**SWINDON SUPERMARINE FC 2023/24 - STAFF & PLAYER PROFILES**

STUART FLEETWOOD

**Head Coach**

**Previous Clubs:**

**Coach:** Gloucester City, Yate Town

**Player:** Yate Town, Swindon Supermarine, Redditch United, Merthyr Town, Weymouth (loan), Bath City, Sutton United, Forest Green Rovers (loan), Eastleigh, Luton Town, Hereford United, Exeter City (loan), Brighton (loan), Cheltenham Town (loan), Charlton Athletic, Forest Green Rovers, Accrington Stanley (loan), Hereford United, Cardiff City

**Profile:** Gloucester based Stuart first joined Marine in June 2018 and was captain of the team. He had played for Redditch United and Merthyr Town during the previous 2017/18 season and was with the Marine until the end of the curtailed 2019/20 season before joining Yate Town in the following 2020/21 season as player coach. He was with Yate for a couple of seasons before joining Gloucester City last season as coach, before he was appointed Head Coach at Marine in September 2023. In his playing days he was a vastly experienced striker having joined the Cardiff City Youth setup as a 12-year-old before going on to play for several other clubs listed, although a lot of these clubs were loan moves. He proved to be a good acquisition for the club in 2018, as captain and striker he chipped in with 19 goals in his first season.

DAN GILLESPIE

**Assistant Head Coach**

**Previous Clubs:**

**Manager / Coach:** Shortwood United, Yate Town, Gala Wilton, Tytherington Rocks, Tuffley Rovers

**Profile:** Gloucester based Dan worked alongside Stuart Fleetwood at Yate Town under Peter Beadle before taking over at Shortwood United this season and took them to a healthy third position in the Hellenic League before accepting ‘Fleets’ approach of working with him at Marine in September 2023. He also managed Gala Wilton and Tytherington Rocks before joining Shortwood and he also played for Tuffley Rovers before turning to coaching and managing.

FIACHRA PAGEL

**Goalkeeper**

**Previous Clubs:** Forest Green Rovers, Drogheda United

**Profile:** Marine were pleased to welcome young Forest Green Rovers goalkeeper Fiachra Pagel to the Webbswood Stadium at the start off February 2024. ‘Pag’s signed on an initial months loan after another loanee Conor Brann was recalled by Swindon Town.

BILLY THOMAS

**Goalkeeper**

**Previous Clubs:** Shortwood United, Chalford AFC

**Profile:** Billy signed for the club in mid-January from Hellenic League side Shortwood United having joined them from Gloucestershire Northern Senior League Chalford. Billy joins Marine and reunites with his former Shortwood boss Dan Gillespie who is assistant coach at Marine.

MAT LIDDIARD

**Defender**

**Previous Clubs:** Gloucester City, Evesham United, Cirencester Town, Gloucester City, Hartpury College

**Profile:** Mat joined the club on January 9th2019 from Gloucester City and signed a one-year contract shortly afterwards which has been extended to May 2022. He is a versatile player who can play in the centre of defence or in midfield but has been more impressive in defence and was made club captain in 2019. Mat was a graduate of Hartpury College before initially signing for Gloucester City then moving to Cirencester Town in October 2015. He then joined Evesham United in 2017/18 and scored 22 goals in all competitions before re-joining Gloucester City in in July 2018. We were close to signing Mat in the summer of 2018 only to lose out to Gloucester, but manager Lee Spalding preserved and signed him five months later in January 2019. Mat has signed a contract extension until May 2024.

TOM SHARPE

**Midfielder / Defender**

**Previous Clubs:** Banbury United, West Bromwich Albion

**Profile:** Gloucester based Tom signed for Marine on December 10th 2021 from Banbury United for whom he signed at the start of the 2021/22 season after his release from EFL side WBA. He can either player in midfield or in the centre of defence and likes to play the ball on the floor, always looking for a pass. Tom is a young player who secured a regular place in the squad last season and has signed a contract until May 2024.

