Emerson	3	Joe Hunt
Korey Pring	4	Ashley Evans (c)
Christien Turner	5	Jarrad Wright
Dean Turner (C)	6	Kyle Patten
Sam Mendes	7	Corey Jenkins
Jack Dempsey	8	Kieran Lewis
Ewan Dunbar	9	Tom Meechan
Will Hawes	10	Kerry Morgan
Edjija Mbunga	11	Ian Traylor
Liam Smith	12	Connor Young
	13	
Yeshaya Lomotey	14	Craig McDonnell
Joe Noakes	15	Lee Lucas
Ben Hands	16	Matthew Harris
Tornado Bellow	17	Owain Jones
	18	

Managers:

Lee Driver-Dickerson
Dave Strain

Gavin Williams
Dean Clarke

Physios:

Rebecca Cox

Referee:

Andrew Genders

Assistants:

Ryan McIlravey
Daniel Stokes

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 today Merthyr Town. We hope you enjoy your evening with us, and have a safe journey home.

After the excitement of the FA Trophy last week, Saturday's defeat at Paulton brought us back down with a bump, although we were unlucky not to gain a point for the effort put in.

The resilience and passion shown by the players this season coming from behind three times against Winchester in last week's replay and scoring late goals in our previous home games to gain points has been unbelievable. In past seasons our heads have gone down as soon as we conceded and lost the game before it had finished.

Lewis Adams had a fantastic debut in goal at Paulton deservedly picking up the supporters man of the match award. He made a number of great saves and distributed the ball well from the back.

Onto tonight's game, we welcome back our friends from Merthyr Town a great club with good support and long history. I have some great memories of visiting Penydarren Park especially when we visited in the FA Cup.

If today's game finishes in a draw after 90 minutes, the result will be decided on penalty kicks.

Have a good evening

Rob

This Week's Fixtures

Wed 10 Oct 18

CSS League Challenge Cup, Round One

19:45 Slimbridge v Merthyr Town

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

Merthyr Town F.C. came into existence when it became obvious to a loyal band of supporters that Merthyr Tydfil A.F.C., a club with a long and distinguished history in non-league football, would not be able to overcome the financial problems that had beset it over the previous few seasons.

Merthyr Tydfil A.F.C. was formed in 1945 following a series of public meetings in the town. After spending the 1945-46 season in the Welsh League, the Club was elected to the Southern League in the summer of 1946. The team embarked on a spell of success that is unlikely ever to be bettered in non-league football as over the next eight seasons the Club went on to capture 5 Southern League Championships, 2 Southern League Cups, 2 Welsh Cups, 3 South Wales and Mon Cups, 3 Welsh League Championships and 3 Welsh League Cups.

The 50's, 60's and 70's marked turbulent time in the clubs history, and in the first half of the 1980's were dark days at Penydarren Park as the team drifted along in the Southern League Midland Division. However, the appointment of Lyn Jones as manager in 1985 would prove to be the catalyst for another golden era in the history of Merthyr Tydfil Football Club. In the summer of 1986 a new syndicate headed by local businessman John Reddy took control at Penydarren Park. The team finished in third place in the Midland Division after being defeated by eventual champions V.S. Rugby in a 'winner takes all' final match of the season at Penydarren Park. The same season saw the Martyrs win the Welsh Cup when they defeated Newport County by a goal to nil in a replay after the two teams had drawn 2-2 a few days previously.

Winning the Welsh Cup had earned the Club the right to compete in the European Cup Winners Cup. The draw paired the Martyrs with Italian side Atalanta. On 20th September 1987 Merthyr shocked the football world when goals by Kevin Rogers and Ceri Williams saw the Italians humbled at Penydarren Park by two goals to one. Although the adventure ended a fortnight later with a narrow 2-0 defeat in Italy, the name Merthyr Tydfil was well and truly on the football map.

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The 1987-88 season ended with the Club being crowned champions of the Southern League Midland Division. This was capped a year later when the Martyrs ran out winners of the Premier Division. Merthyr ended the 1989-90 season, their first in the Conference, in a credible ninth place.

