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Mick Woolford (1995), Rod Carter (2008), Roger Williamson (2008),
Paul Harrison (2012), Pete Yeardley (2012), Ron Stone (2013),
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 **1998-99, 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 EVENING and welcome to the Sustain Stadium here at the Gerard Buxton Sports Ground for this UHlsport Hellenic League Premier Division fixture against near neighbours Malmesbury Victoria. Tonight's game was supposed to be an away fixture but has been switched to the Sustain Stadium due to ongoing issues with the Malmesbury pitch following the major maintenance work undertaken in the summer months.

A warm welcome to all the players, management team, club officials and supporters from Malmesbury who have made the short journey along the B4042. Both the Malmesbury manager Ant Brown and assistant Paul Carson are former Wootton Bassett players, as are a number of their squad here this evening. A special warm welcome to all of our old players who return this evening, in particular Stephen Robertson who scored a hat-trick for Wootton Bassett Town in the last league meeting between the two sides in 2013 which was also the last game ever played at Rylands Way before our move. The programme cover and match report from that game is included in tonight's programme.

As often the way with these derby games, we also have a couple of players in our squad here tonight who have represented Malmesbury not least Alan Griffin who was at the Flying Monk not only as a player but also as part of the management team. Jack Hobson-McVeigh is another who has played in the black and white at Malmesbury, having joined us from Malmesbury a couple of seasons ago, although it is not clear at the time of writing whether he will be able to play tonight.

Malmesbury made a decent start on their return to the Premier Division following last season's win in the Division One play-offs, winning two of their first three league games. Although they have lost the other four league games played to date, they pushed Highworth Town all the way last week in midweek and we will need to be at our best if

we are to return to winning ways here this evening. Despite being just up the road we have not played that many games against Malmesbury Vics over the years, in fact it is just 26 since Malmesbury United merged with Swindon Victoria to form Malmesbury Victoria. Our record against them is eight wins, eight draws and ten defeats. Whilst Malmesbury have the better overall record in the fixture, we have won five of the six most recent games.

Since the last programme we have exited the FA Cup losing against Didcot who themselves went out of the competition on Saturday, beaten 3-0 away at Taunton Town, won away at Thornbury Town and then lost heavily away at Corsham. Since their move across to the Hellenic League, Corsham have become our bogey side and we have lost heavily at the Southbrook Ground on both our last two visits. Sam was obviously disappointed with that result and performance and will be expecting a reaction from the players here this evening.

The Development Team have not made the best of starts in the Premier Division of the Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League, going down 1-0 at home to Bemerton Heath Harlequins Res in their latest game. Matters were not helped I understand by a harsh early sending off for Flynn Walters and I know from compiling the League roundup on Saturday night both teams were not happy with the referee in a game that I was told was played in a good spirit yet saw multiple cards being dished out.

The Women's team got their season under way with a 5-1 away win in the FA Cup against Ross Juniors. For the second season running they have already won more prize money than the men's team in the FA Cup. Well done to Adam and his team.

Enjoy the game tonight and hopefully a return to winning ways and local bragging rights over Malmesbury.

Mark

Chairman's Chat

Paul Gerrish

GOOD EVENING. It's a pleasure to



welcome our supporters along with the players, officials and supporters from Malmesbury Vics FC to the Sustain Stadium today for this Hellenic Premier League fixture that was originally scheduled to be played at the Flying Monk Ground but due to pitch improvement work has been switched here.

It's been a while since there was a league fixture between the two clubs and I am sure we are going to see a good crowd tonight. Both teams come in to the game with 2 wins from their 6 league fixtures and will be looking for early season, local bragging rights. Malmesbury squad contains a few ex-Bassett players, notably Steve Robertson along with Aaron Stevens and Zac Skinner. Martin Sinclair, who featured in my U18 floodlight team also features and there is a clash of the Pitt brothers to look forward to as Ollie, assuming he is fit, takes on his brother Kyle.

By now, I had been hoping to report some better news on the injury front but once again a depleted squad at Corsham was missing Chris Taylor, Jack Hobson-McVeigh, Louie Spalding and Ollie Pitt. Hopefully it will not be long before Erin has them back to full fitness.

The Development squad go into the weekend's game against Bemerton on the back of two very creditable draws against Wroughton and Shrewton respectively. The strength of the Wilts League is clear to see

and I am sure it is going to be a highly competitive and closely fought league with several teams looking to pay at a higher level.

The Women's team will have also got their season under way by the time you read this after their WFA Cup visit to Ross Juniors who will prove to be tough opposition. I know Adam is very happy with the squad he has assembled and is looking forward to the challenges ahead.

Next Sunday sees the Youth section begin their fixtures in the North Wilts League – we wish them all the very best of luck and hope they have enjoyable and successful seasons.

Before I sign off, I must congratulate our supporters for their behaviour, especially in the light of the extreme provocation at Corsham on Tuesday mainly by one man and his gaggle of youngsters that followed him 'Pied Piper' like around the ground. Sing your songs, bang your drum as much as you want but do not try to intimidate our management team with a speaker and siren adjacent to the dug out and certainly keep the vile language to yourself. I am sure the majority of the people there were embarrassed by the behaviour and it certainly will not be tolerated here.

Thank you all for your continued support, it is greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you again on Saturday for the opening of the Chris Kirkland stand and the visit of Hartpury College.

UP THE BASS

Paul

The logo for 'sustain' features the word in a bold, lowercase, sans-serif font. The letter 'i' is stylized with a green leaf-like shape above it. The background is a dark green rectangle.





Today's Opponents

Malmesbury Victoria

Malmesbury Vics Historical Record - Last 15 Seasons

Season	League & Division	FAC	FAV	Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst	Pts	Position	Top Scorer
2009/10	Hellenic League Prem	n/a	2QR	42	8	9	25	48	108	33	19 out of 22	P. Corcoran 10
2010/11	Hellenic Div 1 West	n/a	1QR	28	8	3	17	40	79	27	13 out of 15	M. Field 13
2011/12	Hellenic Div 1 West	n/a	n/a	32	6	8	18	35	61	26	16 out of 17	M. Field 10
2012/13	Hellenic Div 1 West	n/a	n/a	30	5	3	22	36	75	18	15 out of 16	E. Wilkins 8
2013/14	Hellenic Div 1 West	n/a	1QR	28	8	5	15	37	59	29	12 out of 15	S. Chilcott
2014/15	Wiltshire Senior Prem Div	n/a	1st	32	25	4	3	112	48	79	1 out of 17	S. Packer 30
2015/16	Wiltshire Senior Prem Div	n/a	2QR	28	19	1	8	85	44	58	3 out of 15	A. Griffin 16
2016/17	Western League Div 1	n/a	2QR	42	18	7	17	82	82	61	9 out of 22	S. Parker 24
2017/18	Western League Div 1	n/a	2QR	42	14	9	19	69	97	51	15 out of 22	J. Packer 16
2018/19	Hellenic Div 1 West	n/a	2nd	22	15	1	6	83	25	46	4 out of 12	Not known
2019/20	Hellenic Div 1 West	EP	1st	21	12	2	7	57	31	38	6* out of 16	Not known
2020/21	Hellenic Div 1 West	n/a	2QR	10	4	4	2	20	10	16	5* out of 15	Not known
2021/22	Hellenic Division 1	n/a	1QR	32	11	8	13	62	75	41	11 out of 17	H. Archer 16
2022/23	Hellenic Division 1	n/a	1QR	36	18	5	13	70	58	59	8 out of 19	K. Witt 14
2023/24	Hellenic Division 1	n/a	2QR	36	26	5	5	87	32	83	2 out of 19	K. Witt 32

Totals

461 197 74 190 923 884

* Position at time that Covid-19 resulted in season being curtailed

Won:Drew:Lost Ratio

42.7% 16.1% 41.2%

	Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio			
Hellenic Division 1 West	171	58	26	87	308	340	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	33.9%	15.2%	50.9%
Wiltshire Senior Prem Div	60	44	5	11	197	92	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	73.3%	8.3%	18.3%
Hellenic League Division 1	104	55	18	31	219	165	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	52.9%	17.3%	29.8%
Western League Div 1	84	32	16	36	151	179	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	38.1%	19.0%	42.9%
Hellenic League Premier Div	42	8	9	25	48	108	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	19.0%	21.4%	59.5%

