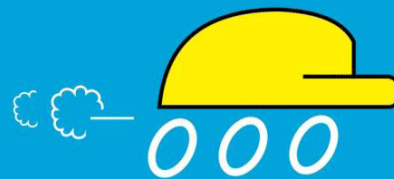


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Today's Teams

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Winchester City

Eric Edge	1	Ryan Pryce
Luke Payne	2	Joe Hayward
Max Harper-Emerson	3	Danny King
Korey Pring	4	Brad Gale
Christien Turner	5	Connor Cocklin
Dean Turner (C)	6	Josh Harfield
Sam Mendes	7	Reece Rusher
Jack Dempsey	8	Jamie Barron
Ewan Dunbar	9	Tyrell Mitford
Will Hawes	10	Joe Cook
Edjija Mbunga	11	Brett Cunningham
Liam Smith	12	Sam Roberts
	13	Josh Tombs
Yeshaya Lomotey	14	Josh Corner
Joe Noakes	15	Craig Davis
Ben Hands	16	Mark Fawley
Tornado Bellow	17	Ethan Dean
	18	Chay Jennings

Managers:

Lee Driver-Dickerson
Dave Strain

Craig Davis
John McFarlane

Physios:

Rebecca Cox

Jo Brocksom

Referee:

Andrew Evans

Assistants:

Kieran Dolphin
John Okole

Club Chat

With Rob Peck

Good afternoon, and welcome to Thornhill Park.

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

It's been a good couple of weeks for the Swans, gaining a last gasp point against Larkhall and then a win away in Devon last weekend at Barnstaple to lift the first team up to 11th in the table.

The Under 18's produced a good result away at Tuffley last week in the FA Youth cup. Despite trailing to an early first half goal the young Swans battled back in horrendous conditions to win 4-1 and set up a challenging tie away to Torquay in the next round.

The performances of the Under 18's team this season has had a positive effect on the whole club and with Adam Bloomfield making his full first team debut as Barnstaple and Finley Byrnes on the bench showing the promise the young lads have for the future.

If today's game finishes in a draw after 90 minutes, a replay will take place on Tuesday evening at Winchester where the game will be played to a result.

Have a good afternoon

Rob

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Sat 29 Sep 18

League

- 15:00 Bideford v Melksham Town
- 15:00 Cinderford Town v Street
- 15:00 Larkhall Athletic v Cirencester Town
- 15:00 Mangotsfield United v Barnstaple Town
- 15:00 Paulton Rovers v AFC Totton
- 15:00 Thatcham Town v Bristol Manor Farm
- 15:00 Yate Town v Fleet Town

FA Trophy

- 15:00 Blackfield & Langley v Highworth Town
- 15:00 Evesham United v Moneyfields
- 15:00 Slimbridge v Winchester City

Tue 02 Oct 18

Southern League Challenge Cup

- 19:45 AFC Totton v Moneyfields
- 19:45 Bristol Manor Farm v Cinderford Town
- 19:45 Frome Town v Paulton Rovers
- 19:45 Gosport Borough v Blackfield & Langley
- 19:45 Street v Bideford

This Week's Fixtures

Wed 03 Oct 18

Southern League Challenge Cup

19:45 Evesham United v Stourbridge

19:45 Highworth Town v Salisbury

19:45 Larkhall Athletic v Melksham Town

19:45 Slimbridge v Merthyr Town

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The Winchester Football Club was founded in 1884 as a result of the endeavours of two residents of the city – Oxford graduate and former England Rugby cap Charles Sylvester Wooldridge and Huntingdon-born all-round sportsman (and, incidentally, inventor of ice hockey!) Arnold Tebbutt. The football club, which had strong links with Winchester College, made quite an impact in the early years of association football in Hampshire, reaching the final of the inaugural Hampshire Senior Cup competition in 1888 and providing a number of players to represent Hampshire in county-based competitions. However financial difficulties, combined with the indifference of Winchester residents, led to the 1884 club folding in 1893.

