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SATURDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 2016
KICK OFF 3.00PM

TODAY'S TEAMS

SLIMBRIDGE AFC (from)		NORTH LEIGH
Adam Kowalski	1	Conor Thompson
Sam Turl	2	Michael Hopkins
Adam Mace	3	Jon Steedman
Ryan Thwaite	4	Wayne Turk
Rich Thwaite	5	Stuart Hole ©
Alex Hoyle ©	6	Callum McNish
Dean Turner	7	Eric Odhiambo
Jack Twyman	8	Elliott Osborne-Ricketts
Sean Lawson	9	Aaron Woodley
Ed Major	10	Jamie Cook
Liam Orchard	11	Morgan Williams
John Cant	12	Lewis White
Archie Haskayne	14	Richard Platt
Jack Oldham	15	Roger James
Luke Merchant	16	Matty Woodley
Jack Sklenar	17	Jon Else
Pete Davies	18	
Leon Sterling	Manager	John Brough
Freddy Ward	Asst Mgr	
Tony Woodward	Physio	John McDonough
Referee	Greg Rollason	
Assistants	Dean Steatham, Ben Watkiss	

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 North Leigh. We hope you enjoy your afternoon with us, and have a safe journey back home later on.

North Leigh have made a decent start to the campaign, so there is no doubt we will be in for another tough encounter today.

So, our unbeaten run came to end last weekend at Taunton in the FA Cup, but everyone at the club was very proud of the lads and how they performed on the day. Hopefully, we have picked up three valuable League points this week at Bridgwater Town.

With Taunton moving on to the next round of the FA Cup, our trip back down on October 1st has been postponed, and we will now travel to Larkhall Athletic that day, bringing forward our League game from later in the season.

I have included some additional information in our 'Swans on the road' feature this week, as our next away trip on Tuesday is to Hereford and their legendary ground at Edgar Street, and it's probably safe to say that this will be a different experience to that we are used to. Please note you will need to buy a ticket before you get to the turnstile, and also please take note of the parking information. It is sure to be a memorable evening for everyone involved no matter what!

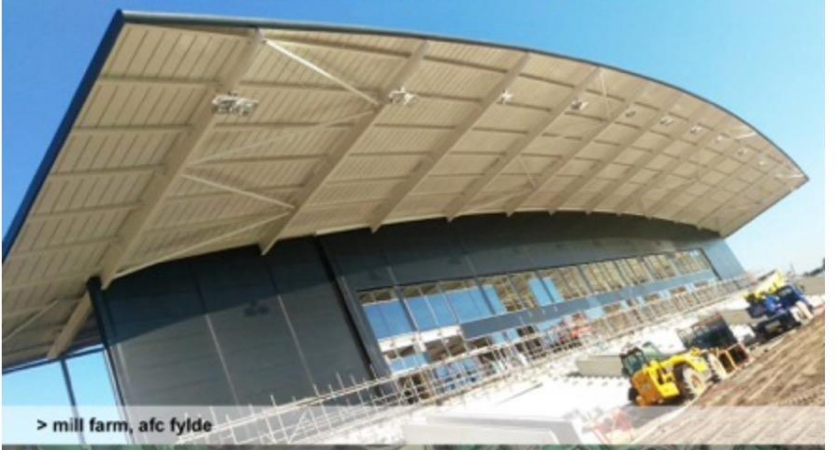
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Tim

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Swans on the Road!

Tuesday 27th September, 7.30 – Hereford v Slimbridge – Edgar Street Athletic Ground, Hereford, HR4 9JU. *The Edgar Street Athletic Ground (HR4 9JU) is situated on the main A49 road running through Hereford. The main stand and major entry points are on the opposite side of the ground to the A49, accessed via the Merton Meadow Car Park from Blackfriars Street or Widemarsh Street.*



Hereford Ground Information - *Away supporters are to be placed in Block E of the Len Weston Stand with associated facilities in easy reach. Further capacity can be made available for larger contingents. Away supporters are welcome in our bars around the ground. We operate cashless ticket only turnstiles* ***so tickets must be purchased from the Matchday Ticket Office before attempting to enter the ground.***

Parking for supporters is available in the Merton Meadow Car Park adjoining the ground at £5 per car, or £1.50 after 6pm. Additional car parking is available in a number of other nearby car parks however there is very little on-street parking with most roads having timed or residents restrictions.

