SWINDON & DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Good afternoon everyone and a very warm welcome on behalf of the Swindon & District Football League. Welcome to the Royal Wootton Bassett Sports Association for the George Thomas Memorial & Don Rogers, and the Swindon Advertiser 2018 Cup Finals.

In the first final today we see FC Dorcan of the Premier Division play Redhouse of League One.

In the Swindon Advertiser Final, we see the return of Bakers Arms, playing the Division One high flyers Ruby Removals. Over the years the League Rules have been voted in by clubs and because of the prestige of the cup competitions, player eligibility for these cup matches has always been important. The rules aim to ensure teams keep to the spirit of grass roots football, precluding signing on players late in the day. Anyone playing for senior clubs is similarly excluded, after all the competition is for our journeymen players, rather than players in a position to earn boot money. If you've played for the team all year, you get the chance to play in Swindon's oldest Football competition. On behalf of all the offi cers of the Swindon & District Football League, I would like to extend a warm welcome and congratulations to the teams their managers, supporters and the match officials taking part, and hope they all have a good and enjoyable day.

I also extend my thanks and a warm welcome to Jim Thorn, patron of the George Thomas/Don Rogers Cup as well as to the Swindon Advertiser Sports Editor. We hope you all enjoy the day and the game.

Thanks to the Directors, Offi cers, Catering Staff, Bar Staff and the Ground Staff at the Royal Wootton Bassett Sports Association for their hospitality and for the use of their stadium and facilities.

I would especially like to thank our sponsors, the Swindon Advertiser and Don Rogers. In promoting and fi nancially supporting these competitions, every player involved in the league gets a chance to play in the longest standing competition in local football.

Good Luck to all involved, enjoy the games and everyone have a safe journey home.

Jerry Welch

Chairman, Swindon District Football League

HALL OF FAME

We remember and honour the characters of grass roots football in Swindon.

We began our Hall of Fame at last season's 125 anniversary finals. Although we don't wish this to be a list of obituary notices, sadly this year we do want to recognise one of our stalwart referees, Eddie Paper, who sadly passed away recently.

Having played for many years in the local leagues, Eddie retired from playing in 1981 when he qualified as a referee and then spent the next 33 years offi ciating county, local and youth matches most weekends.

Eddie, who was born in Reading in 1940, took up refereeing in the early 1980's and quickly became one of the most popular officials in Swindon. One of the highlights of Eddie's refereeing career was when he was appointed as a fourth official at a Swindon Town match along with officiating the local youth league cup finals.

Off the field, Eddie held many jobs ranging from milkman, factory worker and taxi driver but he always ensured he worked hours which left his afternoons free to volunteer at his children's school sport lessons and sports days. Eddie continued this work well into his retirement at his grandsons' school where he became the school referee and often volunteered in the classrooms too.

"You were always happy if Eddie was refereeing your match because he was not only a well respected referee but you could have a laugh with him during the game. He was one of the game's legends and will be sadly missed."

A CELEBRATION OF A SPORTS COMMUNITY

CELEBRITIES VS LEGENDS 2018, KO 13:00

Another feature of our finals started last year is a chance for our ex-players and officials to meet up bringing together players and local celebrities (where we can coerce/kidnap them), promoting community in sport.

Players in local leagues across the country grow up and go to school together, they are work colleagues and they bump in to each other socialising. To maintain this community, when they meet on Saturdays as opponents we as a league hope to foster a mutual respect for each other whether in closely contested matches, resounding victories made in honourable sportsmanship, or crushing defeats accepted with frustration but good grace.

We're not quite sure who we'll have in the teams but we have got some fine officials you can cheer on.

REFEREE: ADIE CRIPPS

Adie is the Referee Secretary for the Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League and has supported the league when they have had cancellations, directing referees our way. Adie has many years' experience as not only a Referee and League Secretary but also a Referee Assessor so is a valuable support for referees seeking to move up the ladder. Team: Liverpool

ASSISTANT REFEREE: KEVIN SMALL

Kevin is the Referee Development for Wiltshire FA and as such supports all the Wiltshire leagues as well as national FA programmes. Kevin has officiated in many different leagues over the years and has been working with the league to ensure wherever possible, games have a referee. This year Kevin also contributed to our League Referee Development Strategy.

