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V

SWINDON SUPERMARINE

The Buildbase FA Trophy
Preliminary Round
SATURDAY 8th OCTOBER 2016
KICK OFF 3.00PM

TODAY'S TEAMS

SLIMBRIDGE AFC (from)		SWINDON SUPERMARINE
Adam Kowalski	1	Connor Johns
Sam Turl	2	Jack Alexander
Adam Mace	3	Ryan Morgan
Ryan Thwaite	4	Zac Westlake
Rich Thwaite	5	Ryan Wood
Dean Turner	6	Sam Morris
Archie Haskayne	7	Bradley Gray ©
Jack Twyman	8	Brad Hooper
Ed Major	9	Conor Waldon
John Cant	10	Josh Parsons
Marley Thomas	11	Callum Parsons
Jamie Martin	12	Joe Shepherd
Freddy Ward	14	George Reid
Leon Sterling	15	Connor Thompson
Luke Merchant	16	Joe Selman
	17	Tyron Leigh
	18	Henry Spalding
Leon Sterling	Manager	Dave Webb
Freddy Ward	Asst Mgr	Lee Spalding
Tony Woodward	Physio	James Williams
Referee	Scott Robertson	
Assistants	James Whittington, Daniel Stokes	

Club Chat with Rob Peck

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

Today we embark on the road to Wembley once more in the shape of the Buildbase FA Trophy. Our opponents make their second visit to Thornhill Park this season, in August both sides played out an entertaining one all draw in the league so hopefully today's cup game is just as entertaining.

The prize for winning today's tie is £2,500 and a place in the first qualifying round away to the winners of Taunton Town v Larkhill Athletic on Saturday October 29th.

With recent results not going our way, we often forget how difficult the life of a grass roots footballer, manager or club volunteer can be. Like you and I most of them have a regular job to pay the bills while fitting in training twice a week. Playing two or even three games a week sometimes having to travel long distances to mid-week away games returning home in the early hours before work the next day. For the managers the stress of trying to assemble a team each game around missing players due to work or family commitments, and the volunteers behind the scenes holding it all together.

Let's get behind Leon and the lads and enjoy the game this afternoon.

Rob

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Predict The Score

This week's 'Predict The Score' Jackpot is £250. For a pound stake, it's got to be worth a shot! See Jackie behind the bar or John Ashplant for your ticket

Our Visitors

The football club was founded in 1992 from the amalgamation of two established Hellenic League clubs - Swindon Athletic and Supermarine. After the merger Swindon Supermarine regularly finished in the top eight in the Hellenic Premier Division.

In 1994/95 under managers Alan Dyton and Leo Colucci we entered the Wiltshire Premier Shield for the first time and went all the way to the final only to lose out to Trowbridge Town. That all changed in the 1996/97 season when we won our first trophies since the club's merger when we defeated Devizes Town in the final of the Wiltshire Premier Shield and a successful season came to a close when we won the Hellenic Premier Division Challenge Cup with a win over Kintbury Rangers. Under the guidance of John Fisher and former Swindon Town stalwart Don Rogers in the 1997/98 season the team won their last two fixtures to secure our first Hellenic Premier Division Championship.

The 2000/01 season the team won the Hellenic League Premier Division championship title and the retention of the Floodlight Cup. With the championship secured the application to join the Southern League (sponsored by Dr Martens) was accepted. To secure promotion a number of ground improvements were successfully undertaken to meet the league's guidelines.

Manager Alan Dyton informed the club of his decision to step down from his role because of work commitments so in July 2001 the club appointed Swindon Town's community officer Clive Maguire as first team manager and equally pleasing was that Alan decided to assist Clive that season. Unfortunately, Clive resigned his managerial post at the end of October and after acting as caretaker manager for three games Alan also left the club.

Clive's resignation came after a disastrous start to the season with twelve defeats from thirteen games. The club then secured the services of the vastly experienced John Murphy. John had managed Cinderford Town, Witney Town, Trowbridge Town and Cheltenham Town and had achieved a number of successes in the Southern League. With John at the helm the team staged a tremendous come back in the league to ensure Southern League survival.

The following 2002/03 season was unfortunately far worse than our first season in the Southern League and at the end of September 2002 John Murphy decided to relinquish his managerial position with the club rooted at the bottom of the league.

