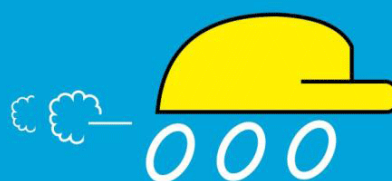


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Today's Teams

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Yate Town

Lewis Adams	1	Lewis Thomas
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Dan King	3	Elliott Keightley
Korey Pring	4	Nick Peare (c)
Christien Turner	5	Josh Ford
Dean Turner (C)	6	Sam Boulton
Myron Turner	7	Adam Price
Sam Mendes	8	Joe Guest
Ewan Dunbar	9	Olly Mehew
Yeshaya Lomotey	10	Dave Sims-Burgess
Josh Beadle	11	Jack Twyman
Liam Smith	12	Ross Langworthy
Adam Bloomfield	14	Sam Kamara
Will Hawes	15	Mike Bryant
Eric Edge (GK)	16	George King
Jamie Martin	17	Josh Cann
Joe Noakes	18	Toby Rennie

Managers:

Lee Driver-Dickerson

Dave Strain

Polly Britton

John Lester

Physios:

Rebecca Cox

Molly Dursley

Lucy Brazier

Referee:

Jack Shepherd

Assistants:

Charlie Dickens

Jake Allsopp

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

We have been on the road again for the last couple of weeks so it's nice to get a home game today against our local neighbours from Yate who are having a great season so far sitting in the top two of the league for the last couple of months. The games between us over the last couple of years have been close and entertaining fixtures; let's hope today is the same but hopefully with a much needed victory for the Swans.

Football can be cruel sometimes but we seem to have been hit hard recently with some back luck losing to Melksham and Totton by very late injury time winners having played really well throughout both games. The league cup fixture at Cinderford was a bit of a mixed game, a poor first half conceding two early goals before pulling back to 3-2 down then hitting the post and a goal line clearance late on finally going down to a 4-2 defeat.

For those who may not be aware, our Boxing day game at home to Bristol Manor Farm has been moved to a 1pm kick off.

On behalf of the club I would like to wish all of our friends, Supporters and Sponsors a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Have a good afternoon

Rob

This Week's Fixtures

Sat 15 Dec 18

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

Tue 18 Dec 18

- 19:45 Moneyfields v Street

Sat 22 Dec 18

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

Our Visitors Today

Yate Town FC began life as Yate Rovers in 1906, and Rovers won the Glos F.A. Junior Cup in 1913-14. World War One then intervened, and although Rovers reformed after the war, they later disbanded, probably in the early thirties. In 1933-34 season Yate Y.M.C.A. was formed and they entered the Bristol and District Division 5 under the captaincy of Arthur Gould. Goalkeeper Frank Boulton, one of four brothers in this team, later played for Arsenal. The team was promoted to Division 3 at the end of the following season. After the Second World War, they reformed, still known as Yate YMCA, playing in the Bristol and District League and the Avon Premier Combination. Yate YMCA were amongst the founders of the Gloucester County League in 1958 and the following year they dropped the YMCA from their title in favour of Town.

A major step forward in the clubs progress occurred in 1983 when they obtained membership of the Hellenic League and moved on to the first step of the non-League pyramid system.

Promotion to the Premier Division was soon accomplished when at the conclusion of the 1984/85 season Yate Town finished runners-up behind Pegasus Juniors in Division One. The following season they won the Hellenic Premier League finishing the campaign unbeaten at home. That successful formula continued into the 1988/89 season when they retained the Championship crown, losing just one league game. A second prize was obtained in the shape of the Gloucestershire Challenge Trophy. In the quest for further soccer prestige, Yate Town obtained election to the Southern League, Southern Division in 1989. Yate Town moved to their present ground in Lodge Road in 1984 having previously played at Yate Aerodrome (1954-1960) and Sunnyside Lane (1960-84) to prepare for the higher standard of football. Covered accommodation was erected in 1987 and floodlighting in 1988.

The 1993/94 season was disappointing as Yate finished second from bottom in the Midland Division. Luckily relegation was avoided but restructuring of the Southern League meant that the club was switched back to the Southern Division after three seasons in the Midland.

