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Wednesday August 19th 2026
v Swindon Supermarine



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Slimbridge v Swindon Supermarine



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Hadyn Evans

Charlie Mathews

Jacob Rodgers

Kian Kang

Joe Stokes

Toby Soule

Theo Lynden

Sam Moseley

Casey Collins

Olly Sully

Jack W Smith

Alex Bell

Theo Browne

James Tainton

Leighton Green

Joe Shutt

Luke Bence

Jack Holmes

Joel Halliday GK

Luke Purnell GK

Josh Blackwell GK

Eldad Adjei

Joe Partridge

Lucas Wilkinson

Miles Ferguson

Olly Case

Rhys Tyler

Sam Turl

Adam Pollock

Brad Hooper

Cameron Mills

Dayo Sonoiki

Gabe Reivers

Jamie Edge

Joe Shepherd

Tawana Changa

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Fixtures

2026-2027



Date	Time	Fixture	H/A	Opponent
Wed 19 Aug 26	19:45	Southern League Div 1 South	H	Swindon Supermarine
Sat 22 Aug 26	15:00	FA Cup Preliminary Round	H	Milton Keynes Irish
Mon 31 Aug 26	15:00	Southern League Div 1 South	A	Sporting Club Inkberrow
Sat 05 Sep 26	15:00	Southern League Div 1 South	H	Portland United
Tue 15 Sep 26	19:45	Southern League Div 1 South	A	Worcester Raiders
Sat 19 Sep 26	15:00	Southern League Div 1 South	H	Paulton Rovers
Sat 26 Sep 26	15:00	Southern League Div 1 South	A	Falmouth Town
Wed 30 Sep 26	19:45	Southern League Div 1 South	H	Larkhall Athletic
Sat 03 Oct 26	15:00	Southern League Div 1 South	H	Bristol Manor Farm
Sat 10 Oct 26	15:00	Southern League Div 1 South	A	Exmouth Town
Tue 13 Oct 26	19:45	Southern League Div 1 South	A	Shaftesbury
Sat 17 Oct 26	15:00	Southern League Div 1 South	H	Willand Rovers
Wed 21 Oct 26	19:45	Southern League Div 1 South	H	Hungerford Town
Sat 24 Oct 26	15:00	Southern League Div 1 South	A	Dorchester Town
Wed 28 Oct 26	19:45	Southern League Div 1 South	H	Worcester Raiders
Sat 31 Oct 26	15:00	Southern League Div 1 South	A	Barnstaple Town
Sat 07 Nov 26	15:00	Southern League Div 1 South	H	Weymouth
Wed 11 Nov 26	19:45	Southern League Div 1 South	A	Larkhall Athletic
Sat 14 Nov 26	15:00	Southern League Div 1 South	H	Melksham Town
Sat 21 Nov 26	15:00	Southern League Div 1 South	A	Westbury United
Sat 28 Nov 26	15:00	Southern League Div 1 South	A	Paulton Rovers
Sat 05 Dec 26	15:00	Southern League Div 1 South	H	Falmouth Town
Sat 12 Dec 26	15:00	Southern League Div 1 South	A	Tiverton Town
Sat 19 Dec 26	15:00	Southern League Div 1 South	H	Bideford
Sat 26 Dec 26	15:00	Southern League Div 1 South	A	Bishops Cleeve
Sat 02 Jan 27	15:00	Southern League Div 1 South	H	Sporting Club Inkberrow
Sat 09 Jan 27	15:00	Southern League Div 1 South	H	Exmouth Town
Sat 16 Jan 27	15:00	Southern League Div 1 South	A	Bristol Manor Farm
Sat 23 Jan 27	15:00	Southern League Div 1 South	H	Shaftesbury
Sat 30 Jan 27	15:00	Southern League Div 1 South	A	Willand Rovers
Sat 06 Feb 27	15:00	Southern League Div 1 South	H	Dorchester Town
Sat 13 Feb 27	15:00	Southern League Div 1 South	A	Hungerford Town
Sat 20 Feb 27	15:00	Southern League Div 1 South	H	Barnstaple Town
Sat 27 Feb 27	15:00	Southern League Div 1 South	A	Weymouth
Sat 06 Mar 27	15:00	Southern League Div 1 South	H	Hartpury
Sat 13 Mar 27	15:00	Southern League Div 1 South	A	Portland United
Sat 20 Mar 27	15:00	Southern League Div 1 South	H	Tiverton Town
Fri 26 Mar 27	15:00	Southern League Div 1 South	A	Swindon Supermarine
Mon 29 Mar 27	15:00	Southern League Div 1 South	H	Bishops Cleeve
Sat 03 Apr 27	15:00	Southern League Div 1 South	A	Bideford
Sat 10 Apr 27	15:00	Southern League Div 1 South	H	Westbury United
Sat 17 Apr 27	15:00	Southern League Div 1 South	A	Melksham Town