After once again finishing the 1990-91 season in ninth place, the team ended the following campaign in a very credible fourth place.. During this time the standing of the Club was such that CSKA Moscow, Red Star Belgrade and Glasgow Celtic all visited Penydarren Park for friendly fixtures.

The fourth place finish at the end of the 1991-92 signalled the end of the golden era at Penydarren Park. Two years later the Club only escaped relegation on a technicality. However, not even the return of Lyn Jones could prevent the Martyrs from being relegated at the end of the 1994-95 campaign.

The Martyrs endured more turbulent times after this with numerous chairmen and managers, the high point being when a Merthyr side managed by ex Atletico Madrid Manager Colin Addison finished 2nd to Forest Green Rovers in the Southern League in the late 90s. By 2004 all supporters were naturally frustrated with events, that summer the decision was taken to set up a supporters' trust - 'Martyrs to the Cause'. As well as trying to support the Club financially the Trust decided to foster young football talent in the Borough by setting up a Merthyr Tydfil A.F.C. youth team.

In 2005/6 the Club enjoyed a successful run in the F.A. Cup. In the First Round Proper of the competition they were awarded a home tie with Walsall, who at the time were managed by former Arsenal star Paul Merson. However, any hopes the Martyrs had of securing a famous giant-killing were extinguished as Walsall ran out winners by two goals to one in a game that was televised live on Sky Sports.

Our Visitors Today

In 2006 newly appointed Gary Shephard and his assistant Danny Carter assembled a squad comprising of youth and locally based players, and the new players rose to the task and the Martyrs ended the 2007-08 season in a creditable sixteenth place.

The 2008-09 season was probably the most difficult in the Club's chequered history. With owner Wyn Holloway declaring he would no longer continue to put money into the Club, there was a real danger that the Martyrs would fail to complete the campaign. However, a massive effort by Merthyr supporters ensured that this would not be the case. This backs-to-the-wall spirit was replicated by the players who, despite going without wages for weeks at a time, ended the season in eighth place.

In June 2009 the Club went into Administration. In early July of that year the Supporters' Trust received the go ahead to operate the Club under license. A combination of a ten point deduction, injuries and suspensions prevented the players from repeating their success of the previous campaign a 1-1 draw at Swindon Supermarine in the last game of the season saw the club finish in seventeenth place in the Zambetta Premier Division.

As the season drew to a close it became increasingly obvious to everyone connected with the club that Merthyr Tydfil A.F.C. was doomed. Consequently the Trust Board took the decision to carry on as a reformed club. However, legal problems meant that we would not be able to use Penydarren Park, the home of senior football in the Borough of Merthyr Tydfil for over one hundred years. Merthyr played at Taff's Well F.C. for one season in the Western League First Division and gained immediate promotion to the Premier Division.

Merthyr Town FC returned to its spiritual home at Penydarren Park for 2011/12 season. The Martyrs secured a 2nd successive promotion on their return home to go straight through Western League into the Southern League. Merthyr lost in the play-off final at Hungerford Town to finish the 2012/13 season and Cirencester Town in 2013/14. Garry Shephard & Danny Carter stood down after 7 years, and ex-Welsh

Our Visitors Today

international and Merthyr born Steve Jenkins took the helm assisted by another Merthyr born Welsh international Gavin Williams. Steve and Gavin led the team to the league title by 12 points, and Southern League Championship winners.

In 15/16 season the club won the Red Insure Cup for the first time in 50 years and finished a respectable 10th in their first Premier Division season. At the end of the season Steve Jenkins left the club, and ex Hereford United, Yeovil Town, West Ham United and Ipswich Town player Gavin Williams took over as manager, with Dean Clarke returning to the club as his assistant. In Gavin's first season he led the club to the play-offs finishing 3rd, but lost to Hitchin Town in the semi-final on penalties.

In 17/18 we saw an up & down season with financial issues affecting the club. The low point was 13-1 defeat at Chesham which sparked a Just Giving campaign to clear bills. The club did stabilize with management team and players remaining loyal to finish in a respectable 17th position. The club has stabilized and we look forward to the 18/19 season in the new league structure.

