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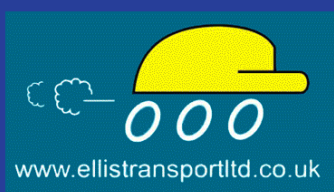
Football Club



The Pitching In Southern Football League
Division One South

Slimbridge AFC v Evesham United

Saturday 8th January 2022 3:00pm





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Match Day

Slimbridge AFC would like to welcome everyone connected with Evesham United to Thornhill Park

SLIMBRIDGE AFC



V



EVESHAM UNITED

**Pitching In Southern League
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Saturday 8th January 2022
KICK OFF 3.00PM



Today's Teams

Slimbridge AFC

Evesham United

Lewis Adams	1	Lewis Clayton
Rio Tomlin	2	Jordan Lymn
Ben Hands	3	Adam Mace
Michael Ford	4	Will Armitage
Nathan Dennis	5	Connor Jakeways
Toby Lawrence	6	Lorcan Sheehan
Edjija Mbunga	7	Kyle Belmonte
Myron Turner	8	Thomas Chamberlain
Will Hawes	9	Michael Symons
Ben McLean	10	Brandon Smalley
Marley Thomas	11	Toumani Sidibe
Jamie Martin	12	Joseph Hunt
	13	
Raiyan Ahmed	14	Jack Horrell
Liam Harper	15	Ben Prictor
Tyler Jagers	16	Isaac Parry
Zac Berry	17	Felix Miles
Alex Shaw	18	

Managers:

Tom Speers
Tom Deakin, Adam Coyle

TBC
Pete Haynes

Physios:

Eleanor McArdle

Pete Sollis

Referee:

Matthew Rushton

Assistants:

Adam Gregory
Kwame Hinson

Club Chat

With Rob Peck

Good afternoon, and welcome to Thornhill Park.

Today we have the Bridge Academy under 7's football team with us as our mascots. Due to current Covid measures they will be lining up on the pitch to welcome the players onto the field at the start of the game.

We hope they and their families enjoy there day with us.

The Bridge Academy under 7's football team.

Coach - CJ Price

Mascots

Blake Knight

Colbi Paddock

Archie Humphrey

Jack Jones

Charlie Whiting

Daniel Portlock

Noah Effamy

Kobe McInnes

Mason Connolly

This Week's Fixtures

Friday 7 January 2022

19:45 Winchester City v AFC Totton

Saturday 8 January 2022

15:00 Bideford v Plymouth Parkway

15:00 Bristol Manor Farm v Willand Rovers

15:00 Cinderford Town v Larkhall Athletic

15:00 Cirencester Town v Melksham Town

15:00 Lymington Town v Sholing

15:00 Mangotsfield United v Highworth Town

15:00 Paulton Rovers v Barnstaple Town

15:00 Slimbridge v Evesham United

Tuesday 11 January 2022

19:44 Cirencester Town v Larkhall Athletic

19:45 Plymouth Parkway v Sholing

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Our Visitors Today

The Evesham United Football Club that we know today dates from just after the Second World War when soldiers returning from action reformed the club and immediately joined the Worcestershire League. However, a club did exist in Evesham prior to the War, the “Town” reaching the F.A. Amateur Cup Final in 1923, losing 1 – 2 after extra time to London Caledonians at Crystal Palace.

Starting in the 1951/52 season, in the club’s first five years in the Worcestershire Combination they were League Champions twice and runners-up on two occasions, their lowest position being third in that first season.

In 1956 they left to join the Birmingham League and followed this with a move to the Warwickshire League in 1959 before returning to the Worcester (now Midland Combination) in 1963. They won the league title four times (1965/66, 1967/68, 1968/69, and 1991/92) and reached the Challenge Cup Final on six occasions, lifting the trophy in 1988 and 1992.

Initially the club played at Crown Meadow, moving to Common Road in 1968 and opening the clubhouse in 1975.

A terrific season in 1991/92 saw the club complete a memorable double of Midland Combination Premier Division Champions, thus achieving promotion to the Southern League Midlands Division, and the Combination Challenge Cup. They also reached the quarter final of the F.A. Vase before losing to eventual finalists Guiseley. Some £5,000.00 was spent on the ground and they marked their first season in the Southern League by finishing in a creditable 15th position.

