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Royal Wootton Bassett Town  
v Melksham Town Ladies

Wiltshire County Women's Cup Second Round  
Sunday 17th November 2019, K.O. 1.30pm



# Club Officials Season 2019-20

# The Women's Football Pyramid & Wiltshire Women's County Cup



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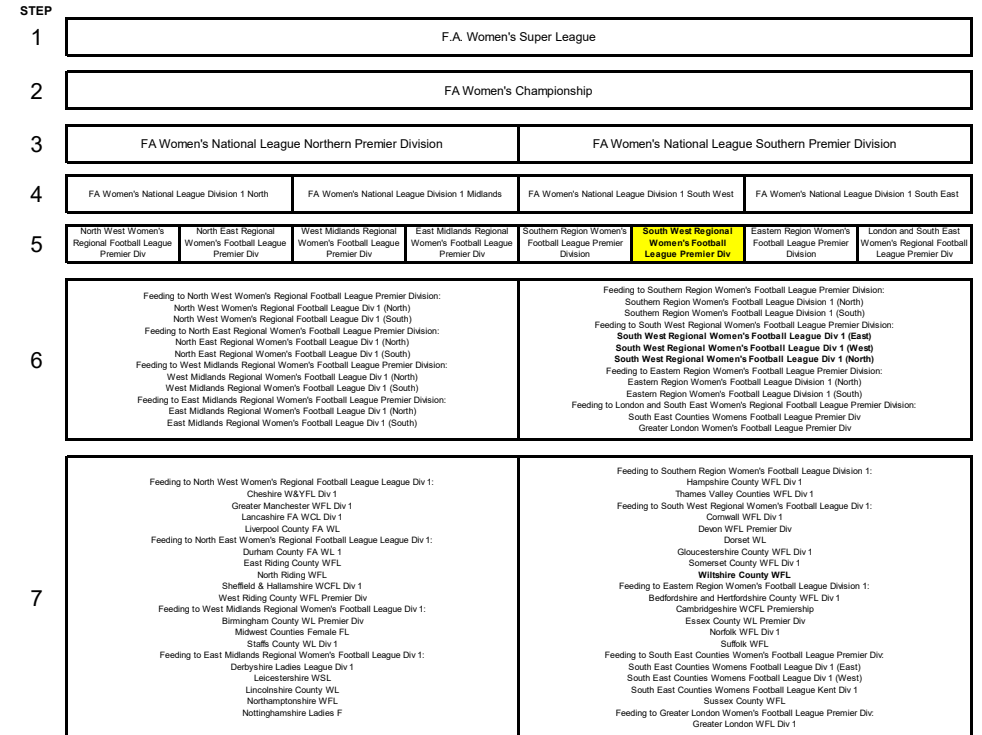
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**Wiltshire Clubs**

Step 4	Swindon Town FC
Step 5	Royal Wootton Bassett Town
Step 6	Laverstock & Ford, Swindon Spitfires, Swindon Supermarine, Swindon Town Dev, Trowbridge Town
Step 7	FC Calne, Highworth Town, Melksham Town, Salisbury, Swindon Supermarine, Marlborough Town, Trowbridge Wanderers, Warminster Sky Blues

**Wiltshire County Women's Cup Season 2019-20**

First Round - 15 September 2019		
FC Chippenham	2 - 0	Trowbridge Town
Royal W. Bassett Town	4 - 0	Laverstock & Ford
Trowbridge Wanderers	1 - 3	Salisbury FC
Quarter Finals - 17 November 2019		
Marlborough	v	FC Chippenham
Royal W. Bassett Town	v	Melksham Town
Swindon Spitfires	v	Swindon Supermarine
Swindon Town	v	Salisbury
Semi Finals - 19 January 2020		
Final - 29th March 2020		



# League Table & Results



## Today's Teams



Royal Wootton Bassett Town v Melksham Town

### South West Women's Football League - Premier Division Season 2019-20

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Callington Town Ladies	7	5	0	2	25	7	15
2 <b>Royal W. Bassett Town Ladies</b>	6	5	0	1	23	9	15
3 Bishops Lydeard Ladies	5	3	1	1	22	6	10
4 Keynsham Town Dev #	7	3	2	2	10	12	8
5 Ilminster Town Ladies	4	2	1	1	12	4	7
6 Middlezey Ladies	5	2	0	3	4	10	6
7 Marine Academy Plymouth Ladies	4	1	1	2	7	9	4
8 Bideford Ladies AFC	6	1	1	4	7	13	4
9 Portishead Ladies	1	1	0	0	9	1	3
10 Torquay United Women #	7	0	0	7	2	50	-3

