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v Paulton Rovers



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Jacob Geddes	2	Nuno Felix
Ben Prictor	3	Chris Peck
Myron Turner (C)	4	Mike Ilea
Nathan Dennis	5	Neil Martin
Toby Lawrence	6	Dan Dempsey
Rudi McKinnon	7	Martin Lenihan
Dale Evans	8	Dave O'Hare
Ethan Dunbar	9	Ed Butcher
James Sunley	10	Paulo Borges
Marley Thomas	11	Leo Eglin
Will Hawes	12	Charlie McLachlan
Harvey Skurek	14	Tom Ovigne
Levi Frances	15	Kai Williamson
Edji Mbunga	16	Josh Cload
Joe Shutt	17	Will Hailston
Ben Hands	18	Nick Hewlett

Referee Ryan Saward

Assistants Mark Loughlin
Valentin Pomfret

This Weeks Fixtures



Saturday 4 February 2023

15:00 AFC Totton v Bristol Manor Farm

15:00 Cinderford Town v Exmouth Town

15:00 Evesham United v Wimborne Town

15:00 Frome Town v Bishops Cleeve

15:00 Larkhall Athletic v Bashley

15:00 Melksham Town v Bideford

15:00 Sholing v Westbury United

15:00 Slimbridge v Paulton Rovers

15:00 Tavistock v Lymington Town

15:00 Willand Rovers v Hamworthy United







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Fixtures & Results



			Opposition	Competition	Result	Att
Sat Aug 6	3:00pm	A	Tuffley Rovers	FA Cup Extra Pr	2-1	186
Sat Aug 13	**3:00pm**	**H**	**Sholing**	**League**	**1-3**	**88**
Tue Aug 16	7:45pm	A	Cinderford Town	League	1-2	108
Sat Aug 20	3:00pm	A	Flackwell Heath	FA Cup Pr	1-0	232
Sat Aug 27	3:00pm	A	Hamworthy United	League	1-1	152
Mon Aug 29	**3:00pm**	**H**	**Bristol Manor Farm**	**League**	**1-1**	**219**
Sat Sep 3	**3:00pm**	**H**	**Sholing**	**FA Cup 1Q**	**0-0**	**96**
Tue Sep 6	7:45pm	A	Sholing	FA Cup 1QR	2-5 AET	176
Sat Sep 10	3:00pm	A	A.F.C. Totton	FA Trophy Pr	1-1 6-7pens	110
Sat Sep 17	3:00pm	A	Bashley	League	1-0	312
Sat Sep 24	3:00pm	A	Willand Rovers	League	2-0	**122**
Sat Oct 1	**3:00pm**	**H**	**Exmouth Town**	**League**	**0-4**	**118**
Tue Oct 4	7:45pm	A	Yate Town	GFA Trophy	0-3	89
Sat Oct 8	3:00pm	A	Paulton Rovers	League	2-3	139
Tue Oct 11	**7:45pm**	**H**	**Evesham United**	**League**	2-2	187
Sat Oct 15	3:00pm	A	A.F.C. Totton	League	0-3	793
Sat Oct 22	**3:00pm**	**H**	**Tavistock AFC**	**League**	**2-4**	**89**
Sat Oct 29	3:00pm	A	Wimborne Town	League	3-3	389
Sat Nov 5	**3:00pm**	**H**	**Lymington Town**	**League**	1-0	86
Sat Nov 12	**3:00pm**	**H**	**Bideford AFC**	**League**	2-3	77
Sat Nov 19	3:00pm	A	Frome Town	League	1-4	376
Sat Nov 26	**3:00pm**	**H**	**Westbury United**	**League**	0-1	97
Sat Dec 3	3:00pm	A	Sholing	League	0-1	176
Mon Dec 26	**1:00pm**	**H**	**Bishops Cleeve**	**League**	1-3	216
Mon Jan 2	3:00pm	A	Bristol Manor Farm	League	3-0	247
Sat Jan 28	3:00pm	A	Bideford AFC	League	2-2	196
Sat Feb 4	**3:00pm**	**H**	**Paulton Rovers**	**League**		
Wed Feb 8	**7:45pm**	**H**	**Melksham Town**	**League**		
Sat Feb 11	3:00pm	A	Exmouth Town	League		
Sat Feb 18	**3:00pm**	**H**	**Larkhall Athletic**	**League**		
Wed Feb 22	7:45pm	A	Larkhall Athletic	League		
Sat Feb 25	3:00pm	A	Melksham Town	League		
Tue Feb 28	7:45pm	A	Westbury United	League		
Sat Mar 4	3:00pm	A	Evesham United	League		
Tue Mar 7	**7:45pm**	**H**	**Cinderford Town**	**League**		
Sat Mar 18	**3:00pm**	**H**	**A.F.C. Totton**	**League**		
Wed Mar 22	7:45pm	H	Hamworthy United	League		
Sat Mar 25	3:00pm	A	Tavistock AFC	League		
Wed Mar 29	**7:45pm**	**H**	**Bashley**	**League**		
Sat Apr 1	**3:00pm**	**H**	**Willand Rovers**	**League**		
Sat Apr 8	**3:00pm**	**H**	**Frome Town H**	**League**		
Mon Apr 10	3:00pm	A	Bishops Cleeve	League		
Sat Apr 15	**3:00pm**	**H**	**Wimborne Town**	**League**		
Sat Apr 22	3:00pm	A	Lymington Town	League		

