

# WINCHESTER CITY Football Club



## The Citizens Post



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## FROM THE BOARDROOM

Good Evening and welcome to tonight's re-arranged Southern League Division One South fixture between Winchester City and Bristol Manor Farm.

We would like to offer a warm welcome to the players, staff, officials and supporters that have made the journey across from Bristol tonight. We wish you all a pleasant evening and have a safe journey back West after the game.

It has been a difficult week for City with defeats against Evesham United and Highworth Town ending our unbeaten start in the league and exiting the FA Trophy respectively. The endeavour and work that the players put in for both games was exceptional and on another day, we would have won both games comfortably, but that's football and they go down to being 'one of those days'. We made numerous chances, but the ball just wouldn't end up in the back of the net. We are also struggling with several injuries so the efforts of everyone involved have made them a real credit to the club.

We had our highest crowd for a long time last time out at the Simply-health City Ground against Evesham United and we are very grateful to everyone that turned out to support the lads! Your support hasn't gone unnoticed and we thank-you all, particularly during these unprecedented times.

Stay safe everyone, thank-you for your support and enjoy the game!

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## DAVOS DIARY

Good evening and a warm welcome to everyone for today's league match against Bristol Manor Farm. I wish their players, supporters and management a pleasant evening and of course a safe trip home later tonight.

Bristol Manor Farm are a side that every year are tipped to be right up there, they have a host of extremely talented players and are always an extremely tough nut to crack. We had struggled to get anything from them for a couple of years, last year we finally broke that duck though but it's a fact that they are a very good side and they will always be a tough side to beat, I am certain they will be pushing for promotion come the end of the season. We most certainly need to be on our game to get anything.

The last 2 weeks have been frustrating with 2 very narrow defeats which we have to take the lessons from. Firstly a 1-0 loss to Evesham which we didn't really ever get to grips with their style, we had the chances to make the game very different but unfortunately a goal in the first half from them was what won them the game. Then Saturday we lost 2-1 to Highworth, a real game of 2 halves, they scored 2 goals in the first half with some poor defending enabling them to do that, we then laid siege on them for the 2nd half and got one back from Flooks header and then chance after chance came and went but we couldn't get that equaliser which I think would have led us to get more goals! We did make a few changes to high may have disrupted slightly but the performance was just not good enough in the first half.

Player news we have had a bad week, Simba picked up another strain on Wednesday in the 23s game and Kieran who has been carrying a knee injury for a while broke down in the warm up on Saturday, he may have a lengthy layoff, we will have to see. Dan Bradshaw is back though today after a 2 week lay off and so that's great news for us. Charlie Philpott has some difficulties getting to the game today due to university commitments but he should be ok for the game.

Get behind the lads, we certainly need it and appreciate it, we have a tough game on our hands and will need to be at our very best that's for sure!

Up the citizens!

**DAVO**

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## MALCOLM'S MUSINGS

We welcome Bristol Manor Farm to Winchester for this evening's game. To date we have played them six times, winning one, losing four and drawing one. However our one win was in the corresponding match of last season when first half goals by Simba Mlambo and Oli Bailey gave us a 2-0 win, while on the opening day of last season we drew 3-3 at Bristol Manor Farm's ground with our goals coming from Simba Mlambo (2) and Rob Carr. If I remember last season's corresponding game correctly I travelled to Basingstoke afterwards to watch a pantomime and was on the same train as members of Winchester City football club who were on a trip to London.

In 2017/18 and 2018/19 we lost all four games between the clubs despite scoring first in three of them, and until last season were very much our bogey side.

At the time of writing Bristol Manor Farm had a league record of 2 wins, 1 draw and 2 losses, but have for the third successive season reached the 3rd qualifying round of the F A Cup as a result of away victories against Cadbury Heath, Yate Town and Kidlington (I expect that our own George Spencer would have sent them a message of congratulations for winning this tie on a penalty shootout).

I first heard of Bristol Manor Farm when they were a Western League club and they joined Division 1 of this league in 1977/78 which was the second season in which the league operated with two divisions. After six seasons in which they never finished in the lower half of the table they were promoted to the Premier Division. In 2016/17 they were Premier Division champions having finished in the top four in each of the three previous seasons. They have also made an impact in the F A Vase in their last two seasons in the competition reaching the quarter finals in 2015/16 where they were beaten by eventual winners Morpeth Town and the 5th round in 2016/17. Prior to the 2017/18 season I had no previous first hand experience of Bristol Manor Farm football club, but note that in the 1984/85 F A Vase they played Eastleigh three times before winning the second replay. In the era when second replays were permitted rather than have a penalty shoot out after a first replay it was a lot more common for teams to play each other three times in a week.

