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WEDNESDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2016
KICK OFF 7.45PM

TODAY'S TEAMS

SLIMBRIDGE AFC		BISHOPS CLEEVE (From)
Adam Kowalski	1	Matt Wieczorek
Sam Turl	2	Ollie Butler
Nick Grimes	3	Aaron Drake
Ryan Thwaite	4	Jack Horrell
Rich Thwaite	5	Jordan Stoddart
Jack Twyman	6	Chris Pates
Dean Turner	7	Ben Hayes
Joe Stokes	8	Kirk Layton ©
Sean Lawson	9	Ieuan Crowe
Lee Smith ©	10	Jacob Davidge
John Cant	11	James Baldwin
Marley Thomas	12	Joe Bates
Archie Haskayne	14	Harlie Price
Jack Sklenar	15	Tom Hoskins
Freddy Ward	16	Jack Watts
Sonnie Low	17	Marc Wright (GK)
James Harding	18	
Leon Sterling	Manager	Stephen Cleal
Freddy Ward	Asst Mgr	Matt Jeynes
Tony Woodward	Physio	Alice Bulpitt
Referee	Richard Gardner	
Assistants	Alan Overthrow, Martin Tudor	

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 Bishops Cleeve. We hope you enjoy your evening with us, and have a safe short journey back home later on.

Although I wasn't with you all here last Saturday, a combination of Twitter, texts from Colin, and later on, a series of great action photos from Steve Rolfe kept me well in touch with what sounded like a very eventful afternoon, and another great win. Thanks to all for keeping the communication channels going!

My game in Portugal (Sambrazense v FC Sistema, Algarve League Division 2) at the same time was variously advertised locally as Kicking Off at 3pm and 6pm. When we got to the ground for the 3pm Kick Off it was deserted and definitely shut up. We decided against the option of going back down for 6pm as we had a rather lovely barbecue on the go by then, but upon checking for the result later, it was listed on a Portuguese results website as 'ANU', whereas all the other games in the division had scores against them. No idea either, but it obviously didn't get played. Hey ho…

So, fixture news – We're now travelling to Winchester City on Wednesday 21st December, 7.45pm Kick Off (Ouch!), our Boxing Day game at home to Bridgwater Town has been moved back 24 hours to December 27th, still 3pm Kick Off, and our visit to Swindon Supermarine postponed last week will now take place on Tuesday 10th January (7.45pm)

A reminder that our Predict the Score Prize Pot is beginning to get into the range of 'interesting' this week, with a cool £650 on offer if you can correctly get three correct predictions. Tickets are available from John Ashplant or Jackie has some tickets at the bar if you would like to try your luck. This near to Christmas, it has to be worth a punt for a quid!

We've had some good battles with Cleeve over the years, and although our 0-0 at Kayte Lane in August wasn't a game destined to live long in the memory banks, it's always a good tussle between the sides.

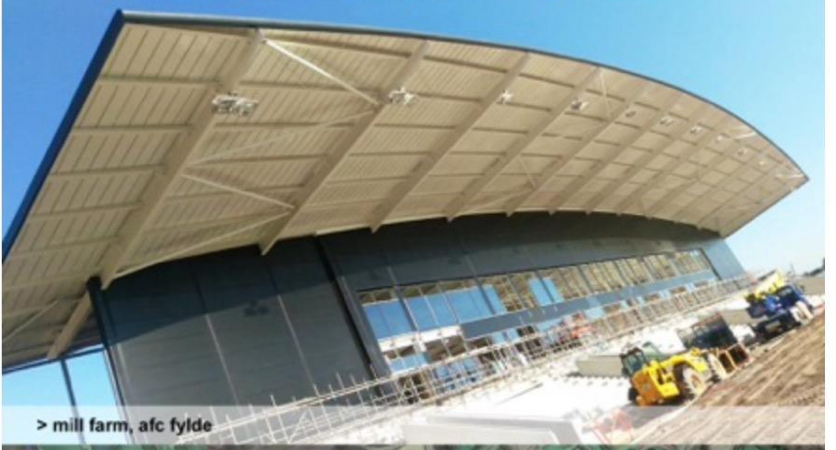
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Tuesday 6th December, 7.30pm – Bristol Rovers v Slimbridge – The Memorial Stadium, Filton Avenue, Bristol, BS7 0BF.