SAM TURL

**Defender**

**Previous Clubs:** Yate Town, Cinderford Town, Bridgewater Town, Bishops Cleeve, Slimbridge, Gloucester City

**Profile:** Cheltenham based Sam signed for Marine June 2022 after playing for Yate Town in the previous 2021/22 season. Sam spent two seasons with Yate Town having joined then in August 2020 from Cinderford Town where he had also spent two seasons. He has previously played for Bridgewater Town, Bishops Cleeve and Slimbridge after beginning his career with Gloucester City. Sam is a solid defender but likes to get forward to support the front players and is a player with good technical skills. Sam signed a contract extension with Marine until May 2024.

IOAN RICHARDS

**Defender**

**Previous Clubs:** Gloucester City, Yate Town, Taunton Town, Redditch United, Newport County and Cheltenham Town

**Profile:** Ioan is a Welsh born defender who was originally on a short-term loan from Gloucester City. He had signed at Gloucester City after a trial period in preseason, having previously been with Redditch United and Taunton Town amongst other and had a previous short spell with Gloucester City in 2019. He was initially on a one-month loan until mid-October but that was extended until the end of the season but come December, he left Gloucester City and joined Marine permanently, signing a contract until the end of the 2023/24 season.

MATT BOWER

**Defender**

**Previous Clubs:** Yate Town, Cinderford Town, Stratford Town (loan), Bath City (2), Stratford Town, Weston-super-Mare (2), Cirencester Town, Cheltenham Town

**Profile:** Matt joined Cheltenham Town in 2010 and signed his first professional deal in July 2016. He made his first-team debut for Cheltenham during their FA Trophy tie against Oxford City. In August 2017 Bower made his League Two debut for Cheltenham Town against Carlisle United. He also enjoyed a loan spell at Cirencester Town and Weston-super-Mare between in 2016 and 2019. After leaving Cheltenham in 2019 he joined Bath City on a one-year contract before being loaned out to Stratford Town. In January 2020 he left Bath City and joined Cinderford Town before signing for Yate Town in 2020. After ending the 2022/23 season with Yate Town he decided to go travelling but having returned to the UK he joined Marine at the start of February 2023.

JAMIE EDGE

**Midfielder**

**Previous Clubs:** Gloucester City, Hereford, Weston-s-Mare, Cirencester Town, Hereford United, WBA, Arsenal, Cheltenham Town

**Profile:** Jamie joined the club on November 16th, 2018, from Gloucester City. He is a ball playing midfielder who joined Gloucester from Hereford FC in September 2017 after helping them win the Southern Premier Division title. He was once on the books of Arsenal, with manager Arsene Wenger personally overseeing the acquisition of Jamie from Cheltenham Town. After attending Hartpury College his subsequent career has also seen him play for Cirencester Town and Weston-super-Mare. Jamie has signed a contract extension that takes him to May 2024.

JOE TUMELTY

**Midfielder**

**Previous Clubs:** Yate Town, Larkhall Athletic, Frome Town, Chippenham Town

**Profile:** Joe was signed from Yate Town in mid-October 2022 from Yate Town. Before joining Yate Town for the start of the 2020/21 season his previous clubs include Hereford, Chippenham Town, Frome Town and Larkhall Athletic. He is an attacking midfield player with an eye for goal and has an excellent delivery of a dead ball having scored several goals for Yate and his previous clubs. Joe has signed a contract until May 2024.

HENRY SPALDING

**Midfielder**

**Previous Clubs:** Salisbury, Cirencester Town, Swindon Supermarine, Bristol City

**Profile:** Henry returned to the club for his third spell in November 2021 after leaving for Salisbury two weeks previous. He returned due to work commitments. Before that he signed for the second time in November 2018 having first signed for Marine in the summer of 2016 from Bristol City, where he had been since a junior player. He spent the last month of the 2015/16 season on loan at Yate Town and made several substitute appearances before joining Marine for his first spell at the start of the 2016/17 season. After playing only a few games he signed for Cirencester Town in October 2016 for regular football. He quickly established himself at Cirencester and scored some excellently goals for them. He possesses a sweet left foot and is always looking for that crucial pass into the forwards. After re-joining Marine for a second time, he quickly became a regular starter in the side and contributed with sixteen goals in his first two seasons.

