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Dave Topping (2016), Mark Smedley (2016), Bryan Wood (2017),

Scott Smedley (2018), Stuart Smedley (2018), Gordon Reeves (2019)

Paul Burke (2020), Dave Thomas (2021)

First Team Honours

Wiltshire Senior Cup Winners **1998-91, 2000-01**

Wiltshire Senior Cup Runners-up **1902-03, 1903-04, 1987-88**

Hellenic League Division 1 West Runners-up **2009-10, 2012-13**

Hellenic League Div 1 Cup Winners **1989-90, 1993-94**

Hellenic League Division 1 Cup Runners-up **1994-95**

Wiltshire County League Division 1 Champions **1987-88**

Wiltshire County League Runners-up **1905-06**

Wiltshire County League Senior Cup Winners **1983-84**

Wiltshire County League Division 2 Champions **1984-85**

Wiltshire County League Division 2 Runners-up **1978-79**

Wiltshire County League Subsidiary Cup Winners **1978-79**

Wiltshire League Division 1 Champions **1958-59**

Calne & District League Champions **1931-32, 1934-35, 1935-36**

Calne & District League Runners-up **1930-31**

Calne & District League Cup Winners **1934-35**

Calne & District League Cup Runners-up **1935-36**

Swindon & District League Advertiser Cup Runners-up **1902-03, 1904-05**

Vale of White Horse League Cup Winners **1933-34**

Reserve/Dev Team Honours

Wiltshire Senior League Premier Division Champions **2021-22**

Hellenic League Reserves Division 2 West Champions **1994-95**

Wiltshire County League Division 4 Runners-up **1982-83**

Wiltshire County League Junior Cup Runners-up **1984-85, 1988-89, 2012-13**

Vale of White Horse League Cup Winners **1953-54**

Chippenham & District League Division 2 Champions **1957-58**

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Men's First Team Bassett Bulletin

Welcome To Today's Game

GOOD AFTERNOON and welcome to the Sustain Stadium here at the Gerard Buxton Sports Ground for this FA Cup First Qualifying Round tie against Southern League side Paulton Rovers. A warm welcome to all our visitors from Paulton who have made the journey from just over the border in Somerset, we hope you enjoy your short stay with us this afternoon and we wish you a safe journey home.

We have met Paulton Rovers before but you have to go back to the 1960's for the last meeting between the two sides which took place in March 1967. A few months back I bought a bundle of old Football Pinks from Paul Matz who produces the excellent programme monthly and in looking through these recently found that there was a report on that last meeting in the Football Pink dated 18 March 1967. A copy of the report has been included in the programme for a game that had a remarkable score line, for those from Bassett you might want to turn the page quickly! Sam has assured me that the defence will be a lot tighter this afternoon. Details of all those other previous meetings are also included in today's programme.

Paulton Rovers have been members of the Southern League since 2004-05 having been promoted from the Western League after finishing as runners-up in 2003-04. Almost all the time they have spent in the Southern League has been in Division One in its various regional guises, the only exception being a two season spell in 2014-15 and 2015-16 where they played in the Premier Division. Since being relegated back to Division One, Paulton were up at the top end of the table in both the two Covid impacted seasons and last season finished in the top half of the table under manager John Rendell who has been in charge for a number of seasons now. So far this season they have won two and lost two of their opening four games and sit in seventh place in the table.

Included in this season's Paulton squad is a face that will be familiar to the Bassett fans with centre forward Kyle Tooze returning to

Paulton from Melksham Town. We know how quick and powerful Kyle can be from his time with us so our defence are certainly going to have their work cut out this afternoon.

That said we seem to reserve some of our best performances for this competition so hopefully the Bassett faithful will see another excellent performance from Sam and the boys and with a bit of luck a place in the Second Qualifying Round for only the third time in our history.

Last Monday saw the unbeaten start to the season come to an end in a feisty encounter with Corsham Town. The Your Sport Swindon coverage probably should have been given an 18 rating as there was certainly some robust challenges from both sides and the sending off of Jack Hobson-McVeigh was certainly extremely harsh, the official having clearly penalised the wrong player, but unfortunately you cannot appeal two yellow cards. As well as now having a player suspended we also saw Luke Matthews, who has been excellent in his short time with us, pick up a serious injury that will keep him out of the game for some time. Everyone at the club wishes Luke a speedy recovery.

The Development Side have certainly had a torrid start to this season after last season's title success, losing all five of their opening fixtures and having to call off last Saturday's scheduled game which could make the league table look even more depressing than it already looks once discipline proceedings have taken place. The latest defeat was a 2-0 reverse at Calne Town Reserves in midweek but hopefully the side will return from Shrewton this afternoon with the first points of the season, although Shrewton has not been a happy hunting ground in the past. The Women's side get their season underway tomorrow and Stuart has provided a preview of their season in today's programme. Enjoy the game and hopefully another one of those epic FA Cup games we seem to have under Sam.

Mark

Club Noticeboard

YOUTH SECTION PRESS OFFICER SOUGHT

Royal Wootton Bassett Town are seeking a volunteer - be they a player, parent or supporter - to serve as 'Youth Section Press Officer' for the 2022-23 season.

The individual would be responsible for writing a weekly round-up of youth section games to be published on the website home page.

It is hoped that the opportunity would be of interest to a parent as well as any youth section members hoping to pursue a career in journalism, as it would be a great way for them to gain experience.

The round-up would cover games for the Under 12 to 18 age groups. Due to FA regulations, it is not possible to report the results and scorers in games for the Under 7 to 11 age groups.

Anybody interested in the role, or who would like more information, should contact club Press Officer Stuart Smedley and Head of Youth Section Mari Green by email.

RWBSA TREASURER

Royal Wootton Bassett Sports Association are seeking a volunteer for the role of Treasurer on the Association's Executive Committee.

Responsibilities will include preparing the Association's accounts, budgetary forecasting and overseeing the financial operations of the Association.

The role will involve attending and reporting to bi-monthly Executive and Business Management Team meetings.

It is envisaged that the role will require a few hours' work on a weekly basis.

This is a vital position working with an elected but voluntary team that ensure the Sports Association can deliver and maintain the first class facility and operations that its member clubs require.

Those interested in the role are invited to contact RWBSA Site Operations Manager Kate Warren by email for further information.

MERCHANDISE CATALOGUE

An updated version of the merchandise catalogue is now available on the club website. Orders can be placed through the club or direct with **Don Rogers Sports** (see website for more details). Below are some of the examples included in the latest catalogue:

	<p><u>WINNER JACKET</u></p> <p>Code Number: 101008.703</p> <p>Sizes available: 5XS, 4XS, 3XS, 2XS, XS @ £26.00 S, M, L, XL, 2XL @ £30.00</p>
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	<p><u>URBAN IV WINTER GILET</u></p> <p>Code Number: 102260.331</p> <p>Sizes available: 6XS, 5XS, 4XS, 3XS, 2XS, XS @ £48.00 S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL @ £55.00</p>

The Gaffer

SAM COLLIER



Good afternoon and welcome to everyone for yet another exciting FA Cup tie here at The Sustain Stadium. Over the last few seasons we have been very lucky to have held some excellent cup runs, and we are now one win away from matching the clubs record, again!

I would like to welcome everyone from Paulton Rovers today, a side who have had a very good start to the season with some big wins in the league and a strong first round in the FA Cup, coming off the back of a very impressive bank holiday win against Cinderford. If we are going to cause a FA Cup shock today we are going to need to be at our very best to get anything out of the game.

It's been a very pleasing start for us this season. We finished what was a carnage of fixtures in August of eight games, with one defeat, two draws and five wins. If someone was to have said to me at the start of August that's the start we would get, I am sure most teams would of taken that. Also, being one of only three Hellenic league teams left in the FA Cup is a great achievement.

Over the Bank Holiday Wiltshire derby, we lost

the incredibly impressive Luke Matthews. Luke went down in the 9th minute in real pain. He has since had x-rays and scans, and he will need surgery on his achilles. I am personally gutted for the lad; he has come in on loan from Swindon Supermarine and been outstanding for us. I am sure he will be back stronger – he has a bright future ahead.

Also on a health note, a real legend at this club is John Fellows (he and his wife Kath have been my sponsor from the days I was a player here) has recently had a spine operation therefore isn't able to attend today. However, he sent me a lovely good luck message from his get well bed! Make sure you listen to the boss and get up and around soon Mr F.

I would also like to take this chance to thank Nick Warren for stepping up and working with Griff and I; he is a hugely respected man around the club and although he was an egg chaser, he certainly offers something.

Finally, I want to wish Gio Wrona a very happy 30th birthday today. Gio has been outstanding for the last five years for this club - be sure to get the boy a drink in the bar after the game! Happy birthday kid!

I hope to see you all in the bar after the game and you know the saying he who dares wins, there's a cup shock in every round, it could be us!

Much love, *Sam*

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Today's Opponents

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Somerset Premier Cup
Winners 2012-13

Somerset Senior Cup
Winners 1900-01, 1902-03,
1903-04, 1907-08, 1908-09,
1909-10, 1934-35, 1967-68,
1968-69, 1971-72, 1972-73,
1974-75

Somerset Junior Cup
Winners 1898-99

Western League Amateur
Trophy Winners 1974-75

CHAIRMAN

David Bissex

CLUB SECRETARY

Julie Whittock

MANAGER

John Rendell

BEST RECORD IN

FA CUP

First Round Proper 2009-10

BEST RECORD IN

FA VASE

Fifth Round 1989-90

BEST RECORD IN

FA TROPHY

First Round Proper 2004-05

2022-2023 Season

Southern League Division One South

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Sholing	4	4	0	0	11	2	12
2 Hamworthy United	4	3	1	0	6	3	10
3 Exmouth Town	4	3	0	1	6	2	9
4 Frome Town	4	2	1	1	8	4	7
5 Tavistock AFC	4	2	1	1	3	2	7
6 Wimborne Town	4	2	0	2	9	5	6
7 Paulton Rovers	4	2	0	2	9	6	6
8 Evesham United	4	2	0	2	5	3	6
9 AFC Totton	4	2	0	2	4	4	6
10 Bashley	4	2	0	2	3	3	6
11 Bishops Cleeve	4	2	0	2	6	7	6
12 Melksham Town	4	2	0	2	6	10	6
13 Willand Rovers	3	1	2	0	4	3	5
14 Westbury United	4	1	1	2	4	6	4
15 Cinderford Town	4	1	1	2	6	10	4
16 Bidford AFC	4	0	3	1	3	4	3
17 Bristol Manor Farm	4	0	3	1	3	4	3
18 Slimbridge	4	0	2	2	4	7	2
19 Larkhall Athletic	4	0	1	3	3	10	1
20 Lymington Town	3	0	0	3	2	10	0

2021-2022 Season

Southern League Division One South

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Plymouth Parkway	36	26	3	7	92	40	81
2 Frome Town	36	23	9	4	76	30	78
3 Cirencester Town	36	23	8	5	75	29	77
4 Winchester City	36	21	8	7	93	47	71
5 Bristol Manor Farm	36	20	9	7	64	41	69
6 AFC Totton	36	21	5	10	83	37	68
7 Sholing	36	19	6	11	59	36	63
8 Melksham Town	36	15	8	13	56	59	53
9 Paulton Rovers	36	14	7	15	72	61	49
10 Highworth Town	36	12	6	18	41	59	42
11 Larkhall Athletic	36	9	12	15	43	48	39
12 Bidford AFC	36	11	6	19	36	55	39
13 Evesham United	36	11	6	19	50	72	39
14 Slimbridge	36	11	5	20	52	83	38
15 Willand Rovers	36	10	7	19	54	62	37
16 Lymington Town	36	9	9	18	51	90	36
17 Cinderford Town	36	8	7	21	54	83	31
18 Mangotsfield United	36	7	6	23	42	91	27
19 Barnstaple Town	36	7	3	26	45	115	24

Opponents Pen Pics

PAULTON ROVERS

Paulo Borges (Striker) Age 23

Signed in July 2022 from Bishops Lydeard. Hails from San Tome & Principe in the Atlantic Ocean.