2023-2024 Season

UHLSPORT Hellenic League Division One

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Hartpury University	36	29	5	2	116	20	92
2 Malmesbury Victoria	36	26	5	5	87	32	83
3 Clanfield 85	36	26	3	7	87	38	81
4 Sporting Club Inkberrow	36	20	6	10	79	41	66
5 Devizes Town	36	19	6	11	87	54	63
6 FC Bristol	36	20	3	13	91	71	63
7 F C Stratford	36	17	7	12	70	48	58
8 Calne Town	36	18	4	14	74	61	58
9 Shortwood United	36	15	8	13	68	59	53
10 Abingdon United	36	17	1	18	64	62	52
11 Tytherington Rocks	36	15	2	19	58	69	47
12 Cheltenham Saracens	36	13	7	16	51	64	46
13 Stonehouse Town	36	12	8	16	63	73	44
14 Southam United	36	13	3	20	57	92	42
15 Newent Town	36	10	7	19	60	83	37
16 Kidlington Res	36	8	5	23	44	87	29
17 Long Crendon	36	7	3	26	44	93	24
18 Chipping Sodbury Town	36	5	6	25	28	103	21
19 Moreton Rangers	36	5	5	26	35	113	20

Today's Opponents

Malmesbury Victoria



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1898

GROUND

Flying Monk Ground,
Gloucester Road,
Malmesbury, SN16 9JS

MAJOR HONOURS

Hellenic League Division One
Play-Off Winners 2023-24

Wiltshire Senior Cup
Winners 2001-02

Wiltshire Senior League
Premier Division Winners
1999-2000, 2014-15

Wiltshire Senior League Cup
Winners 2001-02

Wiltshire Junior Cup Winners
1986-87

CHAIRMAN

Bernie Davies

CLUB SECRETARY

Brendon Rice

MANAGER

Ant Brown

The Club was originally formed in 1898, and was known as Malmesbury Town, then Malmesbury United. Then in the 1970's, amalgamated with a successful Swindon Club known as Swindon Victoria.

The Club has played in various locations in and around the Town before eventually settling on the present site, known as The Flying Monk Ground. The ground was previously owned by the pub known as The Flying Monk.

There have been ups and downs over the past few years, but in 1999/2000 the Club was extremely successful with both Saturday sides winning their respective Leagues for the first time since 1974. The first team won the Wiltshire Premier League to clinch promotion to the Hellenic League, with the reserves winning the equivalent Junior Division to gain promotion to the Premier Division.

During their first season in the Hellenic League the first team acquitted themselves well to finish 4th in the League. Since then things have been much harder to finish in the top half of the league, but in 2001/2002 the Club did win the Wiltshire Senior Cup. 2004/2005 saw the Club decide to start an Under 18's team in the Wiltshire Floodlit League.

The Club has made huge steps to improve the facilities, in the summer of 2004 the giant step of installing floodlights was completed and the summer of 2005 saw the

complete refurbishment of the Clubhouse.

In the 2006/07 season, we were unlucky not to get promotion into the Hellenic Premier League, finishing in fourth place. The following season 2007/08, we had a poor start, and half way through, after a change of management finished the season in 15th place.

The 2008/09 season saw the Club finish in the runners-up spot in Division 1 West, and with it came promotion to the Hellenic Premier Division, this being the Club's highest level of football in its history. However, the Club was relegated at the end of 2009/10 as the ground had not reached the required standard to continue in that division.

After dropping down and returning to a focus on local players, the club saw great success in the Wilts premier league, ending in being champions in 2014/15 season and gaining promotion to the Western League for 2016/17 season and finishing in a very respectable 9th position. Following a mid-table finish in 2017/18, League re-structuring has seen the club return to the Hellenic League in the 1 West Division where we look forward to renewing old friendships and making new ones.

The Club is in the early discussion stages to move to a new ground close to the present one, but high enough not to have to worry about flooding.



Today's Opponents

Malmesbury Victoria

Travis Wood
Keeper



Trav re-joins the Vics this season after a couple of seasons the other side of the bridge. A great addition with brilliant distribution and shot stopping.

Josh Langley
Keeper/Attacker



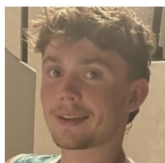
Lang is a local lad who has played at a higher level, and you can see why. Excellent commanding keeper.

Kyle Pitts
Defender – Captain



Pittsy is a commanding, experienced leader at centre back. Came to the Vics last season and has taken on the armband this year.

Ben Patey
Defender



Patey has been with the club a few seasons now. Young defender with great potential. Great energy across the pitch.

Aaron Stevens
Defender



Az re-joined the Vics after a spell at Chipping Sodbury. He's a strong centre back who's good in the air and loves a challenge.

Andy Baker
Defender



Bakes is coach, club captain, fines master and key member of the squad. A brilliant attitude on and off the pitch and a consistent performer.

Zac Berry
Defender



Zac came to the club last season from Hartpury. A young left back full of potential. Strong, quick and fit lad.

Matt Fusco
Defender



Fusco, been back with the club a few seasons now and recently converted to right back. One of the best touches around this level.



Harvey Scholes
Midfield



Scholesy is a new addition this season. Previously at Wantage. Loves getting on the ball and has an excellent range of passing.

George Evatt
Midfielder



George is a homegrown lad who has huge potential for a young lad. A tricky midfielder with excellent feet.

Today's Opponents

Malmesbury Victoria



<p>Biagio Mazzotta Midfield</p>  <p>Biagio joined the club last season from Fairford. A centre midfielder who rarely gives the ball away, keeps us ticking.</p>	<p>Martin Sinclair Midfield</p>  <p>Martin has been with the club for a few seasons and has made the step up from the development. Good on the ball and in the air.</p>	<p>Chalmers Phin Attacker</p>  <p>Chalmers returns to the Vics from a short stay with Brimmy, last season's top goal scorer slots into the front line just fine.</p>	<p>Zac Skinner Attacker</p>  <p>A pacey left sided attacker who has impressed in pre season to get the call up into the squad. Loves the ball at his feet and fitted straight in with the lads</p>
<p>Danny Gudger Attacker</p>  <p>"Gudge" is a winger with an excellent eye for goal. A huge summer addition.</p>	<p>Matty Jones Attacker</p>  <p>"Turbo" has become a massive part of the squad on and off the pitch. Loves a long throw.</p>	<p>Jack Smith Attacker</p>  <p>Smithy was new to the club last season. Quality at holding the ball up and has an excellent touch. A key part of the squad.</p>	<p>Steve Roberston Attacker</p>  <p>Experienced striker joins the Vics from Highworth Town and making an instant impact with 2 goals in this first 2 games.</p>

Malmesbury Vics Season 2024-25

	Apps	Goals	Discipline Table				
			Yellow	Red	2Y Red	Sin Bin	
1 Chalmers Phin	8	6	2				
2 George Evatt	7						
3 Danny Gudger	7		3				
4 Kyle Pitts	7						
5 Martin Sinclair	7						
6 Zac Skinner	7	1	1				
7 Jack Smith	7	5					
8 Harrison Archer	6	2					
9 Andy Baker	6		2				
10 Matthew Jones	6		1				
11 Jake Love	6						
12 Biagio Mazzotta	6						
13hen James Robertson	6	1					
14 Tom Wynn-Davis	6	2					
15 Lewis Toop	5		1		1		
16 Travis Wood	5						
17 Freddie Lawton	4						
18 Antony Brown	3			1			
19 Benjamin Patey	3		1				
20 Macawley Brown	2						
21 Lewis King	2						
22 Mason Thompson	2						
23 Freddie Allman	1						
24 Zac Berry	1						
25 Charlie Evatt	1						
26 Aaron Stevens	1						