The decline of the city's most high-profile club left a void that was subsequently to be filled by the Winchester Swallows FC. Formed in 1891, the Swallows were less socially exclusive than the 1884 club and had a membership more reflective of that of Winchester as a whole. The club changed its name to Winchester FC at the start of the start of the 1894/95 season, and again in 1907 when it became Winchester City FC. Like the 1884 club, the Swallows appeared in a dark blue and white strip and played their home games at Bar End, before moving in 1896 to a field adjoining the Old Red Deer pub in Stockbridge Road, and relocating again to the Roebuck Inn in 1902.

The club first played in a league-based competition in 1896/97 when it entered the newly-formed South Hampshire League. Winchester FC won the title in this first season, and repeated that feat in each of the following three years. The club joined the Hampshire League in 1898/99 where, after struggling during their first few seasons, they remained unbeaten throughout the 1904/05 season and won the League's Northern Section. The club also enrolled to the Southampton and District League in 1908/09, but with no notable success.

Like a number of other football clubs, Winchester City FC effectively disbanded at the start of the First World War in 1914, and didn't reappear until 1920.

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The rebirth of the club signalled two significant changes. Firstly, the club had moved again, this time playing its home fixtures at the Fair Field at Bar End (now the site of the Bar End Industrial Estate), a site where it was to stay until the Second World War. Secondly, it adopted a new strip, discarding its navy-blue colours in favour of red and white stripes.

The late 20s and early 30s proved to be a purple patch in City's fortunes. The 1929/30 season saw the side again win the Northern Section of the Hampshire League, and achieve its most successful FA Cup run to date. That year saw City reach the fourth qualifying round of the tournament where a 3-0 defeat by Thames FC at the 120,000 capacity West Ham Stadium deprived them of an away trip to Fulham in the First-Round proper. Any disappointment at this would have been forgotten two years later in 1931 when City lifted the Hampshire Senior Cup for the first time after defeating Andover at The Dell.

One of the key members of the team in that era was the teenage Ted Drake. A local gas meter-reader at the time of joining City, Drake went on to enjoy a successful career with Southampton before joining Arsenal and also collecting five England caps. The highlight of his subsequent managerial career saw him steer Chelsea to their first (and, until 2005, their only) league title in 1955.

Play was again interrupted by war in 1939, although the club did continue to play and took advantage of the presence of a number of enlisted players that passed through the city. The end of hostilities saw City move yet again, this time taking up a lease of the Army's playing field at Airlie Road, Stanmore.

The 1950s saw a second notable period of success at Winchester City. The side were runners up in the Hampshire League in 1949/50 and, in the same season, won their first Southampton Senior Cup final, an achievement which was repeated in 1951/52. The Russell Cotes Cup was also won for the first time in 1954/55. Success on the field was mirrored off the pitch as the club enjoyed some of its largest gates with crowds that regularly topped 1,000 filing into the Airlie Road stands.

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It was during this period that the young Terry Paine ran out for his hometown club. His prodigious talent led to his being signed in 1956 by Southampton with whom he made a record number of appearances (713 over 17 seasons). Paine also made 19 appearances for England, the last of which was against Mexico in the 1966 World Cup finals for which he (belatedly) received a winner's medal in 2009.

Prior to the 1970s City had played virtually all of its competitive football, with the exceptions of the Amateur and FA Cups, within the confines of the Hampshire county border. However, after the club's Russell Cotes Cup victory and a creditable second spot in the Hampshire League in 1970/71 the club's Board decided to make the step up and enter the Southern League for the first time. City survived for just two seasons at that higher level, achieving disappointing final positions of 12th out of 16 (1971/72) and 21st out of 22 (1972/73), before electing to return to the Hampshire League.

For the remainder of the 1970s City yoyo'd between the top two divisions of the Hampshire League before a potentially fatal blow hit the club in 1981. In that year the lease agreement with the Army for Airlie Road expired and was not renewed. Briefly homeless, the club eventually moved to its current ground, a pitch leased from the City Council at Hillier Way. The ground needed a considerable amount of work to get it up to scratch, as did the team which had tumbled into the Hampshire League's third division by 1982/83. The ignominy of this decline was made all the greater by the success of local rivals Winchester Castle in the first division – City could no longer claim to be Winchester's premier club.

