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Football Club



The Pitching In Southern Football League
Division One South

Slimbridge AFC v Basingstoke Town
Saturday 19th September 2020 3:00pm





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BASINGSTOKE TOWN

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KICK OFF 3.00PM



Today's Teams

Slimbridge AFC

Lewis Adams	1
Ben Deakin	2
Nick Humphreys	3
Myron Turner	4
Owen Giles	5
Joel White (c)	6
Edjija Mbunga	7
Dean Turner	8
Rhys Sarson	9
Danby King	10
Jay Malshanskyj	11

Basingstoke Town

Julian Schwartz	1
Aiden Lewis	2
James Smith	3
Lewis Hayden	4
Scott Armsworth	5
Daryl Wollers	6
George Reid	7
Ben Cook	8
George Hallahan	9
Bradley Wilson	10
Harrison Cliff	11

Jamie Martin	12	Dylan Ive
	13	
Joe Stokes	14	Lloyd Snell
Johan Flo	15	McKoy Palmer
Jack Twyman	16	D'andre Brown
Korey Pring	17	Paul Strudley
Christien Turner	18	Shaun Dallimore

Managers:

Lee Driver-Dickerson
Tom Speers

Dan Brownlie

Physios:

Tony Woodward

Gideon Vallance

Referee:

Mark Pearson

Assistants:

Adam Mcanoy
Mark Wilkes

Club Chat

With Rob Peck

Good afternoon, and welcome back to Thornhill Park.

After an absence of six months, we finally get to play our first home game of the season. Firstly I hope everyone is well, and that you and your loved ones have all managed to stay healthy and safe during this difficult period in our lives.

May I please politely ask you all to be sensible today, and follow the guidelines we have in place here at Thornhill Park, they are there for *your* safety and wellbeing as well as ours. There is a COVID Risk Assessment included within this program to advise you on what we have put in place to make your stay with us as safe as possible in the current climate.

Last Saturday saw us bow out of the FA Cup in our first competitive game of the season falling to the dreaded penalty kicks. Despite the very nervous start we took command of the game in the second half and despite the chances we created could not quite get the winner. Some good performances from the team including Owen Giles who looked solid at the back on his first start for the club having been promoted from the development team while super sub Jamie Martin showed some fight and passion when introduced in the second half.

With such a great season last year albeit cut short we finished in the highest position in the clubs history. This season looks just as much if not more promising with the retention of a large majority of last year's squad and the acquisition of a few new faces we can only hope in is another record breaking year.

Take care, please help us follow the rules and stay safe
Rob

This Week's Fixtures

Saturday 19 September 2020

- 3pm AFC Totton v Barnstaple Town
- 3pm Bideford v Larkhall Athletic
- 3pm Bristol Manor Farm v Cirencester Town
- 3pm Cinderford Town v Moneyfields
- 3pm Evesham United v Sholing
- 3pm Highworth Town v Willand Rovers
- 3pm Mangotsfield United v Frome Town
- 3pm Melksham Town v Winchester City
- 3pm Slimbridge v Basingstoke Town
- 3pm Thatcham Town v Paulton Rovers

League Table

Pitching In Southern League Division One South 2020 - 2021

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

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THE SQUAD

BASINGSTOKE TOWN FC



HARRISON CLIFF

Won one of the player of the seasons trophies awarded by our supporters. His energy, workrate and ability to win the ball back has won 'H' a lot of plaudits within the club.

SHAUN DALLIMORE

An imposing centre half who is airtight dominant and possesses a threat in the oppositions box. Signed from Alresford at the start of this season.

D'ANDRE BROWN

An academy graduate whose abilities have won him a lot of praise. Highly thought of amongst the group and with the right application has a very bright future.

GEORGE REID

Another signing from Didcot Town, George who is a natural winger has the ability to ghost past players with real pace and has a good eye for goal too.

MCKOY PALMER

A player that can get fans on their feet. A natural ability to go past players with ease - plenty more to come from this lad over the coming months.

BRADLEY WILSON

Arguably had his best game in a Basingstoke shirt in the first round of this competition. A returnee from last years squad but has come back a different animal this time round.

GEORGE HALLAHAN

A true Basingstoke boy who is deadly in front of goal. Been in sensational form during pre-season and will be looking to continue that work throughout the season.

LLOYD SNELL

The youngest in the Basingstoke team at just 17 with a very bright future ahead. Can play a host of positions including full back and striker. Has impressed everyone over pre-season.

