**SWINDON SUPERMARINE FC 2020/21 - STAFF & PLAYER PROFILES**

LEE SPALDING

**Manager**

**Profile:** Lee joined Marine as Assistant Manager in July 2012 having spent the previous few seasons at Highworth Town, firstly as a player and then as assistant to Dave Webb. After playing at a high level, including time at league sides Swindon Town and Wycombe Wanderers, he began working alongside manager Dave Webb in 2011 when he also took on the coaching role and he's continued to do so at Marine. Lee left the club for a short spell from February until April 2015 to take time out to obtain his coaching badges and watch his sons play for Bristol City and Swindon Town, respectively. In mid-January 2018 he became caretaker manager after the departure of manager Dave Webb. It was initially until the 2017/18 season but after leading the team to a playoff final victory at Wimborne Town on penalties and promotion to the Southern League Premier Division he was rewarded with the managers role on a permanent basis at the start of the 2018/19 season. Having established the team in the Premier South Division with a creditable midtable finish in his first season he finished his eighth season with the team in fourth position and playoff place when the season prematurely ended in March 2020.

KEVIN MILSOM

**Assistant Manager**

**Profile:** Kevin began his association with the club five seasons ago when he began working with former manager Dave Webb in a scouting in the South West as he lives in Weston-super-Mare. He stepped up as Assistant Manager in February 2018 when Lee Spalding became manager. He has a wealth of experience having managed Bridgwater Town and played for Weston-super-Mare and Cirencester Town amongst other clubs.

RHYS EVANS

**Goalkeeping Coach**

**Previous Clubs Coaching:** Hereford FC, Wimborne Town, Salisbury FC

**Profile:** Hampshire based Rhys is a local Swindon lad who joined the club preseason 2018/19 season having previously been goalkeeping coach at fellow leaguers Wimborne Town and Salisbury FC along with National North side Hereford FC. He brings a wealth of experience to the club having played for several clubs and making around 280 Football League appearances. He also made two appearances for England U21’s.

CHARLIE GRIFFIN

**Strikers Coach**

**Previous Club Managed:** Cirencester Town

**Profile:** Charlie’s last club as a player was Cirencester Town before managing them from 2016 before he departed in November 2019. After a month away from football he was appointed strikers’ coach at Marine in January 2020. He was a vastly experienced striker having played for a number of non-league and football league clubs which included Swindon Town, Yeovil Town, Forest Green Rovers, Wycombe Wanderers, Newport County, Stevenage Borough, Chippenham Town, Woking, Salisbury City, Bath City, Brackley Town, and Gloucester City.

MARTIN HORSELL

**Goalkeeper**

**Previous Clubs:** Hereford FC, Cirencester Town, Weymouth, R.R.F.C. Montegnée (Belgium), Tiverton Town, Dorchester Town, Salisbury City, Yate Town

**Profile:** Martin joined the club in January 2019 after signing from Hereford where he had played for three seasons and winning three promotions with them. The latest was in the 2017/18 season when Hereford FC won the Southern League Premier Division. Martin is an experienced keeper, agile and has excellent reflexes and positioning. In April 2019 he extended his contract for another year at Marine.

MICHAEL HOPKINS

**Defender**

**Previous Clubs:** North Leigh, Hungerford Town, Didcot Town, Banbury United, Reading Academy

**Profile:** Michael signed for the club in February 2018 from North Leigh, having played against us just ten days before. Predominately left footed he can play on the left side of the defence or in midfield but also versatile to play on the right. Before joining North Leigh, he had spells at Didcot Town and Hungerford Town after playing at Reading Academy as a youngster. After signing for Marine, he immediately brought additional competition and balance to the left-hand side of the squad. ‘Hoppy’ is a talented footballer and a key member of the team.

LOUIS SPALDING

**Defender**

**Previous Clubs:** Cirencester Town, Cirencester Town (loan) Swindon Town

**Profile:** Louis joined Marine in July at the start of the 2019/20 season having moved from Cirencester Town. He is predominantly a left sided player who is comfortable at either left-back of slightly more forward in midfield. He began his career in the Swindon Town Youth set up and made several moves on loan before being released by Swindon Town in May 2018. He joined Cirencester at the start of the 2018/19 season having been with then during the previous season. He is a skilful player with an excellent left foot and is always looking to get forward and support the players in front of him.