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A number of Managers and poor seasons followed but in November 2003, former Coventry City defender, Davis Busst, was appointed a successor to Phil Mullen. Busst took over a club struggling near the foot of the Dr. Martens League Western Division but managed to turn things around and Evesham eventually finished mid-table with a creditable 50 points.

The 2004/05 campaign saw Evesham take their place in the Southern League Division One West, with Busst in his first full season in charge with the experienced Paul West as his assistant. It turned out to be a season to remember for Evesham's long-suffering fans with the Robins earning a place in the play-offs. A tense 2 – 1 victory against Ashford Town (Middlesex) paired Evesham with local rivals Bromsgrove Rovers in the play-off final. A crowd of over 800 squeezed into Common Road to witness Evesham romp to a 4 – 0 win and promotion to the Southern League Premier Division for the first time in their history. After a poor run of results, Busst left in February 2006 and West stepped up to take over. Despite a marked improvement, Evesham were relegated on the final day of the season, finishing just one point behind Northwood.

After selling their Common Road ground for housing Evesham entered into a ground share agreement with Worcester City whilst moves were being put in place to build a new stadium on the southern outskirts of Evesham.

In 2006/07, the club took a step in the right direction with former Wigan, Bradford and Port Vale defender, West, again at the helm. Evesham lifted the Worcestershire Senior Cup for the first time, beating Stourbridge 2 – 1 in the final. The play-offs were also reached but unfortunately a late goal ensured Bromsgrove a narrow 1 – 0 win and eventual promotion.

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Season 2007/08 turned out to be one of the most memorable in the club's history. The club took Blue Square Premier Halifax Town to a replay in the 4th Qualifying Round of the F.A. Cup before losing 2 – 1 at the Shay. In the Carlsberg Trophy, West's side beat higher graded Bromsgrove Rovers and Corby Town on route to the 3rd Qualifying Round, before going out at Blue Square North Redditch United after a replay. However, it was Evesham's league form that caught the imagination. Despite suffering three defeats in the opening six games. Evesham put together a remarkable run of results and stormed to the top of the British Gas Midlands Division. Only two more reversals followed in 34 league games and West's side clinched the Championship ahead of Leamington with a game to spare. A massive 91 points were bagged, and a staggering 22 clean sheets kept in 40 games with the experienced Mark Owen topping the clubs scoring charts with 33 goals, including two hat-tricks.

2008/09 saw Evesham back in the Premier Division and finishing in a creditable 9th position. They reached the 1st Round Proper of the F.A. Cup for the first time in their history before bowing out to Torquay United at Plainmoor and completed a second Worcestershire Senior Cup win in three seasons when defeating Kidderminster Harriers in the final.

2009/10 was a season of struggles as the Robins finished in 16th place. After being just outside the play-offs when the bad weather disrupted the season, a disastrous run of only 2 wins in the last 25 games saw them in freefall, before they finally made sure of staying in the division with a point at home to Bedford Town with three games left to play.

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2010/11 was again a season of contrasting fortunes with the club in the drop zone at Christmas and staring relegation in the face. However, some shrewd signings saw the club enjoy a tremendous run of form and climb the table to finish in a respectable 12th spot runners-up Salisbury City.

After five and a half years at the helm Manager Paul West and his brother and Assistant Manager Leon West called time on one of the most successful periods in the club's history. Matt Clarke was appointed as the new Manager at the end of November 2011 and joining him as his assistant was Rob Elmes together with UEFA B Qualified Coach Kieran Jackson.

Season 2011/12 was a disappointment with the club being relegated from the Evo-Stik Southern Premier Division and after spending six years ground sharing at Worcester City Football Club the Robins began the 2012/13 season in Division One South & West at their new Spiers & Hartwell Jubilee Stadium.