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The committee promoted the club's Academy Director, Tom Jones, to the manager's position but just a month later he resigned following eight defeats. A few days later former Cirencester manager Ray Baverstock accepted the manager's position and the difficult task of saving the club from relegation. Ray began the daunting task of keeping the club in the Southern League which he duly obliged with a record seven wins from the last eight league.

The 2003/04 season started so differently from our first two seasons in the Southern League. With Ray and his team at the helm the team started very well with 18 points and a mid-table position by the end of October 2003. So it was a complete shock to everyone at the club when Ray decided to step down at this time due to personal commitments.

Although Ray returned briefly after reconsidering his position he was gone again within a couple of games. Tommy Saunders' footballing exile ended with the former Chippenham Town boss being unveiled as the man to take over at Swindon Supermarine shortly afterwards. Unfortunately, Saunders' reign only lasted a couple of months as he resigned.

His Assistant, Mark Collier took over the job for the following game against Stourport Swifts and duly led the side to their first victory in seven games. Following that win Mark was offered the position as manager which he accepted and took us to safety with a 17th place finish in the Western Division and Southern League football for the 2004/05 season.

For a fifth consecutive season we started the 2005/06 league campaign in the Southern League, with Mark Collier in his first full season as manager and Ian Howell as his assistant and the club had its most successful season to date with a fifth place finish and a place in the end of season play-off's. Unfortunately, the side lost in the play-off's to a strong Hemel Hempstead Town who went on to secure promotion to the Premier Division.

The 2006/07 season was a successful one as the team scrapped into a play-off place and duly went through to win 2-0 in the play-off final win over Taunton Town to take us into the Southern League Premier Division for 2007/08 season. The team were also successful in winning the Wiltshire Premier Shield with a 2-1 victory over Swindon Town in the final.

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The following 2007/08 season, the first season in the Southern league Premier Division the side finished a very creditable 12th place and had something to build on. The 2008/09 season saw the team in the top six in January and they had an excellent FA Trophy run only losing in the last sixteen at Conference side Ebbsfleet. The cup meant the side having to play three games a week in the last month or so and dropped out of contention for a play-off place and finished the campaign in mid-table.

The 2009/10 season saw the team struggle for most of the campaign and it was only in March 2010 that they moved out of the relegation places with a run of good results and finished in fifteenth position, seven points away from relegation.

During the summer of 2010 the Executive Committee released a statement indicating that the team was likely to be disbanded and be disbanded from the Southern League due to a lack of funding. They informed manager Mark Collier that they couldn't give him the necessary assurances to finance another season in the Southern League and appealed for the friends and supporters of the club to help with a survival plan.

To continue playing in the Southern League a new Executive Committee was urgently required, with new members and an increase in numbers who would commit to finding the required finance. The old Executive Committee and a number of enthusiastic supporters met each week over a six week period then in the second week of June 2010 a new committee was formed to take the club into the new season and in the Southern League!

A commitment to financing a playing budget was made by the new committee and Mark Collier accepted the position of continuing as club manager and began the task of recruiting a playing squad for the 2010/11 season and by August 2010 Collier was confident he had a squad of players that could compete with the remaining twenty-one clubs and maintain a place in the Premier Division come May 2011.

The 2010/11 season saw the club maintain its Southern League Premier Division status with a very creditable 10th place finish, but besides the solid league performance the team had an exceptional FA Cup run when they went further than ever before as they reached the Second Round and only lost 1-0 away to NPower

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League 1 side Colchester United. A memorable day for all connected to SSFC and its supporters.

A short while after this FA cup run the club accepted the resignation of Manager Mark Collier and Assistant Tom Jones in February 2011 due to personal reasons. Experienced players Gary Horgan and Matt Robinson took over in a caretaker role and rallied the players to perform extremely well and finish the season on a high with three consecutive wins.

The 2011/12 season ended in disappointment for the whole club when the team were relegated from the Southern Premier Division to the Division One South & West after finishing in 22nd place, although only losing our position in the Premier Division for the 2012/13 season on goal difference.

Shortly after the 2011/12 season ended and after long discussions with Gary and Matt the outcome was that a new manager would be appointed for the 2012/13 season in the South & West Division One. Within a mater of days Highworth Town manager Dave Webb was approached by the club committee with a view of taking over the managerial position at the Webb's Wood Stadium.

