**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 football league sides Swindon Town and Wycombe Wanderers, he began working alongside manager 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 three months in February2015 to take time out to obtain his coaching badges and watch his sons play for Bristol City and Swindon Town, respectively. In January 2018 he became caretaker manager after the departure of manager Dave Webb. This was until the end of the 2017/18 season and then 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 in 2019/20 with the team in fourth position and playoff place when season prematurely ended in March 2020 due to the pandemic before a similar story followed last season but with only seven league games played.

CHARLIE GRIFFIN

**Assistant Manager**

**Previous Club**

**Manager / Coach:** Cirencester Town **Player:** Cirencester Town, Gloucester City, Bracknell Town, Bath City, Salisbury, Forest Green Rovers, Wycombe Wanderers, Swindon Town, Chippenham Town

**Profile:** Charlie has a wealth of experience having played for over sixteen clubs with a few Football League club amongst them. He was a player was Cirencester Town and then manager from 2016 before departing the Centurions in November 2019. After a month away from football he was appointed as our striker's coach at Marine in January 2020 and then in June 2021 he was appointed Assistant Manager to Lee Spalding, replacing Kev Milsom who reverted to a scouting role. He was a vastly experienced striker having played for several 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 amongst others.

RHYS EVANS

**Goalkeeping Coach**

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

**Profile:** Hampshire based Rhys joined the club in 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 16 clubs and making around 280 Football League appearances. He also made two appearances for England U21’s. He had a short spell at National League side Barnet as their goalkeeping coach in 2020/21.

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 won three promotions with them. The last was in the 2017/18 season when Hereford FC won the Southern League Premier Division. He is an experienced keeper, agile and has excellent reflexes and positioning. In March 2021 he extended his contract until May 2022.

LOUIS EVANS

**Goalkeeper**

**Previous Clubs:** Shortwood United, Tuffley Rovers

18-year-old Louis is the son of goalkeeping coach and former Swindon Town keeper Rhys Evans. He signed as cover for Martin Horsell in early August 2021 and will be on standby if ‘Horse’ is unavailable for a match. Louis has been training with the club for the past 18-months and his progression has been noticed by the management team and he will take his chance when it comes along. He is also dual signed with Cirencester Town and Shortwood United in this 2021/22 season.

MAT LIDDIARD

**Defender / Midfield**

**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.

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 in the previous 2019/20 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 Town 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. Pierce is always looking to get forward and score the odd goal, he is a strong and determined player with good technical skills.

LEWIS HALL

**Defender**

**Previous Clubs:** Weston-super-Mare, Taunton Town, Hereford FC, Gloucester City Bristol City

**Profile:** Lewis signed for Marine in July 2021 from league rivals Weston-super-Mare. He had signed for the Seagulls in March 2020 from another league rival, Taunton Town where he had been since October 2018 after arriving from National League North side Hereford FC. A versatile left-sided player, he is a product of the Bristol City academy and played for Gloucester City for three-and-a-half years before joining Hereford in the summer of 2018.

TYRONE DUFFUS

**Defender**

**Previous Clubs:** Barnet, Warrington Town, Hereford FC (loan), Cardiff City, Skelmersdale, Everton U23s

**Profile:** Tyrone signed for Marine in July 2021 having left Conference side Barnet at the end of least season. He started his career as a youngster at Everton before a loan spell at Skelmersdale and then a move to Cardiff City. Whilst at Cardiff City he had a loan spell with Hereford FC before joining Warrington Town on a permanent deal in November 2019 but left in January 2020. In September 2020 he joined Conference side Barnet before leaving them at the end of last season. Tyrone can play in either the centre of defence or midfield and will always look to play the ball forward with accurate passing. He's energetic and a determined box to box player, who likes to break up the play.