Results

2026-2027



Date	Match	H/A	Opponent	Result	Att
Sat 15 Aug 26	FA Trophy Preliminary Round	A	Paulton Rovers	2-0	132
Wed 12 Aug 26	FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round Replay	H	Burnham	2-1	181
Sat 08 Aug 26	FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round	A	Burnham	1-1	105

League Table

2026-2027



Pos	Team	Pl	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
1	Weymouth	3	3	0	0	10	4	6	9
2	Westbury United	2	2	0	0	3	1	2	6
3	Swindon Supermarine	2	2	0	0	2	0	2	6
4	Dorchester Town	3	2	0	1	6	7	-1	6
5	Hungerford Town	3	1	1	1	5	3	2	4
6	Tiverton Town	3	1	1	1	2	2	0	4
7	Shaftesbury	3	1	0	2	8	5	3	3
8	Worcester Raiders	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3
9	Melksham Town	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
10	Willand Rovers	2	1	0	1	3	3	0	3
11	Bishops Cleeve	2	1	0	1	2	2	0	3
12	Bristol Manor Farm	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	2
13	Exmouth Town	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
14	Sporting Club Inkberrow	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
15	Portland United	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1	1
16	Bideford	2	0	1	1	3	8	-5	1
17	<i>Slimbridge</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Barnstaple Town	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
19	Falmouth Town	2	0	0	2	1	3	-2	0
20	Paulton Rovers	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
21	Larkhall Athletic	2	0	0	2	3	6	-3	0
22	Hartpury	1	0	0	1	1	4	-3	0

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Swindon Supermarine



Club History

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 ended 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.

In 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 several 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 few 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.

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 playoffs 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.

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 could not 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 few 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 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 matter 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, 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 club's 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.

The 2016/17 season saw a team shake up at the beginning with a few experienced players being released and a group of youngsters set to make their mark on the team and the Southern League. The players worked hard all season and all but for a late slip we could have made the playoffs as the team finished in sixth place, just one position outside the playoffs. In the Cups we had a couple of games in each of the major competitions, the FA Cup and FA Trophy, but was successful in winning the Wiltshire Senior Cup, beating neighbours Highworth Town 2-1 in the final.

In mid-January the following season, 2017/18, manager Dave Webb departed the club and his assistant, Lee Spalding, took on the role of Caretake Manager until the end of the season. Come the end of the season Lee and his team finished in fifth place and a playoff position with a Semi-Final at Evesham United. After drawing 1-1 after extra time Marine went through 5-4 on penalties and a playoff final at third placed Wimborne Town. In another tight game, which ended 0-0 after extra time, Marine won 4-3 on penalties and won promotion back to the Evo-Stik South Premier Division and what will be the Premier South Division for season 2018/19.

The first season back in the Southern League Premier Division in 2018/19 was a good season. With the team growing in confidence as the season progressed, we put in some excellent performances against the top sides, but unfortunately dropping too many points against the teams lower down the table. But for that we could have finished somewhere near the playoff positions rather than the 11th place finish we achieved. All in all, though, it was a good achievement to finish midtable in our first season back at this level.

As everyone is aware last season the club, along with all other clubs from Step 3 to 7, had their season ended prematurely when the Covid-19 virus struck. All football at our level was cancelled and declared null and void come April 2020. It was a huge disappointment as the team were settled in fourth place in what was an extremely successful season up to then and a playoff game to potentially looking forward to, but we will never know!

Season 2020/21 started late in September 2020 due to Covid-19 pandemic, and we saw less league fixtures than the previous season as we only played seven games before we went into lockdown in the last week of October. We did play four further games in the FA Trophy before losing 4-0 to Bath City in the Third Round Proper in Bath.

In January 2021 the FA and Southern League concluded that the 2020/21 season should be null and void and along with everyone we are now hopeful that we would complete the 2021/22 season which we did with a fairly good start to our league campaign we then dipped in the middle and come good at the end of the season when we only lost one in our final eight league games and ended the 2021/22 season in 12th place. It was disappointing in both FA Cup and Trophy with early exits at Poole Town in the FA Cup and on penalties at Tiverton Town in the Trophy. Although we retained the Wiltshire Premier Shield with a 5-2 win over Corsham Town in the final.