A mediocre start to the 2012/13 season saw Matt Clarke and Rob Elmes resign from their positions with Paul West returning to see the team through to the end of the season. West departed in early May 2013 and was replaced by former West Bromwich Albion and Sunderland midfielder Shaun Cunnington. The experienced Cunnington managed previously at Willenhall Town, Alvechurch and Halesowen Town. The squad was re-vamped with high hopes for a successful 2013/14 campaign. However, after a series of poor results Cunnington resigned his position at the end of October with former Bishops Cleeve manager Paul Collicutt taking over as the new permanent boss.

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Season 2013/14 was a disappointing one for the Robins who finished 16th in the South & West Division. Season 2014/15 will be remembered as one of success and heartache for the club. The Robins enjoyed an excellent run in the FA Cup before bowing out to Conference South side Bromley in the Fourth Qualifying Round after beating higher graded Redditch United and Histon on the way. Following the FA Cup exit a remarkable run of form resulted in just one defeat in 28 league games and a second-place finish in the South & West Division behind Champion Merthyr Town. However, despite home advantage in the play-offs Evesham suffered a disappointing defeat against Larkhall Athletic.

Season 2015/16 was another successful one for United who finished just two points short of the playoffs. Due to Cinderford's refusal to accept promotion at the end of last season, United were originally placed in the Evo-Stik Northern League, but after a successful appeal were re-instated in the Southern League South & West Division.

The 2016/17 campaign saw the Robins reach the South & West play-offs for a second time in three years but were narrowly beaten by Salisbury City in the Semi-finals. For the 2017-18 season, Paul Collicutt will again be in the hot seat looking to go one better this time around.

In 2017/18 the club did not have a brilliant start to the season in either the league or in the cup competitions, losing to Newcastle Town in the FA Cup Preliminary Round replay, having drawn at Newcastle 'The Robins' lost 3-2 after extra time.

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A first-round defeat at home in The FA Trophy to Cirencester town saw more cup misery, this was compounded when Stratford Town put Evesham out of The Bigfreebet League Challenge Cup at the very first hurdle.

In the league victories were hard to come by winning just 8 of the first 18 games of the season. With mid-season form looking reasonable it was starting to look like being a mediocre season until United put together a fantastic late season run, winning 9 out of the last 12 league games. The play-off semi-final had an air of Déjà vu about it, with the scores between 'The Robins' & Swindon Supermarine being all level after 120 minutes, it was another season of not to be as Supermarine who eventually won the play-offs pushing Evesham aside 5-4 on penalties. Making the play-offs for a third time in four years was no mean feat, and one that would afford Paul 'Colly' Collicutt another tilt at promotion in 2018/19.

The 2018/19 season was not one of Evesham's finest, eventually finishing 7th in Evo-Stik League South Division One South. A disappointing league record for the season of 19 wins, 6 draws and 13 losses caused the clubs committee to review the position of manager, sadly it was agreed that Paul Collicutt would be relieved of his duties. Next came the task of finding a replacement, very quickly it became obvious that there really was only one choice, that of a young manager called Carl Abbott.

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Carl had been managing Midland Football League Premier Division side Quorn, until 'The Robins' opportunity came along and he said, "the chance to manage Evesham was an exciting opportunity that was one he could not pass up". Prior to Quorn, Carl had been at the helm of Market Drayton Town along with two lengthy spells at both Wolverhampton Casuals and Hinckley AFC. The club enters the 2019/20 season with renewed optimism both on and off the park.

Playing Squad

Adam Mace - Defender

25-year-old, Adam Mace joined Evesham this summer from Bishops Cleeve where he had been the captain. He was also at Cheltenham Town as a junior, before also playing for Shortwood United and Slimbridge FC.

Ben Hayes - Forward

26-year-old Ben signed during the summer, his previous club was Westfields whom he spent 4 years playing for. He previously played for Malvern Town and Bishops Cleeve. Ben was at Evesham previously making a substitutes appearance for the first team in 2014.

Calvin Dinsley - Midfielder

29-year-old Calvin signed from Swindon Supermarine in the summer. He started his career at West Bromwich Albion in the youth set-up. He then had spells with Cambridge United, Evesham United and Stourport Swifts, before playing in the National League South with both Gloucester City and Hereford.