The continuing existence of Winchester City FC throughout the 1980s owed much to the work of Geoff Cox who at various times acted as Chairman, Manager, Coach and Groundsman at the club. Under his guidance the club was eventually to return to the Hampshire League's top division in 1993/94.

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The new millennium ushered in a period of unprecedented success for Winchester City. Prompted in part by the arrival of new and ambitious members to the Board, the club merged with Winchester Castle and began a rapid rise through the local league structure. Promotion to the Hampshire Premier League was achieved in 2000/01, and followed two years later by promotion to the Wessex League. The Wessex League title was secured at the first attempt.

That same season witnessed the club's greatest ever triumph. May 2004 saw City face Suffolk side AFC Sudbury in the final of FA Vase at Birmingham City's St Andrew's ground. Few that were there will forget the spine-jangling moment when club captain Danny Smith lifted the trophy after the 2-0 victory.

Further successes were recorded in the seasons that followed – 2004/05 saw City win the Hampshire Senior Cup for the second time, beating Aldershot 2-1 at Bournemouth's Dean Court ground, whilst 2005/06 witnessed the club regain the Wessex League championship and win promotion to the Southern League for a second spell.

City's return to the Southern League lasted three seasons. Financial problems, followed by a final day points deduction saw City return to the Wessex League for the 2009/10 campaign. Despite a concerted push to gain promotion back to the Southern League which ultimately proved successful in 2011/12, the resources required to sustain the club's position at that level proved elusive. Winchester City FC finished the 2012/13 season at the foot of the Southern league and facing an uncertain future. The late spring of 2013 saw a takeover at the club and, with a new Committee structure and financial backers in place, the 2013/14 season heralds the start of a new chapter in the history of Winchester City FC.

2013-2014 saw a season of re-organisation and team building, with City retaining a place in the Sydenhams Wessex League.

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2015-2016 – City made a valiant attempt to take the Wessex title but just fell short to a very successful Peters field Town side who were rightly promoted to the Southern League. City under the Managership of Paul Masters then set about strengthening the squad to win the title next season when out of the blue they were offered a place in the Southern League due to a withdrawal. The Club were given 24 hours to pay their fees and attend the AGM in Torquay. A frantic drive by Director of Football Dave Malone saw him arrive just in time with the relevant papers and bank draft! As a result, our neighbours, Peters field Town, were moved out of Division 1 South and West to accommodate City and placed in the Central Division! City's first season back in the Southern League was a success with them reaching the play-offs final losing to Banbury United in the quarter finals, who were promoted and coming within minutes of winning the Hampshire Senior Cup losing on penalties to Havant and Waterlooville. City's preparation for this season were disrupted by the unexpected resignation of Manager Paul Masters in the middle of pre-season friendlies. The Club quickly filled the vacancy by appointing Petersfield Town's Manager Ian Saunders to the post.

The club started the season brightly and made it to the fourth Qualifying Round of the FA Cup, beating US Portsmouth, Street and Truro City before finally succumbing to Harrow Borough. The club also had a successful run in the FA Trophy, thanks to wins against Petersfield Town, Fleet Town and Phoenix Sports before getting knocked out narrowly by Dulwich Hamlet. Craig Feeney and Howard Neighbour forced a strong strike partnership, added to that the midfield flair of Captain Stuart Green and winger, Andy Jenkinson, City recovered from a difficult spell before Christmas to mount a play-off push in the early stages of the New Year. Manager, Ian Saunders, went away with the military, and during this time, Mick Catlin stepped in to take over the running of the First-Team. When Saunders returned, form deteriorated and Saunders subsequently left the club and was replaced by Interim Manager, Craig Davis, who joined the club from Fleet Town.

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Davis took control of the club until the end of the season, when it was announced that he would officially be becoming Permanent First Team Manager.