The 2022/23 season was the club's 30th Year Anniversary and it was an historic season with our highest ever position with a sixth-place finish. Just one place and two points off the playoffs. There were several highlights during the season but one of the most outstanding was the 4-0 win over National League South highfliers Dartford with George Dowling scoring a great hat-trick. Disappointedly we suffered a 2-1 home defeat to Harrow Borough in the following round. In the FA Cup we reached the Third Qualifying Round but lost heavily to another National League South side in Farnborough.

After a disastrous start to this 2023/24 season, with seven loses in the first seven games, manager Lee Spalding and his assistant Charlie Griffin resigned from their positions on September 2nd, after the last defeat against Cribbs in the FA Cup, and the search began for a new management team. This was achieved on September 20th when former Marine player and current Gloucester City coach Stuart Fleetwood was appointed as Head Coach at Swindon Supermarine FC with former Shortwood United manager Dan Gillespie as assistant head coach. After the disastrous start the new management team gradually turned results around but it went down to the final game of the season at home to Winchester City where we had to win to ensure survival and remain in the Southern League Premier South Division for the start of the 2024/25 season which we did 2-0.

The 2024/25 season started in a similar pattern as the previous season as the team lost their first three games before picking up several satisfactory results that saw the team climb the league into the top ten before dropping down the league. With only two wins

in their last fifteen league games, the team were relegated on the final season with a 4-2 defeat at Walton & Hersham. A few days later Head Coach Stuart Fleetwood had left the club.

After receiving many applications for the position Chairman Jez Webb appointed the former Hungerford Town, Bracknell Town, Wealdstone, Weymouth, Hemel Hempstead manager Bobby Wilkinson on a two-year contract. With a huge job of rebuilding a squad ahead of the 2025/26 season Bobby signed several players during the preseason and after what was a difficult season in Division One South of the Southern League the team ended in eleventh position, and we look forward to the 2026/27 season in the same Division One South.

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Player Profiles



BOBBY WILKINSON

Manager

Previous Clubs: Bracknell Town (2), Hemel Hempstead, Weymouth, Wealdstone, Hungerford Town

Profile: Bobby joined Marine in the summer of 2025 and is a very experienced manager having spent his managerial career in the Southern League and National League. He spent no less than eight seasons with Hungerford Town and won promotion with them to the Southern Premier South Division before leaving them for Wealdstone in the National League in 2018. Spells at Bracknell Town, Weymouth and Hemel Hempstead followed before a second, but brief spell with Bracknell Town towards the end of the 2024/25 season.

LUKE PURNELL

GOALKEEPER

Previous Clubs: Portishead Town, Swindon Supermarine, Bridgwater Town, Weston-super-Mare

Profile: Luke is a very experienced keeper who signed for Marine in June 2024 from Bridgewater United, having signed for them from National South side Weston-super-Mare in the 2023/24 season. He made no less than 355 appearances for Weston having signed for them in the 2013/14 season. He suffered a shoulder dislocation in October 2024 and was out for the rest of the season. Luke is an excellent goalkeeper who commands his penalty box with authority having originally signed for Portishead Town in July 2025 but returned to Marine after the first game of the 2025/26 season without playing a competitive game for Portishead.

JOEL HALLIDAY

GOALKEEPER

Previous Clubs: Queens Park Rangers U21s, Wingate & Finchley (loan), Flackwell Heath (loan), Basingstoke Town (loan), Chertsey (loan)

Profile: Joel started as a Basingstoke U18s goalkeeper in July 2021 before he spent loan spells with Whitechurch United, Tadley Calleva twice, Fleet Town, before joining QPR U21s in January 2025. Whilst on QPR's books he had loan spells at Chertsey Town, a return to Basingstoke Town, Flackwell Heath and Wingate earlier in the last month of the 2025/26 season before returning to QPR whom he left in July 2026. After impressing in several preseason games, he signed for Marine ahead of the 2026/27 season.

SAM TURL

DEFENDER

Previous Clubs: Yate Town, Cinderford Town, Bridgwater Town, Bishops Cleeve, Slimbridge, Gloucester City

Profile: Cheltenham based Sam signed for Marine June 2022 after playing for Yate Town in the previous 2021/22 season. Sam spent two seasons with Yate Town having joined then in August 2020 from Cinderford Town where he had also spent two seasons. He has previously played for Bridgwater Town, Bishops Cleeve and Slimbridge after beginning his career with Gloucester City. Sam is a solid defender but likes to get forward to support the front players and is a player with good technical skills. He has signed a contract extension with Marine until May 2027.

LUCAS WILKINSON

DEFENDER

Previous Clubs: Procision Football Academy, Reading City, Reading Academy

Profile: Lucas joined the club during preseason having played at the Procision Football Academy for the last two years. A technically player with a sweet left foot. He made his Marine debut when he came off the bench in the 3-1 win at home to Tuffley Rovers in the FA Cup on the opening day of the season and score the third goal on his 18th birthday.