Previous Encounters

Malmesbury Victoria

8

RWBTFC Wins

8

Draws

10

Malmesbury Vics
Wins

Previous Meetings

Season	Date	W/D/L	Competition	Result		Bassett Scorers
1975-76	3-Sep-75	Lost	Wilts Comb	Malmesbury Vics	1 Wootton Bassett Town 0	
1975-76	27-Dec-75	Won	Wilts Comb	Wootton Bassett Town	1 Malmesbury Vics 0	J. Parsons
1976-77	5-Mar-77	Lost	Wilts County	Malmesbury Vics	2 Wootton Bassett Town 1	May
1976-77	Not known	Drew	Wilts County	Wootton Bassett Town	0 Malmesbury Vics 0	
1977-78	8-Oct-77	Lost	Wilts County	Malmesbury Vics	2 Wootton Bassett Town 1	Cox
1977-78	22-Oct-77	Won	Wilts County	Wootton Bassett Town	3 Malmesbury Vics 1	B. Burton 2, Spires
1979-80	22-Aug-79	Drew	Wilts County	Malmesbury Vics	3 Wootton Bassett Town 3	May, Keep, Chambers
1979-80	26-Jan-80	Lost	Wilts County	Wootton Bassett Town	1 Malmesbury Vics 5	Evans
1991-92	30-Nov-91	Lost	WSC	Malmesbury Vics	5 Wootton Bassett Town 3	Scorers not known
2004-05	7-Sep-04	Drew	FLC	Wootton Bassett Town	0 Malmesbury Vics 0	
2005-06	24-Sep-05	Drew	Hell D1 West	Wootton Bassett Town	1 Malmesbury Vics 1	Messenger
2005-06	11-Mar-06	Won	Hell D1 West	Malmesbury Vics	0 Wootton Bassett Town 2	Hall, Gee
2006-07	28-Aug-06	Drew	Hell D1 West	Wootton Bassett Town	1 Malmesbury Vics 1	King
2006-07	9-Jan-06	Drew	Hell D1 West	Malmesbury Vics	3 Wootton Bassett Town 3	Bennett, Hall, White
2007-08	2-Feb-08	Lost	Hell D1 West	Malmesbury Vics	2 Wootton Bassett Town 1	Saunders
2007-08	18-Mar-08	Drew	Hell D1 West	Wootton Bassett Town	1 Malmesbury Vics 1	Saunders
2008-09	21-Oct-08	Lost	FLC	Malmesbury Vics	3 Wootton Bassett Town 0	
2008-09	4-Nov-08	Lost	Hell D1 West	Malmesbury Vics	1 Wootton Bassett Town 0	
2008-09	11-Apr-09	Drew	Hell D1 West	Wootton Bassett Town	0 Malmesbury Vics 0	
2011-12	13-Aug-11	Lost	Hell D1 West	Malmesbury Vics	3 Wootton Bassett Town 0	
2011-12	17-Mar-12	Won	Hell D1 West	Wootton Bassett Town	4 Malmesbury Vics 2	Edmondson, Delaney, Bown, Green
2012-13	7-Aug-12	Won	Hell D1 West	Malmesbury Vics	0 Wootton Bassett Town 2	Yeardley, Terry
2012-13	23-Apr-13	Won	Hell D1 West	Wootton Bassett Town	3 Malmesbury Vics 0	Robertson 3
2014-15	11-Oct-14	Won	WSC	Malmesbury Vics	2 Wootton Bassett Town 3	Yeardley, Traas, Terry
2020-21	16-Apr-21	Won	Hell LC	Malmesbury Vics	1 Royal W. Bassett Town 5	Wells 2, Wrona 2, Smith
2020-21	27-Apr-21	Lost	Hell LC	Royal W. Bassett Town	1 Malmesbury Vics 3	Bohane

Biggest Win

Royal Wootton Bassett Town wins	8
Malmesbury Vics wins	10
Draws	8

5 - 1
5 - 1

Results only for games after Malmesbury United merged with Swindon Victoria at the end of Season 1974-75 to form Malmesbury Victoria.



Featured Game v

Malmesbury Victoria

Malmesbury 0 W. Bassett Town 2

11th March 2006

Wootton Bassett Town's defence once again showed why they are the best in the league as they kept another clean sheet – their seventh of the year – in a comfortable 2-0 victory away at Malmesbury Victoria.

Bassett did the damage in the first half and took the lead in the 13th minute when Rich Gee headed home at the far post from an in-swinging Nathan Hall free kick taken from what looked like an impossible angle.

Five minutes later the lead should have been doubled but Lee Marshall headed over a free header from a Matty Bennett cross.

A looping cross from Andy Mitchell tested John Haines just before the half hour mark as his cross from the right sailed just over.

In the 33rd minute Jon Smith missed a sitter, which should have levelled the game up again. Mitchell cut the ball back to Smith, who was lurking on the edge of the six yard box but the Malmesbury forward shot wide of the near post.

Five minutes before the break Bennett latched onto a Hall through ball before nutmegging the last man. Bennett's finished wasn't up to scratch though as he dragged the ball wide with his left foot from the edge of the area.

However Bassett doubled the lead a minute before the break when Sam Lawro played a ball into the corner and both Bennett and Malmesbury 'keeper

Martin Woodhouse chased it down. Bennett was first to the ball and rounded Woodhouse before cutting the ball from the byline to an unmarked Hall, who tapped into the open goal from six yards.

Malmesbury forced a save out of Haines in first half stoppage time as he was equal to a Rob Hunt header.

Nine minutes after the restart a first time effort from Mitchell sailed over before Anthony McCusker was booked for dissent. Hall then shot over from the edge of the area in the 57th minute.

Two minutes later Bennett latched onto a clearance from Gee in behind the Malmesbury defence. Bennett ran untouched towards goal and shot from 15 yards, forcing a good save from Woodhouse who tipped wide. Steve Bunting replaced McCusker in the 60th minute before Chris Hawkins came on for Stu Hemsley nine minutes later.

With sixteen minutes left, Hawkins drilled a low cross into the box, which struck a Malmesbury defender and if it weren't for the positioning of Woodhouse, Bassett would have furthered their lead.

A trip by Nathan Hall earned him a yellow card in the 81st minute before Ryan Whitefield was given his debut, the ex-Cricklade player replacing Paul Crabtree.

Malmesbury pushed for a goal that would pull them to within one of their opponents but this search was in vain as the Bassett defence held out.

Scoop's Man of the Match: Richard Gee

On This Day in History

UK Prime Minister

Tony Blair



Top of UK Album Charts

Rae - Corrine

Bailey



Top of UK Singles Chart

It's Chico Time - Chico



Top Film in Cinemas

Date Movie

In the News on This Day

Practically every teenager and adult has a MySpace or Bebo account

Last Home Meeting

v Malmesbury Vics

Wootton Bassett Town



Malmesbury Victoria



3 - 0

WBTFC Scorers:

Steve Robertson (3)

Hellenic League Division One West

Tuesday 23rd April 2013, 19:45

The last time we met Malmesbury at home in a league game was something of a special occasion, the last ever game at Rylands Way. The match report from that game is below. In recognition of the occasion of his hat-trick we were going to invite Steve Robertson along to tonight's game but we must thank Malmesbury for getting their first. Hopefully this evening will not be so memorable for Steve!

It may have taken 76 minutes for Wootton Bassett Town to break the deadlock in their final fixture at Rylands Way, but once they did they ensured a perfect ending to life at where they have called home for over three quarters of a century.

For when Steve Robertson steered Mark Barnes' elegant cross into the back of the net, it triggered a superb finish. Robertson, who came on as a substitute, bagged two more to complete an outstanding hat-trick, while the defence held out for a clean sheet, ensuring an emphatic 3-0 victory against local rivals Malmesbury Victoria.

That it capped a season in which Bassett finished in second in Hellenic League

Division One West, thus securing promotion back to the Premier Division, made certain of a perfect night.

There could have been no better way to say goodbye.

