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DAVO’S DIARY

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to the players, staff and supporters of Slimbridge for this afternoons important league match. Slimbridge started the season very well and are a very hardworking side, they have had a harder time of late, but we know only too well after they beat us a few weeks ago that this will not be an easy match. Every game in this league is a test and we need to make sure we perform to our best levels and if we do that we will be ok. I wish them a pleasant stay and a safe journey home afterwards.

Another week without a game last week which is highly frustrating, in them situations you have to make the best of the time, facilities for training are very difficult at such short notice however the players and the staff paid to get a 3G venue last Saturday and we had a good session and then have trained well midweek twice and we are ready to get back on that pitch today! We have had a tough time with results but the spirit the lads have is first class, I am proud how they have maintained that this year, we have it all to do to get in the play offs now but we will not stop trying, the last weeks training efforts tell me we are not dead and buried in the hunt just yet!!

Player news, we still are carrying a few niggles although the week off has helped those, the long-term injuries Joe Cook and Liam Gilbert are both working hard to return and hopefully it’s not too far away from a return for them!

Massive task ahead of us in the next few weeks, we will need all the vocal support we can get, we are very grateful for the brilliant support we have had this year, let’s give it one more push together and see what we can do, starting from today.

Up the citizens!

Davo



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CHAIRMAN’S

COMMENTS

If only! If only we had beaten Bishops Cleeve. If only we had won against Barnstaple. Well here is another chance as we play at home against Slimbridge. We welcome the players, management, fans and officials of Slimbridge AFC here to the Simplyhealth City Ground. The Swans beat us two nil at their place in January and the Citizens will be looking to reverse that result.

Off the pitch, discussions are ongoing as to next season and these discussions will extend into April, when we anticipate bring them to a conclusion. We will then go public with the outcome. So, no news at the moment, but we will bring any news as soon as appropriate.

Enjoy the game!

Kind Regards

Paul Murray

Chairman, Winchester City Football Club



“THE CITIZENS POST” **IN THE OPPOSITION** **DUGOUT... SLIMBRIDGE** **AFC CLUB HISTORY**

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

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

It was not until 1951 that the current ground at Wisloe Road was acquired, after a former player, Evi Thornhill, bequeathed it to the Club in his Will.

For the next forty-odd years the Club were predominantly members of the Stroud and District League with varying degrees of success and failure, except for a period between 1960 and 1968 when they were in the Gloucester Northern Senior League.

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

As playing standards improved, the building of a long awaited Social Club commenced in the 1998/99 season. The following year saw the introduction of John Mack, a successful local entrepreneur, as Chairman. In the summer of 2001, Doug Gray was appointed Manager. After achieving the Runners-up spot in their first season in the Gloucester County League, the club were accepted into the Hellenic League. Hellenic Division One West was won by an eleven-point margin in 2002/03 and with it, promotion to the Hellenic Premier Division, where a creditable fourth place finish was achieved in 2003/04. In a marvellous season the club also claimed the Hellenic 'Norman Matthews' Floodlit Cup and the G.F.A. Challenge Trophy.

The summer of 2003 saw the floodlights installed. A pre-season visit from Conference side Forest Green Rovers on 22nd July, produced a then ground record attendance of 427 to witness the inaugural floodlit game at Wisloe Road. A few weeks later on Sunday 24th August, that ground record was beaten at a Bank Holiday Hellenic Premier Division fixture that was part of the 2003/04 annual 'Ground Hop' weekend. Local rivals Shortwood United provided the opposition in front of a crowd of 525. Season 2004/05 again saw a fourth-place finish in the Hellenic Premier Division, along with a first entry into the F.A. Vase competition which resulted in a useful run to the third round proper before a 2-1 extra time defeat at 'Screwfix' Western League side Backwell United concluded an enjoyable campaign. Sadly, in the February, Gray stood down after nearly four seasons at the helm of the club. The club started season 2005/06 under newly appointed Manager Doug Foxwell. A first entry into the F.A. cup saw a visit from Wessex League side Wimborne Town. A 1-0 defeat did not dampen the sense of occasion on the first day of the season. A second successful run in the F.A. Vase again came to an end in the Third Round Proper,

with a 3-1 defeat at South Midland Premier, Welwyn Garden City. After a record-breaking 64 game season, the team managed a fifth-place finish in the Hellenic Premier Division. The club also won the Hellenic 'Norman Matthews' Floodlit Cup and the GFA Challenge Trophy, both for the second time in three seasons.