RHYS TYLER

DEFENDER

Previous Clubs: Hungerford Town, Rot-Weiß Erfurt, Rot-Weiß Oberhausen, Wealdstone, Chippenham Town, Hungerford Town, Reading Academy

Profile: Rhys signed for Marine in July 2026 after having a second spell with Hungerford Town for six seasons from since 2020. He began his career with the Youth Team at Reading, joining at the age of 8. After being released by Reading, he played professionally in Germany with Rot-Weiß Erfurt and Rot-Weiß Oberhausen. He returned to England with Hungerford Town in August 2015 before moving to Wealdstone in May 2018. In 2019 he signed for National League South side Chippenham Town before rejoining Hungerford Town in 2020.

JOE PARTRIDGE

CENTRAL DEFENDER

Previous Clubs: Shepshed Dynamo, Royal Wootton Bassett Town

Profile: Joe signed for Marine in July 2026 after leaving Shepshed Dynamo at the end of last season after finishing his studies at Worcester University. He was the Shepshed Players Player of the Year last season after playing most of the time in defence, but he also played in midfield as well. Before joining Shepshed he was with Royal Wootton Bassett Town where he got to the final trial for the England U18 schoolboys' squad in 2023. He is very calm and collective on the ball and is always looking to pass the ball forward.

MILES FERGUSON

CENTRAL DEFENDER

Previous Clubs: Malvern Town, Pershore Town, Roman Glass St George

Profile: Miles joined Marine in February 2026 and made his debut when he came on in the 3-1 home win over Sporting Club Inkberrow on February 9th. He is sn experienced central defender who has also played for Pershore Town before joining Malvern and has resigned for Marine for the 2026/27 season.

ELDAD ADJEI

CENTRAL DEFENDER / MIDFIELDER

Previous Clubs: Kiruna FF (Sweden), Woodley United, Reading

Profile: Eldad joined Marine in early August 2026 and made his debut when he came on in the 3-1 home win over Tuffley Rovers in the FA Cup on the first day of the season. He previously played in Sweden for Division 2 side Kiruna FF who he left last October and previously was with Woodley United and Reading. He is a tall and solid centre half and is always looking to pass the ball forward into midfield. He is a promising player known for his tall stature, athletic build, and excellent technique. He has a strong presence on the field, making him an asset for the squad.

OLLY CASE

CENTRAL DEFENDER

Previous Clubs: Royal Wootton Bassett Town, Didcot Town, Highworth Town, Swindon Town Academy

Oilly signed for Marine in July 2025 after playing for Royal Wootton Bassett Town the previous season, having started his career at the Swindon Town Academy before he was released and joined neighbours Highworth Town. He is a solid defender who's not afraid of a tackle and provides good distribution of the ball into the midfield and forward players. Another one of Bobby Wilkinson's first signings in the summer of 2025 and had a good 2025/26 season with the highlight coming from an outstanding performance in the 1-0 win at Willand Rovers.

TAWANA CHANGA

FULL BACK / MIDFIELDER

Previous Clubs: Hartpury, Tuffley Rovers

Profile: Tawana signed for Marine in July 2025 after playing previously for Hartpury and Tuffley Rovers in the Hellenic League. He signed for the club as a full back, but manager Bobby Wilkinson quickly saw his potential in midfield where he played a number of games along with his more accustomed full back position all last season.

BRAD HOOPER

MIDFIELDER

Previous Clubs: Hungerford Town, Swindon Supermarine, Cirencester Town, Cirencester Academy

Profile: Brad first joined Marine in the summer of 2016 having spent the previous three seasons with neighbours Cirencester Town where he was a regular in their side. He made over 100 appearances for the Centurions having started in the Cirencester Academy sides as a youngster. After spending six seasons and 239 games with Marine he left to sign for Hungerford Town and was in his third season with them when he returned to Marine in January 2025 and resigned for the 2026/27 season.

DAYO SONOIKI

MIDFIELDER

Previous Clubs: Marine U18s

Dayo signed a Southern League form for Marine in 2024 after several excellent performances for the Marine U18s and made his debut when he came off the bench in the 2-0 Wiltshire Premier Shield win at home to Corsham Town in October 2024. A first start for the first team came in the semi-final of the Wiltshire Premier Shield followed in January 2025 when we won 4-3 against Royal Wootton Bassett Town at Chippenham Town FC. An excellent performance followed in the Wilts FA Premier Shield final in May 2025, when he was one of several the U18s squad that starred in a 5-4 win against National League South team Salisbury to lift the shield.