Ed Butcher (Winger) Age 29

Speedy left winger with a fierce shot. In his fourth season after joining from Bridport Town apart from a short spell at Tiverton Town.

James Byrne (Defender/Winger) Age 26

Long serving attacking fullback in his third spell at the club, intra-dispersed turning out for Larkhall Athletic and Bridgwater Town.

Dan Cottle (Striker) Age 26

Midsomer Norton lad came through the youth team. Made his first team debut at 17. Re-signed for the club in 2021 after spells at Welton Rovers and Frome Town.

Dan Dempsey (Utility) Age 22

Dan joined in 2019 from Melksham Town. Versatile in defence and midfield.

Leo Eglin (Midfield) Age 19

Since making his first team debut last season Leo has progressed to challenge for a regular place. A former England U18's Colleges international.

Nuno Felix (Left Back) Age 31

Experienced stalwart, heading for 100 games at the club. Has played at a higher level at Chippenham Town and Salisbury.

Will Harvey (Attacker) Age 19

In his second season and highly regarded. Born in Melbourne, Australia, joined from Willand Rovers.

Will Ford (Midfielder) Age 16

In the current U 18's squad. Son of former Paulton striker Simon. He is a sixth former at Norton Hill School. Comes from Midsomer Norton.

Mike Ilea (Central Defender Age 21

Came through the ranks at Mangotsfield United joined Rovers in July 2022.

Martin Lenihan (Midfield) Age 28

Paulton lad who came through the U18's. Went on to have spells at Bradford Town and joins from Frome Town.

Charlie Mclachlan (Defender) Age 17

Another Paulton lad following in his father's footsteps in playing for the club. A student at South Glos. College and a product of the Southampton Academy.

Ky Mapstone (Wing Back) Age 18

Bright young prospect who came through St Nicholas Youth system. A student at St Brendan's Sixth Form College in Brislington.

Neil Martin (Central Defender) Age 33

Vastly experienced defender and club captain signed last season from Tiverton Town after playing over 400 games from Dorchester Town.

Dave O'Hare (Midfield) Age 30

Long serving player with the club over last seven years and a leader on the park. Has had spells with Bridgwater Town and Street.

Tom Ovigne (Winger) Age 18

Came through Under 18s, stepping into the 1st team squad this season.

Chris Peck (Midfield) Age 34

Vastly experienced player, signed from Frome Town in July 2002, previously with Welton Rovers.

Aaron Sainsbury (Goalkeeper) Age 21

Joined 2018 after loan spell from Bristol City. An excellent shot stopper. He holds a UEFA B Licence. His full-time job is as Bristol City's Goalkeeping Academy Coach.

Kyle Tooze (Attacker) Age 31

In his second period at the club, vastly experienced and much travelled after turning out for the likes of Thatcham Town, Hungerford Town and Bristol Manor Farm. His son plays for the Under 11s.



Kyle Tooze who played a handful of games for RWBTF in Season 2020-21 (picture Steve Green)

Kai Williamson (Winger) Age 18

Played for U18's made his debut last season. Tricky speedy winger.

Opponents Pen Pics

PAULTON ROVERS



Paulton Rovers Historical Record - Past 15 Seasons																				
Season	League & Division	FAC	FAT	Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst	Pts	Position	Chairman	Secretary	Manager						
2007/08	Southern Div 1 SW	3QR	PRE	42	20	10	12	77	57	70	7 out of 22	David Bissex	Tracy Curtis	Andy Jones						
2008/09	Southern Div 1 SW	3QR	PRE	42	16	10	16	65	62	58	10 out of 22	David Bissex	Tracy Curtis	Andy Jones						
2009/10	Southern Div 1 SW	1ST	PRE	42	20	10	12	73	58	70	7 out of 22	David Bissex	Andrew Harris	Andy Jones						
2010/11	Southern Div 1 SW	2QR	2QR	40	15	12	13	64	63	57	11 out of 21	David Bissex	Andrew Harris	Andy Jones						
2011/12	Southern Div 1 SW	PRE	2QR	40	18	10	12	60	39	64	7 out of 21	David Bissex	Andrew Harris	Mark Harrington						
2012/13	Southern Div 1 SW	PRE	PRE	42	23	6	13	64	54	75	5 out of 22	David Bissex	Andrew Harris	Nick Bunyard						
2013/14	Southern Div 1 SW	PRE	1QR	42	24	9	9	102	54	81	4 out of 22	David Bissex	Chris Fenwick	Nick Bunyard						
2014/15	Southern Premier	2QR	2QR	44	18	10	16	65	62	64	10 out of 23	David Bissex	Andrew Harris	Nick Bunyard						
2015/16	Southern Premier	2QR	1QR	46	8	12	26	38	89	36	24 out of 24	David Bissex	Andrew Harris	Richard Fey						
2016/17	Southern Div 1 SW	1QR	PRE	42	15	6	21	62	69	51	15 out of 22	David Bissex	Andrew Harris	Tony Ricketts						
2017/18	Southern Div 1 W	4QR	2QR	42	10	7	25	57	81	37	19 out of 22	David Bissex		John Rendell						
2018/19	Southern Div 1 S	1QR	PRE	38	10	3	25	49	79	33	17 out of 20	David Bissex	Not shown in Non-League Directory	John Rendell						
2019/20	Southern Div 1 S	PRE	3QR	27	13	6	8	61	43	45	7* out of 20	David Bissex		John Rendell						
2020/21	Southern Div 1 S	PRE	1QR	9	4	1	4	15	14	13	6* out of 20	David Bissex		John Rendell						
2021/22	Southern Div 1 S	PRE	3QR	36	14	7	15	72	61	49	9 out of 19	David Bissex		John Rendell						
Totals				574	228	119	227	924	885	* Position at time Covid-19 brought season to a premature end										
Won:Drew:Lost Ratio					39.7%	20.7%	39.5%													
				Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst											
Southern League Div 1 South West											332	151	73	108	567	456	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	45.5%	22.0%	32.5%
Southern League Div 1 West											42	10	7	25	57	81	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	23.8%	16.7%	59.5%
Southern League Div 1 South											110	41	17	52	197	197	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	37.3%	15.5%	47.3%
Southern League Premier Division											90	26	22	42	103	151	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	28.9%	24.4%	46.7%

Previous Encounters

WBTFC v PAULTON ROVERS

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**RWBTFC
Wins**



11

**Paulton Rovers
Wins**

After our impressive 3-1 win against Reading City, we were handed a home draw against Paulton Rovers in the Emirates FA Cup first qualifying round.

Sam Collier's side will face a stern test against their Southern League Division One South opponents. But Bassett have won their last two FA Cup ties against step four opponents, with wins against Didcot Town and Cinderford Town in their record-equalling run during the 2020-21 campaign. And with home advantage against Paulton, Bassett will be hopeful of springing another upset - and to reach the second qualifying round for just the third time in club history.

Meanwhile, Rovers - 5-2 home winners against Bideford in the last round - will be aiming to advance beyond the first qualifying round for the first time since the 2017-18 season. That year Paulton reached the fourth qualifying round where they lost narrowly to then-National League outfit Sutton United. The Somerset side's best run in the competition came in 2009-10 when they advanced to the first round proper and hosted Norwich City. That successful journey also began with victory at home against Bideford - but Bassett will be aiming to spoil any hopes Paulton have of achieving something similar after beginning against such opponents again.

The meeting between Bassett and Paulton will itself be a historic one as the teams face one another in competitive action for the first time in 55 years.

Bassett and Paulton were annual opponents for a short period when members of the Wiltshire League Premier Division from the 1960-61 through to the 1966-67 campaign. Prior to that, they met in the FA Amateur Cup in consecutive seasons in 1956-57 and 1957-58 and in total there has been seventeen meetings between the two sides over the years.

The head-to-head record does not make favourable reading for Bassett, with only three wins to their name - the biggest a 7-0 triumph in February 1961, three draws and eleven victories for Paulton - including a mind-boggling 12-5 victory in the most recent meeting in March 1967. Both FA Amateur Cup clashes went Paulton's way too. Rovers prevailed 2-1 in a preliminary round encounter in Somerset in 1956-57. A year later Bassett let slip up a 2-0 lead at the same stage to draw 2-2 at home to force a replay.

In the decider, it was a case of déjà vu. 2-0 up with five minutes to go, Bassett conceded twice, meaning the game went to extra time. And Paulton added two more to win 4-2 and advance (a report can be read here).

Bassett will therefore be aiming to make an improvement on that record. Most of all though, they'll be seeking to produce some more home FA Cup magic.

Here's hoping for a cracking tie - lets get behind the lads and show your support!

Previous Encounters

WBTFC v PAULTON ROVERS

Season	Date	W/D/L	Competition	Result	Bassett Scorers
1956-57	29-Sep-56	L	FA AC	Paulton Rovers 2 Wootton Bassett Town 1	G. Simpkins
1957-58	28-Sep-57	D	FA AC	Wootton Bassett Town 2 Paulton Rovers 2	G. Tyler 2
1957-58	5-Oct-57	L	FA AC	Paulton Rovers 4 Wootton Bassett Town 2	C. Simpkins, G. Tyler
1960-61	22-Oct-60	D	WL Prem	Paulton Rovers 2 Wootton Bassett Town 2	A. Slocombe, P. Teetgen
1960-61	18-Feb-61	W	WL Prem	Wootton Bassett Town 7 Paulton Rovers 0	P. Teetgen 3, M. Jefferies 2, A. Stark, L. Nash
1961-62	24-Mar-62	L	WL Prem	Paulton Rovers 5 Wootton Bassett Town 4	L. Nash 2, A. Harkness, P. Teetgen
1961-62	7-Apr-62	D	WL Prem	Wootton Bassett Town 4 Paulton Rovers 4	M. Jefferies 2, T. Wall, A. Harkness
1962-63	22-Sep-62	L	WL Prem	Paulton Rovers 4 Wootton Bassett Town 1	A. Harkness
1962-63	23-Mar-63	W	WL Prem	Wootton Bassett Town 4 Paulton Rovers 2	B. Lehane 3, A. Harkness
1963-64	2-Nov-63	L	WL Prem	Paulton Rovers 5 Wootton Bassett Town 3	D. Lamb 2, C. Prior
1963-64	7-Dec-63	W	WL Prem	Wootton Bassett Town 3 Paulton Rovers 2	C. Prior 3
1964-65	23-Jan-65	L	WL Prem	Wootton Bassett Town 2 Paulton Rovers 4	B. Lehane, M. Taylor
1964-65	27-Feb-65	L	WL Prem	Paulton Rovers 3 Wootton Bassett Town 2	B. Pearce, D. Cairke
1965-66	2-Oct-65	L	WL Prem	Paulton Rovers 3 Wootton Bassett Town 0	
1965-66	12-Feb-66	L	WL Prem	Wootton Bassett Town 2 Paulton Rovers 4	<i>Scorers not known</i>
1966-67	12-Nov-66	L	WL Prem	Wootton Bassett Town 2 Paulton Rovers 5	Reynolds, B. Lehane
1966-67	11-Mar-67	L	WL Prem	Paulton Rovers 12 Wootton Bassett Town 5	M. Izquierdo 2, D. Challis 2, M. Beale

Royal Wootton Bassett Town wins	3
Paulton Rovers Wins	11
Draws	3

Biggest Win

7 - 0
12 - 5



Wootton Bassett Town FC 1957-58

From the archives

WBTFC v PAULTON ROVERS

11 March 1967

Paulton Rovers 12 Wootton Bassett Town 5

(Report from Football Pink March 18, 1967)



PAULTON ARE FIRST TEAM TO REACH DOUBLE FIGURES

PAULTON ROVERS' 12-5 victory over Wootton Bassett last Saturday was the biggest scoring game in the Wiltshire Premier League so far this season. It was also the first match in which any side had reached double figures.