Our Visitors

North Leigh were formed in 1908, but it was only following the Second World War that the club started to make its mark in the Witney and District League.

The club won the Witney and District League Premier Division title seven times in the 1950s and also enjoyed success in the Oxfordshire Senior Cup. In the 1980s the club resumed its trophy winning habits with five successive Witney and District League titles earning it a place in the Hellenic League Division 1 for the season 1990/91.

The club enjoyed a good first season in the Hellenic League, finishing in 4th position and being the Division's highest goal scorers apart from Champions Cinderford Town. In the club's second season it again achieved 4th position, averaging two points per game, scoring 84 goals in the process.

In the third season, the club finished runners up to Tuffley Rovers in Division 1 and so took its place in the Hellenic League Premier Division along with the champions.

In 1997/98 the club reached the second round of the FA Vase for the third time before losing to Elmore. They finished the season in 4th place in the Hellenic League Premier Division, and capped their season off by reaching the final of the Oxfordshire Senior Cup where they were only narrowly beaten by their West Oxfordshire rivals Witney Town 1-0 after extra time.

The season 2001/02 was without doubt been the most successful in the club's history to date. After a superb season of consistently high performances and an epic struggle with both Gloucester United and Yate Town throughout the season to occupy top spot, the club eventually succeeded in winning for the very first time, the Premier Division title. The club also reached the final of both the Oxfordshire Senior Cup and the Hellenic League Challenge Cup.

Our Visitors

In season 2002/03 the club went one better and with a smaller squad than the previous year and arguably stronger league opposition, retained the title with a winning margin of 10 points over Yate Town (the team pipped the previous year) and local rivals Carterton. Unfortunately the ground at that stage was not up to the required standard for the team to take promotion to the next level.

In season 2003/04 a disappointing eighth place in the league was offset by a tremendous run in the FA Vase where the club reached the last 32 and with reasonable luck would have progressed further.

In 2004/05 the club finished in seventh place in the league, but the highlight was a truly memorable run in the FA Cup as the last Hellenic team left in the competition defeating Deal Town, Walton Casuals and Edgware Town and only losing out to Conference South outfit Newport County in Wales after holding them to a draw at Eynsham Park.

In season 2005/06 after an excellent start and leading the table during the early part of the season, the club narrowly missed out on promotion to the Southern League finishing in fourth place after a disappointing late run.

In season 2006/07 after a head to head contest with Slimbridge and narrowly finishing behind them after an epic struggle and a particularly strong finish to the season, including a double win home & away against them, the club were severely disappointed to learn of their withdrawal from promotion to the Southern League at a stage too late for them to be replaced them even though North Leigh's home ground had by now received the necessary FA approval to play at the higher level.

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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
29/08/16	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																
24/09/16	North Leigh	H	League																
27/09/16	Hereford	A	League																
01/10/16	Larkhall Athletic	A	League																
04/10/16	Bishops Cleeve	A	SFLCC 1R																
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																
01/11/16	Bristol Rovers	A	GFA 1R																
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																
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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22/04/17	Wimborne Town	A	League																

Next First Team Game at Thornhill Park – Saturday 8th October v Swindon Supermarine (3.00pm)

Our Visitors

In season 2007/08 in the club's centenary year it looked to be a mirror image of the previous year with the team vying for the top spot throughout the season and just losing out in the final push for promotion. However in a truly magnificent finish to the season the team overhauled the long term leaders of the division, Almondsbury Town in their very last league game, winning the league title and promotion on goal difference. In addition and a few weeks prior to winning the league title, the club had won the Oxfordshire Senior Cup for the first time in their history defeating an Oxford United team in the quarter final and Banbury United (Southern League Premier Division) in the final at the Kassam Stadium, Oxford.

The club following promotion in 2008 has finished in a top ten position in each of the seven seasons in the Southern League, narrowly missing out on a play off place on two occasions. Our aim is a play off position and promotion. As the leading club in West Oxfordshire it now runs four adult men's teams from Vets through to Southern, Hellenic and a local league team plus a youth team..

During North Leigh's history, it has won the Oxfordshire Senior Cup, Oxfordshire Intermediate Cup, Oxfordshire Junior Shield, the Oxfordshire Charity Cup and the Oxfordshire Youth Cup twice, in addition to winning the Hellenic Premier Division title on three separate occasions.