JAMIE EDGE

MIDFIELDER

Previous Clubs: Gloucester City, Hereford, Weston-s-Mare, Cirencester Town, Hereford United, WBA, Arsenal, Cheltenham Town

Profile: Jamie joined Marine on November 16th, 2018, from Gloucester City. He is a ball playing midfielder who played for Hereford FC in September 2017 and helped them win the Southern Premier Division title and promotion to the National League North. He was once on the books of Arsenal, with manager Arsene Wenger personally overseeing the acquisition of Jamie from Cheltenham Town. After attending Hartpury College his subsequent career has also seen him play for Cirencester Town and Weston-super-Mare. He is

now in his ninth season with Marine and is always helping and encouraging the younger members of the squad.

CAMERON MILLS

MIDFIELDER

Previous Clubs: Didcot Town

Profile: Cameron joined Marine in July having joined the club from Didcot Town, where he had what was reported to be a very good 2025/26 season with them, scoring eleven goals from midfield. He is an attacking midfielder who likes nothing better than getting forward to support the forwards and has also proved dangerous from set pieces. Before joining Didcot, he was with neighbours Milton United in the Hellenic League.

JOE SHEPHERD

MIDFIELDER

Previous Clubs: Hungerford Town, Swindon Supermarine, Cirencester Town

Profile: Joe rejoined Marine in July 2026 from Hungerford Town having left Marine for Hungerford in October 2020. He first signed for Marine in the summer of 2014 from the previous season's champions Cirencester Town. He is a high energy box to box midfield player, possessing great stamina and a knack of scoring a vital goal or two along the way.

GABE REIVERS

MIDFIELDER

Previous Clubs: Salisbury, Didcot Town (loan), Swindon Supermarine U18s

Profile: Gabe returned to Marine in July 2026 having left ahead of the 2025/26 season to sign for National League South team Salisbury, where he spent a season on loan at Didcot Town. He originally signed for Marine in November 2023, making one substitute appearance in the Wilts Premier Shield but unfortunately never made his Southern League debut for Marine until the 2024/25 season. Also, at the end of that season he starred and scored in the 5-4 win against Salisbury, and at Salisbury, in the final of the Wilts Premier Shield. Now, after spending a season at Didcot Town he has now resigned for Marine and will be pushing for a regular place in the matchday squad.

ZACH RUGMAN

MIDFIELDER

Previous Clubs: Alton FC, Basingstoke Town

Profile: Zach, a former Academy player at Basingstoke Town joined Marine in the last week of September 2025 from Alton FC, who we played the month before in the FA Cup when he played extremely well. After a 7-day approach Zach signed for Marine and starred in his first game to then league leaders Malvern Town. With his many attributes Zach proved to be a good signing last season, and he is looking to push on in 2026/27. He has signed a contract extension until April 2027.

TYGER-J HALL

WINGER

Previous Clubs: Didcot Town, Clanfield 85, Shrivenham Town

Profile: Tyger, who joined Marine in July 2026, is another player that played for Didcot Town last season, where he was top goalscorer with 17 goals. He joined Didcot from Shrivenham Town who he had signed for in 2024. He is a tricky and skilful winger and Marine manager, Bobby Wilkinson, was very pleased to secure his signature, believes he will develop further as he helps the team improve on last season's twelfth place league finish. He has signed a contract until April 2027.

JONATHAN ASAMOAH

WINGER

Previous Clubs: Supermarine U18s

Profile: Jonathan is a Ghanaian U17 representative who joined up with the first team after several impressive performances for the Youth's U18's where he was leading goalscorer with over 25 goals. He made his debut for the first team when he came off the bench in the 3-1 win over Sporting Club Inkberrow on February 9th, 2026, and has signed a contract until the end of this 2026/27season.

SAL ABUBAKAR

WINGER

Previous Clubs: Basingstoke Town, North Leigh, Swindon Supermarine, Metropolitan Police, Walton Casuals, Hartley Wintney, Reading Casuals

Profile: Sal returned to Marine in July 2025 after first signing for the club in July 2022, only to depart after a few games for North Leigh. Prior to first joining Marine in 2022 he played for Reading City, Hartley Wintney, Walton Casuals and Metropolitan Police and after leaving Marine in 2022 he played for North Leigh and Basingstoke Town. Sal is a pacey winger who likes to take on the opposition to setup goal scoring opportunities for his colleagues or knock in the odd goal or two himself.

