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Slimbridge AFC		Basingstoke Town
Lewis Adams	1	Christopher Rackley
Tom Handley	2	Morgan Toney-Green
Will Peck	3	Adam Everiss
Dion Chamber	4	Dean Stow (c)
Christien Turner	5	Andrew Charsley
Joel White	6	Joe Hancott
Leighton Tuodolo	7	Reece Rusher
Dean Turner (c)	8	Benjamin Cook
Adam Bloomfield	9	Benjamin Wright
Myron Turner	10	Claudio Herbert
Sol Wanjau-Smith	11	Harrison Cliff
Joel Letori	12	Aiden Harris
	13	
Ryan Beckinsale	14	Riccardo Andrady
Mike Ford	15	D'Andre Brown
Jack Horrell	16	Michael Davis
Tyrone Tucker-Dixon	17	Andrew Charsley
	18	

Managers:
Lee Driver-Dickerson
Alex Lumsden

Martin Kuhl

Physios:
Tony Woodward

Referee:
Liam Corbett

Assistants:
Jonathan Price
Ryan Smith

This Week's Fixtures

Sat 31 Aug 19

15:00 Barnstaple Town v AFC Totton
15:00 Cirencester Town v Bristol Manor Farm
15:00 Frome Town v Mangotsfield United
15:00 Larkhall Athletic v Bideford
15:00 Moneyfields v Cinderford Town
15:00 Paulton Rovers v Thatcham Town
15:00 Slimbridge v Basingstoke Town
15:00 Willand Rovers v Highworth Town

Sun 01 Sep 19

15:00 Sholing v Evesham United

Mon 02 Sep 19

19:30 Melksham Town v Shepton Mallet (FA Cup)

Tue 03 Sep 19

19:45 AFC Totton v Willand Rovers
19:45 Basingstoke Town v Larkhall Athletic
19:45 Bideford v Paulton Rovers
19:45 Cinderford Town v Barnstaple Town
19:45 Frome Town v Evesham United
19:45 Thatcham Town v Cirencester Town

This Week's Fixtures

Tue 03 Sep 19

19:45 Burnham v Slimbridge (FA Cup)

19:45 Stoneham v Winchester City (FA Cup)

Wed 04 Sep 19

19:45 Highworth Town v Sholing

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Our Visitors Today

There is little doubt that football was being played in the Basingstoke area in the early 1890's but it wasn't until 1896 that a Basingstoke Town F.C. club was formed from Aldworth United and Basingstoke Albion.

In 1901 the club entered the Hampshire League and in 1909 the local North Hants Ironworks team merged with the Town club. This merger produced dividends with title success in 1911/12 and 1919/20.

After playing at a couple of grounds in the area the club moved to its present site in 1946. Initially the club had a fifteen-year lease given by 1st Viscount Camrose, but on his death in 1953 his son, 2nd Viscount Camrose increased the lease to 2052.

The sixties were the beginning of a more successful period for the Camrose club, finishing as runners up in 1965/66 and the following season. It was third time lucky in 1967/68 when the Hampshire League title was won. After being runners up again in1968/69 they won back to back titles in 1969/70 and 1970/71. The latter came without a league defeat and the Hampshire Senior Cup was won for the first time.

The club joined the Southern League in 1971/72 and finished 8th in its first season. The highlight was reaching the F.A.Cup 1st Round for the first time ever. A then record attendance of 3,400 saw Northampton Town win 5-1 at the Camrose.

In 1984/85 the club won the Southern League Southern Division, without losing a home game. After a couple of years in the Premier Division the club had the chance to move across to the Isthmian League. It was a disastrous first season as the club were relegated.

Our Visitors Today

But the following year promotion was achieved with a last day victory at Southwick and for the first time the club reached the Trophy 1st round losing at Kettering Town after a replay.

The following year saw more cup success as the club reached the 2nd Round of the F.A.Cup for the first time. A crowd of over 4,000 saw Torquay United win 3-2. The Hampshire Senior Cup was won with a record breaking 8-0 thrashing of Lymington.

The next few seasons were a struggle and in 1993/94 the club suffered relegation. After two years in Division One the club had only another Senior Cup success to show for its efforts.

But in 1996/97 promotion was achieved as runners up and another appearance in the Senior Cup final saw a second successive 2-0 win over Waterlooville.