Our Visitors Today

The 1994/95 season, their first in the Southern Division, saw Yate make a terrible start which led to long serving manager, Pete Jackson, being relieved of his duties. The appointment of former Bristol Rovers favourites Ian Alexander and Phil Purnell, as Manager and Assistant, led to an immediate upturn in fortunes. The club enjoyed an excellent end of season run which saw them finish in sixteenth position. They again reached the final of the Gloucester Senior Cup losing on penalties after extra time to Cheltenham Town. Improvement continued in the 1995/96 season with a young squad enjoying their best campaign for a long time, finishing in the top half of the Southern League.

The club celebrated its Golden Jubilee in season 1996/97. During the 1997/98 close season John Freeguard was appointed Manager but after obtaining just two victories from seventeen games he resigned and was replaced by Martin Durnell, Manager of Yate's very successful Youth Team, assisted by Club Captain Danny Iddles. Despite these changes the Club still finished in the basement spot, but as before, relegation was avoided due to the restructuring of the Southern League. The 1998/99 season a young side finished 20th in the Southern League.

The 1999/2000 season saw Yate Town return to the Midland Division for the first time for six seasons due to the regionalisation of the Midland and Southern Division into Western and Eastern Divisions. Unfortunately they finished well adrift and were relegated to the Hellenic League. Manager Martin Durnell resigned and was replaced by former players Gary Hewlett and Richard Thompson who became Joint Player Managers. After a poor start to the 2000/01 season Yate Town enjoyed a long run of victories that saw them finish in third place in the league.

The following two seasons saw Yate finish third and second behind eventual champions North Leigh. North Leigh did not take up the promotion place available so Yate were again returned to the Southern League level of non-league football. After a poor start to the 2003-04 season, Yate improved and consolidated Southern League status by finishing in sixteenth position.

Our Visitors Today

Yate enjoyed their most successful season in 2004-05. They finished Runners-up in Division One West, and secured promotion to the Southern League Premier Division for the first time. Additionally, they won the Glos F.A. Senior Challenge Cup for the first time in their history, beating Bristol Rovers 2:0 in the final at the Memorial Stadium. They had previously defeated Bristol City and Forest Green Rovers en route to the final.

Town exceeded all expectations 2005-2006 season, their first in the Premier Division. Despite another poor start, they finished in a highly creditable sixth position, and also retained the G.F.A. Senior Cup when beating Cheltenham Town in the Final.

In 2006-2007 Yate were again challenging for a play off spot for much of the time, but were badly hit by injuries in the final few weeks, which led to a poor run of results, and Town finished in a mid table position. In 2007-2008 season Yate continued to establish themselves as a Premier Division Club, and finally finished in an encouraging tenth position.

A poor run of results which saw Yate gain only two wins in twenty League matches and slide into a relegation position, led to Richard Thompson being relieved of his duties in February 2009 and Lee Barlass, who had been Richard's Assistant for several seasons, also left the Club. Dave Mogg, formerly Manager at Hallen F.C. and Assistant Manager at Taunton Town and Weston Super Mare was then appointed as Manager. Despite his best efforts, the Club could not climb out of the relegation zone and are now in the South & West Division.

The 2009-10 season saw a much changed and relatively inexperienced squad finish in a respectable mid table position. Despite the addition of several experienced players, the 2010-11 season saw little progress being made under David Mogg, and after two years in charge he was replaced as manager by Rob Cousins, initially in a caretaker capacity. Performances quickly improved, and Rob was soon appointed as permanent manager.

Our Visitors Today

A string of good performances at the end of last season led to us regaining the Glos. F.A. Senior Challenge Cup, beating Cheltenham Town Reserves 3-2 in the Final, having beaten Bristol City Reserves in the Semi-Final. We again finished in a mid table position in the league. In the 2011-2012 season we made a very poor start to the League campaign, although making some progress in both F.A. Cup and F.A. Trophy. Results improved considerably after the first third of the season, although we finished in the bottom half of the table.

The 2013-14 season was notable for a superb run in the FA Cup, where we made it into the First Round Proper for the first time. Despite a series of poor results in the League, we excelled in the FA Cup, and victories against Poole Town, Winchester City, Oxford City and North Leigh saw us drawn at home to Conference giants Newport County in the Final Qualifying Round. We were leading 3-1 as the tie approached injury time, but two late goals saw Newport secure a 3-3 draw after an excellent performance.