At games between the clubs it has been nice to meet their Press Officer Kevin O'Donohoe who has links with Basingstoke, and at last season's corresponding match they had one Hampshire supporter who regularly supports Eastleigh, but who has adopted Bristol Manor Farm as his second club.

At the match against Evesham which was also our last home match we observed a minute's silence in memory of club stalwarts Ray Broad and Alan Austin which was impeccably observed.

Bristol Manor Farm were only formed in 1961 and began life in the Somerset Senior League and quickly progressed through the divisions of this league prior to joining the Western League. They play at The Creek former home of Port of Bristol Authority Sports and Social club. Amongst their former players are Alan Crawford and Dave Mehew both of whom played over 240 games in the football league, and in Alan's case over 400.

Today is the first of three successive midweek matches for us. Next week we are away to Cinderford and the following Tuesday we are at Sholing. This Saturday we visit Highworth for the second successive Saturday, this time in the league.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped to keep this club going since we returned to action including Sally, Judy Malone and Margaret Moody in the catering department, with Judy also collecting money for the raffle at all home matches, Tom and his colleagues who have taken over running the bar, and Wayne with the stadium announcing. Ken, Elliott, Mick, Matt, Steve and other members of the committee have also worked hard to make the building covid secure. Also the team management and loyal players have given the much valued fans a quality of football that they are able to appreciate and long may this continue.

# Match Report

By Malcolm Clarke



## WINCHESTER CITY 0 - 1 EVESHAM TOWN

Winchester lost their 100% league record when they lost 1-0 to a strong and resilient Evesham team who had not previously won in the league, but had won ties in both the F A Cup and F A Trophy. This is the seventh season that Winchester and Evesham have been in the same division and in each of the previous six Evesham have won one of the two league games between the clubs without completing the double. Winchester will be hoping that after the return fixture between the clubs the latter record will remain intact.

Both Winchester and Evesham had the previous Saturday gone out of the F A Cup to a former National League club with Evesham losing out to Tamworth..

Prior to the game a minute's silence was observed in memory of club stalwarts Ray Broad and Alan Austin who passed away and this was impeccably observed.

Evesham bought their usual enthusiastic following who turned out in good numbers and helped swell the crowd to an impressive 244. Earlier in the year they appointed Neil Hunt who has strong connections to the Evesham area as manager.

Winchester were without the midfield duo of Dan Bradshaw and Max Smith with Simba Mlambo who was making his first appearance of the season and Ollie Griggs scorer of the winner at AFC Totton coming in to the starting line-up with Liam Callaghan appearing on the bench for the first time this season.

Early on Mlambo shoots over for Winchester, while Rob Carr and Ollie Balmer combine to set up Jamie Barron whose effort was saved. However Winchester came closer to scoring when good play by Carr provided an opportunity for Tyrell Mitford whose effort hit the top of the cross bar.

However Winchester fell behind in the 21st minute when Kieran Douglas who has been a rock at the back for Winchester this season uncharacteristically miskicked and prevented Josh Hunt with an opportunity to score from close range which he took.

Before half time Jamie Barron had an effort saved by Lewis Clayton in the Evesham goal, but the visitors were generally a hard team to break down and also at times looked dangerous going forward. Winchester though trailed 1-0 at the interval and during the course of the half had replaced Rob Flocks with Josh Davies.

Winchester though started the second half brightly and it required a goal line clearance by Evesham captain Matt Williams to keep out Rob Carr. However generally speaking the second half was more end to end with Winchester applying a lot of pressure and Evesham looking dangerous on the break. During the course of the second half Winchester bought on Graeme Purdy and he gave them a greater aerial presence especially at set pieces. At the other end Jamie Lucas was virtually clean through, but he found it difficult to control the ball and the Winchester defenders were able to clear the danger.

Both goalkeepers made good saves with Philpott doing well to keep out Calvin Dinsley and Lewis Clayton in the visitors goal saving well from Balmer. Philpott made another important save, but Winchester were creating a lot of attacking movements without being able to score the decisive goal against a determined Evesham team.

Purdy, Kieran Douglas and Josh Davies all had headers that were off target during Winchester's spell of pressure and right at the death Philpott went up for a set piece, but in the end it was Evesham who took the three points. Kieran Douglas displayed one bit of skill during the second half when he controlled the ball superbly, held off a couple of challenges before putting a good ball forward.