The 1997/98 season became the club's most memorable to date with F.A.Cup success over Wycombe Wanderers. After a draw at Adams Park, 2-2, the team won the replay on penalties after another thrilling 2-2 draw at the Camrose. A new record attendance of 5,085 saw this remarkable result as in both games Stoke had trailed at every occasion.

In the 2nd Round it was an away trip to Northampton Town and despite being under pressure for much of the game the club earned a replay with a late equalizer. The replay saw Sky Sports beam the game live and another crowd of nearly 5,000 saw Stoke this time go out on penalties on a night that has been regarded as the coldest ever in Basingstoke!

Our Visitors Today

League form was difficult at this time and it needed a run of just four defeats in twenty-one games to ensure the club finished in the top half.

The club played sixty-nine games that season, the last match being the Full Members Cup Final against Hendon who deservedly won 4-1 on the night.

1998/99 saw the club reach the 1st round of the F.A.Cup again losing 2-1 at home to Bournemouth after a memorable 4th qualifying round win at Dover Athletic.

The next few years saw the club consolidating its position in the Ryman Premier League before coming members of the newly formed Nationwide Conference South in season 2004/05. During season 2006/07 the club had a marvelous F.A Cup run creating club history when beating Chesterfield 0 – 1 on there own ground in the first round proper. Unfortunately the run ended in the second round proper losing narrowly to near neighbours Aldershot Town in a replay at the Camrose.

The Hampshire Senior Cup was won in season 2007/2008 beating local rivals Farnborough in the final at Bournemouth and again in the 2013/2014 season beating Havant and Waterlooville at Fratton Park Portsmouth. The club were relegated to the Southern League at the end of the 2015/2016 season and the Hampshire Senior Cup was won again in season 2016/2017 beating AFC Bournemouth.

Our Visitors Today

FREDDIE GEE – GOALKEEPER
Freddie is a young goalkeeper who joined the cub in August 19. Has previously played for Hartley Wintney, Hungerford Town, Thatcham Town and Tadley Calleva

CHRIS RACKLEY – GOALKEEPER
Chris is an experienced goalkeeper who rejoined the club in August 19 from Marlow. He has previously been an F A Vase winner with Thatcham Town and also played for Abingdon Town and Reading Town

DEAN STOW – DEFENDER
Dean is a strong right sided defender who joined the club at the start of the 2018/2019 from Hartley Wintney. Has also played for Hungerford Town

ADAM EVERISS – DEFENDER
Adam joined the club in March 19 from Camberley Town. He has also played for Hartley Wintney and Hayes and Yeading

AIDEN HARRIS - DEFENDER
Aiden is a promising young defender who is a product of the of the club's own academy

JOE HANCOTT - DEFENDER
Joe is a young defender currently on loan from Portsmouth F C

ANDREW CHARSLEY – DEFENDER
Andrew is a central defender who joined the club in August 19. Previously played for Tadley Calleva

Our Visitors Today

MORGAN TONEY-GREEN – DEFENDER
Morgan is a young defender who joined the club in August 19. Previously played for Burnham

D'ANDRE BROWN – MIDFIELD
D'Andre is a promising young midfield player who is also a product of the club's own academy

BEN COOK – MIDFIELD
Ben is a hard working midfield player who joined the club in August 19. Has previously played for Wantage Town, Reading City, Andover Town and Thatcham Town

HARRISON CLIFF – MIDFIELD
Harrison is a hard working young midfield player who joined the club in August 19. Previous club Ascot United

RICCARDO ANDRADY – MIDFIELD
Riccardo is a pacy midfield player who joined the club in August 19. Previous clubs include Thame United, Winchester City, Fleet Town, Egham and Didcot Town

LLOYD SNELL – MIDFIELD
Lloyd is a young midfield player who signed first team forms in August 19

REECE RUSHER – MIDFIELD
Reece is a pacy wide player who joined the club during the 2018/2019 season. He started his career in the Southampton academy before representing Salisbury City, Winchester City, Melksham Town and Andover Town

Our Visitors Today

CLAUDIO HERBERT
Claudio is a skillful pacey midfield player who joined the club in August 19.Previous clubs include Salisbury City, Hartley Wintney, Fleet Town, Poole Town, Andover Town and Frome Town

MICHAEL DAVIS – FORWARD
Michael is a forward who joined the club in August 19. He also works in the club's academy

