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BEDFONT SPORTS

THE EMIRATES FA CUP PRELIMINARY ROUND
SATURDAY AUGUST 20TH 2016
KICK OFF 3.00PM

TODAY'S TEAMS

SLIMBRIDGE AFC (from)		BEDFONT SPORTS
Luke Merchant	1	Terry Buss
Sam Turl	2	Tim Pitt
Adam Mace	3	James Greenwood
Ryan Thwaite	4	Connaught Wilks
Rich Thwaite	5	Billy Jeffies
Alex Hoyle ©	6	Jack Hurst
Dean Turner	7	Adam Roberts
Jack Twyman	8	Steve Brown
Sean Lawson	9	Matt Baxter
Jamie Martin	10	Scott Harris
Liam Orchard	11	Leius Sinclair
John Cant	12	Conor Moody
Archie Haskayne	14	Joel Sinclair
Jack Oldham	15	Steve Brown
Nathan Payne	16	Julius M'Ngadi
Pete Davies	17	Josh Richardson
Tyler Brock	18	
Ben Prothero	19	
Adrian Kowalski	20	
Leon Sterling	Manager	Paul Johnson
Freddy Ward	Asst Mgr	Jimmy Hibbert
Tony Woodward	Physio	Gary Ross
Referee	Simon Brown	
Assistants	Richard Walker, Andrew Genders	

Club Chat with Tim Blake

Good evening, and welcome to Thornhill Park! I'd like to offer a warm welcome to players, official and fans from our visitors Bedfont Sports. We hope you enjoy your afternoon with us, and have a safe journey back down the M4 later on tonight. Apparently, my Great Grandparents lived in Bedfont all their lives, there's something I didn't know until my mother told me that last weekend!

Firstly, some housekeeping – if this afternoon's game is drawn after 90 minutes, we will be looking at a replay next Wednesday (24th) with a 7.45 Kick Off at Bedfont Sports, The Recreation Ground, Bedfont., TW14 8JA

Despite both sides being willing to finish the game today via extra time and penalties, we are unable to do so due to FA Cup Rules, so apologies in advance if this is the ultimate outcome and you all need to take time off work to come to a replay and then get up for work the next morning. The winners of this tie will travel to either Yate Town or Fleet (Hampshire) Town in the next Round on September 3rd.

This is being written prior to our clash with Swindon Supermarine on Wednesday, so hopefully we managed to continue our great start of season run, and get some more points on the board.

Anyway, let's hope for both sides sake that we get a result today, and I hope you all enjoy your afternoon at Thornhill Park no matter what the result is…

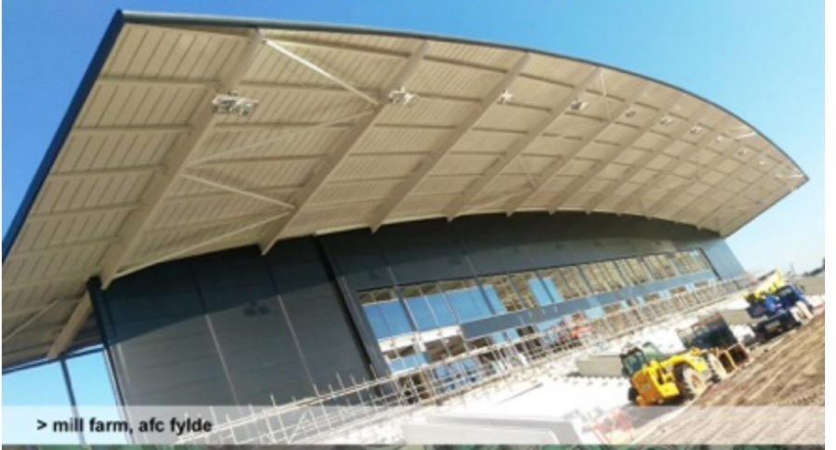
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Tim

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Our Visitors

Bedfont sports club was founded in 2002, when David and Terry Reader who ran the Bedfont Sunday side decided that it was time to progress and move into Saturday football and other sports for the local people of Bedfont. Shortly after, they were joined by Bedfont Eagles who became the clubs junior setup. The links were there to see as many of the Bedfont Sunday side had played for Bedfont Eagles over the years. Bedfont Sunday is the oldest of the 3 clubs, founded in 1962 it now has 3 men's sides and are one of the strongest Sunday set ups in Middlesex.

