



THE CITIZENS POST

WCFC v Slimbridge AFC

Saturday 16th March 2019

Evo-Stik League South Division One South



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FROM THE BOARDROOM

Good Afternoon All and welcome to the Simplyhealth City Ground for today's Evo-Stik League South Division One South fixture between Winchester City FC and Slimbridge.

We would like to issue a warm welcome to the Players, Officials and Supporters that have made the journey from Slimbridge and we hope you enjoy your evening with us and have a safe journey home.

We have already had three dramatic encounters when we have played against Slimbridge so far this campaign, so we are very much looking forward to today's game.

Unfortunately, the weather ensured that our much-anticipated clash with AFC Totton was postponed on Tuesday night, but we are delighted to announce that the game will now be taking place on Tuesday 9th April, kick-off 19:45 at The Simplyhealth City Ground.

It has been another busy week behind the scenes and the club are delighted to announce that David Jerrard has signed for City having left Gosport Borough.

If you aren't a follower already, don't forget that as well as Twitter and Facebook, the club is also on *Instagram* "winchestercityfc"!

Up next, City travel to Larkhall Athletic on Saturday 23rd March – there are spaces on the coach still available, visit the unofficial forum to secure your place.

Winchester City Under 16s are in Hampshire Cup Final action on Sunday at 11am at Alton FC. The young Citizens will take on Sholing in the showpiece fixture.

Thank-you for your continued support in this exciting season so far – good luck to the lads today!

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DAVO'S DIARY

Good afternoon and a very warm welcome to everyone for today's league match against Slimbridge. I wish their players, staff and supporters a pleasant afternoon and a safe trip home afterwards.

Slimbridge are a club who I have a lot of respect for, they always play with a real energy and commitment and are tough to beat, I'm very pleased that they look like they are free from any relegation fears after a brilliant last gasp 4-3 win against Totton last weekend, it is without question a game that we will need to be at our best in again, we look forward to the game though.

Last weekend was brilliant, the performance that we put in against a Street side who were in the play-off mix and with a very good defensive record was outstanding, to win the game was great but to do so 5-0 with some superb football gave me immense pleasure and pride! Oli Bailey scored a hat trick, Jamie Barron and IK Hill with the goals. Sadly, the weather got the better of us to back that up in midweek against AFC Totton, instead though we had a good week training and buzzing ready for today's game.

On the player side we have Rob Carr missing through injury although that shouldn't be too long term, Brett Cunningham is still struggling with a muscular injury, George Short who has been out since we signed him is nearing a return to training which would be a welcome boost. We also have the sad news that Ollie Griggs is needing to rest his injury for the foreseeable future, he is still a major part of the plans at this club, but he needs to take a break for now. To combat that we have signed midfielder David Jerrard from Gosport who has good southern league experience, he has settled in well this week and I'm looking forward to him doing well for us. We did try and sign another player this week, unfortunately as is always the case we do not sign players for extortionate money, that counts against us in the short term however the long-term future is the key for the football club. We are enjoying the season and what we have done this year, we will be trying everything to finish as high as we can, if we don't achieve the dream though there will be no recriminations for the club, we continue to have the long term future of the club in mind that's the only expectation here - Play good football, develop a young side who can improve gradually without overspending our means, then to finish as high as we can whilst not chasing the dream!

Enjoy today's game, please do shout and cheer us on as much as possible, we need it, we have been phenomenal the last 2 home games scoring 12 goals without reply, it's rare to have stress free ends to games these days and so when it's close and tight we need that support! It is hugely appreciated by all of us.

Up the citizens!

Davo



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TODAY'S VISITORS – SLIMBRIDGE AFC

CLUB HISTORY

The Gloucestershire village of Slimbridge is world renowned for Peter Scott's Wildfowl Trust 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 Chairman, 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.

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 were handed over to Leon Sterling, who moved into the Manager's role, joined by Assistant and long-time Slimbridge stalwart Freddy Ward.

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. After a period of adjustment, a good second half of the season saw the side comfortably avoid the dogfight at the bottom half of the table.

The Swans' second season in the Western League saw the side build on the back end of the previous campaign and ended up with the club clinching third spot. With neither of the two sides above them applying to go up, Slimbridge were promoted to the Southern League Division One South and West.