JAKE ANDREWS

**Midfielder**

**Previous Clubs:** Havant & Waterlooville, Poole Town (loan), Gloucester City (loan), Poole Town (loan), Havant & Waterlooville (loan), Torquay United, Chippenham Town (loan), Guernsey FC (loan), Bristol City

**Profile:** Jake lives in Westbury, Wiltshire and is a technically gifted midfield player who with began his career with Bristol City. He spent a short period on loan at Guernsey FC in 2016, followed by two loans spells with Chippenham Town in 2017 which was followed by a short spell on loan at Cheltenham Town, also in 2017. Then in 2018 he initially went to Torquay United for another loan spell before signing for them permanently after his release from Bristol City. An initial loan spell followed at Havant & Waterlooville in 2021 before he then joined Havant permanently in 2022. He then had two loans spells at fellow league side Poole Town during last season, which was split by a short period on loan with Gloucester City before returning to Poole for the last three months of the season.

GEORGE DOWLING

**Midfielder**

**Previous Clubs:** Weston-super-Mare, Eastleigh (loan), Torquay United, Derry City, Bristol City

**Profile:** George began his football career at the Bristol City Academy when he was eight years old and progressed through the ranks, signing his first professional contract in October 2015 just a few weeks after his 17th birthday. He progressed into the Bristol City first team squad at the end of the 2015/16 season, where he made two appearances as a substitute before loans spells at Derry City, Torquay United, Eastleigh, and Weston-super-Mare until his release from Bristol City in the summer of 2019. He then signed for Weston-super-Mare in September 2019 before signing for Marine for the first time in December 2019 for the curtailed season due to Covid-19 and just weeks after we played Weston. He returned to Marine for the 2021/22 season. He is a midfield player who is always involved in the game and possesses great stamina and skill on the ball. George has signed a contract until May 2024.

LIBAN IBRAHIM

**Midfielder / Defender**

**Previous Clubs:** Yate Town, Paulton Rovers

**Profile:** Liban signed for Marine in late July after a successful trial at the Webbswood Stadium during preseason. After scooping player of the season and supporter’s player of the season at Paulton Rovers in the 2021/22 season, Liban opted to move to Yate at the start of last season. He is an enthusiastic midfielder who shows a great desire to improve and is an energetic box to box midfield player.

RYAN CAMPBELL

**Midfielder / Winger**

**Previous Clubs:** Chippenham Town, Chippenham Park

**Profile:** Ryan signed for Marine at the end of December 2016 after signing from Chippenham Town where he had spent the previous two seasons having joined then from their nursery side Chippenham Park. He is an attacking left sided player with a sweet left foot which helped him win the goal of the season award in 2018/19. Over the past four seasons he has scored some vital goals and he has now established himself with a regular place in the team and earned a contract in 2021 which has now been extended until May 2024.

ZACK KOTWICA

**Striker**

**Previous Clubs:** Gloucester City, Salisbury FC (loan), Tamworth, Cinderford Town (loan), Gloucester City, Cirencester Town (loan), Evesham United (loan), Gloucester City (loan), Bishops Cleeve (loan), Cheltenham Town

**Profile:** Zack signed for Marine in May 2020 having begun his career with his hometown club Cheltenham Town. He had several loan spells in the following years which included two spells at Gloucester City. After his release from Cheltenham in 2016, and following brief spells with Tamworth and Salisbury FC, he returned to Gloucester City midway through the 2019/20 season and has made over a hundred National League and Football League appearances. Zack has signed a contract for the 2023/24 season.

BRADY GRAY

**Striker**

**Previous Clubs:** Evesham United, Cirencester Town, Swindon Supermarine, Evesham United, North Leigh, Swindon Supermarine, Hungerford Town, Swindon Supermarine, Forest Green Rovers, Salisbury City, Dulwich (loan), AFC Hornchurch (loan), Grays Athletic (loan), St Albans City (loan), Leyton Orient

**Profile:** Brad returned to Marine for a fourth spell with the club at the end of September 2023 having spent the 2022/23 season registered with Evesham United. He first joined Marine in 2011 from Forest Green Rovers and in 2013 from Hungerford Town. Having spent the 2011/12 season at the Webbswood Stadium he left the club for Hungerford Town at the start of the 2012/13 season. He also made the same move in 2014 but was back with Marine before the season kicked off. Then he joined from Evesham United in 2016 before moving to North Leigh in September 2017 and then returning to Marine from 2017 to 2019 for his third spell. Brad plays up front and has good technical skills, a quick turn of pace and is always looking to get on the end of things and always gives 100% effort.