# Points deducted for non fulfilment of fixtures

South West Womens League - Premier Division Results 2019-20										
Eastern Division	Bideford	Bishops L	Callington	Ilminster	Keynsham	MA Plym'h	Middlezey	Portishead	RWBT	Torquay U
Bideford		17-Nov	0 - 3	1-Dec	0 - 0	15-Dec	4 - 1	12-Jan	0 - 3	9-Feb
Bishops Lydeard	4 - 2		1-Dec	2 - 2	15-Dec	1-Mar	12-Jan	2-Feb	24-Nov	5 - 0
Callington Town	24-Nov	9-Feb		15-Dec	5 - 0	12-Jan	3 - 0	TBA	8-Dec	9 - 0
Ilminster Town	2-Feb	8-Dec	4 - 0		12-Jan	TBA	TBA	16-Feb	5-Jan	24-Nov
Keynsham Town	8-Dec	2 - 5	1 - 0	9-Feb		2 - 2	2 - 0	24-Nov	19-Jan	1-Dec
M.A. Plymouth	23-Feb	5-Jan	16-Feb	19-Jan	TBA		24-Nov	9-Feb	0 - 5	8-Dec
Middlezey Ladies	5-Jan	26-Jan	19-Jan	2 - 1	17-Nov	1 - 0		8-Dec	2-Feb	16-Feb
Portishead Town	26-Jan	19-Jan	TBA	17-Nov	1-Mar	1-Dec	8-Mar		23-Feb	5-Jan
Royal W. Bassett T	2 - 1	16-Feb	2 - 5	1-Mar	4 - 3	8-Mar	1-Dec	15-Dec		12-Jan
Torquay United	19-Jan	0 - 10	17-Nov	0 - 5	26-Jan	1 - 5	15-Dec	1 - 9	0 - 7	

#### South West Women's Football League - Division 1 Eastern Season 2019-20

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Swindon Spitfires Womens	5	3	1	1	26	15	10
2 Frome Town LFC	5	3	1	1	11	7	10
3 Sherborne Town Ladies	3	2	1	0	13	4	7
4 Swindon Supermarine Womens	5	2	1	2	13	23	7
5 Swindon Town Women Dev #	4	4	0	0	20	6	6
6 Laverstock & Ford (Ladies)	8	1	3	4	18	26	6
7 Trowbridge Town Ladies	5	0	3	2	6	16	3
8 Pen Mill Ladies	4	0	1	3	5	9	1
9 Forest Green Rovers Women	3	0	1	2	5	11	1

# Points deducted for non fulfilment of fixtures

#### South West Women's Football League - Division 1 Western Season 2019-20

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Alington Ladies	7	4	1	2	23	13	13
2 Plymouth Argyll LFC	7	4	0	3	42	16	12
3 Feniton Ladies	6	4	0	2	25	13	12
4 St Agnes AFC Ladies	7	4	0	3	25	21	12
5 Plympton Ladies	5	3	0	2	20	11	9
6 Bude Town Ladies	5	1	1	3	8	26	4
7 Exeter & Tedburn Rangers Women	5	0	0	5	1	44	0

#### South West Women's Football League - Division 1 Northern Season 2019-20

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Frampton Rangers Ladies	7	5	1	1	17	6	16
2 Cheltenham Town Ladies Dev	9	4	2	3	22	13	14
3 Oldland Abbotonians Ladies	6	4	2	0	23	6	14
4 Almondsbury Women	5	4	0	1	13	5	12
5 Bristol Ladies Union	5	3	1	1	21	8	10
6 Chipping Sodbury Town LFC	7	3	1	3	13	13	10
7 Weston Mendip Ladies	5	2	1	2	13	10	7
8 AEK Boco Ladies	5	1	0	4	5	16	3
9 Weston Super Mare Ladies	9	1	0	8	13	50	3
10 Dornand Flyers Women	4	0	0	4	4	15	0

#### Wiltshire Women's Football League - Division 1 Season 2019-20

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 <b>Melksham Town FC Ladies</b>	7	6	0	1			18
2 Trowbridge Wanderers Ladies	7	5	1	1			16
3 Salisbury FC Women	7	4	0	3			12
4 Highworth Town FC Ladies	7	3	1	3			10
5 FC Chippenham Youth Ladies	5	3	1	1			10
6 Marlborough Town Ladies	7	1	2	4			5
7 FC Calne Adults Ladies	6	1	0	5			3
8 Warminster Sky Blues Girls Ladies	6	1	0	5			3

Home Team Squad			No.	Sub
1	Alice	Farnell		
2	Hannah	Gulliver		
3	Amber	Egerton		
4	Mollie	Smith		
5	Laura	Jefferies		
6	Rosie	Kirk		
7	Lauren	Kayll		
8	Beth	Kelloway		
9	Hayley	Huckin		
10	Lisa	Coe		
11	Madeline	Elliott		
12	Lara	Wilson		
14	Aly	Lyons		
15	Lily	Withers		
16	Sophie	Smith		
17	Eloise	Hayward		
18	Abi	Footner		
19	Grace	Eagles		
20	Jessica	Dent		
21	Lauren	Usher		
22	Holly	Baker		
23				
24				

