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SATURDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2016
KICK OFF 3.00PM

TONIGHT'S TEAMS

SLIMBRIDGE AFC		DIDCOT TOWN (From)
Adam Kowalski	1	Squad
Sam Turl	2	Details
Adam Mace	3	To
Ryan Thwaite	4	Be
Rich Thwaite	5	Confirmed
Mike Oliver	6	
Dean Turner	7	
Jack Twyman	8	
Sean Lawson	9	
Lee Smith ©	10	
John Cant	11	
Marley Thomas	12	
Archie Haskayne	14	
Jack Sklenar	15	
Freddy Ward	16	
Luke Merchant	17	
Pete Davies	18	
Joe Stokes	19	
Leon Sterling	Manager	
Freddy Ward	Asst Mgr	
Tony Woodward	Physio	
Referee	Richard Price	
Assistants	Mark Groves, Steve Durnall	

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 Didcot Town. We hope you enjoy your afternoon with us, and have a safe journey back home up the M4 later on.

Firstly, it is my great pleasure to offer from everyone at the club sincere congratulations to Leon and Michelle, who welcomed a new addition to their family this week. Both mother and daughter are doing well, although I understand a period of rest is needed by all!

After a blank weekend, I'm writing this prior to our trip on Tuesday to Taunton Town, where hopefully we managed to pick something up to keep the points clock ticking over – we're coming into an important little run of games now, so please give the lads all your support as we look to consolidate our position in the table after an uneven run of results.

We're about a third of the way through the season at the moment, and as we run down the hill towards Christmas, it's interesting to see how little the League positions are actually changing week on week. Which means that every point is important.

Finally, I'd like to welcome Joe Stokes to the Swans family as he joins us on loan from Forest Green Rovers. We all have great memories of Saul Williams when he represented our club a couple of seasons back, and hopefully Joe will have a similar impact!

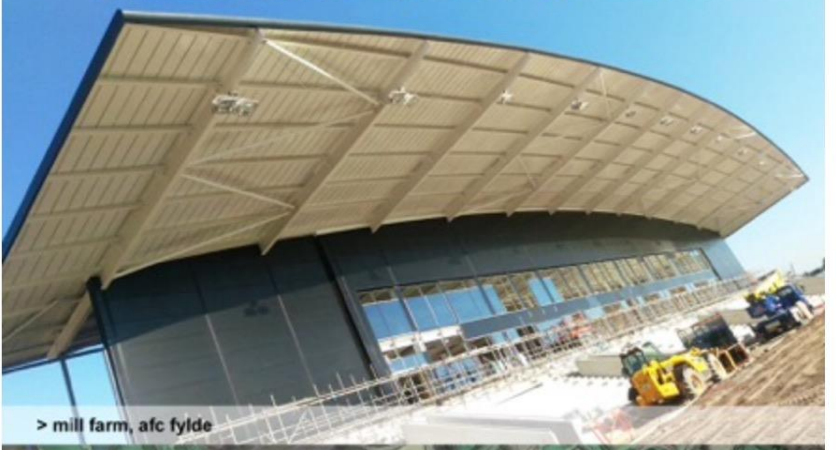
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Saturday 12th November, 3.00pm – Paulton Rovers v Slimbridge – Athletic Ground, Winterfield Road, Paulton, Nr Bristol, BS39 7RF. *From the A39 at farrington Gurney follow the A362 (Signposted Radstock) for 2 miles. Continue straight over the first roundabout (By Tesco) and at the second roundabout trun left onto the B3355 (Signposted Paulton). The ground is on the right hand side just past La Campagna (Italian Restaurant)*

Tuesday 22nd November, 7.45pm – Swindon Supermarine v Slimbridge – Webbswood Stadium, Supermarine Road, South Marston, Swindon SN3 4BZ. *From M5 Junction 11a, take A417, then A419 signposted Cirencester and Swindon. Take the A361 signposted Highworth, Lechlade and Burford.After 397 yards, take the first exit left onto A361. At the 1st roundabout take the 2nd left. Take the 2nd exit at the next roundabout. At the next roundabout take the 2nd left and then 1st left after 50 yards into the Supermarine Sports Complex.*



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																
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																
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10/12/16	Barnstaple Town	H	League																
17/12/16	Tiverton Town	A	League																
26/12/16	Bridgwater Town	H	League																
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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																
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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 19th November v Yate Town (3.00pm)

FA Cup 1st Round weekend by Steve Coney of the Non League Paper

THE first round of the FA Cup is one of the biggest days in the Non-League calendar as the world's oldest cup competition gets thrown into the spotlight.