Bedfont Eagles, founded in 1978, has 16 sides from ages 6 to 16. Then we have Bedfont Eagles girls who have 2 girl's teams. The club is one of the biggest in Middlesex and has now completed the new changing facility to accommodate all its teams. We also now have our own 3G training facility and Floodlights on our main pitch. Last season was our best to date, securing promotion to the Combined Counties Premier after just 3 seasons in division 1.

Our Most impressively Honour to date it saw us win the Middlesex County Premier Cup, Beating Hayes and Yeading 3-1 in the final 3 seasons ago. To a club like ours sponsorship is the most important thing. It's at this point I would like to send a special thank you to all our sponsors for the coming season.

Yate Town 1-2 Slimbridge

The hosts took the lead six minutes after the break, when Yate took advantage of a mix up between Kowalski and his back four, leaving Kye Mountford free to net after a scramble in the Slimbridge and put Yate ahead.

The Swans went straight back up the other end from the kick off, and Jamie Martin's cross was headed home immediately by Ed Major to level things up.

Fifteen minutes from the end, the deadlock was broken with what turned out to be the winner - Jamie Martin and Jack Oldham combined well down the Swans' left flank, and Oldham's resulting cross found Liam Orchard free in the Yate box. He drilled the ball under to Mannings to record the Swans' second of the afternoon.

Yate had one last chance to level things up in the second minute of stoppage time, but Harvey's shot was easily saved by Kowalski, and the Swans returned back to Thornhill Park with another three precious points.

Team: Kowalski, Turl, Mace, Hoyle, Rich Thwaite, Twyman, Haskayne (Ward 62), Oldham, Lawson, Major (Orchard 67), Payne (Martin 51)

Supporters Man of the Match: Adam Mace

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09/08/16	Bishops Cleeve	A	League	0-0	Davies	Turl	Ry Thwaite	Hoyle	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Haskayne	Oldham	Lawson	Major	Payne	Mace	Martin	Twyman	4
13/08/16	Yate Town	A	League	2-1	Kowalski	Turl	Mace	Hoyle	Rich Thwaite	Twyman	Haskayne	Oldham	Lawson	Major 1	Payne	Martin	Ward	Orchard 1	3
17/08/16	Swindon S'marine	H	League																
20/08/16	Bedfont Sports	H	FAC PR																
27/08/16	Wantage Town	H	League																
29/08/16	Bridgwater Town	A	League																
10/09/16	Wimborne Town	H	League																
17/09/16	Mangotsfield Utd	A	League																
20/09/16	Bristol Rovers	A	GFA 1R																
24/09/16	North Leigh	H	League																
27/09/16	Hereford	A	League																
01/10/16	Taunton Town	A	League																
08/10/16	Swindon S'Marine	H	FAT PR																
15/10/16	Salisbury	H	League																
22/10/16	AFC Totton	A	League																
26/10/16	Evesham Utd	H	League																
05/11/16	Didcot Town	H	League																
12/11/16	Paulton Rovers	A	League																
19/11/16	Yate Town	H	League																
22/11/16	Swindon S'Marine	A	League																
26/11/16	Winchester City	A	League																
30/11/16	Bishops Cleeve	H	League																
03/12/16	Larkhall Athletic	A	League																
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26/12/16	Bridgwater Town	H	League																
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21/01/17	Tiverton Town	H	League																
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15/04/17	Wantage Town	H	League																
17/04/17	Shortwood United	H	League																
22/04/17	Wimborne Town	A	League																

Next First team Game at Thornhill Park – Saturday 27th August v Wantage Town (3.00pm)


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Dream of the South

It can make or break a season, a run in the FA Cup. Despite being a competition which begins (and in some cases) ends for clubs at the start of August, it potentially brings much needed revenue as well as thrusting clubs, players and managers into the spotlight. Southern League Division One clubs enter the competition in the regionalised Preliminary Round. They have the advantage of being the joint highest league sides competing at this stage, all vying for that £1,925 prize money. Fifteen of the 22 sides in Southern League Division One South/West have been drawn against sides playing one level lower, with Winchester travelling to a side two steps below in United Services Portsmouth.