The Memorial Stadium is located on Filton Avenue, just off the Gloucester Road (A38) and is approximately 2 miles from the centre of Bristol. The Memorial Stadium is well sign posted with brown and white signs from the main motorway junctions on the M32 (from M4) and M5 (junction 18).

The stadium car park is only accessible to permit holders, where attendants will direct car parking. Spaces are not available on a match-by-match basis. With very few exceptions, finding a space within a five to ten-minute walk is relatively easy - parking on Muller Road is a popular choice as is Gloucester Road although this is often more difficult. Although there is plenty of on-street parking available, please be reminded that it is a predominately residential area so please ensure that private driveways are not obstructed.



Our Visitors

In their long history Bishops Cleeve have led a much more nomadic existence than many clubs, but have now been settled in the impressive Kayte Lane ground since 1997. For many years the club played on a ground in Stoke Road – with facilities rebuilt and reopened in 1971 by the then secretary of the Football Association, Ted Croker. The enforced move to Kayte Lane came about due to the old ground being sold by the landlord.

The club enjoyed a brief period of success in the late 60s – gaining promotion from the Cheltenham League and winning four Championships in their six seasons in the Glos. Northern Senior League.

After dropping back to the Cheltenham League, Cleeve gained promotion into the Hellenic League in 1983, quickly becoming a force in that division, finishing fourth in their first two seasons in Div. One. This great start was followed up with a third place finish, then winning the Championship and gaining promotion to the Premier Division at the fourth attempt, and winning the 'double' by adding the Glos. Amateur Cup. A fantastic achievement.

The five seasons in the Premier Division proved to be a struggle for the Club, although the team followed up their Cup success by adding another trophy to their collection, winning the Premier Cup at the first attempt. The return to Division One proved the catalyst for a period of rebuilding, on and off the pitch.

The Club needed to enter into a number of ground share agreements to preserve their League status – Forest Green Rovers, Moreton Town, Wollen Sports and Highworth all allowed us to use their grounds. This difficult period galvanised our club members, and the club was kept running by the dedicated efforts of a few stalwarts – notably Cheltenham Town legend, Dave Lewis, whose efforts were recognised by Carling Brewery, awarding him their 'Clubman of the Year' accolade (and a year's supply of beer!)

After approval for the Kayte Lane site was given in 1997, club members started the building of the clubhouse and changing rooms – using materials kindly donated by Smiths Aerospace (now GE Aviation) There followed a great transformation in the team's fortunes, and they duly secured another promotion in 2001 back to the Hellenic Premier Division. In order to take this opportunity the club entered into another ground share at Evesham United!

Our Visitors

2003 & 2004 proved to be a landmark period for the club – returning to 'The Lane' after the new Stand and floodlights were approved, achieving FA Charter Standard for Football in the Community, and the completion of the building and facilities.

In 2006 the team gained promotion to the Sothern League, joining the Midland Division before being moved to the South & West Division a few seasons later, where the club currently reside. The club has enjoyed mixed fortunes in their Southern League time, generally enjoying mid-table security, with the highlight being season 2011/12 when the club finished with their best ever points haul (in a creditable 11th) and reached the Gloucestershire Senior Cup final, played at Bristol City's Ashton Gate ground, where we unfortunately succumbed to a Bristol City side featuring two Full Welsh Internationals!

With the departure of Alex Sykes to County rivals Shortwood United, the ex-Cheltenham Town professional John Brough took the helm but left towards the end of the season to join Cinderford Town.