# Match Report

By Malcolm Clarke



## HIGHWORTH 2 - 1 WINCHESTER CITY

For the Fourth successive season Winchester exited the F A Trophy at the first hurdle with all of #the losses coming at the hands of teams that have won the championship of the Hellenic League this century and been promoted to the Southern League. For Highworth whose 2-1 win was their first success against Winchester in five attempts it enabled them to become one of eight teams from the Southern League South Division to progress to the next round, and in their third season as a Southern League club their first ever win in the competition.

In truth it was a game of two halves with Winchester 2-0 down at the break very much in the ascendancy in the game's second period, but having pulled a goal back early in the half could not quite get the equalizing goal. However it was perhaps significant that Highworth named their goalkeeper Connor Johns as their man of the match.

Winchester made four changes from the previous week. Goalkeeper Charlie Philpott is on loan from Eastleigh who did not want him cup-tied, which meant that Ryan Pryce a regular for the previous three seasons was in goal. Josh Davies came in at centre back with Kieran Douglas on the bench, while Max Smith replaced Simba Mlambo. Danny King's one match suspension meant that Dan Williamson came in at right back with Josh McCormick reverting to left back.

Although no individual played particularly badly the three changes to the back four meant that in the game's first period Winchester's defence as a unit had difficulty in coping with Ashley Edenborough in the first period and in the game's first half hour with the Highworth striker having one shot saved, hit the side netting once, on another occasion forced Ryan Pryce to rush from his goal to head clear and he looked lively throughout. At the other end both Ollie Balmer and Max Smith both forced Johns to save at the expense of a corner with the save from Balmer being a particularly good one.

However goals in the 38th and 41st minutes enabled Highworth to go into the interval with a 2-0 lead. Firstly a ball from Sean Wood enabled Edenborough to have a shot that Ryan Pryce could only parry into the path of Callum Parsons who was able to score at close range and then Wood set up Edenborough who scored with a great strike.

Winchester bought on Liam Callaghan for Ollie Griggs at the interval and they started the second half well forcing several corners and when Rob Flooks headed home a cross from Jamie Barron in the 50th minute they were very much back in the game. However despite dominating virtually all of the remainder of the game they could not get the all important second goal. They had a shot deflected on to a post, saw Johns make a particularly good save from Callaghan after good work from Tyrell Mitford had created the chance and save an effort from Balmer at the expense of a corner.

Reece Rusher and Joe Hayward came on in the latter stages of the second half and the former came close to scoring as Winchester had wave after wave of attacks with Highworth having the only occasional breakthrough.

Winchester return to Highworth in the league on Saturday and on the following Tuesday are away to Cinderford.

The Winchester under 23 team beat their AFC Portchester counterparts 2-0 thanks to goals from Harry O'Connor and Tam Demunga.

# Today's Visitors

## BRISTOL MANOR FARM



Bristol Manor Farm Football Club was formed for the 1960/61 season before disbanding and reforming for the start of the 1962/63 campaign.

Our ground here at 'The Creek' used to be the site of the Port of Bristol Authority Sports & Social Club. In 1965 when the authority moved to new premises, Manor Farm took it over, making it our permanent home.

Having a base of our own enabled the club to apply successfully to join the Somerset Senior League where we made good progress through the divisions. In 1977 the club decided to step up to the Western League, joining the First Division for the start of the 1977/78 season.

The Club were crowned Division 1 Champions for 1982/83 and since that promotion to the Premier Division of the Western League Bristol Manor Farm have played most of our football at that level.

The last decade at the club has certainly been the most ambitious period of our history.

An exciting run during the 2010/11 FA Cup competition saw us win a penalty shoot-out against Almondsbury Town and hold Basingstoke Town to a draw before being pipped by a single goal in the replay.

2011/12 was the most successful season in the history of the club to that date. We won the GFA Challenge Trophy after beating Shortwood United 5-0 in a thrilling final and this was followed three days later with another cup triumph when we beat Willand Rovers in extra time to finally lift the Les Phillips Cup.

We lost the GFA Trophy Final to Bristol Academy in 2012/13 however and finished third from bottom of the Premier Division. After good service to the club, Manager John Black decided it was time to stand down.

The start of the 2013/14 season saw the beginning of a new era at Bristol Manor Farm FC when current boss Lee Lashenko took over the Manager's job. Fresh from winning the title with Bishop Sutton, Lashenko quickly made an impact with Manor Farm.