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

Season 2006/07 proved the most successful in the Club's history to date, with both the First Team and Reserve side recording League and Cup doubles, with the added bonus of record-breaking F. A. Cup and Vase runs for the senior side as well. In the F.A. Cup, a five-match run from the Extra-Preliminary Round finished at Merthyr Tydfil in the Third Qualifying Round. Along the way there were memorable wins against two other Southern Premier sides, 2-1 at Yate Town and 3-1 at home to Chippenham Town. It was six matches in the F.A. Vase before defeat was tasted, the run ending in the Fifth Round Proper at home to the eventual winners, Truro City. In the Hellenic Premier Division, a solid start was established. Due to the Cup runs, and then bad weather, which led to a record number of postponements during the subsequently extended season, half a seasons fixtures had to be played in the final two months. A tremendous effort saw the Club bring the Championship Shield to Wisloe Road, the winning margin being three points over second placed North Leigh. There was a rousing performance in the G.F.A. Trophy Final against Almondsbury Town. A 3-1 victory not only retained the Trophy but recorded a third success in four seasons in that competition. The Reserve side had an early success in the Gloucester Northern Senior League Cup with a 2-0 win against Division One Tuffley Rovers. This saw confidence rise and they went on to break a Gloucestershire Northern Senior League record in winning Division Two with a Played 30, Won 30 record.

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

On July 10th 2007, the club decided not to take up the opportunity of playing in the BGB Southern League Division One Midlands for Season 2007/08, instead the club reverted back to the Gloucester Northern Senior League. This meant a big upheaval in the club both on and off the field with the manager Doug Foxwell and several senior players moving on the pastures new, however a loyal band of players stayed on including James Cole taking over as player manager with assistance from long term club captain Leon Sterling.

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

After three top six finishes in the Hellenic Premier League, The Swans applied for a transfer to the Toolstation Western Premier League, a move approved by the FA in the Summer of 2013. This season represents the Club's first season in this league.

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

At the start of the 2016-17 season prior to our annual friendly fixture with neighbours Forest Green Rovers, the football ground in Wisloe Road was renamed in honour of the gift in 1960 from former Chairman Evi Thornhill of the land the club still occupies to this day. Evi's son, Tony and his wife Margaret were on hand to cut the ceremonial ribbon, and Tony made a short heartfelt speech about how much the renaming meant to him and the entire Thornhill family, and how honoured they were that the football club had recognised their father in this way.



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2017-18 1st TEAM

FIXTURES

Sat 17/03/18	WCFC v Slimbridge	League
Sat 24/03/18	Evesham United v WCFC	League
Sat 31/03/18	WCFC v Cirencester Town	League
Mon 02/04/18	AFC Totton v WCFC	League
Sat 07/04/18	WCFC v Yate Town	League
Tue 10/04/18	Salisbury v WCFC	League
Sat 14/04/18	Swindon Supermarine v WCFC	League
Sat 21/04/18	WCFC v North Leigh	League
Sat 28/04/18	Bideford v WCFC	League