Visitors Team Squad			No.	Sub
1	Tory	Swinney		
2	Ashley	Ellison		
3	Alannah	Petty		
4	Sarah	Ward		
5	Chloe	Way		
6	Ellie	Sims		
7	Melanie	Paterson		
8	Charlie	Canvin		
9	Hannah	Shepherd		
11	Cicilly	Stanley		
12	Abbie	Wilding		
14	Martha	Atkinson		
15	Lauren	Morris		
16	Andrea	Chludilova		
17	Jodie	Nicholson		
18	Lauren	Wylie		
19				
20	Freya	Adams		
21				
22				
23				
24				

<b>Dugout Team</b>	
<b>It Manager:</b>	Jonny House
<b>It Manager:</b>	James Goddard

<b>Dugout Team</b>	
<b>Manager:</b>	Rob Bridges
<b>Assistant:</b>	
<b>Coach:</b>	

<b>Match Officials</b>	
<b>Referee:</b>	Adam Gregory
<b>Assist. Ref (Red Flag):</b>	
<b>Assist. Ref (Yellow Flag):</b>	

#### Next Home Games at the Gerard Buxton Sports Ground

<b>Tue</b>	<b>19-Nov-19</b>	v Fairford Town (UHlsport Hellenic League Premier Division) Kick-off 19:45
<b>Thur</b>	<b>21-Nov-19</b>	v Shrivensham (Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League U18 Division) Kick-off 19:45
<b>Sat</b>	<b>23-Nov-19</b>	v Flackwell Heath (UHlsport Hellenic League Premier Division) Kick-off 15:00
<b>Mon</b>	<b>25-Nov-19</b>	v Trowbridge Tigers Vets (Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League Vets) Division Kick-off 19:30
<b>Mon</b>	<b>25-Nov-19</b>	v Marlborough Town Vets (Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League Vets) Division Kick-off 20:35
<b>Sat</b>	<b>30-Nov-19</b>	v Holmer Green (UHlsport Hellenic League Premier Division) Kick-off 15:00
<b>Sun</b>	<b>01-Dec-19</b>	v Middlezey Ladies (South West Regional Women's League Premier Division) Kick-off 14:00



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## Today's Visitors

Welcome to the Gerard Buxton Sports Ground for this Wiltshire County Women's Cup tie against Melksham Town Ladies. A warm welcome to all the players, officials and spectators from Melksham who have made the journey up to the Gerard Buxton Sports Ground and we hope you enjoy your short stay with us this afternoon.

Melksham visit us here today sat on top of the Wiltshire County Women's League Division 1 as they look favourites to retain the league title that they won last season. They have won six of their opening seven league games scoring 56 goals in the process. Their only blemish to date came in their last game against Trowbridge Wanderers, losing 7-5 in a high scoring game. The two sides met in this competition last season and Bassett won 15-0 that day in another high scoring match on the way to lifting the cup for the very first time. It will be a much tougher game this season as Melksham are a much better side than when we played them last season and we will need to be at our best if we are to progress to the next round. Melksham will come here this afternoon without any pressure looking to cause a cup upset with us being two league's higher in the Women's pyramid and the Ladies need to be at the top of their game to ensure that the current unbeaten run continues.

## Bideford Double

That winning run has now extended to four league games after a quick fire double over Bideford Ladies. A narrow 2-1 home win thanks to goals from Hayley Huckin and Lauren Kayll was followed by an impressive 3-0 away win in the return match last Sunday, just seven days later. The same two players were again on the score sheet and, in fact, have both scored in each of those four consecutive wins. Hayley remains the Premier Division's top scorer in all competitions and the full list of the leading scorers is again in today's programme. Hopefully both Hayley and Lauren will continue their scoring run of form here this afternoon. The win last week lifted the Ladies into second spot level on points with Callington but with two games in hand, a fantastic start to the season.

## Club Fundraisers

Some news about a couple of club fundraisers for our Youth Section Firstly, we will be hosting a bingo night on Saturday 23rd November. The event will take place in the clubhouse with a prompt start at 7.30pm. All are invited to attend and bring along friends and family for what should be a great evening's entertainment. Secondly, we will be hosting a Race Night on Saturday 7th December. An adults only event, it will begin at 7pm in the clubhouse at the Gerard Buxton Sports Ground, with the first race at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12.50 per person, and include a glass of mulled wine, food and entry into the Tote with a chance to win £100. Horse names, jockeys and owners can be purchased for £5 each. Tickets can now be purchased from the bar. For further information please contact either Claire Cranswick-Coates or Karen Watkinson. Hope you all enjoy the game this afternoon.

Mark

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## Aly Lyons

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Aly is a reliable, clever footballer who is neat and tidy in and out of possession. A player that the management can trust to cover various roles and follow instructions brilliantly, Lyons enjoyed a good pre-season and will be looking to force her way into what is a very competitive midfield this season.