Last season none of the clubs managed a double-figure score, but, once again, it was Wootton Bassett who took part in the game producing the greatest number of goals, when they were beaten 9-5 by Devizes.

Wootton Bassett also helped produce the second highest aggregates of the same season by losing 0-2 to Stonehouse and 0-3 to Bromham.

The previous season, 1965, a Wootton Bassett match also topped the list when they were trounced 13-1 by Radstock.

Radstock also achieved double figures that season, by beating Purton 12-1.

EVERY THREE MINUTES

Wootton Bassett, however, contributed to an entertaining game on Saturday. Only two goals were scored in the first half-hour which meant allowing 15 minutes for centring off the ball, stoppages and so on, that spectators were treated to a goal roughly every three minutes play during the last hour.

The first two goals came from Paulton and were scored by Ken Comer and Mike Catley.

Two quick goals by Michael Isquierdo started the spate of scoring. These put the scores level, but in quick response Paulton netted through Stan Tibbs and Jim Cobley (2), before the interval.

The score jumped to 7-3 and 9-3 before another three Paulton goals pushed it up to 12-5.

A final check showed that Stan Tibbs (4), Ken Comer (2), Jim Cobley (2), Mike Catley, Roger Lewis and a Wootton Bassett defender scored Paulton's goals. Michael Isquierdo (2), Dave Challis (2) and Tony Beal replied for Wootton Bassett.

Radstock and Chippenham both won, which left them all set for their vital game with each other which was due to be played at Hardenhuish this afternoon.

As each of them had previously lost ten points the winner, provided there was one, gained a big advantage.

goals scored by Colin Rendell and Alan Bates.

Calne produced another good performance although defeated 2-1 by Bath City Reserves at Twerton.

They were most unlucky when they lost the services of their goalkeeper Mike Weston, early in the second half. He was taken to hospital with concussion, and Johnny Smith took over as substitute.

At that time the score was 1-1, Calne having scored through Ian Beavan in the first minute while the Bath equaliser came from Dave Phillips.

LATE GOAL

Smith, himself a goalkeeper, did not let his side down and was only beaten five minutes from the end of the game by Terry Low.

It is remarkable how Bath Reserves seem chained to low scores. Not once in their last eight games—up to today had they exceeded two goals.

The old order changed at Bromham where Peter Paget, so

ners last season when they beat Aldbourne in the final.

Trowbridge had to field an all amateur side and failed to make use of the following wind in the first half, mainly because of the brilliant display of Les Clifton in the Devizes goal.

Three Devizes goals in ten minutes settled the issue in the second half. Peter Caples scored the first and before Trowbridge could recover Tony Edge had slammed in a second.

After a little more sparring Peter Caples made it three for Devizes, all before Tom Leslie scored for Trowbridge.

There will be no Easter Saturday final this season. It will take place either in late April or early May.

Wiltshire Senior Cup (semi-finals): Chippenham VC 2, Westcott VC 2; Trowbridge Town Res. 1, Devizes Town 3.

Wiltshire League: Santford VC 2, Ferndale VC 0; Malmesbury Town 1, Bilsicks Sports 1; Corsham Town 1, Bradford Town 2.

Wiltshire Premier League: Bromham 3, Peasedown 1; Warminster Town 1, Radstock Town 5; Spencer Moultons 0, Westbury 0; Chippenham 0, Easton 0; Paulton Rovers 12, Wootton Bassett Town 5.

WILTSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Radstock	25	19	3	4	100	40	40
Chippenham	23	17	2	4	72	39	36
S. Moultons	26	16	2	8	78	56	34
Stonehouse	22	14	5	3	60	23	53
Bromham	22	14	2	6	83	34	30
Devizes	22	11	5	6	34	26	27
Paulton	26	11	5	10	61	49	27
Bath Res	22	3	7	12	47	67	27
Melksham	27	9	11	4	48	53	23
Trowbridge Res	20	10	8	2	52	41	22
Peasedown	23	6	9	29	40	22	22
Swindon BR	24	7	13	40	67	18	18
Westbury	24	7	14	39	66	17	17
Frome Res	22	6	14	44	15	15	15
Wootton Bassett	26	6	18	52	103	14	14
Warminster	25	5	18	37	65	12	12
Calne	25	3	30	41	68	9	9

Wilts Premier League by Senior

long the 'goal king' has now become the club left winger who makes goals for others.

In his place is the young Swindon lad, Malcolm Sanders, who joined Bromham this season as a left winger and played in that position at first.

UP TO 15

Presumably it is the way Sanders constantly gets goals that has brought about the

A few months back I bought of bundle of old Football Pinks from Paul Matz at Programme Monthly. They covered the period from Season 1966-67 through to 1968-69.

At the time, little did I realise that they would come in handy when preparing a programme for an FA Cup game against Paulton Rovers in the First Qualifying Round in September!

Included in the edition dated 18 March 1967, which reported on the games from the previous week in the Wiltshire Premier League, was a report on the last meeting between the sides.

Unfortunately for Bassett it was something of a bad day at the office as we were beaten a staggering 12-5, the crowd at Paulton certainly got value for money that afternoon. For anyone interested, in the top division of English football on 18 March 1967 Burnley beat Liverpool 1-0, Man U won 5-2 against Leicester & Swindon Town and QPR both picked up draws in Division 3.

Opponents History

PAULTON ROVERS

Paulton Rovers were formed in 1890 by the village vicar and a local businessman. The club joined the Western League in 1900 and the best ever position was runners-up in 2003-04 securing promotion to the Southern League. They won the Somerset Senior Cup on twelve occasions and the Somerset Senior League seven times, the last being in 1974, when they were re-admitted to the Western League after an absence of fourteen years.

Their best attendance of 2,070 (deemed maximum capacity) was on 7 November 2009 reaching the FA Cup 1st Round. The match against Norwich City, was live on ITV1 and broadcast to over 30 other countries. Prior to then a crowd believed estimated at over 2,000 saw them take on Crewe Alexandra in the FA Cup 5th qualifying round in 1906.

After playing at several venues in the village, Rovers moved to Winterfield Road in 1954. In 1967, an old RAF hut served as the clubhouse with a licensed bar. Soon plans were drawn and a mortgage taken out to build bigger premises, including a skittle alley. The pitch was turned 90 degrees so the clubhouse is built on one of the old penalty areas. The social club is now the premier venue for many social occasions within the rapidly expanding local community.

A new changing room block was built behind the main stand in 1972, and the clubhouse was further extended. On promotion to the Southern League the premises and stadium have been improved with the addition of another stand, and covered terracing, training facilities also includes an all-weather floodlit court also used by Paulton Rovers FC netball teams. It was under the management team of Darren Perrin and Mike Kilgour that Rovers secured promotion to the Southern League, Rovers finished just outside the play-offs in the following season and Darren left for Premier Division Chippenham Town.

In July 2005 Andy Jones stepped up from Reserve Manager and in 2006-07 the club finished runners-up in the South & West Division 1 and narrowly missed out on the play-offs the following year. His successful five year tenure was highlighted by reaching the 1st Round of the FA Cup. Jones decided to move on in 2010 and former club captain Mark Harrington took charge but stood down after just one season to be replaced by former player Nick Bunyard. The season ended with Rovers winning the Somerset Premier Cup for the first time with a 3-1 win over Bridgwater Town.

After losing out in the play-off the previous year in 2013-14, Rovers finished in fourth spot and defeated Tiverton Town 3-1 in the semi-final when down to nine men. "Bunny's" men defied the odds to win the play-off final at Merthyr Town in front of a crowd of 2,201 and thus gain promotion to Step 3 for the first time in their history.

In 2014-15 they finished in a creditable 10th place in the Premier Division but during the close season Bunyard resigned for personal reasons and the club appointed Richard Fey from Bridgwater Town but after a disappointing start he resigned and former Bath City boss Tony Ricketts took charge. Unfortunately the club finished bottom and were relegated back to Division 1 South & West.

Despite providing a period of stability Ricketts left at the end of 2016/17 and former Rovers keeper John Rendell was appointed manager bringing former players Gary Powell and Paul Tovey as his assistant.

This season, John Rendell and assistant Paul Tovey once again take charge of a youthful squad with bags of potential for a strong season.

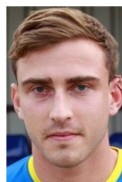
Men's First Team Squad 2022-23



Matthew Crowther - Goalkeeper

Youngster who joins on loan from Hungerford Town. Last season also spent time on loan this time at fellow Hellenic League side Shrivvenham gaining a number of rave reviews. Has also played for both Aylesbury FC and Didcot Town.

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Macauley Dodson- Defender

Classy defender who was a regular last season making over 40 appearances in what was his second spell with the club. Previously played for Swindon Supermarine, Chippenham Town, Forest Green Rovers, Highworth Town and Shrivvenham.

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Jon Beeden - Defender

Solid defender who re-joined the club last season having spent recent seasons with Chippenham Town in the National League South and Thatcham Town in the Southern League. Part of last season's title winning Development Team squad.

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Louis Spalding – Defender

Talented full back who joins us this season. Skilful, energetic and a player who always looks to get forward, he was with Swindon Town as a youth. Joined Cirencester Town initially on loan in 2017-18 before signing permanently after his release from Swindon. Plenty of Southern League experience at Cirencester & Supermarine.

SPONSOR: Mike Price



Scott Chilcott – Defender

A versatile, tough-tackling defender who is entering his second season with Basset after joining from Shrivvenham. A hard working, dependable player, he is capable of performing effectively at either centre half or full back. Was part of Fairford Town's Division One West title winning side of 2016-17.

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Adam Corcoran – Defender

Imposing defender who starts the season having made over 250 appearances for the club. The 2021-22 campaign was without doubt his best in Basset colours, winning both Manager's and Players' Player of the Year awards. A quality striker of the ball and danger at set pieces, he has also contributed 15 goals for Basset.

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Jowan Partridge - Defender

Product of the club's Youth Section, Jowan was part of last season's Under 18 Floodlit side that finished second in the Wiltshire Senior League Floodlit division. Has impressed in pre-season and is in contention for a first team starting position in Season 2022-23.

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David Bampton – Defender

Experienced former Swindon Town player who also played for Tamworth and Worcester in the Conference and with Swindon Supermarine in the Southern League and was part of the Supermarine squad that reached the FA Cup Second Round.

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Luke Matthews - Defender

Joined recently on loan from Swindon Supermarine. With Swindon Town in his youth and went to the US on a scholarship after being released by Swindon. Has also played for Bath City.

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Jack Hobson-McVeigh - Midfield

Defensive midfielder player who joins from Malmesbury Victoria having also previously been with Cirencester Town. Former New Zealand U17 international player who made 2 appearances at the U17 World Cup for his country.

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Chris Taylor – Midfield

Classy midfielder who spent the majority of his career with Swindon Supermarine but has also featured for Cirencester Town, Highworth Town and made 4 substitute appearances for Swindon Town as well as being an England Under 15 international in his youth,

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Gio Wrona - Midfield

Experienced midfield player who is always wanting the ball and starts the season with 181 appearances for the club and will be looking to join a very select few who have played more than 200. Previously with Swindon Supermarine, North Leigh, Larkhall and Thatcham and scored for Swindon Town in a friendly in the summer.