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2017-18 1st TEAM RESULTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>RESULT</u>	<u>COMPETITION</u>	<u>ATT</u>
Wed 05/07/17	Romsey Town 2-2 WCFC (Bailey, Stanley)	Pre-Season	
Fri 07/07/17	WCFC 3-2 Gosport Borough (Bailey 2, White)	Pre-Season	
Tue 11/07/17	WCFC 0-1 Hungerford Town	Pre-Season	
Sat 15/07/17	WCFC 4-0 Hanwell Town (O.G, White, Barron (pen), Byres)	Pre-Season	
Tue 18/07/17	WCFC P-P Sholing	Pre-Season	
Sat 22/07/17	Bashley 0-2 WCFC (Tomasso (pen), Stanley)	Pre-Season	
Tue 25/07/17	Blackfield & Langley 1-1 WCFC (Carr)	Pre-Season	
Sat 29/07/17	WCFC 3-3 Alresford Town (Jenkinson 2, Barron)	Pre-Season	
Tue 01/08/17	Moneyfields 3-3 WCFC (Barron 3 (3 pens))	Pre-Season	
Sat 05/08/17	WCFC 0-1 Farnborough	Pre-Season	
Sat 12/08/17	Shortwood United 2-4 WCFC (Bailey, Cox 3)	League	96
Tue 15/08/17	WCFC 0-1 Kidlington	League	116
Sat 19/08/17	Bracknell Town 0-4 WCFC (Cox, Carr, Jenkinson, Flocks)	FA Cup	238
Sat 26/08/17	Larkhall Athletic 1-2 WCFC (Carr, Cox)	League	114
Mon 28/08/17	WCFC 1-0 Wimborne Town (Harfield)	League	197
Sat 02/09/17	Paulton Rovers 1-0 WCFC	FA Cup	190
Sat 09/09/17	Cirencester Town 1-0 WCFC	League	121
Tue 19/09/17	WCFC 6-2 East Cowes Vics (Mlambo, Cox 4, Bailey)	H.Senior Cup	44
Sat 23/09/17	WCFC 3-0 Mangotsfield United (Cox, Carr, Bailey)	League	161
Tue 26/09/17	Didcot Town 2-4 WCFC (Bailey 2, Carr, Mlambo)	League	111
Sat 30/09/17	Barnstaple Town 1-4 WCFC (Bailey 2, Mlambo, Flocks)	League	130
Sat 07/10/17	Kidlington 3-1 WCFC (Harfield)	FA Trophy	78
Sat 14/10/17	WCFC 1-2 Bristol Manor Farm (Bailey)	League	194
Tue 17/10/17	WCFC 1-1 Paulton Rovers (Carr)	League	110
Sat 21/10/17	Taunton Town 4-1 WCFC (Bailey)	League	340
Fri 27/10/17	WCFC 4-5 Salisbury (Cook, Barron, Bailey 2)	League	623
Sat 04/11/17	Cinderford Town 2-2 WCFC (Gilbert, Cox)	League	118
Sat 11/11/17	WCFC 2-1 Bishops Cleeve (Bailey 2)	League	156
Tue 14/11/17	WCFC 4-1 Nursling (Andrady (pen), Corner, McCormick Sunley)	S.Senior Cup	66
Sat 18/11/17	Yate Town 1-1 WCFC (Cox)	League	152
Tue 21/11/17	WCFC 3-2 Swindon Supermarine (Barron 2 (2pens), Bailey)	League	85
Sat 25/11/17	WCFC 2-3 Bideford AFC (Sampson O.G, Bailey)	League	165
Tue 28/11/17	North Leigh 1-2 WCFC (Bailey, Jenkinson)	League	52
Sat 02/12/17	WCFC 2-0 Evesham United (Carr, Hill)	League	171
Tue 05/12/17	WCFC 3-3 Basingstoke Town (AET) (7-6 on pens)	H.Senior Cup	125
Sat 23/12/17	WCFC 5-1 Shortwood United (Cox 3, Bailey, Barron)	League	126
Tue 26/12/17	Wimborne Town 3-0 WCFC	League	235
Mon 01/01/18	WCFC 1-1 AFC Totton (Bailey)	League	325
Sat 06/01/18	Paulton Rovers 2-2 WCFC (Cox, Barron (pen))	League	118
Thu 11/01/18	WCFC 0-3 Southampton	S.Senior Cup	353
Sat 13/01/18	WCFC 3-1 Larkhall Athletic (Barron 2 (1pen), Bailey)	League	155
Wed 17/01/18	Slimbridge 2-0 WCFC	League	74
Tue 23/01/18	WCFC 4-3 Alresford Town	H.Senior Cup	104
Sat 27/01/18	WCFC 2-0 Cinderford Town (Gilbert, Cox)	League	140

Weds 31/01/18	Kidlington 1-1 WCFC (Cox)	League 60
Sat 03/02/18	Mangotsfield United 1-1 WCFC (Barron)	League 95
Sat 10/02/18	WCFC 2-0 Didcot Town (Barron 2 (1pen)	League 155
Sat 17/02/18	Bristol Manor Farm 4-1 WCFC (Williamson)	League 165
Tue 20/02/18	Bishops Cleeve 4-2 WCFC (Barron (pen), Bailey)	League 45
Sat 24/02/18	WCFC 1-1 Barnstaple Town (Cox (pen))	League 135
Tue 06/03/18	WCFC 0-1 Blackfield & Langley	H.Senior Cup 103

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Berks & Bucks Senior Cup Quarter-Final:

Didcot Town v Chesham United

Somerset Premier Cup Semi-Final:

Paulton Rovers v Wellington

Wiltshire Senior Cup Semi-Final:

Salisbury v Highworth Town @ Melksham Town

Thebigfreebet.com Challenge Cup Final:

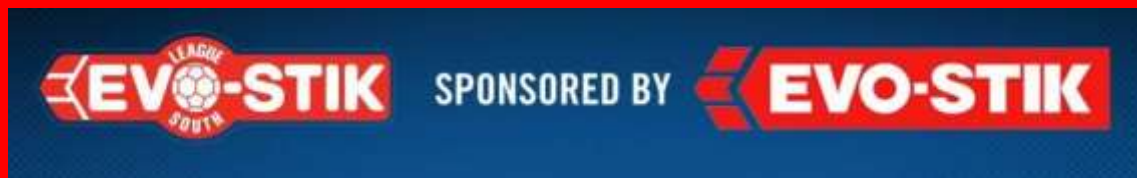
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Oxfordshire Senior Cup Semi-Final:

Banbury United v Kidlington @ North Leigh

Dorset Senior Cup Final:

Shaftesbury Town v Wimborne Town





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FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

Saturday 17th March

League

AFC Totton v Bristol Manor Farm
 Barnstaple Town v Cirencester Town
 Cinderford Town v Paulton Rovers
 Didcot Town v Mangotsfield United
 Kidlington v Wimborne Town
 Larkhall Athletic v Bishops Cleeve
 Salisbury v Taunton Town
 Shortwood United v Bideford
 Swindon Supermarine v Evesham United
WCFC v Slimbridge
 Yate Town v North Leigh

Monday 19th March

Thebigfreebet.com Challenge Cup Final

Hitchin Town v Didcot Town

Tuesday 20th March

League

AFC Totton v Swindon Supermarine
 Barnstaple Town v Taunton Town
 Bideford v Mangotsfield United
 Cinderford Town v Shortwood United
 Paulton Rovers v Larkhall Athletic

Wiltshire Senior Cup Semi-Final

Salisbury v Highworth Town (At Melksham Town FC)

Wednesday 21st March

League

Slimbridge v Kidlington

Saturday 24th March

League

Bideford v Salisbury
 Bishops Cleeve v Kidlington
 Bristol Manor Farm v Yate Town
 Cirencester Town v AFC Totton
Evesham United v WCFC
 Mangotsfield United v Shortwood United
 North Leigh v Cinderford Town

Paulton Rovers v Swindon Supermarine
Slimbridge v Didcot Town
Taunton Town v Larkhall Athletic
Wimborne Town v Barnstaple Town

Tuesday 27th March

League

Bishops Cleeve v Didcot Town
Bristol Manor Farm v Bideford
Cinderford Town v Larkhall Athletic
Mangotsfield United v North Leigh
Swindon Supermarine v Yate Town
Taunton Town v Wimborne Town

Wednesday 28th March

League

Kidlington v Shortwood United
Slimbridge v Barnstaple Town

Friday 30th March

League

Evesham United v Bideford

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1st TEAM LEAGUE TABLE

		P	W	D	L	FOR	AGAINST	G. DIFF	PTS
1	<u>TAUNTON TOWN</u>	30	22	7	1	70	28	42	73
2	<u>SALISBURY</u>	31	29	5	6	83	36	47	65
3	<u>EVESHAM UNITED</u>	33	16	7	10	57	49	8	55
4	<u>WIMBORNE TOWN</u>	31	16	5	10	70	41	29	53
5	<u>DIDCOT TOWN</u>	32	15	8	9	60	50	10	53
6	<u>BRISTOL MANOR FARM</u>	30	15	7	8	64	45	19	52
7	<u>SWINDON SUPERMARINE</u>	31	15	7	9	62	44	18	52
8	<u>AFC TOTTON</u>	32	15	6	11	54	39	15	51
9	<u>WCFC</u>	32	14	8	10	60	51	9	50
10	<u>BIDEFORD</u>	28	14	7	7	52	38	14	49
11	<u>CIRENCESTER TOWN</u>	33	14	6	13	69	64	5	48
12	<u>YATE TOWN</u>	32	12	11	9	61	57	4	47
13	<u>KIDLINGTON</u>	28	11	10	7	56	42	13	43
14	<u>LARKHALL ATHLETIC</u>	28	9	5	14	49	53	-4	32
15	<u>PAULTON ROVERS</u>	30	8	6	16	42	53	-11	30
16	<u>CINDERFORD TOWN</u>	28	6	11	11	36	44	-8	29
17	<u>MANGOTSFIELD UNITED</u>	31	7	8	16	32	60	-28	29
18	<u>SHORTWOOD UNITED</u>	29	6	10	13	48	81	-33	28
19	<u>NORTH LEIGH</u>	30	7	5	18	34	58	-24	26
20	<u>BARNSTAPLE TOWN</u>	31	6	7	18	41	71	-30	25
21	<u>SLIMBRIDGE</u>	31	6	6	19	36	86	-50	24
22	<u>BISHOPS CLEEVE</u>	29	4	2	23	30	76	-46	14