An FA Cup run that saw us put nine goals past Oldland Abbotonians and then seven past Lymington Town quickly brought us to the attention of the national press. The tabloid photographers had a field day down at The Creek – photographing the team with the FA Cup and a variety of 'farmyard' accessories and costumes – it was a brilliant and fun day that everyone here will never forget. The First Round Qualifying Round tie against Corsham Town then ended in a 4-4 draw with Manor Farm winning the hard fought replay 1-0. We then also held Bridgwater Town to a 4-4 draw in the next round before narrowly going out 2-1 in the replay.

The club continued to fight for top spot in the league and also applied for promotion to the Southern League. We finished the league season as Runners-up but were unsuccessful in our promotion bid when Larkhall Athletic were accepted ahead of us. It was the highest-placed finish in the club's league history, however, breaking club records for goals scored and fewest goals conceded.

In 2014-2015 Bristol Manor Farm missed out on promotion to the Southern League by 3 points, allowing Slimbridge to go up instead. We did win the GFA County Challenge Trophy however with a 2-0 win over local neighbours Shirehampton.

During an epic 2015/2016 season a heroic run in the FA Vase took us to within sniffing distance of Wembley with a notable comeback win in the fifth round, overcoming Sunderland RCA 3-2 and a long return trip to the North-East for a Quarter Final showdown with Morpeth Town. On a heavy pitch The Portwaymen were unlucky to go out with Morpeth scoring a breakaway goal in the dying seconds after Farm had laid virtual siege to The Highwaymen's goal throughout the second half. Morpeth went on to beat Hereford FC 4-1 in the showpiece Wembley final.

We finished third in the Western Premier League – just missing out once again on promotion but won the GFA

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County Challenge Trophy for the second season in succession with a record 9-2 win over Lydney Town in the final. On a happy night at Ashton Gate our former Exeter City and Truro City striker Dean Stamp also won the Bristol Post 'Footballer of the Year' award for his astonishing tally of 59 goals in all competitions.

The many highlights of Manor Farm's triumphant 2016/17 season will be forever woven into the fabric of the club's history as we finally secured that elusive promotion to the Southern League in emphatic style, amassing 102 points and scoring over 100 goals on the way to being crowned as Western League Champions.

We also unluckily missed out on a second FA Vase Quarter Final in succession with another narrow 2-1 defeat in a fifth round tie in front of 1,500 partisan fans at Bromsgrove Sporting FC.

An extraordinary unbeaten league run of 21 games between September and March (19 wins and 2 draws) went a long way to securing the coveted league title for Manor Farm however, which was eventually clinched with three games to spare following a 2-0 win at local club Hallen on Good Friday.

Lee Lashenko and his squad of title winners were warmly acknowledged later in the year on another great night for the club at Ashton Gate - walking off with 'Coach of the Year' and 'Team of the Year' respectively at the Bristol Post Sports Awards.

Manor Farm hit the ground running during our dramatic, first Southern League campaign ('17/18) - briefly leading in the pack in September and never out of the top six until the final agonising fortnight of the season. Despite the obvious disappointment of an eventual 9th placed finish the club was left to reflect on an exciting debut that proved our players were more than capable of competing at the higher levels we desire as a club.

"Our second season felt more like a first season" remarked Lee Lashenko at the end of year awards for the 2018/19 campaign. Beset by a plague of injuries and a rash of suspensions, The Farm failed to find the league consistency of our debut season but the club's national profile was given another further boost by an extended run in the Emirates FA Cup - the best ever in the club's history. We were literally inches and a game away from entering the First Round proper, finally falling to National League side Slough Town in a Third Qualifying Round replay after a valiant 2-2 draw in the original tie at their Arbour Park ground and a 5-2 thumping of Basingstoke Town at home in the previous round.

The club has now established itself in the Southern League. In 19/20 we were plagued with injuries but we will see the benefit of last season with this seasons progression. Last season was memorable for another successful FA Cup run. With a great home fixture against Wealdstone which we drew 0-0 so resulted in us visiting them in the replay which we lost. In the previous round we visited Tiverton Town and came away with a 4-2 win.



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## BRISTOL MANOR FARM



### **Ben John. Goalkeeper**

Ben has played many seasons at a higher level. Ben is a lively character and adds plenty of passion to his team mates in front of him.