Southern League
Division One South



		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Sholing	22	17	3	2	51	17	34	54
2	AFC Totton	19	13	4	2	43	17	26	43
3	Hamworthy United	23	12	7	4	44	23	21	43
4	Wimborne Town	21	13	3	5	44	30	14	42
5	Exmouth Town	24	11	3	10	36	30	6	36
6	Paulton Rovers	22	11	2	9	41	36	5	35
7	Evesham United	22	10	3	9	29	28	1	33
8	Tavistock AFC	22	10	2	10	42	39	3	32
9	Westbury United	23	9	5	9	32	35	-3	32
10	Bishops Cleeve	24	10	1	13	38	47	-9	31
11	Frome Town	20	8	4	8	33	30	3	28
12	Bashley	21	8	4	9	24	24	0	28
13	Melksham Town	22	8	4	10	38	42	-4	28
14	Willand Rovers	22	6	7	9	27	28	-1	25
15	Larkhall Athletic	22	6	6	10	26	40	-14	24
16	Bristol Manor Farm	22	6	4	12	32	49	-17	22
17	Cinderford Town	22	5	7	10	28	46	-18	22
18	Bideford AFC	20	4	7	9	24	34	-10	19
19	Lymington Town	23	5	3	15	28	51	-23	18
20	Slimbridge	20	4	5	11	26	40	-14	17

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Paulton Rovers

Club History



Paulton Rovers was formed in 1890 by the village's vicar and a local businessman.

The club joined the Western League in 1900 with their best position being runners up in the 2003/4 season, when they secured promotion to the Southern League. The club has won the Somerset Senior Cup on twelve occasions, and the Somerset Senior League seven times. The club last won the Somerset Senior Cup in 1974, when they were re-admitted to the Western League after an absence of fourteen years.

Paulton Rovers best attendance of 2,070 (deemed maximum capacity) was on 7th November 2009 reaching the FA Cup 1st Round for the first time. The match against Norwich City, was broadcast live on ITV1 and to over 30 other countries. The largest crowd prior to that, estimated at over 2,000 saw Rovers take on Crewe Alexandra in the FA Cup 5th Qualifying Round in 1906.

After playing at several venues in the village, Rovers moved to Winterfield Road in 1954. In 1967, an old RAF hut served as the club house with a licenced bar. Soon plans were drawn up to build bigger premises including a skittle alley. The pitch was turned 90 degrees, so the club house is built on one of the former penalty area's. The social club is now the premier venue for many social occasions within the rapidly expanding local community.

In 1972 a new changing room block was built behind the main stand and the club was further extended. On promotion to the Southern League the premises and stadium were improved with the addition of another stand, covered terracing and training facilities that included an all-weather floodlit court.

It was under the management team of Darren Perrin and Mike Kilgour that Rovers secured promotion to the Southern League in 2004. Rovers finished just outside the play-offs in the following season and Darren left for Premier Division, Chippenham Town.

In July 2005 Andy Jones stepped up from Reserve Manager. In 2006/7 the club finished runners up in Division 1 South & West and narrowly missed out on the play-offs the following year. His successful 5-year tenure was highlighted by reaching the 1st round of the FA Cup.

In 2010, Andy Jones moved on and former club captain, Mark Harrington took charge. Harrington stood down after just one season to be replaced by former player, Nick Bunyard. Paul Milsom assisted all three managers during this time and the season ended with Rovers winning the Somerset Premier Cup for the first time with a 3-1 win over Bridgwater Town.