Reaching Round One is realistically the best hope for any Southern League side. However, from in Division One, the chances are slim. Last year it as the turn of Didcot, the sole representatives who landed a plum, televised, home draw against Exeter City. In 2013, it was the turn of Shortwood United who fought past five sides, including Conference Premier, Aldershot, to reach the first round. Again the TV cameras were in town (or in this case village) to cover their home defeat by Port Vale.

Southern League Premier side Chesham United were voted as Giant-killers of the Season last term for their win over Bristol Rovers, a side promoted to League One at the end of the campaign. In fact, they were the only Southern Premier outfit to reach this stage, with the 23 others falling in qualifying stages. The Generals were eventually outclassed by Bradford City in round two. Still, they became only the eighth Southern Premier side to reach the second round, with not one of them having moved any closer to that dream third round draw alongside the likes of Manchester United and Arsenal.

Since the introduction of the Conference North/South divisions in 2004, 2014 is the only year thus far where not a single Southern League side has reached the 'proper' stages of the FA Cup. A far cry from the year before when four competed, two of them, Stourbridge and Biggleswade, facing each other in the only all-Southern League tie at this stage since the pyramid reshuffle.

Dream of the South

Since the re-organisation, 26 Southern League sides have survived four qualifiers to reach the first round. On three occasions the league was represented by four clubs – 2004, 2011 and 2013. 2011 was notable for AFC Totton's 8-1 win over Bradford Park Avenue, before they were on the receiving end of another hammering, 6-1 at home to Bristol Rovers.

But the final word has to go to Chasetown.

In the 2007/08 season, plying their trade in the Southern League Midlands Division, they became the lowest ranked side ever to reach the third round of the FA Cup.

Having started on 1st September with a 3-1 win over Oadby, they then saw off Rocester, Cambridge City, Rainworth Miners Welfare, Nuneaton, Team Bath and, amazingly, Port Vale, they finally exited on January 5th 2008 against a Cardiff City side including FA Cup goal scoring debutant Aaron Ramsey.

An incredible run which gives all Southern League sides hope. The magic of the FA Cup…
Mark Stillman

Mark Stillman is a writer for regional sports magazine XtraTime. Copies are available from your club and a range of other venues which can be found at http://www.xtratimewest.co.uk/venues

Southern League FA Cup first round statbox

2004 – four SLP reached round one (Bath, Histon, Halesowen, Tiverton). Histon and Bath were both beaten by league opponents in round two.

2005 – two SLP, both lost (Merthyr to Walsall, Chippenham to fellow non-leaguers Worcester in a replay)

2006 – three SLP (Clevedon, Maidenhead and King's Lynn) with the latter losing to Oldham in round one.

2007 – one SLP (Team Bath, beaten by Chasetown in the latter's incredible run)

2008 – two SLP, both lost (Team Bath and Brackley, both to Conference Premier sides)

2009 – three SLP, all lost (Nuneaton and Stourbridge to league opponents, Oxford City to a side in tier lower). Paulton from SL1SW lost 7-0 at home to Norwich in first round.

2010 – one SLP won (Swindon Supermarine beat non-league Eastwood before losing at Colchester)

2011 – four SLP, two won (Stourbridge and AFC Totton, the latter 8-1 vs Bradford PA, Oxford City and Arlesey lost to non-league opponents)

2012 – one SLP lost (Arlesey at Coventry). Yate reached round one from step eight, losing at Cheltenham.

2013 – four SLP, one won (Stourbridge), others lost (Corby, St Albans, Biggleswade). Stourbridge lost to Stevenage in next round

2014 – none

2015 – one SLP won (Chesham, at a side three leagues higher, before losing at Bradford City).





This Week...

