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SATURDAY 8TH APRIL 2017
KICK OFF 3.00PM

TODAY'S TEAMS

SLIMBRIDGE AFC		BIDEFORD AFC
Marcus Beauchamp	1	Joe Moore
Sam Turl	2	Ian Sampson
Ryan Thwaite	3	Steven Reed
Nick Grimes	4	Sean Downing
Brad Martin	5	Chris McGrath
Adam Mace	6	Dan Harrison
Jack Twyman	7	Matty Bye ©
Dean Turner	8	Dan Western
Lee Smith ©	9	Kevin Squire
Mason Lewis	10	Billy Tucker
Marley Thomas	11	Matty Andrew
Joe Stokes	12	Chris McPhee
Dean Turner	14	Kai Fisher
Johnny Cant	15	Ben Watson
Richard Thwaite	16	Luke Alden
Michael Oakes	17	Ben Wood
Freddy Ward	Manager	Sean Joyce
Johnny Cant	Asst Mgr	Nick Barker
Tony Woodward	Physio	Tony Beal
Referee	Jack Shepherd	
Assistants	Jonathan Price, Liam Corbett	

Club Chat with Tim Blake

Good afternoon, and welcome to Thornhill Park. I'd like to offer a warm welcome to players, official and fans from our visitors from Bideford AFC. We hope you enjoy your afternoon with us, and have a safe journey back home later on.

With Bridgwater Town and Wantage Town now relegated, it seems to me that all the big decisions – Champions, Play Offs, relegation spots, have all now been decided so effectively we are now in pre-season for the 2017-18 season.

The performance of the lads at Barnstaple last weekend was magnificent given the circumstances we were working with, and Mason Lewis has already worked his way into Swans history with his performance against all the odds. No wonder Freddy was pleased with the lads despite a defeat.

Predict the Score is back at interesting stages at the moment, rising to £850 this week, and all you have to do is guess the correct results of three games. Simple stuff. See John Ashplant or Jackie behind the bar for your tickets. At a quid a shot, it has to be worth a pop!

I will attempt a small summary of the season in the programme for our Bank Holiday Monday game here against Shortwood, but as we prepare for our third year of football at Southern League level, you can safely mark me down as a very proud Swan at the moment!

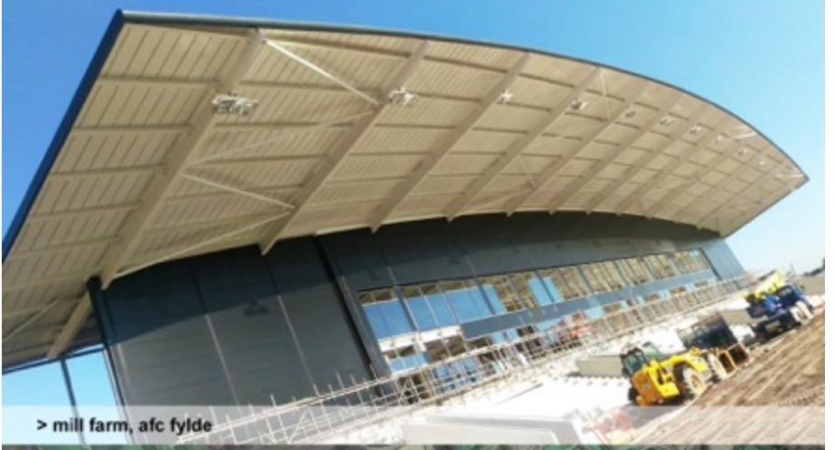
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Saturday 22nd April, 3.00pm – Wimborne Town v Slimbridge – The Cuthbury, Cowgrove Road, Wimborne, BH21 4EL

Set your Sat Nav to BH21 4EL.



Our Visitors

Bideford A.F.C. was first formed in the Late 1890's and was then called "Bideford United". It was nicknamed the Robins, due to its Red Shirts, which it is still known as today. After the First World War, its name was Changed to "Bideford Town" and Since the first decade of the twentieth Century, the club has predominantly played at the Sports ground in Bideford.