DANNY VICKERS

Signed from Alresford, the Basingstoke boy should have been playing this level years ago. An old fashioned centre midfielder with an incredible engine and warrior like attitude.



Our Visitors Today



THE SQUAD

BASINGSTOKE TOWN FC



JULIAN SCHWARZER

A sharp shot-stopper previously of Fulham FC and more recently German side FC Pipinsried. Saved the final penalty which helped us progress in the FA Cup.

PAUL STRUDLEY

A keeper with a wealth of an experience which included seeing the rise of Hungerford Town. A great all rounder with a first class approach to the game.

Scott Armsworth

Signed upon being released from Fulham FC, Scott is in his second year at the club and show great progression with it. A strong combative defender who is comfortable on the ball.

DARYL WOLLER

One of Dan Brownlie's first signings this season. The left sided centre half has impressed since arriving from Alresford Town where he was their most capped player last season.

ADAM EVERISS

In his third year with the club the winger turned left back scored the pivotal equaliser in the last round. Adam turned 30 at the weekend.

AIDEN LEWIS

The Full-Back joins us for this second spell with the club, the first under Frank Gray. Aiden has previously played for very successful Didcot and Totton sides.

JAMES SMITH

The strong and pacey wideman who can play both as a full back and winger. Previous clubs include Badshot Lea and Fleet Town FC.

LEWIS HAYDEN

The 23 year old defensive midfielder signed from Didcot Town this season and has impressed fans and his teammates with his ability to win back possession.

BEN COOK

Nicknamed the Chef, Ben has become an important member of the squad. A great first touch, passing range and has a fantastic engine.

SIMON DUNN (C)

The Skipper had a spell for us last season having previously been at Slough Town. A huge asset to the club both on and off the pitch. A classy first touch and superb awareness and movement.



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Sat 12 Sep 20	15:00	Northwood	A	FAC Pr	L(pens) 1-1
Sat 19 Sep 20	15:00	Basingstoke Town	H	League	
Sat 26 Sep 20	15:00	Sholing	A	League	
Wed 30 Sep 20	19:45	Bristol Manor Farm	H	League	
Sat 03 Oct 20	15:00	Melksham Town	H	League	
Wed 07 Oct 20	19:45	Highworth Town	A	League	
Sat 10 Oct 20	15:00	Barnstaple Town	H	League	
Sat 17 Oct 20	15:00	Bideford	A	FAT 2Q	
Sat 24 Oct 20	15:00	Mangotsfield United	A	League	
Wed 28 Oct 20	19:45	Moneyfields	H	League	
Sat 31 Oct 20	15:00	Paulton Rovers	A	League	
Tue 03 Nov 20	19:45	Bideford	A	League	
Sat 07 Nov 20	15:00	FromeTown	H	League	
Sat 14 Nov 20	15:00	Winchester City	H	League	
Sat 21 Nov 20	15:00	Larkhall Athletic	A	League	
Sat 28 Nov 20	15:00	Sholing	H	League	
Sat 05 Dec 20	15:00	Willand Rovers	A	League	
Sat 12 Dec 20	15:00	Thatcham Town	H	League	
Sat 19 Dec 20	15:00	Cirencester Town	A	League	
Sat 26 Dec 20	15:00	Cinderford Town	H	League	

Fixtures 2020-21

Pitching In Southern League Division One South

Sat 02 Jan 21	15:00	Evesham United	A	League
Sat 09 Jan 21	15:00	Highworth Town	H	League
Sat 16 Jan 21	15:00	AFC Totton	A	League
Sat 23 Jan 21	15:00	Paulton Rovers	A	League
Sat 30 Jan 21	15:00	Moneyfields	A	League
Sat 06 Feb 21	15:00	Bideford	H	League
Sat 13 Feb 21	15:00	FromeTown	A	League
Sat 27 Feb 21	15:00	Larkhall Athletic	H	League
Sat 06 Mar 21	15:00	Winchester City	A	League
Sat 13 Mar 21	15:00	Willand Rovers	H	League
Sat 20 Mar 21	15:00	Mangotsfield United	H	League
Sat 27 Mar 21	15:00	Barnstaple Town	A	League
Sat 03 Apr 21	15:00	AFC Totton	H	League
Mon 05 Apr 21	15:00	Cinderford Town	A	League
Sat 10 Apr 21	15:00	Basingstoke Town	A	League
Sat 17 Apr 21	15:00	Melksham Town	A	League
Sat 24 Apr 21	15:00	Cirencester Town	H	League
Sat 01 May 21	15:00	Thatcham Town	H	League
Mon 03 May 21	15:00	Evesham United	H	League
Sat 08 May 21	15:00	Bristol Manor Farm	A	League