Now at the start of their third season at Southern League level, Freddy Ward moved into the Manager's hot seat halfway through last season and has recruited Lee Driver-Dickerson as his Assistant, as the Swans look to consolidate their position. At the start of the 2016-7 Season, the Wisloe Road Ground was renamed 'Thornhill Park' in recognition of the donation to the club of the land we currently occupy by Evi Thornhill. The opening ceremony was attended by Evi's son Tony, and his wife Margaret. The Club have since smashed their ground attendance record, when just under a thousand fans saw them take on Hereford FC last season, and the club have also played Cheltenham Town and Bristol Rovers in the GFA Senior Challenge Cup. At the start of the 2017-8 Lee Driver-Dickerson took over as Manager following Freddy Ward's retirement.

The following Summer saw the arrival of Dave Strain as Assistant Manager and Rebecca Cox as Physiotherapist.

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PLAYER PROFILES

Lewis Adams

An excellent young keeper who plays for our Under 18s, has a bright future ahead of him.

Jaden Maddock

Another exciting youngster who plays for our Under 18s, Jaden has impressed for our youth team and will be looking to cement a regular first team place.

Korey Pring

21-year-old defender who had a very good season last year, reliable and very strong, Korey will be looking to push on for us this year.

Jack Dempsey

Jack's first season with us this year, looked very strong in pre-season, this 29-year-old has previous experience at Southern league level, formerly with Oldland Abbotonians.

Christien Turner

This 24-year-old defender could be the find of the season, signed from neighbours Brimscombe & Thrupp in the summer, Christien has already shown great potential.

Joe Noakes

A 21-year-old signing from Bishops Cleeve in the summer, Joe will be looking to establish a regular first team place in this, his first season with us.

Dean Turner

Known as 'Deano' to everyone here at Thornhill Park, Dean is in his 9th season with the swans, a true clubman who will never lie down.

Sam Mendes

Another excellent signing by manager Lee Driver-Dickerson in the summer, Sam is well respected locally, formerly with Westfields FC, strong tackler and passes a ball well.

Ben Hands

Recruited from Bishops Cleeve pre-season, 21-year-old Ben arrives at Thornhill Park with high hopes of establishing himself after we received very good reports about him.

Joe Wilton

Joe's second season with us, has good speed and can cause problems for opposing defences, hoping to see Joe progress further with us this season and establish a regular first team place.

Adam Bloomfield

Adam has been a scoring sensation for our Under 18s so has rightly been given his chance in the first team where hopefully he can progress.

Will Hawes

A great signing for the Swans in pre-season, Will played at Shortwood Utd last year, a strong, bustling forward who will be looking to get his name on the scoresheet regularly this season.

Jamie Martin

Long serving stalwart, Jamie is now classed as a senior Swan, always capable of making and scoring goals, a popular player here at Thornhill Park.

Ewen Dunbar

Transferred from Evesham Utd in August Ewen is a very quick forward, this 19-year-old has a big season ahead of him.

Liam Smith

A strong midfielder in his second spell with the swans, played at Hartpury college, 23 years old.

Mark Magee

A mid-season signing from Westfields, a proven goal scorer at this level, mark will bring some much needed experience to the side.

Manager- Lee Driver-Dickerson

Lee was assistant to manager Freddy Ward last season and has been appointed in the hot seat after Freddy stood down pre-season, a great motivator and man manager.

Assistant manager- Dave Strain

Dave comes with great experience behind him, was assistant manager to John Brough at North Leigh last season and previous to that spent 16 years coaching at Cheltenham Town academy.

Sports therapist- Rebecca Cox

Newly appointed this season, Rebecca also doubles up as physio for our u/18s development team, Rebecca has settled in well with us here at Thornhill Park since her arrival.





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MALCOLM'S MUSINGS

We welcome Slimbridge to Winchester for today's game, earlier in the season we won 3-1 at Slimbridge thanks to goals by Ollie Griggs, Jamie Barron and Oli Bailey with Dean Turner scoring for Slimbridge so today we have a chance to complete our first ever league double against them. However, we will not need reminding that they knocked us out of the FA Trophy on penalties after a replay despite us leading four times in the tie which produced 2-2 and 3-3 draws, with Ewen Dunbar scoring twice for Slimbridge in the replay. In last season's corresponding match, we won 3-0 with Craig Davis, an own goal and Pat Cox scoring our goals. However earlier in that season we were beaten 2-0 at Slimbridge thanks to a goal in each half with Adam Mace and Jack Twyman scoring the goals. The previous season to that saw both games won by the home team with a total of 15 goals being scored with Craig Feeney scoring four goals in the home game.