In recent weeks Malmesbury had found their feet. And, despite their lowly league position, were able to keep Bassett in check during the game's early stages.

But when Robertson scored, something triggered inside Bassett. Soaking up the extra energy typically supplied when the floodlights are beaming, the hosts took control.

With five minutes remaining, Bassett's scorer tucked away an effort from the edge of the box. A minute later he raced onto a ball over the top before finishing coolly. Game over.

The stage was set for Bassett to leave Rylands Way in style. And they did. The ground has seen a huge amount over the years – both bad and good.

Its final swansong, fittingly, was nothing short of brilliant.

Wootton Bassett Town F.C.

Malmesbury Vics F.C.

Home Team Squad		Player No.	Age
1	James		
2	Liam	Down	
3	Craig	Edmondson	
4	Shaun	Carter	
5	Adam	Corcoran	
6	Stephen	Yeardley	
7	Matt	Bown	
8	James	Turner	
9	Mark	Barnes	
10	Shaun	Terry	
11	Steve	Robertson	
12	Tom	Dingle	
14	Matt	Bennett	
15	Jake	Hayden	
16	Richie	Saunders	
17	Scott	Waltuck	
18	Stewart	Thompson	
19	Andy	Brien	
20	Mike	Yates	
21			
22			

Visitors Team Squad		Player No.	Age
1	Joe	Snell	
2	Kevin	Respe	
3	Bobby	Hunt	
4	Krystan	Hext	
5	Richard	Gea	
6	Anthony	Brown	
7	Jack	Ellis	
8	Anthony	Packer	
9	Ed	Wilkins	
10	Chris	Salt	
11	Joe	Dorey	
12	James	McCarthy	
14	Max	Sparrow	
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Outgoing Team
 Manager: Dave Turner
 Assistant: Andy Brien
 Physio: Michelle Leighton

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 Manager: Simon Winstone
 Asst Manager:
 Physio:

Match Officials

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Next Home Games

Sat 04 May-13 v Cheltenham Saracens Res (Uhsport Hellenic Div 2 West) k-off 3.00 pm

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Tuesday 23rd April 2013, kick-off 7.45 pm







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Player	Biography	Sponsor
 <div>James Foster</div>	Foster is an experienced goalkeeper who joined Bassett towards the end of last season when he made five appearances, keeping three clean sheets - including against Highworth Town in the Hellenic League Premier Division playoff semi final. Foster brings significant Southern League experience having represented the likes of Abingdon United, Didcot Town, Hungerford Town, Thatcham Town and North Leigh at that level. He was with Shrivenham in 2021-22 before serving as Wantage Town's number one a season later.	Mike & Ethan Price
 <div>Dan Hill</div>	Hill is a right back who joins Bassett this season from Cirencester Town. A dependable, solid performer, Hill brings plenty of Hellenic League Premier Division experience, as well as Southern League experience acquired in spells with the Centurions and Highworth Town. Hill made his debut in senior football in 2012-13 with Cirencester Town Development before moving to Fairford Town two seasons later. He earned the Reds' Players' Player and Young Player of the Year awards in 2015-16 before moving to Brimscombe and Thrupp for the 2016-17 campaign. Hill quickly established himself as a key player for the Lilywhites, and was a part of the Brimscombe team that lifted the 2017-18 Gloucestershire Challenge Trophy and finished as Hellenic League Premier Division runners-up in 2018-19. He then joined Highworth ahead of the 2022-23 season, though would finish that campaign with Cinderford Town. Hill split last season between Cirencester and Fairford.	John Trollope
 <div>Louis Spalding</div>	A highly talented young full back who is entering his 3rd season with Bassett. Skilful, quick, an outstanding defender and a player who always looks to get forward, he was named Manager's and Players' Player of the Year following a standout debut season in 2022-23. Spalding played 47 times, scoring a hugely impressive ten goals. Among his goals was a long range stunner in the FA Cup against Reading City, a last minute winner at home against Tuffley Rovers and a brace away at the same opponents. Spalding enjoyed another excellent season in 2023-24, featuring 45 times while scoring three goals. With Swindon Town as a youth, Spalding joined Cirencester on loan in 2017-18. That year he made eleven appearances, before signing with the Centurions ahead of the following season after his release from Swindon. With Cirencester in 2018-19, Spalding featured 38 times as his side finished as runners-up in Southern League Division One South. He then joined Swindon Supermarine, appearing in 38 games in the curtailed 2019-20 Southern League Premier Division South campaign, ten matches a season later and four times in 2021-22.	John & Kath Fellows
 <div>Adam Corcoran</div>	Bassett's current longest serving player and captain, Corcoran is entering his thirteenth season with the club, having reached the 300 appearance mark in 2022-23. Corcoran is an imposing central defender - with the ability to also play at full back when needed - who is composed on the ball and dominant in the air. A Cirencester Town Academy graduate, he initially joined Bassett in 2011-12 after brief spells with Fairford Town and Calne Town. Corcoran quickly established himself as a key part of Bassett's defence, and in 2012-13 helped the team to promotion from Division One West. After a brief spell with Shrivenham, he re-joined Bassett in the summer of 2015 and has been with the club since. He is a player whose performances have seemed to get better and better over time too. The 2021-22 campaign was without doubt his best in Bassett colours, with the defender going on to earn 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 18 goals in his 352 Bassett appearances.	John Trollope
 <div>Scott Chilcott</div>	Dependable full back entering his 4th season with Bassett after joining from Shrivenham. Consistent performer who is tough in the tackle and willing to get forward to help out in attack. Primarily a right back, but can also perform effectively at centre half, as well as centre forward when required. Player with plenty of Hellenic experience, initially beginning his career as a forward, featuring for Highworth Town Res before establishing himself as a first team regular with Malmesbury Vics in 2013-14. He spent the following 3 seasons with Fairford, featuring 30 times in their 2016-17 Div One West title winning campaign. After a year with Pewsey in 2017-18, he moved to Shrivenham where he played the next 3 years before joining Bassett. In his first season at Bassett, he played in 26 games. He then added 31 appearances in Season 2022-23, scoring three goals in a 4 game spell when plugged into a forward role. Last season saw him again featuring regularly with another 33 appearances and 2 goals. Unable to commit week in week out will feature when needed this season, playing also for Cricklade Town in the Wiltshire Senior League.	
 <div>Oliver Case</div>	Another product of Bassett's youth section, Case re-joined the club in January 2024 and played a key role in the Men's First Team's late season playoff push. In all, he featured 14 times for Bassett last season. He scored two important goals - against Fairford Town and then in the playoff semi final against Highworth Town, with both proving to be match winners. An intelligent, composed player who is strong in the air, Case is an extremely impressive young centre half. After starting out his youth career with Bassett, Case joined Swindon Town's Academy. Following his release, he joined Highworth in 2021-22 and, across two seasons, featured 62 times for the Worthians, scoring three goals. He joined Southern League Premier Division Didcot Town at the start of the 2023-24 campaign, playing 14 times before joining Bassett.	
 <div>Jack Hobson-McVeigh</div>	An experienced, cultured central midfielder entering his 3rd season with Bassett having joined from Malmesbury Vics. Cool in possession with excellent distribution skills, the midfielder is also a threat from set pieces and has the knack for producing spectacular goals - as evidenced by his thunderous first-time strike against Southam United that earned him Bassett's 2022-23 Goal of the Season award. A New Zealand national and represented his country in the 2009 FIFA Under 17 World Cup in Nigeria in which he scored a spectacular goal against Turkey, helping the Kiwis reach the last 16. He has played at the highest level in his home country too, having appeared for Birkenhead United, Waitakere United, West Auckland Town, Team Wellington and WaiBop United. He moved to Germany in 2016 and played as high as the fifth tier Oberliga Niederrhein with Dusseldorf West and SC Union Nettetal. He then moved to England, joining Malmesbury in 2020-21 after a brief spell with Cirencester Town. He scored 7 goals in 12 games that year - including a goal against Bassett from beyond the halfway line - before registering the same number of goals in 36 appearances in 2021-22. In his first season with Bassett, Hobson-McVeigh scored five times in 36 games before adding seven goals in 37 appearances last season.	