<b>Nickname</b>	Al/ Alistair
<b>Occupation</b>	Payroll specialist
<b>Position</b>	Inside Forward
<b>Number of Seasons at Club</b>	About 9
<b>Former Clubs</b>	Cirencester Town Ladies & Gloucestershire Uni
<b>Highlight of Football Career To Date</b>	Top goal scorer 2 years in a row for Uni team & highest number of goals in one season.
<b>Biggest Influence on Football Career</b>	Scholes / Giggs
<b>Favourite Football Team</b>	Manchester United
<b>Favourite Football Player (Past or Current)</b>	Paul Scholes
<b>Favourite Drink</b>	Malibu & Coke
<b>If you could only eat 1 food for the rest of your life, what would it be</b>	Rice pudding
<b>Favourite Holiday Destination</b>	Kalkan, Turkey
<b>Favourite TV Programme / Film</b>	Lion King
<b>Favourite Band / Musician</b>	Ariana Grande
<b>Fun/interesting fact</b>	I'm so double jointed that I can lick my own elbow

Good afternoon everyone,

We are very much looking forward to today's game after achieving our target of gaining 12 points out of 12 from our last 4 games. It was an ambitious target but the ladies have put in some incredible performances and displayed their ability to play dominant attacking football as well as the ability to dig deep and grind out a result.



Last weekend we travelled down to Bideford after playing them only a week earlier, also in the league. The game got off to a great start, scoring after just two and a half minutes and adding 2 more very well taken goals before half time. The second half wasn't as exciting but the ladies recognised that they just needed to put in a professional performance to make sure the 3 points were ours to bring back to Wiltshire, and that's what they did.

Today we welcome Melksham Town Ladies in the Wiltshire FA County Cup for the second time in two seasons. Whilst it's nice to have a break from league action and be able to focus on a cup game, we know that this is far from a week off and is not a chance to relax. We expect that Melksham will have an exciting and expansive young side and can't wait for what should be an exciting game.

Thank you for your support so far this season. Home and Away, our support has been excellent and it's very much appreciated by the players and the coaches. We hope you enjoy the game today!

*James & Jonny*

Today we welcome Melksham Town in the Wiltshire County Cup, having had a good recent run in our last four league games getting all 12 points out of a possible 12. I couldn't be prouder of the team. We set a target to win those four games before our weeks break from the league and we did just that scoring 16 goals in total. We now sit level with Callington Town at the top of the table with us having a game in hand and that is the reward for the hard work and attitude put in by the whole squad on match days and at training. Switching our focus to the cup today if we perform and play the style of football we have played the last few weeks and the way in which we dug in deep showing great resilience to hold on to a win I have no doubt that we can progress further in this competition.



*Laura*



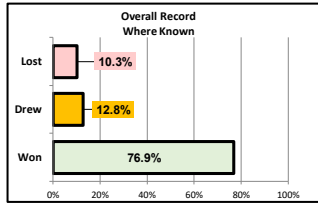
# Today's Opponents Recent Record

# Match Report v Bideford (H)

## Melksham Town Ladies Historical Record - Recent Completed Seasons + Current

Season	League & Division	Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst	Pts	Position	Top Scorer (including cups)
2017/18	Wiltshire Women's League Div 1	18	12	4	2	90	24	40	3 out of 10	Not known
2018/19	Wiltshire Women's League Div 1	14	12	1	1	70	21	37	1 out of 8	Not known
2019/20	Wiltshire Women's League Div 1	7	6	0	1	56	17	18	1 out of 8	Not known
<b>Totals</b>		<b>39</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>62</b>			
<b>Won:Drew:Lost Ratio</b>			<b>76.9%</b>	<b>12.8%</b>	<b>10.3%</b>					

Wiltshire Women's League Div 1	39	30	5	4	216	62	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	76.9%	12.8%	10.3%
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### Last Season - 2018-19

#### Wiltshire Women's Football League - Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 <b>Melksham Town FC Ladies</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>37</b>
2 Salisbury FC Women	14	9	3	2	30	15	30
3 Swindon Supermarine Womens	14	10	0	4	29	18	30
4 Marlborough Town Ladies	14	9	2	3	38	23	29
5 Trowbridge Wanderers Ladies	14	5	1	8	34	35	16
6 Frome Town LFC Reserves	14	5	1	8	23	37	16
7 Warminster Sky Blues Girls Ladies	14	2	0	12	16	42	6
8 The Market Lavington and Easterton	14	0	0	14	6	55	0

Highworth Town Ladies  
FC Calne

#### Results 2018-19

	Home	Away		Home	Away
	<b>D 4 - 4</b>	<b>L 3 - 5</b>		<b>W 13 - 3</b>	
	<b>W 3 - 1</b>	<b>W 4 - 1</b>			
	<b>W 4 - 2</b>	<b>W 5 - 2</b>			
	<b>W 10 - 1</b>	<b>W 2 - 0</b>		<b>W 5 - 2</b>	<b>L 5 - 7</b>
	<b>W 5 - 1</b>	<b>W 6 - 1</b>			
	<b>W 7 - 3</b>	<b>W 7 - 0</b>		<b>W 8 - 0</b>	
	<b>W 10 - 0</b>	<b>Award</b>			
				<b>W 8 - 2</b>	<b>W 6 - 0</b>
					<b>W 11 - 3</b>



Melksham Town Ladies have started well in defence of the Wiltshire County Women's League Division 1 title which they won last season. The only points dropped so far have come in their last outing when they suffered a surprising 5-7 reverse away against a Trowbridge Wanderers side they had defeated 5-2 earlier in the season. The other games have all been won comfortably

including an impressive 13-3 win over a Salisbury side who were the only side Melksham did not defeat last season in winning their league title.