ASSISTANT REFEREE: ANDY MEADEN

Andy is the Referee Secretary for the Trowbridge Windows Trowbridge and District League. This season he has worked to support our league supplying referees from when we are short and they have some free. Team: Bristol City/West Ham

FOURTH OFFICIAL: MARK PARIS HAINES

Mark is the Referee Secretary for the Wiltshire Women's and Girls League and has helped us encourage referees from that league to move to open age football. He is also our league's Discipline Secretary and Assistant Referee Secretary. Team: Man City







FC DORCAN

Secretary: Jimmy Horwood Manager: Jimmy Horwood & Alley Drew

Thanks to Pete Broomfield (aka The Major) for following the team home and away this season. He is our only fan! A big thank you to Premier Property Swindon for sponsorship this season, helping get kit and tracksuit tops. Thanks to my Girlfriend for letting me book the holiday for Monday even though it was more expensive, just so I don't miss the final. Thanks to all the players this season for making it so enjoyable and playing great football to get here. Lastly a huge thank you to Lee and the guys at NALGO for looking after us all season so well.

GOALKEEPERS

LEE WITTS - Because of his incompetence in goal we dropped into this cup, some say a stroke of genius. If he was a dog, you'd probably put him down.

ADAM ROGERS - Thank God he isn't Lee Witts

ADAM BEDWELL - The best number 2 keeper around with a few clean sheets. He is also the unfittest player at the club

DEFENDERS

CALLUM ENDICOTT - Way too keen! Travels from London to play each week. Probably the "class" management that is the reasoning.

TOBY PURVIS - Who goes travelling when you know you could get to a cup final?! Dead to us now!

HARRY OSBORNE - Quiet as a mouse. I've seen him get more yellow cards than words spoken this season. I hope he goes mental once drunk!

NICK CRISP - Usually found wondering around Suju on his own striking up great conversations such as "eeehh?" and "What?"

SCOTT DREW - Pure ladies man. Women want to be with him, men want to be him. I've never seen someone with such technique with the ladies on a night out.

ALLEY DREW - At the old age of 28 he is the veteran of the team. I'm blaming the age for all the dad jokes. He will end up with a 2 week hangover after tonight.

LOUIS FREEGARD - If you see a defender shoot horrendously wide today ... Louis is the man.

JOE GENTLEMAN - Fireman Joe. Word on the street is every time he saves a life he dabs. Defender of lives and Dorcan's goal mouth

MIDFIELDERS

DOM "MOUSE" SWAN - Just look at the size of that tiny head. Once said "I haven't wiped since 2008". Make of that what you will.

GEORGE BOUVERIE-BRINE - I think we have just forgiven him for getting sent off in the Wilts quarter final. Can't forgive him for that ridiculous hair cut though.

EDD HERBERT - Captain. Leader. Legend. Biggest Spurs fan you will meet. I'm sure he thinks he is Christian Eriksen

SEAN BROOMFIELD - Postman by trade. That probably explains why he always delivers on the pitch! Can I get a he he?

STRIKERS

JOEL OFORI - God he is intimidating. He only plays because I'm scared he'll get the boys on me if I don't

LUKE MURPHY - Wishes he was Jake Kitchin

FINN WILKINSON - He can not handle his drink, ask him about his 21st birthday! Enough said.

BARTEK BYS - From Polish Division 3 to Swindon and District. Poland's answer to Messi. If Messi played District football and went to the gym too much.

REDHOUSE FC

Secretary: Chris Ricketts Management: Chris Ricketts & Daniel Ricketts

Redhouse FC would like to thank the Football Foundation for the Grow the Game grant and Guy's barbershop. The funding and sponsorship has enabled us to create this club and be here today to compete for silverware. It has given us the opportunity to build a team that play like brothers and to get to a cup final in our first season is a massive achievement in itself and all the lads are ready for the fight against a top side in Dorcan.

GOALKEEPERS

CARL WALLIS - Man mountain. Great shot stopper and in one on one situations.

DEFENDERS

CHRIS RICKETTS - Mr Redhouse himself. Strong in the tackle and can occasionally bag a worldie!

MARTIN SCORE - This man will put his head where it hurts. Not scared of anything. Loves a tussle.

ASHLEY 'SWINNY' WALDRON - Captain. Beautiful human being.

JASON MOULDEN - the clubs taxi driver! Mr reliable.

BEN WHITE - Such a good player... when he turns up!