DAVE SIMS-BURGESS

**Striker**

**Previous Clubs:** Taunton Town, Bath City, Yate Town (2), Paulton Rovers (2), Chipping Sodbury

**Profile:** Swindon Supermarine head coach Stuart Fleetwood was delighted to announce that forward Dave Sims-Burgess joined Marine on loan at the start of November 2023 from Taunton Town and made a scoring debut at Basingstoke Town. He made the move permanently in early January after his release from Taunton. The 27-year-old arrived at the Webbswood Stadium from National League South side Taunton Town having been at the Cygnet Health Care Stadium since 2022. He finished as Taunton’s leading goal scorer with 10-goals last season following a move from Bath City and prior to that, the frontman was also leading scorer at Yate Town where he played a key part in their 2021/22 promotion winning campaign. A product of the youth system at Filton College, he moved to Chipping Sodbury Town where he spent two seasons and helped them gain promotion to the Western League before he secured a move to Southern League side Paulton Rovers back in the 2017/18 campaign. He then moved to Yate Town the following year where he finished as the Bluebells top scorer before returning to Paulton and scoring 16 goals. He then headed back to Lodge Road for a second spell and impressive displays grabbed the attention of Bath City who snapped him up in November 2021, before he joined Taunton the following summer.

HARRY WILLIAMS

**Striker**

**Previous Clubs:** Salisbury, Gloucester City, Swindon Supermarine, Gloucester City, Sacramento Republic (USA), Gloucester City (loan), Evesham United (loan), Farnborough (loan), Cheltenham Town

**Profile:** Harry first signed for the club from National League South side Gloucester City in March 2019 having joined them at the start of the 2018/19 season after returning from playing in the USA with Sacramento Republic. He began his football career with Cheltenham Town when he was 9 years old before going on to make 13 Football League and one FA Cup appearance for the Robins before leaving in 2016. During his time with Cheltenham, he had loans spells with then Conference club Farnborough, Evesham United and Gloucester City in 2014 and 2015. He was an excellent addition to our attacking options and none more so than last season as he contributed with 37 goals, and joint Golden Boot League winner in 2022/23. At the start of this season, he joined former club Gloucester City before leaving for Salisbury in November 2023 and then re-joining Marine for his second spell at the club in February 2024.

MICHAEL FERNANDES

**Striker**

**Previous Clubs:** Hayes & Yeading United, Hungerford Town, Farnborough, Salisbury (loan), Leatherhead (loan), Dartford (loan), Colchester United, Farnborough, Hampton & Richmond Borough

**Profile:** Michael signed for the club in early March 2024. He joined Marine with a wealth of experience, having most recently played for Hayes & Yeading United as well as previous spells with National South side Farnborough, EFL side Colchester United along with Hungerford Town, Dartford, and Hampton & Richmond Borough amongst others. Marine head coach Stuart Fleetwood said: “Michael is a player I’ve admired for a long time. He can play in several positions for us. He’s previous clubs also include loan spells at Leatherhead and Salisbury.

SHEA MANNINGS

**Striker**

**Previous Clubs:** Bristol Manor Farm, Roman Glass St George, Ashton & Backwell, Larkhall Athletic, Metropolitan Police, Paulton Rovers, Melksham Town

**Profile:** Shea signed for the club in early January having been dual registered with Bristol Manor Farm and Hellenic League Roman Glass St George. The former Bath City academy graduate who also represented Gloucestershire at youth level, has made 20 appearances in the Uhlsport Hellenic Premier League this season for Roman Glass, scoring 14 times. The striker returned to Bristol Manor Farm back in June 2023, having had a season playing for Ashton & Backwell in the Toolstation Western League Premier Division, where he scored 10 goals in 21 games and was previously at Larkhall Athletic. The 24-year-old striker has also featured for Metropolitan Police, Paulton Rovers and Melksham Town during his career.