Bassett have played Melksham once already this season, winning 6-1 in a pre-season friendly played on the 3G pitch. Bassett scorers that day were Amber Egerton (2), Hayley Huckin (2), Lisa Coe and Madeline Elliott. However, don't read too much into that result it will certainly be a tough game here today given Melksham's league form since that game.

## Patient Bassett bide their time to beat Bideford

Sunday 3 November 2019

### Royal Wootton Bassett Town 2 Bideford 1

Gerard Buxton Sports Ground

While controlling the game for long periods, Royal Wootton Bassett Town Ladies were forced to be patient before sealing what was a deserved 2-1 triumph at home against Bideford. Bassett went behind before Lauren Kayll levelled on the half hour mark. An attacking second half display then helped seal the win as Hayley Huckin struck the decisive goal on 58 minutes. The hosts enjoyed the better of the opening exchanges, but a goal was not forthcoming. On six minutes an outstanding Laura Jefferies corner was headed onto the bar before, five minutes later, Huckin had an effort blocked following good build up play between Hannah Gulliver and Lily Withers. Bideford then found the back of the net with their first opportunity as Kate McKane's firm 20-yard strike proved too powerful for Alice Farnell. Ten minutes later it could have been two for the visitors but Rebecca McMullin fired wide. Bassett soon got back on the front front and Kayll should have equalised when a defensive slip put her through but she placed over. However she made no mistake a couple of minutes later, combining well with strike partner Huckin before finding the bottom corner. Bassett subsequently had the better opportunities prior to the interval but were unable to go ahead, Huckin having the best opportunity when she headed over.

They suffered a scare shortly after the restart though when Gulliver was forced to clear off the line following Farnell's slight fumble. Bideford were claiming for a penalty, which the referee turned down. And Bassett broke to the other end where Huckin shot against the post. The hosts themselves had appeals for a spot kick waved away when Huckin headed a Kayll cross onto the arms of a defender. Bassett continued to create the better openings as Kayll shot straight at Zoe Stock and Withers found the side netting. The deserved breakthrough eventually arrived just before the hour. Amber Egerton took on her marker before fizzing in a low cross, which Huckin controlled before firing in on the turn. The latter stages then saw both sides trade blows. Farnell recovered well after initially seeing a cross squirm between her legs. Meanwhile, at the other end Egerton came close with two headers from set piece deliveries. Then with three minutes remaining Farnell saved from a free kick in a dangerous area.

In the end it was a deserved win for Bassett - their fourth in a row in the league and one which pulls them to within three points of leaders Callington Town with two games in hand to play. Their winning run will be tested next week, however, with the return fixture away at Bideford.



# The Women's FA Cup

# Today's Opponents—History

THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY FOR ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C. 2019-20						
Date	Round	Opponents	H/A	Result	Prize Money	
					Winner	Loser
18-Aug-19	Extra Preliminary Round	v Bye			£300	£75
1-Sep-19	Preliminary Round	v Chipping Sodbury Town	H	W 7 - 0	£360	£90
22-Sep-19	First Qualifying Round	v Torquay United Ladies	H	W 8 - 0	£400	£100
6-Oct-19	Second Qualifying Round	v Portishead Ladies	A	L 0 - 1	£450	£115
27-Oct-19	Third Qualifying Round	v Moneyfields	H		£600	£150
10-Nov-19	First Round	v Southampton Women's FC*	A		£850	£215
1-Dec-19	Second Round	v MK Dons*	H		£1,000	£250
5-Jan-20	Third Round	v			£1,250	£315
26-Jan-20	Fourth Round	v			£2,000	£500
16-Feb-20	Fifth Round	v			£3,000	£750
15-Mar-20	Sixth Round	v			£4,000	£1,000
19-Apr-20	Semi-Final	v	Wembley		£5,000	£1,250
9-May-20	Final	v	Wembley		£25,000	£15,000
* Still in competition					<b>Total Prize Money Won</b>	
					<b>£875</b>	

## RWBTFC Women's F.A. Cup Record

2012-13	QR1	Southampton Women	H	L 2 - 6
2013-14	Pre	Cheltenham Cival Service	H	W 1 - 0
	QR1	Bristol Ladies Union	A	L 0 - 11
2014-15	Pre	Ilminster Town	H	L 2 - 4
2015-16	QR1	Downend Flyers	H	L 1 - 5
2016-17	QR2	AEK Boco	A	L 1 - 3
2017-18	QR1	AFC Bournemouth	H	L 2 - 5
2018-19	QR1	Warsash Wasps	A	L 1 - 3
2019-20	Pre	Chipping Sodbury Town	H	W 7 - 0
	QR1	Torquay United	H	W 8 - 0
	QR2	Portishead Town	A	L 0 - 1



The men's club was formed as Melksham F.C. in 1876 and played at Challymead Common, before moving to The Old Bear Field in 1883 where it stayed until a move to The Conigre ground in 1920. In 1894 Melksham became founding members of the Wiltshire League. They then spent the next eighty years in the Wiltshire league, during which time they won the league once in the 1903–04 Season and then went on to win the prestigious Wiltshire Senior Cup in the following season. The club has since gone on to win the Wiltshire Senior Cup on seven more occasions although they had to wait until 1969–70 to win it for a second time. Melksham Town established a reserve side early on in the club's existence and this reserve team also quickly achieved league title success winning Division 2 of the Wiltshire League in Season 1905-06.