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Playing Squad

Gavin Williams – Player manager Gavin began his career at Hereford United before moving to Yeovil Town. Gavin was signed by West Ham United from Yeovil, and played over 400 football league games in total including spells at Ipswich Town, Bristol City, Bristol Rovers and a return to Yeovil. Gavin joined the club from Woking, firstly as a player, then became assistant manager to Steve Jenkins in 2014. Gavin was appointed as manager in the summer of 2016.

Joe Perry – Caerphilly born Joe returned to the club in summer of 2018 for his second spell, having helped the club win 2 successive promotions in the Western League. Joe has also played for Taunton Town, Tiverton Town, Mangotsfield United, Cinderford Town and Aberystwyth.

Adam Davies – Merthyr born Adam came through Cardiff City's academy. He joined Llanelli after his release, then he moved to Monmouth Town before joining Merthyr Town in summer 2014. Adam won all of the major player of the year awards in 2015/16 season. He left the club briefly this season to join Hereford, but returned in December.

Jarrad Wright – Porth born Jarrad joined Martyrs from AFC Porth in February 2014. Jarrad scored 12 goals and won players player of the year in the 2014/15 Championship winning season. A versatile player who can play in defence or midfield.

Joe Hunt – Joined the club in the summer of 2018 after being released by Newport County. Joe began his career at Swansea City academy, and played for Cinderford Town on loan in 17/18 season.

Kyle Patten – Cardiff born Kyle was with Cardiff City and Newport County before joining Merthyr Town FC in 2015, initially on loan. Can play in defence or midfield.

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Craig McDonnell – Signed from Taffs Well in the summer of 2018. Has also played for Grimsby Town as a youth player, and played for Aberbargoed Buds before joining Taffs Well.

Connor Young – Joined the club in the summer of 2018 following his release by Cardiff City. Connor is a centre half who impressed in pre-season matches.

Ashley Evans – Club captain Ashley rejoined the Martyrs in the summer of 2015 having played in the Southern League for Merthyr Tydfil. Ashley has also played for Llanelli Town, Neath & Port Talbot Town in the Welsh Premier League.

Matthew Harris – Pontypridd born Matthew played for the club's Welsh Cup winning Youth team before progressing into the club's first team. Returned in 2010 to the Martyrs after a season with Neath and Afan Lido. Injuries have restricted his appearances in the last 2 seasons but he has returned to fitness and has returned from a brief spell at Britton Ferry in 17/18 season.

Craig Reddy – Merthyr born Craig joined the club in December 2017 from Welsh League side Llantwit Major. Craig has played for a number of Welsh League clubs during his career including Treharris & Penybont.

Kieran Lewis – Ton Pentre born Kieran joined the club in summer of 2018 from Carmarthen Town. Has also played for Port Talbot Town.

Jaye Bowen – Jaye was with Cardiff City academy before progressing into their youth set-up before his release in 2015. Jaye has also played at Cinderford Town this season, before returning to the Martyrs in February.

Lee Lucas – Aberdare born Lee came through Swansea's academy before playing for the first team. Has also played for Cheltenham Town and Motherwell before a knee injury which kept him out of the game for a year. Joined Merthyr in summer of 2018.

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Owain Jones – Neath born Owain began his career at Swansea City before moving to Yeovil Town. He joined Merthyr in 2018 and played 12 games in the 17/18 season before moving to Nuneaton Borough in the summer of 2018. Owain re-joined the club on loan in September 2018.

Ryan Prosser – Ryan joined the Martyrs from Welsh League Division 2 side Ton Pentre in October 2010. Ryan has scored over 150 goals for the club, better than a goal every other game ratio for the club in his 7 years at the club.

Ian Traylor – Ian joined the club from Welsh League side Cwmaman in summer 2011. Ian is a pacy attacking player, and was top scorer in 2013/14 season with 30 goals, and repeated the feat in the 2014/15 season. Ian scored his 100th goal for Merthyr in 2016/17 season against Biggleswade Town.

