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Division One South

Slimbridge AFC v Melksham Town

Wednesday 21st October 2020 7:30pm





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Today's Teams

Slimbridge AFC

Melksham Town

Lewis Adams	1	Jamie Bartlett
Ben Deakin	2	Will Christopher
Nick Humphreys	3	Ryan Bole
Mike Ford	4	Ollie Webb
Owen Giles	5	Joshua Ford
Joel White	6	Matthew Hurley
Johan Flo	7	Aidan Chainey
Myron Turner	8	Luke Ballinger
Will Hawes	9	Alan Griffin
Danny King	10	Jack Ball
Jay Malshanskyj	11	Isaac Pearce
Edjija Mbunga	12	Albert Hopkins
	13	
Ben Pictor	14	Michael Perrott
Joe Stokes	15	Harry Rutty
Jamie Martin	16	Nathan Rudge
Alex Hainault	17	Robert Brown
Ethan Dunbar	18	

Managers:

Lee Driver-Dickerson
Tom Speers

Richard Fey
Nathan Rudge

Physios:

Eleanor McArdle

Sarah Hillman

Referee:

Robert Cockle

Assistants:

Daniel Forrester
Haydn Lavender

This Week's Fixtures

Tuesday 20 October 2020

19:45 Frome Town v Highworth Town

19:45 Winchester City v Bristol Manor Farm

Wednesday 21 October 2020

19:30 Larkhall Athletic v AFC Totton

19:30 Paulton Rovers v Evesham United

19:30 Slimbridge v Melksham Town

Saturday 24 October 2020

15:00 Highworth Town v Winchester City

15:00 Thatcham Town v Melksham Town

15:00 Paulton Rovers v Larkhall Athletic

15:00 Frome Town v Cirencester Town

15:00 Evesham United v Cinderford Town

15:00 Bristol Manor Farm v Bideford

15:00 Basingstoke Town v AFC Totton

15:00 Barnstaple Town v Willand Rovers

15:00 Mangotsfield United v Slimbridge

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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	L	3-6
Sat 26 Sep 20	15:00	Sholing	A	League	W	2-0
Wed 30 Sep 20	19:45	Bristol Manor Farm	H	League	L	1-3
Sat 03 Oct 20	15:00	Bideford	A	League	D	2-2
Wed 07 Oct 20	19:45	Highworth Town	A	League	D	2-2
Sat 10 Oct 20	15:00	Barnstaple Town	H	League	W	4-1
Sat 17 Oct 20	15:00	Bideford	A	FAT 2Q	L	2-3
Wed 21 Oct 20	19:30	Melksham Town	H	League		
Sat 24 Oct 20	15:00	Mangotsfield United	A	League		
Wed 28 Oct 20	19:30	Moneyfields	H	League		
Sat 31 Oct 20	15:00	Paulton Rovers	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	15:00	Shortwood Utd Res	H League	W 4-0
Sat 03 Oct 20	15:00	Morton Rangers Dev	A League	W 4-0
Sat 10 Oct 20	15:00	Shipston Excelsior	A League	L 1-2
Wed 14 Oct 20	19:30	Westfield	H CC	W 2-1
Sat 24 Oct 20	15:00	SC Inkberrow	H League	
Mon 26 Oct 20	19:45	Evesham United Dev	A FC	
Sat 31 Oct 20	15:00	Hartpury University	A League	
Sat 07 Nov 20	15:00	Kington Town	A League	
Sat 14 Nov 20	15:00	Malvern Town Dev	A League	
Sat 21 Nov 20	15:00	Shipston Excelsior	H League	
Sat 28 Nov 20	15:00	Tuffley Rovers Dev	A League	

Fixtures 2020-21

Bristol U18 Combination League Premier Division

Sun 20 Sep 20	14:00	Chippenham Town	A	FAY Cup	L	0-1
Sun 27 Sep 20	14:00	Rockleaze Rangers	H	League	W	2-1
Sun 04 Oct 20	14:00	St Nicholas	H	League	D	2-2
Sun 11 Oct 20	14:00	Lawrence Weston Ath.	H	League	L	1-2
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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Saturday 24 October 2020, 3.00pm

Mangotsfield United v Slimbridge

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Match Reports

Slimbridge 4-1 Barnstaple Town

Southern League Div. One South

Saturday 10th October 2020

Flo double extends Swans unbeaten run

Slimbridge extended their unbeaten league run to three games this week with two useful points on the road and three at home against a tricky Barnstaple side. The win was marred by an unfortunate injury late in the game when Jack Twyman suffered a dislocated shoulder just three minutes after entering the game. We all wish him well for a speedy recovery.