The ground at The Conigre was part of the Melksham House estate which was purchased by The Avon Rubber Company in 1920. The house was turned into a social club for company employees and the grounds, including The Conigre were to be used for sporting activities. The only condition imposed on the football club for the use of The Conigre was that it be renamed Melksham & Avon Utd F.C. During the first season at The Conigre the Avon Rubber Company spent £1,000 on providing a stand and fencing around the ground. In 1926-27 the club reverted back to the name Melksham Town.

When football recommenced after the end of the Second World War Melksham remained in the Wiltshire League with the first team in Division One and the reserve side in Division 2 until Season 1953 -54 when the league established a dedicated reserve team division. Both sides had limited success in the early 1950's but, following a 3rd place finish in 1956-57, the first team finished as runners-up in Season 1959-60 behind champions Westbury United. A change in set-up in Senior football in the county ahead of Season 1956-57 saw the reserve side, along with a number of other reserve sides from Senior clubs in the county, move across to the Trowbridge & District League where they were to have great success. In the late 1960s The Conigre was further developed with the erection of the covering standing enclosures on two sides. A clubhouse followed in 1976 and then the erection of floodlights in 1986. In the early 1990s the old wooden stands had to be dismantled, a legacy of Health & Safety measures following the Bradford fire in 1985. A new stand was erected in 1994.

Melksham first team had left the Wiltshire League for the first time in the 1974-75 season when the club entered the Western League. They won Division One in 1979–80, gaining promotion to the Premier Division. They stayed in the division until they were relegated in 1988. The club left the Western League in 1993, when they were relegated back to the Wiltshire County League after finishing in bottom position. However, they returned to the Western league after just one season when they won the Wiltshire County League. Back in the Western League a successful 1996–97 campaign saw Melksham promoted to the Premier Division, as champions. The club then spent the next thirteen seasons in the top division of the Western League before being relegated to Division One again at the end of the 2009–10 campaign. At the end of the 2011–12 season the club gained promotion back to the Premier Division when they finished as runners-up in Division One. In the 2014-15 season Melksham won the Western Football League Premier Division but could not be promoted to the Southern League due to not being able to meet ground rules on time. That dream of Southern League football was finally achieved at the end of Season 2017-18 when they finished runner-up and gained promotion, the club having moved to Oakfields, a stunning new £7.3 million facility shared with Melksham Rugby Club on the eastern edge of the town that more than met any ground grading regulations.

It has not been possible to ascertain when the Ladies side at Melksham was established. In recent times they finished in 3rd place in the Wiltshire County Women's League in Season 2017-18 and last season Melksham won the County League as they finished seven points clear of runners-up Salisbury.



# Match Report v Bideford (A)

# Pat Sowden Knockout Cup

## All tied at the top

Sunday 10 November 2019

**Bideford 0 Royal Wootton Bassett Town 3**

Royal Wootton Bassett Town Ladies struck early against Bideford on their way to a 3-0 victory that takes them level on points with Callington Town at the top of the South West Regional Women's Football League Premier Division. And, with a game in hand over the Cornish side, Bassett are in position to take sole possession of first place.

Bassett's route to victory was simpler than that against Bideford last week, when Jonny House and James Goddard's team came from behind to triumph 2-1. This time they scored three unanswered first half goals, which would be all they required to take home the points from Devon.

A Laura Jefferies free kick that was deflected in off a Bideford defender gave Bassett an early lead in just the third minute. The in-form Lauren Kayll doubled the visitors' advantage, scoring for the fourth game in a row as she slotted home on 18 minutes. Leading scorer Hayley Huckin then grabbed what would prove to be the final goal of the game seven minutes before half time as she confidently rounded the 'keeper before stroking the ball into the net.

The second half was a reasonably quiet affair and, though Bassett were unable to add to their tally, 'keeper Alice Farnell was able to preserve the clean sheet. After defeat to Callington in their opening home league game, Bassett – in their first season in the South West Premier Division – have now won five on the bounce. They now have a week off from league action as they focus their attention on their Wiltshire County Women's Cup quarter final against Melksham Town (pictures from the previous weeks home game against Bideford courtesy of Steve Green).