Kerry Morgan – Kerry has returned for his 2nd spell at the club from Cirencester Town. Kerry was with Swansea as a youngster and has also played for Neath, Port Talbot, Bath City, Newport County and Mangotsfield Town.

Corey Jenkins – Pacey winger Corey joined the club in summer of 2014 from Welsh League Monmouth Town. Has also played for Carmarthen in Welsh Premier League.

Tom Meechan – Tom joined the club in summer of 2018. A prolific scorer with St Neots Town which earned him a move to Newport County in League 2. Tom has also played for Weston-Super-Mare and Hungerford Town.

Lee Price – Lee signed for the club in January 2018 from Camrbrian & Clydach. Lee is a winger who was with Cardiff City as a youngster.



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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	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		
Sat 20 Oct 18	15:00	Fleet Town	H	League		
Sat 03 Nov 18	15:00	Street	A	League		
Sat 06 Oct 18	15:00	Cirencester Town	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 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 11 Oct 18	19:45	Pegasus Juniors	H	League		
Thu 25 Oct 18	19:45	Bishops Cleeve	H	League		
Thu 01 Nov 18	19:45	Cheltenham 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.

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

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

Winchester City 3-3 Slimbridge

Tuesday 2nd October 2018

In what can only be described as a pulsating night of football in Hampshire, Slimbridge edged through to the next round of the FA Trophy by beating Winchester City on penalties after coming from behind on three occasions to force extra time and a penalty shootout.



Travelling without defensive duo Luke Payne and Korey Pring, manager Lee Driver-Dickerson brought in Nick Pulman and the returning Christien Turner to the starting line-up.

The home side went in front on 5 minutes, Jamie Baron firing home from 15 yards but ten minutes later the Swans were level when Yeshaya Lomotey did well to beat two defenders and fire low past the home keeper.

Match Reports

Tyrell Mitford put Winchester back in front on the half hour and that's how it stayed until seven minutes from full time when Ewen Dunbar rifled home a terrific curling shot from 25 yards which went into the top corner to force extra time.

With both sides committed to full out attacking football it made for a great spectacle for both sets of supporters and when Joe Noakes was adjudged to have felled Barron in the box it looked as if the home side would go through as Mitford fired home the spot kick.

The Swans, to their credit never gave up and with just 3 minutes left on the referees watch, Liam Smith drove a delightful 20 yard cross into the box and Ewen Dunbar dived at full stretch to head in a spectacular equaliser once again to send the delirious Swans supporters wild.

The penalty shootout was a very tense affair and after both sides had taken 6 each it went into sudden death.

Eric Edge made a great save to deny the home side's taker so it was all up to Noakes to send the Swans through and he held his nerve well to fire confidently home and earn Slimbridge the £2000 prize pot and a home tie versus Melksham Town on Sat 13th Oct, 3pm k.o.

Match Reports

Slimbridge now travel to Paulton Rovers for a re-arranged league match on Saturday, 3pm and then they entertain Merthyr Town at Thornhill Park on Wednesday evening in the Southern League Cup.

Slimbridge: Edge, Pulman (Wilton 108), Harper-Emerson, C Turner, Noakes, Hands (Smith 25), D Turner, Lomotey, Dunbar, King, Mbunga (Martin 55)

Supporters man of the match: Ewen Dunbar.

Match Reports

Paulton Rover 2-1 Slimbridge

Saturday 6th October 2018

Swans downed in Somerset despite late onslaught and heroics from debutante keeper.

With regular goalkeeper Eric Edge not fit, the Swans handed a senior debut to Under 18's keeper Lewis Adams who had an outstanding game between the sticks.



Match Reports

The visitors started the game brightly kicking down the slope, Dan King getting a clear run on goal but Paulton keeper Rob Brown got to the ball first and cleared the danger. Captain Dean Turner tried his luck from 30yards but his effort sailed wide. With 15 minutes gone Ewen Dubar's close range shot was blocked by the home defence conceding a corner to the Swans. Christien Turner got his head to the corner kick but his effort was just wide of the far post.