BEN WRIGHT – STRIKER
Ben is a vastly experienced prolific goal scorer who joined the club in July 17 having spent the previous season with Gosport Borough. He is a local lad who started his career at Basingstoke before going on to play in the football league for Peterborough United. Other clubs include Hampton and Richmond Borough, Crawley Town, Braintree Town, Forest Green Rovers, Salisbury City, Eastleigh, Havant & Waterlooville and Maidenhead United



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Sat 10 Aug 19	**15:00**	**Edgware Town**	**H**	**FAC EPr**	**W**	**1-0**
Sat 17 Aug 19	15:00	Melksham Town	A	League	L	3-6
Wed 21 Aug 19	**19:45**	**Highworth Town**	**H**	**League**	L	2-4
Sat 24 Aug 19	**15:00**	**Burnham**	**H**	**FAC Pr**	D	1-1
Wed 28 Aug 19	19:45	Evesham United	A	League	L	3-4
Sat 31 Aug 19	**15:00**	**Basingstoke Town**	**H**	**League**		
Tue 03 Sep 19	19:45	Burnham	A	FAC Pr R		
Sat 14 Sep 19	15:00	Barnstaple Town	A	League		
Sat 21 Sep 19	**15:00**	**Mangotsfield United**	**H**	**League**		
Tue 24 Sep 19	19:45	Frome Town	A	League		
Sat 28 Sep 10	15:00	Mangotsfield United	A	FAT Ex Pr		
Sat 05 Oct 19	**15:00**	**Bideford**	**H**	**League**		
Sat 19 Oct 19	**15:00**	**Paulton Rovers**	**H**	**League**		
Sat 02 Nov 19	15:00	Moneyfields	A	League		
Sat 09 Nov 19	**15:00**	**Larkhall Athletic**	**H**	**League**		
Sat 16 Nov 19	15:00	Winchester City	A	League		
Sat 23 Nov 19	**15:00**	**Willand Rovers**	**H**	**League**		
Sat 30 Nov 19	15:00	Sholing	A	League		
Sat 07 Dec 19	**15:00**	**Cirencester Town**	**H**	**League**		
Sat 14 Dec 19	15:00	Thatcham Town	A	League		
Sat 21 Dec 19	**15:00**	**AFC Totton**	**H**	**League**		
Thu 26 Dec 19	15:00	Cinderford Town	A	League		

Fixtures 2019-20

BetVictor Southern League South, Division One South

Wed 01 Jan 20	**15:00**	**Evesham United**	**H**	**League**
Sat 04 Jan 20	15:00	Highworth Town	A	League
Sat 11 Jan 20	**15:00**	**Melksham Town**	**H**	**League**
Sat 18 Jan 19	15:00	Mangotsfield United	A	League
Sat 25 Jan 20	**15:00**	**Barnstaple Town**	**H**	**League**
Sat 01 Feb 20	15:00	Bideford	A	League
Sat 08 Feb 20	**15:00**	**FromeTown**	**H**	**League**
Sat 15 Feb 20	15:00	Paulton Rovers	A	League
Sat 22 Feb 20	**15:00**	**Moneyfields**	**H**	**League**
Sat 29 Feb 20	15:00	Larkhall Athletic	A	League
Sat 07 Mar 20	**15:00**	**Winchester City**	**H**	**League**
Sat 14 Mar 20	15:00	Willand Rovers	A	League
Sat 21 Mar 20	**15:00**	**Sholing**	**H**	**League**
Sat 28 Mar 20	15:00	Basingstoke Town	A	League
Sat 04 Apr 20	**15:00**	**Bristol Manor Farm**	**H**	**League**
Sat 11 Apr 20	15:00	AFC Totton	A	League
Mon 13 Apr 20	**15:00**	**Cinderford Town**	**H**	**League**
Sat 18 Apr 20	**15:00**	**Thatcham Town**	**H**	**League**
Sat 25 Apr 20	15:00	Cirencester Town	A	League

Fixtures 2019-20

Cheltenham Youth League (U18)

