**SWINDON SUPERMARINE FC – 2019/20 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 last season. Having established the team in the Premier South Division with a creditable midtable finish last season he now starts his eighth season with the club.

**KEVIN MILSOM**

**Assistant Manager**

**Profile:** Kevin began his association with the club a couple of 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 in preseason 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 a number of 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's departure in November 2019. After a month away from football he was appointed Strikers Coach in January 2020. He was a vastly experienced striker having played for a number of non-league and football league clubs that 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.

**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. At the end of last season Martin signed a one-year contract until May 2020.

**JOSH HILL**

**Goalkeeper**

**Previous Clubs:** Napier City Rovers,Hawkes Bay, Stop Out, Wairapa United, Napier Cyprus (all New Zealand)

**Profile:** Josh first joined the club in July 2017 having been a triallist at Forest Green Rovers. He made his debut in the preseason friendly against Swindon Town at the start of July 2017 and after FGR never took up the option to sign Josh he signed for Marine. After receiving his international clearance Josh won his place in the starting eleven and didn’t look back with some excellent displays, including two outstanding performances in our semi-final and final playoff wins on penalties in May 2018 to win promotion. At the end of the 2018/19 season he decided to return to New Zealand but returned to Marine in December 2019.

**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 since a youngster. After signing he immediately brought additional competition and balance to the left-hand side of the squad. Michael is a talented footballer and a key member of the team having signed an extension to his contract that takes him to May 2020.

**DAVID BAMPTON**

**Midfielder / Defender**

**Previous Clubs:** Shrivenham, Swindon Supermarine, Worcester City, Tamworth, Swindon Town

**Profile:** Dave, who needs no introduction to the supporters having been skipper and central defender for many seasons before a bad back injury forced him to stop playing midway through the 2014/15 season. Having returned to training with the club midway through the 2017/18 season he played a few games for Shrivenham before returning to Marine. He played a few preseason games in the summer of 2019 as he looked to get back to full fitness and after a couple of impressive performances the manager signed him on for the 2019/20 season.

**SIMON DOWNER**

**Defender**

**Previous Clubs**: Hampton & Richmond, Sutton United (3), Maidenhead United, Wivenhoe, Grays Athletic, Weymouth, Aldershot,

Leyton Orient, West Ham.

**Profile:** Marine were delighted to announce the signing of defender Simon Downer, who played for National League South side Hampton & Richmond Borough last season, at the end of August 2019. He had played for Hampton for the past couple of seasons but has now decided to play more locally to his Swindon home. Simon is a vastly experienced defender who began his career in the West Ham Academy before moving the short distance to play for Leyton Orient after his release before gaining experience at several top non-league clubs which included National League side Sutton United on three occasions.

**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, but he has also been rewarded with an additional responsibility as Player Coach.

**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 loan moves before being released by Swindon Town in May 2018. He joined Cirencester at the start of the 2018/19 season having been on loan 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.

**MATT WILLIAMS**

**Defender**

**Previous Clubs:** Gloucester City, Hungerford Town, Evesham United, Cheltenham Town

**Profile:** Matt joined Marine in October 2018 from Gloucester City. He had two spells with Gloucester after initially joining them in 2014 but left for Evesham United before joining Hungerford Town in December 2017, where he stepped up two divisions to play National League South football. The Droitwich-born 24-year-old then returned to Gloucester City for the 2018/19 season but a few months in he joined Marine when he signed a contract that will keep him at the club until May 2020. Matt started his football career at Football League side Cheltenham Town, where he was captain of the U18s team.

**JOE SHEPHERD**

**Midfielder / Defender**

**Previous Clubs:** Cirencester Town

**Profile:** Joe signed for Marine in the summer of 2014 from the previous season’s champions Cirencester Town. He made nineteen starts and three substitute appearances in Cirencester’s Division One South & West championship-winning side in 2013/14, scoring four goals along the way. He is another young Swindon based player that former manager Dave Webb was monitoring for some time before he managed to sign him in July 2014. He is a box to box midfield player who can also play in defence, having great stamina and a knack of scoring a vital goal or two along the way. A very versatile player who can play in several positions.

**MAT LIDDIARD**

**Midfielder / Defender**

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

**Profile:** Mat joined the club on January 9th, 2019 from Gloucester City and signed a 1-year contract shortly afterwards. He is a versatile player who can play in the centre of defence or in midfield. He was a graduate of Hartpury College before signing for the first time at 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. His five months stay at Gloucester over in January 2019 when he joined Marine and has now signed a contract extension until May 2020.