In 2013/14, after losing out in the play-offs the previous year, Rovers finished in fourth place and defeated Tiverton Town 3-1 in the semi-final when they were down to 9 men. “Bunny’s” men then defied the odds to win the play-off Final at Merthyr Town in front of a crowd of 2,201 and thus gain promotion to Step 3 for the first time in their history.

In the 2014/15 season Rovers finished a more creditable 10th place in the Premier Division. During the close season, Bunyard resigned for personal reasons and the club appointed Richard Fey from Bridgwater Town as manager. After a disappointing start Fey resigned and former Bath City boss Tony Ricketts took charge at the end of October. Unfortunately, the club finished bottom and relegated back to Division 1 South and West.

Despite providing a period of stability Ricketts left at the end of 2016/17 and former Rovers keeper John Rendell was appointed manager bringing former players Gary Powell and Paul Tovey as his assistants.

Mid-season 2022/23 John and his team moved on, and Craig Loxton and John Durbin joined as Rovers management team. This season we have a youthful squad with bags of potential.



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Paulton Rovers
Player Profiles

Paulo Borges (Striker) Age 23
Signed in July 2022 from Bishops Lydeard. Hails from San Tome & Principe in the Atlantic Ocean. Works as a car parts delivery assistant.

Ed Butcher (Winger) Age 29
Speedy left winger with a fierce shot. In his fourth season after joining from Bridport Town apart from a short spell at Tiverton Town.

Josh Cload (Full-back) Age 17
Hails from Farrington Gurney. Youth team player.

Dan Cottle (Midfield) Age 26
Midsomer Norton lad came through the youth team. Made his first team debut at 17. Re-signed for the club in 2021 after spells at Welton Rovers and Frome Town.

Jack Dancey (Defender/Central Midfield) Age 29
Signed from Mangotsfield United. Previous clubs are Keynsham Town and Larkhall Athletic.

Dan Dempsey (Utility) Age 22
Dan joined in 2019 from Melksham Town. Versatile in defence and midfield.

Leo Eglin (Midfield) Age 19
Since making his first team debut last season Leo has progressed to challenge for a regular place. A former England U18's Colleges international.

Nuno Felix (Left-back) Age 32
Experienced stalwart, heading for 100 games at the club. Has played at a higher level at Chippenham Town and Salisbury.

Will Hailston (Forward) Age 28
Midsomer Norton lad who returns to the club and the area. Came through the U18's, he is a proven goal scorer.

Callum Heal (Goalkeeper) Age 18
Westfield lad who is the newphew of former Paulton, Weymouth and Exeter City keeper Jason Matthews. Has experience with Western League Oldland Abbotonians.

Nick Hewlett (Defender) Age 30
Joined from Shepton Mallet where he has been captain over the last few seasons. A reliable and solid performer.

Mike Ilea (Centre-back) Age 21
Came through the ranks at Mangotsfield United joined Rovers in July 2022. Works as a food delivery driver.

Martin Lenihan (Midfield) Age 28
Paulton lad who came through the U18's. Went on to have spells at Bradford Town and joins from Frome Town. A teacher by profession.

Dan McBeam (Midfield/Striker) Age 22
Joins from Melksham Town. He has had spells with Mangotsfield United and Taunton Town after leaving Barnsley in 2019

Charlie McLachlan (Midfield) Age 17
Another Paulton lad following in his father's footsteps in playing for the club. A student at South Glos. College and a product of the Southampton Academy.

Neil Martin (Centre-back) Age 33
Vastly experienced defender and club captain. Signed last season from Tiverton Town after playing over 400 games for Dorchester Town.

Joe Morgan (Forward) Age 27
Signed from Shepton Mallet where he played 330 games over the last seven years, he has proven to be one of the league's most consistent and best forwards. An all-round player who delivers strength, pace, hard work and goals which he brings to Rovers. He lives in Radstock.
Dave O'Hare (Midfield) Age 31
Long serving player with the club over last seven years and a leader on the park. Has had spells with Bridgwater Town and Street.

Tom Ovigne (Winger) Age 18
Came through Under 18s, stepping into the 1st team squad this season. A trainee plumber at Bath College (Radstock site).

Joe Paradise (Defender) Age 18
Progressed through the youth at Paulton he made 15 first team appearances last season and was capped by England U18's Schools and Colleges last term.

Chris Peck (Midfield) Age 34
Vastly experienced player, signed from Frome Town in July 2022, previously with Welton Rovers.

Dan Restorick (Defender) Age 23
Versatile defender signed from Larkhall Athletic where he was team captain. He came through Bath club's youth system, making his Southern League debut in 2016. He had a spell in New Zealand in 2018.