At the time of writing Slimbridge were 4th from bottom, but we shall not underestimate having seen them eliminate us from the FA Trophy and also losing to Barnstaple. This season Slimbridge have amongst their results beaten Bideford at home and drawn with Cirencester away from home.

In their three seasons of Southern League football Slimbridge have finished 18th, 20th 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.



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RESULTS

DATE	FIXTURE	COMPETITION	ATTENDANCE
Sat 18/08/18	Mangotsfield United 1-2 WCFC (Bailey, Mitford)	League	150
Tue 21/08/18	WCFC 3-2 Thatcham Town (Rusher, Cook, Mitford)	League	220
Sat 25/08/18	WCFC 1-0 Bournemouth (Mitford)	FA Cup	109
Mon 27/08/18	Moneyfields 0-2 WCFC (Barron, Bailey)	League	102
Sat 01/09/18	WCFC 2-2 Melksham Town (Cook, Mlambo)	League	160
Tue 04/09/18	WCFC 1-1 Gosport Borough (Roberts)	League Cup	106
Sat 08/09/18	Frome Town 1-1 WCFC (Mitford)	FA Cup	165
Tue 11/09/18	WCFC 2-1 Frome Town (AET) (Mitford, Cocklin)	FA Cup	151
Sat 15/09/18	WCFC 2-3 Paulton Rovers (Mitford, Own Goal)	League	152
Sat 22/09/18	Merthyr Town 1-4 WCFC (Barron, Mitford 3)	FA Cup	291
Sat 29/09/18	Slimbridge 2-2 WCFC (Barron, Mitford)	FA Trophy	85
Tue 02/10/18	WCFC 3-3 Slimbridge (AET) (Mitford 2 (1pen), Barron)	FA Trophy	93
Sat 06/10/18	WCFC 3-0 Cirencester Town (Carr, Mlambo, Hayward (pen))	FA Cup	302
Tue 09/10/18	WCFC 0-0 Hartley Wintney	Hampshire Senior Cup	102
Tue 16/10/18	Cirencester Town 3-2 WCFC (Bailey, Barron)	League	108
Sat 20/10/18	Torquay United 4-1 WCFC (Hayward (pen))	FA Cup	2,202
Tue 23/10/18	AFC Totton 1-1 WCFC (Bailey)	League	362
Thur 25/10/18	WCFC 3-3 Folland Sports (Rusher, Krygier, Croucher)	Soton Senior Cup	32
Sat 27/10/18	WCFC 1-1 Highworth Town (Bailey)	League	123
Sat 03/11/18	Barnstaple Town 3-2 WCFC (Bailey, Mitford)	League	138
Tue 13/11/18	WCFC 1-2 Evesham United (Carr)	League	136
Sat 17/11/18	WCFC 0-1 Yate Town	League	195
Thur 22/11/18	WCFC 2-2 Montefiore Halls (AET) (Davis, Mlambo)	Soton Senior Cup	39
Sat 24/11/18	Slimbridge 1-3 WCFC (Griggs, Barron, Bailey)	League	75
Tue 27/11/18	Fleet Town 1-2 WCFC (Rawkins, Mitford)	League	101
Sat 01/12/18	WCFC 1-0 Larkhall Athletic (Hill)	League	120
Sat 08/12/18	Street 0-2 WCFC (Rawkins, Cunningham)	League	120
Sat 15/12/18	WCFC 2-2 Bideford (Mitford, Harfield)	League	115
Sat 22/12/18	Bristol Manor Farm 3-1 WCFC (Bailey)	League	151
Wed 26/12/18	WCFC 0-3 Moneyfields	League	182
Sat 29/12/18	WCFC 4-0 Mangotsfield United (Mitford 3 (1pen), Gilbert)	League	138
Tue 01/01/19	Blackfield & Langley 0-4 WCFC (Mitford 2 (1pen), Cunningham, Flocks)	League	149
Sat 05/01/19	WCFC 2-2 Cinderford Town (Harfield 2)	League	194
Sat 12/01/19	Thatcham Town 1-1 WCFC (Barron)	League	218
Tue 15/01/19	WCFC 2-0 Bashley (Bailey 2)	Soton Senior Cup	84
Sat 19/01/19	Paulton Rovers 0-1 WCFC (Mlambo)	League	141
Sat 26/01/19	WCFC 3-2 Cirencester Town (Flocks, Mlambo, Mitford)	League	154
Sat 16/02/19	Evesham United 0-2 WCFC (Barron, Mitford)	League	227
Sat 23/02/19	WCFC 7-0 Barnstaple Town (Barron (pen), Bailey, Hayward, Mlambo, Gilbert, Mitford 2)	League	162
Wed 27/02/19	Highworth Town 1-4 WCFC (Harfield 2, Cook, Bailey)	League	134
Sat 02/03/19	Bideford 1-0 WCFC	League	210
Sat 09/03/19	WCFC 5-0 Street (Bailey 3, Hill, Barron)	League	141