JACK STANLEY

**Defender / Midfielder**

**Previous Clubs:** Thatcham Town, Salisbury FC, Swindon Town

**Profile:** After a successful trial period Abingdon based Jack signed for Marine in July 2020. He played for Thatcham Town last season and before that he was at Salisbury FC where he played against us in our 2-2 draw in September 2018 and joined Thatcham a month in October 2018. He started his career as a youngster with the Swindon Town Academy before his release at the end of the 2017/18 season and he is now looking to establish a regular place in the Marine squad in 2020/21.

JAKE LEE

**Defender**

**Previous Clubs:** Yate Town, Weston-super-Mare, Shortwood United, Bishops Cleeve, Thurrock Town (loan), Bishops Cleeve (loan), Cirencester Town (loan), Cheltenham Town

**Profile:** Bristol based Jake signed for Marine on July 1st 2020 after playing for Yate Town in the 2019/20 season. He signed for Cheltenham Town as a 9-year-old and made four appearances for the first team after making his debut at Yeovil Town in 2009 after scoring regularly for Cheltenham Town Youths. He then had loan spells with Cirencester Town, Bishops Cleeve, and Thurrock Town. After leaving the Robins in 2011 he played for then Southern League sides Bishops Cleeve and Shortwood United before joining Weston-super-Mare. He played as a striker up to joining Cleeve but manager Alex Sykes moved him back to play as a central defender where he excelled in his new role. He then followed Sykes to Shortwood United before Jake joined Yate Town in the summer of 2019, where he had an excellent season as a central defender.

MAT LIDDIARD

**Defender / Midfield**

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

**Profile:** Mat joined the club on the 9thJanuary 2019 from Gloucester City and signed a one-year contract shortly afterwards and has now signed an extension to May 2021. He is a versatile player who can play in the centre of defence or in midfield but was more impressive in defence last season and was made club captain. 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 City, but manager Lee Spalding sign him five months later.

PIERCE MITCHELL

**Defender**

**Previous Clubs:** Tiverton Town, Taunton Town, Frome Town, Truro City, Weston-super-Mare (Loan), Bath City (Loan), Bristol Rovers, Bristol City

**Profile:** Bristol based Pierce signed for Marine on July 1st 2020 after playing for Tiverton Town last season. He started his career as a youngster at Bristol City before moving across the city to Bristol Rovers and then loan spells at Bath City and Weston-super-Mare. After his release from Bristol Rovers he had spells at both Truro City and Frome Town before joining Taunton in October 2016. Pierce played against Marine on several occasions for Taunton and was on the scoresheet when he scored a thunderous volley in the FA Trophy at Taunton in 2017 when we lost 5-0. His best position is full back and he is always looking to get forward to support the forward players, he is a strong and determined player.

**MATT COUPE**

**Defender**

**Previous Clubs:** Cirencester Town, Mangotsfield United, Gloucester City, Bath City, Chippenham Town, Gloucester City, Forest Green Rovers, Aberystwyth, Clevedon Town, Swindon Town

**Profile:** Matt joined the club in the last week of October 2017 from Cirencester Town, having previously played for fellow league side Mangotsfield United in the 2017/18 season. He is a vastly experienced central defender who began his career at Swindon Town. He then went on to play for Bath City, Chippenham Town, Gloucester City, as well as Forest Green Rovers, Aberystwyth, and Clevedon Town. He is a no-nonsense defender with great organisational skills who leads from the back and is an inspiration to the younger players in the squad. After helping the team to promotion in the 2017/18 season, he was rewarded with the managers Player of the Season award and this season also sees him continue his playing career. He did hang up his boots at the end of last season, and also his coaching role at the club but returned at the start of November as cover in defence

BRAD HOOPER

**Midfielder**

**Previous Clubs:** Cirencester Town, Cirencester Academy

**Profile:** Brad joined Marine in the summer of 2016 having spent the previous few seasons with neighbours Cirencester Town where he was a regular in their side over the previous two seasons. He made over 100 appearances for the Centurions having started in the Cirencester Academy sides. Another player who was our radar over the previous two seasons before signing him. He is a precocious talent, skilful on the ball with an eye for a pass as he likes to keep the ball on the floor. He made the central midfield role his own at Cirencester in 2015/16 and he did the same in his first at Marine in the 2016/17 and scored 15 goals.

JAMIE EDGE

**Midfielder**

**Previous Clubs:** Gloucester City, Hereford, Weston-super-Mare, Cirencester Town, Hereford United, West Bromwich Albion, 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 2021.

RYAN CAMPBELL

**Midfielder / Winger**

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

**Profile:** Ryan lives in Calne and signed for Marine at the end of December 2016 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 two seasons he has scored some vital goals and he has now established himself with a regular place in the team.