Mon 02 Sep 19	**19:45**	**Malvern Town**	**H**	**FA Y Cup**
Thu 12 Sep 19	**19:45**	**Chipping Sodbury T**	**H**	**League**
Mon 16 Sep 19	19:45	Longlevens	A	League
Mon 23 Sep 19	**19:45**	**Cinderford Town**	**H**	**League**
Mon 30 Sep 19	**19:45**	**Evesham United**	**H**	**League**
Thu 10 Oct 19	19:45	Tuffley Rovers	A	League
Wed 16 Oct 19	19:45	Chipping Sodbury T	A	League
Mon 21 Oct 19	**19:45**	**Cheltenham Town**	**H**	**League**
Mon 28 Oct 19	19:45	Cinderford Town	A	League
Wed 06 Nov 19	**19:45**	**Lydney Town**	**H**	**League**
Thu 21 Nov 19	19:45	Cheltenham Town	A	League
Mon 25 Nov 19	**19:45**	**Tuffley Rovers**	**H**	**League**
Wed 04 Dec 19	19:45	Westfields	A	League
Mon 09 Dec 19	19:45	Bishops Cleeve	H	League
Mon 16 Dec 19	19:45	Longlevens	H	League
Mon 6 Jan 20	19:45	Evesham United	A	League
Mon 13 Jan 20	**19:45**	**Lydney Town**	**H**	**League**
Thu 23 Jan 20	19:45	Bishops Cleeve	A	League
Mon 03 Feb 20	19:45	Westfields	H	League

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Match Reports

Slimbridge 1-1 Burnham

Saturday 24th August 2019

Swans earn replay in FA Cup

Slimbridge earnt themselves a replay in the Emarites FA Cup despite a dominant first half performance and a certain penalty that was not awarded. Christien Turner returned to the side after missing Wednesday night's game through injury with Rhys Sarson also declared fit.

Leighton Tuodolo started the game well when his early shot was blocked by the visitors defence as Slimbridge camped themselves around the Burnham box for much of the first 5 minutes.

Slimbridge had a scare on 8 minutes; a free kick from 40 yards out on the right was deflected onto Lewis Adams left hand post and scrambled away to safety. As the Swans continued to press forward Sam Bunting produced a good save from Myron Turner's shot 15 yards out, Dean Turner followed up but his weak shot rolled straight to Bunting.

Two minutes later Jamie Martins dangerous cross from the right was deflected out for a corner. It was Martin that aided his defence this time on 27 minutes as Burnham made a rare venture into the Swans box. As Joey Gritt was about to strike Martin cleared the ball off his foot and out for a corner, Adams did well to claim the corner as it swung in.

Another Burnham free kick from 40 yards out was missed by Adams but Tuodolo was in the right place to clear the ball down field.

Match Reports

Slimbridge took the lead on 35 minutes, Martin finding space on the right to pick out Myron Turner with his cross allowing Turner to head the ball over Bunting for his third goal in as many games.

A controversial start in the second half for the Swans, Tuodolo picking up the ball on the left ran into the box unopposed but as he steadied himself to shoot he was tripped from behind by a visiting defender tracking back. The referee waved away the appeals from the home side for a penalty and let play continue, this seemed to unsettle the home side.

Sam Coles got a shot away for the visitors a few moments later as the Swans sat back on their single goal lead. Slimbridge lost Jamie Martin to injury on 55 minutes he was replaced by Adam Bloomfield.

Burnham were allowed space and time on the ball Gavin James hitting a shot wide from distance, Joel White conceded a free kick a few moments later George Wellers effort striking the wall before his follow up flew over the home sides bar.

On a rare move forward, Tuodolo fired over before Burnham put the ball into the net at the other end. Joe Blount picking up a loose ball on the right of his own penalty box, ran the length of the field his pass inside found James who slotted past Adams at the near post. Fortunately for Slimbridge James was judged to be in an offside position.

Two minutes later Blount and James linked up again this time Blount fired his effort high and wide. With 12 minutes of the game remaining Christien Turner was caught napping on the edge of the box by James who coolly slotted past Adams to bring Burnham level.

Match Reports

Slimbridge rocked by the equaliser pushed forward for a winner, Bloomfield did well to find Myron Turner whose fierce shot from inside the box was tipped over the bar by Bunting as the home support thought it was going in. The final play of the game saw a Slimbridge free kick blocked by the visitor's wall; a resulting corner was cleared to end the game all square.

Slimbridge will now travel to Burnham on Tuesday 4th September for the replay at 7:45pm, travel details to be announced shortly. Before that Slimbridge return to league action travelling to Evesham United on Wednesday evening and then entertaining Basingstoke Town next Saturday.