HARRY EGGLETON - Utility man. Best lino in the league! Can do a job wherever needed. Lovable bloke. Ginger beard.

IONUT 'CUBA' BALAN - Bigger calves than Kante! Romanian international.

MIDFIELDERS

DANIEL RICKETTS - Having the season of his life... scoring for fun from CM.

CHRIS JONES - Can literally do anything. Pace. Precision.

TAFARI ANDERSON - Twinkle toes. Nobody knows how old he is!

JOE COX - Great engine. Doesn't stop running. Feisty!

JAMIE MINGARD - Tricky player. Excellent delivery and not to mention he commutes to play! Top lad. Lovable.

STRIKERS

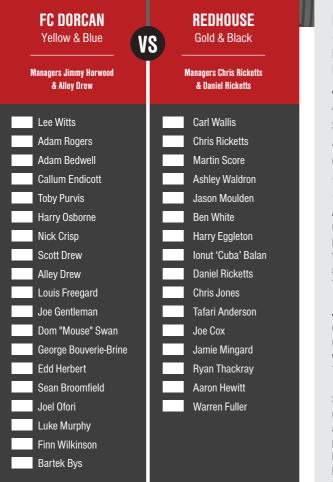
RYAN THACKRAY - Wand of a left foot. Brings the average age down somewhat.

AARON HEWITT - Pacey and clinical. Passionate and works hard for the team.

WARREN FULLER - There is a reason why this man has the number 9 tattooed on his back! Great bloke. Always forgets his towel.



GEORGE THOMAS / DON ROGERS CUP FINAL



HISTORY

The George Thomas trophy was funded 22 years ago by his wife in memory of the Swindon & District chairman, who had been a stalwart of the League and local football for over 50 years, joining the committee in 1951, becoming chairman in 1962 and President in 1983. Don Rogers is rightly known far beyond Swindon, famously for his contribution in putting the Arsenal of 1969 in their place. In 412 appearances for Swindon in two spells between 1961 and 1977, Don scored 149 goals.

MATCH OFFICIALS

Leigh Treadaway Referee

Jeremy Moyse Assistant

Steve Annetts Assistant Referee

Colin Tewkesbury 4th Official

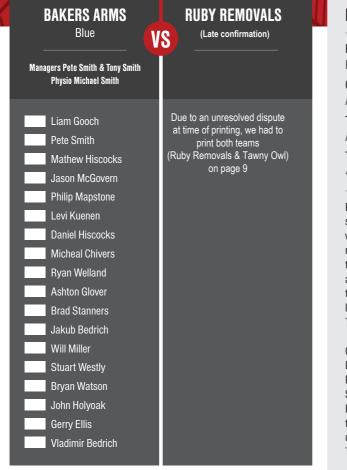
After a couple of years with us Leigh has just achieved promotion. We look forward to helping him progress next season. Team: Man Utd

Jeremy is one of the longest standing referees in the league and is well known and respected. Team: Pompey

Steve is one of the latest referees to join the league and has made a very promising start, proving to be highly valued by clubs. We hope to help Steve achieve his promotion next year. Team: Man Utd

Colin has been a constant fixture around the league as a player, team manager and committee member. After a short break from the whistle he promises to be back in black next season. Team: Arsenal

SWINDON ADVERTISER CUP FINAL



HISTORY

The Swindon Advertiser competition has been contested since the Advertiser donated the trophy for the 1900-1901 season, with the first final being played in front of 2000 supporters where Even Swindon beat Stratton Reform at the Duke of Edinburgh public house ground at Gorse Hill. The cup was carried in a triumphant procession from Gorse Hill to Rodbourne led by the Even Swindon Band.

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MATCH OFFICIALS

Rory Peacey Referee

Chris Harris Assistant

Tony Sharkey Assistant Referee

TBA 4th Official

Rory has had an outstanding season, proving very popular with clubs. The youngest referee in our memory for this final. We wish him well, as next season he moves on to officiating in higher leagues. Team: Swindon Town

Chris refs in the Wiltshire League, with us, and is Referee Secretary for the Sunday League, where he has tried to encourage officials to join us on a Saturday. Team: Man Utd

Tony is an experienced referee who has officiated in the Western, Hellenic, Wiltshire and other leagues. This season he has begun to take on more games with our league bringing with him a wealth of experience. Team: Arsenal

SEMI-FINALISTS: TAWNY OWL / RUBY REMOVALS

An unresolved dispute at time of printing resulting in late confirmation of our second finalists. It has now been confirmed that **RUBY REMOVALS** will be the second finalist.