### **Stuart Tovey. Defender**

Stuart is a seasoned Southern League player who has also played at Paulton Rovers, Chippenham Town & Larkhall Athletic, he has strength in depth as a defender and can play in midfield too.

### **Tyler Ashmead. Defender**

Tyler's second season at the Farm after signing from Clevedon Town. Tyler has massive potential and will help strengthen our defence.

### **Steve Kingdon. Defender**

Steve turned professional with Bristol Rovers where he was for 2 seasons, he has also played at Clevedon Town, Taunton Town and was captain of promotion winning Tiverton Town. Steve is a very solid centre back with a great vision and understanding of the game.

### **Lewis Leigh-Gilchrist. Striker**

Lewis joined the Farm last season after being at Bristol Rovers and going out on loan at Yate Town and Hungerford. He is a very quick and intelligent player and will add extreme quality to the team as well as create and score goals.

### **Lloyd Mills. Defender/Midfield**

Big Lloyd can play either as centre back or in central midfield, either way he gives 100% to the cause, he has proved to be a big asset to the team over the past seasons.

### **Jamie Adams. Defender/Midfield**

Jamie joined the Farm in early December 2017 from Larkhall Athletic, he has also played for Cardiff University, Bridgwater Town and Clevedon Town so he has a massive amount of experience at this level.

### **Mike Bryant. Midfield**

Mike's first season at Bristol Manor Farm after signing from Yate Town.

### **Mason Winter. Defender**

Mason signed for the Farm last season, he was with the Bristol Rovers academy until he was 17yrs. He has since played for Melksham Town, Cribbs and Larkhall Athletic.

### **Aron Robbins. Defender**

Aron has already played in the Southern League for Clevedon Town before joining the Farm four seasons ago, he is a seasoned left back that likes to get forward and scores goals.

### **Jamie Bird. Striker**

Jamie has the quality and speed to deliver lots of goals and create assists for others. Previous clubs include Cardiff City, Weston Super Mare and Hereford.

### **Lewis Bamford – Striker**

Lewis has rejoined the Farm after a short spell away. He has serious pace and is very strong with the quality to create and score goals

### **Lucas Vowles. Striker**

Lucas first season with Bristol Manor Farm after signing from Clevedon Town

### **Jamie Turner. Defender**

Jamie has become a great defender and continues to develop, he still full of potential and very energetic; he reads the game well and won't make it easy for strikers.

### **Dan Spencer. Midfield**

Dan's first season with Bristol Manor Farm after signing from Cardiff Met Uni.

### **Marcus Day. Attacking Midfielder**

Marcus has recently transferred to Bristol Manor Farm after a short spell at Paulton Rovers. Marcus was with Bristol City until Summer 2020.

### **Luc Rees. Goalkeeper**

Luc is on work experience from Forest Green Rovers.

# Under 23's

## Winchester City 2 - 0 AFC Portchester

Luke Hampton saw his Winchester City Under 23s side maintain their 100% record with a 2-0 away win at AFC Portchester Under 23s on a chilly Wednesday night at The Wicor Recreation Ground, writes Matt Richbell.

The young Citizens featured several First-Team squad players; Ryan Pryce, Dan Williamson, Joe Hayward, Josh Davies, Reece Rusher, Simba Mlambo and Liam Callaghan.

City took the game to the Oranges from the outset and Liam Callaghan had several appeals for a penalty waved away, whilst Josh Davies and Reece Rusher were also a handful for the visitors. Davies even had the ball in the back of the net midway through the first-half, but the effort was ruled out for offside.

City broke the deadlock in the second-half, when substitute, Harry O'Connor finished well with a low effort from the edge of the box. Tam Demunga doubled City's lead just several minutes later when he finished from close range. City were solid for the remainder of the clash to see out any potential fightback from the hosts and to maintain their 100% record. Up next for City's U23s is a trip to Sholing next week.

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Whitchurch Uni	5	2	0	3	9	13	-4	6
North Waltham	2	1	0	1	4	5	-1	3
Sholing U23	4	1	0	3	6	10	-4	3
AFC Portchester	2	0	0	2	2	5	-3	0
Andover Town	3	0	0	3	3	14	-11	0

# WINCHESTER CITY Football Club



## COVID RISK ASSESSMENT STATEMENT

**Sounds dull doesn't it? We take your safety seriously. We urge you to read our risk assessment statement. To familiarise yourself with what we expect of you so that football can continue to be enjoyed by us all, safely.**

**As well as instructions here, you will find many new signs around the ground. Please respect and obey the instructions**

### Introduction

This document is for all Players, Coaches, Staff, Volunteers, Officials and Spectators to prepare to the return of football at The Simplyhealth City Ground.