Few people gave us a chance in the replay against a team which eventually gained promotion to the Football League, but a never to be forgotten night saw us fight back from being a goal down to equalise and then two goals in extra time gave us a tremendous 3-1 victory. This amazing performance earned us a trip to neighbouring Football League Club, Cheltenham Town in the First Round Proper, and we again excelled ourselves before losing 3-0. This Cup run was the catalyst for much improved results in the League, and we eventually finished just outside the Play Offs in sixth position. Unfortunately we became a victim of our own success, and the close season saw the departure of most that squad.

During the 2013/2014 season, the new look squad acquitted themselves very well. After an inconsistent start, a series of good results saw us briefly threaten to make the play -offs, before we ended the season in a creditable ninth position.

We also had another decent run in the FA Cup, before losing to Gloucester City in the third qualifying round replay.

Our Visitors Today

The 2014-15 season saw us struggle for consistency, which led to Rob Cousins and Michael Meaker being replaced by Craig Laird, assisted by Rob Boyd in March 2015. Several experienced and high profile signings were introduced by Craig for the 2015-16 season, but unfortunately that campaign proved very disappointing, and led to another change in management, with Paul Britton, assisted by John Lester before the start of the following season.

Many new, younger players were introduced into the squad throughout the 2016-17 campaign, and by the end of that season virtually a new look young team was in place. There was a disappointing start to last season, however, so several more experienced players joined the club. This led to a vast improvement, and at one time there appeared to be an outside chance of being involved in the play-offs before we ended last season in a comfortable mid-table position.



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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	W	5-1
Sat 13 Oct 18	15:00	Melksham Town	H	FAT Pr	L	2-3
Sat 20 Oct 18	15:00	Fleet Town	H	League	L	1-3
Sat 03 Nov 18	15:00	Street	A	League	L	1-3
Tue 06 Nov 18	19:45	Melksham Town	H	Lge Cup 2	W	4-0
Sat 10 Nov 18	15:00	Paulton Rovers	H	League	W	1-0
Tue 13 Nov 18	19:45	Cirencester Town	A	League	D	3-3
Sat 17 Nov 18	15:00	Moneyfields	A	League	L	1-0
Sat 24 Nov 18	15:00	Winchester City	H	League	L	1-3
Sat 01 Dec 18	15:00	Melksham Town	A	League	L	0-1
Tue 04 Dec 18	19:45	Cinderford Town	A	Lge Cup 3	L	2-4
Sat 08 Dec 18	15:00	AFC Totton	A	League	L	1-2
Sat 15 Dec 18	15:00	Yate Town	H	League		
Sat 22 Dec 18	15:00	Mangotsfield United	A	League		
Wed 26 Dec 18	13:00	Bristol Manor Farm	H	League		
Sat 29 Dec 18	15:00	Blackfield & Langley	H	League		

Fixtures 2018-19

Evo-Stick League South, Division One South

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

Fixtures 2018-19

Midland Floodlit Youth League (U18)

Thu 16 Aug 18	19:45	Pegasus Juniors	A	League	W	2-1
Thu 23 Aug 18	19:45	Bromyard Town	H	League	W	9-0
Thu 30 Aug 18	19:45	Redditch United	H	League	W	7-3
Mon 03 Sep 18	19:45	Stourport Swifts	A	League	W	4-0
Thu 13 Sep 18	19:45	Cheltenham Town	A	League	W	7-3
Thu 20 Sep 18	19:45	Tuffley Rovers	A	FA Y Cup	W	4-1
Tue 25 Sep 18	19:45	Malvern Town	H	League	W	3-0
Tue 03 Oct 18	19:00	Torquay United	A	FA Y Cup	L	0-1
Thu 25 Oct 18	19:45	Bishops Cleeve	H	League	D	2-2
Thu 01 Nov 18	19:45	Cheltenham Town	H	League	D	3-3
Thu 08 Nov 18	19:45	Dudley Town	A	Lge Cup	W	3-0
Thu 15 Nov 18	19:45	Pegasus Juniors	H	League	W	5-0
Sun 18 Nov 18	15:00	Tuffley Rovers	A	County Cup	W	3-0
Tue 27 Nov 18	19:45	Redditch United	A	League	W	6-4
Mon 3 Dec 18	19:45	Gloucester City	H	Lge Cup	L	2-5
	14:00	Rodborough				
Sun 16 Dec 18		Hawkes	A	County Cup		

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Swans Pen Pics

Eric Edge

21 year old goalkeeper signed for the swans for the first time this season, played in the USA for FC Miami City, has plenty of experience behind him, an excellent signing for us.