CHELDON VALERE

WINGER

Previous Clubs: Highworth Town, Swindon Supermarine Dev's, Swindon Supermarine U18s

Cheldon stepped up from the Swindon Supermarine U18's to play in a Wiltshire Premier Shield tie at the end of October 2024 and put in a good performance when he came off the bench. Four days last he was promoted to the first team squad with a place on the substitutes bench for the win over Dorchester Town. He went on to play a key part in our successful win over National League South side Salisbury to win the Wiltshire Premier Shield in May 2025. Last season he played several games for Highworth Town in the Hellenic League but has returned to Marine this summer to push for a place in the first team squad this season.

DAN WARRE

FORWARD

Previous Clubs: Didcot Town, Basingstoke Town, Reading City, Chippenham Town

Profile: Dan signed for Marine in July 2025 and is a proven goal scorer, netting over 50 goals in 87 appearances in the two seasons with Didcot Town and Basingstoke Town. Another player who was signed by manager last preseason. Dan's work is also involved with football as he is a football coach in Swindon, passing on his goal scoring tips to the next generation of young players.

PIERS WALTON

FORWARD

Previous Clubs: Malvern Town, Larkhall Athletic, Kidlington

Profile: Piers signed for Marine in July 2025 after leaving Malvern Town at the end of last season. He was previously with Larkhall Athletic in the 2024/25 season and before them Kidlington for two seasons from 2022 to 2024. He will be looking to establish himself in the Marine squad and pushing for a regular start in the in the team.

JORDAN ANNEAR

FORWARD

Previous Clubs: Malvern Town, Napier City, Bishops Cleeve, Bideford AFC, South Shields, Tavistock AFC, Plymouth Parkway, Falmouth Town

Profile: Jordan signed for Marine in July 2026 and is a very experienced forward having played for several clubs from Cornwall up to Tyne and Wear and further afield. Starting his career with Falmouth Town in Cornwall and later a move to South Shields before moving back to the South West with Bishops Cleeve, sandwiched in between was a spell at Napier City in New Zealand. Jordan is now looking to establish place in the matchday squad in 2026/27 season with his strengths of leading the frontline with his work rate, movement and ability on the ball.

CONOR McDONAGH

FORWARD

Previous Clubs: Hungerford Town, Swindon Supermarine, Kidlington, Banbury United, Oxford City, Didcot Town, Thame United, Ossett Albion, North Leigh, Witney Town, Oxford City Nomads, Oxford United

Profile: Conor first joined the club in June 2018 having played for Kidlington and Banbury United in the previous season. The experienced striker who started his career as a scholar with Oxford United before joining Oxford City in the summer of 2011, playing primarily for the Oxford City Nomads side in the Hellenic League.

He then went on to sign for Witney Town at the start of the 2012/13 season before joining North Leigh four months later in December 2012. He then moved away from Oxfordshire and spent the 2014/15 season with Ossett Albion, although he also played some games for Thame United in 2015.

On his return to Oxfordshire, he joined Didcot Town at the start of the 2015/16 season but moved up two levels to join National League South side Oxford City in September 2015 before signing for Banbury United exactly a year later in September 2016 and subsequently joining Kidlington in February 2018. He left for Hungerford at the end of the 2022/23 season before re-joining Marine in December 2025.

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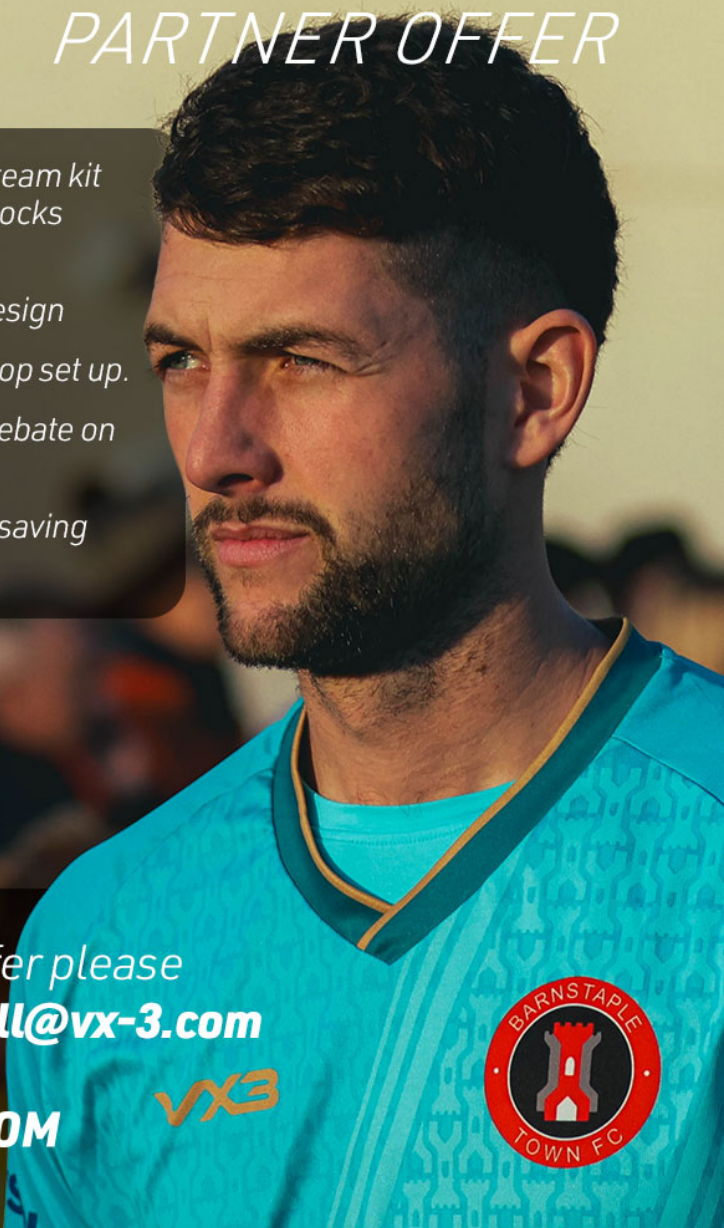
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Slimbridge Club History