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Kai Robinson - Midfield

An energetic, tough-tackling box-to-box midfielder now entering his sixth season with Bassett, having initially joined at the start of the 2017-18 season making 36 times & scoring once. His appearances have been more limited over the past 4 seasons but is looking to again make a case for a regular first team place.

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Lewis Waldon - Forward

Extremely lively centre forward, who is entering his second spell with Bassett. Two-footed, possessing lightning pace and an assured finisher, he has spent most of his career playing Swindon and District League football, but is more than capable of playing at Hellenic League level.

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Baldwin Osayi Igbino - Forward

Recent signing who joins us from Corsham Town where he was dual signed from Chippenham Town last season. Striker who has been at Chippenham Town Academy.

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Tommy Ouldrige - Forward

Hard working player who started with Swindon Town and had loan spells with Chippenham Town and Cirencester Town. Has also played for Hungerford Town and Swindon Supermarine. Played six times for Bassett in 2020-21, scoring three goals before featuring 41 times and scoring seven goals last season.

SPONSOR: Michael Keane



Bailey Gallagher - Forward

Skilful winger who on his day is virtually unplayable. Product of the club's Youth Section who progressed to the Dev Team and then into the First Team. Was Bassett's leading outfield appearance maker last season in the Hellenic Premier where he featured 44 times, scoring nine goals.

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Matt Bennett - Forward

Fast and possessing an eye for goal, an experienced forward who scored 42 goals for Bassett's Development team as they won the Wiltshire Senior League Premier Division title last season. Bennett started his senior career with the club over a decade and a half ago & starts the season just 5 short of 200 1st team appearances.

SPONSOR: Mark Smedley



Josh Elms – Forward

Highly regarded young striker Josh Elms previously with National League side Eastleigh and Wantage Town. Once in and around the box there is only one thing on this player's mind! With further development, along with his physicality and presence.

SPONSOR: Mike Price



Alfie Presley - Forward

Talented winger who returned to the club from Malmesbury Vics part way through last season having scored 5 goals in 14 games, before adding 4 goals in 11 appearances for Bassett. His performances for Bassett in the 2019-20 season saw him crowned both Manager's Player and Players' Player of the Year.

SPONSOR: Mike Price



Sam Collier – Manager

Manager since taking the role, initially on an interim basis, while still also a player, in early 2018. In 2018-19, his first full season in charge, Collier guided the team to 10th in the Hellenic League Premier - the club's highest ever finish. Bassett have also set records in both national cup competitions under his stewardship.

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Alan Griffin – Assistant Manager

Joins Bassett's management team after scoring 16 times in 32 appearances last season. High-quality target man with a distinguished playing career in non-league. Started with Corsham in the Western League & soon moved onto the Southern League, playing his trade with Cirencester T, Chippenham T, Gloucester City, Mangotsfield United, Swindon Supermarine & Bristol Manor Farm.


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Half Time Challenges

NAMES THE SAME

Something different this season that is RWBTFC related, testing your knowledge of who has played for or managed the First Team in the last 20 years. Below are 10 general knowledge questions or clues of varying degrees of difficulty. In every instance the answer is the **SURNAME** of either a former or current player who has played or managed at least one game for the First Team in the last 20 years. Some questions/clues relate to those sharing the same surname, whilst others are a description of the surname etc. All I need is the full name of a player or manager who has played for the club or managed the club with the surname indicated by the clue. For some of the questions there will be more than one answer as we have had a few brothers over the years, some names are quite common and we have even had the odd father and son.

- 1 Famous for his DAB radios.
- 2 Famous US motor manufacturer responsible for the Cortina amongst others.
- 3 His knives are used for cutting carpets amongst other things
- 4 Was he a coal miner?
- 5 Facebook App for communicating with others.
- 6 Shouts instructions in a rowing boat.
- 7 City in Hennepin County in Minnesota in the good old US of A.
- 8 The one in Berlin came down in 1989.
- 9 Used with Gordon as an exclamation expressing surprise, incredulity, or exasperation.
- 10 Sir Stanley of Stoke and Blackpool fame.

NAME 10

Name 10 of the 12 teams who competed in the FA Women's Championship (2nd level) in Season 2021-22?

NAME THE TUNE FROM THE LYRICS

Name the song from the lyrics below:

What's the sense in sharing
This one and only life
Endin' up just another lost and lonely wife
You'll count up the years
And they will be filled with tears
Love only breaks up, to start over again



RWBTFC Hellenic League Stats

LEAGUE RECORD, MANAGERS, TOP SCORERS

ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C. 34 YEARS + IN THE HELLENIC LEAGUE

Season	Div	Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst	Pts	Position	Manager	Top Scorer
1988/89	1	28	11	7	10	50	41	40	5 out of 15	Mick Woolford	Damon York
1989/90	1	30	13	8	9	52	35	47	7 out of 16	Mick Woolford	Damon York 25
1990/91	1	30	11	8	11	32	36	41	8 out of 16	Mick Woolford	Damon York
1991/92	1	32	10	8	14	45	59	38	12 out of 17	Mick Woolford	Scott Vincent
1992/93	1	30	8	6	16	40	53	30	12 out of 16	Mick Woolford	Scott Vincent
1993/94	1	34	15	8	11	65	57	53	9 out of 18	Mick Woolford	Scott Vincent
1994/95	1	38	18	5	15	67	68	59	9 out of 20	Mick Woolford	Scott Vincent/Darren Jell
1995/96	1	34	12	9	13	50	64	45	10 out of 18	Kevin Maloney	Scott Vincent
1996/97	1	32	9	8	15	37	50	35	11 out of 17	Kevin Maloney	Ian Curtis/Gary Ashford 8
1997/98	1	32	12	6	14	67	58	42	10 out of 17	Dave Warren	Lee Stoddart/Peter Dearlove 10
1998/99	1	32	17	7	8	64	43	58	5 out of 17	Dave Warren	Lee Stoddart 17
1999/00	1	28	15	7	6	54	32	52	3 out of 15	Barry Giles	Lee Stoddart
2000/01	Prem	38	14	10	14	54	60	52	13 out of 20	Barry Giles	Lee Stoddart 25
2001/02	Prem	42	11	9	22	39	75	42	19 out of 22	Pete Yeardeley	Mark Vaughan 14
2002/03	Prem	40	10	10	20	36	70	40	15 out of 21	Pete Yeardeley	Geoff Swatton 9
2003/04	Prem	42	11	5	26	38	73	38	16 out of 22	Pete Yeardeley	Geoff Swatton 16
2004/05	Prem	42	6	9	27	30	85	27	21 out of 22	Pete Yeardeley/Chris Jones	Matty Bennett 10
2005/06	1W	34	17	10	7	58	30	61	5 out of 18	Paul Burke	Matty Bennett 12
2006/07	1W	34	14	5	15	64	62	47	11 out of 18	Paul Burke	Matty Bennett/Steve Yeardeley 11
2007/08	1W	34	11	3	20	43	66	36	15 out of 18	Paul Burke	Richie Saunders 12
2008/09	1W	32	17	9	6	61	31	60	4 out of 17	Dave Turner	Shaun Terry 26
2009/10	1W	30	20	7	3	74	34	67	2 out of 16	Dave Turner	Sam Collier 22
2010/11	Prem	42	13	7	22	55	87	46	15 out of 22	Dave Turner	Sam Collier 26
2011/12	1W	32	15	7	10	69	47	52	5 out of 17	Dave Turner	Matt Bown 18
2012/13	1W	30	22	3	5	75	40	69	2 out of 16	Dave Turner	Mark Barnes 32
2013/14	Prem	38	11	12	15	60	60	45	14 out of 20	Jeff Roberts	Levi Cox 14
2014/15	Prem	38	14	9	15	66	80	51	11 out of 20	Paul Braithwaite	Dan Bailey 18
2015/16	Prem	38	12	5	21	50	86	41	15 out of 20	Paul Braithwaite	Steve Robertson 30
2016/17	Prem	34	15	3	16	61	64	45	11 out of 19	P.Braithwaite/R.Hunter	Steve Robertson 27
2017/18	Prem	38	11	6	21	44	85	39	15 out of 20	Richard Hunter/Sam Collier	Sam Collier 11
2018/19	Prem	36	14	7	15	66	71	49	10 out of 19	Sam Collier	T.J Bohane 20
2019/20	Prem	27	8	4	15	50	65	28	16* out of 19	Sam Collier	Callum Parsons 11
2020/21	Prem	8	1	4	3	8	12	7	15* out of 18	Sam Collier	TJ Bohane 11
2021/22	Prem	38	16	6	16	58	66	54	12 out of 20	Sam Collier	Alan Griffin & John Mills 16
2022/23	Prem	5	3	1	1	11	3	10	3 out of 20	Sam Collier	Alfie Presley 3

* At time season 2019-20 was suspended due to Covid-19

Total	1,152	437	238	477	1,793	1,948	1,546
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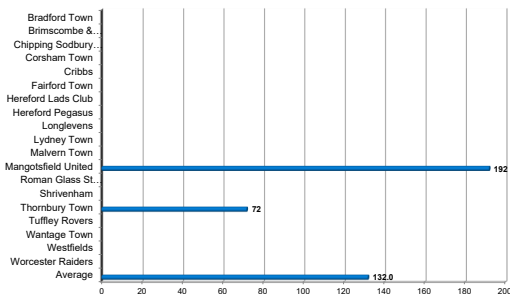
Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	37.9%	20.7%	41.4%
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	Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst	Pts	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio
Premier Division	546	170	107	269	726	1,042	614	31.1% 19.6% 49.3%
Division 1 West	226	116	44	66	444	310	392	51.3% 19.5% 29.2%
Division 1	380	151	87	142	623	596	540	39.7% 22.9% 37.4%

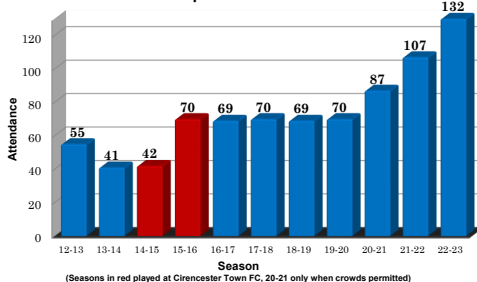
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Record Gate	2,103 v Swindon Town (1991)
Best Gate - 2021/22	341 v Corsham Town
Average Hellenic Attendance 2021/22	107 (up from 87 in 20/21)
Record Known Win	16 - 0 v Clyffe Pypard (1933/34)
Record Known Defeat	1 - 16 v Warminster T (3/11/1945)

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RWBTFC League Attendances - Season 2022-23



RWBTFC Average Home League Attendances - Last 10 Years plus current season



FA Cup Match Report 22-23

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

Spalding stunner helps sustain cup run, unbeaten start

A stunning strike from Louis Spalding set Royal Wootton Bassett Town in their way to an eventual 3-1 Emirates FA Cup preliminary round victory against Reading City as Sam Collier's advanced in impressive fashion following an eventful, entertaining tie.

With the win, Bassett have now reached the first qualifying round for the fifth time in club history - and the aim will now be to try and again progress to the second qualifying round, something last achieved just two seasons ago.

Getting this far was an achievement in itself given the strong start to the season - including an upset win against Highworth Town in the extra preliminary round - that Reading have enjoyed.

And it was the visitors who almost struck first when a ball over the top picked out a wide open Sam Tanner on the right side. With just Matt Crowther to beat, he skipped by the 'keeper but a strong saving tackle from Dave Bampton ultimately snuffed out the danger.

