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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH 2015
KICK OFF 3.00PM

TODAY'S TEAMS

SLIMBRIDGE AFC		DIDCOT TOWN (From)
Adam Thomas	1	Josh Gannon
Sam Turl	2	Sam Elkins
Callum Brown	3	Matt Woodley
Richard Thwaite	4	James Organ
Caran Greening	5	Lance Williams
Sam Blackie	6	Marvin Martin
Dean Turner	7	Jack Self
Jack Twyman	8	Mark James
Sean Lawson	9	Conor McDonagh
Adam Mace	10	Leigh Bedwell
Paul Fahy	11	Luke Carnell
Ben Tunnicliff	12	Jamie Heapy
Jamie Martin	14	Adam Learoyd
Freddy Ward	15	Jack Longford
Ryan Thwaite	16	Andy Ballard
Jamie Hammond	17	Josh Dutton-Black
Alex Hoyle	18	Jimmy Deabill
Alex Parrott	19	
Mitch Cornock	20	
Leon Sterling	Manager	Ian Concannon, Jamie Heapy
Freddy Ward	Asst Mgr	
Tony Woodward	Physio	TBC
Referee	Ronald Ganfield	
Assistants	Daniel Ghent, James Jarad	

Club Chat with Tim Blake

A very warm welcome back to Wisloe Road and we would like to offer a warm welcome to all the players, officials and supporters of Didcot Town FC. We hope you enjoy your afternoon with us and have a safe trip back up the M4 later on.

I'm writing this before our FA Cup replay with Egham, but whether we won or lost, the lunacy of sending us potentially, in the 'regional' rounds, don't forget, to play at Dartford in Kent belies any rational belief, especially now we know that we will potentially be undertaking half of the M25 on a Sunday!. At what point, any day of the week, does a 320 mile round trip become 'regional'. Should we play out a draw, how is asking Greenwich Borough to undertake the same trip to Wisloe for a midweek game replay 'regional'? The whole thing is farcical, and makes the FA look ludicrous.

I know taking to our hosts at Egham on Saturday they were dreading the possibility of a replay, and trying to get a team down to us on a Tuesday night, and I hope they managed to do so in the end. Whatever the outcome of this weeks game, there are no excuses in my opinion for this state of affairs from the supposed 'guardians' of our game and 'supporters' of lower level football.

Rant over.

Enjoy today's game, we have seen some inconsistent performance so far, but I know the lads are pulling out the stops to work through that, and I also know that we cannot ask for more effort from everyone on and off the pitch.

Tim

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Our Visitors

Didcot Town FC were founded in 1907. At that time the major employers in the area were an armaments factory and the railways, which is reflected in the club badge.

Prior to becoming founder members of the Hellenic League in 1953 the club had competed in the North Berks, the Reading & District, the Oxfordshire Senior and also the Metropolitan Leagues, albeit with mixed fortune. Didcot adapted well to the new Hellenic League format and, under the captaincy of Ray Warr (who remains one of the club's most dedicated supporters), became the inaugural League champions.

After four seasons in the Hellenic League, Didcot joined the Metropolitan League and reached the League Cup Final in 1961/62. Then in 1963 Didcot returned to the Hellenic League. Didcot waited until the 1965/66 season to taste success again when they won the Premier Division Challenge Cup (Witney Town were defeated 3-2 in the final). The following season the cup was successfully defended but the club had to wait ten long years for further honours. Indeed, the intervening years had seen Didcot demoted to Division One, but season 1976/77 not only saw a return to the Premier League as Division One champions (from Flackwell Heath) but also success in the Challenge Cup. A decade later, in 1987, Didcot again returned to the Premier Division after finishing in third place behind champions Bishops Cleave and runners-up Cheltenham Town Reserves. The club benefited from Hellenic League rules which prevented Cheltenham Reserves from participating in the Premier Division and Didcot took the second and last promotion spot. The season was rounded off with success in the Division One Challenge Cup, where Cheltenham Town Reserves, again the victims, were defeated 2-0 in the final.

Our Visitors

The club remained in the Premier Division for the next six campaigns, and managed a notable honour in 1992 when they lifted the Premier Division Cup (Banbury United defeated 3-0 in the final). Despite this success the following season resulted in disappointment with relegation to Division One. Within three years the club was re-instated to the Premier League and while the League Cup was won in 1997 the club had to wait until they moved to the impressive new Loop Meadow Stadium (in 1999) before a turnaround of fortunes was truly achieved. In fact, the club established itself as one of the most consistent performers in the Premier Division over the next 7 years, never finishing outside the top 7.

And along the way silverware has been lifted in the form of the Berks & Bucks Senior Trophy (2001 and 2003), the League's Supplementary Cup (2003) and the Challenge Cup (2004). Season 2004-2005 ended up as arguably the most successful in the club's history so far following a memorable 3-2 win in the final of the FA Vase at White Hart Lane against pre-tournament favourites AFC Sudbury. This came on the back of the club retaining the League Challenge Cup with a 5-1 win against Carterton. Didcot came agonisingly close to claiming the treble but failed to win the League by a point despite amassing 97 points and winning 31 of their 42 matches. The club also ended with their best ever defensive record, just 21 League goals conceded including a remarkable 19 clean sheets at the Loop Meadow.