Winchester City Football Club has followed all FA guidance and risk assessed each directive to provide a policy that meets the criteria set by the FA. Many of the directives are mandatory, and if not, are at the very least, advisory, to ensure the complete safety of all those that enter the Simplyhealth City Ground.

It is critical that this document is read by all attending The Simplyhealth City Ground.

As per FA Guidance on 17th July 2020 relating to grassroots football, the following is applicable at The Simplyhealth City Ground:

### Covid Officer

All Clubs must appoint a Covid-19 Officer. This Officer must constantly monitor FA Guidelines and ensure that all updated information is communicated to all Players, Coaches, Staff, Volunteers, Officials and Spectators (when they are permitted to return).

### Code of Conduct

It is the clubs' responsibility to ensure that The Simplyhealth City Ground is a safe environment for all and we therefore need to minimise the risk of infection and use close care and attention in all aspects of preparation for the return of Football.

If you or anyone in your household is experiencing symptoms related to Covid-19, please do not enter The Simplyhealth City Ground. If you do experience any symptoms, you should stay at home, arrange a test and self-isolate. This applies not just to Spectators, but also to Players, Coaches, Staff, Volunteers and Officials.

If you develop any symptoms whilst at The Simplyhealth City Ground, please make a member of staff aware and leave the stadium to return home, arrange a test and self-isolate.

Guidance from both the Government and also the FA is changing on a regular basis so please ensure that you know the latest guidance before attending The Simplyhealth City Ground.

Before you arrive at The Simplyhealth City Ground, when you arrive at the stadium and also before you leave the ground, please wash your hands. There will be sanitizer available throughout the ground, so please make sure that you apply this regularly.

Please ensure that you maintain Social Distancing throughout The Simplyhealth City Ground. The two-metre rule is still applicable so please keep two metres apart wherever possible.

You will be requested to sign-in upon your arrival at The Simplyhealth City Ground and give your details in line with the government's Track and Trace guidelines. This will be done via PaSS – an App that can be downloaded, although there will also be a paper sign-in sheet. These details will be destroyed within 21 days to ensure that the club remains GDPR compliant.

# COVID RISK ASSESSMENT STATEMENT

Please be considerate of others when you are using the facilities at The Simplyhealth City Ground.,

## **Travel**

If you have to travel to the ground with someone, please ensure that you always travel with the same person. Ensure your windows are open to provide ventilation and do not sit face-to-face.

Where possible, try and use alternative methods of transport rather than driving and ensure a car is cleaned both before and after a journey. Please ensure that face masks are worn both to and from The Simplyhealth City Ground as well as to and from away fixtures.

Upon your arrival at The Simplyhealth City Ground, please ensure that you follow all guidelines that have been set by the club. There will be signage in place around the ground, as well as floor markings and restrictions on the facilities at the club. Toilet facilities will observe a strict 'one-in, one-out' policy, this will apply for both inside and outside toilets.

When you arrive at The Simplyhealth City Ground, please make sure you wash and sanitize your hands. There is ample handwash and sanitizer available around the ground. Please also ensure that you wash and sanitize your hands before you leave the ground too.

Players, Match Officials and Coaches/Staff are required to arrive at the ground already changed and showered wherever possible. Changing Rooms will be available, but there will be social distancing measurers in place.

Spectators must also observe all guidelines in place at the ground and maintain good hygiene and social distancing when it is safe for them to return to The Simplyhealth City Ground.

## **During Matches**

There will be no pre-match handshakes (as was the case pre-lockdown). Make sure you wash and sanitize your hands before matches. There will be no team talk huddles – all team talks are to be carried out whilst maintaining social distancing, along with both warm-ups and cool-downs. There is no spitting permitted by either players or coaching staff. Players are reminded not to shout in each other's faces.

All Officials and Players must always socially distance on the touch lines and in dug outs etc. Due to the size of the dug-outs at The Simplyhealth City Ground, there will be a designated, socially distanced area for those that there is not room for.

Goal posts and balls must be sanitized before the games, at half-time and also again at full-time. There are to be no goal celebrations and no sharing of water bottles. Players are advised to bring their own drinks bottles with them. No equipment whatsoever is permitted to be shared.