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Player	Biography	Sponsor
 Chris Taylor	A vastly experienced central midfielder who is entering his fifth season with Bassett. A classy operator, who is supremely confident on the ball and possesses excellent distribution and superb fitness, Taylor has been a standout player during his time in blue and yellow - and last season earned a Manager's and Players' Player of the Year double. Overall, he has featured 115 times while scoring twice since making his Bassett debut in 2020-21. Taylor joined Bassett after four years at Highworth Town, during which he helped the Worthians achieve promotion to the Southern League. However, it is with Swindon Supermarine that Taylor has spent most of his career. An England Under 15 international in his youth, he featured four times for Swindon Town in 2002-03 before being released by the Reds in 2006. Taylor then joined Supermarine and made 355 appearances over the course of nine seasons. In that time he achieved promotion to the Southern League Premier Division in 2006-07 and was part of the Supermarine side that reached the FA Cup second round in 2010-11. Taylor has also played for Newport County, Maidenhead United, Cirencester Town, Hungerford Town and Australian side Dandenong Thunder.	Gordon Reeves
 Tommy Ouldrige	A mercurial midfielder who is entering his fourth full season with Bassett. While capable of playing in an advanced role both through the middle and out wide, Ouldrige settled into a deeper-lying position last season and continued to excel. He is an extremely talented player who possesses great skill, the ability to pick out any pass, an excellent delivery and an eye for goal. Ouldrige came through Swindon Town's youth system and was in and around the Robins' first team, though never made an appearance. He was released by Swindon after loan spells at Chippenham Town and Cirencester Town during the 2017-18 season. He started the 2018-19 campaign with Hungerford Town before moving back to the Centurions where he spent the majority of the next two seasons. After also briefly featuring for Shrivernham in 2019-20, Ouldrige played six times for Bassett in 2020-21, scoring three goals. A season later, he featured 41 times, scoring seven goals. Injuries frustrated Ouldrige in 2022-23, but Ouldrige still made 30 appearances, contributing five goals. He was back to full fitness last season and enjoyed arguably his best season so far in blue and yellow, netting eight times in 47 outings.	
 Bailey Gallagher	Graduate of Bassett's youth section, who made the step up to first team football three seasons ago after having consistently performed strongly for the club's Development team. A highly skilful attacking midfielder who can play on either wing, he boasts a great turn of pace and is not afraid to take players on. With his trickery and speed, Gallagher is exceptionally difficult to defend against and he also has the knack for producing spectacular goals. Gallagher made his Development team debut in 2018-19, while still featuring in Bassett's youth section, scoring four times in thirteen games. 22 appearances yielded seven goals in 2019-20 before he produced a return of six goals in nine Wiltshire League Premier Division matches in the abbreviated 2020-21 campaign. Gallagher then impressed in his first full season playing at Hellenic League Premier Division level. Bassett's leading outfield appearance maker in 2021-22, he featured 44 times, scoring nine goals. He added another seven goals in 47 matches in 2022-23 before scoring six times in 34 games last season.	Mike & Ethan Price
 Alfie Presley	A hugely talented attacking midfielder who re-joined Bassett in October 2023 after brief spells with Corsham Town and Abingdon Utd at the start of the season. Boasting skill, speed and strength, the willingness to take defenders on and expert delivery, his performances have seen him earn Player of the Year awards for Bassett in three different seasons. In 2019-20 Presley was crowned both Manager's and Players' Player of the Year, while he earned back-to-back Supporters' Player of the Year prizes in 2022-23 and 2023-24. Presley is a player who has the ability to play effectively across the entire front line - be that out wide or as a number nine or ten. He also has an eye for goal, netting 42 times in 113 appearances for Bassett.	Bridge Garage 01793 853299
 Ollie Pitt	Pitt is a goalscorer with a prolific record in the Hellenic League Premier Division who joins Bassett this season from Brimscombe and Thrupp. An assured finisher, Pitt is also a set piece specialist, who knows how to find the net and tee up his teammates to score from deadball situations. Pitt began his senior career with Cirencester Town, scoring 50 goals in 125 games for their Development team from 2009-10 to 2013-14, while also making a dozen appearances for the Centurions' first team. Pitt joined Brimscombe part way through the 2013-14 campaign and, over the course of eleven seasons scored 109 goals in 350 games. He twice netted more than 20 goals in a season (2016-17 and 2017-18) and was a key member of the Lilywhites side who finished as Hellenic League Premier Division runners-up in 2018-19. Pitt also had a brief spell with Corsham Town two seasons ago.	
 George Pearce	Pearce is a centre forward who joins Bassett this season after splitting the 2023-24 campaign between Brimscombe and Thrupp. A powerful target man who is strong in the air and an assured finisher, Pearce adds further to Bassett's attacking options this season. After initially featuring for Bibury, Pearce played for Cirencester's Development team from 2013 to 2016, largely featuring as a defender. A move to the opposite end of the pitch has proven to be fruitful though, and he has been a regular Hellenic League scorer for the likes of Fairford Town - with who he registered eleven goals in 2021-22, Corsham Town and Malmesbury Victoria.	
 Finlay Hopkins	Hopkins is a highly talented young forward who joins Bassett from near neighbours Shrivernham this season. Hopkins was a standout player for Shrivernham in their inaugural Wiltshire League Premier Division campaign last season, finishing as joint top scorer with 12 goals in 24 games. Hopkins has also enjoyed success with the Swindon Town Foundation's C6 team, based at Commonweal School. Featuring for them in each of the past three seasons, in 2023-24 he was part of the Swindon team that won the Community and Education Football Alliance Cup - with Hopkins earning Player of the Match honours in the final - and also finished runners-up in South East Division One.	Mick Woolford