Dave Webb accepted the offer and along with his assistant at Highworth Lee Spalding, they were duly appointed Manager and Assistant Manager in May 2012 and quickly began the job of building a side ready and prepared for the tough season ahead in 2012/13 and beyond.

In Dave Webb's first two seasons he managed to lead them to two playoff finishes and two semi-final defeats defeat's, both at the hands of Merthyr Town, the first on penalties. Last season was something of a non-event as the squad struggled with some devastating injuries that were the main reason for a fourteenth place finish and a much better season was expected in this 2015/16 season.

The 2015/16 season saw a couple of wins in the FA Cup and FA Trophy that helped the clubs funds. The team finished the season in a playoff position and just as they did in 2012 and 2013 they unfortunately lost at the semi-final stage once more. On this occasion it came from a 2-1 defeat at Taunton Town but overall although a disappointing end the players did themselves proud and were unlucky to lose a game they dominated.

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																
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																
02/01/17	Shortwood United	A	League																
07/01/17	Mangotsfield United	H	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 15th October v Salisbury (3.00pm)

Larkhall Athletic 2-0 Slimbridge
Saturday 1st October 2016

For the fourth game in a row the Swans failed to find the back of the net which resulted in another defeat at the hands of Larkhall Athletic whose manager Wayne Thorne decided to call it a day directly after the game.

Slimbridge started off brightly enough when a good through ball from Dean Turner sent Marley Thomas clear but his shot went wide. Referee Neal Templey annoyed the visiting followers by allowing a few poor challenges to go unpunished, Sam Turl and Keeper Adrian Kowalski being the main recipients.

The Larks Kyle Tooze had a good header well saved by Kowalski which was shortly followed by a volley from Dean Griffiths which Ryan Thwaite did well to block. The Swans continued to attack the home side as John Cants astute pass found Thomas who again shot over.

The visitors should have been ahead on 21 minutes when a superb left wing cross by Can't left Jack Twyman with the easy task of heading home from 6 yards out but he somehow managed to steer his header wide of the open goal.

Referee Templey came in for more criticism from the Swans faithful when a soft trip by Ryan Thwaite was punished with a caution which could have easily been avoided given the leniency shown to much worse challenges earlier.

Worse was to come as from the resulting free kick from 18 yards out the Larks star player Jamie Lyons delivered a sweet free kick into the top corner which left Kowalski with no chance.

Lyons went close again just before the interval with a good effort from 18 yards which went inches over. The half-finished with Adam Mace being cautioned for speaking out of turn to an assistant, something which Slimbridge do not condone but the referee could not have enjoyed his half time cuppa after the reception he received whilst leaving the field.

The Larks looked sharper after the break as Ollie Price fired over the bar after a corner by Joe Tumelty, whilst at the other end a good free kick by Mace was well met by the head of Rich Thwaite but Ben John in the home goal gathered it well.

Larkhall Athletic 2-0 Slimbridge
Saturday 1st October 2016

On 55 minutes Larkhall increased their lead when a good through ball left Lyons and Kowalski facing each other, a sweet chip by the impressive Lyons made it 2-0.

A nice piece of football by the home side nearly resulted in a third goal on 65 minutes when Lyons fed Tooze and his pass left Rob Hobbs clear but his shot was too high.

Marley Thomas had a stunning volley well punched away by the home keeper as the Swans tried to get back into the game.

The last ten minutes summed up the afternoon for Slimbridge when first a good cross by Mace caused problems for the home defence and Jamie Martin looked destined to score but he failed to make contact with the ball as it went out for a goal kick.

With five minutes left Ed Major played a delightful ball into the box which Martin somehow managed to fire over the bar from 3 yards out with the goal at his mercy.

Manager Leon Sterling has some work to do ahead of a double header of Cup games this week, first up being a visit to Bishops Cleeve in the Southern League Cup on Tuesday, 7.45pm, followed by a home game with Swindon Supermarine in the Preliminary Round of the FA Trophy on Saturday, 3pm.

Team: Kowalski, Turl, Mace, Ryan Thwaite, Rich Thwaite, Turner (Martin 63) Haskayne, Twyman, Major, Can't, Thomas. Unused subs Ward, Sterling.