Fixtures 2020-21

Hellenic League Division 2 West

Sat 26 Sep 20 19:45 Malvern Town Dev H League

Fixtures 2020-21

Bristol U18 Combination League Premier Division

Sun 20 Sep 20	14:00	Lawrence Weston Ath.	H	League
Sun 27 Sep 20	14:00	Rockleaze Rangers	H	League
Sun 04 Oct 20	14:00	St Nicholas	H	League
Sun 11 Oct 20	14:00	Bristol Central	H	League
Sun 18 Oct 20	14:00	Cutters Friday	A	League
Sun 25 Oct 20	14:00	Cribbs	H	League
Sun 01 Nov 20	14:00	Bradley Stoke	A	League
Sun 08 Nov 20	14:00	Lawrence Weston Ath.	A	League
Sun 22 Nov 20	14:00	St Nicholas	A	League
Sun 06 Dec 20	14:00	Cutters Friday	H	League
Sun 13 Dec 20	14:00	Cribbs	A	League
Sun 10 Jan 21	14:00	Bradley Stoke	H	League
Sun 24 Jan 21	14:00	Rockleaze Rangers	A	League
Sun 21 Feb 21	14:00	Bristol Central	A	League

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Match Reports

Northwood 1-1 Slimbridge (L 4-2 Pens)

FA Cup Preliminary Round
Saturday 12th September 2020

Swans Exit Cup in Penalty Shootout

After a late comeback in an entertaining FA Cup tie, the Swans suffer the heartbreak of losing on penalty kicks.

After much anticipation Slimbridge started their 2020/21 football campaign with a long trek to Northwood in the FA Cup. The long journey seemed to have an effect on the team as the first few minutes of the game they hardly got sight of the ball as Northwood knocked it around smoothly and the Swans looking very nervous at the back.

Despite this it was the visitors who had the first chance, a long clearance from Lewis Adams found Rhys Sarson his touch to Danny King allowed the striker to run through however his shot was saved by keeper Hafed El-Droubi with the goal in his sights. The home sides continued to play the ball around frustrating Slimbridge at time but failed to make any impression moving forward.

Northwood gained a corner on 25 minutes, Dave Thomas striking it wide at the near post a let off for the Swans. The home sides spell of pressure did pay off when they took the lead after 32 minutes, Ben Deakin giving away a free kick on the corner of the box. Richard Wards kick found the unmarked head of Calvin Dickson who looped the ball in to the corner of the net to the delight of the home support.

The goal seemed to wake Slimbridge up, Myron Turner sending a long range shot over the bar and Owen Giles heading over from a Corner. A late spell of pressure from the Swans failed to gain any reward however home stopper El-Droubi picked up a yellow card for needless time wasting on the stroke of half time.

Match Reports

Adams made a routine stop from George Isaac early in the second half as the Swans upped the tempo and put pressure on the home defence. A Slimbridge corner was quickly moved forward by Northwood but the break resulted in a weak shot for Adams to easily collect.

The entry of substitute Jamie Martin replacing Rhys Sarson on 60 minutes appeared to spark the visitors into second gear, debutant Jay Malshanskyj firing a shot over the bar and 5 minutes later an attempt at an overhead kick also failed to hit the target. King took a free kick just on the edge of the box but his shot just sailed over the bar on 73 minutes as the Swans piled forward in search of an equaliser.

The deserved equaliser came on 80 minutes, Ben Deakin linking up with Joe Stokes on the right, and it was Stokes pin point cross that found Jamie Martin in space to head home. There was still enough time to get a late winner with Slimbridge camped in the visitor half for much of the last few moments of the game.

El-Droubi in the home goal pulled off a fantastic double save on the stroke of normal time first blocking Martins fierce shot then beating away Edjija Mbungas follow up effort.

In injury time Nick Humpreys kept the Swans in the tie heading the ball off the line from a Northwood corner sending the game straight to a penalty shoot-out.

The penalty shootout to decide the result of the game started off with Richard Ward of Northwood finding the back of the net sending Adams the wrong way. Joel White levelled the scores after the first round of kicks.