Until entering hibernation for the duration of World War Two, it was a highly successful club, albeit that it played the majority of its football in North Devon.

We do not have any pre second world war records, but we do know that in 1927 Cardiff City won the F.A Cup and their Captain was Fred Keenor who had 32 International Caps, this number was almost unheard of. It was a big day for the Club when Fred brought his Cup winning team and the Cup to Bideford.
Following its reformation in the 1947/48 season, The Club was reborn as "Bideford Association Football Club" and entered the Exeter and East Devon League, with only two of the Pre War team surviving, Gerald Brommell and Fred Shute.

The team in 1947/9 was run by a committee which met at the Maltscoop Inn, and they selected the team also. For the start of the 1948/49 season Fred Pincott was appointed Manager and the club had a house in Chanters Avenue for him to live in, but team selection was still in the hands of the committee. Bideford were runners up in the 1948/49 Season, and applied to join then the Western League Division Two. This was declined and instead they were made to join Division Three. Bideford won the division, without losing a game, and two seasons later they won the second division and promotion to Division One. At this time, the club did not have a club house, but there was a Nissen Hut just inside the main gate, and a wooden grandstand, which was replaced with the present one after the Bradford fire disaster.

Our Visitors

In 1964/65 Bideford reached the first round proper of the FA Cup, and drew away at Colchester 3:3 and lost home in the replay 1:2, at which BBC camera's were present. Bideford won the Western League three times before joining the Southern League in 1972.

The club spent three seasons in the Southern league before the extra expense involved and increased travelling took its toll, forcing them to drop down back to the Western League. During their time in the Southern League, the club set an all-time FA Cup record, when in 1974–75 they played thirteen FA Cup games in a single season – as a result of playing numerous replays in qualifying rounds including needing five games to beat Falmouth Town and four more to beat Trowbridge Town in the next round With the subsequent abandonment of second and further replays, this record will never be beaten again.

Bideford were finally knocked out 0:2 by Bristol Rovers. In 1977/78 Bideford again reached the First Round Proper, travelling to Portsmouth where they lost 1:3. Finally they achieved the feat again 1n 1981/82, being knocked out by Barking 1:2.

Two more Western League titles followed in the early 1980s, before a financial crisis hit the club. A re-formation took place in 1987, leading to the current set up, a company limited by guarantee, under the revised company name Bideford AFC (1987) Ltd.

Under the chairmanship of Jim McElwee, and his successor Paul Mitchell, the club won four more Western League titles, and also made the FA Vase semi-finals, where they lost to Winchester City. Despite winning the Western League four times, under Manager Sean Joyce, between 2000 to 2006, the club elected not to apply for promotion to the Southern League due to the amount of travelling and expense that would be involved in playing teams which, almost without exception, would be over 100 miles away.

