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WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12TH 2015
KICK OFF 7.30PM

TODAY'S TEAMS

SLIMBRIDGE AFC		EVESHAM UNITED
Dave Evans	1	Kevin Sawyer
Sam Turl	2	Jared Wilson
Callum Brown	3	Lewis Binns
Richard Thwaite	4	Marcus Jackson
Ben Tunnicliff	5	Linden Dovey
Sam Blackie	6	Matt Sysum
Dean Turner	7	Will Wellon
Jack Twyman	8	Liam Harding
Sean Lawson	9	Sean Wood
Adam Mace	10	Nick Stanley
Paul Fahy	11	George Washbourne
Ciaran Greening	12	Ashley Williams
Jamie Martin	14	Carl Brown
Freddy Ward	15	Clayton Green
Ryan Thwaite	16	Ben Maguire
Jamie Hammond	17	Kevin Slack
Alex Hoyle	18	Lee Smith
Alex Parrott	19	Ashley Edenborough
Mitch Cornock	20	Adam Mann
Leon Sterling	Manager	Paul Collicutt
Freddy Ward	Asst Mgr	Mark Boyland
Tony Woodward	Physio	Richard Smith
Referee	Richard Morris	
Assistants	Darren Mcmillan, Thomas Staten	

Chairman's Notes with Barry Gay

Well where do I start, so much has happened over the last few months!

First of all I would like to say what an honour it is to be chairman of this great football club at such a momentous time in the history of this great football club, as we get set to play at the highest level the club has ever reached. I must pay tribute to John Mack and Paul Chappell because, without them, none of this fantastic set-up and level of football we are now playing at could have happened - their work and dedication to this club has been unstinting.

Next I must mention the tremendous response from our hard working committee who have given a considerable amount of time and money to get this club where it is. It is impossible to mention all of you but I really appreciate the hard work in getting sponsors on board and fundraising, you all deserve great credit.

I would like to pay tribute to Leon, Freddie and the boys for their tremendous effort to secure promotion last season - The management team have brought together a hard working bunch of lads, whose team spirit is second to none, I would like personally to thank Leon for his understanding and loyalty to this club – he and Freddie have got our team to the Southern League on a very tight budget which is a credit to them and the boys.

I would also like to thank Leon for allowing me to be part of his dressing room setup over the last 5 years (I am sure he will miss me). We wish the team all the very best for the coming season, and Leon can bank on all the support he needs from myself and the committee.

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The Evesham United Football 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.

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 then the Warwickshire League in 1959 before returning to the Worcestershire 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.

The 1991/92 season 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.

Following a number poor seasons, former Coventry City defender, Davis Busst, was appointed as manager in November 2003. Busst took over a club near the foot of the Dr. Martens League Western Division, but managed to turn things around and Evesham eventually finished in mid-table.

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 and the experienced Paul West as his

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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.

In 2006/07, the club took a step in the right direction with 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 reached again but a late goal ensured Bromsgrove Rovers a narrow 1 – 0 win and eventual promotion.

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 en 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

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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. The 1st Round Proper of the F.A. Cup was reached for the first time in their history before bowing out to Torquay United at Plainmoor and they 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.

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 and beating play-off hopefuls Hednesford Town and 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 EUFA B qualified Coach Kieran Jackson.

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

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. 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.

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 but with the majority of last season's squad staying loyal to Manager Paul Collicutt, the Red & Whites will be hoping to go one better in 2015/16

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08/08/15	Wantage Town	A	League	1-0	Evans	Turl	Brown	Greening	Tunnicliff	Ward	Twyman	Turner	Lawson	Fahy	Mace 1	Ry Thwaite	Martin	Blackie	9
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15/08/15	Larkhall Athletic	H	League																
19/08/15	North Leigh	A	League																
22/08/15	Yate Town	H	League																
29/08/15	Egham Town	A	FAC PL																
31/08/15	Shortwood United	A	League																
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27/10/15	Tiverton Town	A	League																
07/11/15	Wimborne Town	A	League																
14/11/15	Bishops Cleeve	H	League																
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28/11/15	Wantage Town	H	League																
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30/01/16	Cinderford Town	H	League																
06/02/16	Larkhall Athletic	A	League																
13/02/16	Burnham	A	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 15th August v Larkhall Athletic, 3.00pm Kick Off

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Wantage Town 0-1 Slimbridge AFC

8th August 2015

It was a historic day for Slimbridge Football Cub as they played their first ever game at Step 4 at Alfredian Park, and an Adam Mace goal saw them return to Gloucestershire with three points against their old foes from the Hellenic League days.

Wantage started at a pace, and it took some time for the Swans to settle into the game - Keeper Dave Evans was tested early, making a good block from Sam Collier, before the visitors had the two best chances of the half.

With six minutes gone, Evans' Free Kick was brought under control superbly by Sean Lawson, but his shot was tipped over the Wantage Keeper Gareth Tucker.

Two minutes later, Paul Fahy had an even better opportunity - played in by a superb Freddy Ward pass, Fahy was one on one with Tucker, but placed his shot wide.

The home side felt they should have been awarded a penalty just before the half hour, when Nicholas Thorne seemed to have brought down by Ben Tunnicliff, but Referee James Vallance awarded a corner to the home side, much to their dismay to leave the game goalless at the break.

On 53 minutes, Lawson had another good chance to put the visitors ahead in another one on one, but lifted his shot too high.

A minute later though, Slimbridge took the lead - the ball bounced around the Wantage box before finding it's way to Adam Mace on the left, and he powered a drive home past Tucker to register the first Slimbridge goal at this level of football, and earn himself a place in the Swans' history books.

The goal changed the momentum of the game, as Wantage upped the pace again in an attempt to gain an equaliser. Evans was forced into action on more than one occasion to keep out an increasingly dangerous looking home side, making good stops from Sam Barder and Piers McGlynn

As Wantage continued to press, the Swans' back line held firm, with Ben Tunnicliff and Ciaran Greening throwing themselves in front of goalbound efforts to keep a cleansheet, much to the delight of the travelling Slimbridge faithful.

The Swans now face their first home fixture at this level on Wednesday, when Evesham United are the visitors for a game which kicks off at 7.30pm. They are back at Wisloe Road on Saturday, when Larkhall Athletic make the trip up from Bath, for another highly anticipated encounter.

Team: Evans, Turl, Brown, Greening, Tunnicliff, Ward, Twyman (Ryan Thwaite 60), Turner, Lawson, Fahy (Blackie 70), Mace (Martin 65)

Supporters Man of the Match: Freddy Ward.


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

Table at August 9th 2015

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

AFC Totton v Shortwood United
Bashley v Evesham United
Bridgwater Town v Banbury United
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Didcot Town v Taunton Town
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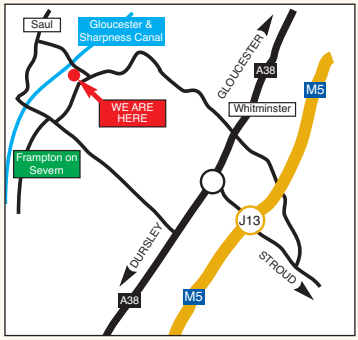

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