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Dan Tustin - Midfielder

21-year-old, Dan is a former youth team captain at Evesham United, who has progressed through to the first team squad. He spent most of last season playing at Pershore Town to gain valuable match time.

Jack Horrell - Midfielder

26-year-old Jack re-signed for Evesham in the close-season, Jack has also played at Slimbridge, Cirencester Town, Bishops Cleeve and Brimscombe & Thrupp.

Jamie Clarke - Striker

30-year-old Jamie is one of the local players, taking his opportunity to impress, Jamie has signed for Evesham United having previously played for a number of sides including Pershore Town, Studley and Littleton. He has represented both England and Great Britain at the Deaf World Cup and Deaflympics.

Jamie Lucas - Striker

24-year-old Jamie was on-loan here last season from Halesowen Town. Jamie started his career with Bristol Rovers and made four appearances in the Football League. After several loan moves, Jamie went on to play for Bath City, Brackley Town and Weston-Super-Mare all in the National League South or North.

Joe Heywood - Defender

20-year-old Joe is another product of the Evesham United youth set up, having played for the U18's under then manager Neil Hunt. He spent most of last season on loan at Fairfield Villa gaining valuable experience.

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Jordan Lymn - Defender

22-year-old started his career at Cheltenham Town, before joining EUFC for the first time in 2017. He re-joined the club in the summer, having played at North Leigh, Westfields and Bishops Cleeve.

Jordan Staten - Defender

21-year-old Jordan was signed from Redditch United during last season, Jordan is a former England School boy International. He played at Burton Albion and Cheltenham Town before going to study at Hartpury College. He has also played for Bishops Cleeve.

Lewis Clayton - Goalkeeper

20-year-old Lewis signed for EUFC this summer having played at Cirencester Town last season, he was also registered for Gloucester City. A former Cheltenham Town youth player, Lewis has also featured for Bishops Cleeve and IFK Mora (Sweden)

Matt Williams - Defender

26-year-old Matt rejoined EUFC this summer. He had two spells with Gloucester City after initially joining them in 2014. He then had his first spell at the Jubilee Stadium, before joining Hungerford Town in December 2017, where he stepped up two divisions to play National League South football. He then returned to Gloucester City for the 2018/19 season, but a few months in he joined Swindon Supermarine. Matt started his football career at Football League side Cheltenham Town, where he was captain of the Under 18s team.

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Ryan Paddock - Defender / Midfielder

31-year-old Ryan is another player in his second spell at EUFC, originally signing in 2016. Ryan has also represented the British Army and has previously captained the side. Ryan has played for Bristol Rovers, Weston-Super-Mare, Bishops Cleeve, Cheltenham Saracens, Cinderford Town, and Hinckley AFC.

Lorcan Sheehan - Midfielder

31-year-old Lorcan re-signed for EUFC during the summer, having previously played here between 2016 and 2018 during which time he made 51 appearances. He has also played for Bishops Cleeve and Cinderford Town.

Josh Rogers - Goalkeeper

21-year-old Josh has been a part of the EUFC set up for a number of years having played within the youth and U21 set up. He has also made appearances for local sides including Malvern Town.

Charlie Johnson - Defender

19-year-old Charlie has signed for Evesham this season – he was previously with Cambridge United and Royston Town

Will Davidson - Defender

20-year-old Will has previously been on the books of Redditch United, Forest Green and Studley. He signed for EUFC during the summer.

Will Holland - Midfield

18-year-old Will has come through the youth team set up at Evesham, featuring for the U18's last year.

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Henry McMahon - Striker

17-year-old Henry is another of the EUFC juniors he broke into the first team squad last season, making his debut, whilst also featuring regularly for the U18 squad.

Callum Clayton – Midfield

17-year-old Callum has been a regular for the U18's over the last season, he has now become part of the first team squad.

Manager – To be confirmed.

Pete Haynes – Assistant Manager / Coach

Pete has joined the club as the First team coach. He is combining this role with his position at Cheltenham Town FC, where he is the Professional Development Phase Lead Coach within the academy and the U18's Manager. Pete holds the UEFA A Licence and was one of the youngest people to achieve this qualification. He had previously been a Cheltenham Town academy player.