The Club's history can be traced back to the 1899/1900 season, when the team were 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.

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.

By the end of the second World War in 1945, the club were playing in a field just off Moorend Lane, which was sold for housing redevelopment, and which eventually became Tynning Crescent in the village. Therefore, in 1950, they moved just over the other side of Moorend Lane to a pitch in a field on Fishers Farm, with their changing rooms being sited a couple of fields away at the Village Hall.

This upheaval off the pitch did not seem to disturb the footballing side, with the first team winning Stroud League Division Three in 1951-52 (Along with the Gloucestershire Minor County Cup), Division Two in 1952-53, and Division One in the 1953-54 season in an early purple period for the club.

The Fishers Farm site was also sold for housing development a few years later, so between 1950 and 1958, they were forced to move three times. From Fishers Farm, they moved to a pitch alongside the River Cam behind the George Pub in Cambridge, and the nearby White Lion Pub became a de-facto Clubhouse for Club meetings. It was at the White Lion that the deeds to our current ground were formally handed over to the club in 1960.

The pitch behind The George was the site of some legendary Boxing Day tussles, when the First Team and Reserves played a Tug of War on either side of the River Cam. The great football tradition of leaving fishing nets on the side of the pitch to retrieve stray balls from the river was also part and parcel of those years. You can still visit this site, although nowadays it is part of a campsite situated behind the pub.

The current ground at Wisloe Road (Now renamed as Thornhill Park) became the club's third home in the 1950's when they moved there in 1958. It subsequently became the legal property of the club after former player, and ex-Chairman of the club, Evi Thornhill, bequeathed the land to the Club in his Will, with the Club becoming legal owners in 1960

having played the previous two seasons at what would become their permanent home. It was to prove an incredibly valuable treasure in future years.

Evi had purchased the two fields upon which the club and the industrial estate next door are now situated for £600.

The reserve team continued to play on the Field behind the Slimbridge British Legion during the mid 1960's.

The modern history of the club really starts nearly thirty years after they acquired the Wisloe Road pitch. In 1988 a handful of committee members led by Gordon King and Gordon Tudor, and the following season joined by Paul Chappell, started to move the club forward. Construction of new changing facilities, to County League standard, were completed. Paul Chappell was to remain a vital part of the club until his retirement from his duties in 2020, and still remains a regular visitor to the club.

As playing standards improved, 2000 saw the completion of the building of a long awaited Social Club in an area of the ground that in it's old life had housed a cowshed. John Mack, a successful local entrepreneur, joined the club as Chairman, and he also remains a committed supporter of the club to this day as Club President. In the summer of 2001, Doug Gray was appointed Manager, and the club began a period of upward momentum.

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

Floodlights arrived at the ground in the summer of 2003. 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 game under lights at Wisloe Road.

A few weeks later on Sunday 24th August, the ground attendance record was beaten again 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. The club also made their first appearance in the F.A. Vase, which resulted in a run to the third round proper before a 2-1 extra time defeat at Western League side Backwell United.

In February 2005, 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. 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 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 achieved a fifth place finish in the Hellenic Premier, and the club also won the Hellenic 'Norman Matthews' Floodlit Cup and the GFA Challenge Trophy, both for the second time in three seasons.

