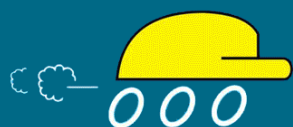


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# Today's Teams

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## Slimbridge AFC

## Evesham United

|                  |    |                      |
|------------------|----|----------------------|
| Lewis Adams      | 1  | Jonathan Brown       |
| Aaron Nesbeth    | 2  | Aaron Roberts        |
| Will Peck        | 3  | Brian Smikle         |
| Mike Ford        | 4  | Ryan Paddock         |
| Christien Turner | 5  | Bradley Maslen-Jones |
| Joel White (c)   | 6  | Jordon Sangha        |
| Dan King         | 7  | Harry Franklin       |
| Dion Chambers    | 8  | Daniele Bragoli      |
| Myron Turner     | 9  | Paul Sullivan        |
| Ryan Beckinsale  | 10 | Lee Chilton          |
| Sol Wanjau-Smith | 11 | Adam Page            |
| Korey Pring      | 12 | Jordan Statan        |
| Jamie Martin     | 13 |                      |
| Jack Horrell     | 14 | Thomas Chamberlain   |
| Ethan Dunbar     | 15 | Jack Cresswell       |
| Rhys Sarson      | 16 | Joe O'Neil           |
| Leighton Tuodolo | 17 | Aaron Basford        |
| Dean Turner      | 18 |                      |

### Managers:

Lee Driver-Dickerson  
Alex Lumsden

Carl Abbott

### Physios:

James Watson

### Referee:

Richard Walker

### Assistants:

Ryan Price  
James Lunn



# This Week's Fixtures

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## Wed 01 Jan 20

- 15:00 Barnstaple Town v Mangotsfield United
- 15:00 Cirencester Town v Highworth Town
- 15:00 Frome Town v Cinderford Town
- 15:00 Larkhall Athletic v Bristol Manor Farm
- 13:00 Moneyfields v AFC Totton
- 15:00 Paulton Rovers v Melksham Town
- 15:00 Sholing v Thatcham Town
- 15:00 Slimbridge v Evesham United
- 13:00 Willand Rovers v Bideford
- 15:00 Winchester City v Basingstoke Town

## Sat 04 Jan 20

- 15:00 AFC Totton v Winchester City
- 15:00 Basingstoke Town v Sholing
- 15:00 Bideford v Frome Town
- 15:00 Bristol Manor Farm v Barnstaple Town
- 15:00 Cinderford Town v Paulton Rovers
- 15:00 Evesham United v Larkhall Athletic
- 15:00 Highworth Town v Slimbridge
- 15:00 Mangotsfield United v Willand Rovers
- 15:00 Melksham Town v Cirencester Town
- 15:00 Thatcham Town v Moneyfields

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|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Thu 26 Dec 2019 | Evesham United 0 - 0 Cirencester Town |
| Sat 21 Dec 2019 | Barnstaple Town 0 - 2 Evesham United  |
| Sat 14 Dec 2019 | Evesham United 3 - 1 Basingstoke Town |
| Sat 07 Dec 2019 | Moneyfields 3 - 1 Evesham United      |
| Tue 03 Dec 2019 | Bideford 2 - 2 Evesham United         |
| Sat 30 Nov 2019 | AFC Totton 3 - 1 Evesham United       |

## Goal Scorers

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| Lee Chilton    | 12 |
| Paul Sullivan  | 5  |
| Adam Page      | 4  |
| Kai Tonge      | 2  |
| David Reynolds | 2  |
| Jordon Sangha  | 2  |
| Matt Dodd      | 2  |
| Aaron Basford  | 2  |



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## BetVictor Southern League Division One South

