



SWINDON SUPERMARINE – OPPOSITION PREVIEW **by Corey Eaton-McKnight.**

Swindon Supermarine were formed in 1992 following the merger of Swindon Athletic and Supermarine FC, Swindon Athletic were also formerly known as Penhill FC.

Currently playing their sixth season at step 3 and barring a much improved second half of the season it could be their last for the time being.

Promoted into the league following a play-off promotion in 2017/18, which they scraped into by a single point, the marine drew both ties away from home and subsequently edged past both Evesham United and Wimborne Town on penalties.

They have never made it further than the Southern Premier South despite this being their second stint at this current level. Their best seasons to date were their curtailed season in 2019/20 where they were sitting just behind ourselves in fourth place and last season where they managed to finish 6th.

They have only managed one FA Cup Round 1 appearance where they got the better of Eastwood Town 2-1 and they then faced Colchester United only losing 1-0 on the road during the 2010/11 season.

The last campaign also saw them equal their best FA trophy run, overcoming Cirencester Town, Winchester City and Dartford to only lose to Harrow Borough in round three - the same side we had lost to earlier in the competition. This record was only ever matched in 2008/09 when marine eventually lost to Ebbsfleet United.

The address: Webbswood Stadium, Supermarine Road, Swindon, SN3 4BZ.

Admission prices:

Both cash and card are accepted (turnstiles open at 13:00):

£12 Adults (Aged 18 to 59)

£8 Concessions (Aged 60 and over)

£6 Youths (Aged 13 to 17)

Free for Under 12s who must be accompanied by an adult.

Also available is a *Family Ticket* at £25 (2 adults and 2 youths).

By Car: The journey from Hayes & Yeading's ground is 72 miles and takes between 75 and 90 minutes straight down the M4.

By Public Transport: From Hayes & Harlington railway station, you would need to catch the Elizabeth Line heading towards Reading (**note there is apparently a restricted service on 25/11/23**), changing there for a train direct to Swindon railway station. The number 7 bus is a short walk from the railway station and runs every 20 mins, it's £2 for a single journey and you get off at stop "Excel" and then have a seven minute walk to the ground. For the return journey you still get back on the bus from the stop "Excel".

Alternatively, a taxi ride will take you 11 minutes between station and ground.

Where to eat & drink:

The Queen's Tap is walking distance from the railway station and heading towards town you have a Wetherspoons to eat and drink in which is a 6 minute walk from Swindon station. Chopstix and MoMo's are other alternative eateries. The Beehive, The Castle & The Globe are a stretch out of town, with a lengthy 20 minute walk but all are close to each other and to get to the ground from these you would have to walk back on yourselves into town to catch the bus!!

Other pubs which are in and around the area are the Rolleston Arms, The Savoy (another Spoons!) and the Swiss Chalet. There are no bars or restaurants near to the ground although food and drink are available inside the stadium.

Last time out:

Swindon Supermarine 0-0 Sholing

Line up: Conor Brann, Sam Turl, Ryan Campbell, Mat Liddiard, Ioan Richards, Jake Andrews, Zack Kotwica (Henry Spalding 77), Liban Ibrahim, Dave Sims-Burgess, Joe Tumelty, Levi Irving (Bradley Gray 70). Subs not used: Toby Raison, Louis Evans, George Dowling.

Last 5 results:

Swindon Supermarine 0-0 Sholing

Swindon Supermarine 2-1 Chesham United

Basingstoke Town 4-3 Swindon Supermarine

Swindon Supermarine 0-3 Basingstoke Town – FA Trophy

Swindon Supermarine 1-1 Hanwell Town

Player to Watch:

Sam Turl: Defender - Exciting right back who is regarded as one of the best full-backs in the league by Marine fans due to his attacking threat down the right and despite their lowly position, he was a popular fans favourite at Yate Town also. Turl was with relegated Yate Town last season where he was notched an impressive 55 appearances in total and is now under contract with the Marine until the end of May 2024.

Played for both:

Marcus Johnson-Schuster: Marcus is a vastly experienced right back who spent two seasons with the Marine from 2014-2016. Appearing 55 times across two seasons; his spell brought him more regular football than his time at Hayes & Yeading where he made one solitary start for United and two appearances from the bench. He's now currently playing for Basingstoke Town and has also played for Wealdstone, Hungerford Town from whom he signed for us, Braintree Town and Beaconsfield Town.

Previous meetings:

21.02.23 Hayes & Yeading 0-0 Swindon Supermarine - League

26.11.22 Swindon Supermarine 3-5 Hayes & Yeading – League

15.01.22 Swindon Supermarine 0-4 Hayes & Yeading – League

14.08.21 Hayes & Yeading 3-0 Swindon Supermarine - League

29.09.20 Hayes & Yeading 3-1 Swindon Supermarine - League

07.03.20 Hayes & Yeading 1-0 Swindon Supermarine - League

25.02.20 Swindon Supermarine 1-1 Hayes & Yeading – League

21.07.08 Swindon Supermarine 0-3 Hayes & Yeading – Friendly