Aaron Sainsbury (Goalkeeper) Age 21
Former Chew Valley student. Joined 2018 after loan spell from Bristol City. An excellent shot stopper. He holds a UEFA B Licence. His full-time job is as Bristol City's Goalkeeping Academy Coach.

Kai Williamson (Winger) Age 18
Played for U18's made his debut last season. Tricky speedy winger.

Dan Warre (Striker) Age 20
A regular for Chippenham U23's and signed on a dual registration. Quick and mobile with an eye for a goal.

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Swans 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.

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.

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 Southern Premier sides, 2-1 at Yate Town and 3-1 at home to Chippenham Town.

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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.

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.

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.

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…

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Slimbridge
Staff Profiles

Tom Speers
Manager
Tom took over part way through last season stepping up from the assistant role. He has bags of experience as a player having previously played for the Swans 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, bringing a professional attitude to the dressing room.

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.

Adam Coyle
Coach
Adam is a long term servant with the club joining from the county youth scene to set up and manage the successful Under 18's youth team and more recently managing the reserve side. Has bags of coaching experience and brings a new dimension to the first team.

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.

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Slimbridge
Player Profiles

Lewis Adams
Goalkeeper
Lewis progressed through our U/18s side and has become a very capable Southern League player. Good shot stopper who has made over 100 appearances in the number one jersey.

Dan Troke
Goalkeeper
Strong talented young up and coming U/18s goalkeeper pushing Lewis hard for a starting place this year.

Ben Hands
Defender
A strong lad at the heart of the defence also plays in a defensive midfield role and capable of chipping in a few goals. Previous clubs include Longlevens and Cinderford Town.

Nathan Dennis
Defender
Signed from County League Frampton 12 months ago and made a huge impact in the central defence. Big old school style defender that puts himself about at both ends of the pitch.

Toby Lawrence
Defender
Former Cheltenham Town U18s player in his second year with the Swans in the Southern League having had a good season in the heart of the defence.

Jacob Geddes
Defender
Former Tuffley Rovers player, is a no nonsense defender already showing his solidity and impressing amongst the rest of the squad

Ben Prictor
Defender
Experienced Southern and Hellenic League defender in his third spell with the club after a spell with Evesham last season, likes getting forward.

Harvey Skurek
Defender
Former Cheltenham Town Under 18s player looking to establish himself in senior football. Will bring much needed support on the left side of defence.

Austin Parker
Defender
Young defender signed from Cheltenham Saracens

Myron Turner
Midfield
A very popular member of the squad and among the supporters here a Thornhill Park. Returns for his sixth season with the Swans having previously played for Longlevens.

Levi Francis
Midfield
Former Swindon Town academy captain joined the Swans ahead of the upcoming season. The midfielder has impressed with his attitude and technical ability.

Joe Shutt
Midfield
Joe is a highly energetic winger who has already fitted in really well with the rest of the boys having joined in preseason from Tuffley Rovers

Jack Smith
Midfield
Member of the current U18/s team who has impressed during preseason and has a good future ahead of him with the Swans.

Marley Thomas
Midfield
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.

Romaine Campbell
Midfield
Another former U18/s and reserve team player looking to break into the first team this season.

Liam Harper
Midfield
An attacking player who has progressed through the ranks at the club captaining both the U18/s and reserve sides.

James Sunley
Midfield
Former Longlevens midfielder who joins from Hartpury University. Represented Jersey at Under-21 international level.

Edjija Mbunga
Striker
Pacey striker who can be a real handful in and around the penalty area.

Kieran Bennet
Striker
Member of the Under 18s team making a big impression this season and looking to get a chance to step up to senior football.

Ethan Dunbar
Striker
Another young player who caught the manager's eye having progressed through our U/18s. Spent last year away at Longlevens and returns more hungry than ever to step up to Southern League level. Ethan has plenty of pace and will further strengthen our attack.

Rudi McKinnon
Striker
Talented young striker looking to make his mark in the Southern League. Previous clubs include Tuffley, Yate Town and Cribbs

Brandon Barnes
Striker
Experienced striker who has scored many goals for whoever he has played for. Started out with Swindon Town, Bristol City and Southampton academies. Played for Bitton and Chippenham Town then 5 successful years in New Zealand and Australia before returning to the UK with Weston Super-Mare.

Will Hawes
Striker
Will has a very good eye for goal and is a very skilful player. He will be looking to form a strong partnership with young Ethan Dunbar up front and con�nue to score plenty more for the Swans this season.

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