Date	Opponent			Res	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	Lge Pos
06/08/16	Winchester City	H	League	5-3	Merchant	Turl	Ry Thwaite	Hoyle	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Haskayne 1	Twyman	Lawson 2*	Mace	Payne 1	Oldham	Major	Martin 1	5
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	1-1	Kowalski*	Turl	Mace	Hoyle	Rich Thwaite 1	Ward	Twyman	Oldham	Lawson	Cant	Major	Orchard	Martin	Haskayne	5
20/08/16	Bedfont Sports	H	FAC PR	3-0	Merchant	Turl	Mace	Hoyle	Ry Thwaite	Twyman 2*	Haskayne	Oldham	Lawson 1	Cant	Major	Martin	Orchard	Ward	-
27/08/16	Wantage Town	H	League	2-2	Kowalski	Turl	Mace	Hoyle	Ry Thwaite	Ward	Haskayne	Twyman	Lawson*	Cant 1	Orchard 1	Major	Oldham	Payne	7
03/09/16	Fleet Town	A	FAC 1Q	1-1	Kowalski	Turl	Mace	Hoyle	Ry Thwaite	Twyman*	Turner	Oldham	Lawson	Cant	Major	Thomas	Orchard 1	Haskayne	-
07/09/16	Fleet Town	H	FAC 1QR	1-0	Kowalski	Turl	Ry Thwaite	Hoyle*	Rich Thwaite 1	Turner	Twyman	Orchard	Lawson	Cant	Major	Thomas	Haskayne	Mace	-
10/09/16	Wimborne Town	H	League	1-1	Kowalski	Turl*	Mace	Hoyle	Rich Thwaite	Ward	Twyman 1	Haskayne	Major	Orchard	Thomas	Oldham	Ry Thwaite	Turner	10
17/09/16	Taunton Town	A	FAC 2Q	0-2	Merchant	Turl	Ry Thwaite	Hoyle	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Haskayne	Twyman*	Major	Cant	Thomas	Mace	Ward	Orchard	-
20/09/16	Bridgwater Town	A	League	0-0	Merchant	Turl	Ry Thwaite*	Hoyle	Rich Thwaite	Ward	Twyman	Haskayne	Martin	Mace	Orchard	Turner	Major	Thomas	11
24/09/16	North Leigh	H	League	0-2	Kowalski	Turl	Ry Thwaite	Hoyle	Rich Thwaite*	Turner	Twyman	Haskayne	Martin	Mace	Thomas	Ward	Major		12
27/09/16	Hereford	A	League	0-3	Kowalski	Turl	Mace	Ry Thwaite	Rich Thwaite	Ward	Turner	Twyman*	Martin	Major	Thomas	Haskayne	Cant	Green	13
01/10/16	Larkhall Athletic	A	League	0-2	Kowalski	Turl	Mace	Ry Thwaite*	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Haskayne	Twyman	Major	Cant	Thomas	Martin			14
04/10/16	Bishops Cleeve	A	SFLCC 1R	0-1	Kowalski	Turl	Mace	Ry Thwaite	Rich Thwaite*	Twyman	Green	Haskayne	Martin	Cant	Thomas	Turner	Major	Ward	-
08/10/16	Swindon S'Marine	H	FAT PR	1-3	Kowalski	Turl	Mace	Oliver	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Twyman	Haskayne*	Smith	Martin	Cant	Lawson 1	Thomas	Ward	14
11/10/16	Mangotsfield United	A	League	0-3	Kowalski	Ry Thwaite	Mace	Oliver*	Rich Thwaite	Twyman	Thomas	Haskayne	Lawson	Smith	Cant	Turner	Martin	Green	14
15/10/16	Salisbury	H	League	2-1	Kowalski	Ward	Mace	Ry Thwaite	Rich Thwaite*	Turner	Twyman 1	Haskayne	Smith 1	Sklenar	Cant	Thomas	Martin	Mason	13
22/10/16	AFC Totton	A	League	1-3	Kowalski	Turl	Mace	Grimes	Rich Thwaite*	Turner	Twyman	Haskayne	Sklenar	Thomas 1	Smith	Martin	Cant	Ward	14
26/10/16	Evesham Utd	H	League	1-5	Kowalski	Turl	Ry Thwaite	Ward	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Twyman	Haskayne*	Smith 1	Cant	Thomas	J Martin	B Martin		17
01/11/16	Taunton Town	A	League	0-0	Kowalski*	Grimes	Mace	Ry Thwaite	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Twyman	Haskayne	Smith	B Martin	Thomas	B Martin	Stokes		16
05/11/16	Didcot Town	H	League	2-3	Kowalski	Low	Turl	Grimes	Rich Thwaite	Stokes	Haskayne	Smith 1	Mace 1	Thomas*	Harding	Ward			16
12/11/16	Paulton Rovers	A	League	3-1	Kowalski	Turl	Ry Thwaite	Grimes	Rich Thwaite	Ward	Twyman*	Stokes	Smith 1	Mace 1	Thomas	Lawson 1	Mason	Martin	13
19/11/16	Yate Town	H	League	3-1	Kowalski	Turl	Ry Thwaite	Grimes*	Rich Thwaite	Ward	Twyman	Stokes	Smith 1	Lawson	Mace 1	Martin	Haskayne 1	Harding	13
