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SATURDAY 7TH JANUARY 2017
KICK OFF 3.00PM

TODAY'S TEAMS

SLIMBRIDGE AFC		MANGOTSFIELD UNITED
Adam Kowalski	1	Steve Phillips
Sam Turl	2	Ben Withey
Nick Grimes	3	Tom Warren
Ryan Thwaite	4	Mitch Tippins
Rich Thwaite	5	Scott Brice ©
Jack Twyman	6	Dale Evans
Dean Turner	7	Kerry Morgan
Joe Stokes	8	Brad Abraham
Sean Lawson	9	Ollie Mehew
Lee Smith ©	10	Lewis Powell
Adam Mace	11	Matt Groves
Marley Thomas	12	Matt Coupe
Archie Haskayne	14	Ryan Bath
Jack Sklenar	15	Liam Monelle
Freddy Ward	16	Tom Fry
Johnny cant	17	George Lloyd
James Harding	18	Jack Harris
Sonnie Low	19	Ryan Batten
Freddy Ward	Manager	David Mehew
Johnny Cant	Asst Mgr	Lewis Hogg
Tony Woodward	Physio	Kieran Moden
Referee	Graham Pearce	
Assistants	Roger Smith, Nicholas Bracey	

Chairman's Message from Barry Gay

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

First of all, ! would like to wish everybody connected to Slimbridge AFC a very happy and prosperous new year.

The events of the past couple of weeks have now been well documented - the slump in results and general form have been very disappointing to say the least. After a great deal of deliberation and soul searching it was decided that it was time for a change of Manager. After a chat with Leon we reluctantly decided that Leon would part company with us by mutual consent.

I wish to state on record that Leon has worked nothing short of miracles in getting this club to where it is today, and on a very tight budget.

My early days at this club was spent as part of his backroom staff and I, as all players that have put the club shirt on over those years, have nothing but the greatest of admiration and respect for him.

Now to the future - now more than ever, everyone connected to the club – Players, Committee Members and Supporters need to pull in the same direction to keep our Southern League status.

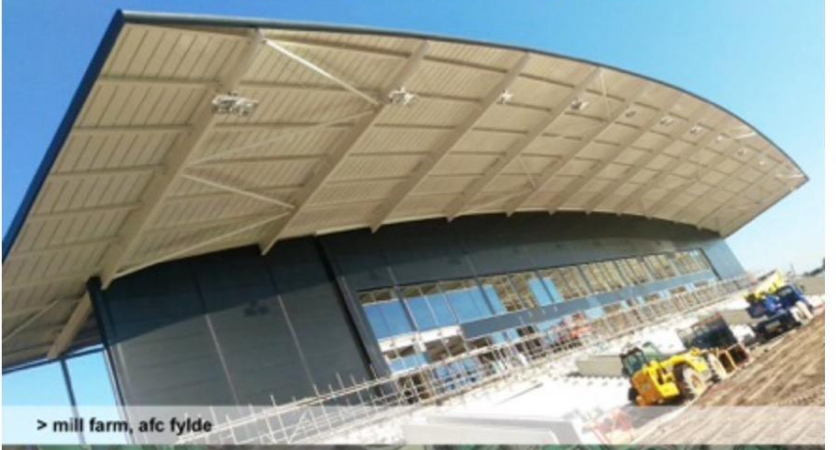
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Tuesday 10th January, 7.45pm – Swindon Supermarine v Slimbridge – Webbswood Stadium, Supermarine Road, South Marston, Swindon, SN3 4BZ

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Saturday 14th January, 3.00pm – Bideford v Slimbridge – The Sports Ground, Kingsley Road, Bideford, Devon, EX39 2NG

Take M5 south for 127 miles to junction 27. At junction 27 take sliproad left to A361 towards Tiverton/Barnstaple for 0.3 miles then at roundabout take 3rd exit onto A361 for 6.5 miles. Pass through 5 roundabouts remaining on A361 for 28.8 miles then at roundabout take 1st exit onto A39 for 1.0 mile. At roundabout take 2nd exit for 6.5 miles then at roundabout take 1st exit onto B3235 (Heywood Road) for 0.7 miles. Ground is on right.



Our Visitors

The 2016/17 season is Mangotsfield's 17th campaign as a Southern League club. This is their eighth season in the Division One South & West, previously finishing 9th in 2009/10, 3rd in 2010/11, (but losing the play-off semi-final, 1-3 to Frome Town), 14th in 2011/12, 13th in 2012/13, 11th in 2013/14, 10th in 2014/15, and 14th in 2015/16. The Board of Directors comprises, Mike Richardson as Chairman, Bob Jenkins as Vice-Chairman, Pete Crowley as Director of Football Club Development, and Finance Director, Martin Preedy.

