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WCFC v Salisbury FC

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Pre-Season Friendly



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CLUB HISTORY



The new Salisbury FC

Salisbury FC is a phoenix club. The Whites played their first competitive game on Saturday, 8 August 2015 away to Brockenhurst in the Sydenham's Wessex Premier Division, followed by the first competitive game on home turf, hosting Whitchurch United 3 days later. The new club began in December 2014 when Salisbury FC Ltd was incorporated and created by a consortium of five – David Phillips, Ian Ridley, Jeremy Harwood, Graeme Mundy, and Steve Claridge, the latter also having the role of Team Manager. After buying the remaining assets of predecessor club Salisbury City FC from the administrators, they started the huge task of creating a football club from scratch. By early April 2015 a new lease had been obtained on the Raymond McEnhill Stadium which had been purpose-built in 1997 for the old club, enabling Salisbury FC to apply to the FA seeking a competitive league for the 2015/2016 season. However, the stadium had been locked and shuttered for a year, the grass on the pitch was 18 inches high, and much work was needed both on and off the pitch to bring it back into use. Supporters of the old club, desperate to see football back at the ground again, worked hard with other volunteers to get it all up and running in time for the first game 28 April 2015, when a friendly against AFC Totton was watched by 729 people and ended in a 2–2 draw. In May 2015, the FA placed the new club in the Sydenham's Wessex League Premier Division. Steve Claridge then knew the level of competition the club would face, and the type of players he would need for the season ahead. Following some intense work in a very short time, in trial and friendly matches, he succeeded in putting a side together, finally having the nucleus of the squad just in time for those opening league games. For the loyal supporters and fans, 18 months of hurt and pain following the messy demise of Salisbury City was eased as they finally watched their new team line up for the first time. Clubs representing the City in their various previous incarnations had had a proud and successful history over 67 years, and in the later years SCFC reached the first tier of Non-League football, so expectations of the new club were high, but one point from the first two league games did not look too auspicious. Though the fans didn't know it yet, a magical first season was underway. There followed a brilliant run of 14 matches unbeaten in all competitions, then a magnificent mid-season run of 17 consecutive wins, again in all competitions, and a longest winning run in the league of 21 matches. This was quite an achievement for a club that had no players only 10 months earlier. Not surprisingly, attendances throughout the season were good, averaging more than 700, and were higher than expected, matching previous attendances for Salisbury City FC. A league all-time record attendance of 1485 watched the local derby with Bemerton Heath Harlequins on 28 December 2015, and a stadium record of 3450 was recorded for the second leg of the FA Vase Semi-final against fellow phoenix club Hereford FC. Whites' travelling supporters regularly numbered between 200 and 300, and sometimes more. An extraordinary season saw a final goal tally of 199 in 59 games in all competitions, together with the remarkable total of 27 clean sheets. Salisbury made the quarter-finals of the Sydenham's Wessex League Cup, were runners-up in the Wiltshire Senior

Cup, and after an excellent campaign in the FA Vase went out in the semi-finals, just missing out on a trip to Wembley that could have been that extra cherry on the icing on the cake in a superb inaugural season. The Whites secured their place as Sydenham's Wessex League Premier Division Champions of 2015/2016, with 6 games in hand, and ended on 105 points and a goal difference of 97, earning automatic promotion to the Evo-Stik Southern League Division One South and West for the 2016/2017 season. In their first season at the new level, the Whites achieved remarkable success and finished as Runners Up. Hereford were crowned Champions, but following several long sequences of good results, and in particular one such towards the end of the season, Salisbury entered the play-offs, narrowly defeating Evesham United before losing out to Tiverton Town by 2-0 in front of a massive crowd of 2247 (the highest attendance of the season at the Raymond McEnhill Stadium). The new club entered the two major FA Cup competitions for the first time, and were narrowly beaten in both cases by teams from higher levels, going out in the First Qualifying Round of the FA Cup to Frome Town, and then, in the FA Trophy First Round they were defeated by Chippenham Town. In the Preliminary Round of the competition The Whites had become one of the few sides to beat Hereford during the entire season when they triumphed 4-3 in a thrilling encounter. Salisbury FC won the Hospital Cup in May 2017. The 2017/2018 season saw the Whites occupy second position in the League for long periods, and that is where they finished to gain promotion to the next level, formerly known as the Southern Premier League. During the season early Cup exits, To Poole Town in the FA Cup, and to Paulton Rovers in the FA Trophy, meant that only minor cups remained, but in one of these, the Wiltshire Senior Cup, Salisbury achieved a remarkable 13-nil victory over Bassett Bulldogs. 2018/2019 season sees a new chapter in the progress of the Club in only its fourth year in existence.