06/12/16	Bristol Rovers	A	GFA 1R	2-5	Kowalski	Grimes	Mace 1	Ry Thwaite*	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Twyman	Stokes 1	Smith	Harding	Lawson	Haskayne	Martin	Matondo	-
10/12/16	Barnstaple Town	H	League	0-1	Kowalski*	Ward	Ry Thwaite	Grimes	Rich Thwaite	Haskayne	Twyman	Stokes	Smith	Matondo	Lawson	Turner	Harding	Mace	15
14/12/16	Bishops Cleeve	H	League	0-1	Kowalski	Ward	Mace*	Ry Thwaite	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Twyman	Haskayne	Smith	Harding	Stokes	Thomas	Martin		16
17/12/16	Tiverton Town	A	League	1-2	Davies	Turl	Ry Thwaite	Grimes	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Stokes*	Twyman	Smith	Thomas	Mace 1	Lawson	Ward	Cant	16
21/12/16	Winchester City	A	League	0-7	Reed	Turl	Mace	Ry Thwaite	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Twyman	Haskayne*	Smith	Lawson	Thomas	Stokes	Ward		16
27/12/16	Bridgwater Town	H	League	1-2	Reed	Turl	Mace	Ry Thwaite	Rich Thwaite	Twyman	Stokes	Haskayne*	Smith	Cant	Thomas 1	Turner	Ward		16
02/01/17	Shortwood United	A	League	4-4	Thomas	Turl	Mace 1	Ry Thwaite	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Smith	Twyman	B Martin 1	Thomas 1	Cant	Stokes 1	Grimes	J Martin	16
07/01/17	Mangotsfield United	H	League	0-3	Kowalski	Turl	Ry Thwaite	Grimes	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Mace	Twyman*	Smith	Cant	Thomas	Stokes	Matundo		17
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14/01/17	Bideford	A	League	0-1	Kowalski	Turl	Ry Thwaite	Grimes*	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Smith	Twyman	Mace	Martin	Thomas	Stokes	Cant		19
28/01/17	North Leigh	A	League	1-3	Kowalski	Turl	Ry Thwaite	Grimes	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Twyman*	Stokes	Harding	Smith 1	Thomas	Sklenar	Mace	Cant	19
04/02/17	Hereford	H	League	0-3	Thomas	Turl	Ry Thwaite*	Grimes	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Twyman	Stokes	Martin	Smith	Thomas	Mace	Cant	Sklenar	19
11/02/17	Salisbury	A	League	0-3	Davies	Turl	Ry Thwaite	Grimes*	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Smith	Twyman	Sklenar	Martin	Mace	Thomas	Stokes		19
18/02/17	Taunton Town	H	League	0-7	Davies	Turl	Ry Thwaite	Grimes	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Mace	Twyman*	Sklenar	Smith	Thomas	J Martin	Stokes		20
25/02/17	Evesham United	A	League	2-1	Beauchamp	Turl	Mace	Grimes	Rich Thwaite	Twyman*	Stokes	Ward	Smith	B Martin	Sklenar 1	Oakes	Thomas	Lewis 1	19
01/03/17	Tiverton Town	H	League	5-2	Beauchamp	Turl	Mace	Grimes	Rich Thwaite	Twyman	Stokes 1	Ward 1	Thomas 1*	B Martin	Smith 2	Oakes	J Martin	Lewis	18
11/03/17	Didcot Town	A	League	0-1	Beauchamp *	Turl	Mace	Grimes	Rich Thwaite	Twyman	Stokes	Ward	Smith	B Martin	Thomas	Ry Thwaite	Oakes	Lewis	20
18/03/17	Paulton Rovers	H	League	2-0	Beauchamp	Turl	Mace	Grimes*	Ry Thwaite	Twyman	Stokes	Oakes	J Martin	Smith 2	Thomas	Ward			19
25/03/17	Larkhall Athletic	H	League	1-5	Beauchamp	Ward	Mace	Turl	Ry Thwaite	Twyman	Smith	Stokes	J Martin	B Martin 1	Thomas*	Turner	Lewis		20
29/03/17	AFC Totton	H	League	2-0	Beauchamp	Turl	Prictor	Ry Thwaite	B Martin	Turner	Twyman 1	Stokes	Smith	Mace 1	Thomas*	Payne	Lewis	J Martin	18
01/04/17	Barnstaple Town	A	League	1-3	Beauchamp	Turl	Mace 1	Prictor	B Martin	Turner	Twyman	Ward	Lewis*	Orchard	Thomas				18
08/04/17	Bideford	H	League																
15/04/17	Wantage Town	A	League																
17/04/17	Shortwood United	H	League																
22/04/17	Wimborne Town	A	League																