BRAD HOOPER

**Midfielder**

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

**Profile:** Brad joined Marine in the summer of 2016 having spent the previous three seasons with neighbours Cirencester Town where he was a regular in their side. He made over 100 appearances for the Centurions having started in the Cirencester Academy sides. He was another player who was the club’s 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 when he scored 15 goals. Although his goals per game ratio have shrunk in the past few seasons, he is still an established member of the first team squad.

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 2022.

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.

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 three seasons he has scored some vital goals and he has now established himself with a regular place in the team and earned a contract last season which has now been extended until May 2022.

GEORGE DOWLING

**Midfielder**

**Previous Clubs:** Swindon Town Academy

**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, 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 has now returned to Marine for the 2021/22 season having signed just before this season kicked off. He is a midfield player who is always involved in the game and possesses great stamina and skill on the ball.

FRANKIE ARTUS

**Midfielder**

**Previous Clubs:** Bath City, Hereford, Grimsby Town, Cheltenham Town (loan), Chesterfield (loan), Kettering Town (loan), Brentford (loan), Exeter City (loan, Bristol City.

**Profile:** Frankie is an experienced 32-year-old midfield player who joined Marine from Vanarama National League South side Bath City on a one-year contract in June 2021. He began his career with Bristol City, signing his first professional contract in 2006. Although he was named as substitute on several occasions, he did not make a first-team appearance for the Robins, spending loan spells with Exeter City, Brentford, Kettering Town, Cheltenham Town, and Chesterfield. In July 2010 he joined Cheltenham permanently, signing a one-year contract. He moved on to Grimsby Town 12 months later, where he made over 50 appearances during two years at Blundell Park, including the FA Trophy Final at Wembley in 2013. He was released at the end of that campaign and moved on to Hereford United and was a regular in the Bulls midfield but left after the club was relegated to the Southern League due to financial problems, arriving at Bath City in June 2014 where he made almost 200 appearances for the Romans and scored 11 goals.

MATT BRITTON

**Midfielder**

**Previous Clubs:** Larkhall Athletic, Cadbury Heath

**Profile:** Matt joined Marine on February 7th 2022 from Larkhall Athletic where he has played since 2017 after joining The Larks from Cadbury Heath. He is a robust central midfield player who can also play in defence. Good in the tackle and always looking for a pass forward to set up the forwards.

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 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 and is always looking for a pass. He had played in most of Banbury’s games this season when the highlight was playing against Barrow in the FA Cup First Round Proper. Tom is a young player who is looking secure a regular starting place in the team in the second half of the season.

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 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 has been an excellent addition to our attacking options and none more so than in his first season in 2019/20 as he contributed with several matching winning goals. He has now signed a contract extension until May 2022.

KIERAN PHILIPS

**Striker**

**Previous Clubs:** Bristol Rovers, Dorchester Town (loan), Chippenham Town (loan)

**Profile:** Kieran is a pacey striker who joined Marine on a loan spell from League Two side Bristol Rovers at the end of October. He was previously on loan at fellow Premier South side Dorchester Town earlier this season where he scored two goals on his debut against Walton Casuals. He was also previously on loan at National League Chippenham Town last season where he made four appearances in the National League South.

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 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. 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 appearance. He possesses two quick feet and has been a regular goalscorer throughout his career. He has now signed a contract extension to play for Marine until May 2022.

TOM GOLLEDGE

**Striker**

**Previous Clubs:** Fairford Town, Swindon Supermarine Development, Angouleme FC (France), Amposta FC (Spain), Frome Town

**Profile:** Tom initially trialled at Marine in preseason before the start of the 2021/22 season and although he wasn’t signed, he was asked by the manager to go and get games under his belt with the Supermarine Development side and then subsequently Hellenic League side Fairford Town. Having played several games for both sides he signed Southern League forms and made his scoring debut from the substitutes bench in the Southern League cup win over Wantage.

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 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 goals in the 2019/20 season. A season that did not start to well as he broke a bone his ankle in the last game of the 2018/19 season and it was not until November 2019 that he regained full fitness. He has now signed a contract extension to until May 2022.