**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. He is another player who was on former manager Dave Webb's radar over the previous two seasons before signing. 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 the 2016/17 season at Marine and scored 15 goals in his first season at the Webbswood. In the 2017/18 he nearly matched that total but fell one short with 14 goals from midfield, another excellent achievement. He couldn’t match last season as having started fewer games than the previous seasons he only scored six goals from midfield.

**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 winning 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 he’s subsequent career has also seen him play for Cirencester Town and Weston-super-Mare. After joining Marine he signed a contract until the end of last season but this has now been extended until May 2020.

**GEORGE DOWLING**

**Midfielder**

**Previous Clubs:** Weston-super-Mare, Derry City (loan), Torquay United (loan), Eastleigh (loan), Torquay United (loan), Weston-super-Mare (loan), 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, 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 in December 2019 just weeks after we played Weston. He is a midfield player who is always involved in the game and possesses great stamina and skill on the ball.

**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 last term with a last-minute winner against Northwood in the FA Cup in the 2017/18 season. Last season he started more games than the previous season and scored eight goals along the way. He will be looking to do the same again in 2019/20.

**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. Henry left Marine in October 2016 for Cirencester Town where he has been a regular in their team 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 and contributed with eight goals, with a few of them being excellent long-range finishes. He will now be looking to continue with a regular start for Marine in this 2019/20 season and a regular goalscorer.

**CALVIN DINSLEY**

**Midfielder**

**Previous Clubs:** Hereford FC, Gloucester City, Kidderminster Harriers, Redditch United, Evesham United, Stourport Swifts, Cambridge United, WBA.

**Profile:** Calvin signed for the club at the end of February 2019 from National League North side Hereford FC having joined them from Gloucester City in March 2017 after previously having a month’s loan with them. He has played most of his football in the National and Southern Leagues having been with Gloucester City, Kidderminster Harriers and Redditch United. He started his career in the Youth team at West Bromwich Albion before having short spells with Cambridge United, Evesham United and Stourport Swifts. After helping Hereford FC to two championship titles he played seventeen times for them last season but found it difficult to recover his place in the side of a couple of niggling injuries and decided to move on. Having spoken to a couple of other club’s Marine manager Lee Spalding was very pleased he decided to sign a 1-year contract for Marine which has now been extended until May 2020.

**ALEX HENSHALL**

**Midfielder / Winger**

**Previous Clubs:** Nuneaton Borough, Darlington, Nuneaton Borough, Braintree, Margate, Kilmarnock, Blackpool (loan), Ipswich Town, Ipswich Town (loan), Bristol Rovers (loan), Chesterfield (loan), Man City, Swindon Town

**Profile:** Swindon Supermarine Football Club were delighted to announce the loan signing of the Swindon based midfielder/winger Alex Henshall from Nuneaton Borough on 28th November 2019. He currently is into his second spell with Nuneaton after returning to them from Darlington at the start of the season. Alex began his football career with hometown club Swindon Town before turning down approaches from Man Utd and Liverpool to join Manchester City as a 16-year-old. During the four years at City he had spells on loan with Chesterfield, for whom he made his Football League debut, Bristol Rovers and Ipswich Town before signing a permanent contract with Ipswich in 2014.A loan to Blackpool preceded a couple of months with Scottish Premiership club Kilmarnock in 2016. He then left Ipswich and played non-league football with Margate, Braintree Town, Nuneaton Town and Darlington before returning to Nuneaton in 2019 and now a loan spell at Swindon Supermarine.

**STUART FLEETWOOD**

**Striker**

**Previous Clubs:** 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 joined Marine in June 2018 have played for Redditch United and Merthyr Town during the 2017/18 season. He is a vastly experienced striker having joined the Cardiff City Youth setup as a 12-year-old before going on to play for another fourteen clubs, although six of these clubs were loan moves. In the 2017/18 season at Merthyr he made eighteen appearances and scored three goals before joining Redditch towards the end of the season and scored five goals. He has proved to be a good acquisition for the club, not only as captain and a striker with 19 goals last season, but also a player that the young players in the squad have learnt a lot from. Having initially signed a 1-year contract last season this has now been extended for the 2019/20 season.

**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 26-year-old is an experienced striker who started he’s 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, establishing himself at the higher level over the next eighteen months. 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. The 2018/19 season proved to be a fruitful one for Conor with him scoring a total of 27 goals and causing havoc amongst some of the defences he faced. After signing for Marine, he earned a 1-year contract early into his Marine career and that has now been extended to May 2020.