‘Davo’ finished 11th with City in his first full season in charge, a season that saw a successful run, resulting in a Hampshire Senior Cup Semi-Final where City eventually lost to Blackfield & Langley. The Citizens also hosted Southampton FC in the Southampton Senior Cup and achieved memorable league victories against Didcot Town, Evesham United, Swindon Supermarine and Wimborne Town as well as impressive away draws at both Swindon Supermarine and Salisbury, the latter seeing City come from 2-0 down to salvage a point at the Raymond McEnhill Stadium.

City had an impressive pre-season prior to the 2018-19 campaign with victories against Eastleigh, Hungerford Town, Dorchester Town, Cove, Bashley and Kidlington as well as creditable draws with Salisbury, Weymouth and Sholing.

City have, to date, lost just one league game and have ten points from their first five league games as well as embarking on an impressive FA Cup run having knocked out Bournemouth FC and Frome Town so far.

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Playing Squad

RYAN PRYCE – Ex-AFC Bournemouth Goalkeeper that also lists Salisbury City, Gosport Borough and Fleet Town amongst his former clubs. Pryce made five senior appearances for the Cherries, making his debut against Southend United.

DANNY KING - Left sided defender, the clubs longest-serving player currently and a real fans favourite. A teacher by trade, he has played for Chelsea and Southampton in his youth. Danny reached his testimonial year last season and had his testimonial at the end of the 2017-18 campaign.

JOSH HARFIELD – 23-year-old defender who was at City several seasons ago. Since played for Whitchurch United and most recently, Fleet Town, Harfield has returned to City last summer, a player with real potential for the future and is already a mainstay at the heart of the City back four.

JOE HAYWARD – Defender who joined us last season having previously been with Eastleigh FC, unfortunately broke his leg recently but returned quickly and showed what great potential he has. Delighted he is with us again this year and look forward to seeing him in action.

JAMIE BARRON - Resigned from Gosport Borough Jamie has played for Salisbury, Andover, Sholing and Folland Sports. A winner of a Schools National Cup medal. Appointed Captain for another season and a really important player for us.

OLI BAILEY – 20-year-old striker who has joined the club last summer from Gosport Borough, has also previously played for Swindon Supermarine and started out as a youngster at Southampton FC. Pacey, enthusiastic forward with a bright

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future. Scored 21 goals last season and is looking to push on again this campaign.

ROB CARR – 24-year-old highly rated winger that has previously played for both Woking and also Fleet Town. Another regular goalscorer with 20 goals plus in his last 3 seasons for Fleet Town. Entering his second season with the Citizens.

SIMBA MLAMBO – Also signed from Davis' former club, Fleet Town. Mlambo has spent the past few seasons in North Hampshire, and was an Alton Town player before this. Can play wide or up front and a player with immense speed and power in the air. Another playing starting his second season with City.

JOSH TOMBS - 17-year-old youth team goalkeeper who was promoted to the first team squad this year after an excellent season in the reserves last season.

JOSH CORNER - midfielder who is still in the youth team but made several appearances and impressed last season despite his young age.

HARVEY CLARK - Another youth team player who made a first team debut last season, he is a defender who we have high hopes for.

SAM ROBERTS - Defender signed this summer from AFC Totton, delighted to have this powerful player in the squad who has great experience at this level.

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LAMAR KOROMA - 18-year-old midfielder signed from Woking, has really impressed during pre-season.

TYRELL MITFORD - Forward player signed from Team Solent, played for Gosport at step 3 last season, excited to have this player on board and has already settled in well after signing this summer. Mitford previously has football league experience with QPR.

REECE RUSHER - Wide player who has re-joined the club this season after playing for us in our Wessex League days, part of the Andover Town side who gained promotion only to not take it this summer.

JAKE RAWKINS - Diminutive tricky winger who we signed from Bemerton in the Wessex league after scoring a lot of goals for them last season. He has played at this level previously for AFC Totton.

LIAM GILBERT - Combative ball playing midfield player in his first full season for the Citizens after signing halfway through last season, previously captain for AFC Totton.

MATT ANDREWS - Forward player signed this summer from Fareham Town, has played at this level in the past for Petersfield Town.

CONNOR COCKLIN - Defender who is another player part of Andover Town promotion season last year, Davo is a long-time admirer and delighted to have signed him this season.