Slimbridge: Adams, Handley, Peck, Chambers (Ford 80), C Turner, White, Martin (Bloomfield 55), D Turner, Sarson (Tucker-Dixon 72), M Turner, Tuodolo
Unused subs: Latori, Bekinsale

Burnham: Bunting, Duncan, Rohart-Brown, Kemp, Tripp, Gritt, Blount, Weller, James, M Ayers (Malloy 59), Coles (Fraser 77)

Attendance: 82
Supporters man of the match: Leighton Tuodolo

Match Reports

Evesham United 4-3 Slimbridge

Wednesday 28th August 2019

Swans throw away two goal lead in rain soaked thriller

For a second successive league game Slimbridge found themselves defeated after leading by two goals in what was a thrilling game for the neutral supporter, conceded 3 goals in a seven minute panic stricken spell mid-way through the second half.

Swans manager Lee Driver-Dickerson was forced into two changes with Jamie Martin and Rhys Sarson carrying injuries from last weekend, Sol Wanjau-Smith made his first start of the season alongside Under 18's striker Adam Bloomfield.

The visitors got off to the worst start possible, from the kick off the ball was pushed wide to Jack Cresswell on the left his pass forward found Kai Tonge in space to run into the box and curl the ball around Lewis Adams with 23 second on the clock. Slimbridge hit back two minutes later, Sol Wanjau-Smith on the left fired the ball across the goal and into the net to bring the scores level after just 3 minutes.

After scoring, Slimbridge took control of the first half closing down the Evesham midfield not allowing them to sit on the ball. Tom Handley firing a shot wide and fellow full back Will Peck surging down the flank drifted a cross into the box which was claimed by Lochlan Robertson in the home goal.

Match Reports

A free kick on the edge on the Evesham box after a foul on Myron Turner was floated over the wall by Wanjau-Smith but it just cleared the bar. A few minutes later an Evesham free kick from 35 yards out was struck straight at Adams for a simple catch.

It was Slimbridge that took a deserved lead on 25 minutes, Adam Bloomfield broke down the left and his pass found Wanjau-Smith on the overlap. However Wanjau-Smith was fouled on the edge of the box, Handley stepped up and hit a low drive across the box evading everybody and skipping into the net off the far post.

The visitors continued to create chances moving the ball around from the back, Dean Turner failed to get enough power behind his shot allowing Robertson an easy block. A Myron Turner attempted chip over the keeper was claimed well under the bar before Bloomfield burst through the defence but overran the ball and was lucky to claim a corner.

The home side started to come back into the game for the last 8-9 minutes Cresswell's run into the box was expertly blocked then Dodd put over a dangerous cross but Adams was out to claim the ball in the air. As halftime approached Wanjau-Smith was fouled again on the edge of the box, this time Handley struck the ball over the wall with Robertson able to gather.

Slimbridge continued to make chances early in the second half, the ball pushed forward to Bloomfield was touched on to Myron Turner his shot well saved by Robertson.

Match Reports

The Swans extended their lead on 49 minutes, a move from the back involving Dion Chambers playing the ball out wide to Wanjau-Smith on the left, his first time cross found Myron Turner in space on the right allowing him to sweep the ball past Robertson for his fourth goal in five games this season.

Evesham now had to push forward in search of goals and made three substitutions on 58 minutes that turned the game around. A minute later Christien Turner did well clearing the ball off the line in a goal mouth scramble only to find Lee Chilton on the edge of the box to riffle the ball into the back of the net.

Within a minute the scores were level, the ball was pushed back to Chilton from a crowded box where again he riffled the ball into the net unchallenged.

Five minutes later Robertson pulled off a one handed save tipping Chambers strike around the post however it was Evesham that struck again 2 minutes later on 66 minutes. Christien Turner blocking the ball on the line and clearing it out for a home side's corner. The corner swung in from the right went into the net off substitute Joel Letori at the near post.

With both teams tiring over the final 10 minutes, Slimbridge were given a way back into the game after Myron Turner was tripped inside the Evesham box and were awarded a penalty. Jack Horrell making his debut for the Swans stepped up and hit the ball low to the keeper's right just inside the post but Robertson guessed correctly and was able to make the save.

The final chance of the game fell to Slimbridge, throwing players forward Horrell struck from inside the box but Robertson bravely smothered the ball at point blank range to keep the shot out.