|                      |              |                            |          |                |          |            |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------|----------------|----------|------------|
| <b>Sat 10 Aug 19</b> | <b>15:00</b> | <b>Edgeware Town</b>       | <b>H</b> | <b>FAC EPr</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>1-0</b> |
| Sat 17 Aug 19        | 15:00        | Melksham Town              | A        | League         | L        | 3-6        |
| <b>Wed 21 Aug 19</b> | <b>19:45</b> | <b>Highworth Town</b>      | <b>H</b> | <b>League</b>  | <b>L</b> | <b>2-4</b> |
| <b>Sat 24 Aug 19</b> | <b>15:00</b> | <b>Burnham</b>             | <b>H</b> | <b>FAC Pr</b>  | <b>D</b> | <b>1-1</b> |
| Wed 28 Aug 19        | 19:45        | Evesham United             | A        | League         | L        | 3-4        |
| <b>Sat 31 Aug 19</b> | <b>15:00</b> | <b>Basingstoke Town</b>    | <b>H</b> | <b>League</b>  | <b>W</b> | <b>2-0</b> |
| Tue 03 Sep 19        | 19:45        | Burnham                    | A        | FAC Pr R       | L(Pens)  | 1-1        |
| <b>Tue 10 Sep 19</b> | <b>19:45</b> | <b>Cheltenham Town</b>     | <b>H</b> | <b>GFA Cup</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>1-2</b> |
| Sat 14 Sep 19        | 15:00        | Barnstaple Town            | A        | League         | W        | 3-0        |
| <b>Sat 21 Sep 19</b> | <b>15:00</b> | <b>Mangotsfield United</b> | <b>H</b> | <b>League</b>  | <b>W</b> | <b>4-1</b> |
| Tue 24 Sep 19        | 19:45        | Frome Town                 | A        | League         | W        | 2-1        |
| Sat 28 Sep 10        | 15:00        | Mangotsfield United        | A        | FAT Ex Pr      | W        | 2-1        |
| <b>Wed 02 Oct 19</b> | <b>19:45</b> | <b>Yate Town</b>           | <b>H</b> | <b>Lge Cup</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>1-2</b> |
| <b>Sat 05 Oct 19</b> | <b>15:00</b> | <b>Bideford</b>            | <b>H</b> | <b>League</b>  | <b>W</b> | <b>2-1</b> |
| <b>Sat 12 Oct 19</b> | <b>15:00</b> | <b>AFC Totton</b>          | <b>H</b> | <b>FAT Pr</b>  | <b>L</b> | <b>0-1</b> |
| <b>Sat 19 Oct 19</b> | <b>15:00</b> | <b>Paulton Rovers</b>      | <b>H</b> | <b>League</b>  | <b>W</b> | <b>1-0</b> |
| Sat 16 Nov 19        | 15:00        | Winchester City            | A        | League         | L        | 2-3        |
| Tue 19 Nov 19        | 19:45        | Bristol Manor Farm         | A        | League         | D        | 2-2        |
| <b>Sat 23 Nov 19</b> | <b>15:00</b> | <b>Willand Rovers</b>      | <b>H</b> | <b>League</b>  | <b>L</b> | <b>0-1</b> |
| Sat 30 Nov 19        | 15:00        | Sholing                    | A        | League         | L        | 1-3        |
| <b>Wed 04 Dec 19</b> | <b>19:45</b> | <b>Larkhall Athletic</b>   | <b>H</b> | <b>League</b>  | <b>L</b> | <b>0-1</b> |
| <b>Sat 07 Dec 19</b> | <b>15:00</b> | <b>Cirencester Town</b>    | <b>H</b> | <b>League</b>  | <b>L</b> | <b>0-3</b> |
| Sat 14 Dec 19        | 15:00        | Thatcham Town              | A        | League         | W        | 3-1        |
| <b>Sat 21 Dec 19</b> | <b>15:00</b> | <b>AFC Totton</b>          | <b>H</b> | <b>League</b>  | <b>W</b> | <b>5-2</b> |
| Thu 26 Dec 19        | 13:00        | Cinderford Town            | A        | League         | W        | 2-1        |

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## BetVictor Southern League Division One South

|                      |              |                           |          |               |
|----------------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------|---------------|
| <b>Wed 01 Jan 20</b> | <b>15:00</b> | <b>Evesham United</b>     | <b>H</b> | <b>League</b> |
| Sat 04 Jan 20        | 15:00        | Highworth Town            | A        | League        |
| <b>Sat 11 Jan 20</b> | <b>15:00</b> | <b>Melksham Town</b>      | <b>H</b> | <b>League</b> |
| Sat 18 Jan 19        | 15:00        | Mangotsfield United       | A        | League        |
| <b>Sat 25 Jan 20</b> | <b>15:00</b> | <b>Barnstaple Town</b>    | <b>H</b> | <b>League</b> |
| Sat 01 Feb 20        | 15:00        | Bideford                  | A        | League        |
| <b>Sat 08 Feb 20</b> | <b>15:00</b> | <b>Frome Town</b>         | <b>H</b> | <b>League</b> |
| Sat 15 Feb 20        | 15:00        | Paulton Rovers            | A        | League        |
| <b>Sat 22 Feb 20</b> | <b>15:00</b> | <b>Moneyfields</b>        | <b>H</b> | <b>League</b> |
| Sat 29 Feb 20        | 15:00        | Larkhall Athletic         | A        | League        |
| <b>Sat 07 Mar 20</b> | <b>15:00</b> | <b>Winchester City</b>    | <b>H</b> | <b>League</b> |
| Tue 10 Mar 20        | 19:45        | Moneyfields               | A        | League        |
| Sat 14 Mar 20        | 15:00        | Willand Rovers            | A        | League        |
| <b>Sat 21 Mar 20</b> | <b>15:00</b> | <b>Sholing</b>            | <b>H</b> | <b>League</b> |
| Sat 28 Mar 20        | 15:00        | Basingstoke Town          | A        | League        |
| <b>Sat 04 Apr 20</b> | <b>15:00</b> | <b>Bristol Manor Farm</b> | <b>H</b> | <b>League</b> |
| Sat 11 Apr 20        | 15:00        | AFC Totton                | A        | League        |
| <b>Mon 13 Apr 20</b> | <b>15:00</b> | <b>Cinderford Town</b>    | <b>H</b> | <b>League</b> |
| <b>Sat 18 Apr 20</b> | <b>15:00</b> | <b>Thatcham Town</b>      | <b>H</b> | <b>League</b> |
| Sat 25 Apr 20        | 15:00        | Cirencester Town          | A        | League        |