## PAT SOWDEN CUP SEASON 2019-20

First Round		
Bideford	0 - 3	<b>Callington Town</b>
Torquay United	1 - 4	<b>Middlezoy</b>
Bishops Lydeard	bye	
Marine Academy Plymouth	bye	
Portishead	bye	
Ilminster Town	bye	
Keynsham Town Dev	bye	
Royal Wootton Bassett T	bye	

Second Round		
Bishops Lydeard	v	Marine Academy Plymouth
Callington Town	v	Portishead
Ilminster Town	v	Keynsham Town Dev
Royal Wootton Bassett T	v	Middlezoy

Semi Finals		

Final		







# Premier Division Top Goal Scorers

# Round-up of Premier Division Action in South West Regional Women's League

## South West Women's Football League - Premier Division Ladies Top Scorers - Season 2019-20

	League	FA Cup	Pat Sowden Cup	County Cup	Total
Haley Huckin (RWBTFC)	7	4		2	13
Amber Guy-Kemp (Bishops Lydeard)	9				9
Gabi Alphous (Callington Town)	7				7
Shannon Holloway (Portishead)	3	4			7
Lauren Kayll (RWBTFC)	6				6
Hannah Gulliver (RWBTFC)	1	4		1	6
Holly Miller (Bishops Lydeard)	5				5
Charlotte Dymond (Torquay Utd)	2	2	1		5
Bethaney Ellis (Bideford)	1	4			5
Charlie Pettinger (Ilminster Town)	4				4
Katelyn McKane	3	1			4
Madeline Elliott (RWBTFC)		4			4
Nicola Brown (Bishops Lydeard)	3				3
Keri-Ann Moxom (Callington Town)	3				3
Ezme Wells (Callington Town)	3				3
Sam Kotlinska (Callington Town)	3				3
Graziely Esperanca (Ilminster Town)	3				3
Hannah Sims (Keynsham Town)	3				3
Dani Harper (Callington Town)	2		1		3
Abbie Carslake (Ilminster Town)	2	1			3
Emily Lindsey (Portishead)	2	1			3
Chloe Williams (Callington Town)	1		2		3
Colette Martin (Ilminster Town)	1	2			3
Chloe Snook (Middlezoy )	1	2			3
Ellie Orritt (Middlezoy)	1		2		3
Nat Zajcackowski (Portishead)		3			3



Premier Division interest in this season's FA Cup finally came to an end when Southampton Women's FC proved a little too strong for Portishead Town, winning the First Round Proper tie by four goals to nil. Portishead will now look to catch-up on their league fixtures having played just the one league game so far! Whilst we were doing the double over Bideford thanks to first half goals from Hayley Huckin, Lauren Kayll and Laura Jefferies there were two other league games that survived the weekend's wet weather. The first game saw Keynsham Town Development and Marine Academy Plymouth share four goals and the points, Emily Plummer and Liberty Sims on target for Keynsham, Plymouth goals coming courtesy of Amber Hadrill and Megan Seymour. The other game saw a comfortable win for Bishops Lydeard over Torquay United Ladies, although Torquay made a massive improvement over the previous week's 10-0 defeat against the same side as they limited their opponents to just five goals this time round. On target for Bishops Lydeard were Amber Guy-Kemp with two, Holly Miller, Emily Crook and Nicola Brown.

In the regional Division 1's Swindon Town Development maintained their 100% winning record with their fourth league win of the season as they look to make up for the six point deduction they suffered at the start of the season for postponed games.

### Sunday 10 November Results

#### Premier Division

Bideford 0 Royal Wootton Bassett Town 3  
 Bishops Lydeard 5 Torquay Utd 0  
 Keynsham Town Dev 2 Marine Academy Plymouth 2

#### FA Cup

Southampton Women's FC 4 Portishead Town 0

#### Eastern Division 1

Frome Town 1 Trowbridge Town 1  
 Laverstock & Ford 1 Swindon Town Dev 3

#### Northern Division 1

Cheltenham Town Dev 0 Frampton Rangers 0  
 Chipping Sodbury Town 4 Weston Super Mare 2

#### Western Division 1

St Agnes 2 Fenton 1

#### Bristol Soccerworld Cup

Downend 2 AEK Boco 0  
 Exeter & Tedburn Rangers 1 Alphington 5

#### Wiltshire County Women's League Division 1

Marlborough Town 1 FC Chippenham Yth 6



## Next Away Game—Travel Details

Our next away game is next Sunday, 24th November 2019 when we travel to play Bishops Lydeard Ladies for a league fixture involving two sides at the top end of the table. The ground address, including the postcode for your Sat Navs, is Bishops Lydeard AFC, Darby Way, Cothelstone Road, Bishops Lydeard, Taunton **TA4 3BA** .