Lewis Adams

An excellent young keeper who plays for our Under 18s, has a bright future ahead of him.

Jaden Maddock

Another exciting youngster who plays for our Under 18s, Jaden has impressed for our youth team and will be looking to cement a regular first team place.

Korey Pring

21 year old defender who had a very good season last year, reliable and very strong, Korey will be looking to push on for us this year.

Jack Dempsey

Jack's first season with us this year, looked very strong in pre-season, this 29 year old has previous experience at Southern league level, formerly with Oldland Abbotonians.

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 Wilton

Joe's second season with us, has good speed and can cause problems for opposing defences, hoping to see Joe progress further with us this season and establish a regular first team place.

Yeshaya Lomotey

23 year old previously with Shortwood Utd, a tricky midfielder/forward with plenty of pace.

Max Harper-Emerson

Another 21 year old with plenty of potential, Max is another player who is capable of opening up defences, expecting to see Max further improve with us this season.

Adam Bloomfield

Adam has been a scoring sensation for our Under 18s so has rightly been given his chance in the first team where hopefully he can progress.

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.

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

Melksham Town 1-0 Slimbridge

Saturday 1st December 2018

Injury time winner deflates plucky Swans

Sometimes football is a cruel game, for Slimbridge today was that day after a great team performance against a well organised Melksham side where they deserved at least a point for their efforts.

Early on in the game both sides knocked the ball around well, Slimbridges midfield did well to pick up the loose balls but just couldn't find the killer pass to strikers up front and the defence held strong. Neikell Plumber who was lively upfront for the home side got his head to a cross but Lewis Adams was on hand to make the save. Adams released the ball through the defence and Swans Christien Turner tried his luck from long range but his shot sailed high over the opposition bar.

With 15 minutes gone Turner played a long through ball to Edji Mbunga on the left however Alex Shaftoe in the home goal was quickly out to thwart the chasing frontman. At the other end Melksham gained a corner but the visitors did well to clear without incident.

The Swans had a great chance on 24 minutes, Josh Beadle and Dan King linking up on the right with King's cross fired across the box unfortunately Mbunga arrived just inches away from contact and certain goal.

A Melksham free kick on the right of the Slimbridge box was expertly dealt with by Korey Pring who cleared the ball away to safety upfield. With 10 minutes of the first half remaining Beadles shot was deflected wide for a corner, captain Dean Turner picked up the short corner and fired in but the offside flag was raised.

As the half came to an end Plumber got his head to another cross from the right but it sailed wide of the post.

Match Reports

Slimbridge came out in the second half in determined mood, with two early corners from the second Steven Jackson headed against the bar in a crowded box before Beadle fired over from 20 yards. On 52 minutes Myron Turners tackle on the edge of the box resulted in a loose ball falling to Simon Gilbert however Adams was quick to bravely claim the ball at Gilberts feet.

Three minutes later Jackson's tackle on Plumber resulted in a corner to the hosts, which after being cleared by the Swans defence was headed over by fullback Mark Cooper. On the hour mark the visitors were lucky to remain level when Tom Warrens header from a corner cannoned back off the bar. The game at this point was flowing end to end with both teams chasing an elusive first goal.

On 65 minutes, substitute Ewen Dunbar's header grazed the top of the Melksham crossbar while immediately at the other end Mark Wall fired over the Swans goal. 5 minutes later Mbunga's powerful shot from just over 20 yards was deflected over and from the resulting corner Mbunga fired a tame shot that was easily gathered by Shaftoe.

The Swans almost took the lead on 73 minutes, Dean Turner hitting a low screamer from 30 yards out striking the left post with the home keeper Shaftoe rooted to the spot. With only ten minutes remaining and both sides playing attacking end to end football it was Melksham's chance to go close. Brad Norris heading a long goal kick to Jon Davies whose shot was blocked for a corner by Pring, before the corner was beaten away by Adams at the near post from a close range shot.

With a minute to go Pring headed away a dangerous cross from the left before Norris headed a chance over the bar as the game entered injury time. Four minutes into injury time, Reece Rusher was released down the right cutting into the near post and fired past Adams to win the game for the home side with the last kick of the game.