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CLUB FIXTURES (All Teams)

Sat 16/03/19	WCFC v Slimbridge (League)
Sun 17/03/19	WCFC U16s v Sholing U16s (Hampshire Cup Final – 11am at Alton FC)
Sat 23/03/19	Larkhall Athletic v WCFC (League)
Tue 26/03/19	Christchurch U18s v WCFC U18s (HCYFL)
Sat 30/03/19	WCFC v Fleet Town (League)
Sun 31/03/19	WCFC U16s v Baddesley Park U16s (CSYFL – At Winchester College)
Mon 01/04/19	Andover Town U18s v WCFC U18s (Cup Semi-Final)
Sat 06/04/19	Yate Town v WCFC (League)
Sun 07/04/19	Baddesley Park U16s v WCFC U16s (CSYFL)
Sun 07/04/19	WCFC U18s v Moneyfields U18s (HCYFL – At Whitchurch United FC)
Tue 09/04/19	WCFC v AFC Totton (League)
Sat 13/04/19	WCFC v Bristol Manor Farm (League)
Sun 14/04/19	Sholing U18s v WCFC U18s (HCYFL)
Fri 19/04/19	Melksham Town v WCFC (League)
Mon 22/04/19	WCFC v Blackfield & Langley (League)
Sat 27/04/19	Cinderford Town v WCFC (League)
Sun 28/04/19	WCFC U16s v Hamble Club U16s (CSYFL – At Winchester College)
Sun 28/04/19	Brockenhurst U18s v WCFC U18s (HCYFL)

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WCFC FORTHCOMING

RESERVE FIXTURES

Saturday 16th March – Romsey Town FC Reserves v WCFC Reserves

Tues 19th March – WCFC Reserves v Wimborne Town Reserves (At The Simplyhealth City Ground)

Saturday 30th March – Christchurch Reserves v WCFC Reserves



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WHO'S WHO?

BEHIND THE SCENES

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EVO-STIK LEAGUE SOUTH DIVISION ONE SOUTH FIXTURES

Saturday 16th March 2019

League

Barnstaple Town v Fleet Town
Bristol Manor Farm v AFC Totton
Cinderford Town v Thatcham Town
Cirencester Town v Yate Town
Mangotsfield United v Larkhall Athletic
Melksham Town v Highworth Town
Moneyfields v Bideford
Paulton Rovers v Evesham United
Street v Blackfield & Langley
WCFC v Slimbridge

Saturday 23rd March 2019

League

AFC Totton v Barnstaple Town
Bideford v Cinderford Town
Evesham United v Bristol Manor Farm
Fleet Town v Cirencester Town
Highworth Town v Mangotsfield United
Larkhall Athletic v WCFC
Slimbridge v Melksham Town
Street v Moneyfields
Thatcham Town v Blackfield & Langley
Yate Town v Paulton Rovers

Tuesday 26th March 2019

League

Cinderford Town v Melksham Town

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TOP GOALSCORERS

EVO-STIK LEAGUE SOUTH DIVISION ONE SOUTH

1. Ben Whitehead (Cirencester Town) 30
2. Lewis Powell (Larkhall Athletic) 20
3. Alan Griffin (Cirencester Town) 20
4. Steve Hutchings (Moneyfields) 17
5. Louis Britton (Mangotsfield United) 15
6. ***Tyrell Mitford (WCFC) 15***
7. Kane Simpson (Evesham United) 15
8. Lerone Plummer (Blackfield & Langley) 14
9. Craig Feeney (AFC Totton) 13
10. Shane Cooper-Clark (Thatcham Town) 13