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BRAD GALE - Powerful midfielder who has signed after a brief spell last season, played for Verwood Town and Poole Town where he was highly regarded by their supporters.

BEN SUNLEY - goalscoring Forward player who had a fantastic season in the reserves last season, still a youth team player but has been heavily involved in the 1st team already.

BRETT CUNNINGHAM – Skilful and pacy young midfielder who has recently joined the club from Farnborough. Brett has made several impressive substitute appearances since joining.

MATT BENHAM – Returned to the club recently from Thatcham Town and came off the bench marking his 'second' home debut against Paulton Rovers recently. A skilful, tricky midfielder with an eye for goal.

CRAIG DAVIS – Player-Manager who came to City from Fleet Town after relinquishing his position as Manager. Took over as Interim Manager until the end of the 2016-17 season before taking over the reins permanently. His playing career started off as a pro at Cardiff City before spells at Bashley, Salisbury, Gosport Borough and AFC Totton. Has won both the Southern League South and West and Premier as a player.

JOHN McFARLANE - Assistant Manager to Davo who was appointed this summer after doing the same role successfully with Andover Town last season. John returns to the club having previously been on the management team at Winchester in the past, also at Blackfield and Langley, welcome back.

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JO BROCKSOM - Jo is in her 3rd season now at Winchester as Sports therapist, this is her 1st season taking a leading role though, has been integral in keeping our players on the pitch and delighted to have her with the club again this season.

PETE MILLARD – Scout – Someone Craig Davis brought to the club this season and has previously worked for Bashley FC and Craig at Fleet Town, has a wealth of knowledge and provides important information to Craig throughout the season, really crucial member of the management team.



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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		
Wed 03 Oct 18	19:45	Merthyr Town	H	Lge Cup 1		
Sat 06 Oct 18	15:00	Cirencester Town	A	League		P-P
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	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		
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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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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The FA has been working closely with UEFA and specialist organisation Colour Blind Awareness to highlight the issue. The intention is to positively influence decision-makers at every level of the game and improve the experience of colour-blind people – whatever their involvement in football.

This work has seen the production of a comprehensive guidance booklet. You can read and download it at www.TheFA.com/colourblindness

And please visit the Colour Blind Awareness website: colourblindawareness.org for ways you can help maximise awareness.

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Match Reports

Slimbridge 1-1 Larkhall Athletic

Saturday 15th September 2018

Swans rescue late point after poor first half performance.

In a game of two halves Slimbridge gained a point with an 89th minute header from Korey Pring after Lewis Powell had opened the scoring for the Larks.



Larkhall who were dominant in the first half almost took the lead after 10 minutes, Lewis Powell knocking the ball past Eric Edge as he rushed out to meet the striker but the shot was weak and this allowed Christien Turner time to collect the ball and clear upfield.

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At the other end Tornado Bello, Dean Turner and Yeshaya Lomotey linked up to force a corner for the Swans, Christien Turner heading over at the far post. Harry Hope fired just wide from 20 yards for the Larks. On 21 minutes Wayne Nderemani picked up the ball on the left firing in a dangerous cross to Hope whose header came back off the bar with Powell well positioned to head past Edge and open the scoring.

5 minutes later Alex Lambert got a shot away on the right but Edge was there to make the save. Swans were forced into a substitution on 33 minutes when Liam Smith pulled up with an injury and Sam Mendes entered the game in midfield. Three minutes later Edji Mbunga sprung the offside trap and forced the Larks keeper Shaun Semmens into a save his first real touch of the half. With half time approaching Bello's shot was blocked by Semmens.

Five minutes into the second half, some good play by Slimbridge in midfield inspired by Dean Turner and Mendes resulted in Lomotey firing just wide. At the other end Lamberts cross was met by the diving head of Powell but he failed to connect properly resulting in an easy save from Edge. On the hour mark Mendes shot from 15 yards was saved well by the Larks keeper Semmens as Slimbridge started to boss the game as Larkhall sat back on their one goal advantage.

Five minutes later it was Mbunga turn to fire over from the edge of the box after a spell of neat passing from the Slimbridge side. On 75 minutes Edge was on hand to save from Hope after a short spell of pressure by Larkhall.