# Royal Wootton Bassett Town F.C. Ladies Season 2019-20

## Season 2019-20 Fixtures

Date	Opponents	H/A	Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17	18	19
01-Sep	Chipping Sodbury T (FAC PR)	H	W 7 - 0	Footner	Gulliver (2)	Egerton	Wilson	Jefferies	Kirk	Kayll	Kelloway	Huckin (2)	Coe	Elliott (2)	Hayward (1)	S.Smith	Lyons	Eagles #	Farnell #		
08-Sep	Marine Academy Plymouth	A	W 5 - 0	Farnell	Gulliver (1)	Egerton	M.Smith	Jefferies (1)	Kirk	Kayll (1)	Kelloway	Huckin	Coe	Elliott	Eagles	S.Smith	Lyons (1)	Footner #			
15-Sep	Laverstock & Ford (WCC1)	H	W 4 - 0	Farnell	Gulliver (1)	Lyons	M.Smith	Jefferies	Kirk	S.Smith	Kelloway	Huckin (2)	Coe	Elliott	Hayward (1)	Kayll	Wilson	Egerton	Usher		
22-Sep	Torquay Utd Ladies (FAC 1QR)	H	W 8 - 0	Footner	Gulliver (2)	Egerton	M.Smith	Jefferies	Kirk	Kayll	Kelloway	Huckin (2)	Coe (1)	Elliott (2)	Hayward	Eagles (1)	Wilson	Lyons #	Farnell #	Dent #	Usher #
29-Sep	Callington Town Ladies	H	L 2 - 5	Footner	Gulliver (2)	Egerton	M.Smith	Jefferies	Kirk	Kayll	Kelloway	Huckin (2)	Coe	Elliott	Eagles	Withers	Lyons	Dent #	Farnell #		
06-Oct	Portishead Ladies (FAC 2QR)	A	L 0 - 1	Footner	Dent	Egerton	Wilson	Jefferies	Withers	Kayll	Kelloway	Huckin	Coe	Eagles	Elliott	S.Smith	Gulliver #	Lyons #	Farnell #		
20-Oct	Torquay United Ladies	A	W 7 - 0	Farnell	Dent	Egerton (2)	Wilson	Jefferies	Withers	Kayll (1)	Kelloway	Huckin (1)	Coe (1)	Eagles (1)	M. Smith	Kirk	Lyons (1)	Usher	Footner #		
27-Oct	Keynsham Town Dev	H	W 4 - 3	Farnell	Gulliver	Egerton	M.Smith	Jefferies	Withers	Kayll (2)	Kelloway	Huckin (2)	Coe	Dent	Elliott	S.Smith	Lyons	Usher			
03-Nov	Bideford Ladies	H	W 2 - 1	Farnell	Gulliver	Egerton	M.Smith	Jefferies	Withers	Kayll (1)	Kelloway	Huckin (1)	Coe	Wilson	Elliott	Eagles	Kirk	Usher	Footner#		
10-Nov	Bideford Ladies	A	W 3 - 0	Farnell	Gulliver	Egerton	M.Smith	Jefferies(1)	Withers	Kayll (1)	Kelloway	Huckin (1)	Coe	Wilson	Elliott	Eagles	Kirk	Lyons	Footner#		
17-Nov	Melksham Town (WSC QF)	H																			
24-Nov	Bishops Lydeard Ladies	A																			
01-Dec	Middlezoy Ladies	H																			
08-Dec	Callington Town Ladies	A																			
15-Dec	Portishead Ladies	H																			
05-Jan	Ilminster Town Ladies	A																			
12-Jan	Torquay United Ladies	H																			
19-Jan	Keynsham Town Dev	A																			
19-Jan	WCC Semi Final																				
02-Feb	Middlezoy Ladies	A																			
16-Feb	Bishops Lydeard Ladies	H																			
23-Feb	Portishead Ladies	A																			
01-Mar	Ilminster Town Ladies	H																			
08-Mar	Marine Academy Plymouth	H																			
TBA	Middlezoy Ladies (PS Cup)																				
29-Mar	WCC Final																				

FAC - Womens FA Cup, WCC - County Cup, Ps Cup - Pat Sowden Cup (League Cup)

The Woods Player of the Match

# Sub not used

### Ladies Team Honours

- 2013-14 Wiltshire County Women's Cup runners-up
- 2016-17 Gloucestershire Womens League Division 1 Runners-up  
Gordan Perrott Memorial Cup Winners
- 2017-18 South West Women's League Eastern Division Runners-up  
Wiltshire County Women's Cup Runners-up
- 2018-19 South West Women's League Eastern Division Champions  
Wiltshire County Women's Cup Winners



	Appearances				Goals			
	League	FAC	WSC	Total	League	FAC	WSC	Total
Amber Egerton	5	3	1	9	2			2
Beth Kelloway	5	3	1	9				
Hayley Huckin	5	3	1	9	7	4	2	13
Laura Jefferies	5	3	1	9	2			2
Lauren Kayll	5	3	1	9	6			6
Lisa Coe	5	3	1	9	1	1		2
Madeline Elliott	4	3	1	8		4		4
Hannah Gulliver	4	2	1	7	1	4	1	6
Rosie Kirk	4	2	1	7				
Aly Lyons	5	1	1	7	2			2
Mollie Smith	5	1	1	7				
Lara Wilson	2	3	1	6				
Grace Eagles	4	2		6	1	1		2
Sophie Smith	2	2	1	5				
Alice Farnell	4		1	5				
Lily Withers	4	1		5				
Abi Footner	1	3		4				
Jessica Dent	2	1		3				
Lauren Usher	2		1	3				
Eloise Hayward		2	1	3				
Own Goals						1	1	2
					1			1
	23	15	4	42				