But it was Bassett who were soon ahead on the quarter hour mark - and in such style. Receiving a square pass from Chris Taylor, full back Spalding advanced unopposed and unleashed a thunderbolt of a drive from 30 yards that swerved into the top right corner, leaving a helpless Henry Woodcock rooted to the spot.

Bassett then doubled their lead ten minutes

before half time. Breaking incisively from a Reading corner that came to nothing, Jack Hobson-McVeigh fed a pass to Alfie Presley in the right channel. After advancing forward down the wing, he squared inside for Matt Bennett who arrowed a drive into the top left corner from just inside the box.

The hosts therefore had a commanding lead at the break and came close to extending it further when a flowing move opened up the Reading defence and ended in Bailey Gallagher's tight angled shot being palmed away.

But, just as with anything involving Bassett, life was never going to be easy.

Just after the hour Crowther handled outside his area - albeit accidentally - an escaped with a yellow.

Then on 73 minutes Reading pulled one back as Joe Waight skipped past Jowan Partridge and squared for James Smith to sweep home from the edge of the area.

Bassett had the opportunity to restore their two goal lead though when Joe Pilling felled Hobson-McVeigh just inside the box after the midfielder had seen his free blocked by the wall. However, going for power, Taylor crashed the resulting penalty against the bar to ensure the game remained alive.

Where Taylor failed, Presley succeeded though. Minutes after finding the side net, he seized upon a mix up between Woodcock and his centre half to latch onto Crowther's heave up field before coolly slotting into the net.



Match Reports 22-23

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

Five star Bassett thump Bobcats

A near perfect display from Royal Wootton Bassett Town saw them produce arguably their best Hellenic League result in many a year as Sam Collier's side thumped a stunned Bradford Town 5-0 on their own turf.

Bassett were also rans the last time they visited Trowbridge Road, suffering a heavy 4-0 defeat back in January.

This time though they tore to pieces a Bradford team who were heavily fancied to do well ahead of this season and who sat second at the start of play.

Bassett survived an awkward moment early on when Tom Golledge headed against the crossbar for the hosts.

But two goals in quick succession from Alfie Presley midway through the opening period soon set Bassett on their way.

Both arrived in style.

The first saw Matt Bennett pick out Presley with a precise cross and the in-form forward smashed in from outside the area.

Bennett was then key to the second as he surged past his man, before cutting the ball back to Scott Chilcott. The Bassett full back then squared to Presley to send another fizzing shot beyond the reach of Jonny Hill.

Fully in charge at the break, Bassett extended their lead further just before the hour. This time a bit of luck was needed as Bennett sent in a cross that Hill allowed to slip through his legs.

While the 'keeper will have felt a little embarrassed to have shipped such a goal, he would not be the only Bradford player to finish the game with their tail between their legs as the visitors added two more.

Breaking from a Bradford corner that came to nothing, Presley obtained possession on the halfway line before charging at the home defence. After getting to the byline, he crossed into the box for Tommy Ouldrige who, cool as you like, spun and picked out the top corner to finish off a perfectly executed counter attack.

Substitute Josh Elms then rubbed further salt in Bradford's wounds, latching onto a long clearance before bursting past his man and slotting past a helpless Hill.

Despite Bassett going into the game full of confidence on the back of a six game unbeaten run to start their campaign, few would have predicted such an outcome at kick off.

But an unbelievable performance produced a scarcely believable result to make it a magnificent seven without defeat for Collier and his troops.





ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN FC

Date	Opponents	H/A	Result	Crowd	1	2	3	4	5	6
Tue 02-Aug	Mangotsfield Town	H	W 1 - 0	192	Crowther	Chilcott	Spalding	Corcoran	Bampton	Presle
Sat 06-Aug	Windsor (FAC Ex. Prelim)	H	D 1 - 1	119	Crowther	Chilcott	Spalding	Corcoran	Bampton	Presle
Tue 09-Aug	Windsor (FAC Ex. Prelim Replay)	A	W 2 - 0	192	Crowther	Chilcott	Spalding	Corcoran	Bampton	Presle
Sat 13-Aug	Chipping Sodbury Town	A	D 1 - 1	53	Crowther	Dodson	Spalding	Lea	Bampton	Presle
Tue 16-Aug	Thornbury Town	H	W 4 - 1	72	Crowther	Chilcott	Spalding (1)	Matthews	Bampton	Presle
Sat 20-Aug	Reading City (FAC Prelim)	H	W 3 - 1	128	Crowther	Chilcott	Spalding (1)	Matthews	Bampton	Presle
Wed 24-Aug	Bradford Town	A	W 5 - 0	94	Crowther	Chilcott	Spalding	Matthews	Bampton	Presle
Mon 29-Aug	Corsham Town	A	L 0 - 1	118	Crowther	Chilcott	Spalding	Matthews	Bampton	Presle
Sat 03-Sep	Paulton Rovers (FAC 1QR)	H								
Tue 06-Sep	Wantage Town	H								
Sat 10-Sep	Bradford Town	H								
Tue 20-Sep	Mangotsfield Town	A								
Tue 27-Sep	Thornbury Town	A								
Sat 01-Oct	Cribbs	H								
Tue 04-Oct	Roman Glass St George	A								
Sat 15-Oct	Malvern Town	A								
Sat 22-Oct	FA Vase 1st Round									
Sat 29-Oct	Westfields	H								
Sat 05-Nov	Worcester Raiders	H								
Sat 12-Nov	Brimscombe & Thrupp	A								
Sat 19-Nov	Fairford Town	H								
Sat 26-Nov	Hereford Lads Club	A								
Sat 03-Dec	Hereford Pegasus	A								
Sat 10-Dec	Longlevens	A								
Sat 17-Dec	Lydney Town	H								
Tue 27-Dec	Corsham Town	H								
Sat 02-Jan	Malvern Town	H								
Sat 07-Jan	Tuffley Rovers	A								
Sat 14-Jan	Westfields	A								
Sat 21-Jan	Worcester Raiders	A								
Sat 28-Jan	Brimscombe & Thrupp	H								
Sat 04-Feb	Fairford Town	A								
Sat 11-Feb	Hereford Lads Club	H								
Sat 18-Feb	Hereford Pegasus	H								
Sat 25-Feb	Longlevens	H								
Sat 04-Mar	Lydney Town	A								
Sat 11-Mar	Shrivenham	A								
Sat 18-Mar	Chipping Sodbury Town	H								
Sat 25-Mar	Cribbs	A								
Sat 01-Apr	Roman Glass St George	H								
Fri 07-Apr	Shrivenham	H								
Mon 10-Apr	Wantage Town	A								
TBA	Tuffley Rovers	H								
TBA	BICC									
TBA	WPS1									
TBA	Floodlit Cup 1st Round									



FAC - FA Cup, FLC - Floodlight Cup, FAV - FA Vase, WPS - Wiltshire Premier S

MEN'S FIRST TEAM SEASON 2022-23



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Statistics

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

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RWBTFC

Career

Appearances		Starts	As Sub	Total	Goals	Apps	Goals
1	David Bampton	8		8		61	3
2	Chris Taylor	8		8		56	2
3	Matthew Crowther	8		8		8	
4	Louis Spalding	8		8	2	8	2
5	Alfie Presley	7	1	8	6	48	15
6	Jack Hobson-McVeigh	7	1	8	2	8	2
7	Kai Robinson	5	3	8		97	1
8	Thomas Ouldrige	7		7	2	52	12
9	Scott Chilcott	7		7		33	
10	Bailey Gallagher	6	1	7	1	53	10
11	Josh Elms	2	5	7	2	7	2
12	Matt Bennett	4	2	6	2	201	60
13	Giorgio Wrona		6	6		186	23
14	Luke Matthews	4		4		4	
15	Adam Corcoran	3	1	4		268	15
16	Alan Griffin		3	3		35	16
17	Baldwin Osayi Igbinobaro		2	2		2	
18	Jon Beeden	1		1		60	5
19	Macauley Dodson	1		1		44	2
20	Harrison Lea	1		1		14	1
21	Luke Whelan	1		1		1	
22	Jowan Partridge		1	1		4	



Jowan Partridge



Matt Bennett

Season 2022-23

HELLENIC LEAGUE TABLES

2022-2023 Season

UHLSPORT Hellenic League Premier Division

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Cribbs	6	5	1	0	10	3	16
2 Westfields	5	4	1	0	7	2	13
3 Royal W. Bassett Town	5	3	1	1	11	3	10
4 Corsham Town	5	2	3	0	9	6	9
5 Bradford Town	6	3	0	3	12	11	9
6 Malvern Town	5	2	2	1	11	5	8
7 Worcester Raiders	4	2	2	0	10	5	8
8 Fairford Town	6	2	2	2	12	10	8
9 Wantage Town	5	2	1	2	8	6	7
10 Hereford Lads Club	5	2	1	2	8	7	7
11 Longlevens AFC	6	1	3	2	6	5	6
12 Brimscombe & Thrupp	5	1	3	1	9	9	6
13 Tuffley Rovers	5	1	2	2	6	7	5
14 Chipping Sodbury Town	5	1	2	2	6	12	5
15 Lydney Town	6	1	2	3	4	16	5
16 Roman Glass St George	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
17 Mangotsfield United	5	1	1	3	5	8	4
18 Shrivenham	4	1	1	2	4	7	4
19 Hereford Pegasus	5	1	0	4	5	12	3
20 Thornbury Town	6	0	1	5	3	12	1

2022-2023 Season

UHLSPORT Hellenic League Division One

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Milton United	6	5	0	1	18	8	15
2 Pershore Town	5	4	1	0	15	4	13
3 Shortwood United	5	4	1	0	14	4	13
4 Abingdon United	5	4	1	0	10	3	13
5 Clanfield 85	5	4	0	1	17	4	12
6 Bourton Rovers	5	3	1	1	9	8	10
7 Long Crendon	5	3	0	2	12	12	9
8 Cheltenham Saracens	6	2	2	2	14	8	8
9 Calne Town	5	2	1	2	11	7	7
10 Hartpury University	5	2	1	2	8	4	7
11 Stonehouse Town	6	2	0	4	10	12	6
12 Malmesbury Victoria	5	2	0	3	9	12	6
13 Moreton Rangers	6	2	0	4	9	13	6
14 F C Stratford	4	1	2	1	5	4	5
15 Southam United	6	1	1	4	9	14	4
16 Newent Town	5	1	1	3	6	17	4
17 Kidlington Res	4	1	0	3	13	13	3
18 Littleton	4	0	0	4	1	12	0
19 Cirencester Town Dev	6	0	0	6	3	34	0

Excludes last night's game between Milton United & Abingdon United

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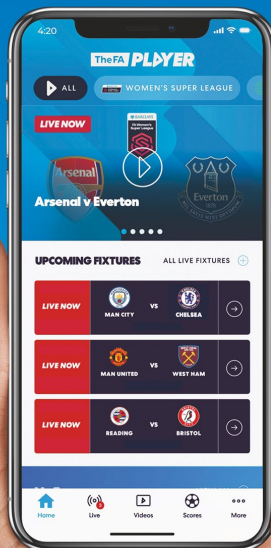
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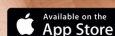
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SCARY SCENES AT CHIPPENHAM



EVERY season there are stories that stop you in your tracks and aren't forgotten. Often they come with a message that transcends well beyond the 90 minutes of action we are usually discussing.

This month football had just that following the scary scenes seen at Chippenham Town in their National League South match with Chelmsford City when Pablo Martinez collapsed.