After two successive third place finishes in the Stroud and District League First Division, season 2005-06 saw the Reserves 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.

Season 2006-07 proved to be 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.

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.

In the Hellenic Premier Division, bad weather, which led to a record number of postponements during the subsequently extended season, led to half a season's fixtures being 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.

As a result of winning the league after an inspiring final day victory, and the upgrade to the ground facilities at Wisloe Road, the club were promoted into the BGB Southern League Division One Midlands for Season 2007-08, however, there was a twist to come in the tale.

On July 10th 2007 the club decided not to take up the promotion, and effectively, the first team took over the position in the pyramid occupied by the reserve team four steps below, and which was disbanded.

The First Team reverted back to the Gloucester Northern Senior League. This meant a severe upheaval in the club both on and off the field with the manager Doug Foxwell and several senior players moving on the pastures new.

However, a loyal band of players stayed on including James Cole, who took over as player manager with assistance from long term club captain Leon Sterling to begin the next stage of the club's journey.

Four promotions followed as the club regained their previous status. James Cole handed over to Leon Sterling, who moved into the Manager's role, joined as Assistant Manager by long time Slimbridge stalwart Freddy Ward. The two guided the side to three top six finishes in their first three seasons back in the Hellenic Premier.

After the completion of the 2012-13 season, the Swans applied for a transfer to the Toolstation Western Premier League in an effort to reduce prohibitive travelling costs, a move which was approved by the FA in the Summer of 2013.

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 in their first season, the highest level the club had ever achieved at that time in their history. Prior to the commencement of that campaign, John Mack had stepped back from Chairman duties and his position was taken up by Barry Gay.

At the start of the 2016-17 season, and prior to our pre-season friendly fixture with neighbours Forest Green Rovers, the football ground in Wisloe Road was formally renamed to Thornhill Park in recognition of the marvellous gift we had received from Evil Thornhill 46 years earlier.

Evi's son, Tony and his wife Margaret (Sadly neither of them still with us) were on hand to cut the ceremonial Ribbon, and Tony made a short and very 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.

A difficult two seasons of struggle at a higher level saw the eventual departure of Leon Sterling as Manager, with Freddy Ward stepping up to the plate, assisted by Lee Driver-Dickerson. With Freddy then stepping aside to concentrate on his last few years of playing having steadied the Swans' ship, 'Drive' took over the reins as Manager of the first team.

The Club's previous ground attendance record was smashed on 4th February 2017, when 898 fans saw the side suffer a 3-0 defeat to Hereford FC, who were working their way back up the league pyramid following their reformation after the collapse of Hereford United.

Prior to the Covid suspension of football in March 2020, the Under 18s and the Reserves were top of their respective leagues, while the first team were sitting in 12th place in the Southern League Division One South, the highest placing in the history of the football club. Although the FA has made the season's results null and void, they have been officially added to club statistics and all appearances and goals will stand in our records as a permanent tribute to all who represented the club in a fantastic season in the strangest of all campaigns.

The 2021-22 Season saw the departure of Driver-Dickerson, who decided to accept an opportunity to move to Evesham United, and the assistants team of former Swans' legend Tom Speers and Adam Coyle took over the reins, assisted by Tom Deakin and Tom Hitchens.

The 2022-23 season was a very difficult one for the side resulting in the departure of Speers in February 2023 with the side having achieved only four victories at that point. Adam Coyle and Tom Deakin moved into the Management role, but the season resulted in relegation and a return to the Hellenic League for the 2023-24 Season.

On a brighter note, the Under 18s side had a historic Double winning season, winning the S.Turier and Son Cup, beating Bishops Cleeve at Evesham United's ground, before clinching the Cheltenham Floodlit league title and the double on a memorable night a few days later at Tuffley Rovers.

In their third season in the Hellenic League, Tom Deakin assumed the role of Sole Team Manager following Adam Coyle's decision to step back from the position during the 2024-25 Season, with Sam Prior brought in to work as his Assistant.

After an inconsistent season that petered out, the introduction of Mike Palmer (as Joint Manager) and Ben Powell prior to the start of the 2025-26 season completed the 'Fab Four' Management Team, and it paid off spectacularly.

The Swans clinched the Hellenic League Title with two games remaining, for only the second time in the club's history, securing promotion to the Southern League South after four years away. A late winner at Tuffley Rovers and an excruciating 11 minutes of stoppage time in other games made them wait, however, the celebrations were unrivalled once all the games had finished.

Kieran Brice-Ingles and his management team also made some superb progress with the Under 18 side, who won the Cheltenham Youth Floodlit League and also triumphed in the HFA Giantkillers Cup Competition to crown a superb season for the team and for the football club.

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