Past Salisbury Football Clubs

Salisbury FC may be a new club, but it follows in the footsteps of earlier Salisbury clubs going back to the 19th century, including an earlier Salisbury City, playing in the Southern League Second Division from 1906 to 1911. However, the most immediate predecessor club was formed in 1947 as Salisbury FC, later changing its name to Salisbury City FC in 1992. Playing in the Western League, the original Salisbury FC won the Second Division title in their first season, with a record attendance of 8902 watching the Championship decider against Weymouth in April 1948 at their old Victoria Park ground. In 1968 the Club entered the Southern League, finally achieving success in the 1985/1986 season when they finished as Southern Division runners-up to Cambridge City, on goal difference, after an unbeaten run of 15 games. They were runners-up again in 1993 but were refused promotion to the next level because of ground grading rules. That promotion however came 2 years later. Following Salisbury City's near demise in 2002, the club was saved by business consortium and was then led by Neville Beal, a former Salisbury player, with former Southampton FA Cup winner Nick Holmes installed as General Manager. The 2005/2006 season saw SCFC become Southern League Premier Division Champions, with matches in hand, resulting in promotion to the Nationwide Conference South. They were just passing through it seems, and after another successful campaign gained a second successive promotion to the Blue Square Premier League, where they remained for the next three seasons. Unfortunately in the 2009/2010 season the Club went into administration. Despite finishing mid-table they lost their place in the Conference because of an inability to fulfil financial criteria, and were placed in the Zamaretto Southern Premier league. A new Board, led by Chairman William Harrison-Allan, appointed experienced midfielder Darrell Clarke as Player/Manager. The following season was again successful as promotion saw the side bounce straight back to the Blue Square Bet Conference South and they progressed to the top layer of the Conference a season later when, after a nail-biting series of exciting play-offs, they defeated Dover Athletic 3-2 to restore their previous status in the pyramid. The first season back in the top flight saw the departure of manager Darrell Clarke to progress his managerial career at Bristol Rovers, and the youngest Manager in their history, Mikey Harris, was appointed, leading them to a respectable 12th place finish.

In the close season of 2014 disaster struck, when the SCFC Board sold their shares to two businessmen. The main 98% shareholder could not settle the Club's debts and it was removed from the Conference for non-payment. Having no league to play in was a breach of the terms of the stadium lease and after a protracted legal tussle involving seemingly endless court appearances, the High Court ordered the winding up of the Club. The residual assets were bought by the new Salisbury FC Ltd and thus a new club was born.

Former Clubs' Cup achievements

Away from league action, cup exploits over 67 years in existence included winning the Hampshire Senior Cup (twice), the Western League Cup, Southern League Challenge Cup, and the Salisbury Hospitals Cup (on 12 occasions), whilst they succeeded 15 times in the Wiltshire Premier Shield. In the major FA competitions they had a fair degree of success, reaching the quarter-finals of the FA Trophy 3 times and the Semi-finals once, in 2009/2010, when they lost over two legs to Barrow the eventual winners. In the FA Cup they habitually reached the First Round Proper, and on the eighth occasion they did that they sampled the Hillsborough Stadium, but lost out to Sheffield Wednesday 4-0. They reached the Second Round 3 times, memorably holding Nottingham Forest to a 1-1 draw at home, (featured on BBC Match of the Day), before going out 2-0 at Forest, which game was covered by Sky TV cameras. Salisbury City FC reached their highest stage in the competition in the 2011/2012 season when the reward for an exciting replay victory at Grimsby Town saw them take on high-flying Sheffield United at Bramall Lane in the Third Round where, despite a very good performance, they went down 3-1.



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PLAYER PROFILES

MARCUS BEAUCHAMP – A young goalkeeper who has played for Newport County since August 2016 but now hoping to make his mark with the Crusaders. If preseason is anything to go by, then Marcus is showing an incredible attitude and professionalism mixed with goalkeeping abilities that exceed his 20 years of age. Signed for the club this summer from Hungerford Town FC.



GEORGE COLSON – Isle-of-Wight born defender. Started out at Portsmouth FC before also having spells with both Bashley and Fareham Town. Made three appearances for Wales Under-16s.

GEORGE BENNETT – A product of Basingstoke Town Academy. Ball-winning midfielder.

GEORGE BARKER – Signed for Salisbury from Worthing FC. Can play as either a wide man or a striker. Has football league experience with Brighton & Hove Albion, Barnet, Newport County, Tranmere Rovers and Swindon Town. Has also had stints with Gosport Borough and Havant & Waterlooville before he went to Worthing.