Next First Team Game at Thornhill Park – Monday 17th v Shortwood Utd (3.00pm)

Our Visitors

However after winning the Western League again for the 10th time in the 2009/10 season and winning the Devon St Luke's Bowl where they beat Exeter City 2–1 in the Final; Bideford AFC accepted promotion to the Southern League in May 2010, joining Division One South & West. In their second season in Division One South & West the club won the Division and gained promotion to the Southern League Premier Division as champions. They remained in the Premier Division the following season, by Goal Difference. At the end of the 2015/16 season, the Robins were relegated to the Southern League Division One South & West.

Several players from the club have progressed to Football League status, the most recent of them being Tony Dennis and Shaun Taylor. Three former internationals have played for the club at the end of their career, Welshman Leighton Phillips, as well as Dermot Curtis and Will Haynes from the Republic of Ireland.

Bideford have also won the Westward Ho! Cup, the Western League Challenge Cup, the Western League Subsidiary Cup, the Western League Alan Young Cup, the Devon Professional Challenge Cup. In FA competitions, Bideford AFC's record is quite impressive, reaching the First Round Proper of the FA Cup on four occasions, and reaching the Semi-Final of the FA Vase in 2003/04. The 2009/10 FA Vase campaign saw Bideford reach the quarter-final stages, where they were knocked out by an impressive Lowestoft.

Our Visitors

Manager Sean Joyce is an ex-professional footballer, who spent his career playing for Doncaster Rovers, Exeter City and Torquay Utd. He has managed Bideford since 1998, bringing much success to the Club during his time here.

CLUB RECORDS

- **Highest League Position**:- 8th Southern League Premier Division 2013–14
- **FA Cup best performance**:- First round 1964–65, 1973–74, 1977–78, 1981–82
- **FA Trophy best performance**:- Second round 1969–70
- **FA Vase best performance**: Semi-Final 2003–04
- **Record home win**: 16–1 v Soundwell, 1950–51
- **Record home loss**: 1–10 v Taunton Town, 1998-99
- **Record away win**: 10–0 v Melksham, 2003–04
- **Record attendance**: 5,750 v Gloucester City, FA Cup, 1949
- **Record number of appearances**: Derek May 647.
- **Highest Goal Scorer**: Tommy Robinson 259.

Slimbridge 1-5 Larkhall Athletic

With last week's Man of the Match Nick Grimes out due to concussion, and Rich Thwaite unavailalable, the Swans started without a recognised centre half in their back four, and Larkhall took advantage in the first minute of the game - Lark's Man of the Match Joe Raynes was allowed far too much space on a mazy run at the Swans defence, and although Marcus Beauchamp beat away his effort, the ball fell to Greg Peel who made no mistake from close in to put the visitors ahead.

Larkhall got their second when Raynes was again allowed too much room in the box, and he drilled the ball past Beauchamp to double the advantage.

Things went from bad to worse for the Swans two minutes later, when Ryan Thwaite was penalised for a challenge and Referee Richard Gardener awarded a penalty to the visitors, neatly despatched by Jamie Lyons. Thwaite picked up a yellow card for his challenge. It took only two more minutes for Thwaite to be penalised again, picking up another yellow, and the Swans were down to ten men for the last hour of the game.

After the break, the Swans came out with the wind now behind them, and with a much greater sense of purpose, and it seemed like an unlikely comeback may just be on the cards as they reduced the deficit just three minutes into the second period - Brad Martin heading home Adam Mace's free kick to give the home side some hope.

However, having survived the onslaught, and with the ten men of Slimbridge tiring, two goals picked off the home side and secured the points for the Larks.