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With the game reaching the end of normal time Mbunga's cross from the right was headed clear for a corner at the far post by visitors substitute Gary Colborne. Mendes corner on the left was fired over towards the far corner of the box where Pring managed to rise above the players around him sending a looping header across goal and into the net off the left hand post to equalise. In the four minutes of injury time Slimbridge conceded a couple of corners leaving a nervy finish for the home side who deserved a point from the game on their second half performance.

Next up for the Swans first team is a long trip to Devon to face bottom of the table Barnstaple Town on Saturday 22nd. On Thursday the unbeaten Under 18's Swans side face a trip to Tuffley Rovers in the FA Youth cup.

Slimbridge: Edge, Payne, Harper-Emerson (Hawes 79, Pring, Christien Turner, Hands, Dean Turner, Smith (Mendes 33), Bello (Dunbar 70), Lomotey, Mbunga

Attendance: 85

Supporters Man of the match: Dean Turner

Match Reports

Barnstaple Town 1–2 Slimbridge

Saturday 22nd September 2018

Slimbridge returned home from Barnstaple with a important victory which move the Swans up to 11th in the league table.

On a very wet afternoon in Devon, manager Lee Driver-Dickerson gave a start to the U/18s scoring sensation Adam Bloomfield, there was also a debut for Gloucester City youngster Danny King and a place on the bench for another of the U/18s starlets, Finley Byrnes.



The greasy surface seemed to be causing problems for both sets of players who were finding it hard to keep their feet and in what can only be described as a poor first half, with neither keeper really being troubled.

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Edji Mbunga went close for the Swans but his shot went high whilst at the other end Jack Langford should have done better when clear on goal but shot wildly high and wide. Two poor challenges by the home side on Will Hawes that surprisingly went unpunished by a lenient referee resulted in the former Shortwood man having to leave the field after 30 mins, Hawes being replaced by Yeshaya Lomotey.

Barnstaple had the best chance of the half when on 40 mins Jordan Charran found himself one on one with Eric Edge but his weak shot went wide of the post.

The second period began with the Swans playing with much more purpose and the deadlock was broken on 58 mins when Lomotey played a delightful through ball to Mubunga who Cooly rounded keeper Robert Holmes to give the Swans the lead.

Barnstaple responded well to going behind and put the Swans defence under pressure for a short while, Billy Hopcroft went close with a good effort and a couple of corners were well dealt with by a strong defence which was being well marshalled by a good Swans back four.

However on 78 mins the home side were level when slightly against the run of play and a lapse in the visitors defence allowed Barum's Jack Rice-Lethaby to sneak in and fire a shot from 10 yards past Edge in the visitors goal.

It was Slimbridge's turn to respond now and the introduction of Ewen Dunbar with ten minutes to go proved vital.

Match Reports

Edji Mbunga did exceptionally well to beat two men in midfield and thread a precision ball through Barums defence to Dunbar who's pace sent him clear and the former Evesham Utd player finished well with a low shot past Holmes to send the Swans supporters delirious.

In the final minute Adam Bloomfield found himself one on one with keeper Holmes and as he attempted to round the home keeper Holmes deliberately tripped the youngster and the referee awarded a obvious penalty, the only surprise was that Holmes was only shown a yellow card.

Bloomfield' penalty kick was saved by Holmes who dived low to his right but it was to make no difference as the full time whistle was blown immediately after.

Slimbridge now have two home Cup games starting with Winchester City on Saturday in the FA Trophy followed by Merthyr Town on Wed 3rd Oct, 7.45pm.

Our scheduled Away game at Cirencester Town on Sat Oct 6th will have to be re arranged as Cirencester will be on FA Cup duty. We are currently trying to bring a game forward for that date so watch this space.

Slimbridge: Edge, Payne, Harper-Emerson, Pring, Noakes, Hands, Turner, Hawes (Lomotey 33), Bloomfield, King (Dunbar 81), Mbunga

Subs not used: Pulman, Byrnes.

Attendance: 72

Supporter's player of the match: Ben Hands.

League Table

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

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

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