For the Bluebirds chairman Neil Blackmore, the story has a simple reminder for clubs and all sport facilities – make sure you have a defibrillator for that situation you hope will never happen.

Like many clubs, Chippenham have the life-saving piece of equipment. Never did they expect to use it – especially on one of their own players.

But during the first half of their recent game with the Clarets, it became very apparent something was wrong when 21-year-old Martinez went down.

“It was a real shock – you just don't expect to see it,” Blackmore told The NLP. I've been in football for a number of years and seen quite a lot of injuries. Broken legs, dislocated joints, cuts and things like that. As bad as they can be at the time, none of them are ever life threatening – or very rarely.

“But to see the club's doctor knelt over him doing CPR is really shocking and hopefully we never see it again.

“The way everybody reacted was fantastic. He collapsed and straightaway the physio and a team-mate, who is first aid trained, came onto

the pitch and turned him over. Anton, the physio, said, ‘He's stopped breathing’. Straightaway they started CPR. Our club doctor and paramedic ran on – a they got the defib out and gave him a shock and he came round first time.

“The emergency services were fantastic too. Literally within minutes we had two ambulances and a rapid responder and a few minutes later an air ambulance landed. I can't praise them highly enough.

“By the time he left in a land ambulance he was sat up and gave us a wave. He actually said to the doctor from the helicopter, ‘Will I be OK to play on Tuesday?’”

Of course, that game came a bit too soon for the former Bristol Rovers defender but he was due to be fitted with an ICD (Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator) like Denmark international Christian Eriksen and hopes are he will play again.

The fact this is a good news story is down to a lot of people. When the medical process swings into action, there can be positive outcomes.

And Blackmore said it has hit home quite how important a defibrillator is.

“It sits in the cupboard and it comes out once a year to be serviced,” he said. “You don't think you're ever going to use it. That day you need it, you can't put a value on it. It saved Pablo's life.

“I would say to everyone, it doesn't matter if you're a sports club or not, if you haven't got access to a defib, please get one. Get some funding, get some sponsorship, get yourself a defib. They are really easy to use and hopefully it will sit in your cupboard and never be used. But that day you need it, it's an amazing piece of medical kit.”

Matt Badcock

Random Thoughts

FA CUP FACTS

At a game at the end of last season I purchased Phil Annets FA Cup 150 book, an unofficial compendium of FA Cup facts and stats from FACupFactfile celebrating 150 years of the original and best knock-out competition. As it is the FA Cup today it is only right that I share some of the useful facts included in the book.

- ◆ With 23 letters in our club name you would have thought we would have one of the longest names ever in the history of the FA Cup, alongside fellow Wiltshire based side Bemerton Heath Harlequins. However, you would be very wrong as there are 104 teams with longer names than ours that have appeared in the competition over the years, including one from Swindon (Swindon British Rail Corinthians). The two longest clock in at 39 letters and you got to feel for their programme editors if they felt unable to abbreviate Jarrow **Roofing Boldon Community Association** and **Portland Prison Officers and Portland United**.
- ◆ The **biggest margin of victory** in FA Cup history belongs to Preston North End who hammered Hyde 26-0 in 1887-88, no doubt the manager of the losing side went into hiding for a few days after that result.
- ◆ **Everton** are the club to suffer the most FA Cup semi-final defeats with 13 such defeats to their name over the years.

- ◆ Our friends up the road in Melksham, **Melksham Town** hold the record for the most FA Cup campaigns by an existing club without yet appearing in the 1st Round Proper. At the time of the publication of the book in May 2021 that stood at 96 and after two Preliminary Round exists in the past two seasons Darren Perrin's boys are now just two short from a century they will not want to celebrate.
- ◆ Another side up the road to make the unwelcome facts section are **Swindon Town** who, at the time of the publication of the book, jointly held the record for the team who have reached the FA Cup 4th Round the most times but have not gone on to appear in the final. I can't see that one being ended any time soon.
- ◆ The two North London clubs, Tottenham (900 goals) and Arsenal (882 goals), were both in the top three overall scorers in the FA Cup competition. A good quiz question would be who were the other side in the top three? The answer bizarrely was Kettering Town with 893, with 776 of those goals being scored in qualifying with just 117 in the 'proper' rounds of the competition.
- ◆ The old Salisbury City club were the highest placed Wiltshire side (62nd) for goals scored in the qualifying competition (486).



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RWBTFC MEN'S DEV TEAM

ROYAL W. BASSETT TOWN FC DEV - SEASON 2022-23 FIXTURES & RESULTS

CORSHAM PRINT WILTSHIRE SENIOR LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Date	Opponents	H/A	Comp	Result	Scorers
Sat 13-Aug-22	Frome Collegians	H	League	L 1 - 4	McDermid
Tue 16-Aug-22	Blunston	A	League	L 1 - 2	Martins
Sat 20-Aug-22	Trowbridge Town	A	League	L 0 - 5	
Wed 24-Aug-22	Malmesbury Vics Dev	A	League	L 0 - 3	
Tue 30-Aug-22	Calne Town Res	A	League	L 0 - 2	
Sat 03-Sep-22	Shrewton United	A	League		
Sat 10-Sep-22	Salisbury Dev	A	League		
Sat 17-Sep-22	Kintbury Rangers	A	League		
Sat 24-Sep-22	Stratton Juniors	H	League		
	Blunston	H	League		
	Calne Town Res	H	League		
	Devizes Town	H	League		
	Devizes Town	A	League		
	Frome Collegians	A	League		
	Kintbury Rangers	H	League		
	Malmesbury Vics Dev	H	League		
	Marlborough Town	H	League		
	Marlborough Town	A	League		
	Melksham Town Res	H	League		
	Melksham Town Res	A	League		
	Odd Down (Bath)	H	League		
	Odd Down (Bath)	A	League		
	Pewsey Vale	H	League		
	Pewsey Vale	A	League		
	Salisbury Dev	H	League		
	Shrewton United	H	League		
	Stratton Juniors	A	League		
	Trowbridge Town	H	League		
	Wroughton	H	League		
	Wroughton	A	League		

Malmesbury Vics Dev 3 RWBT Dev 0

The Dev Team fell to another defeat in midweek against near neighbours Malmesbury Vics Dev. Malmesbury had not won in any of the previous six meetings between the two sides but with Royal Wootton Bassett Town Development's young side having a tough start to the season Troy Prentice's side were hoping to bring that recent record to an end. They did just that with most of the damage being done in the first half. James Archer headed the home side in front on 26 minutes before Joe Tranter doubled the lead seven minutes before half time after neat set-up play between Archie Walsh and Ryan Collins. A much improved second half performance from the visitors saw them restrict Malmesbury to just one more goal, Jack Duckers making sure of all three points after being set up by Dale Richards playing against his former club to give Malmesbury their first win of the season and lifting them into the top half of the table .

Calne Town Res 2 RWBT Dev 0

The Development Team have had a poor start to the season and made the short journey to Calne Town Res having lost all four of their opening games and having been forced to call off last Saturday due to players being away over the Bank Holiday weekend. After a heavy opening day defeat, Calne had shown much improvement and went into the game on the back of a useful point from a draw with Marlborough on Saturday to add to the three they got in beating Melksham Town Res. It was tight in the early stages, but once Calne got themselves in front with a goal from Kian Fulford there was only likely to be one winner. When the same player added a second it was enough to give Calne all three points and inflict more pain on Craig Jones' Royal Wootton Bassett Town side who will look to register their first points of the season when they travel to Shrewton United, although this historically has been a game that has yielded very few points.

Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League Premier Division Season 2022-23

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 Trowbridge Town FC	6	6	0	0	29	6	18
2 Devizes Town FC	6	5	1	0	14	2	16
3 Kintbury Rangers FC	6	4	1	1	16	8	13
4 Frome Collegians FC	6	4	1	1	13	7	13
5 Pewsey Vale FC	5	4	0	1	17	7	12
6 Wroughton FC	6	3	2	1	17	9	11
7 Calne Town FC Res	5	2	1	2	6	12	7
8 Blunsdon FC	6	1	3	2	8	10	6
9 Stratton Juniors FC	6	1	2	3	8	20	5
10 Malmesbury Victoria FC Dev	4	1	1	2	5	8	4
11 Odd Down (Bath) FC Dev	6	1	1	4	7	18	4
12 Melksham Town FC Res	5	1	0	4	7	11	3
13 Marlborough Town FC	5	0	2	3	3	8	2
14 Salisbury FC Dev	4	0	2	2	6	12	2
15 Shrewton United FC	3	0	1	2	5	9	1
16 Royal W. Bassett Town Dev	5	0	0	5	2	16	0



Steve Green's Player Portrait

TOMMY OULDRIDGE



Match Report

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

Monday 29th August 2022

Corsham Town 1
Royal Wootton Bassett Town 0
Uthsport Hellenic League Premier Division
Demkiv duo deliver first defeat

In a closely fought, rather scrappy and at times heated Wiltshire derby, Sam Collier's side narrowly suffered their first defeat of the season as hosts Corsham Town prevailed 1-0.

Corsham's dangerous Demkiv duo did all the damage that was required as Daniel teed up Callum before half time for what proved the game's only goal.

In a contest of very limited chances, Bassett were then unable to find a way back into the game - with their cause not being aided by Jack Hobson-McVeigh's controversial sending off for a second bookable offence.

With that, the first month of the season ended with the team's first loss.



But Bassett can be hugely proud with the highly impressive August they have had which - prior to this match - produced a six game unbeaten run, three league wins and an extended FA Cup run. Even with this loss, Bassett have still yet to concede more than just a single goal in a game.

The goal now is to return to winning ways - and to take the form they've shown in the early stages of this season into the autumn and winter months..



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WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

Fixtures—Season 2022-23

Date	Opponents	H/A
04-Sep	Bristol Rovers	A
11-Sep	Torquay United	H
18-Sep	Sherborne Town	H
25-Sep	Poole Town	A
02-Oct	Middlezoy Rovers (FAC)	A
09-Oct	Forest Green Rovers	H
16-Oct	Warminster Town	A
16-Oct	Wiltshire FA County Cup 1	
23-Oct	Ilminster Town Ladies	H
30-Oct	Liskeard Athletic	A
06-Nov	Bishops Lydeard Ladies	H
13-Nov	Bishops Lydeard Ladies	A
20-Nov	Bristol Rovers	H
27-Nov	Torquay United	A
04-Dec	Sherborne Town	A
11-Dec	Poole Town	H
18-Dec	Forest Green Rovers	A
08-Jan	Warminster Town	H
15-Jan	Ilminster Town Ladies	A
22-Jan	Liskeard Athletic	H

FAC = Women's FA Cup, WCC = Wilts County Cup



SOUTH WEST REGIONAL WOMEN'S FOOTBALL LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION Season 2021-22