5 Years Ago

Tue 16 Aug - Hellenic League Premier Division - Slimbridge 2-0 Wantage Town

Sat 13 Aug - Hellenic League Premier Division – Ardley United 2-2 Slimbridge

10 Years Ago

Sat 12 Aug - Hellenic Premier League – Bicester Town 1-4 Slimbridge

Tue 15 Aug - Hellenic Premier League – Slimbridge 2-0 Shrivenham

Today's Local FA Cup Fixtures

AFC Portchester v Mangotsfield United
Ascot United v Didcot Town
Bideford v Bodmin Town
Bishops Cleeve v Camberley Town
Blackley and Langfield v Paulton Rovers
Bridgwater Town v Plymouth Parkway
Cadbury Heath v Team Solent
Clevedon Town v Barnstaple Town
Farnborough v Longlevens
Gillingham Town v AFC Totton
Hereford v Alvechurch
Highmoor Ibis v Brimscombe & Thrupp
Market Drayton Town v Evesham United
North Greenford United v Kidlington
Oldland Abbotonians v Brislington
Portishead Town v Shepton Mallet
Salibury v Bitton
Shortwood United v Ashford Town (Middx)
Street v Larkhall Athletic
Swindon Supermarine v Odd Down
Taunton Town v Tiverton Town
Westfields v Tividale
Wimborne Town v Alresford Town
Yate Town v Fleet Town

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Slimbridge AFC

Slimbridge Football Club is a Member's Club which is Run by Volunteers.

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Just Approach any Committee member on a Matchday for more Information.

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2016-2017 Season

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		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Hereford	3	3	0	0	11	3	9
2	SWINDON S'MRNE	3	3	0	0	10	3	9
3	SLIMBRIDGE	3	2	1	0	7	4	7
4	Taunton Town	3	2	0	1	6	2	6
5	Paulton Rovers	3	2	0	1	5	1	6
6	North Leigh	3	2	0	1	7	4	6
7	Mangotsfield United	3	2	0	1	6	4	6
8	Wimborne Town	3	2	0	1	5	3	6
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12	Barnstaple Town	3	1	1	1	4	5	4
13	AFC Totton	3	1	0	2	4	5	3
14	Winchester City	3	1	0	2	7	9	3
15	Bideford	3	1	0	2	4	6	3
16	Salisbury	3	1	0	2	4	7	3
17	Larkhall Athletic	3	0	2	1	3	5	2
18	Bishops Cleeve	3	0	2	1	2	5	2
19	Yate Town	3	0	1	2	2	4	1
20	Didcot Town	3	0	1	2	3	9	1
21	Bridgwater Town	3	0	1	2	2	9	1
22	Wantage Town	3	0	0	3	2	10	0

Table at August 14th 2016



HANDING over ceremony: In a ceremony at the White Lion Hotel, Cambridge on Wednesday the secretary of Slimbridge AFC (right) Mr. W. G. Prior, received the deeds of the playing field which was bequeathed to the club under the will of Mr. Evi Thornhill. Handing over the deeds is Mr. L. J. Hawkins of Messrs. Scott and Fowler, and also in the picture are members of the football club committee, and Mr. E. W. H. Thornhill, and Mr. A. Thornhill.

Handing Over Soccer Pitch

Slimbridge Bequest of Mr. E. Thornhill

Slimbridge Football Club, thanks to the generosity of its late president Mr. Evi Thornhill, now owns the playing field at The Cross Roads, Slimbridge.

Prior to his death Mr. Thornhill allowed the club to use the pitch, and bequeathed the ground to the club in 1957. Mr. Thornhill died on February 9, 1960, and the necessary legal work having been completed, the official "handing over" ceremony of the deeds took place at the club's headquarters, the White Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on Wednesday evening.

Secretary of the club, Mr. W. G. Prior, received the deeds from Mr. L. J. Hawkins of Messrs Scott and Fowler (Gloucester), the solicitors handling the estate. Mr. E. W. H. Thornhill, joint-president, and Mr. A. Thornhill, vice-president, sons of the late Mr. Evi Thornhill were also present at the ceremony, together with Mr. B. A. Snow, Mr. C. Webb, Mr. G. Weaver, Mr. M. G. Tudor, Mr. E. Pearce of the football club.

To commemorate the gift the club have affixed a plaque to the changing rooms on the ground.