There has been football in the village since 1888 and four years later, Mangotsfield FC became a founder member of the Bristol & District League (later to become the Western Football League in 1895) but the club folded after 10 years. From 1898 until the 1950s, Mangotsfield FC was disbanded and subsequently reformed on several occasions. In January 1951, the parent club dispensed with the Reserve X1 for financial reasons leaving many local players without a team to play for. These players decided to form a new club in the village and at the start of the 1951-52 season, the newly-established Mangotsfield United FC was entered into the Bristol & District League, Division Vll. They achieved five successive promotions and gained entry to the Bristol & District Premier Combination in 1957. The club remained there until 1972-73, when it was accepted in to the Western League.

The Club became established in the Western League during the 1970's and despite being relegated to the first division in 1981-82, ***"The Field",*** as they were affectionately known, bounced straight back the following season and under the guidance of the charasmatic Ralph Miller, who as Chairman, undertook the task of improving the ground and its facilities, became a force in the Premier, mainly featuring in the leading positions.

In 1991, the club, managed by Harold Jarman and assisted by Terry Rowles, achieved regional glory by taking the (then) Great Mills League Premier Division title, ahead of runners-up Torrington. Disappointingly, they were denied promotion to the Southern League as their ground failed to meet the grading requirements and there followed several lean seasons as the team disbanded. Under newly-elected Chairman Richard Davis, however, off the pitch, things were improving.

Our Visitors

Terry Rowles returned to manage the club himself in 1995 and kept them in the spotlight by consistently finishing in the top three/four in the Great Mills/Screwfix League and an appearance in the FA Vase semi-final (losing to Clitheroe), but their ambitions of promotion and Southern League football were always thwarted by the continual success of Taunton and Tiverton Town. It was considered very important to establish a sound working base, improve ground facilities and secure a long-term tenure on their Cossham Street ground.

In earlier years, the Roger Pullin / Richard Davis partnership had seen many improvements take place, with the installation of Conference-style floodlights and at the end of the 2003/04 season, the Cossham Street end of the ground was covered, together with new toilet blocks and social club improvements. Ex player Andy Black returned to the club as Manager in 1999 and guided the club to promotion to the Dr. Martens Southern League and three successful campaigns. The 2003/04 campaign did not go too well and just before Christmas, Black was replaced by Martyn Grimshaw. Towards the end of the campaign, Nigel Webb came in as his Assistant, but the club could only finish in 13th place, which was not high enough for the planned re-structuring of the Pyramid.

The Management duo made promotion their priority in 2004/05 and the club headed the table for most of the campaign, eventually taking the Division One West title with a 21 match unbeaten run. After 28 seasons at Western League level, the club had spent just five campaigns at Southern League level before reaching the Premier Division. The club have looked for financial stability in recent years, with the need to reach out to the community and attract a broader fan-base and local sponsorship. There has been some success in that area with the Cossham Street ground now taking the name of **The Doug Hillard Sports Stadium.**

Sometimes now referred to as ***"The Mangos"***, the 2016/17 campaign, began with the first complete season under manager DAVID (Boris) MEHEW. His new Assistant is LEWIS HOGG, who has returned in the new role. Their aim is to return the club to the Southern Football League, Premier Division, where they spent four seasons from 2005-2009, finishing 10th, 9th, 14th and 22nd, with the ultimate aspiration of Conference South Football.

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																
10/01/17	Swindon S'Marine	A	League																
14/01/17	Bideford	A	League																
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25/02/17	Evesham United	A	League																
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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 21st January v Tiverton Town (3.00pm)

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Slimbridge 1-1 Mangotsfield United

Thomas, Turl, Brown, Hoyle, Greening, Turner, Twyman, Blackie, Lawson, Martin, Fahy 1

Subs: Ward, Ryan Thwaite, Parrott

Saturday 9th April 2016 – Evo-Stik Southern League South & West

Mangotsfield United 1-1 Slimbridge

Burton, Ward, Mace, Turl, Hoyle, Turner, Twyman, Smith, Fahy 1, Martin, Lawson

Subs: Orchard, Mahmood

Tuesday 11th October 2016 – Evo-Stik Southern League South & West

Mangotsfield United 3-0 Slimbridge

Kowalski, Ryan Thwaite, Mace, Oliver, Rich Thwaite, Twyman, Thomas, Haskayne, Lawson, Smit
Cant

Subs: Turner, Martin, Green

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Forthcoming Fixtures

Saturday 7 January 2017

15:00 Barnstaple Town v Larkhall Athletic
15:00 Bishops Cleeve v Bideford
15:00 Didcot Town v Tiverton Town
15:00 Evesham Utd v Bridgwater Town
15:00 Paulton Rovers v Hereford
15:00 Salisbury v North Leigh
15:00 Slimbridge v Mangotsfield Utd
15:00 Swindon Supermarine v Wimborne Town
15:00 Taunton Town v AFC Totton
15:00 Winchester City v Shortwood Utd
15:00 Yate Town v Wantage Town

Tuesday 10 January 2017

19:45 Mangotsfield Utd v Hereford
19:45 North Leigh v Bridgwater Town
19:45 Swindon Supermarine v Slimbridge
19:45 Yate Town v Tiverton Town