Final Table & Results Grid	Home Games														Away Games		Goals	Points	
	AFC St Austell	Ilminster Town	Sherborne Town	Torquay United	Forest Green Rovers	Royal W. Bassett T	Bishops Lydeard	MAPL	Middlezoy	Bideford	Pld	W	D	L	For	Ag			Pts
1 AFC St Austell Ladies		3-0	2-1	2-2	6-1	5-4	3-0	2-0	8-2	17-0	9	8	1	0	48	10	25	75:22	45
2 Ilminster Town Ladies	3-3		2-3	1-1	4-0	3-2	2-1	4-2	3-0	5-0	9	6	2	1	27	12	20		
3 Sherborne Town*	0-3	4-1		3-2	5-2	4-1	2-0	3-0	13-1	18-0	9	8	1	0	55	10	25	76:22	44
4 Torquay United Women	0-3	4-3	2-2		0-3	4-0	2-1	3-0	2-0	4-0	9	6	1	2	21	12	19		
5 Forest Green Rovers Women	3-2	3-4		1-0	2-1	4-0	1-0	6-0	1-0	13-0	9	8	0	1	34	7	24	61:19	38
6 Royal W. Bassett Town Ladies	1-2	1-4	3-0	3-2	3-0	3-3	0-0	5-1	2-0	9-0	9	5	2	2	27	12	17		
7 Bishops Lydeard Ladies	1-1	2-2	2-3		1-0	5-0	1-1	2-1	10-3	12-0	9	5	3	1	36	22	18	63:26	35
8 Marine Academy Plymouth	2-2	2-3	0-1	2-2	2-2	3-1	4-2	3-2	6-1	5-1	9	5	2	2	27	15	17		
9 Middlezoy Ladies	0-4	3-0	0-3	2-2	3-1	1-3	6-0	4-1	12-0	9-0	9	5	1	3	31	14	16	55:33	27
10 Bideford Ladies*	1-6	2-5	1-2	0-1	5-3	1-1	7-0	1-1	6-0	9-0	9	3	2	4	24	19	11		
	2-3	0-4	3-3	1-3	3-5		9-1	6-1	5-1	14-0	9	4	1	4	43	21	13	73:49	22
	4-5	1-4	0-4	0-5	1-3	3-2	2-1	1-4	18-0	9-0	9	3	0	6	30	28	9		
	1-2	1-2	0-0	2-4	1-1	2-3		2-0	2-2	6-2	9	2	3	4	17	16	9	32:38	19
	0-3	0-2	0-1	1-1	3-1	1-9	2-3	3-2	5-0	9-3	1	5	15	22	10				
	2-4	0-3	1-5	2-3	0-7	1-2	3-2		7-5	7-0	9	3	0	6	23	31	9	36:60	15
	0-2	0-3	0-6	1-2	0-6	1-6	0-2	8-2	3-0	9-2	0	2	0	7	13	29	6		
	0-3	0-2	0-2	1-6	1-1	4-1	2-3	2-8		7-1	9	2	1	6	17	27	7	35:78	11
	2-8	1-13	0-1	3-10	1-4	1-5	2-2	5-7	3-1	9-1	1	1	7	18	51	4			
	0-5	0-4	0-9	1-5	0-6	0-18	0-5	0-3	1-3	9-0	0	0	9	2	58	0		05:164	-6
	0-17	0-18	0-13	0-12	0-12	0-14	2-6	0-7	1-7	9-0	0	0	9	3	106	0			

* Points adjustments made



Fresh start as Bassett aim for better

Despite entering their fourth season in the South West Regional Women's Football League Premier Division, the 2022-23 campaign represents a fresh start for Royal Wootton Bassett Town.

After a disappointing second half of the 2021-22 season, Bassett parted company with manager Graham Fletcher. In his place arrives Simon Harrison, with new assistant Owen Warne offering another fresh perspective in the dugout.

On the pitch, the core of Bassett's squad won't look too different, with only two notable departure - young forward Poppy Wannell to Bristol Rovers and defender Olivia Owenson to university in Scotland.

Nevertheless, it is hoped the team will be reinvigorated under new management.

There are some new arrivals too who will add quality and competition for places. Forward Chantelle Church arrives from FC Chippenham Youth, where she finished as top scorer in their Wiltshire County Women's League title winning campaign, and will serve as a useful foil for Libby Davies. Midfielder Hollie Timbrell - who was with Bassett during the 2018-19 promotion winning campaign - returns to the club, with Abbie Wilding - a recruit from Melksham Town adding additional competition in that area. Meanwhile, Sylvannah Winstone arrives from FC Calne and will offer added strength in the heart of defence.

Alongside that quartet, Caily Morse, Jasmine Kennedy, Nia Davies, Ellie Gulliver and Ellie O'Nions are all youngsters who it is hoped will continue to improve and impress.

Bassett's aims for the season on the pitch are relatively simple. In the league, the goal is to improve on last year's sixth place finish. Recapture the form produced in the first half of 2021-22 and that shouldn't be an issue. However, the division is arguably tougher after the promotion of Bristol Rovers, Liskeard Athletic and Warminster Town as well as Poole Town's relegation.

In addition, Bassett will also be seeking to go as far as they can in the Vitality Women's FA Cup. Bassett have lacked any real recent success in the competition, with defeats at the earliest opportunity suffered in the two most recent seasons. But their second qualifying round tie away at Middlezoy Rovers is winnable.

On top of those targets, Bassett will also be looking to continue developing what is a talented, albeit young squad. Further it is hoped that the team will play a brand of football that is not only attractive to watch but delivers results.

The right players and management team are in place to achieve all these aims. Here's hoping they come to fruition.



Season 2022-23

RWBTFC U18 Floodlit Team

Royal Wootton Bassett Town U18

Season 2022-23 - Under 18 Floodlit League - Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League

Date	Opponents	H/A	Comp	Result	Scorers
Thur 08-Sep-22	Kingsdown Lions	H	League		
Thur 15-Sep-22	Calne Town	A	League		
Thur 22-Sep-22	Kintbury Rangers Yth	H	League		
Thur 29-Sep-22	Melksham Town	A	League		
	AFC Aldermaston	H	League		
	AFC Aldermaston	A	League		
	Bishops Cannings	H	League		
	Bishops Cannings	A	League		
	Bradford Town	H	League		
	Bradford Town	A	League		
	Calne Town	H	League		
	Kingsdown Lions	A	League		
	Kintbury Rangers Yth	A	League		
	Melksham Town	H	League		
	Pewsey Vale	H	League		
	Pewsey Vale	A	League		
	Radstock Town	H	League		
	Radstock Town	A	League		
	Warminster Town	H	League		
	Warminster Town	A	League		

Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League

U18 Division Season 2021-22

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 Devizes Town	14	10	2	2	50	19	32
2 Royal Wootton Bassett Town	14	9	2	3	33	20	29
3 Melksham Town	14	8	1	5	31	18	25
4 Radstock Town	14	7	1	6	28	20	22
5 AFC Aldermaston	14	6	2	6	21	24	20
6 Calne Town	14	4	1	9	20	33	13
7 Pewsey Vale	14	2	4	8	17	33	10
8 New College Swindon	14	3	1	10	13	46	10

Other adult sides

RWBTFC Vets' (Over 35) Team

Royal Wootton Bassett Town Vets

Season 2022-23 - Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League - Vets North Wilts Division

Date	Opponents	H/A	Comp	Result	Scorers
Wed 07-Sep-22	Redhouse	A	League		
Tue 13-Sep-22	Swindon Old Boys	H	League		
Tue 20-Sep-22	Blunsdon	A	League		
Wed 28-Sep-22	Swindon Rovers	H	League		
	AFC Swindon	H	League		
	AFC Swindon	A	League		
	Blunsdon	H	League		
	Chiseldon	H	League		
	Chiseldon	A	League		
	Cricklade Town	H	League		
	Cricklade Town	A	League		
	Redhouse	H	League		
	Stratton Juniors Black	H	League		
	Stratton Juniors Black	A	League		
	Stratton Juniors Orange	H	League		
	Stratton Juniors Orange	A	League		
	Swindon Old Boys	A	League		
	Swindon Rovers	A	League		

Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League

Vets North Wiltshire Division Season 2021-22

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 Redhouse	16	12	2	2	44	12	38
2 Priory Vale	16	12	2	2	37	14	38
3 Royal W. Bassett Town	16	11	1	4	44	19	34
4 Cricklade Town	16	11	0	5	49	22	33
5 Stratton Juniors	16	6	1	9	28	39	19
6 Swindon Rovers	16	5	2	9	32	32	17
7 Swindon Old Boys	16	4	2	10	30	38	14
8 South Cerney Rangers	16	3	3	10	22	39	12
9 AFC Swindon	16	1	1	14	12	83	4

Bits & Pieces

VETERAN'S OVER 50S



Oxfordshire Over 50s League Division 1A 2021/2022

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 Witney Royals	12	9	2	1	62	21	29
2 Thame United	12	9	1	2	44	18	28
3 Marlow Dukes	12	6	1	5	51	32	19
4 Hazlemere Sports Athletic	12	6	1	5	28	26	19
5 Chinnor	12	5	2	5	39	35	17
6 Royal Wootton Bassett Town	12	3	1	8	21	43	10
7 North Leigh Red	12	0	0	12	7	77	0

Royal Wootton Bassett Town Vets Over 50s

Season 2022-23 - Oxfordshire League - Vets Premier League Division 2

Date	Opponents	H/A	Comp	Result	Scorers
Sun 18-Sep-22	Chilsley	H	League		
Sun 25-Sep-22	Goring United	A	League		
Sun 09-Oct-22	Hazlemere Sports Olympic	H	League		
Sun 16-Oct-22	Bicester Town Colts	A	League		
Sun 06-Nov-22	Exiles	A	League		
Sun 13-Nov-22	Thame United	A	Cup		
Sun 27-Nov-22	Easington Sports	H	League		
Sun 04-Dec-22	Chinnor	A	League		
Sun 08-Jan-23	Goring United	H	League		
Sun 22-Jan-23	Chilsley	A	League		
Sun 12-Feb-23	Hazlemere Sports Olympic	A	League		
Sun 19-Feb-23	Bicester Town Colts	H	League		
Sun 05-Mar-23	Exiles	H	League		
Sun 26-Mar-23	Easington Sports	A	League		
Sat 09-Apr-23	Chinnor	H	League		

Quiz Answers

Names the Same - 1. Jordan or Jeff **Roberts** 2. George **Ford** 3. Jack or Nick **Stanley** 4. Sam **Collier** 5. Tom **Messenger**
6. Levi **Cox** 7. Adam **Corcoran** 8. Craig **Wall** 9. Matt **Bennett** 10. Luke **Matthews**

Name Ten: Blackburn Rovers, Bristol City, Charlton, Coventry Utd, Crystal Palace, Durham, Lewes, Liverpool, London City, Sheffield United, Sunderland and Watford .