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 Flynn Walters	Walters is a promising young forward who made his Men's First Team debut two seasons ago. Skilful, with good pace and an assured finisher, he was a part of the Under 18 Floodlit team who finished as Wiltshire League Floodlit Division runners-up in 2021-22 and 2022-23. He registered twice in 13 games for the Under 18s in 2021-22 before playing a more significant role a season later, scoring eight times in 21 games. Walters' performances saw him earn a place in the club's senior Men's sides too. In 2022-23, Walters featured five times for the Development team and made his Men's First Team debut as a substitute against Chipping Sodbury Town, scoring the final goal to cap a 4-1 victory. Last season he featured eight times for the Men's First Team, while netting nine times in 19 games for the Development side.	Mark Smedley
 Thomas Moore	Moore is a gifted, young attacking midfielder who re-joined Bassett last season, having spent time at university in Manchester. A player with a superb attitude and willingness to improve his game, he possesses great pace, the desire to take players on and is an excellent crosser of the ball. Moore was with Swindon Town as a youth and was offered a scholarship in 2019 before his release. Moore then joined Bassett for the 2021-22 season and made a strong impression, scoring three goals in eleven appearances. Last year he netted twice in eight games.	
 Tyrone Tucker-Dixon	Tucker-Dixon is an explosive winger who joins Bassett this season having finished the 2023-24 campaign with Cinderford Town. A direct player with great pace and an eye for goal, as well as with the Foresters Tucker-Dixon has gained Hellenic League experience with the likes of Bishops Cleeve, Roman Glass St George and Hallen and has appeared for numerous Southern League clubs including Melksham Town and Evesham United. Ticket-Dixon has playing experience in the third tier of Welsh football too, having featured for Caldicot Town, Treowen Stars and Undy Athletic.	
 Alan Griffin	A high quality target man who enjoyed a distinguished playing career in non-league football. Now entering his 2nd season as Bassett's assistant manager. Initially joined for the 21-22 season as a player, scoring 16 times in 32 appearances before joining the coaching staff. While taking on his current role, Griffin has continued to play, featuring 38 times last season (34 appearances coming from the bench) and adding 5 goals. As a player, Griffin is an assured finisher, strong in the air and capable of effectively holding up the ball. He made a prolific start to his playing career with Corsham in the Western League, and soon moved onto Southern League football, playing his trade with Cirencester, Chippenham, Gloucester City, Mangotsfield Utd, S.Supermarine and Bristol Manor Farm. He spent most of his career with Chippenham and was part of their 16-17 promotion winning squad that saw the Bluebirds earn National League South status. In 18-19 he hit 26 goals for Cirencester as they finished runners-up in Southern League Division One South. Joined Bassett after splitting the 19-20 season between Melksham Town and Malmesbury Victoria. Griffin also has prior managerial experience having spent time in charge of Malmesbury.	John & Kath Fellows
 Nick Warren (Coach)	Warren joins Bassett's Men's First Team coaching staff this season after spending most of the past four years in charge of the club's Under 18 Floodlit team. Warren has been with the club for more than a decade, beginning as a manager in Bassett's youth section. He took over the Under 18 Floodlit team in 2020-21, guiding them to a sixth place finish in the Wiltshire League Floodlit Division. Bassett then achieved consecutive runners-up finishes under Warren's guidance in 2021-22 and 2022-23. He remained in charge of the team at the start of the 2023-24 campaign, stepping down from his role as manager part way through, though the Under 18s would again finish in second place. During Warren's tenure, numerous players have made the step up from the Under 18s into Bassett's Men's First and Development teams.	
 Sam Collier (Manager)	Collier has served as Bassett manager since taking the role, initially on an interim basis while still also a player, in January 2018. In 2018-19, his first full season in charge, Collier guided the team to 10th in the Hellenic League Premier Division - at that point, the club's highest ever finish. Bassett then exceeded that record with a 5th place finish in 2022-23. Last season Bassett went one better, finishing 4th while also reaching the Hellenic League Premier Division promotion playoff final. Bassett have also set records in national cup competitions under Collier's stewardship, with his sides equalling the club's best FA Cup run in 2020-21 and going further than ever before in the FA Vase, reaching the third round in 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24. This is Collier's second job in management after he served as Shrivenham player-manager from February 2014 to 2015. As a player, Collier has made 160 appearances for Bassett. Mainly featuring as a striker, he has scored 71 goals, finishing as top scorer in 2009-10, when Bassett earned promotion from Hellenic League Division One West, and 2010-11. Collier has played in almost every other position for Bassett too though - including as goalkeeper, making a last minute penalty save in 2022-23 to preserve a point against eventual champions Cribbs. During his playing career, he also featured for Purton, Abingdon United, Cirencester Town, Wantage Town and Thatcham Town among others.	Mick Woolford

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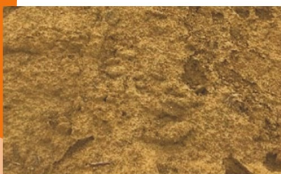
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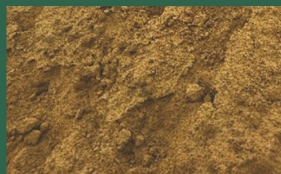
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Hellenic Premier Division Roundup

There was a full programme of ten games in the Premier Division of the Hellenic League in midweek last week. League leaders at the start of the week **Roman Glass St George** lost their top spot when they were held to a 1-1 draw by **Mangotsfield United**, Lewis Leigh-Gilchrist put them ahead but Mircea Octavian Ilea had Mangotsfield level by half time and there were to be no further goals in the game. Roman Glass slipped to third as a result of the two dropped points.

Hereford Pegasus took over leadership of the division with a hard fought 2-1 win over **Westfields** in front of a bumper crowd of 307. Westfields took an early lead through Cawley Cox but Harrison Iddles levelled things up for Pegasus seven minutes before the break. A second goal for Pegasus scored by Isaac Cooper 17 minutes from time secured a fifth win of the season for Pegasus and that leadership position in the table.

Corsham Town sit second in the table after their 5-1 hammering of **Royal Wootton Bassett Town** and their fifth straight win to maintain their 100% winning record in the league. First half goals from Isaiah Crawford, Charlie Vickers, Dylan Lewis gave Corsham a 3-0 half time lead. They extended their lead before Brad Pagliaroli pulled one back for Bassett, only for Corsham to score a fifth in injury time through Jamarni Langlais.

Highworth Town sit fourth in the table after a narrow 2-1 win over **Malmesbury Victoria** thanks to goals from Daniel Grieve and Liam Campbell, Stephen Robertson with the Malmesbury goal.

Sporting Club Inkberrow remain unbeaten after their opening six games in the Premier Division following their promotion at the end of last season. Tuesday saw them draw 0-0 with **Worcester Raiders** in front of yet another big crowd, with 243 in attendance.

Another unbeaten side are **Fairford Town** who picked up their third win of the season following a 3-0 away success in their local derby with **Cirencester Town**. A goal from Charles Holliday and an own goal giving

them a 2-0 lead before Jamal Lawrence made sure of the points with a third in injury time.

Hartpury University sit just below Fairford in the table following a 4-1 away win against **Pershore Town** thanks to goals from Tomos Shyamapant, Jacob Downs, Billy Osborn and an own goal, Harlie Price with the reply for Pershore Town.

A solitary goal from Jack Beardsell was enough to give **Longlevens** the points at home against **Tuffley Rovers**. Once again there was a big crowd for this local derby with 267 the registered crowd as Longlevens picked up their second win of the season.

Thornbury Town were 4-1 winners away at **Brimscombe & Thrupp**. Star of the show was Callum Chalmers who scored a hat-trick, Marcus Wormwell with the other Thornbury goal, Raiyan Ahmed with the Brimscombe reply.

Biggest winners in midweek were **Slimbridge** who put ten past out of sorts **Lydney Town**. On target for Slimbridge in their 10-1 win were William Hawes with a hat-trick, Callum Dark and Liam Harper who both scored twice, with further goals from Jack Smith, Ben Deakin and James Tainton, Lewis Pinchard with the consolation goal for Lydney Town.





Lydney Town were back in action on Friday night falling to a 2-0 home defeat against **Westfields**, Cawley Cox and a second ten minutes from time through substitute James Hancocks doing the damage for the visitors.

In contrast to the busy midweek, and limited involvement of Hellenic sides in the FA Cup, just one game was played on Saturday, where it finished honours even between **Longlevens** and **Worcester Raiders**, Cameron Williams with the Longlevens goal, Emmanuel Olaloko with the reply for Worcester Raiders. It does seem somewhat bizarre the lack of Saturday games in recent weeks in the division given how busy the midweeks have been.

Midweek Results

27/08/24	Brimscombe & Thrupp		1 - 4		Thornbury Town
27/08/24	Cirencester Town		0 - 3 (HT 0-2)		Fairford Town
27/08/24	Corsham Town		5 - 1 (HT 3-0)		Royal Wootton Bassett Town
26/08/24	Hereford Pegasus		2 - 1		Westfields
26/08/24	Highworth Town		2 - 1 (HT 1-0)		Malmesbury Victoria
26/08/24	Longlevens AFC		1 - 0 (HT 1-0)		Tuffley Rovers
26/08/24	Pershore Town		1 - 4 (HT 1-2)		Hartpury University
26/08/24	Roman Glass St George		1 - 1		Mangotsfield United
26/08/24	Slimbridge		10 - 1		Lydney Town
26/08/24	Sporting Club Inkberrow		0 - 0 (HT 0-0)		Worcester Raiders

Weekend's Results

31/08/24	Longlevens AFC		1 - 1		Worcester Raiders
30/08/24	Lydney Town		0 - 2		Westfields

Midweek Fixtures

02/09/24	Hereford Pegasus		VS		Slimbridge
03/09/24	Cirencester Town		VS		Mangotsfield United
03/09/24	Corsham Town		VS		Brimscombe & Thrupp
03/09/24	Fairford Town		VS		Thornbury Town
03/09/24	Hartpury University		VS		Worcester Raiders
03/09/24	Pershore Town		VS		Longlevens AFC
03/09/24	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		VS		Malmesbury Victoria
03/09/24	Sporting Club Inkberrow		VS		Lydney Town
03/09/24	Westfields		VS		Tuffley Rovers
04/09/24	Highworth Town		VS		Roman Glass St George

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Droitwich Spa	v	Southam United
Easington Sports	v	Bishops Cleeve Dev
Headington Amateurs	v	FC Stratford
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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	<i>Not awarded due to Covid-19</i>
2020-21	Kidlington Reserves
2021-22	Cribbs
2022-23	Pershore Town
2023-24	Corsham Town

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Match Report v Corsham Town

Corsham Town



Royal Wootton Bassett Town



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RWBTFC Scorers:

Brad Pagliaroli

Hellenic League Premier Division

Southbank Ground

Tuesday 27th August 2024, 19:45

Groundhog Day as Bassett suffer another derby drubbing

Corsham Town may have an almost completely different side to that which the Quarrymen fielded last season. But the outcome of Royal Wootton Bassett Town's 2024-25 visit to the Southbank Ground was pretty much the same as that in 2023-24 as Sam Collier and his side suffered another thrashing at the hands of their Wiltshire rivals.