MATTHEW PARTRIDGE - Matt Partridge is a Central defender who started his career at Reading progressing through the Academy as the under 18's captain. He went on to sign a professional one-year contract in July 2012. In October 2012, he joined Bognor Regis on loan and then returned to Reading U21's. In 2013 he joined Conference South Basingstoke Town. In July 2014, he signed for football league side Dagenham & Redbridge on a 1-year deal followed by further moves to Basingstoke and Newport. In 2017, Matt was signed for Hungerford Town FC in the Vanarama National League South before joining the Whites this summer.

ELLIOT WHEELER – A right back but who can also play anywhere across the defence. Joined the Whites from Gosport Borough. Lists Portsmouth FC, Bashley, Sutton United, Stoke City and Nuneaton amongst his former clubs.

LEWIS BENSON – The former Andover Town skipper joined Salisbury in the summer of 2016. Has been a highly influential figure since joining the Whites.

DARREN MULLINGS – Joined Salisbury this summer from Chippenham Town. Has also played for Weston-Super-Mare, Gloucester City and Paulton Rovers amongst others. Central midfielder.

LUKE HOPPER – Switched to Salisbury from Hungerford Town. Prior to that, he switched to Hungerford Town from Gloucester City. Before Gloucester, Hopper was playing for Swindon Supermarine. He is in his second spell at Hungerford Town. Has also played for South Melbourne, Chippenham Town and Swindon Town. Forward with an eye for goal.

CHRIS SHEPHARD – Made his debut for Exeter City FC back in 2008 and spent four seasons with the Grecians. During that time, he had loan spells with both Salisbury and Bath City. He left Exeter and signed for Eastbourne Borough, where he spent two years, making 58 appearances, before he moved to Weymouth. Shephard had three seasons at the Wessex Stadium, playing 96 times, before he moved to the Raymond McEnhill Stadium to sign for Steve Claridge's side.

DANIEL YOUNG – Started out in the youth team at Swindon Town before moving to Blackfield & Langley. Then switched to fellow Salisbury-based side, Bemerton Heath Harlequins, before moving across the City. Midfielder.

ZACK KOTWICA – Striker who joined Salisbury in 2018 from Tamworth. Started out at Cheltenham Town, where he had loan spells at Bishops Cleeve, Gloucester City and Cirencester Town before signing permanently for Gloucester Town. When at Gloucester, he had a loan spell with Salisbury before moving to Tamworth and now back to Salisbury. Scored his first professional goal for Cheltenham against Mansfield Town in 2014.

CHARLIE SEARLE – Goalkeeper who signed from Havant & Waterlooville in September 2017. Initially dual-registered from the Hawks in 2016 but signed permanently a year later.

FLAVIO TAVARES – Joined Salisbury from Hayes & Yeading in 2017. Spent several seasons with Hayes & Yeading having joined them from his first club, Tonbridge Angels. 23-year-old.

PABLO HAYSHAM – Joined Salisbury from Hereford this summer. Forward who has previously played for Didcot as well, before having several prolific seasons at Edgar Street.

DAN FITCHETT – Former Aldershot Town, Sutton United and Wealdstone man. Joined the Whites this summer.

JACK STANLEY – Former youth team player who has made his way into the first-team set-up.



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WELCOME TO THE SIMPLYHEALTH CITY GROUND TO...

There are several new faces that have signed for the Citizens this summer...

CONNOR COCKLIN – Joins the club from Andover Town along with REECE RUSHER.

SAM ROBERTS – Formerly of AFC Totton and was also dual-registered with Hamble Club last season.

LAMAR KOROMA – Has signed for the club having spent last season with Woking U23s.

BRAD GALE – Re-joins the club after a spell away last season at Verwood Town.

TYRELL MITFORD – Prolific Team Solent striker has joined the club.

JAKE RAWKINS – Bemerton Heath Harlequins top scorer from last campaign has also joined the Citizens.

MATT ANDREWS – Forward from Fareham Town has also moved up the M27 to City.

JOHN McFARLANE – ‘Macca’ joins Davo’s backroom staff from Andover Town where he worked with Glenn Burnett in the North Hampshire clubs’ successful season last term.

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WHO'S WHO?

BEHIND THE SCENES

PRESIDENT – JOHN MOODY RPSL

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PARKING – SALLY STATHAM, DAVE GREEN

50-50 DRAW – JUDY MALONE, JUDITH TOWERTON.