It was not a pretty game to watch as the home side failed to get their passing rhythm going early on as they have in previous games. It was the visitors that had the first chance on 8 minutes when former Swan Tornado Bello fired over just inside the box and subsequently colliding with team mate Theo Ofori who after treatment was able to continue.

The home side scored with their first attack on goal 5 minutes later, Mike Ford forcing a good save from keeper Adam Seedhouse-Evans however the ball fell kindly to Johan Flo who made no mistake in firing into the far corner.

Midway through the half Seedhouse-Evans was called into action saving a shot from Edji Mbunga and then a minute later pushing a Ford header around the post that looked destined for the top right corner.

Craig Kingswell's cross into the box on 36 minutes was tipped away to safety by Lewis Adams. The subsequent corner was blocked and then Adams claimed the next corner as Barnstaple looked for a way back into the game.

It was the Swans that pounced 4 minutes later, Jay Malshansky providing a pin point cross for Flo to strike home from the edge of the box to double the lead.

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On the stroke of half time Brian Levien pulled off a spectacular overhead kick for the visitors to hook the ball off the line after Stokes had sent a delightful chip into the box.

Barnstaple started the second half well, Edward Ndi who replaced the struggling Ofori late in the first half sending a long range effort over the bar. A mistake from Joel White let in Bello but Adams stuck out a foot to save his close range shot.

A flurry of pressure from the Swans saw Malshanskyj hit an effort at Seedhouse-Evans then moments later Mbunga beating two defenders forced another save from the visiting keeper to give Slimbridge a corner. The initial corner was cleared to Mbunga his powerful cross from the right through the box was met by White at the far post slamming the ball into the net to increase the Swans lead.

Straight from the kick off the visitors took advantage of a sleepy home defence with Bello firing past Adams from the edge of the box to reduce the arrears.

The Swans were reduced to 10 men for the last few minutes losing Jack Twyman to injury having used all three subs but this failed to knock the home side as Will Hawes latched onto a loose ball inside the visitors box deep in injury time to give the home side a hard earned victory.

This week sees cup action for the first team with another trip to Bideford next weekend in the Buildbase FA Trophy also in cup action are the reserves taking on Hellenic Premier front runners Westfields.

Slimbridge: L Adams, A Hainault, B Pictor (N Humphreys 77), M Turner, C Turner, J White, J Flo, M Ford, J Malshanskyj, J Stokes (J Twyman 84), E Mbunga (W Hawes 74)

Unused Subs: B Deakin, D King

Goals: J Flo 13, 40, J White 61, W Hawes 90+3

Attendance: 83

Supporters man of the match: Johan Flo

Match Reports

Bideford 3-2 Slimbridge

Buildbase FA Trophy

Saturday 17th October 2020

Swans exit cup in 5 goal thriller

Slimbridge travelled to Devon to face Bideford for the second time in three weeks this time in the Buildbase FA Trophy. After the previous entertaining encounter it was no surprise that the game had several goals unfortunately for the Swans it was at the wrong end. The Swans were forced into a number of team changes due to injury and unavailability and this showed at times especially from set plays.

The game started brightly for the visitors Jay Malshanskyj making space down the left touchline cutting in and forcing a double save from home keeper Liam Kingston.

On 7 minutes, Bideford were awarded a soft penalty when Malshanskyj was adjudged to have tripped Joe Charles just inside the box. Fortunately for the Swans, Lewis Adams pulled off a great save from Ryan Turner who followed up the rebound poking it wide of the goal.

Two minutes later Adam Carters shot was deflected wide for a corner as the visitors came under a spell of pressure from the home side who then took the lead through Toby Down heading in the corner. It was nearly a second for the home team when Ben Woods effort came back off the bar as the Swans failed to clear the ball out of the box.

A minute later the Swans were denied an equaliser Malshanskyj finding Dan King in space his shot was blocked the rebound fell to Will Hawes whose deft chip over Kingston was cleared off the line by Down.

Slimbridge got back on level terms on 17 minutes, Owen Giles ball over the top to King was then fed through to Malshanskyj to fire across the keeper and into the far corner.

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On 21 minutes Turners long range effort clattered the Slimbridge bar as both sides were looking for goals and they came in a flurry 5 minutes later.