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## Cheltenham Youth League (U18)

|                      |              |                            |                   |               |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| <b>Mon 02 Sep 19</b> | <b>19:45</b> | <b>Malvern Town</b>        | <b>H FA Y Cup</b> | <b>W 3-2</b>  |
| <b>Thu 12 Sep 19</b> | <b>19:45</b> | <b>Chipping Sodbury T</b>  | <b>H League</b>   | <b>W 6-0</b>  |
| <b>Mon 16 Sep 19</b> | <b>19:45</b> | <b>New College Swindon</b> | <b>A FA Y Cup</b> | <b>W 4-2</b>  |
| <b>Mon 23 Sep 19</b> | <b>19:45</b> | <b>Cinderford Town</b>     | <b>H League</b>   | <b>W 6-0</b>  |
| <b>Mon 30 Sep 19</b> | <b>19:45</b> | <b>Chippenham Town</b>     | <b>H FA Y Cup</b> | <b>W 2-0</b>  |
| Tue 08 Oct 19        | 19:30        | Tuffley Rovers             | A League          | W 3-2         |
| Mon 14 Oct 19        | 19:30        | Bath City                  | A FA Y Cup        | L 0-3         |
| Mon 21 Oct 19        | 19:30        | Tuffley Rovers             | A GFA             | W 2-1         |
| <b>Mon 18 Nov 19</b> | <b>19:30</b> | <b>Dursley Town (U17)</b>  | <b>H GFA</b>      | <b>W 10-1</b> |
| <b>Tue 10 Dec 19</b> | <b>19:30</b> | <b>Bishops Cleeve</b>      | <b>H League</b>   | <b>W 5-2</b>  |
|                      |              |                            |                   |               |
| Sun 05 Jan 19        | 14:00        | Wickwar Wanderers          | A GFA             |               |
| Thu 09 Jan 20        | 19:30        | Evesham United             | A League          |               |
| <b>Thu 16 Jan 20</b> | <b>19:30</b> | <b>Lydney Town</b>         | <b>H League</b>   |               |
| Thu 23 Jan 20        | 19:30        | Bishops Cleeve             | A League          |               |
| Mon 27 Jan 19        | 19:30        | Longlevens                 | A League          |               |
| <b>Mon 03 Feb 20</b> | <b>19:30</b> | <b>Westfields</b>          | <b>H League</b>   |               |
| <b>Mon 10 Feb 20</b> | <b>19:30</b> | <b>Cheltenham Town</b>     | <b>H League</b>   |               |
| Wed 19 Feb 20        | 19:30        | Chipping Sodbury T         | A League          |               |
| Mon 24 Feb 20        | 19:30        | Chipping Sodbury T         | A Cup             |               |
| Tue 03 Mar 20        | 19:30        | Cinderford Town            | A League          |               |
| Wed 11 Mar 20        | 19:30        | Lydney Town                | A League          |               |



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## Cheltenham Youth League (U17)

|                      |              |                                        |                 |          |             |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|-------------|
| Sun 08 Sep 19        | 14:00        | Bishops Cleeve                         | A League        | W        | 7-0         |
| <b>Sun 15 Sep 19</b> | <b>14:00</b> | <b>Swindon Village</b>                 | <b>H League</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>11-0</b> |
| <b>Sun 22 Sep 19</b> | <b>14:00</b> | <b>Frampton</b>                        | <b>H League</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>6-0</b>  |
| <b>Sun 29 Sep 19</b> | <b>14:00</b> | <b>Charlton Rovers</b>                 | <b>H League</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>10-0</b> |
| Sun 06 Oct 19        | 14:00        | Leckhampton Rovers<br>(Falcons)        | A Cup           | W        | 5-0         |
| Sun 20 Oct 19        | 14:00        | Churchdown Panthers                    | A League        | W        | 2-2         |
| <b>Sun 27 Oct 19</b> | <b>14:00</b> | <b>Dursley Town</b>                    | <b>H League</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>4-0</b>  |
| Sun 03 Nov 19        | 14:00        | Longlevans (Tigers)                    | A League        | W        | 2-1         |
| <b>Sun 10 Nov 19</b> | <b>14:00</b> | <b>Churchdown Panthers</b>             | <b>H League</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>5-0</b>  |
| Sun 17 Nov 19        | 14:00        | Gloucester City (U18)                  | A GFA Cup       | W        | 4-3         |
| <b>Sun 24 Nov 19</b> | <b>14:00</b> | <b>Leckhampton Rovers</b><br>(Falcons) | <b>H League</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>7-1</b>  |
| Sun 01 Dec 19        | 14:00        | Southside Star                         | A League        | W        | 11-0        |
| <b>Sun 08 Dec 19</b> | <b>14:00</b> | <b>Leckhampton Rovers</b><br>(Lions)   | <b>H League</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>3-1</b>  |
| Sun 15 Dec 10        | 14:00        | Cirencester Town (U18)                 | A GFA Cup       | L        | 1-3         |
| <b>Sun 05 Jan 20</b> | <b>14:00</b> | <b>GVR Chalford</b>                    | <b>H League</b> |          |             |
| Sun 12 Jan 20        | 14:00        | Broadwell Amateurs                     | A League        |          |             |
| Sun 19 Jan 19        | 14:00        | FC Barrometrics                        | A League        |          |             |
| Sun 09 Feb 20        | 14:00        | Abbeymead Rovers                       | A League        |          |             |
| <b>Sun 01 Mar 20</b> | <b>14:30</b> | <b>Longlevans (Tigers)</b>             | <b>H Cup</b>    |          |             |

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# Match Reports

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## Slimbridge 5-2 AFC Totton

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2019

Swans flying high after five star performance

After last weekend's victory at unbeaten leaders Thatcham Town, Slimbridge continued where they left off with one change to the side, top scorer Sol Wanjau-Smith returning from injury at the expense of James Spruce on the left wing.