Charlie Kuehn stepped up to put Northwood back into the lead, before Myron Turners kick was deemed to have been saved having appeared to cross the line and bounce back.

Match Reports

Adams saved Northwoods third kick from Amin Belaid's attempt next up Mbunga for the Swans fired over the bar to keep Northwood in the lead 2-1. Isaac extended the home side's lead netting his effort while Johan Flo also scored to maintain a one goal difference.

In the fifth round of penalties substitute Ryan Phillips outfoxed Adams to give the home side victory of 4 penalties to the Swans 2.

The Swans start their Pitching In Southern Football League campaign next Saturday 19th hosting Basingstoke Town at Thornhill Park kicking off at 3pm.

Slimbridge: L Adams, B Deakin, N Humphreys, M Turner, O Giles, J White, E Mbunga, D Turner (69 J Stokes), R Sarson (60 J Martin), D King, J Malshanskyj (69 J Flo)

Unused Subs: B Prictor, K Pring, J Twyman, E Parker (G/K)

Goals: J Martin 80

Attendance: 153

Our History

In The Beginning

The Gloucestershire village of Slimbridge is world renowned for its Bird Sanctuary, but 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, when the team were 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.

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. It was not until 1951 that the current ground at Wisloe Road (Now renamed as Thornhill Park) became the club's home, and it subsequently became the legal property of the club after former player, and ex-Chairman of the club, Evi Thornhill, bequeathed the land to the Club in his Will, with the Club becoming legal owners in 1960. It was to prove an incredibly valuable treasure in future years.

Point Of Collapse

By 1988, the club had fallen on hard times, 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. Paul Chappell was to remain a vital part of the club until his retirement from his duties in 2020.

Our History

Start Of A New Reign

As playing standards improved, 2000 saw the completion of the building of a long awaited Social Club in an area of the ground that in it's old life had housed a cowshed. John Mack, a successful local entrepreneur, joined the club as Chairman, and he remains a committed supporter of the club to this day as Club President. In the summer of 2001, Doug Gray was appointed Manager, and the club began a period of upward momentum.

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

Arrival Of Floodlights

Floodlights arrived at the ground in the summer of 2003. 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 game under lights at Wisloe Road.

A few weeks later on Sunday 24th August, that ground attendance 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. The club also made their first appearance in the F.A. Vase, which resulted in a run to the third round proper before a 2-1 extra time defeat at Western League side Backwell United.

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In February 2005, 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. 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 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 achieved a fifth place finish in the Hellenic Premier, and 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

The Club's Reserve side were also making progress - After two successive third place finishes in the Stroud and District League First Division, season 2005/06 saw them 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 to be 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.

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

Our History

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.

In the Hellenic Premier Division, bad weather, which led to a record number of postponements during the subsequently extended season, led to half a seasons fixtures being 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

As a result of winning the league after an inspiring final day victory, and the upgrade to the ground facilities at Wisloe Road, the club were promoted into the BGB Southern League Division One Midlands for Season 2007/08, however, there was a twist to come in the tale.

Our History

Return To A New Beginning

On July 10th 2007 the club decided not to take up the promotion, and effectively, the first team took over the position in the pyramid occupied by the reserve team, which was disbanded.

The First Team reverted back to the Gloucester Northern Senior League. This meant a severe upheaval in the club both on and off the field with the manager Doug Foxwell and several senior players moving on the pastures new.

However, a loyal band of players stayed on including James Cole, who over as player manager with assistance from long term club captain Leon Sterling to begin the next stage of the club's journey.

Climb Back Up The Ladder

Four promotions followed as the club regained their previous status. James Cole handed over to Leon Sterling, who moved into the Manager's role, with Leon joined as Assistant Manager by long time Slimbridge stalwart Freddy Ward. The two guided the side to three top six finishes in their first three seasons back in the Hellenic Premier.

Switching Leagues

After the completion of the 2012-13 season, the Swans applied for a transfer to the Toolstation Western Premier League in an effort to reduce prohibitive travelling costs, a move which was approved by the FA in the Summer of 2013.

Our History

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 in their first season, the highest level the club had ever achieved at that time in their history. Prior to the commencement of that campaign, John Mack had stepped back from Chairman duties and his position was taken up by Barry Gay.