After a wait of 53 years the team finally brought the Hellenic League Champions trophy back to Didcot in 2006 and with it the club ensured a move up into the Southern League for the first time. The Berks & Bucks Senior Trophy and the Hellenic League Challenge Cup were also claimed, the latter to make Didcot the first club to win the competition three times in a row.

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The League triumph broke all records with Town becoming the first club to reach more than 100 points in a season in the Hellenic League and the average points per game (2.63) gave Didcot the best record of any club at level 5 or above in British football that year.

The first two seasons in the Southern League showed gradual improvement from mid-table in 2007 to a respectable third place and narrow play-off defeat to Oxford City.

A year later promotion was achieved via the play-offs and Didcot Town reached the Southern League Premier Division for the first time. They managed to retain their place after finishing a creditable 15th position in 2009/10. A similar position would have been achieved in season 2010/11, but the demise of Windsor & Eton stripped Didcot of the 6 points achieved against them and saw the club relegated to Division One.

Recent seasons have not been spectacular at league level, but excellent runs in the FA Cup and FA Trophy made some amends. After a succession of managers in a reasonably short time the club appointed a joint manager partner- ship formed of two Didcot Town playing legends, Ian Concannon and Jamie Heapy. Since taking over the reigns in November 2013, they have brought stability back to the side. Supporting management team are the "old head's" of Andy Sinnot and Gary Elkins, both of whom have more years football and coaching experience than most.

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12/08/15	Evesham United	H	League	0-0	Evans	Turl	Brown	Rich Thwaite	Greening	Ward	Turner	Blackie	Lawson	Fahy	Mace	Blackie	Martin	Hoyle	7
15/08/15	Larkhall Athletic	H	League	1-1	Evans	Turl	Mace	Greening	Rich Thwaite	Twyman	Turner	Blackie	Lawson	Martin	Fahy 1	Lattibeaudiere	Hoyle	Ward	10
19/08/15	North Leigh	A	League	2-4	Evans	Turl	Mace	Tunnicliff	Rich Thwaite	Twyman	Hoyle 1	Ward	Lawson	Blackie	Fahy 1	Ry Thwaite	Turner		14
22/08/15	Yate Town	H	League	0-4	Evans	Turl	Ry Thwaite	Hoyle	Greening	Turner	Twyman	Blackie	Lawson	Bamford	Mace	Tunnicliff	Hammond	Ward	18
29/08/15	Egham Town	A	FAC PL	2-2	Thomas	Turl	Mace 1	Rich Thwaite	Greening	Ward	Turner	Hoyle	Lawson	Blackie	Fahy 1	Twyman	Martin	Ry Thwaite	-
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24/10/15	Mangotsfield United	H	League																
27/10/15	Tiverton Town	A	League																
07/11/15	Wimborne Town	A	League																
14/11/15	Bishops Cleeve	H	League																
18/11/15	North Leigh	H	League																
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09/04/16	Mangotsfield United	A	League																
16/04/16	Wimborne Town	H	League																
23/04/16	Bishops Cleeve	A	League																

Next First team Game at Wisloe Road - Saturday 26th September v Burnham, 3.00pm

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Egham Town 2-2 Slimbridge AFC
29th August 2015

A late Paul Fahy penalty at Runnymede Stadium saw the Swans make the long trip back to Gloucestershire having forced an FA Cup replay, which takes place at Wisloe Road on Tuesday, 7.45pm KIck Off, a return journey that Egham Town will not be relishing having to make for a midweek evening game.

Adam Mace had put the Swans ahead just before the break, but loose marking from a corner saw the home side equalise before half time through Danny Bassett. Brendan Mathew put Egham back into the lead on 67 minutes, before Jamie Martin was felled in the box with ten minutes remaining, and Fahy handled the pressure kick well to level things up.

Egham made a brisk start, and forced the first chance of the game with just one minute on the clock, but Bassett's effort troubled only the side netting. At the other end, a Freddy Ward cross found the head of Alex Hoyle with five minutes gone, but Hoyle's header drifted just wide.

The best move of the game so far came from the visitors on 14 minutes, when Sean Lawson set up Sam Blackie after a good passing move, and Egham Keeper James Norris made a superb fingertip stop to keep the ball out.

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Egham looked dangerous on the break, but were failing to convert good midfield work into concrete chances. When they did arrive, Adam Thomas, deputising for the injured Dave Evans was proving up to the task, making a simple stop from Matthew's scuffed shot a minute later.

Lawson and Fahy were proving a handful for the Egham back line, and Lawson again went close with another effort tipped over for a corner as the visitors started to create some decent chances.

A minute before the break, a lovely move started off by a Freddy Ward header saw Lawson set up Mace in the Egham box, and he netted, much to the delight of the travelling faithful.