The game started at a high tempo which brought early success for the Swans, Dion Chambers cross field ball from left to right found Dan King who picked out Wanjau-Smith at the far post for a tap in from a few yards out. However the lead only lasted 5 minutes when a corner for Totton saw the ball fall to Patrick Nolan who fired through a crowd of legs and into the net.

Slimbridge responded with Wanjau-Smith firing wide a minute later. The home side unexpectedly fell behind after 14 minutes, Alex Haynes delivering the perfect weighted pass through the defence for prolific striker Craig Feeney to latch onto and slot past Lewis Adams.

The Swans continued to press forward playing the ball down both flanks in an attempt to open up the visitors defence. Wanjau-Smith fired wide from the left flank and then Ryan Beckinsale's effort sailed wide from a narrow angle.

Feeney and Haynes linked up again in the middle but Haynes shot was fired over. Beckinsale strike from Wanjau-Smith's cross cleared the bar before Mike Ford's long range attempt fell wide.

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On 34 minutes King's shot was saved by Mathew Hall in the Totton goal after a great cross from Aaron Nesbeth on the left. Five minutes later a dangerous cross for the visitors from the left found its way onto the head of Silvano Obeng his effort was caught by Adams.

As Slimbridge upped the pressure Wanjau-Smith forced a great save from Hall on the line after some good work from Nesbeth down the right. A free kick was awarded to the home side just outside the box a minute before half time. King swung the ball towards the far post where Will Peck was waiting to head past Hall and bring the scores level.

The second half belonged to the Swans, Wanjau-Smith forcing a save from Hall and a great opportunity went begging a few minutes later Joel Whites ball forward to King who struck his shot over the bar with just the keeper to beat. At the other end Feeney cleared the bar from 10 yards when clear in space.

Chambers long range shot cleared the bar on 61 minutes however two minutes later the Swans took the lead. The ball was played to the feet of Myron Turner on the edge of the box. He managed to shrug off the challenge from two defenders to fire past Hall into the net.

Slimbridge extended their lead on 69 minutes Kings shot was saved well by Hall but the ball rebounded out for substitute Jamie Martin to lift the ball into the net. The fifth goal came on 75 minutes, another substitute Adam Price latching onto Chambers through ball delicately chipped the ball over Halls head to score his first goal for the club.

# Match Reports

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Price almost gained a second late on when his long range effort was well saved by the busy Hall in the Totton goal. The Swans now sit in seventh place in the league with the play-off positions still in sight.

Over the Christmas period the Swans travel to neighbours Cinderford Town on Boxing Day with a 1pm kick-off before returning to Thornhill Park on New Year's Day to entertain Evesham United in another local derby at 3pm.

Slimbridge: Adams, Nesbeth, Peck, Ford, White, C Turner, King (Sarson 82), Chambers, M Turner, Beckinsale (Martin 65), Wanjau-Smith (Price 65)

Subs not used: Pring, Tuodolo

Attendance: 92

Supporter's man of the match: Myron Turner

# Match Reports

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## Cinderford Town 1-2 Slimbridge

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Festive win for Swans in local derby

On a very wet pitch and patchy fog to contend with, Referee Andrew Genders allowed the game to start with both sets of players wanting to take to the pitch in what turned out to be an entertaining hard fought game by both teams. However it was the visitors that came away from this Boxing Day derby with all three points.

Will Peck had an early shot but his effort sailed wide, a minute later Craig Norman headed Marley Thomas's cross wide at the far post.

Thomas's run down the left was blocked by Aaron Nesbeth the follow-up effort fell wide. A good move from Nesbeth found Dion Chambers in space his 25 yard shot was saved by home keeper Andrew Hannah. Another good team move from the Swans saw Dan King shoot wide as the visitors coped well with the conditions.

Benjamin Watkins tested Slimbridge keeper Lewis Adams from 30 yards out on 19 minutes, Adams getting his finger tips to the ball as it skimmed over the bar for a home side corner.

A good spell of pressure by the Swans on 28 minutes saw Pecks cross fly high and wide at the far post. Five minutes later the visitors saw their dominance pay off, Mike Ford played a neat cross field ball to Peck on the left his cross towards the far post found Sol Wanjau-Smith in space to chest the ball down and fire under the diving Hannah to give the visitors the lead.



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Immediately Cinderford went on the counter and gained a free kick 35 yards out from goal, James Harding stepped up and fired the ball against the wall. Thomas picked up the loose ball but could only find the arms of Adams.

The visitors extended their lead on 30 minutes, Dan King initially striking the left hand post from a long range free kick the rebound fell nicely to Ryan Beckinsale to fire into the net.

As the end of the half approached, Wanjau-Smith's effort from King's corner fell wide then Callum Wood headed wide for the home side from a free kick.

The second half started at a fast pace with the home side chasing the game, Peck's long range effort sailed over the bar while a minute later Joshua Hunt forced a save from Adams at the other end.

On 50 minutes Myron Turner forced a save from Hannah at close range before Turner played provider passing to Wanjau-Smith whose shot was deflected wide for a corner. Peck heading the corner narrowly wide.

Harding almost had the ball in the net getting his head to a corner but was adjudged to have fouled Adams as Adams attempted the save. The home side continued to put pressure on Slimbridge defence which was holding firm at the back. Harding's chip from the left found the head of former Swan Sam Turl but his effort went wide.