A move from the back starting from Adams throw out, found Dunbar in space but his shot was straight at Brown who gathered easily. Edji Mbunga won a free kick on the edge of the box after a mazy run across field; his kick unfortunately was too high to trouble the home side.

The home side having soaked up the Swans early pressure took the lead on 25 minutes, Ryan Gay tucking the ball away into the bottom right hand corner from 15 yards out after the visiting defence failed to clear.

On the half hour Joe Noakes fired a dangerous cross into the box towards the on rushing Dunbar but he was just not fast enough to get his head to the ball and it sailed out for a home throw in. At the other end Adams was called into action punching clear a Paulton corner and then scrambling the ball off the goal line from Treyvond Andersons header. A few moments later Korey Pring miss-kicked a clearance from a home free kick and to his relief only conceded a corner.

The home side at this point were camped in the Swans half not allowing them to get control of the ball. Anderson was again unlucky not to double the lead firing wide from 5 yards out in a crowded box after a long throw-in from the right.

Match Reports

With 5 minutes of the half remaining Adams was on hand to save Aysa Corricks shot and a few moments later called into action again Gay on the right squared the ball to Joe Hilliard whos hesitation and weak shot allowed Adams to scramble back and make the save.

Just as the half was ending Christien Turner got his head to the ball from a corner again going wide after Mbunga had forced the corner from a fierce shot blocked by the home defence.

The second half started well with Yeshya Lomotey getting a shot on goal but Brown was on hand to stop the effort. At the other end the Swans conceded a soft second goal on 50 minutes, after failing to clear the ball from the box Gay's shot on the left squeezed just inside the near post with Adams view blocked by Noakes as he tried to charge down the the shot.

Eight minutes later it could have been three, Pring pulled off a last gasp tackle just inside the box on lively substitute Ben Withey as he was through on goal. A double substitution on the hour by manager Lee Driver-Dickerson aimed to spark Slimbridge back into life introducing Jamie Martin up from and Ben Hands into the middle.

Initially Paulton still remained on top with Jay Malpas firing over from 25 yards and a few moments later Gay in search of his hatrick forced Adams into a great save tipping the ball past his left hand post.

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However on 65 minutes the substitution paid dividends, Hands cross field ball from right to left found Martin on the edge of the box. Martin jinxed past the keeper and a home defender who appeared to get in each other's way firing into an empty net from a narrow angle.

Now the Swans pushed forward in search of the equaliser, Max Harper-Emerson cross into the box just evaded Dunbar. With 10 minutes remaining Noakes was forced into a clearance over his own bar from Withey's throw in.

A couple of minutes later Mbunga headed wide from another Harper-Emerson teasing cross, as the visitors pushed forward they looked vulnerable at the back Noakes making a last gasp challenge on Withey.

As the game entered into injury time, Adams launched a cross into the box from the halfway line but Brown was there to take the catch under pressure from the visiting players camped in the box. With the Swans pushed high up the field Malpas stuck the post from distance with Adams beaten soon followed by Corrick's shot from close range forcing Adams into a save.

At the death Slimbridge still didn't give up, Pring hitting the side netting from Adams long kick and then Pring again with a chance getting on the end of a throw in from the right but his shot went wide from 10yards out just before the final whistle ended the game. Unfortunately this time the Swans failing to gain a last gasp goal as they have done several times already this season.

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Another busy week beckons with Merthyr Town the visitors to Thornhill Park on Wednesday evening at 7:45pm in a rearrange City Security Services Limited League Challenge Cup tie followed by the Buildbase FA Trophy Preliminary Round game at home to Melksham Town on Saturday with a 3pm kick-off.

Slimbridge: Adams, Noakes, Harper-Emerson, Pring, C Turner, Smith (Hands 60), D Turner, Lomotey (Hawes 77), Dunbar, King (Martin 60) , Mbunga

Attendance: 145

Supporters man of the match: Lewis Adams

League Table

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

#	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

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