Match Reports

A return to league action this Saturday sees the first visit to Thornhill Park from Basingstoke Town with a 3pm kick off. Next Tuesday Slimbridge travel to Burnham for an Emirates FA Cup Preliminary round replay to decide who will face Tiverton Town in the next round. The club are running a coach to the game that will be leaving the ground at 4pm at a cost of £10 per person, see a committee member for booking details.

Slimbridge: Adams, Handley, Peck (Letori 58), Chambers, C Turner, White, Tuodolo, D Turner, Bloomfield (Horrell 82), M Turner, Wanjau-Smith (Tucker-Dixon 62)

Unused subs: Ford, Bekinsale

Evesham United: Robertson, Roberts, Smikle (Morrison 58), Paddock, Maslen-Jones, Mcgrath, Dodd, Bragoll (Reynolds 58), Tonge, Chilton, Cresswell (Sangha 58)

Attendance: 208

Our History

In The Beginning

The Gloucestershire village of Slimbridge is world renowned for its Bird Sanctuary, but in recent years much hard work has gone into making Slimbridge better known in football circles.

The Club's history can be traced back to the 1899/1900 season playing in local football at various venues in and around the village. A gap in the records suggests there may have been a couple of seasons when no games were played, and thus, officially, the Club's centenary was celebrated in 2002/03.

It was not until 1951 that the current ground at Wisloe Road was acquired, after a former player, Evi Thornhill, bequeathed it to the Club in his Will. For the next forty-odd years the Club were predominantly members of the Stroud and District League with varying degrees of success and failure, except for a period between 1960 and 1968 when they were in the Gloucester Northern Senior League.

Point Of Collapse

By 1988, a point of collapse approached, but fortunately, a handful of committee members led by Gordon King and Gordon Tudor kept the Club afloat. The following season local businessman Paul Chappell arrived. The Club was stabilised and construction of new changing facilities, to County League standard, were completed.

Start Of A New Reign

As playing standards improved, the building of a long awaited Social Club commenced in the 1998/99 season. The following year saw the introduction of John Mack, a successful local entrepreneur, as Chairman. In the summer of 2001, Doug Gray was appointed Manager.

Our History

After achieving the Runners-up spot in their first season in the Gloucester County League, the club were accepted into the Hellenic League. Hellenic Division One West was won by an eleven point margin in 2002/03 and with it, promotion to the Hellenic Premier Division, where a creditable fourth place finish was achieved in 2003/04. In a marvelous season the club also claimed the Hellenic 'Norman Matthews' Floodlit Cup and the G.F.A. Challenge Trophy.

Arrival Of Floodlights

The summer of 2003 saw the floodlights installed. A pre-season visit from Conference side Forest Green Rovers on 22nd July, produced a then ground record attendance of 427 to witness the inaugural floodlit game at Wisloe Road.

A few weeks later on Sunday 24th August, that ground record was beaten at a Bank Holiday Hellenic Premier Division fixture that was part of the 2003/04 annual 'Ground Hop' weekend. Local rivals Shortwood United provided the opposition in front of a crowd of 525.

Season 2004/05 again saw a fourth place finish in the Hellenic Premier Division, along with a first entry into the F.A. Vase competition which resulted in a useful run to the third round proper before a 2-1 extra time defeat at 'Screwfix' Western League side Backwell United concluded an enjoyable campaign. Sadly, in the February, Gray stood down after nearly four seasons at the helm of the club.

The club started season 2005/06 under newly appointed Manager Doug Foxwell. A first entry into the F.A. cup saw a visit from Wessex League side Wimborne Town.

Our History

A 1-0 defeat did not dampen the sense of occasion on the first day of the season. A second successful run in the F.A. Vase again came to an end in the Third Round Proper, with a 3-1 defeat at South Midland Premier, Welwyn Garden City. After a record-breaking 64 game season, the team managed a fifth place finish in the Hellenic Premier Division. The club also won the Hellenic 'Norman Matthews' Floodlit Cup and the GFA Challenge Trophy, both for the second time in three seasons.

Reserves Make Headway

After two successive third place finishes in the Stroud and District League First Division, season 2005/06 saw the Reserve side finally win the title and with it, promotion to the Gloucester Northern Senior League Division Two. This was the same League title that the first team won in season 1998/99 which proved the springboard for five successive first team promotions.