Welcome To Thornhill Park

At the start of the 2016-17 season, and prior to our pre-season friendly fixture with neighbours Forest Green Rovers, the football ground in Wisloe Road was formally renamed to Thornhill Park in recognition of the marvellous gift we received from Evil Thornhill 46 years earlier.

Evi's son, Tony and his late 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.

Onwards and Upwards

A difficult two seasons of struggle at a higher level saw the eventual departure of Leon Sterling as Manager, with Freddy Ward stepping up to the plate, assisted by local footballing legend Lee Driver-Dickerson. With Freddy then stepping aside to concentrate of his last few years of playing having steadied the Swans' ship, 'Drive' took over the reins as Manager of the first team.

Our History

The Club's previous ground attendance record was smashed on 4th February 2017, when 898 fans saw the side suffer a 3-0 defeat to Hereford FC, who were working their way back up the league pyramid following their reformation after the collapse of Hereford United

The last 2 years have seen an incredible expansion of the football club– the establishment of a thriving Youth setup at Under 18 level, and the resurrection of the Reserve side has seen Slimbridge AFC make great strides as a club.

Prior to the Covid suspension of football in March 2020, the Under 18s and the Reserves were top of their respective leagues, while the first team were sitting in 12th place in the Southern League Division One South, the highest placing in the history of the football club. Although the FA has made the season's results null and void, they have been officially added to club statistics and all appearances and goals will stand in our records as a permanent tribute to all who represented the club in a fantastic season in the strangest of all campaigns

The Club has gained a great local reputation both on and off the pitch for looking after players and developing them in their careers - Already some of those previously with the club in the last 2 seasons have moved to Conference South level to ply their trade.

It is a tribute to the committed and very talented team of coaches and managers in place at all levels of the club, that the future is very bright indeed for the Swans...

Swans Pen Pics

Lewis Adams

Lewis is in his third 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 from Tuffley Rovers, a strong defender who will be looking to continue to impress at Thornhill Park in his second season.

Danny King

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

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.

Christien Turner

A strong lad with a good head, reads the game well, a popular figure here at Thornhill Park now in his third season with the club.

Myron Turner

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

Dean Turner

Club Captain who needs no introduction here at Thornhill Park, long time servant of the club in his eleventh season having played nearly 300 games for the club.

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.

Swans Pen Pics

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 another long term servant of the club scoring 79 goals in his 330 appearances.

Leighton Tuodolo

Young striker who has impressed in pre-season, plenty of pace, looks an exciting prospect.

Rhys Sarson

Made a big impression last season, a strong forward player who holds the ball up well, Rhys has also played for Mansfield Town.

Owen Giles

Young defender who is a good prospect for the future after having a great season last year in the Under 18 development side and promoted to the first team this year.

Will Hawes

Will has a very good eye for goal and is a very skilful player, he will be looking to notch plenty more for the Swans this season. Missed much of last season due to injury and a spell of traveling overseas.

Ben Deakin

Recently signed from Brimscombe & Thrupp after an impressive preseason.

Nick Humphreys

Experienced player who has signed from Yate Town, can play anywhere across the back but also comfortable in midfield.

Joe Stokes

Former Forest Green midfielder returns to Thornhill Park for a second spell, good passer of the ball and capable of scoring important goals.

Swans Pen Pics

Jack Twyman

Another player returning to Thornhill Park this season after two years away at Yate Town. Another player with over 200 appearances for the club, very popular lad who will bring an additional attacking presence to the midfield.

Johan Flo

Talented young lad with a good pedigree, looking to step up to the Southern League having previously played at Brimscombe & Thrupp.

Nick Tilling

Another new young recruit who showed great promise during preseason.

Ben Prictor

Defender with much experience at Southern and Hellenic League level, played a handful of games for Slimbridge in 2016-2017.

Jay Malshanskyj

Young striker with a good future previously played for Yate, Cirencester and Weston Supermare.

Edjija Mbunga

Rejoined the club from a spell at Highworth Town last season, pacey striker who is a handful in the penalty area.

Micheal Ford

Had a good season last year, can play in defence or midfield. Recently returned from a spell playing and coaching in Iceland.

Ellis Parker

Young reserve team keeper currently studying at Hartpury, previously with Chippenham Youth setup.

Swans Pen Pics

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.

Tom Speers: Assistant Manager

Tom has returned to the club in the assistant's role having previously played for the club between 2010 and 2013. Since retiring as a player in 2013 Tom has worked for the AC Milan Academy in Sydney before moving to Auckland where he worked firstly as assistant manager at top flight Eastern Suburbs then manager at North Shore. Currently a OFA B / UEFA B Licence holder and looking to take his A license in the near future. A very popular figure around the club.