2013/14 saw local lad Stephen Cleal take charge with Derek Lightstone, as his assistant, both had a long history with the club and they forged a close link with our Second and Third teams – as well a community tie to Bishops Cleeve Colts Youth section – the future of the club seems much more secure on and off the field of play. After surviving relegation in their first season they put together a competitive team finishing 12th in the league and losing 1-0 to Forest Green Rovers in the County FA Senior Cup

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
30/11/16	Bishops Cleeve	H	League																
06/12/16	Bristol Rovers	A	GFA 1R																
10/12/16	Barnstaple Town	H	League																
17/12/16	Tiverton Town	A	League																
21/12/16	Winchester City	A	League																
27/12/16	Bridgwater Town	H	League																
02/01/17	Shortwood United	A	League																
07/01/17	Mangotsfield United	H	League																
10/01/17	Swindon S'Marine	A	League																
14/01/17	Bideford	A	League																
21/01/17	Tiverton Town	H	League																
28/01/17	North Leigh	A	League																
04/02/17	Hereford	H	League																
11/02/17	Salisbury	A	League																
18/02/17	Taunton Town	H	League																
25/02/17	Evesham United	A	League																
04/03/17	AFC Totton	H	League																
11/03/17	Didcot Town	A	League																
18/03/17	Paulton Rovers	H	League																
25/03/17	Larkhall Athletic	H	League																
01/04/17	Barnstaple Town	A	League																
08/04/17	Bideford	H	League																
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 10th December v Barnstaple Town (3.00pm)

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Evesham Utd	WWWWWW
Hereford	WWWWWW
Didcot Town	WWWWWD
Tiverton Town	WWWLWW
Shortwood Utd	LLWWWW
Bideford	LWWLWD
Salisbury	LWLWDW
Paulton Rovers	WLLWDW
Mangotsfield Utd	WWWLLL
North Leigh	WWLLLW
Taunton Town	LDWWLD
SLIMBRIDGE	WWLDLL
Larkhall Athletic	LDWLLW
Yate Town	WLLLWL
Wimborne Town	LLWLWL
BISHOPS CLEEVE	WLLWLL
Winchester City	LWLLLW
Swindon Supermarine	LLLDLW
Barnstaple Town	LLLWLD
AFC Totton	LDLLWL
Bridgwater Town	LLLLLW
Wantage Town	LLLWLL

Slimbridge 3-1 Yate Town, Saturday 19th November

Yate Town started the game brightly with striker Josh Morgan-Williams causing the Slimbridge back line all sorts of problems in the first 20 minutes with Nick Grimes and Richard Twaite called upon several times making a number of important headers and interceptions. Eugene Keary goal bound shot was blocked by Grimes 2 yards in front of goal, and Morgan-Williams twice placed shots wide when in goal scoring opportunities.

Slimbridge came back into the game with Sean Lawson having a half chance blocked and a Richard Twaite header sailing over from a Lee Smith cross. On 30 minutes Jack Twyman, and Lawson linked up on the left resulting in a Slimbridge corner. The home side took the lead on 35 minutes Mace's cross from the left was chested down by Twyman who played the ball into the path of Smith who drilled the ball into the corner of the Yate net leaving the keeper no chance.

Soon after the restart Yate Town were reduced to 9 men, Morgan-Williams and Swans full back Sam Turl clashed on the touch line with Morgan-Williams kicking out at Turl resulting in a straight red for the visitors. Yate Captain Kye Mountfield also received his marching orders for dissent while protesting against his team mates sending off.

A minute before half time Yate Town equalised from a free kick deep into the home sides half was headed in unopposed at the back post by Jack Ball.

The second half was one-way traffic Slimbridge taking advantage of the two extra men passing the ball around neatly from the back. Mace and Smith were getting down both flanks delivering delightful crossed unfortunately not managing to find a home player in the box. On the hour Grimes headed wide from a Slimbridge corner when well placed at the back post.