TURNSTILE OPERATORS – RICH PICKETT & ALLY BROWN

ON THE PITCH

FIRST-TEAM MANAGER – CRAIG DAVIS

FIRST-TEAM ASSISTANT MANAGER – JOHN McFARLANE

FIRST-TEAM COACH –GARETH BYRES

SPORTS THERAPISTS – JO BROCKSOM & MARK GIBSON

CHIEF SCOUT – PETE MILLARD

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CUP DRAWS

Hampshire Senior Cup 2nd Round - TBC

WCFC v Hartley Wintney

FA Trophy Extra Preliminary Round – Saturday 29th

September

Slimbridge v WCFC

FA Trophy Preliminary Round – Saturday 13th October

Slimbridge or WCFC v Melksham Town

FA Cup Preliminary Round – Saturday 25th August

WCFC v Bashley or Bournemouth FC

FA Youth Cup First Qualifying Round – Week beginning

17th September

WCFC v Moneyfields

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MALCOLM'S MUSINGS

We welcome Salisbury to Winchester for tonight's pre-season friendly. The current Salisbury club was only formed in 2015, but already have achieved two automatic promotions and reached the playoffs in the other season.

The last time that Salisbury came here saw Salisbury win a thrilling Friday night fixture 5-4. having at one stage been 3-0 behind, with our former captain Stuart Green now at AFC Totton scoring twice for the visitors. We however did well to come back to draw 2-2 in the return fixture having been 2-0 behind at the interval, with Adam Tomasso and Josh Harfield scoring our goals.

There was a Salisbury City who were formerly called Salisbury in existence prior to the existence of the current club and many members of our club have previous associations with this team. In fact, I remember this outfit playing at Victoria Park when the likes of former Southampton defender Paul Bennett and Dave Fretwell who played for Bradford City and Wigan Athletic and Geoff Butler another former football league defender Geoff Butler was their manager.

I am sure that Paul Murray and Dave Malone will not need reminding that in their first full season at Eastleigh (2006/07) Salisbury beat them 1-0 on three occasions, with Paul Sales scoring two of the goals in these games. One of these games was an FA Cup tie and that season reached the 2nd round proper of the competition where they lost to Nottingham Forest after a replay. They have also played against Sheffield Wednesday in the competition this century.

The current club have yet to go beyond the 2nd qualifying round of the competition, but in their first year of existence they reached the semi-finals of the FA Vase where they lost to Hereford.

There is every chance I may be going tonight, making it my first pre-season friendly.

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LEAGUE HONOURS

Southern League: Play-Off Semi-Finalists (2016)

Wessex Premier League: Winners (2003-2004, 2005-2006, 2011-12)

Runners-Up (2004- 2005, 2014-2015)

Hampshire County League: Winners (1928-1929)

Hampshire Premier League: Winners (2002-2003)

Hampshire League Division 1: Winners (2001-2002)

Runners-Up (1929-1930, 1949-1950 & 1970-1971)

Hampshire League Division 2: Winners (1957-1958, 1973-1974 & 1991-1992)

Hampshire League Division 3: Runners-Up (1967-1968 & 1979-1980)

Hampshire League Division 3 East: Runners-Up (1949-1950 & 1951-1952)

Hampshire League North Division: Winners (1904-1905 & 1928-1929)

Runners-Up (1909- 1910, 1911-1912 & 1919-1920)

Hampshire League Championship Shield: Winners (1928-1929)

Hampshire League Combination Division 2: Winners (2005-2006)

South Hampshire League: Winners (1896-1897, 1897-1898 & 1898-1899)

North Hants League: Winners (2002-2003)

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CUP HONOURS

FA Vase: Winners (2004)

Hampshire Senior Cup: Winners (1935 & 2005)

Finalists (1888 & 2016)

Hampshire Tournament Cup: Winners (1888)

Finalists (1889 & 1890)

Hampshire Floodlit Cup: Winners (2005)

Finalists (2003)

Russell Cotes Cup: Winners (1955 & 1971)

North Hants Senior Cup: Winners (1982, 1987, 2002 & 2015)

North Hants League Cup: Winners (2003)

Southampton Senior Cup: Winners (1950, 1952, 2001 & 2003)

Finalists (1909) Basingstoke Senior Cup: Finalists (2002)

Andover & District Open Cup: Winners (2002)

Hampshire Intermediate Cup: Winners (1952, 1968, 1973 & 2002)

Wessex League Cup: Winners (2004)

Wyvern Challenge Shield: Finalists (2013)

Hampshire League, League Cup: Winners (1994 & 2003)

Hampshire League Combination Cup: Finalists (2002)

Hampshire Chronicle Cup: Winners (2005)

Southern Newspapers Invitation Cup: Winners (1971)

Inter-League Challenge: Winners (2001 & 2002)

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MATT ANDREWS
REECE RUSHER
CONNOR COCKLIN
BRAD GALE
ROB CARR
JOSH CORNER
BEN SUNLEY
CALLUM KITCHER
HARVEY CLARK
JOSH TOMBS

Referee – Harry Scott

Asst. Referee – Lee Nowacki

Asst. Referee – Krasimir Petrov

SALISBURY FC (From):

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