HENRY SPALDING

**Midfielder**

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

**Profile:** Henry returned to the club for his second spell in November 2018. He is the eldest son of Manager Lee Spalding and first signed for the club 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 at Yate Town and made several substitute appearances before joining Marine at the start of the 2016/17 season. After playing the odd game or two Henry decided to leave Marine in October 2016 for Cirencester Town for more regular football. He quickly established a regular start with 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 joining the club, he quickly became a regular starter in the Marine side and contributed with eight goals in each of the last two seasons, with a few of them being excellent long-range finishes.

RHYS WELLS

**Midfielder**

**Previous Clubs:** Swindon Town

**Profile:** Rhys came through the Swindon Town Academy and having been released at the end of the 2019/20. After a successful trial period training with Marine in preseason he signed Southern League forms for the club and is now looking to kick start his career with Marine and hopefully a place in the first team squad this season.

LEE MARSHALL

**Midfielder**

**Previous Clubs:** North Leigh, Swindon Supermarine, Bath City, Swindon Town

**Profile:** Lee made four appearances for Swindon Town, making his league debut as a substitute at Luton in 2013. After his release from the Town he joined Bath City in 2016 and then signed for his first stint at Marine in 2017. After making 17 appearances in the 2017/18 season he left Marine to make a single appearance for North Leigh. Lee never played in the next two seasons but has now returned to push for a place in this seasons squad. If Lee can get back to his best, he could prove to be a an excellent signing for Marine.

TOMMY OULDRIDGE

**Midfielder**

**Previous Clubs:** Cirencester Town, Hungerford Town, Cirencester Town (loan), Chippenham Town (loan), Swindon Town

**Profile:** Tommy signed for Marine in July 2020 after leaving neighbours Cirencester Town. He is a hard-working midfield player who was with Swindon Town from a young age and came through their Youth setup. Before his release from the Town in 2018 he had loan spells with Chippenham Town and Cirencester Town and then after his departure from Swindon Town he signed for Hungerford Town. A short spell at Hungerford was followed with the 2019/20 season at Cirencester before signing for Marine in preseason.

HARRY WILLIAMS

**Striker**

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

**Profile:** Harry 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 for Sacramento Republic. He also had loan spells with Gloucester City in 2014 and 2015. Harry 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 two loans spells with then Conference club Farnborough and one with Evesham United. He has been an excellent addition to our attacking options and none more so than last season as he contributed with several matching winning goals. He has now signed a contract extension until May 2021.

CONOR McDONAGH

**Striker**

**Previous Clubs:** Kidlington, Banbury United, Oxford City, Didcot Town, Thame United, Ossett Albion, North Leigh, Witney Town, Oxford City Nomads, Oxford United

**Profile:** Conor joined the club in June 2018 have played for Kidlington and Banbury United in the 2016/17 season. The 27-year-old is an experienced striker who started his career as a scholar with Oxford United before joining Oxford City in the summer of 2011, playing primarily for the Oxford City Nomads side in the Hellenic League. He then went on to sign for Witney Town at the start of the 2012/13 season before joining North Leigh four months later in December 2012. He then moved away from Oxfordshire and spent the 2014/15 season with Ossett Albion, although he also played some games for Thame United in 2015. On his return to Oxfordshire he joined Didcot Town at the start of the 2015/16 season but moved up two levels to join National League South side Oxford City in September 2015 before signing for Banbury United exactly a year later in September 2016 and subsequently joining Kidllington in February 2018. His first season at Marine 2018/19 proved to be a fruitful one for Conor scored a total of 27 goals and followed that up with 18 goal last season. A season that did not start to well as he broke a bone his ankle and it was not until a few months in that he regained full fitness. He has signed a contract extension to play for Marine until May 2021.

DAVID PRATT

**Striker**

**Previous Clubs:** Chippenham Town, Wealdstone, Chippenham Town, Bath City, Maidenhead United, Basingstoke Town, Chippenham Town, Swindon Supermarine

**Profile:** David signed for Marine in October 2020 after leaving Chippenham Town, his third spell with the Bluebirds. He re-joins Marine after starting his senior career with the club in the 2005/06 season before leaving for Chippenham and then going on to make over 500 appearances in the National League South. He is front man who never stops working during the game and will provide additional strength and experience to our front line.

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 on a one-year contract having begun his career with his hometown club Cheltenham Town, incidentally alongside his current new teammate Harry Williams. Both players came through the club’s Youth setup to make several first team appearances in the Football League. He had several loan spells in the following years which included two spells at Gloucester City. Then 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 around a hundred National League and Football League appearance. He possesses two quick feet and has been a regular goalscorer throughout his career.