Supporters Man of the Match: Ryan Thwaite

Attendance: 105

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Sat 20 Feb 2016
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Tue 29 Sep 2015
Evo Stik Southern League South & West (A) W 2-1

Swans past FA Trophy results

Sat 3 Oct 2015
Preliminary Round
Slimbridge 0-1 Egham Town

This week…

5 Years Ago
Sat 1 Oct 2011 Hellenic League Premier Division
Slimbridge 4-2 Wokingham and Emmbrook

Tue 4 Oct 2011 A & M Print & Copy Floodlit Cup
Slimbridge 0-1 Fairford Town

10 Years Ago
Sat 30 Sep 2006 FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round
Slimbridge 3-1 Chippenham Town

Tue 3 Oct 2006 GFA Trophy Preliminary Round
Slimbridge 4-0 Taverners

Sat 7 Oct 2006 FA Vase 1st Round
Slimbridge 4-0 Barnstaple Town

Stato's Corner

Since entering the Gloucestershire County league in August 2001 to the end of last season the first team has played 738 games over 15 seasons. That is roughly 49 games per season.

This breaks down as:

567 League games
70 League & Floodlit Cup games
18 FA Cup games
1 FA Trophy game
27 FA Vase games
44 County Cup games
11 Stroud Charity Cup games

With the results being:

446 Wins (60%)
129 Draws (18%)
163 Defeats (22%)

During this period of time the club has been served by five managers, whose individual records are:

		M	W	D	L	% Win
Leon Sterling	Aug 2010 - Present	300	140	59	101	47%
Jame Cole	Aug 2007 - Jul 2010	119	88	20	11	74%
Doug Foxwell	Aug 2005 - Jul 2007	130	91	18	21	70%
John Evans	Feb 2005 - Jul 2005	17	7	4	6	41%
Doug Gray	Aug 2001 - Feb 2005	172	120	28	24	70%

Evo-Stik Southern League
Division One South & West
Form Guide

Hereford	WDWWWW
Mangotsfield Utd	WWWWWL
Tiverton Town	WDWWDW
Salisbury	WLDWWW
Evesham Utd	WWWDLW
Shortwood Utd	WDWLWW
Swindon Supermarine	WWWDLD
North Leigh	DWDWWL
Yate Town	DLWWWL
Wimborne Town	DWLDDW
Larkhall Athletic	WDLDWD
Taunton Town	LDDWLW
Bideford	LLWDWL
Bishops Cleeve	DLWLWL
Winchester City	WWLDLL
Didcot Town	DLWLLD
Barnstaple Town	LLWLLL
Slimbridge	*LLLDDD*
Bridgwater Town	DLDLLL
AFC Totton	DLLDLL
Wantage Town	LLDLLD
Paulton Rovers	LLLLLL

Last 6 league games at October 2nd 2016

2016-2017 Season
Evo-Stik Southern League
Division One South & West

		Pl	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
1	Hereford	9	8	1	0	26	4	22	25
2	Mangotsfield Utd	10	8	0	2	20	11	9	24
3	Tiverton Town	10	6	4	0	26	7	19	22
4	Swindon Supermarine	9	6	2	1	22	8	14	20
5	Shortwood Utd	10	6	1	3	13	14	-1	19
6	Evesham Utd	10	5	3	2	18	7	11	18
7	Wimborne Town	10	5	3	2	22	12	10	18
8	North Leigh	9	5	2	2	18	10	8	17
9	Salisbury	9	5	1	3	22	18	4	16
10	Larkhall Athletic	10	3	5	2	15	10	5	14
11	Bideford	10	4	1	5	19	22	-3	13
12	Bishops Cleeve	11	3	3	5	13	23	-10	12
13	Taunton Town	8	3	2	3	12	9	3	11
14	*Slimbridge*	*10*	*2*	*5*	*3*	*11*	*15*	*-4*	*11*
15	Yate Town	11	3	2	6	13	21	-8	11
16	Didcot Town	11	2	4	5	16	21	-5	10
17	Barnstaple Town	10	3	1	6	9	15	-6	10
18	Winchester City	9	3	1	5	14	22	-8	10
19	Paulton Rovers	9	2	0	7	10	18	-8	6
20	AFC Totton	10	1	2	7	10	27	-17	5
21	Wantage Town	11	0	4	7	8	23	-15	4
22	Bridgwater Town	10	0	3	7	8	28	-20	3

Table at October 2nd 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.