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The home side pulled themselves back into the game on 64 minutes, Thomas's shot taking a wicked deflection over Adams and into the net. Two minutes later Watkins shot fell wide from 20 yards out.

On 75 minutes Beckinsales shot was blocked then a minute later the visitors had a glorious chance to sew the game up. Adams long kick bounced over the home defence for Myron Turner to run onto his shot was expertly blocked by the out rushing Hannah. With ten minutes remaining substitute Jarrad Welch fired his effort wide.

A moment of controversy came on 87 minutes Welch and Chambers both slid in for a loose ball on the half way line, Chambers getting to his feet first as neither player managed to gain possession of the ball. However the referee stopped the game for what appeared to be a very soft foul, then calling the home player over and showing him a straight red card to the shock and surprise of everyone in the ground.

The game continued with six minutes of added time. Slimbridge substitute Jack Horrell forcing a save out of Hannah after a run down the left. Deep in injury time the Swans did well to protect their narrow lead, Rhys Sarson taking the ball towards the corner flag before crossing to Horrell who just failed to connect at the far post. On the final whistle Chambers effort was blocked then Horrell's follow up was saved.

Sixth placed Slimbridge now move on to New Year's Day where they look to continue their winning run in another derby game in the shape of Evesham United at Thornhill Park with a 3pm kick off. A large crowd is expected for this game with Slimbridge only four points behind United in 4<sup>th</sup>.

# Match Reports

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Slimbridge: Adams, Nesbeth, Peck, Ford, White, C Turner, King, Chambers, M Turner, Beckinsale (Sarson 83), Wanjau-Smith (Horrell 70)

Unused subs: D Turner, Martin, Tuodolo

Attendance: 170

Supporters man of the match: Dan King

# Our History

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## **In The Beginning**

The Gloucestershire village of Slimbridge is world renowned for its Bird Sanctuary, but in recent years much hard work has gone into making Slimbridge better known in football circles.

The Club's history can be traced back to the 1899/1900 season playing in local football at various venues in and around the village. A gap in the records suggests there may have been a couple of seasons when no games were played, and thus, officially, the Club's centenary was celebrated in 2002/03.

It was not until 1951 that the current ground at Wisloe Road was acquired, after a former player, Evi Thornhill, bequeathed it to the Club in his Will. For the next forty-odd years the Club were predominantly members of the Stroud and District League with varying degrees of success and failure, except for a period between 1960 and 1968 when they were in the Gloucester Northern Senior League.

## **Point Of Collapse**

By 1988, a point of collapse approached, but fortunately, a handful of committee members led by Gordon King and Gordon Tudor kept the Club afloat. The following season local businessman Paul Chappell arrived. The Club was stabilised and construction of new changing facilities, to County League standard, were completed.

## **Start Of A New Reign**

As playing standards improved, the building of a long awaited Social Club commenced in the 1998/99 season. The following year saw the introduction of John Mack, a successful local entrepreneur, as Chairman. In the summer of 2001, Doug Gray was appointed Manager.

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After achieving the Runners-up spot in their first season in the Gloucester County League, the club were accepted into the Hellenic League. Hellenic Division One West was won by an eleven point margin in 2002/03 and with it, promotion to the Hellenic Premier Division, where a creditable fourth place finish was achieved in 2003/04. In a marvelous season the club also claimed the Hellenic 'Norman Matthews' Floodlit Cup and the G.F.A. Challenge Trophy.

## **Arrival Of Floodlights**

The summer of 2003 saw the floodlights installed. A pre-season visit from Conference side Forest Green Rovers on 22nd July, produced a then ground record attendance of 427 to witness the inaugural floodlit game at Wisloe Road.

A few weeks later on Sunday 24th August, that ground record was beaten at a Bank Holiday Hellenic Premier Division fixture that was part of the 2003/04 annual 'Ground Hop' weekend. Local rivals Shortwood United provided the opposition in front of a crowd of 525.

Season 2004/05 again saw a fourth place finish in the Hellenic Premier Division, along with a first entry into the F.A. Vase competition which resulted in a useful run to the third round proper before a 2-1 extra time defeat at 'Screwfix' Western League side Backwell United concluded an enjoyable campaign. Sadly, in the February, Gray stood down after nearly four seasons at the helm of the club.

The club started season 2005/06 under newly appointed Manager Doug Foxwell. A first entry into the F.A. cup saw a visit from Wessex League side Wimborne Town.

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A 1-0 defeat did not dampen the sense of occasion on the first day of the season. A second successful run in the F.A. Vase again came to an end in the Third Round Proper, with a 3-1 defeat at South Midland Premier, Welwyn Garden City. After a record-breaking 64 game season, the team managed a fifth place finish in the Hellenic Premier Division. The club also won the Hellenic 'Norman Matthews' Floodlit Cup and the GFA Challenge Trophy, both for the second time in three seasons.

## **Reserves Make Headway**

After two successive third place finishes in the Stroud and District League First Division, season 2005/06 saw the Reserve side finally win the title and with it, promotion to the Gloucester Northern Senior League Division Two. This was the same League title that the first team won in season 1998/99 which proved the springboard for five successive first team promotions.

## **Rise To New Heights**

Season 2006/07 proved the most successful in the Club's history to date, with both the First Team and Reserve side recording League and Cup doubles, with the added bonus of record-breaking F. A. Cup and Vase runs for the senior side as well.