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RECENT RESULTS

Tuesday 13th March 2018

League

Paulton Rovers 1-2 Barnstaple Town (99)
 (Sam Hedges) (Billy Hopcroft, Niall Heeney)
 Yate Town 3-1 Larkhall Athletic (148)
 (Stephen Davies, Ross Langworthy, Nicholas Peare) (Joseph Tumelty)

Saturday 10th March 2018

League

Bideford 2-1 AFC Totton (232)
 (Joshua Key, Sean Downing) (Charlie Gunson)
 Evesham United 1-2 Salisbury (357)
 (Matthew Liddiard) (Daniel Young, George Colson (pen))
 Paulton Rovers 3-2 Shortwood United (102)
 (Jack Ball 2, Liam Monelle) (Jack Freeman 2)
 Swindon Supermarine 0-1 Wimborne Town (146)
 (Tobias Holmes (pen))
 Yate Town 2-2 Cirencester Town (162)
 (Stephen Davies, Mathew Tanner) (Benjamin Whitehead 2)

Tuesday 6th March 2018

League

North Leigh 0-1 AFC Totton (44)
 (Craig Feeney)
 Swindon Supermarine 8-0 Slimbridge (107)
 (Bradley Gray 3, Joe Selman 3, Connor Thompson, Zak Westlake)

Devon St Lukes Challenge Cup Semi-Final

Bideford 3-2 Willand Rovers (108)

Thebigfreebet.com Challenge Cup Semi-Final

Didcot Town 0-0 Larkhall Athletic (108) (4-2 on penalties)

Dorset Senior Cup Semi-Final

Poole Town 1-1 Wimborne Town (269) (2-4 on penalties)

Hampshire Senior Cup Semi-Final

WCFC 0-1 Blackfield & Langley (99)

Saturday 24th February 2018**League**

Bideford 0-4 Kidlington (184)
 (Conor McDonagh 3, Mark Janes)
 Bishops Cleeve 1-3 Salisbury (129)
 (Ieuan Crowe) (Owen Howe 2, George Colson (pen))
 Cinderford Town 1-1 Wimborne Town (84)
 (Richard Greaves) (Luke Burbidge)
 Evesham United 1-0 Bristol Manor Farm (245)
 (Carl Brown)
 Larkhall Athletic 3-3 Cirencester Town (134)
 (Joseph Tumelty, Matthew Britton 2) (Ben Whitehead (pen), Will Christopher, Alan Griffin)
 North Leigh 1-1 Taunton Town (87)
 (Declan Sheppard) (Craig Veal)
 Slimbridge 0-2 Mangotsfield United (102)
 (Kyle Tooze, Kane Simpson)
 Swindon Supermarine 5-1 Shortwood United (189)
 (Callum McGhee Parsons 2, Bradley Hooper 2 (1pen), Joe Selman) (Jack Freeman)
WCFC 1-1 Barnstaple Town (135)
(Pat Cox (pen)) (Billy Hopcroft)
 Yate Town 2-2 Didcot Town (139)
 (Adam Price, Stephen Davies (pen)) (George Jeacock (pen), Callum McNish)

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LEAGUE NEWS

BISHOPS CLEEVE – Basement side Bishops Cleeve have signed Tristan Haswell from Shortwood United.

BRISTOL MANOR FARM – The ‘Farmy Army’ have completed the signing of Jacob Cox from Larkhall Athletic.

CINDERFORD TOWN – James Harding has signed for Cinderford Town. Harding joins Cinderford from Yate Town.

Ryan Paddock has also signed for Cinderford, joining the club from North Leigh.

A third arrival at Cinderford Town this week is William Tunnicliff. He has signed for Town from Bishops Cleeve.

EVESHAM UNITED – United have signed Garyn Preen from Hereford United. Also, joining United is Cameron Ebbutt. Ebbutt signs on loan from Bristol Rovers.

LARKHALL ATHLETIC – Kailan Gould has opted to leave Mangotsfield United, and Gould has instead signed for the Larks.