On 73 minutes, Reauchamp brought down Dan Restorick as the Larks man attempted to round him, and Lyons converted the spot kick for his second of the game.Four minutes later, a Larkhall break saw Joe Tumelty through on goal, and his clinical finish past Beauchamp capped a bad day at the office for the Swans.

Team: Beauchamp, Ward, Mace, Turl, Ryan Thwaite, Twyman, Smith, Stokes, Jamie Martin (Turner 58), Brad Martin (Lewis 77), Thomas

Supporters Man of the Match: Marley Thomas

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Slimbridge 2-0 AFC Totton

Jack Twyman went close for the home side on 21 minutes, when his header from Thomas' cross was just off target, while Curtis Young was wide with an effort for the Stags just before the half hour mark.

The Swans then struck with two quick goals to take control of the game - firstly, a superb run from Adam Mace saw him cause problems down the Totton left flank, and his cross was steered home by Jack Twyman to put the home side ahead.

Two minutes later, Mace was left in far too much on the edge of the Totton box, and he drilled the ball across Keeper Patrick O'Flaherty and into the far corner to double the advantage for the Swans.

Slimbridge lost the influential Stokes to a hamstring injury at half time, and he was replaced by Nathan Payne.The Swans dominated the second period to a large extent, as they pressed for the third goal that would have sealed the deal, but Twyman, and then Thomas on two occasions were unable to deliver the killer blow.

Totton still looked dangerous going forward and their best chance of the game probably came with 20 minutes remaining, when Curtis Young put the ball over the bar when well placed, and could well have put the game back into the melting pot.

But Slimbridge held firm, and with a makeshift back four, superbly marshalled by Brad Martin and Ryan Thwaite, all Totton attacks were seen off.

With five minutes remaining, Price's great cross was met by a an equally good header from Jamie Martin, but his effort was just off target.

After six minutes of stoppage time played by Referee Simon Shaw, the final whistle saw scenes of great celebration among the home players and fans, as their survival was mathematically confirmed.

Team: Beauchamp, Turl, Prictor, Ryan Thwaite, Brad Martin, Turner, Twyman, Stokes (Payne 45), Smith, Mace (Lewis 70), Thomas (Jamie Martin 75)

Supporters Man of the Match: Marley Thomas

Today's Fixtures

Barnstaple Town v AFC Totton

Bishops Cleeve v Bridgwater Town

Didcot Town v Wimborne Town

Evesham United v Mangotsfield United

Paulton Rovers v Shortwood United

Salisbury v Wantage Town

SLIMBRIDGE V BIDEFORD

Swindon Supermarine v Tiverton Town

Taunton Town v Hereford

Winchester City v Larkhall Athletic

Yate Town v North Leigh

2016-2017 Season

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Division One South & West

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Hereford	37	30	6	1	97	28	96
2	Taunton Town*	38	26	5	7	108	39	80
3	Tiverton Town	38	24	6	8	82	47	78
4	Salisbury	38	25	2	11	102	49	77
5	Evesham United	38	22	7	9	82	45	73
6	Swindon S'Marine	38	20	8	10	77	51	68
7	Mangotsfield United	37	20	8	11	67	60	66
8	North Leigh	36	18	8	10	73	58	62
9	Bideford	37	15	9	13	57	51	54
10	Wimborne Town	38	16	6	16	62	57	54
11	Shortwood United	37	16	5	16	60	72	53
12	Winchester City	38	16	4	18	62	64	52
13	Larkhall Athletic	37	11	12	14	60	65	45
14	Paulton Rovers	38	13	6	19	57	64	45
15	Didcot Town	37	11	11	15	62	66	44
16	Bishops Cleeve	38	12	7	19	59	80	43
17	Barnstaple Town	37	12	5	20	46	56	41
18	Yate Town	37	9	7	21	38	70	34
19	Slimbridge	38	9	7	22	43	83	34
20	AFC Totton	37	8	8	21	38	77	32
21	Wantage Town	38	3	9	26	27	96	18
22	Bridgwater Town	37	2	4	31	21	102	10

*Deducted 3 points. Table at April 2nd 2017



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.