Pete has returned to EUFC as the club's sports therapist / physio, having previously been here up until 2017. He had been working at Kidderminster Harriers in the interim. Pete brings a wealth of experience and qualifications to the role and will also be helping the youth section with their fitness.

Pete Sollis – Physio

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14/08/2021	15:00	League	A	Larkhall Athletic	L	1-3
18/08/2021	19:45	League	H	Winchester City		A-A
21/08/2021	15:00	FA Cup	A	Marlow	L	0-3
28/08/2021	15:00	League	A	Frome Town	L	0-2
30/08/2021	15:00	League	H	Cinderford Town	D	3-3
04/09/2021	15:00	League	H	Winchester City	L	0-4
11/09/2021	15:00	League	H	Willand Rovers	L	2-3
13/09/2021	19:45	League	A	Evesham United	W	2-1
18/11/2021	15:00	League	A	AFC Totton	W	3-0
25/09/2021	15:00	League	A	Sholing	L	1-2
29/09/2021	19:45	League	H	Barnstaple Town		P-P
02/10/2021	15:00	League	H	Melksham Town	L	0-5
06/10/2021	19:45	Lge Cup	H	Cinderford Town	W	2-2
09/10/2021	15:00	FA Trophy	A	Larkhall Athletic	L	1-3
16/10/2021	15:00	League	A	Cirencester Town	L	0-6
20/10/2021	19:45	League	H	Barnstaple Town	W	3-0
23/10/2021	15:00	League	H	Lymington Town	W	3-0
30/10/2021	15:00	League	A	Winchester City	L	0-4
02/11/2021	19:30	Lge Cup	A	Weston Super Mare	L	1-3
10/11/2021	19:45	GFA Cup	H	Gloucester City U23	W	3-1
20/11/2021	15:00	League	H	Larkhall Athletic	L	2-3
23/11/2021	19:30	League	A	Paulton Rovers	L	1-5
27/11/2021	15:00	League	H	Bideford	W	1-0
04/12/2021	15:00	League	A	Bristol Manor Farm	D	0-0
11/12/2021	15:00	League	H	Highworth Town	W	4-2
27/12/2021	15:00	League	A	Cinderford Town		P-P

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01/01/2022	15:00	League	H	Mangotsfield United	L	3-5
08/01/2022	15:00	League	H	Evesham United		
15/01/2022	15:00	League	A	Willand Rovers		
22/01/2022	15:00	League	H	Sholing		
25/01/2022	19:45	League	A	Plymouth Parkway		
29/01/2022	15:00	League	A	Barnstaple Town		
05/02/2022	15:00	League	A	Melksham Town		
12/02/2022	15:00	League	H	Cirencester Town		
19/02/2022	15:00	League	A	Lymington Town		
26/02/2022	15:00	League	H	Paulton Rovers		
05/03/2022	15:00	League	H	Bristol Manor Farm		
19/03/2022	15:00	League	A	Bideford		
26/03/2022	15:00	League	H	Plymouth Parkway		
02/04/2022	15:00	League	A	Highworth Town		
16/04/2022	15:00	League	H	Frome Town		
18/04/2022	15:00	League	A	Mangotsfield United		
23/04/2022	15:00	League	H	AFC Totton		

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Hellenic League Division 2 West

20/08/2021	19:45	League	A	Newent Town Res.	W	5-2
03/09/2021	19:45	League	H	Longlevens Dev.	W	5-1
11/09/2021	15:00	League	A	Cheltenham Saracens Dev.	W	1-0
18/09/2021	15:00	League	H	Bourton Rovers Res.	W	3-0
25/09/2021	15:00	League	H	New Dales Vale	D	3-3
09/10/2021	15:00	League	H	S. C. Inkberrow	L	0-1
16/10/2021	15:00	League	A	Chel. Civil Service	W (Pens)	2-2
23/10/2021	15:00	League	A	Kington Town	W	2-1
30/10/2021	15:00	League	H	Newent Town Res.	W	2-1
06/11/2021	15:00	League	H	Tuffley Rovers Dev	L	2-4
13/11/2021	15:00	League	H	Kington Town	D	1-1
20/11/2021	15:00	League	A	Lydbrook Athletic	W	2-1
27/11/2021	14:15	League	A	New Dales Vale	L	0-1
04/12/2021	14:15	League	A	S. C. Inkberrow		P-P
11/12/2021	15:00	League	H	Malvern Town Dev	L	1-2
18/12/2021	15:00	League	H	Evesham Dev	L	2-4
15/01/2022	14:00	Cup	H	King Stanley		
22/01/2022	15:00	League	A	Evesham Dev		
29/01/2022	15:00	League	H	Shortwood Utd Dev.		