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: Eleanor McArdle

Recently joined the club



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Slimbridge Football Club is a Members Club which is run by Volunteers.

If you are interested in becoming more involved and would like to become part of this Very Friendly, Family Orientated Organisation then we are always on the lookout for more Volunteers.

Why not become a member and have a say on how this Club is run?

Just Approach any Committee member on a Match day for more Information. You will be made Very Welcome

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Assistant	Shane Matthews
U18 Manager	Martin Worsfold
Assistant	David Morgan
Ground Staff	Ian Wrixon David Morgan Malcolm Carter

Covid Risk Assessment

RETURN TO FOOTBALL RISK ASSESSMENT SLIMBRIDGE FOOTBALL CLUB

Slimbridge Football Club Return To Competitive Football

This document is for all Volunteers, Players, Officials and Spectators to prepare for the return of football at Thornhill Park.

As per FA Guidance on Friday, 17th July 2020 regarding grassroots football, the following applies to Thornhill Park.

All Clubs must appoint a COVID-19 Officer, this Officer must constantly check FA guidelines AND ENSURE that all updated information is COMMUNICATED to all Volunteers, Players, Officials and Spectators (when allowed).

Slimbridge Football Club have taken all these directives and risk assessed each one to provide a policy that meets the criteria as set out by the F.A. Most are mandatory and if not, are advisory to ensure complete safety of all persons concerned.

It is imperative that this document is read by anyone attending Thornhill Park and will encompass all of matchday football and events concordat.

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CODE OF CONDUCT

As we are all aware, COVID-19 is highly infectious. We can only return to football if we all play our part and ensure that we have a completely safe environment, as far as it is possible. We need to minimise infection and approach everything with the utmost caution and care.

We are all responsible for our own personal health and we at Thornhill Park will do our utmost to make sure everyone is as safe as we can. If you experience any symptoms, please stay at home and seek medical advice. This applies to everyone that attends, i.e. Volunteers, Players, Officials and Spectators.

Guidance is changing all the time, so please keep updated and also ensure you wash your hands regularly, before, during and after any game or event. There is plenty of hand wash and hand sanitiser at Thornhill Park.

Please also practise social distancing at all times as best as you possibly can. You will be requested to sign in and give your details so that if there was an outbreak of COVID19, we can contact everyone. These details will be destroyed after 21 days in line with Government Guidelines.

Be aware of other people at all times when using any of the club facilities.

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TRAVEL

Please follow best practice when travelling.

If you do have to travel with someone else, make sure you always travel with the same person. Open windows and don't face to face. If it's a home game, if you can, try and walk or cycle. Ensure car and minibus is cleaned before and after travel. Wear masks.

STADIUM

When you arrive at Thornhill Park, you will be requested to follow all our guidelines, one-way systems, follow and respect our guidelines, signage will be in place. Toilet facilities one-in, one-out and outside toilets can be used but please always follow good hygiene. On arrival wash hands and use hand sanitiser. Do the same on departure. Players, Match Officials and Coaches to arrive already changed and showered where possible. Changing Rooms will be available and as there will no hospitality at the present time, the boardroom may be used for changing.

When allowed, Spectators must respect good hygiene practice and social distancing. There is plenty of room when watching football at Thornhill Park to ensure this.

During matches, NO PRE-MATCH HANDSHAKES. Wash hands, sanitise before any match. No team talk huddles, only carry out team talks socially distanced, together with warm ups/cool downs. Do not spit. Do not shout in other Players faces.

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All Officials and Players must always social distance on touch lines, dug outs etc. Goal posts and balls should be wiped before, at half time and after all matches. No Goal celebration. No sharing of water bottles. Advisable to bring your own water bottles. No equipment to be shared.

Washing of kit must be carried out very carefully, please wash and sanitise hands regularly.

Thornhill Park Clubhouse has a strict one way system. All drinks purchased from the bar will be served in single use disposable glasses. Only one person at the bar at any one time and no drinking whatsoever at the bar. Card payments are preferred but cash will be accepted. We do have some masks for Volunteers if required.

Slimbridge Football Club is depending on you all to follow our guidelines and help us make the transition back to football as safely as we can. This is serious and we all have to play our part. We will keep this updated at all times.

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