In the F.A. Cup, a five match run from the Extra-Preliminary Round finished at Merthyr Tydfil in the Third Qualifying Round. Along the way there were memorable wins against two other Southern Premier sides, 2-1 at Yate Town and 3-1 at home to Chippenham Town.

It was six matches in the F.A. Vase before defeat was tasted, the run ending in the Fifth Round Proper at home to the eventual winners, Truro City.

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In the Hellenic Premier Division, a solid start was established. Due to the Cup runs, and then bad weather, which led to a record number of postponements during the subsequently extended season, half a seasons fixtures had to be played in the final two months. A tremendous effort saw the Club bring the Championship Shield to Wisloe Road, the winning margin being three points over second placed North Leigh.

There was a rousing performance in the G.F.A. Trophy Final against Almondsbury Town. A 3-1 victory not only retained the Trophy, but recorded a third success in four seasons in that competition.

The Reserve side had an early success in the Gloucester Northern Senior League Cup with a 2-0 win against Division One Tuffley Rovers. This saw confidence rise and they went on to break a Gloucestershire Northern Senior League record in winning Division Two with a Played 30, Won 30 record.

## **Promotion To The Southern League**

Alongside the playing success, progress in the improvement of facilities allowed the First Team to be accepted into the BGB Southern League Division One Midlands for Season 2007/08, the highest level that the Club have ever operated at.

## **Return To A New Beginning**

On July 10th 2007 the club decided not to take up the opportunity of playing in the BGB Southern League Division One Midlands for Season 2007/08, instead the club reverted back to the Gloucester Northern Senior League. This meant a big upheaval in the club both on and off the field with the manager Doug Foxwell and several senior players moving on the pastures new.

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However a loyal band of players stayed on including James Cole taking over as player manager with assistance from long term club captain Leon Sterling.

## **Climb Back Up The Ladder**

Four promotions followed as the club regained their previous status. The reins were handed over to Leon Sterling, who moved into the Manager's role, joined by Assistant and long time Slimbridge stalwart Freddy Ward. The two have guided the side to a very respectable sixth and fifth place in their first two seasons back in the Hellenic Premier.

## **Switching Leagues**

After three top six finishes in the Hellenic Premier League, The Swans applied for a transfer to the Toolstation Western Premier League, a move approved by the FA in the Summer of 2013.

## **Return To The Southern League**

After two seasons in the Toolstation Western Premier League, a third place finish at the end of the 2014/15 season gave the Swans a second opportunity to return to the Southern Football League. This time the club accepted the offer and took their place in the South and West division finishing a credible 18th.

## **Welcome To Thornhill Park**

At the start of the 2016-17 season prior to our annual freindly fixture with neighbours Forest Green Rovers, the football ground in Wisloe Road was renamed in honour of the gift in 1960 from former Chairman Evi Thornhill of the land the club still occupies to this day.



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Evi's son, Tony and his wife Margaret were on hand to cut the ceremonial ribbon, and Tony made a short heartfelt speech about how much the renaming meant to him and the entire Thornhill family, and how honoured they were that the football club had recognised their father in this way.

## **Changes On The Bench**

After a run of poor results the club parted company with manager Leon Sterling in December 2016, his assistant Freddy Ward taking up the post initially on a caretaker basis. Freddy continued in the role for the following season bringing in Lee Driver-Dickerson as his assistant and former Gloucester City player Lee Smith as player coach.

After tough year, just avoiding relegation Freddy Ward stepped down as first team manager at the end of the 2017/18 season. Driver-Dickerson taking up the reigns with Cheltenham youth coach Dave Strain as his assistant.

## **Progression Through Youth**

After three tough years of survival in the Southern League the committee decided to start a new Under 18's team, entering into the Midland Floodlit Youth League, Division 1 for the 2018/19 season. The aim was to produce a new crop of Swans to bolster the first team and provide a platform for local players to progress into Southern League Football

The move was a resounding success, seven of the Under 18 players stepping up to first team football during the season and Lewis Adams taking the number one jersey for the majority of the season.

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## **Another step forward**

At the start of the 2019/20 season the clubs fifth in the Southern League, further progress is being made on the pitch. Alex Lumsden an academy coach at Bristol Rovers and former Swansea player Dion Chambers joining Lee Driver-Dickerson's backroom staff.

The Under 18's have moved across to a new County based youth league and the formation of an Under 17 team to bolster the clubs youthful squad gives an exciting air to the future of the club.

# Swans Pen Pics

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## **Lewis Adams**

Lewis is in his second season with the club having progressed through our U/18s side. A very good goalkeeper who has a bright future ahead of him.

## **Joel White**

Joel was recruited in the summer from Tuffley Rovers, a strong defender who will be looking to impress at Thornhill Park this season

## **Will Peck**

Another youngster recruited from Gloucester City in the summer, has shown

## **Danny King**

Danny is in his second season with us, a young player who can play in defence or attack, capable of scoring goals, has great potential.

## **Jacob Waddington**

Another success from our U/18s Jacob is a very competitive defender who is in his second season with the Swans.

## **Korey Pring**

Korey has been a long term injury casualty but has now returned and is looking as sharp as ever, a good header of the ball, important squad member.

## **Joel Letori**

Joel has come highly recommended having played for Cardiff Met in the Welsh Premier League, formerly with Willand Rovers and Cullompton FC.

## **Aaron Nesbeth**

A 20 year old defender who joined us in the summer from Gloucester City, Aaron has impressed in pre-season and will be looking to press on.