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Cheltenham Youth Football League

31/08/2021	19:30	FAY Cup	A	Odd Down U18	L (pens)	1-1
23/09/2021	19:30	League	A	Bishops Cleeve U18	W	7-0
30/09/2021	19:30	Cup	A	Longlevens U18	W	5-2
05/10/2021	19:30	League	A	Tuffley Rovers U18	W	4-0
12/10/2021	19:30	League	H	Shortwood Utd U18	L	0-1
18/10/2021	19:30	Cup	A	Evesham United U18	L (pens)	1-1
26/10/2021	19:30	League	H	Lydney Town U18	W	10-0
02/11/2021	19:30	League	H	Bishops Cleeve U18	W	7-2
11/11/2021	19:30	League	A	Chelt Saracens U18	L	0-2
14/11/2021	14:00	GFA Cup	A	Bishops Cleeve U17	W	W-O
17/11/2021	19:30	League	H	Malvern Town U18	W	8-1
23/11/2021	19:30	League	H	Longlevens U18	W	6-1
02/12/2021	19:30	League	A	Evesham United U18	W	2-0
14/12/2021	19:30	Cup	H	South Cerney U17	W	12-1
04/01/2022	19:30	League	H	Cinderford U18		
10/01/2022	19:30	League	A	Malvern Town U18		
18/01/2022	19:30	League	H	Westfields U18		
24/01/2022	19:30	League	A	Shortwood Utd U18		

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Match Reports

Slimbridge 3-5 Mangotsfield United

Southern League Div. One South

Saturday 1st January 2022

Hawes hat trick not enough to beat Mangos

The New Year failed to bring the Swans much joy losing a thrilling battle with Mangotsfield United.

With an almost unchanged line-up from the recent win against Highworth the Swans started the game in dominant style gaining an early corner after a Marley Thomas cross was headed behind at the back post by the visitors and moments later Ben McLean struck a post from distance.

The first goal came on 5 minutes, McLean saw his shot saved by Marco Radovanovic however he failed to hold on to the ball and Will Hawes nipped in to score.

From the kick off Mangotsfield's top scorer Kye Simpson forced a save from Lewis Adams. The game however was levelled on 8 minutes, the Swans conceding a free kick 25 yards out from which the ball was squared to Harry Houghton who fired in from 30 yards.

Nathan Dennis made an important interception at the back with just over 20 minutes gone to keep the scores level. The home side then fell behind on 23 minutes with a long range effort from Luke Smith which deceived the defence and Adams on the goal line.

The Swans continued to press forward Ben Hands shot was blocked and from the resulting corner Mike Ford headed wide at the near post. A few minutes later Fords effort fell into the arms of Radovanovic from a corner. Then McLean had a shot deflected wide as the home side looked dangerous up front.

Match Reports

Radovanovic kept the visitors lead with a double save from Hawes, after a pin point cross to the far post from Edji Mbunga. Adams at the other end kept the Swan in the game saving with his feet from Simpson who had gone solo through the defence.

With only 5 minutes of the second half gone, McLean sent a delightful chip over the visitors defence for Hawes to run onto and slot calmly past Radovanovic to bring the Swans level.

Only 4 minutes later Mangotsfield opened up a two goal lead Daniel Mcbean scoring direct from a corner then a minute later he robbed the ball from Hands on the edge of the box and slotted past Adams to make it 4 goals to the visitors.