Slimbridge regained the lean on 69 minutes when visiting defender Matson Evans handled at the back post trying to sheppard the ball out for a corner. Mace stepped up to send Jonathan Brown the wrong way, his third successful penalty in three games. Two minutes later the Swans extended the lead when Lee Smith's pin point cross was met by substitute Archie Haskayne who's bullet header left Brown with no chance.

With 5 minutes remaining Joe Stokes was unlucky not to get on the scoresheet when his delightful lob hit the bar with the visitors keeper stranded.

Slimbridge: Kowalski, Turl, Ry Thwaite, Grimes, Rich Thwaite, Ward, Twyman, Stokes, Smith, Lawson, Mace Subs: Martin, Harding, Haskayne
Goals: Smith 35, Mace 69, Haskayne 71

Attendance: 102
MOM: Nick Grimes


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Alex Hoyle	Paul Mace Malcolm Carter	
Jack Twyman	Brenda Martin	
Leon Sterling	Tim Blake	

Our Previous Meetings with Bishops Cleeve

Mon 2 Jan 2006 Hellenic Premier League (A) W 4-1

Mon 17 Apr 2006 Hellenic Premier League (H) W 1-0

Wed 13 Oct 2004 Hellenic Premier League (A) D 1-1

Sat 23 Apr 2005 Hellenic Premier League (H) W 3-0

Sat 30 Aug 2003 Hellenic League Premier Division (A) W 1-0

Tue 11 Nov 2003 Hellenic League Premier Division (H) W 2-0

Wed 7 Jan 2004 Floodlit Cup S-F Leg1 (A) W 1-0

Tue 3 Feb 2004 Floodlit Cup S-F Leg2 (H) W 3-1

Tue 2 Mar 2004 GFA Trophy S-F (H) W 1-0

Sat 14 Nov 2015 Evo Stik Southern League South & West (H) L 0-2

Sat 23 Apr 2016 Evo Stik Southern League South & West (A) W 1-0

Wed 27 Apr 2016 Gloucestershire Senior Cup - Semi Final (A) L 0-3

This week...

5 Years Ago
Tue 29 Nov - GFA Trophy - Tuffley Rovers 2-0 Slimbridge

10 Years Ago

Tue 28 Nov - Floodlit Cup Rd2 - Witney United 1-4 Slimbridge

SAFC Goalscorers 2016-17 Season

Lee Smith	5
Sean Lawson	3
Adam Mace	3
Archie Haskayne	2
Liam Orchard	2
Jack Twyman	2
Nathan Payne	1
Jamie Martin	1
Edward Major	1
Richard Thwaite	1
John Cant	1
Marley Thomas	1

2016-2017 Season

Evo-Stik Southern League

Division One South & West

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Hereford	18	16	2	0	51	11	50
2	Evesham United	18	13	3	2	48	17	42
3	Tiverton Town	18	12	4	2	43	19	40
4	Mangotsfield United	17	12	0	5	32	23	36
5	Shortwood United	17	10	2	5	30	26	32
6	Swindon S'Marine	17	8	3	6	36	26	27
7	Bideford	18	8	3	7	34	28	27
8	Salisbury	17	8	2	7	45	33	26
9	North Leigh	15	8	2	5	31	22	26
10	Didcot Town	18	7	5	6	30	31	26
11	Larkhall Athletic	19	6	7	6	30	25	25
12	Wimborne Town	17	7	3	7	30	33	24
13	SLIMBRIDGE	18	5	6	7	23	32	21
14	BISHOPS CLEEVE	17	5	3	9	24	36	18
15	Yate Town	17	5	2	10	19	33	17
16	Paulton Rovers	16	5	1	10	21	26	16
17	Winchester City	15	5	1	9	23	32	16
18	Taunton Town*	12	5	3	4	22	16	15
19	Barnstaple Town	16	4	2	10	16	25	14
20	AFC Totton	18	3	3	12	19	46	12
21	Wantage Town	19	1	5	13	16	48	8
22	Bridgwater Town	17	1	4	12	13	48	7

*Deducted 3 points. Table at November 27th 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.