# Swans Pen Pics

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## **Christien Turner**

Slimbridge's player of the year last season, a strong lad with a good head, reads the game well, a popular figure here at Thornhill Park.

## **Jack Horrell**

Jack has a wealth of experience, formerly with Bishops Cleeve, Brimscombe & Thrupp and Evesham Utd, a strong midfielder and a good passer of the ball.

## **Adam Price**

Recently signed from Yate Town, an excellent addition to the squad, Pricey brings a lot of experience with him, also formerly with Shortwood Utd.

## **Ryan Beckinsale**

Ryan is a young midfielder and has signed after playing for Fairford Town last season, has impressed in pre-season and has a big year ahead of him.

## **Mike Ford**

Mike joins the Swans having played for Bishops Cleeve last season, another player who has had a good pre-season and will further strengthen the Swans midfield.

## **Myron Turner**

A popular lad here at Thornhill Park, in his second full season having previously played for Longlevens FC.

## **Dean Turner**

Club Captain who needs no introduction here at Thornhill Park, supporters player of the year last season, always gives 100%.

## **Dion Chambers**

Dion has joined us during the summer and has already become a favourite with the fans, played in Wales for Briton Ferry Fc, has a lot of skill and will add vital experience to our midfield.

# Swans Pen Pics

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## **Ethan Dunbar**

Another young player who caught the manager's eye in our U/18s, Ethan has plenty of pace and will further strengthen our attack.

## **Theo Maye**

Theo has impressed the managers both in the U/18s and at training and he will be eager to continue this form in the first team, another young lad with loads of ability.

## **Jamie Martin**

Another Popular figure here at Thornhill Park, a very loyal player who has improved with age, Jamie is a regular goal scorer and will be another looking to impress again this season.

## **Sol Wanjau-Smith**

Sol has joined us in the summer having been scoring regularly for Cribbs FC in the Western League Premier Division. A pacy winger who will cause opposition defences plenty of problems.

## **Leighton Tuodolo**

18 yr old striker who did well at Thornbury Town last season, another who has impressed in pre-season, plenty of pace, looks an exciting prospect.

## **Rhys Sarson**

Rhys is a new signing for us and has already made a big impression in pre-season, a strong forward player who holds the ball up well, Rhys has also played for Mansfield Town.

# Swans Pen Pics

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## **Lee Driver-Dickerson: Manager**

Lee is in his second full season as manager after being assistant to Freddy Ward in 2017/18, a good motivator who is dedicated to the cause. Lee will be keen to improve the league position of the Swans this season after a couple of tough years.

## **Alex Lumsden: Assistant Manager**

Alex has joined us during the summer having had spells at Stonehouse Town, Brimscombe & Thrupp and Bishops Cleeve. Alex holds a Uefa B Licence and coaches at Bristol Rovers Academy. He is an excellent appointment and has already shown a very professional approach in his work here at Thornhill Park.

## **Tony Woodward: Sports Therapist**

Tony has been with us for very many years and is a popular figure in the dugout. Keeps threatening to retire but keeps turning up, Tony is also a qualified football referee

## **Physio: James Watson**

James has joined us this season as an addition to Tony in the treatment and warm up of players. He has settled in well and we look forward to working with him this season.



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# Player Appearances

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|   |              | Started | Subs | Goals |
|---|--------------|---------|------|-------|
| M | Turner       | 24      | 0    | 5     |
| J | White        | 23      | 0    | 0     |
| W | Peck         | 21      | 1    | 1     |
| L | Adams        | 16      | 0    | 0     |
| D | Turner       | 15      | 1    | 0     |
| R | Beckinsale   | 15      | 5    | 6     |
| C | Turner       | 14      | 2    | 1     |
| R | Sarson       | 13      | 5    | 3     |
| M | Ford         | 12      | 2    | 1     |
| L | Tuodolo      | 11      | 4    | 0     |
| D | Chambers     | 11      | 7    | 1     |
| S | Wanjau-Smith | 11      | 2    | 10    |
| J | Horrell      | 9       | 10   | 3     |
| D | King         | 9       | 3    | 2     |
| J | Wright       | 8       | 0    | 0     |
| I | Richards     | 8       | 0    | 1     |
| A | Nesbeth      | 7       | 2    | 0     |
| T | Handley      | 6       | 1    | 1     |
| A | Bloomfield   | 6       | 3    | 1     |
| J | Goodall      | 6       | 0    | 0     |
| A | Price        | 6       | 1    | 2     |
| J | Martin       | 4       | 4    | 2     |
| J | Spruce       | 3       | 2    | 0     |
| L | Spurrier     | 3       | 1    | 0     |
| K | Pring        | 3       | 1    | 0     |
| T | Tucker-Dixon | 2       | 4    | 0     |
| J | Letori       | 2       | 1    | 0     |
| J | Waddington   | 2       | 0    | 0     |
| L | Roach        | 1       | 0    | 0     |
| B | Aitken       | 1       | 1    | 0     |
| A | Freeman      | 1       | 0    | 0     |
| W | Hawes        | 1       | 2    | 1     |

# Player Appearances

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|   |        | Started | Subs | Goals |
|---|--------|---------|------|-------|
| L | Harper | 1       | 0    | 0     |
| O | Giles  | 0       | 1    | 0     |
| E | Dunbar | 0       | 5    | 1     |
| T | Maye   | 0       | 1    | 0     |