WCFC U18s LEAGUE TABLE

POS	CLUB	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	<u>TEAM SOLENT</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>30</u>
2	<u>WCFC</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>30</u>
3	<u>MONEYFIELDS</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>18</u>
4	<u>BROCKENHURST</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>17</u>
5	<u>SHOLING</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>14</u>
6	<u>AFC TOTTON</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>-3</u>	<u>12</u>
7	<u>AFC STONEHAM</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>-7</u>	<u>10</u>
8	<u>CHRISTCHURCH</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>-7</u>	<u>3</u>
9	<u>AFC PORTCHESTER</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>-43</u>	<u>0</u>

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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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.

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.

JOSH HARFIELD – 23-year-old defender who has played for Whitchurch United and most recently, Fleet Town, Harfield has returned to City last 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 recently 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.

JAMIE BARRON - Resigned 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.

OLI BAILEY – 20-year-old striker who has joined the club last 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. Scored 21 goals last season and is looking to push on again this campaign.

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

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. Another playing starting his second season with City.

JOSH TOMBS - 17-year-old youth team goalkeeper who was promoted to the first team squad this year after an excellent season in the reserves last season.

JOSH CORNER - midfielder who is still in the youth team but made several appearances and impressed last season despite his young age.

HARVEY CLARK - Another youth team player who made a first team debut last season, he is a defender who we have high hopes for.

TYRELL MITFORD - Forward player signed from Team Solent, played for Gosport at step 3 last season, excited to have this player on board and has already settled in well after signing this summer. Mitford previously has football league experience with QPR.

JAKE RAWKINS - Diminutive tricky winger who we signed from Bemerton in the Wessex league after scoring a lot of goals for them last season. He has played at this level previously for AFC Totton.

LIAM GILBERT - Combative ball playing midfield player in his first full season for the Citizens after signing halfway through last season, previously captain for AFC Totton.

MATT ANDREWS - Forward player signed this summer from Fareham Town, has played at this level in the past for Petersfield Town. **Currently dual-registered with Fleetlands in the Hampshire Premier League.**

BRAD GALE - Powerful midfielder who has signed after a brief spell last season, played for Verwood Town and Poole Town where he was highly regarded by their supporters. **Currently dual-registered with Hamworthy United.**

BEN SUNLEY - goal scoring Forward player who had a fantastic season in the reserves last season, still a youth team player but has been heavily involved in the 1st team already.

CALLUM KITCHER - Delighted to sign Callum this season, he joined our reserves after the deadline day at end of last season, played a number of games for the reserve team and impressed, look forward to having him in the squad this season. **Currently dual-registered with Hamble Club.**

BRETT CUNNINGHAM – A young 17-year-old midfielder who joined the club from Farnborough earlier this season. A tricky winger with bags of pace.

MATT BENHAM – Returned to City this season from Thatcham Town. Creative forward-thinking player with an eye for goal. **Currently dual-registered with Bitton AFC.**

GEORGE SHORT – Returned to City this season from Bracknell Town and has also previously played for Slough Town. Returning from injury shortly.

OLLIE GRIGGS – Joined the club on loan from Dorchester Town this month for a second time, having served City on loan last season as well. Griggs then made his switch a permanent one to City in the New Year.

GRAHAM WILLIAMS – ‘Geordie’ joined the club in the New Year from Sydenhams Football League (Wessex) Premier Division side, Bemerton Heath Harlequins. Versatile defender.

JOE COOK – A defender/midfielder that has turned in eye-catching displays this season. Has made the central midfield berth his own alongside skipper, Jamie Barron.

DAVID JERRARD – New Signing from Gosport Borough. Attacking midfielder that also lists Dorchester Town and Bashley amongst his former sides.

ROB FLOOKS – Central defender who has recently returned to the club from Gosport Borough.

BRENDAN NORRIS – A Goalkeeper who has also returned to City this season, signing from Fleet Town.

STAFF PROFILES

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 reins 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.

JO BROCKSOM - Jo is in her 3rd season now at Winchester as Sports therapist, this is her 1st season taking a leading role though, has been integral in keeping our players on the pitch and delighted to have her with the club again this season.

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.

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TODAY'S SQUADS

WINCHESTER CITY FC (From):

RYAN PRYCE
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