The next 15 minutes saw both sides pushing for more goals in an entertaining battle in the middle of the park. It was however the home side next to score, Fords cross found Hawes in space to seal his hat trick with a far post tap in.

After a flurry of substitutions it was the visitors that put the game to bed with just over 5 minutes remaining Joe Cattermoles effort squeezed into the corner of the net despite Adams getting both hands to the ball.

Slimbridge: L Adams, R Tomlin, B Hands, M Ford, N Dennis, T Lawrence, E Mbunga, M Turner, W Hawes, B McLean, M Thomas

Subs Used: J Martin, Z Berry, T Jagers

Attendance: 193

Supporters player of the match: Will Hawes

League Table

Pitching In Southern League Division One South

#	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Frome Town	20	14	4	2	49	19	30	46
2	Cirencester Town	19	12	5	2	43	16	27	41
3	AFC Totton	18	12	3	3	56	21	35	39
4	Sholing	17	11	3	3	30	12	18	36
5	Paulton Rovers	21	11	2	8	51	35	16	35
6	Winchester City	19	10	4	5	48	26	22	34
7	Bristol Manor Farm	21	9	6	6	35	33	2	33
8	Melksham Town	19	9	3	7	35	30	5	30
9	Plymouth Parkway	15	9	1	5	40	23	17	28
10	Larkhall Athletic	17	7	6	4	36	24	12	27
11	Highworth Town	18	8	2	8	27	25	2	26
12	Willand Rovers	20	7	4	9	37	37	0	25
13	Evesham United	20	7	3	10	31	44	-13	24
14	Lymington Town	21	6	5	10	27	49	-22	23
15	Slimbridge	19	6	2	11	29	48	-19	20
16	Mangotsfield United	21	4	3	14	26	58	-32	15
17	Cinderford Town	19	2	6	11	31	48	-17	12
18	Bideford AFC	18	3	3	12	14	34	-20	12
19	Barnstaple Town	20	1	1	18	20	83	-63	4

League Table

Hellenic League Division Two West

#	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1	Kington Town	15	10	2	3	38	32
2	Sporting Club Inkberrow	10	10	0	0	49	30
3	New Dales Vale	13	9	2	2	18	29
4	Malvern Town Dev	13	7	1	5	24	22
5	Slimbridge Res	13	6	2	5	7	20
6	Shortwood United Res	12	5	2	5	2	17
7	Longlevens Dev	13	5	2	6	-8	17
8	Tuffley Rovers Dev	10	4	1	5	-6	13
9	Evesham United Dev	9	3	3	3	-2	12
10	Cheltenham Saracens Dev	12	3	0	9	-40	9
11	Newent Town Res	15	2	1	12	-41	7
12	Bourton Rovers Res	11	0	2	9	-41	2

League Table

Cheltenham Floodlit Youth League

#	Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Slimbridge Youth U18	10	8	0	2	24
2	Cheltenham Saracens Youth U18	10	7	2	1	23
3	Bishops Cleeve Youth U18	13	7	0	6	21
4	Cinderford Town Youth U18	8	6	1	1	19
5	Tuffley Rovers Youth U18	9	6	1	2	19
6	Hereford Pegasus Youth U18	7	5	2	0	17
7	Shortwood United Youth U18	9	5	1	3	16
8	Evesham United Juniors U18	7	3	0	4	9
9	Westfields Youth U18	10	2	1	7	7
10	Malvern Town U18	12	2	0	10	6
11	Lydney Town Youth U18	9	1	1	7	4
12	Longlevens Youth U18	12	1	1	10	4

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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.

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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

Goalkeeper

Lewis progressed through our U/18s side and has become a very capable Southern League player. Good shot stopper who has a bright future ahead of him.

Billy Thomas

Goalkeeper

Young up and coming goalkeeper who will be pushing Lewis for a starting spot.

Ben Hands

Defender

Returns to the club from a spell at Cinderford after suffering a serious knee injury. A strong lad at the heart of the defence is also capable of chipping in a few goals.

Nathan Dennis

Defender

Signed from Frampton over the summer having impressed in preseason.