Rise To New Heights

Season 2006/07 proved the most successful in the Club's history to date, with both the First Team and Reserve side recording League and Cup doubles, with the added bonus of record-breaking F. A. Cup and Vase runs for the senior side as well.

In the F.A. Cup, a five match run from the Extra-Preliminary Round finished at Merthyr Tydfil in the Third Qualifying Round. Along the way there were memorable wins against two other Southern Premier sides, 2-1 at Yate Town and 3-1 at home to Chippenham Town.

It was six matches in the F.A. Vase before defeat was tasted, the run ending in the Fifth Round Proper at home to the eventual winners, Truro City.

Our History

In the Hellenic Premier Division, a solid start was established. Due to the Cup runs, and then bad weather, which led to a record number of postponements during the subsequently extended season, half a seasons fixtures had to be played in the final two months. A tremendous effort saw the Club bring the Championship Shield to Wisloe Road, the winning margin being three points over second placed North Leigh.

There was a rousing performance in the G.F.A. Trophy Final against Almondsbury Town. A 3-1 victory not only retained the Trophy, but recorded a third success in four seasons in that competition.

The Reserve side had an early success in the Gloucester Northern Senior League Cup with a 2-0 win against Division One Tuffley Rovers. This saw confidence rise and they went on to break a Gloucestershire Northern Senior League record in winning Division Two with a Played 30, Won 30 record.

Promotion To The Southern League

Alongside the playing success, progress in the improvement of facilities allowed the First Team to be accepted into the BGB Southern League Division One Midlands for Season 2007/08, the highest level that the Club have ever operated at.

Return To A New Beginning

On July 10th 2007 the club decided not to take up the opportunity of playing in the BGB Southern League Division One Midlands for Season 2007/08, instead the club reverted back to the Gloucester Northern Senior League. This meant a big upheaval in the club both on and off the field with the manager Doug Foxwell and several senior players moving on the pastures new.

Our History

However a loyal band of players stayed on including James Cole taking over as player manager with assistance from long term club captain Leon Sterling.

Climb Back Up The Ladder

Four promotions followed as the club regained their previous status. The reins where handed over to Leon Sterling, who moved into the Manager's role, joined by Assistant and long time Slimbridge stalwart Freddy Ward. The two have guided the side to a very respectable sixth and fifth place in their first two seasons back in the Hellenic Premier.

Switching Leagues

After three top six finishes in the Hellenic Premier League, The Swans applied for a transfer to the Toolstation Western Premier League, a move approved by the FA in the Summer of 2013.

Return To The Southern League

After two seasons in the Toolstation Western Premier League, a third place finish at the end of the 2014/15 season gave the Swans a second opportunity to return to the Southern Football League. This time the club accepted the offer and took their place in the South and West division finishing a credible 18th.

Welcome To Thornhill Park

At the start of the 2016-17 season prior to our annual freindly fixture with neighbours Forest Green Rovers, the football ground in Wisloe Road was renamed in honour of the gift in 1960 from former Chairman Evi Thornhill of the land the club still occupies to this day.

Our History

Evi's son, Tony and his wife Margaret were on hand to cut the ceremonial ribbon, and Tony made a short heartfelt speech about how much the renaming meant to him and the entire Thornhill family, and how honoured they were that the football club had recognised their father in this way.

Changes On The Bench

After a run of poor results the club parted company with manager Leon Sterling in December 2016, his assistant Freddy Ward taking up the post initially on a caretaker basis. Freddy continued in the role for the following season bringing in Lee Driver-Dickerson as his assistant and former Gloucester City player Lee Smith as player coach.

After tough year, just avoiding relegation Freddy Ward stepped down as first team manager at the end of the 2017/18 season. Driver-Dickerson taking up the reigns with Cheltenham youth coach Dave Strain as his assistant.

Progression Through Youth

After three tough years of survival in the Southern League the committee decided to start a new Under 18's team, entering into the Midland Floodlit Youth League, Division 1 for the 2018/19 season. The aim was to produce a new crop of Swans to bolster the first team and provide a platform for local players to progress into Southern League Football

The move was a resounding success, seven of the Under 18 players stepping up to first team football during the season and Lewis Adams taking the number one jersey for the majority of the season.

Our History

Another step forward

At the start of the 2019/20 season the clubs fifth in the Southern League, further progress is being made on the pitch. Alex Lumsden an academy coach at Bristol Rovers and former Swansea player Dion Chambers joining Lee Driver-Dickerson's backroom staff.