BAKERS ARMS

Secretary: Pete Smith Manager: Pete Smith

We'd like to thank the Bakers Arms for having us play for them and would like to thank all the fans that raised money to keep the club going. We couldn't carry on without Gemma washing the kit all season, a huge vote of thanks to her. Mike Smith has done a great job for us running the line all season and we'd also like to recognise Tony Smith's contribution on the side line.

TEAM SHEET

LIAM GOOCH - (Captain) Veteran goalie and been around for ages! Reliable shot stopper and great off his line!

PETE SMITH - Has a 50p head but two great feet. Great tactical skills.

MATHEW HISCOCKS - Hard tackling centre-back who is passionate about the game and is a key player for the team.

JASON MCGOVERN - Big strong centre-back come striker but only plays when his wife lets him!

PHILIP MAPSTONE - Solid defender, loose cannon at times, turns in to "Beano" Bale when he fancies a goal or 2.

LEVI KUENEN - Wanerbe g unit! Skilfull and scores some great goals even though he has legs like cotton buds!

DANIEL HISCOCKS - Great player on the pitch. Works hard and never gives up!!! Used to be fast but runs like a 50 year old now.

MICHEAL CHIVERS - Greatest player to ever play for the team. Runs more then any body else and never moans about it!

RYAN WELLAND - The Dembele of the team and not to be under estimated even though the opposition team do sometimes.

ASHTON GLOVER - Couldn't hit a barn door with a machine gun but still Baker's top goal scorer and scored most goals in the cup.

BRAD STANNERS - Hard working a loves a tackle. Big player in the team.

JAKUB BEDRICH - New signing from the Dominican Republic, doesn't say much and sometimes forgets what end we are shooting at.

WILL MILLER - Should be playing in the premier league so he says, scored a great winner in the semis.

STUART WESTLY - First season with the Bakers. Looks like Stuart Little but still puts a shift in. Half the man he should be.

BRYAN WATSON - Not sure what position he plays in but always committed when he plays.

JOHN HOLYOAK - Great engine and nice left foot.

GERRY ELLIS - Micheal Bolton of the team as he calls himself the goal provider! Great delivery and runs like a steam train!

VLADIMIR BEDRICH - Slick centre-back that glides along the pitch with a great left peg.



LEAGUE TABLES

Correct 17 april 2018

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
BAKERS ARMS	16	12	2	2	23	38
FC DORCAN	15	12	1	2	23	37
TAWNY OWL	14	12	0	2	77	36
ASHTON KEYNES	18	11	2	5	27	35
WHEATSHEAF	13	8	0	5	10	24
SWINDON SPITFIRES	16	7	2	7	-9	23
LOWER STRATTON	17	7	1	9	-8	22
WROUGHTON RES	19	5	5	9	-1	20
STRATTON JUNIORS	16	5	3	8	-20	18
SWINDON SUPERMARINE DC	19	5	1	13	-45	16
RAMSBURY	15	2	2	11	-24	8
SWINDON CENTURIANS SPECTRUM	16	1	1	14	-53	4

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
RUBY REMOVALS	16	15	0	1	106	45
MARLBOROUGH RES	17	14	0	3	35	42
CHISELDON	17	10	2	5	25	32
NORTH SWINDON WMC	19	10	0	9	-11	30
HIGHWORTH TOWN DEV	19	9	2	8	11	29
VILLAGE INN	18	8	1	9	-14	25
SWINDON AFC	19	8	1	10	-14	25
HAYDON WICK	18	6	4	8	-13	22
REDHOUSE	19	6	3	10	-3	21
MOREDON FC	20	6	3	11	-39	21
NEW TOWN ALL STARS	15	6	2	7	4	20
BROCKHILL UTD	19	1	0	18	-87	3