Isaac Thurston

Defender

Another young lad making the step up to Southern league football having previously played for Brimscombe & Thrupp and Leonard Stanley.

Korey Pring

Defender

Experienced and versatile defender who has recently returned to the club for a third spell. Can play anywhere along the backline.

Swans Pen Pics

Rio Tomlin

Defender

Another of the talented under 18s team that is looking to gain valuable experience with the first team squad.

Myron Turner

Midfield

A popular member of the squad here at Thornhill Park, in his fifth season having previously played for Longlevens FC.

Micheal Ford

Midfield

Had a good season couple of seasons with the club, normally plays in midfield but can fill in at the back when needed. Recently had a spell playing and coaching in Iceland.

Ben McLean

Midfield

Local lad formally with Birmingham City as a youngster looking to bolster the Swans midfield this season.

Adam Price

Midfield

Signed from Yate Town in 2019, an excellent addition to the squad, Pricey brings a lot of experience with him, also formerly with Shortwood Utd.

Johan Flo

Midfield

Young player with bags of talent that can play wide or through the middle, in his second season with the Swans previously with Brimscombe & Thrupp.

Swans Pen Pics

Tom Leonard

Midfield

Reserve team player who has shown a lot of promise and looking to break into the first team on a regular basis.

Raiyan Ahmed

Midfield

Young, dynamic midfielder who has progressed from the Under 18s to the Reserves and now looking at break into the first team.

Jamie Martin

Striker

Another popular figure here at Thornhill Park, a very loyal player who has improved with age and now in his 12th season with the club. Jamie is a regular goal scorer with 82 goals in his 338 appearances.

Will Hawes

Striker

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.

Edjija Mbunga

Striker

Rejoined the club from a spell at Highworth Town. Pacey striker who can be a real handful in and around the penalty area.

Marley Thomas

Striker

Returning to the Swans for a third spell. The pacy winger is fans favourite and looking to rekindle his goal scoring touch after spells away at Evesham United and Cinderford Town.

Swans Pen Pics

Tom Speers

Interim Manager

Tom is currently in charge of the team on an interim basis after the departure of Lee Driver-Dickerson. He has bags of experience as a player 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 and well respected figure around the club.

Tom Deakin

Coach

Deaks joined Slimbridge at the start of last season as first team coach. He arrived from Forest Green Rovers after 2 years with the academy and 14 years in total having also coached at Brimscombe and Thrupp working with both the first team and development sides.

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.

Eleanor McArdle

Physio

Ellie is in her second season with the club, she is also a keen track and field athlete.



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Player Appearances

		Started	Subs	Goals
Mar	Thomas	23	1	2
L	Adams	23	0	0
N	Dennis	23	0	3
B	McLean	20	3	1
B	Prictor	19	0	0
M	Ford	18	3	2
M	Turner	18	1	2
B	Hands	15	3	0
W	Hawes	14	3	8
E	Mbunga	13	8	2
T	Lawrence	12	2	1
J	Martin	11	10	3
K	Pring	10	0	0
J	Flo	9	5	2
B	Deakin	9	1	0
R	Tomlin	9	1	0
T	Sidibe	6	3	5
A	Price	5	5	1
R	Ahmed	3	2	1
L	Harper	1	5	1
J	Annear	1	4	1
Eth	Dunbar	1	0	0
Billy	Thomas	1	0	0
T	Jaggers	0	3	0
T	Leonard	0	2	0
J	Liddicot	0	1	0
Z	Berry	0	1	0
G	Driver-Dickerson	0	1	0
I	Thurston	0	1	0

Goal Scorers

		Started	Subs	Goals
W	Hawes	14	3	8
T	Sidibe	6	3	5
N	Dennis	23	0	3
J	Martin	11	10	3
Mar	Thomas	23	1	2
M	Ford	18	3	2
M	Turner	18	1	2
E	Mbunga	13	8	2
J	Flo	9	5	2
B	McLean	20	3	1
T	Lawrence	12	2	1
A	Price	5	5	1
R	Ahmed	3	2	1
L	Harper	1	5	1
J	Annear	1	4	1

Club Constitution

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