The Under 18's have moved across to a new County based youth league and the formation of an Under 17 team to bolster the clubs youthful squad gives an exciting air to the future of the club.

Swans Pen Pics

Lewis Adams
Lewis is in his second season with the club having progressed through our U/18s side. A very good goalkeeper who has a bright future ahead of him.

Joel White
Joel was recruited in the summer from Tuffley Rovers, a strong defender who will be looking to impress at Thornhill Park this season

Ben Aitken
Ben signed preseason after playing at Bishops Cleeve last season, a young midfielder who will be looking to establish a place in the first team this season.

Jacob Waddington
Another success from our U/18s Jacob is a very competitive defender who is in his second season with the Swans.

Will Peck
Another youngster recruited from Gloucester City in the summer, has shown

Tom Handley
Tom is a new recruit from Gloucester City and has signed on dual registration, formerly at Cheltenham Town Tom will be looking to cement a place in the Swans back four.

Joel Letori
Joel has come highly recommended having played for Cardiff Met in the Welsh Premier League, formerly with Willand Rovers and Cullompton FC.

Aaron Nesbeth
A 20 year old defender who joined us in the summer from Gloucester City, Aaron has impressed in pre season and will be looking to press on.

Swans Pen Pics

Christien Turner
Slimbridge's player of the year last season, a strong lad with a good head, reads the game well, a popular figure here at Thornhill Park.

Jack Horrell
Jack has a wealth of experience, formerly with Bishops Cleeve, Brimscombe & Thrupp and Evesham Utd, a strong midfielder and a good passer of the ball.

Sam Mendes
Sam is in his second season with the Swans, formerly with Westfields FC, Sam is another lad who will be looking to gain a regular place in the first team this season.

Ryan Beckinsale
Ryan is a young midfielder and has signed after playing for Fairford Town last season, has impressed in pre-season and has a big year ahead of him.

Mike Ford
Mike joins the Swans having played for Bishops Cleeve last season, another player who has had a good pre-season and will further strengthen the Swans midfield.

Adam Bloomfield
Another young player who has progressed through our U/18s, top scorer for our youngsters last season and also ended up league top scorer, Adam will be looking to do the same this year but at Southern League level.

Myron Turner
A popular lad here a Thornhill Park, in his second full season having previously played for Longlevens FC.

Dean Turner
Club Captain who needs no introduction here at Thornhill Park, supporters player of the year last season, always gives 100%.

Swans Pen Pics

Dion Chambers
Dion has joined us during the summer and has already become a favourite with the fans, played in Wales for Briton Ferry Fc, has a lot of skill and will add vital experience to our midfield.

Will Hawes
Top goal scorer here at Thornhill Park last season, Will has a very good eye for goal and is a very skilful player, he will be looking to notch plenty more for the Swans this season.

Jamie Martin
Another Popular figure here at Thornhill Park, a very loyal player who has improved with age, Jamie is a regular goal scorer and will be another looking to impress again this season.

Sol Wanjau-Smith
Sol has joined us in the summer having been scoring regularly for Cribbs FC in the Western League Premier Division. A pacy winger who will cause opposition defences plenty of problems.

Leighton Tuodolo
18 yr old striker who did well at Thornbury Town last season, another who has impressed in pre Season, plenty of pace, looks an exciting prospect.

Rhys Sarson
Rhys is a new signing for us and has already made a big impression in preseason, a strong forward player who holds the ball up well, Rhys has also played for Mansfield Town.

Swans Pen Pics

Lee Driver-Dickerson: Manager
Lee is in his second full season as manager after being assistant to Freddy Ward in 2017/18, a good motivator who is dedicated to the cause. Lee will be keen to improve the league position of the Swans this season after a couple of tough years.

Alex Lumsden: Assistant Manager
Alex has joined us during the summer having had spells at Stonehouse Town, Brimscombe & Thrupp and Bishops Cleeve. Alex holds a Uefa B Licence and coaches at Bristol Rovers Academy. He is an excellent appointment and has already shown a very professional approach in his work here at Thornhill Park.

Tony Woodward: Sports Therapist
Tony has been with us for very many years and is a popular figure in the dugout. Keeps threatening to retire but keeps turning up, Tony is also a qualified football referee



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