While many media outlets will lead you to believe that 'the FA Cup starts here!', we all know that is complete and utter rubbish.
I spoke to Taunton Town striker Jordan Rogers last week following the Step 4 club's replay win at Hemel Hempstead that sent them through to the first round for the first time since 1981.

He, understandably, laughed at suggestions that the competition was only 'really' kicking in now - after all he and his team-mates have already played seven Cup ties!

While Taunton missed out on live TV coverage, along with Midland League Premier side Westfields, just making it to this stage of the competition has swelled the coffers to the tune of over £30,000. Considering the Championship and Premier League clubs who come in at round three receive £67,500 for winning one game, it doesn't seem very fair to me.

Of course, we'll never get completely parity and nobody in Non-League really asks for or expects it.

But I don't think many would argue that money shouldn't filter down to the qualifying rounds from the end of the competition.
I don't think Manchester United particularly needed the £1.8million they got from winning last year's final. Let's also remember that the Cup is held in such high regard by boardrooms such as the one at Old Trafford, that United boss Louis van Gaal was sacked just two days after his side beat Crystal Palace to lift their 12th FA Cup. Considering the real interest in the Cup - the big giant killings, the fantastic grass-roots stories - disappears when the last Non-League team is knocked out, there really needs to be a redistribution of the wealth.

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The point was extremely well made by journalist and Salisbury FC vice-chairman Ian Ridley who can obviously look at the situation from both media and football sides.

It's not just the FA Cup that has this issue either - the FA Vase desperately needs, in my opinion, to have its prize fund increased. Clubs at Step 5 and 6 primarily look at the Vase as their only chance of making it to Wembley and fulfilling a childhood dream. The money in play in the Vase is most definitely not life changing. Winning the final under the famous arch nets you £25,000. Sholing manager Dave Diaper told me that his side barely made a profit from their victorious Vase campaign in 2014.

The FA should be applauded, however, for introducing a slice of the pie for losing teams in this year's Vase.
For the first time, clubs who are knocked out will get a share of the overall prize money for that round. Of course, that means winners now take home less, but with some of the costs that can rack up in travelling up and down the country, some cash for the losing clubs is most welcomed.

The FA will point at their overall contribution to the Cup, Vase and even FA Trophy as being a sizeable sum but for individual clubs, they often feel they don't get the rewards they deserve - which is why a televised game is seen as the holy grail.

These are hard times at the FA, where staff have been made redundant and income has fallen, but surely rewarding grass-roots clubs - the lifeblood of our national game - should be very high on their list of priorities.

Unfortunately, I think we can all accept that that is not the case. And while clubs rightly continue to feel that they've been shortchanged, just remember that poor Sam Allardyce has to scrape by with just the £1million he was given as a pay off by the governing body for one game's work.

Joe Stokes joins on loan from Forest Green Rovers

On Tuesday, the club announced that secured the services on Joe Stokes on a months loan from National League side Forest Green Rovers.

Joe is the product of the Forest Green Rovers Academy side and a first year professional at the New Lawn. Joe is a central midfielder, who made his first team Forest Green debut while still an Academy player on the final day of the regular 2015-16 season against Dover Athletic.

Before linking up with the FGR Academy when he was 16, Joe was part of the Youth system at Swindown Town.

Welcome to Thornhill Park Joe, and we hope your enjoy your time with us. Joe is pictured with SAFC Chairman Barry Gay



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		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Hereford	13	11	2	0	36	9	35
2	Tiverton Town	14	9	4	1	35	14	31
3	Shortwood United	14	9	2	3	28	18	29
4	Evesham United	13	8	3	2	31	10	27
5	Mangotsfield United	14	9	0	5	26	22	27
6	Swindon S'Marine	13	8	2	3	33	15	26
7	Larkhall Athletic	14	5	6	3	23	17	21
8	Bideford	14	6	3	5	27	25	21
9	Wimborne Town	14	6	3	5	26	24	21
10	North Leigh	12	6	2	4	24	18	20
11	Salisbury	12	6	1	5	30	23	19
12	Taunton Town	10	5	2	3	20	11	17
13	Bishops Cleeve	14	4	3	7	16	28	15
14	Didcot Town	14	3	5	6	22	28	14
15	Barnstaple Town	13	4	2	7	15	21	14
16	Yate Town	14	4	2	8	17	29	14
17	Slimbridge	14	3	5	6	15	27	14
18	Winchester City	13	4	1	8	20	30	13
19	Paulton Rovers	12	3	1	8	14	21	10
20	AFC Totton	13	2	2	9	17	34	8
21	Bridgwater Town	14	1	4	9	10	39	7
22	Wantage Town	14	0	5	9	10	32	5

Table at October 31st 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.