## **Clubhouse**

All drinks purchased in the clubhouse at The Simplyhealth City Ground will be served in single use disposable glasses. There is a one-way system in the clubhouse, entry through the main doors by the toilets and exit through the door heading out towards the pitch. Social distancing measures are in place in the clubhouse. After the game, the clubhouse area will be used purely for hospitality – as this can be offered with social distancing, provided that the numbers are restricted within the area. Spectators will still be able to purchase drinks and consume these outside the clubhouse area.

Cash payments will be accepted, but card payments are the preferred method of payment. PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) is available on-site for staff and volunteers should they wish to wear it.

## **Final statement**

Winchester City Football Club thank-you for both reading and following our club guidelines. This statement will be updated when further guidelines are issued by both the FA and the Government.

# Ground Regulations

Welcome to the Simply Health City Ground.

Please respect the staff and the facilities:

- ◇ Please do not enter the field of play before, during or after the game.
- ◇ Ball games are not permitted around the ground whilst matches are in progress
- ◇ Please do not use rude, obscene, racial or abusive language or gestures that are likely to cause offence.
- ◇ Please do not take glasses outside. Alcohol may now be consumed outside, but in plastic glasses only (in accordance with new Hampshire FA ruling).
- ◇ Please do not climb floodlights, pylons, fences, stands and other club structures.
- ◇ Please do not stand in the hatched areas around the pitch.
- ◇ No offensive objects are permitted (including bottles, cans, glasses, smoke bombs, flares etc.) or throwing any objects on the field of play.
- ◇ Please note that all vehicles parked on the club premises are at owners/driver's risk.
- ◇ The club accepts no responsibility for any damage to vehicles.
- ◇ Any supporter who encroached on to the playing area will be arrested.
- ◇ Comments or items in the programme do not necessarily represent those of Winchester City FC.
- ◇ The club reserves the right to refuse admission, eject from the ground, or prosecute any person in breach of the rules



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# WINCHESTER CITY Football Club



## PLAYER PROFILES

**RYAN PRYCE** – Ex-AFC Bournemouth Goalkeeper that also lists Salisbury City, Gosport Borough and Fleet Town amongst his former clubs. Pryce made five senior appearances for the Cherries, making his debut against Southend United. A fans favourite that has made the number one berth his own.

**DANNY KING** - Left sided defender, the clubs longest-serving player currently and a real fans favourite. A teacher by trade, he has played for Chelsea and Southampton in his youth. Danny reached his testimonial year last season and had his testimonial at the end of the 2017-18 campaign. 'Kinger' also skips the side in the absence of Jamie Barron.

**JOE HAYWARD** – Defender who joined us having previously been with Eastleigh FC, unfortunately broke his leg early in his City career but returned quickly and showed what great potential he has. Joe scored a memorable goal, City's spot kick, in the Fourth Qualifying Round of the FA Cup away to Torquay United in the 2018-19 campaign.

**JAMIE BARRON** – Re-signed from Gosport Borough Jamie has played for Salisbury, Andover, Sholing and Folland Sports. A winner of a Schools National Cup medal. Appointed Captain for another season and a really important player for us. 'Baz' has remained loyal to City despite interest from elsewhere.

**ROB CARR** – Highly rated winger that has previously played for both Woking and also Fleet Town. Another regular goalscorer with 20 goals plus in his last 3 seasons for Fleet Town. Entering his fourth season with the Citizens. A personal trainer by trade, Rob Carr is a thorn in the side for many full-backs at this level.

**SIMBA MLAMBO** – Also signed from Davis' former club, Fleet Town. Mlambo has spent some time in North Hampshire and was an Alton Town player before this. Can play wide or up front and a player with immense speed and power in the air. Another playing starting his fourth season with City. Simba works tirelessly for the cause and scores important goals.

**LIAM GILBERT** - Combative ball playing midfield player in his second full season for the Citizens after signing halfway through the 2017-18 season, previously captain for AFC Totton. 'Gilly' is a firm favourite amongst the locals for his tough tackling and he has an eye for a goal from distance. Gilbert manages Oxford United Ladies team and takes those leadership qualities on to the pitch where he marshals the midfield.

**ROB FLOOKS** – 'Flooky' is another former City man that has returned to the club. Flook formed a solid partnership with former defender, Josh Harfield. Then due to work commitments, Flook saw himself regularly unavailable at a time that coincided with the arrival of Keith Emmerson. Emmo and Kieran Douglas took control of the centre of defence but now that Emmerson has moved on, Flook is back to being regularly available and will form a new partnership with Kieran Douglas himself.