Wednesday 11 January 2017

19:45 Evesham Utd v Winchester City

Shortwood United 4-4 Slimbridge, January 2nd, 2017

After a difficult week for the Swans that saw the departure of Manager Leon Sterling, the reaction of the side to the week's events was always going to be a massive factor in this encounter, and, with Assistant Manager Freddy Ward stepping up to the plate, Slimbridge and local rivals Shortwood played out an absolute cracker of a game to share the points in a game that ebbed and flowed between the two sides. The Swans took an early lead through Marley Thomas, and doubled their advantage just before the half hour through Adam Mace. But Shortwood fought back before the break, and goals from Jake Lee and Ross Langworthy saw the sides go in level. Will Morford's penalty early in the second half saw the hosts in front for the first time in the game, before Brad Martin and then Joe Stokes put the Swans back in front. Lee's second, with just ten minutes remaining rescued a point for Shortwood, and a draw was certainly a fair result at the final whistle.

Slimbridge made the perfect start - with three minutes on the clock, Jack Twyman played in Marley Thomas with a superb diagonal ball, and he dinked the ball past Shortwood Keeper Rhys Lovett to put the visitors ahead. Momentum was certainly with the Swans early on, and Brad Martin's header and Johnny Cant's shot saw the visitors pressing hard.

Eventually, Sortwood settled into the game, and started to create their own chances - Matt Bennett and Adam Price both having good efforts saved by Swans' Keeper Adam Thomas, as the game became a lot more even.

Slimbridge had a great chance to notch a second on 24 minutes, when Thomas was played in again by another great Twyman pass, but was foiled by Lovett when one on one with the Shortwood Keeper.

But a minute later, it was two - Cant's powerful run down the left flank saw him play Mace into space, and he drilled the ball across Lovett into the far corner of the net to double the visitors' advantage.

Shortwood United 4-4 Slimbridge, January 2nd, 2017

But Shortwood came back, and two goals in the next ten minutes saw them draw level - Lee converted after a header from Bennett following a Shortwood corner on the half hour mark, and then Langworthy and Lee played a neat one-two four minutes later that saw Langworthy slam the ball past Thomas to level things up.

Shortwood could have actually gone into the break ahead had Andy Lewis' effort not come back into play off the Slimbridge crossbar with three minutes of the half remaining.

The second period continued with as much incident as the first - Brad Martin saw his effort blocked from point blank range after good work by Mace, and Dean Turner's effort was saved after John Cant's neat play to set him up, before, on 54 minutes, the hosts took the lead for the first time - Turner was penalised for a foul on Price by Referee Andy Sheppard, and Will Morford stepped up to convert the spot kick.

But, seven minutes later, the sides were level again, when Martin converted a sweeping move down the right involving Twyman and Smith to put the Swans back on terms.

With thirteen minutes left, Slimbridge were back in front - Joe Stokes' strike from the edge of the Shortwood box giving Lovett no chance.

Again, Shortwood came back, and three minutes later it was all square again, when Lee scored his second after a free kick from Price.

The final word looked to be going to the visitors, but Thomas' effort was cleared off the line, and Stokes' effort with two minutes left was agonisingly just too high, and the sides had to settle for a point apiece.

Team: Thomas, Turl, Mace, Ry Thwaite, Rich Thwaite, Turner, Smith, Twyman (Stokes 72), Brad Martin, Thomas (Jamie Martin 87), Cant (Grimes 84)

Supporters Man of the Match: Marley Thomas

2016-2017 Season

Evo-Stik Southern League

Division One South & West

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Hereford	24	21	3	0	68	17	66
2	Tiverton Town	24	16	5	3	56	28	53
3	Evesham United	24	15	3	6	58	29	48
4	Salisbury	24	14	2	8	61	37	44
5	Mangotsfield United	22	14	2	6	42	33	44
6	Swindon S'Marine	24	12	6	6	51	32	42
7	Taunton Town*	20	13	3	4	51	21	39
8	Shortwood Utd	22	11	4	7	40	38	37
9	Bideford	25	10	5	10	42	37	35
10	Winchester City	22	11	1	10	42	38	34
11	Didcot Town	24	9	7	8	45	42	34
12	Wimborne Town	22	10	3	9	39	39	33
13	North Leigh	20	9	5	6	42	35	32
14	Bishops Cleeve	23	8	4	11	35	49	28
15	Larkhall Athletic	23	6	9	8	34	34	27
16	Slimbridge	24	5	7	12	29	49	22
17	Paulton Rovers	23	6	3	14	31	39	21
18	Yate Town	23	6	3	14	26	47	21
19	Barnstaple Town	23	5	2	16	19	36	17
20	AFC Totton	25	4	5	16	25	58	19
21	Bridgwater Town	23	2	4	17	17	66	10
22	Wantage Town	24	1	6	17	19	68	9

*Deducted 3 points. Table at January 3rd 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.