Slimbridge were unable to hold onto the lead until the half though, as a badly defended Egham corner saw Thomas make a close range stop from a header, only to see the ball fall to Bassett, who headed the ball back over the stranded Swans Keeper to notch the equaliser.

The second half saw more chances for the visitors - Mace brought another good stop from Norris, and Lawson scuffed another good opportunity, but Slimbridge were failing to make a breakthrough.

On 67 minutes, Ciaran Greening was dispossessed by Mathew, who took the ball forward and netted past Thomas to put the home side ahead for the first time.

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29th August 2015

This gave the home side a little momentum, but the Swans back line held firm as they pressed to try and kill the game off, with Sam Turl and Richard Thwaite both making important blocks as the home side looked to add another goal.

With eleven minutes remaining, Jamie Martin was felled in the Egham box, and, despite protests from the home side, Referee Christopher Wicks awarded the Swans a spot kick.

Fahy kept his nerve to place the ball to Norris' left and level the scores up.

All the chances in the last ten minutes went the way of the visitors - Mace hit the post during a goalmouth scramble on 86 minutes, and with seven minutes of stoppage time being added on from somewhere, Martin and Lawson both had chances to nick the tie before the final whistle, but in the end, it was all back to Wisloe Road on Tuesday.

The winner of this tie faces a trip to Greenwich Borough, potentially seeing the Swans facing another long trip to the far side of London in the First Qualifying Round on September 13th should they win the tie.

Team: Thomas, Turl, Mace, Rich Thwaite, Greening, Ward, Turner (Twyman 50), Hoyle (Ryan Thwaite 73), Lawson, Blackie (Martin 66), Fahy

Supporters Man of the Match: Adam Mace

Slimbridge 0-4 Yate Town
22nd August 2015

A sluggish performance from the Swans saw them put to the sword by Yate Town at Wisloe Road this afternoon. The home side appeared to be suffering the after effects of their exertions at North Leigh in midweek, and failed to muster a shot on target during the whole 90 minutes.

After Dean Turner, via Sean Lawson and Scott Bamford had created an opportunity resulting in a dangerous cross wicht none of the Swans' attackers could connect with, it was a contentious penalty that set the visitors on their way - There seemed to be minimal contact between Alex Hoyle and Yate's Alec Fiddes, but Referee Simon Wales pointed to the spot, and Darren Edwards beat Dave Evans low down to his right to put the visitors on top.

It was only to be another couple of minutes before the lead was doubled. Fiddes, who put in a sterling performance for Yate, drilled a dangerous shot in which Evans saved at the foot of his right post. Edwards reacted the quickest to the loose ball and notched his second of the afternoon.

Slimbridge's plans to come out early in the second period to put pressure on their opponents were undone two minutes into the half, when Jake Jackson was allowed far to make space to beat Evans with a good strike, and effectively put the game to bed.

Two minutes from time, a neat Yate passing move was finished off well by Fiddes to record Yate's fourth.

A bad day for Slimbridge took a turn for the worse when Keeper Dave Evans had to be stretchered from the pitch at full time after a collision in the final seconds of the game.

Team: Evans, Turl, Ryan Thwaite, Hoyle, Greening, Turner, Twyman, Blackie (Hammond 71), Lawson (Martin 68), Bamford, Mace (Tunnicliff 55)

Supporters Man of the Match: Ciaran Greening

2015-2016 Season

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Division One South & West

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1	North Leigh	6	6	0	0	15	4	18
2	Winchester City	6	4	1	1	22	10	13
3	Cinderford Town	6	4	1	1	14	5	13
4	Swindon S'Marine	6	4	1	1	11	4	13
5	Taunton Town	6	4	0	2	10	7	12
6	Larkhall Athletic	6	3	2	1	12	7	11
7	Tiverton Town	6	3	1	2	6	6	10
8	Mangotsfield United	6	3	1	2	13	14	10
9	Didcot Town	6	3	0	3	15	11	9
10	Banbury United	6	2	3	1	9	8	9
11	Yate Town	6	2	2	2	9	7	8
12	Evesham United	6	2	2	2	5	3	8
13	Wantage Town	3	2	1	3	16	9	7
14	Bishops Cleeve	6	2	1	3	10	14	7
15	Shortwood United	5	2	0	3	7	7	6
16	Burnham	5	2	0	3	6	6	6
17	Wimborne Town	6	2	0	4	16	18	6
18	Marlow	5	1	2	2	7	12	5
19	Slimbridge	5	1	2	2	4	9	5
20	Bridgwater Town	6	1	1	4	8	14	4
21	AFC Totton	6	0	1	5	6	15	1
22	Bashley	6	0	0	6	3	34	0

Table at August 31st 2015

Today's Evo-Stik Southern League Division One South & West Fixtures

AFC Totton v Yate Town
Bashley v Bishops Cleeve
Burnham v Shortwood United
Cinderford Town v Marlow
Evesham United v Wimborne Town
Larkhall Athletic v Banbury United
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