**MAX SMITH** - Max Smith - Youngster who is newly signed for this season from Alton Town. Max has previous experience at Moneyfields and started his career at the Portsmouth FC academy. A dynamic Midfielder that we have high hopes for in the season ahead as he enters his second season at the club.

**KIERAN DOUGLAS** - Young Defender signed from the Wessex leagues' Christchurch FC, where he had been Captain for their last two successful seasons. A tall, strong and composed player who has settled in very well at the club already and we only see good things for the future. Kieran now enters his second season for the club and has performed well in pre-season, scoring the clubs' first goal since our return from Lockdown with a header at Ringwood Town.

**OLLY BALMER** - 19-year-old Forward who signed from Poole Town, having played for them at the Conference South level. Oly is technically skilled with an eye for the goal, who impressed during his first season at the club. Balmer won the 'Goal of the Season' accolade with a stunning last-minute free-kick at Cirencester Town. Balmer also won the clubs' Young Player of the Season award – well done Oly!

**DAN WILLIAMSON** - A fans favourite who returned to the club for the 2019/20 season from Swindon Supermarine. An electric healed Full-back who played for Davo for two years at Fleet Town as well as a prior year at Winchester and we are excited to have him at the club.

# WINCHESTER CITY Football Club



## PLAYER PROFILES

**HARRY BIRCHNALL** - Young Goalkeeper that signed last summer who we see having a really bright future. He will work closely with 'Prycey' and will continue to develop his game with us this year. Harry has limited availability due to work commitments but is a lively character in the changing room.

**FELIX DAVIES** – Young Goalkeeper Davies, has signed for City this summer from Woking FC. Davies is an agile young stopper who has featured several times for City this pre-season and has signed forms for the 20-21 campaign.

**CHARLIE PHILPOTT** – Charlie is another young goalkeeper that has signed Southern League forms with the Citizens for the forthcoming season. Philpott is dual-registered with Sydenhams Football League Wessex Division One side, Romsey Town. Charlie also plays for Eastleigh's Academy side and has excelled this pre-season with several penalty saves including one at the death against Ashford Town that earned City a well-deserved draw.

**REECE RUSHER** – Rusher has returned to City for a second spell after time away from the club at Melksham Town, Andover New Street and Basingstoke Town. Rusher played the majority of his football last season at the City Ground, but for Basingstoke Town although his season was cut short due to injury. A tricky wide player who also has an eye for goal. Welcome back Reece.

**KEL AKPOBIRE** – Kel joined up with the squad this pre-season. He was a youngster at Bristol City and during his time at Ashton Gate, he served Guernsey FC on loan. Kel played for Loughborough University where he studied as a Sports Management Student and he scored his first City goal this pre-season with a last-minute bullet header away at Hartley Wintney.

**GRAEME PURDY** – Purdy is an experienced centre forward who lists Westfield, Walton & Hersham and Godalming Town amongst his former sides. Purdy is a 'target man' style forward to wreak havoc amongst defences with his height, power and pace. Purdy scored an excellent winning goal in our friendly win at Marlow this pre-season and is a popular member of the squad.

**JOSH DAVIES** – Davies is a young defender who has excelled this pre-season. Josh has previously played College Football in USA and has recently returned to the UK. Davies has performed well this pre-season and has an abundance of strength and pace. Previously played for Solent University (formerly known as Team Solent FC).

**JACK WILSON** – Wilson has teamed up with the squad this pre-season having spent last season with the now defunct, Solent University (formerly known as Team Solent FC). Wilson plays in midfield and has impressed this summer.

**JOSH MCCORMICK** – 'Macca' is back at the club having previously played for City in our Development Squad. Josh left and subsequently went on to play for Bognor Regis Town and most recently, Blackfield & Langley, although his previous campaign was affected by injury. Josh scored a well-taken effort at Fareham Town this pre-season and he also netted a penalty in the away win at Bedfont Sports.

**TYRELL MITFORD** – Mitford is another returning face to the Simplyhealth City Ground for the 20-21 campaign. Ty played for City during our memorable FA Cup and scored a hat-trick in our away win at Merthyr Town. Mitford left the club to move up a league to join Kings Langley and then subsequently had spells at Bognor Regis Town, Beaconsfield Town and Ramsgate FC before he has returned 'home' to City. Mitford has also found the target this pre-season and will make the centre forward berth his own following the departure of Oli Bailey who has moved away.

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