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Why not become a member and have a say on how this Club is run?

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

You will be made very welcome.

Taunton Town 2-0 Slimbridge FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round, Saturday 17th September 2016

It says much for the progress that Slimbridge Football Club have made both on and off the pitch in the past ten years that there was a genuine sense of disappointment as the side bowed out of the FA Cup at The Viridor Stadium this afternoon to Taunton Town. From competing in the Northern Senior League in the 2007-8 season to competing with clubs like like Taunton Town, and in ten days time, Hereford, is a measure of how much has been achieved during the clubs' journey to Southern League football.

The hosts can rightly point to a game that they should have put to bed far earlier than the 80th minute second that clinched the tie for them, including hitting the woodwork on no less than three occasions, but the Swans never gave up, battled hard, and on another day, may have nicked a goal that would have potentially have changed the game. In the end though, Taunton deserved their victory, and booked their place in the Third Qualifying Round of the Emirate FA Cup with a goal in each half.

The game started at a pace despite the warm conditions, and it was the visitors who fashioned the first real opportunity, when no-one was in the Taunton box to meet a probing Marley Thomas cross in the fifth minute. Apart from a straightforward save for Luke Merchant from Jordan Rogers, the visitors were making the running early on. Archie Haskayne, and then Jack Twyman both went close, the latter bringing a great stop from Taunton Keeper Lloyd Irish as the Swans pressed in the first ten minutes.

Twyman was thwarted again by a superb tackle from Owen Irish, before the hosts found their feet and started to get into the game. Merchant made good stops from Jordan Rogers and then Matt Wright, before Taunton broke the deadlock on 19 minutes - Pierce Mitchell was allowed too much space on the Taunton right, and his pinnpoint cross was met by the head of Rogers, giving Merchant no chance.

Taunton Town 2-0 Slimbridge FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round, Saturday 17th September 2016

The momentum of the game swung very much to Taunton at this point, and Adam Kelly saw his rocket shot come back into play off the Slimbridge bar just before the half hour, as the home side pressed. The last 15 minutes of the half was backs to the wall for the Swans, as Ed Palmer's Free Kick tested Merchant, Wright was off target when well placed, Jordan's neat turn and shot saw his effort come back off the post, and Wright again had a good opportunity which he placed too high as the game approached the break.

The Swans situation was summed up by Ed Major's air kick at a dangerous cross, but Taunton were again denied before the break when Owen Irish's header was cleared off the line by Dean Saunders, before Wright was again off target, leaving Slimbridge to regroup at the break.

The second half started in much the same vein as the first, with Callum Martindale's Free Kick a minute in hitting the woodwork again, but it was still a single goal dividing the sides.

Slimbridge began to create opportunities for themselves, with Archie Haskayne's free kick just wide, and a scramble in the Taunton box seeing Irish made another superb stop from Alex Hoyle, before the ball was cleared.

There were still chances being created at the other end though, and a 35 yard Free Kick from Ed Palmer was only just off target as Taunton pushed to kill the game off. At the other end, Ed Major was brought down on the edge of the box, resulting in a free kick which saw a Haskayne effort deflected for a corner, and then Johnny Cant was off target as Slimbridge still looked as if they may be able to force their way back into the game.

On 64 minutes, Matt Villis was off target for the hosts with a header, before Wright brought another good save from Merchant, who pushed his effort into the side netting.

Taunton Town 2-0 Slimbridge FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round, Saturday 17th September 2016

Slimbridge had a glorious opportunity to level things up on 71 minutes, when Cant found himself through one on one with Irish, but his effort ended up in the side netting and the chance was lost.

Taunton finally broke the Swans' resistance for the second time ten minutes from time, when another long range Palmer Free Kick was spilled by Merchant. Ryan Batley was first to the loose ball and drilled it in to double the advantage.

Cant had another good effort which brought another classy stop from Irish, while Merchant made a good stop from Kelly in the second minute of stoppage time before Referee Lewis Sandoe drew events to a close.

Slimbridge currently sit in 13th place in the Southern League South and West, albeit with either one or two games in hand on most of the clubs around them.

Team: Merchant, Turl, Ry Thwaite, Hoyle, Rich Thwaite, Turner, Haskayne (Ward 65), Twyman, Major (Orchard 70), Cant, Thomas (Mace 60)

Supporters Man of the Match: Jack Twyman

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

Table at September 18th 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.