Match Reports

The deflated Swans return to action on Tuesday evening traveling the short distance to Cinderford Town in the City Security Services League challenge cup 3rd round for a place in the last 16. Before that the Under 18's host Gloucester City's Under 18 side in the Youth County Cup on Monday evening at Thornhill Park with a 7:45pm kick off.

Slimbridge: Adams, Maddock (Martin 78), King, Pring, Jackson, C Turner, D Turner, M Turner, Mbunga, Hawes (Dunbar 58), Beadle

Supporters Man of the match: Josh Beadle

Attendance: 294

Match Reports

Cinderford Town 4-2 Slimbridge

Tuesday 4th December 2018

Slimbridge exit league cup despite late comeback.

For the first time in the clubs history, Slimbridge played in the third round of the City Security Services League Challenge Cup however they were denied a place in the fourth round by a fast organised Cinderford side that led 3-0 at one point with the Swans pulling two goals back midway through the second half before conceding a late fourth.

With the game played in heavy rain throughout the Swans had an early chance when Jamie Martin fired wide while in and offside position after Liam Smith drilled the ball back in from a corner. Moments later Eric Edge in the visitor's goal made a point blank save from less than 5 yards to keep Cinderford out.

The home side took the lead on 7 minutes Will Peck heading home a cross from the right past the helpless Edge. From the kick-off Edji Mbunga put Yashaya Lomotey through on goal but he was judged to be offside by the referee's assistant. The visitors found themselves two goals down a minute later Richard Greaves playing in Craig Norman who made no mistake in finding the net.

With less than quarter of the game gone Slimbridge were lucky not to find themselves four goals down Greaves firing wide when in a good position and Edge making a save from a close range shot. An injury to Swans defender Steven Jackson on 16 minutes saw a reshuffle with Myron Turner joining the game from the bench taking up a midfield role and the team reverting to a flat back four.

Edge was on form blocking a shot through a crowded Slimbridge box before getting his legs in the way of Norman's shot denying him an almost certain second goal.

Match Reports

On 23 minutes Lee Driver Dickerson made a tactical change taking off Smith and bringing on Dean Turner to add some bite to the midfield. Turner made an instant impact winning the ball in the middle before playing in Myron Turner whose shot was just over the home crossbar.

This stabilised the Swans although Edge was on hand again to make a couple of saves from long range around the half hour mark. At the other end the Swans had a couple of chances through the returning Sam Mendes and Dean Turner.

The second half was much more even until on 57 minutes Cinderford scored their third, former Slimbridge defender Sam Turl crossing from the right to the unmarked Greaves who headed home at the far post. With nothing to lose Slimbridge pressed forward, Myron Turner winning a corner which came to nothing before a free kick on the left fired in to Josh Beadle who headed over. On 62 minutes the Swans pulled a goal back Lomotey latching onto a long through ball tucking it past Jordan Dibble to give the visitors a glimmer of hope.

Cinderford had other ideas peppered the Slimbridge goal with shots from around the box and one cross flashing across the goal line fortunately nobody was there to put it away. A moment of controversy on 76 minutes Myron Turner raced into the box chasing a through ball which at first appeared to be caught by Dibble but the ball popped out as Turner challenged to leave the Slimbridge man to tuck the ball into an empty net to give the visiting support something to cheer about. An unhappy Dibble received a yellow card for his protest towards the referee for allowing the goal to stand and not awarding a free kick for the challenge.

With 10 minutes to go Ewen Dunbar shot wide from a narrow angle when through with just the keeper to beat. 3 minutes later the visiting supporters thought their team had equalised, a free kick on the left was floated into the box and a miss-clearance from the home defence gave Slimbridge a corner. The corner caused panic in the home goal and in a crowded box Dibble somehow swept the ball off the line and away to safety.

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With less than 5 minutes to go Cinderford piled on the pressure Edge racing out of his box saving the ball with his legs as Robbie Atkinson attempted to round the keeper. Edge then made a double save by the left post to keep the home side out, however the hosts did manage a fourth on full time Matt McDonald picking up a loose ball on the left from a free kick on the right to fire past Edge and put the tie out of reach of the visitors.

The Swans return to league action travelling to AFC Totton on Saturday.