First a long free kick for Bideford was headed on by Down, the unmarked Carter tapped in past Adams from close range. Three minutes later the home side extended their lead Aaron Taylors cross from the right finding Carter to head past Adams.

The second half saw Slimbridge push forward to try and get back into the game, Myron Turners cross field ball found Malshanskyj on the right but his shot sailed wide.

The introduction of Edji Mbunga on the hour mark gave the visitors the spark they needed as Mbunga played in King on 67 minutes who coolly rounded the keeper and slotted the ball into an empty net.

Substitute Jamie Martin almost repeated the move five minutes later after latching onto Ben Deakins long ball forward however Kingston was able to smother Martins early shot. As the game drew to a close Slimbridge continued to pile bodies forward in search of an equaliser that sadly failed to materialise.

The Swans return to league action this week hosting Melksham Town at Thornhill Park on Wednesday evening at 7:30pm. On Saturday the first team travel to basement side Mangotsfield United while the reserves entertain leaders SC Inkberrow at home.

Slimbridge: L Adams, B Deakin, N Humphreys, M Ford, O Giles, J White, J Flo (60 E Mbunga), M Turner (67 J Martin), W Hawes (82 E Dunbar), D King, J Malshanskyj

Goals: J Malshanskyj 17, D King 67

Attendance: 200

Supporters player of the match: Jay Malshanskyj

League Table

Pitching In Southern League Division One South

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

League Table

Hellenic League Division Two West

#	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	+/-	Pts
1	SC Inkberrow	2	2	0	0	15	0	15		6
2	Slimbridge Res'	3	2	0	1	8	2	6		6
3	Shortwood United Res'	3	2	0	1	11	7	4		6
4	Shipston Excelsior	2	2	0	0	6	2	4		6
5	Fairford Town Reserves	3	2	0	1	10	12	-2		6
6	Hartpury University	1	1	0	0	6	2	4		3
7	Kington Town	2	1	0	1	7	5	2		3
8	Cricklade Town Res'	2	1	0	1	2	6	-4		3
9	Newent Town Res'	3	0	2	1	8	11	-3		2
10	Evesham United Dev'	2	0	1	1	4	8	-4		1
11	Tuffley Rovers Dev'	3	0	1	2	7	14	-7		1
12	Malvern Town Dev'	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
13	Moreton Rangers Dev'	2	0	0	2	2	9	-7		0
14	Bourton Rovers Res'	2	0	0	2	2	10	-8		0

League Table

Bristol U18 Combination League Premier Division

#	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	+/-	Pts
1	Cribbs	4	3	1	0	16	6	10		10
2	Lawrence Weston Athletic	3	1	2	0	3	2	1		5
3	Slimbridge Development	3	1	1	1	5	5	0		4
4	Rockleaze Rangers	3	1	1	1	7	5	2		4
5	St Nicholas Black	3	0	2	1	8	9	-1		2
6	Cutters Friday	2	0	1	1	1	5	-4		1
7	Bradley Stoke Youth	2	0	0	2	1	9	-8		0

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.

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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

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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.

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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.

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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.

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.

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.

Swans Pen Pics

Leighton Tuodolo

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

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.

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.

Swans Pen Pics

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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*Scarves, and hats are also available for purchase at home matches
See Barry Gay for details.

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Player Appearances

		Started	Subs	Goals
L	Adams	8	0	0
J	White	8	0	1
J	Malshanskyj	8	0	4
M	Turner	7	1	0
E	Mbunga	7	1	2
B	Deakin	6	0	0
D	King	5	0	3
C	Turner	5	0	0
M	Ford	5	1	0
J	Flo	5	1	3
N	Humphreys	4	1	0
B	Prictor	4	0	0
O	Giles	3	0	0
D	Turner	3	3	0
J	Stokes	3	3	0
J	Martin	2	2	2
A	Hainault	2	1	0
W	Hawes	2	2	2
R	Sarson	1	0	0
J	Flow	0	2	0
J	Twyman	0	2	0
N	Himphreys	0	1	0
E	Dunbar	0	1	0

Goal Scorers

		Started	Subs	Goals
J	Malshanskyj	8	0	4
D	King	5	0	3
J	Flo	5	1	3
E	Mbunga	7	1	2
J	Martin	2	2	2
W	Hawes	2	2	2
J	White	8	0	1

Club Constitution

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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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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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