MANGOTSFIELD UNITED – Martin Stowell has left the Mangos and has signed for Odd Down.

SALISBURY – Steve Claridge has this week completed the loan signing of Lewis Ellington. Ellington has made the temporary switch to the Raymond McEnhill Stadium from Bristol Rovers. Also, joining the Whites is Luke Hopper. Hopper has moved to Salisbury from Hungerford Town.

SWINDON SUPERMARINE – Play-off chasing, Swindon Supermarine, have captured the signature of Lee Marshall from Paulton Rovers.

TAUNTON TOWN – Nuno Felix has signed for the league leaders from strugglers, Paulton Rovers.

YATE TOWN – Another player to leave Paulton Rovers like Felix, is David Sims, who has left the club to switch to Yate Town. Leaving Yate Town, however, is Kyle Thomas. Thomas has signed for Bristol Manor Farm.

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RESULTS

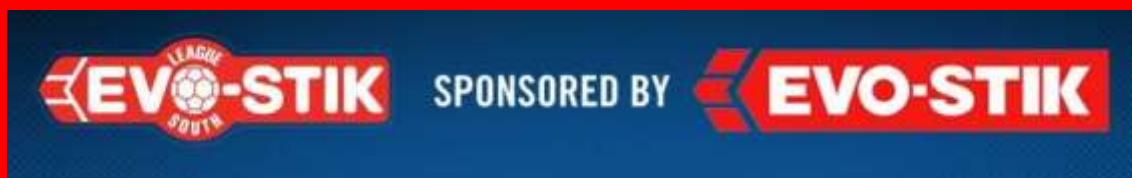
Weds 16/08/17	Poole Town 6-1 WCFC	League
Weds 23/08/17	Bashley 2-1 WCFC	League
Tues 29/08/17	WCFC 1-2 Basingstoke Town	League
Tues 12/09/17	Tadley Calleva 0-2 WCFC	Memorial Shield
Thur 28/09/17	WCFC 0-1 Salisbury	League
Wed 04/10/17	Lymington Town 2-1 WCFC	Challenge Cup
Thurs 12/10/17	WCFC 1-0 AFC Stoneham	S. Senior cup
Wed 18/10/17	AFC Portchester 0-2 WCFC	League
Tues 24/10/17	AFC Stoneham 1-3 WCFC	Memorial Shield
Thur 02/11/17	WCFC 2-1 Dorchester Town	League
Wed 08/11/17	Wimborne Town 1-7 WCFC	League
Tue 14/11/17	WCFC 4-1 Nursling	S. Senior Cup
Thu 11/01/18	WCFC 0-3 Southampton	S. Senior Cup
Wed 31/01/18	Gosport Borough 3-0 WCFC	Memorial Shield
Thu 22/02/18	Salisbury 3-1 WCFC	League

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FIXTURES

Tue 13/03/18	WCFC v Wimborne Town	League
Tue 20/03/18	WCFC v Poole Town	

OTHER FIXTURES TBC



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<u>Salisbury</u>	8	8	0	0	27	7	20	24
<u>Poole Town</u>	8	7	0	1	34	7	27	21
<u>Basingstoke Town</u>	11	6	1	4	26	22	4	19
<u>Dorchester Town</u>	7	4	1	2	26	13	13	13
<u>Moneyfields</u>	8	4	0	4	20	20	0	12
<u>Bashley</u>	9	3	1	5	9	25	-16	10
WCFC	8	3	0	5	15	16	-1	9
<u>Wimborne Town</u>	12	2	1	9	16	41	-25	7
<u>AFC Portchester</u>	12	1	2	9	13	36	-23	5

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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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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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MALCOLM’S MUSINGS

We welcome Slimbridge to Winchester for today’s game. Earlier in the season we were beaten 2-0 at Slimbridge thanks to a goal in each half with Adam Mace and Jack Twyman scoring the goals. We have in fact never won on their ground, although we have won both of the games between the clubs on this ground, with last season’s corresponding match being won 7-0 thanks to four goals from Craig Feeney and one each from Adam Tomasso, Jamie Barron and Jack Hannam. Last season in fact the games between the two clubs saw a total of 15 games scored.

At the time of writing Slimbridge were 3rd from bottom, but we shall not underestimate them as teams in the lower regions of the table have a habit of taking points off us. Apart from the loss at Slimbridge earlier in the season we have recently lost to Bishops Cleeve, and failed to beat both Mangotsfield and Barnstaple, while we failed to beat Paulton Rovers in three games between the clubs. Four of Slimbridge’s six league wins have been away from home and these include a success against AFC Totton, while at home they have beaten Bristol Manor Farm and held Taunton to a draw.