Slimbridge: Edge, Martin, King, Pring, Jackson (M Turner 16), C Turner, Mendes, Smith (D Turner 23), Mbunga, Lomotey, Beadle (Dunbar 66)

Supporters man of the match: Dan King

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AFC Totton 2-1 Slimbridge

Saturday 8th December 2018

Slimbridge Boss Lee Driver-Dickerson will be disappointed to see his side go down to yet another stoppage time goal, this time recorded as 90+4 as the Swans went down by 2 goals to 1 at the Testwood Stadium to a decent AFC Totton side.

On a heavy pitch which only just passed a 9am inspection it was Slimbridge who started the brightest in a dour first half which lacked very little goalmouth action.

The home side had a penalty appeal ignored by referee Niall Clinton when Jaden Maddock caught Jack Smith in the face with his boot as he stooped down to head the ball, resulting in Smith leaving the field with a broken nose.

On 32 minutes the Swans took the lead when Josh Beadle found Yeshaya Lomotey who unleashed a terrific shot from 25yards which went into the top corner of the net leaving the home keeper with no chance.

Slimbridge were pressing for a second goal now and when Edji Mbunga laid a lovely ball into the path of Dan King the Gloucester City youngster let fly from 18 yards only to see his shot palmed away for a corner.

Maddock then went on a good run up the right and his cross found Mbunga whose powerful drive was blocked by a defender. A bad back pass by the home side left their keeper in big trouble and as the Swans tried to take a quick corner with no defenders back the keeper deliberately hoofed the ball away resulting in him being cautioned.

Totton had obviously had a half time talking to as they came out looking a different side in the second period. The turning point in the game came on 53 minutes when Mbunga was sent off for retaliating to

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a foul, pushing his opponent with two hands leaving the referee with no option but to dismiss the Swans forward.

Slimbridge paid for this lack of discipline and the home side were level ten minutes later when a good cross from the right was headed home by Justin Bennett.

The Swans were under the cosh now and defended brilliantly against a rampant home side who were pushing for the winner.

Superb blocks by Christien Turner, Joe Noakes and Korey Pring denied the home side a sniff at goal and a couple of superb saves by Lewis Adams kept the score level.

With the referee notifying a minimum of 5 minutes of stoppage time the Swans continued to hold on but on 94 minutes disaster struck when a low cross from the right was tapped home at the far post by substitute Eddie Perrett to send the home side delirious and leave the Swans a very dejected outfit.

Manager Lee Driver-Dickerson must now try and lift his squad for some important games coming up starting with a home game against high flying Yate Town on Saturday, followed by a visit to fellow strugglers Mangotsfield Utd on Sat 22nd and then another home game versus League Leaders Blackfield and Langley on Sat 29th.

Slimbridge: Adams, Maddock, King, Pring, C Turner, Noakes, Mendes, M Turner, Mbunga, Lomotey (Dunbar 81), Beadle (Smith 63)

Supporters Man of the Match: Joe Noakes

Attendance: 219.



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

#	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Blackfield & Langley	16	11	2	3	30	13	17	35
2	Yate Town	15	9	4	2	27	13	14	31
3	Evesham United	17	9	2	6	28	22	6	29
4	Moneyfields	14	8	4	2	25	14	11	28
5	Melksham Town	14	7	5	2	28	21	7	26
6	AFC Totton	14	7	4	3	25	14	11	25
7	Cirencester Town	15	7	3	5	35	26	9	24
8	Highworth Town	16	6	6	4	28	24	4	24
9	Winchester City	15	7	3	5	26	22	4	24
10	Cinderford Town	15	7	2	6	24	20	4	23
11	Street	13	6	2	5	23	19	4	20
12	Larkhall Athletic	16	5	5	6	20	20	0	20
13	Paulton Rovers	15	6	1	8	25	31	-6	19
14	Thatcham Town	15	6	1	8	23	31	-8	19
15	Bideford	16	5	3	8	26	33	-7	18
16	Bristol Manor Farm	14	5	2	7	25	29	-4	17
17	Mangotsfield United	15	4	1	10	20	28	-8	13
18	Slimbridge	16	3	3	10	15	27	-12	12
19	Fleet Town	15	3	1	11	20	44	-24	10
20	Barnstaple Town	16	3	-	13	19	41	-22	9

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