ROUTE TO THE FINALS

ADVER CUP

FIRST ROUND

HOME TEAM	VS	AWAY TEAM
ASHTON KEYNES	4 - 2	HAYDON WICK
CHISELDON	4 - 1	MOREDON FC
FC DORCAN	4 - 5	RUBY REMOVALS
REDHOUSE	2 - 3	STRATTON JUNIORS
SWINDON SPITFIRES	5 - 2	VILLAGE INN
SUPERMARINE DEV	0 - 1	SWINDON AFC
TAWNY OWL	H W/0	MARLBOROUGH RES
WHEATSHEAF	9 - 1	HIGHWORTH TOWN DEV
WROUGHTON RES	4 - 2	RAMSBURY
BAKERS ARMS	8 - 2	BROCKHILL UTD
NORTH SWINDON WMC	1 - 3	LOWER STRATTON
CENTURIANS SPECTRUM	1 - 3	NEW TOWN ALL STARS

SECOND ROUND

BAKERS ARMS	6 - 1	WROUGHTON RES
CHISELDON	1 - 6	RUBY REMOVALS
SWINDON SPITFIRES	1 - 4	LOWER STRATTON
WHEATSHEAF	1 - 2	STRATTON JUNIORS

QUARTER-FINAL

NEW TOWN ALL STARS	A W/O	TAWNY OWL
RUBY REMOVALS	11 - 1	ASHTON KEYNES
STRATTON JUNIORS	0 - 6	LOWER STRATTON
SWINDON AFC	1 - 3	BAKERS ARMS

SEMI-FINAL

BAKERS ARMS	5 - 4	LOWER STRATTON
TAWNY OWL	TBA	RUBY REMOVALS



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FIRST ROUND

HOME TEAM	VS	AWAY TEAM
FC DORCAN	13 - 1	HIGHWORTH TOWN DEV
NORTH SWINDON WMC	3 - 0	BROCKHILL UTD
WILLAGE INN	4 - 3	CENTURIANS SPECTRUM

QUARTER-FINAL

FC DORCAN	7 - 2	RAMSBURY
HAYDON WICK	0 - 2	NORTH SWINDON WMC
MOREDON FC	1 - 1	VILLAGE INN
SUPERMARINE DEV	3 - 4	REDHOUSE

SEMI-FINAL

FC DORCAN	1 - 0	VILLAGE INN
REDHOUSE	4 - 4	NORTH SWINDON WMC

HISTORY

SWINDON ADVERTISER CUP

91/92 - Raychem SSC 92/93 - Raychem SSC 93/94 - Ivy Leaf 94/95 - Old Nick 95/96 - Ivy Leaf 96/97 - FC Venus 97/98 - Jacobs Ladder 98/99 - Bliss Menswear 99/00 - County Ground AFC 2000/01 - Liden FC 01/02 - Wheatsheaf Sports 02/03 - Custom Homes 03/04 - Windmill

05/06 - Zurich 06/07 - Fratellos 07/08 - Rodbourne Arms 08/09 - Queenstown 09/10 - Old Town Wanderers 10/11 - Queensfield Utd 11/12 - Queensfield Utd. Ref: Kevin Small 12/13 - Fratellos. Ref: Mark Willis 13/14 - Fratellos. Ref: Chris Harris 14/15 - Avtar Construction. Ref: Martin Ealey

04/05 - Zurich

- 15/16 Tawny Owl. Ref: Jeremy Moyes
- 16/17 Tawny Owl. Ref: Mark Niemirski

GEORGE THOMAS MEMORIAL /Don Rogers Cup

91/92 - CFC
92/93 – Highworth Athletic
93/94 - Pinehurst Community
94/95 – John O'Flynn
95/96 – Jacobs Ladder
96/97 – Wroughton
97/98 - Bliss Menswear
98/99 – Swindon Eagles
99/00 – Artois Athletic
2000/01 - Queenstown
01/02 – Bulldog
02/03 – The Regent
03/04 – Wroughton

04/05 - Ridgeway
05/06 – Liden FC
06/07 – Rodbourne Arms
07/08 – South Swindon
08/09 – Moonrakers
09/10 – Queenstown
10/11 – Swindon Auto Engine Tune
11/12 – Spectrum. Ref: Graham Dancer
12/13 - Ferndale Working Men's Club. Ref: Adrian Povey
13/14 – Lower Stratton. Ref: Brian Bennett Murdock
14/15 – Old Town United. Ref: Brian Bennett Murdock
15/16 – Bassett Bulldogs. Ref: Colin Tewkesbury
16/17 – Wroughton. Ref: Brian Bennett Murdock

CHAIRMAN'S JUBILEE CUP

2003/04 – Windmill 2008/09 – Rodbourne Arms

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