Name The Tune: Young Hearts Run Free - Candi Staton

League Cups

Bluefin Sport Challenge Cup 22-23

HELLENIC LEAGUE BLUEFIN INSURANCE CHALLENGE CUP SEASON 2022-23

Preliminary Round		
Abingdon United	v	Letcombe
Aston Clinton Sports	v	Chinnor
Bourton Rovers	v	Clanfield 85
Buckingham Athletic	v	Hazelmere Sports
Calne Town	v	Malmesbury Victoria
Chalfont Wasps	v	Holmer Green Dev
Cheltenham Saracens	v	Swindon Supermarine Dev
FC Beaconsfield	v	Thame United A
Faringdon Town	v	Hungerford Town Swifts
Hartpury University	v	Shortwood United
Headington Amateurs	v	Cirencester Town Dev
Littlejohn	v	Evesham United Dev
Marlborough Town Dev	v	Old Bradwell United Dev
Meadow Park	v	Wroughton Dev
Milton United	v	FC Stratford
Moreton Rangers	v	Feckenham
New Dales Vale	v	Kidlington Res
Newbury	v	Highworth Town Res
Newent Town	v	Pershore Town
Southam United	v	Shipston Excelsior
Stonehouse Town	v	Didcot Town Dev
Taplow United	v	Woodcote
Watlington Town	v	Mortimer
Winslow United Dev	v	Easington Sports Dev
Woodstock Town	v	Long Crendon

Wiseman Lighting Floodlit Cup 2022-23

HELLENIC LEAGUE FLOODLIT CUP SPONSORED BY WISEMAN LIGHTING SEASON 2022-23

Preliminary Round		
Bourton Rovers	v	Roman Glass St George
Brimcombe & Thrupp	v	Stonehouse Town
Cheltenham Saracens	v	Milton United
Cirencester Town Dev	v	Chipping Sodbury Town
Cribbs	v	Hereford Lads Club
Fairford Town	v	Littleton
Tuffley Rovers	v	Newent Town
Wantage Town	v	Shrivenham

Challenge Cup - Winners

1998-99	Burnham
1999-00	Swindon Supermarine
2000-01	Carterton Town
2001-02	Gloucester United
2002-03	Yate Town
2003-04	Didcot Town
2004-05	Didcot Town
2005-06	Didcot Town
2006-07	Hungerford Town
2007-08	Hungerford Town
2008-09	Almondsbury Town
2009-10	Ardley United
2010-11	Holyport
2011-12	Highworth Town
2012-13	Oxford City Nomads
2013-14	Ascot United
2014-15	Ardley United
2015-16	Flackwell Heath
2016-17	Bracknell Town
2017-18	Bracknell Town
2018-19	Ascot United
2019-20	Not awarded due to Covid-19
2020-21	Kidlington Res
2021-22	Cribbs

Floodlit Cup - Winners

1994-95	Cinderford Town
1995-96	Bicester Town
1996-97	Abingdon United
1997-98	Swindon Supermarine
1998-99	Tuffley Rovers
1999-00	Swindon Supermarine
2000-01	Swindon Supermarine
2001-02	Fairford Town
2002-03	Tuffley Rovers
2003-04	Slimbridge
2004-05	Almondsbury Town
2005-06	Slimbridge
2006-07	Wantage Town
2007-08	Kidlington
2008-09	Marlow United
2009-10	Shortwood United
2010-11	Holyport
2011-12	Binfield
2012-13	Ardley United
2013-14	Brimcombe & Thrupp
2014-15	North Leigh
2015-16	Ascot United
2016-17	Lydney United
2017-18	Binfield
2018-19	Ardley United
2019-20	Not awarded due to Covid-19
2020-21	Not awarded due to Covid-19
2021-22	Not awarded due to Covid-19

RWBTFC & The FA Vase

OUR ROAD TO WEMBLEY

THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY FOR ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C. FA VASE 2022-23

Date	Round	Opponents	H/A	Result	Prize Money	
					Winner	Loser
27-Aug-22	First Round Qualifying	Bye			£550	£160
24-Sep-22	Second Round Qualifying	Bye			£725	£225
22-Oct-22	First Round Proper	v			£825	£250
12-Nov-22	Second Round Proper	v			£900	£275
3-Dec-22	Third Round Proper	v			£1,125	£350
14-Jan-23	Fourth Round Proper	v			£1,875	£600
11-Feb-23	Fifth Round Proper	v			£2,250	£725
11-Mar-23	Sixth Round Proper	v			£4,125	£1,350
1-Apr-23	Semi-final	v			£5,500	£1,725
21-May-23	Final (at Wembley)	v			£30,000	£15,000
Total Prize Money Won					£0	

* Still in competition



RWBTFC F.A. Vase Record

2001-02	QR2	Calne Town	H	W 3 - 2
	R1	St Blazey	H	L 0 - 2
2002-03	QR2	Shortwood United	A	L 1 - 5
2003-04	QR2	Bemerton Heath Harl's	A	L 1 - 4
2004-05	QR1	Wellington	A	L 0 - 4
	QR1	Christchurch	H	D 1 - 1
2005-06	QR1	Christchurch	A	L 0 - 1
	QR1	Shrewton United	A	D 1 - 1
2006-07	QR1	Shrewton United	H	L 2 - 3
	QR2	Bournemouth	A	L 0 - 12
2008-09	QR1	Buckingham Athletic	A	W 5 - 3
	QR2	Henley Town	A	W 6 - 0
	R1	Kidlington	H	W 3 - 2
2009-10	R2	Wimbourne Town	A	L 0 - 4
	QR1	Hamble ASSC	H	L 2 - 3
2010-11	QR2	Devizes Town	A	W 4 - 0
	R1	Cadbury Heath	A	L 1 - 2
2011-12	QR1	Shortwood United	A	L 0 - 4
2012-13	QR1	GE Hamble	A	L 0 - 6
2013-14	QR2	Odd Down	A	L 0 - 7
2014-15	QR1	Cove	A	W 3 - 2
	QR2	Abingdon United	H	L 2 - 3

2015-16	QR1	Binfield	H	D 1 - 1
	QR1	Binfield	A	W 4 - 3
2016-17	QR2	Windsor FC	A	L 1 - 2
2016-17	QR2	Thame Utd	H	L 2 - 4
2017-18	QR1	Fairford Town	H	W 3 - 1
	QR2	Codicote	H	W 5 - 0
	R1	Amphill Town	H	W 2 - 1
2018-19	R2	Hordean	A	L 2 - 3
	QR2	Bashley	H	L 0 - 4
2019-20	QR1	New College Swindon	A	W 7 - 0
	QR2	Tadley Calleva	A	L 0 - 1
2020-21	QR2	Stonehouse	A	W 1 - 0
	R1	Camelford	H	W 4 - 0
	R2	Bridgwater Town	A	L 1 - 2
2021-22	QR1	Knaphill	H	W 1 - 0
	QR2	Portishead Town	A	W 3 - 1
	R1	Downton	H	W 4 - 0
2021-22	R2	Torpoint Athletic	H	W 2 - 0
	R3	Hamworthy United	H	L 1 - 3
2022-23	R1			

EMIRATES FA CUP ROAD TO WEMBLEY FOR ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN* 2022-23

Date	Round	Opponents	H/A	Result	Prize Money	
					Winner	Losers
6-Aug-22	Extra Preliminary Round	v Windsor	H	D 1 - 1	£1,125	£375
9-Aug-22	Extra Prelim. Round Replay	v Windsor	A	W 2 - 0		
20-Aug-22	Preliminary Round	v Reading City	H	W 3 - 1	£1,444	£481
3-Sep-22	First Qualifying Round	v Paulton Rovers*	H		£2,250	£750
17-Sep-22	Second Qualifying Round	v			£3,375	£1,125
1-Oct-22	Third Qualifying Round	v			£5,625	£1,875
15-Oct-22	Fourth Qualifying Round	v			£9,375	£3,125
5-Nov-22	First Round	v			£36,000	
26-Nov-22	Second Round	v			£60,000	
7-Jan-23	Third Round	v			£100,000	
28-Jan-23	Fourth Round	v			£120,000	
1-Mar-23	Fifth Round	v			£225,000	
18-Mar-23	Sixth Round	v			£450,000	
22-Apr-23	Semi-Final	v	Wembley		£1,000,000	£500,000
3-Jun-23	Final	v	Wembley		£2,000,000	£1,000,000
Total Prize Money Won						£2,569

* Still in competition


Royal Wootton Bassett Town FC - Emirates FA Cup Record

Season	Rnd	Opponents	Result	Season	Rnd	Opponents	Result
1938-39	Pr	Wiltshire Mental Hospital	A L 0 - 6	2011-12	EPr	Radstock Town	A L 1 - 2
1939-40	Pr	Frome Town (War)	A P - P	2012-13	EPr	Calne Town	H W 4 - 2
1946-47	EPr	Dilton Rovers	H W 5 - 1		Pr	Harnworthy United	H W 1 - 0
	Pr	Swindon GWR Corinthians	A L 1 - 5		QR1	Highworth Town	H W 3 - 1
1947-48	EPr	Pewsey Vale	H L 0 - 2		QR2	Dorchester Town	A L 0 - 4
1948-49	EPr	Swindon BR Corinthians	A L 3 - 6	2013-14	EPr	Totton & Eling	H L 0 - 2
1949-50	EPr	Warminster Town	H L 4 - 5	2014-15	EPr	Brockenhurst	A W 3 - 0
1950-51	EPr	Spencer Moulton	H W 2 - 1		Pr	Bradford Town	A L 1 - 2
	Pr	Devizes Town	A L 0 - 4	2015-16	EPr	Bracknell Town	H L 0 - 2
2004-05	Pr	Exmouth	A L 2 - 3	2016-17	EPr	Andover Town	A L 2 - 5
2007-08	EPr	Highworth Town	A D 0 - 0	2017-18	EPr	Crawley Green	H L 1 - 2
	EPr	Highworth Town	H W 2 - 1	2018-19	EPr	Leighton Town	A W 1 - 0
	Pr	Bracknell Town	H W 2 - 1		Pr	Lydney Town	H D 0 - 0
	QR1	Brockenhurst	A D 1 - 1		Pr	Lydney Town	A L 3 - 5
	QR1	Brockenhurst	H L 1 - 5	2019-20	EPr	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	H D 1 - 1
2008-09	EPr	Flackwell Heath	A D 1 - 1		EPr	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	A L 0 - 1
	EPr	Flackwell Heath	H L 1 - 6	2020-21	EPr	Chipping Sodbury T (W4-1 pens)	H D 2 - 2
2009-10	EPr	Westbury United	H D 2 - 2		Pr	Didcot Town	A W 2 - 1
	EPr	Westbury United	A W 3 - 2		QR1	Cinderford T (Won 6-5 pens)	A D 2 - 2
	Pr	Brockenhurst	H L 0 - 1		QR2	Oxford City	H L 1 - 2
2010-11	EPr	Bradford Town	A D 1 - 1	2021-22	EPr	Thornbury Town	A W 4 - 0
	EPr	Bradford Town (W4-3 pens)	H D 3 - 3		Pr	Ardley United	H D 2 - 2
	Pr	Almondsbury UWE	A W 1 - 0		PrR	Ardley United	A L 1 - 3
	QR1	Hamble ASSC	A D 1 - 1	2022-23	EPr	Windsor	H D 1 - 1
	QR1	Hamble ASSC	H L 0 - 2		EPrR	Windsor	A W 2 - 0
					Pr	Reading City	H W 3 - 1
					QR1	Paulton Rovers	

Royal Wootton Bassett Town FC



Matthew Crowther	1
Scott Chilcott	2
Louis Spalding	3
David Bampton	4
Adam Corcoran	5
Jack Hobson McVeigh	6
Alfie Presley	7
Chris Taylor	8
Matt Bennett	9
Tommy Ouldrige	10
Luke Whelan	11
Josh Lms	12
Kai Robinson	14
Bailey Gallagher	15
Gio Wrona	16
Macauley Dodson	17
Luke Matthews	18
Baldwin Osayi Igbinoaro	19
Jon Beeden	20
Harrison Lea	21
Lewis Waldon	22

Dugout Team

Manager:	Sam Collier
Assistant:	Alan Griffin
Coach:	Mark Simpkins
Therapist:	Kara Gregory

Match Officials

Referee:	
Assist. Ref (Red Flag):	
Assist. Ref (Yellow Flag):	

Paulton Rovers FC



Aaron Sainsbury	1
James Byrne	2
Nuno Felix	3
Chris Peck	4
Neil Martin	5
Daniel Dempsey	6
Will Harvey	7
Martin Lenihan	8
Kyle Tooze	9
Daniel Cottle	10
Ed Butcher	11
Paulo Borges	12
Leo Eglin	13
Mircea Ilea	14
Dave O'Hare	15
Charlie McLachlan	16
Kylan Mapstone	17
Tom Ovigne	18
Kai Williamson	19

Dugout Team

Manager:	John Rendell
Assistant:	Paul Tovey
Coach:	Simon Mockford
Therapist:	Chris Cook

Joshua Brookland
John Painter
Andrew Lincoln

Next Home Games

Tue 06-Sep-22 v Wantage Town (UHlsport Hellenic Premier Division) Kick-off 7:45PM