In their two seasons of Southern League football Slimbridge have finished 18th and 20th, but prior to the 2015/16 season the two clubs had never met. I have personally visited their ground in the 2009/10 season and found them to be a friendly club. That season they won the Hellenic League Division 1 title and their ground is ironically located in Cambridge, although the Gloucestershire version.

Although there is evidence of Slimbridge playing local football as far back as the 19th century they have only recently started to play senior non-league football. They were previously members of the Stroud and District League, and also had a spell in the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League. In 1998/99 they were champions of the former league, finishing 7 points clear of their nearest rivals in a 26-game season in which only 2 points were awarded for a win. In 2000/01 they finished runners up to Sharpness in the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League Division 1. In 2001/02 they finished second in the Gloucestershire Senior League finishing only one point behind Roman Glass St George and this enabled them to play in the Hellenic League. In each of these successful seasons they averaged more than two points per game and had a goal difference greater than 40.

In 2002/03 they won the Division 1 West title with 93 points from 38 games, scoring 114 league goals and conceding 28, and they finished 11 points ahead of runners up Chipping Norton. This success earned them the right to play in the Hellenic League Premier Division, and in their first three seasons at this level achieved league positions of 4th, 4th and 5th. However, in 2006/07 they did even better winning the title with 88 points from 38 games, and a goal difference of +64. That season having reached the 3rd round of the F A Vase in each of the previous two seasons, they reached the 5th round of the competition before losing to eventual winners Truro City.

Their success in winning the Hellenic League championship qualified them to play in the Southern League, but they were unable to fulfil their commitments and withdrew without kicking a ball.

However the following season they reformed and joined the Gloucestershire Senior League which they finished champions of in 2008/09 with a record of 24 wins, 4 draws and 4 losses from 32 league games, with a goal difference of +55. As a result they returned to the Hellenic Division 1 West which they again won, this time with a record of 67 points from 30 games and this success enabled them to return to the Premier Division where they finished 5th, 5th and 6th before switching to the Western League

After a difficult first season in which they finished in the bottom six, they did much better in 2014/15 acquiring 3rd spot and having the best defensive record, with their results including away wins against the top two teams in Melksham and Buckland. This success earned them, promotion to the Southern League. I heard talk of Terry Bone organising an old players reunion at today’s game so if this takes place I hopes it is a success.

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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.

DAN WILLIAMSON – Referred to by Manager, Craig Davis as an “electric-heeled, attack-minded right back” joined the club from Fleet Town. Williamson has also previously played for Marlow and Hungerford Town.

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.

ADAM TOMASSO - Had a brilliant season for City and part of the promotion side in 2014/2015. Played for AFC Totton and Lymington Town. A student fabricator/welder, another one of our long serving players.

ROB FLOOKS – Centre-back who is in his second spell with the club. Flooks previously played for Fawley AFC and AFC Totton before he first came to City. Flooks subsequently left the club due to work commitments and switched to Alresford Town before returning to City this summer.

JOSH HARFIELD – 21 year-old defender who was City reserve player three seasons ago. Since played for Whitchurch United and most recently, Fleet Town, Harfield has returned to City this summer, a player with real potential for the future.

JOE HAYWARD – Defender who joined us last season having previously been with Eastleigh FC, unfortunately broke his leg during last year but returned quickly and showed what great potential he has. Delighted he is with us again this year and look forward to seeing him in action.

ANDY JENKINSON - Twenty one year old Andy started his career at Reading, before joining Basingstoke Town when he was released by the Royals in 2013. He appeared for Basingstoke more than 50 times over two seasons, before moving on to Maidenhead United. Andy signed for Chippenham in the close season, but he became frustrated by the lack of first team opportunities. He joined City with a determination to demonstrate his ability on a regular basis last season, he has returned for another season this year having impressed last year.

JAMIE BARRON - Resigned from Gosport Borough Jamie has played for Salisbury, Andover, Sholing and Folland Sports. A winner of a Schools National Cup medal. Scored a hat-trick of

penalties in a pre-season friendly with Moneyfields this summer. Appointed Captain this season and a really important player for us.