# Goal Scorers

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|   |              | <b>Started</b> | <b>Subs</b> | <b>Goals</b> |
|---|--------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| S | Wanjau-Smith | 11             | 2           | 10           |
| R | Beckinsale   | 15             | 5           | 6            |
| M | Turner       | 24             | 0           | 5            |
| R | Sarson       | 13             | 5           | 3            |
| J | Horrell      | 9              | 10          | 3            |
| J | Martin       | 4              | 4           | 2            |
| D | King         | 9              | 3           | 2            |
| A | Price        | 6              | 1           | 2            |
| T | Handley      | 6              | 1           | 1            |
| W | Peck         | 21             | 1           | 1            |
| M | Ford         | 12             | 2           | 1            |
| C | Turner       | 14             | 2           | 1            |
| D | Chambers     | 11             | 7           | 1            |
| A | Bloomfield   | 6              | 3           | 1            |
| I | Richards     | 8              | 0           | 1            |
| W | Hawes        | 1              | 2           | 1            |
| E | Dunbar       | 0              | 5           | 1            |

# Form Guide

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|----|---------------------|--------|
| 1  | Melksham Town       | WWWWD  |
| 2  | Frome Town          | LWWDW  |
| 3  | Thatcham Town       | WLWWD  |
| 4  | Larkhall Athletic   | WLWWD  |
| 5  | Cirencester Town    | DWWWL  |
| 6  | Willand Rovers      | LLWWW  |
| 7  | Paulton Rovers      | LWDLW  |
| 8  | Winchester City     | LWLDW  |
| 9  | Sholing             | LWWLW  |
| 10 | Slimbridge          | WWWLL  |
| 11 | Bideford            | WLDLD  |
| 12 | Evesham United      | DWLDL  |
| 13 | Mangotsfield United | WLDWDL |
| 14 | Cinderford Town     | LLDWW  |
| 15 | Bristol Manor Farm  | WLLLW  |
| 16 | Moneyfields         | WLDLL  |
| 17 | AFC Totton          | LLDWDL |
| 18 | Highworth Town      | LLDLW  |
| 19 | Barnstaple Town     | LLWLLL |
| 20 | Basingstoke Town    | LLWLLL |

# League Table

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## BetVictor Southern League Division One South 2019 - 2020

| #  | Team                | P  | W  | D | L  | F  | A  | GD  | Pts |
|----|---------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1  | Thatcham Town       | 17 | 13 | 3 | 1  | 42 | 15 | +27 | 42  |
| 2  | Frome Town          | 19 | 12 | 5 | 2  | 42 | 19 | +23 | 41  |
| 3  | Paulton Rovers      | 16 | 10 | 2 | 4  | 39 | 24 | +15 | 32  |
| 4  | Evesham United      | 19 | 9  | 5 | 5  | 37 | 28 | +9  | 32  |
| 5  | Winchester City     | 16 | 9  | 3 | 4  | 33 | 23 | +10 | 30  |
| 6  | Slimbridge          | 18 | 9  | 1 | 8  | 37 | 34 | +3  | 28  |
| 7  | Larkhall Athletic   | 16 | 8  | 4 | 4  | 27 | 24 | +3  | 28  |
| 8  | Cirencester Town    | 18 | 8  | 2 | 8  | 33 | 28 | +5  | 26  |
| 9  | Cinderford Town     | 15 | 7  | 3 | 5  | 30 | 26 | +4  | 24  |
| 10 | Mangotsfield United | 18 | 7  | 3 | 8  | 30 | 34 | -4  | 24  |
| 11 | Melksham Town       | 17 | 6  | 5 | 6  | 35 | 36 | -1  | 23  |
| 12 | Bristol Manor Farm  | 16 | 6  | 4 | 6  | 24 | 27 | -3  | 22  |
| 13 | Highworth Town      | 18 | 6  | 4 | 8  | 24 | 28 | -4  | 22  |
| 14 | Willand Rovers      | 16 | 6  | 1 | 9  | 23 | 21 | +2  | 19  |
| 15 | Bideford            | 17 | 5  | 3 | 9  | 27 | 35 | -8  | 18  |
| 16 | Moneyfields         | 14 | 4  | 4 | 6  | 23 | 29 | -6  | 16  |
| 17 | Sholing             | 13 | 5  | 0 | 8  | 17 | 19 | -2  | 15  |
| 18 | AFC Totton          | 16 | 3  | 3 | 10 | 24 | 40 | -16 | 12  |
| 19 | Basingstoke Town    | 17 | 3  | 3 | 11 | 24 | 45 | -21 | 12  |
| 20 | Barnstaple Town     | 20 | 3  | 0 | 17 | 19 | 55 | -36 | 9   |

# Club Constitution

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# Club Officials

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# Club Staff

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|                          |                                               |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Manager</b>           | Lee Driver-Dickerson                          |
| <b>Assistant</b>         | Alex Lumsden                                  |
| <b>Player Coach</b>      | Dion Chambers                                 |
| <b>Sports Therapists</b> | Tony Woodward<br>James Watson                 |
| <b>U18 Manager</b>       | Adam Coyle                                    |
| <b>U18 Assistant</b>     | Tommy Callinan                                |
| <b>U17 Manager</b>       | Martin Worsfold<br>David Morgan               |
| <b>Ground Staff</b>      | Paul Chappell<br>Malcolm Carter<br>Ian Wrixon |



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