OLI BAILEY – 20 year-old striker who has joined the club this summer from Gosport Borough, Has also previously played for Swindon Supermarine and started out as a youngster at Southampton FC. Pacey, enthusiastic forward with a bright future. Has already shown how good he is during pre season

PAT COX – A prolific striker that has signed for City at the end of this pre-season. Cox joined from Farnborough and also previously played for Fleet Town, Hayes & Yeading and Staines Town. Has been prolific at each of his previous clubs scoring 30 goals plus in each of the last few seasons at step 3 and 4, links back up once again with Manager, Craig Davis.

ROB CARR – 24 year-old highly rated winger that has previously played for both Woking and also Fleet Town. Another regular goalscorer with 20 goals plus in the last 3 seasons for Fleet Town.

SIMBA MLAMBO – Also signed from Davis' former club, Fleet Town. Mlambo has spent the past few seasons 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.

IK HILL – 16 year old forward player who broke through into the first team ranks last season, a player with a really bright future ahead of him, was looked at closely by Portsmouth FC last season, we are delighted to have him with us again and carry on developing his career this year.

OLLIE GRIGGS – Very promising central midfielder signed on loan from Dorchester Town. He has performed very well for Dorchester this season but has come to us for extra experience. He was previously highly regarded at Eastleigh FC and had first team experience with them.

JOE SOWDEN – Tenacious ball playing midfielder who has signed for us recently. He had success playing for Camberley Town in the Combined Counties league and also Fleet Town.

GARETH BYRES – Player-Coach who has played for us in the past with distinction. Byres was previously running the club's Under 16 side before stepping up to become First Team Coach. Has had an excellent playing career for ourselves, Fleet Town and AFC Totton where he appeared at Wembley in the FA Vase.

CRAIG DAVIS – Player-Manager who came to City from Fleet Town after relinquishing his position as Manager. Took over as Interim Manager until the end of the 2016-17 season before taking over the reigns permanently. His playing career started off as a pro at Cardiff City before spells at Bashley, Salisbury, Gosport Borough and AFC Totton. Has won both the Southern League South and West and Premier as a player.

BARRY BLANKLEY – Assistant Manager – Joined Craig as his assistant manager this season having previously worked with him as a player at Salisbury and Bashley. Barry was a professional as a player at Southampton and Aldershot Town and has managed Bashley and AFC Totton in the past, was also Assistant Manager for Salisbury and Havant & Waterlooville.

RICHARD MORSE – Coach – Joined Davis backroom staff this season, previously Assistant Manager at Brockenhurst FC and had a good playing career at several clubs including Bashley, Brockenhurst, Lymington Town, an important part of the management team this year.

PETE MILLARD – Scout – Someone Craig Davis brought to the club this season and has previously worked for Bashley FC and Craig at Fleet Town, has a wealth of knowledge and provides important information to Craig throughout the season, really crucial member of the management team.

MARK GIBSON – Sports Therapist – ‘Gibbo’ joined The Citizens early in the 2016-17 season after spending 2 ½ seasons with Havant & Waterlooville FC. Has hard work experience with Portsmouth FC, as well as several clients including Rugby, Gymnastics, and an Iron Man! A valuable, and much-loved member of the backroom staff.



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TODAY’S LINE-UPS
Saturday March 17th
Evo-Stik League South
West:

WCFC (Red & Black Shirts, Red Shorts, Red

Socks) From:

RYAN PRYCE
DAN WILLIAMSON
JOE HAYWOOD
ADAM TOMASSO
JOE COOK
JOSH HARFIELD
ANDY JENKINSON
JAMIE BARRON
OLI BAILEY
PAT COX
ROB CARR
SIMBA MLAMBO
CRAIG DAVIS
IK HILL
RICCARDO ANDRADY
GARETH BYRES
JOE SOWDEN
OLLIE GRIGGS

Manager – CRAIG DAVIS
A/Manager – BARRY BLANKLEY
First-Team Coach – GARETH BYRES
First-Team Coach – RICHARD MORSE

Sports Therapist – JO BROCKSOM
Sports Therapist – MARK GIBSON

Referee – ROBERT ABLITT

SLIMBRIDGE AFC:

From:

OLIVER HAUL
SAM TURL
KIERAN SQUIRES
KOREY PRING
TOM HOSKINS
EDWARD WARD
DEAN TURNER
JOE STOKES
LEE SMITH
LIAM GAYLE
MARLEY THOMAS
SEAN LAWSON
JAMIE MARTIN
JOE WILTON
JACK TWYMAN

Manager – FREDDY WARD

A.Referee’s - Stuart Carter & Nathan Cook