The final score - 5-1 - was slightly less painful than the 7-1 reverse they suffered last season.

But this was yet another humbling at the hands of a team who have had Bassett's number ever since moving across to the Hellenic League.

Corsham led within the opening ten minutes as Isaiah Crawford received a Dylan Lewis and rifled home following a swift counter.

Direct play saw Corsham grab their second on 19 minutes as Javier Blazquez crossed for Charlie Vickers to finish.

They then moved into an unassailable advantage shortly before the break as James Foster brought down Crawford and Lewis made no mistake from the spot.

At 3-0 down Bassett were reeling, though they certainly had chances to have scored at least one of their own in the first half only to be denied by some fine goalkeeping from home stopper Kent Kauppinen as well as the woodwork.

A somewhat quieter second half ensued as Bassett sought to limit the damage.

However, Corsham eventually added a fourth as Bradley Selwood set Lewis free and his cut back across the face of goal was turned into the net by a Bassett defender.

Brad Pagliaroli did grab a late consolation as he swung a fine free kick into the top corner.

But Corsham were in no generous mood and Jamarni Langlais grabbed a fifth for the hosts in stoppage time as Corsham rubbed more salt in Bassett's wounds.

STARTING XI

TUESDAY 27 AUGUST 2024 1945
THE SOUTHBANK, CORSHAM



01	FOSTER	10	OULDRIIDGE
02	HILL	11	GALLAGHER
05	CORCORAN	17	MOORE
06	CASE	03	PAGLIAROLI
07	PRESLEY	14	HOPKINS
09	PEARE		

SUBSTITUTES:
8. PITT
12. ERD
15. WALTERS

16. GRIFFIN
19. TUCKER-DIXON





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Date	Opponents	H/A	Result	Crowd					
Tue 30-Jul	Fairford Town	H	L 0 - 3	260	Jepson	Hill	Spalding	Taylor	Corcoran
Fri 02-Aug	Mangotsfield Utd (FAC EP)	H	W 2 - 1	220	Jepson	Hill	Spalding	Taylor	Corcoran
Tue 06-Aug	Brimscombe & Thrupp	H	W 4 - 0	122	Foster	Hill	Spalding	Taylor	Aitkenhead
Sat 10-Aug	Mangotsfield United	H	L 0 - 1	131	Foster	Hill	Pitt	Skitttrall	Tucker-Dixon
Tue 13-Aug	Roman Glass St George	H	L 1 - 2	125	Foster	Hill	Pitt	Chilcott	Peare
Sat 17-Aug	Didcot Town (FAC Prelim)	H	L 0 - 2	158	Foster	Hill	Pitt	Chilcott	Corcoran
Tue 20-Aug	Thornbury Town	A	W 2 - 1	110	Foster	Hill	Pitt	Symons	Corcoran
Tue 27-Aug	Corsham Town	A	L 1 - 5	156	Foster	Hill	Moore	Peare	Corcoran
Tue 03-Sep	Malmesbury Vics	H							
Sat 07-Sep	Hartpury University	H							
Sat 14-Sep	Tuffley Rovers	A							
Wed 18-Sep	Highworth Town	A							
Tue 24-Sep	Cirencester Town	H							
Sat 28-Sep	Lydney Town	H							
Tue 01-Oct	Brimscombe & Thrupp	A							
Sat 05-Oct	Slimbridge	A							
Sat 12-Oct	Longlevens	H							
Sat 19-Oct	FA Vase First Round								
Sat 26-Oct	Hereford Pegasus	H							
Tue 29-Oct	Westbury United (WPS1)	H							
Sat 02-Nov	Sporting Club Inkberrow	H							
Sat 09-Nov	Worcester Raiders	A							
Sat 16-Nov	Westfields	H							
Sat 23-Nov	Hartpury University	A							
Sat 30-Nov	Tuffley Rovers	H							
Tue 03-Dec	Mangotsfield United	A							
Sat 07-Dec	Lydney Town	A							
Sat 14-Dec	Slimbridge	H							
Sat 21-Dec	Longlevens	A							
Thurs 26-Dec	Corsham Town	H							
Sat 28-Dec	Pershore Town	H							
Wed 01-Jan	Hereford Pegasus	A							
Sat 04-Jan	Sporting Club Inkberrow	A							
Sat 11-Jan	Worcester Raiders	H							
Sat 18-Jan	Roman Glass St George	A							
Sat 25-Jan	Thornbury Town	H							
Sat 01-Feb	Malmesbury Vics	A							
Sat 08-Feb	Fairford Town	A							
Sat 15-Feb	Highworth Town	H							
Sat 22-Feb	Cirencester Town	A							
Sat 01-Mar	Westfields	A							
	TBA	A							

FAC - FA Cup, FLC - Floodlight Cup

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM SEASON 2024-25



6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16
Case	Presley	Pitt	Hopkins	Gallagher	Hobson-McVeigh	Peare	Ouldrige	Tucker-Dixon	Aitkenhead
Case	Presley	Ouldrige	Hopkins (1)	Gallagher	Hobson-McVeigh (1)	Pitt	Peare	Moore	
Case	Presley (3)	Ouldrige	Hopkins	Gallagher	Hobson-McVeigh	Pitt	Peare	Tucker-Dixon (1)	Moore
Case	Presley	Ouldrige	Hopkins	Gallagher	Peare	Griffin	Walters		
Case	Presley	Ouldrige	Hopkins	Gallagher	Pagliaroli (1)	Moore			
Case	Presley	Ouldrige	Hopkins	Gallagher	Hobson-McVeigh	Moore	Peare	Griffin	
Case	Presley	Ouldrige	Hopkins (1)	Gallagher	Peare	Moore			
Case	Presley	Ouldrige	Hopkins	Gallagher	Pagliaroli (1)	Tucker-Dixon			



o, FAV - FA Vase, WPS - Wiltshire Premier Shield (County Cup), MCC - Challenge Cup

RWBTFC Hellenic League Stats

Historic League Record, Managers, Top Scorers

RWBT F.C. 36 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 Yeardley	Mark Vaughan 14
2002/03	Prem	40	10	10	20	36	70	40	15 out of 21	Pete Yeardley	Geoff Swatton 9
2003/04	Prem	42	11	5	26	38	73	38	16 out of 22	Pete Yeardley	Geoff Swatton 16
2004/05	Prem	42	6	9	27	30	85	27	21 out of 22	Pete Yeardley/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 Yeardley 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	TJ 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	38	19	8	11	67	50	65	5 out of 20	Sam Collier	Alfie Presley 14
2023/24	Prem**	38	23	4	11	66	50	73	4 out of 20	Sam Collier	Alfie Presley 16
Total		1,223	476	249	498	1,915	2,045	1,674	* At time season 2019-20 was suspended due to Covid-19		
Won:Drew:Lost Ratio		38.9%		20.4%		40.7%		** Excludes play-off game			

	Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst	Pts			
Premier Division	617	209	118	290	848	1,139	742	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	33.9%	19.1% 47.0%
Division 1 West	226	116	44	66	444	310	392	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	51.3%	19.5% 29.2%
Division 1	380	151	87	142	623	596	540	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	39.7%	22.9% 37.4%

Nickname	Bassett
Record Gate	2,103 v Swindon Town (1991)
Best Gate - 2023/24	934 v Cinderford Town
Average Hellenic Attendance 2023/24	166 (up from 117 in 23/24)
Record Known Win	16 - 0 v Clyffe Pypard (1933/34)
Record Known Defeat	1 - 16 v Warminster T (3/11/1945)

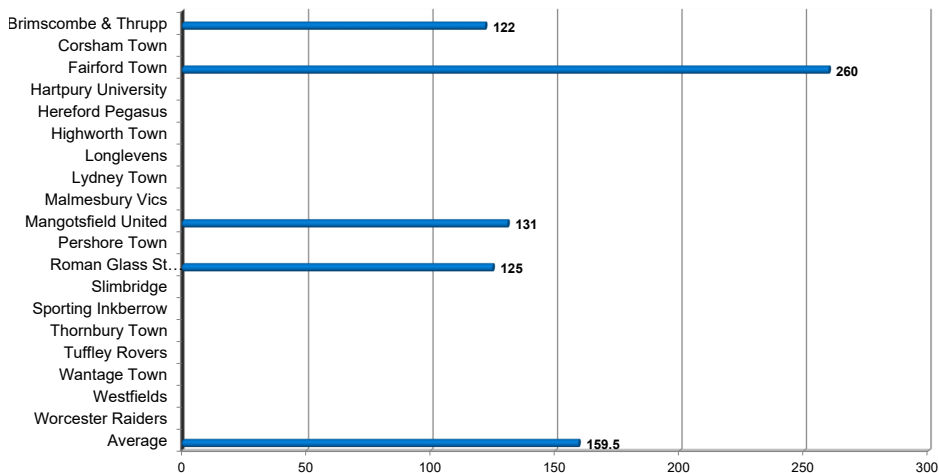
Manager Records - Up to End of Season 2023-24							Win	Honours Won	
	Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst	Pts	Ratio	
Dave Turner	166	87	33	46	334	239	294	52.4%	Twice Hellenic Division One West Runners-up
Dave Warren	64	29	13	22	131	101	100	45.3%	Wiltshire Senior Cup Winner
Barry Giles	66	29	17	20	108	92	104	43.9%	Wiltshire Senior Cup Winner
Sam Collier	196	82	35	79	322	341	281	41.8%	Hellenic Premier Division Play-off Runners-up
Rich Hunter	58	24	7	27	93	115	76	41.4%	
Paul Burke	102	42	18	42	165	158	144	41.2%	
Mick Woolford	222	86	50	86	351	349	308	38.7%	Twice Hellenic Division 1 Cup Winner & Runner-up once
Paul Braithwaite	79	27	14	38	121	173	95	34.2%	
Kevin Maloney	66	21	17	28	87	114	80	31.6%	
Jeff Roberts	38	11	12	15	60	60	45	28.9%	
Pete Yeardley	154	36	31	87	136	278	139	23.4%	
Chris Jones*	12	2	2	8	7	25	8	16.7%	
1,223 476 249 498 1,915 2,045 1,674									

* Temporary manager until end of Season 2004-05

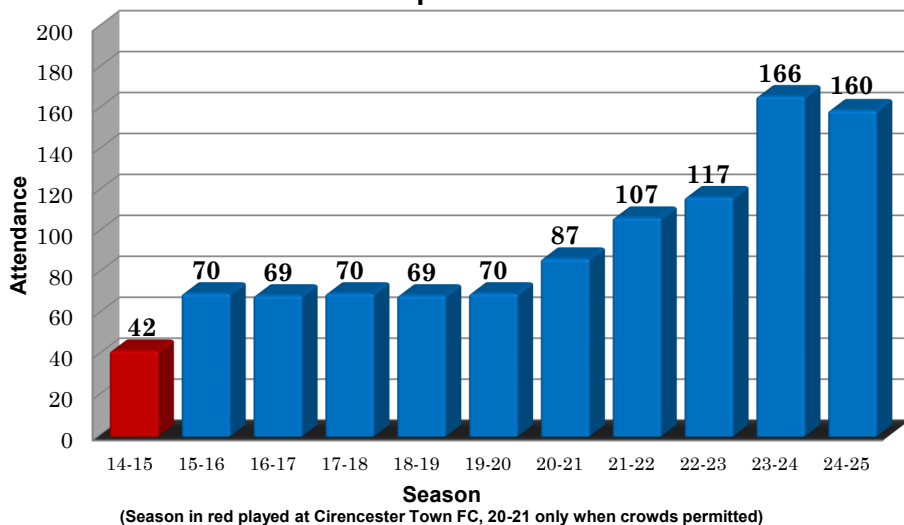
First Team

Attendance Statistics

RWBTFC League Attendances - Season 2024-25



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



Season 2024-25

Appearances & Goals Statistics

Season 2024-25						RWBTFC Career	
	Appearances	Starts	As Sub	Total	Goals	Apps	Goals
1	Bailey Gallagher	8		8		135	21
2	Alfie Presley	8		8	3	121	45
3	Oliver Case	8		8		22	2
4	Dan Hill	8		8		8	
5	Finnlay Hopkins	8		8	2	8	2
6	Thomas Ouldrige	7	1	8		130	23
7	George Peare	4	4	8		8	
8	Ollie Pitt	5	2	7		7	
9	James Foster	6		6		11	
10	Tom Moore	1	5	6		25	5
11	Adam Corcoran	5		5		357	18
12	Jack Hobson-McVeigh	4		4	1	77	13
13	Tyrone Tucker-Dixon	1	3	4	1	4	1
14	Chris Taylor	3		3		118	2
15	Louis Spalding	3		3		95	13
16	Scott Chilcott	2		2		92	5
17	Brad Pagliaroli	2		2	2	72	34
18	Samuel Jepson	2		2		4	
19	Jonny Aitkenhead	1	1	2		70	7
20	Alan Griffin		2	2		99	24
21	Finlay Skittrall	1		1		2	
22	Michael Symons	1		1		1	
23	Flynn Walters		1	1		10	1

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Season 2024-25

Hellenic Premier League Table

2024-2025 Season UHLSPORT Hellenic League Premier Division							
	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Hereford Pegasus	7	5	1	1	15	9	16
2 Corsham Town	5	5	0	0	20	7	15
3 Roman Glass St George	6	4	2	0	17	6	14
4 Highworth Town	6	4	1	1	15	7	13
5 Sporting Club Inkberrow	6	3	3	0	11	5	12
6 Fairford Town	5	3	2	0	11	4	11
7 Hartpury University	5	3	1	1	13	2	10
8 Slimbridge	6	3	1	2	18	12	10
9 Mangotsfield United	6	2	3	1	8	5	9
10 Worcester Raiders	6	2	3	1	5	4	9
11 Westfields	6	2	1	3	6	6	7
12 Longlevens AFC	5	2	1	2	6	7	7
13 Tuffley Rovers	7	2	1	4	7	10	7
14 Malmesbury Victoria	6	2	0	4	13	13	6
15 Thornbury Town	6	2	0	4	10	13	6
16 Royal W. Bassett Town	6	2	0	4	8	12	6
17 Brimscombe & Thrupp	6	1	0	5	5	24	3
18 Pershore Town	6	0	2	4	7	14	2
19 Lydney Town	6	0	2	4	4	23	2
20 Cirencester Town	6	0	0	6	5	21	0



Match Report v Didcot Town

Royal Wootton Bassett Town



Didcot Town



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RWBTFC Scorers:

None

FA Cup Preliminary Round

Saturday 17th August 2024, 15:00

No cup upset as Railwaymen book ticket for next round

There's to be no extended Emirates FA Cup run for Royal Wootton Bassett Town after Sam Collier's side fell to a 2-0 preliminary round defeat against Didcot Town.

Surprise winners against the Railwaymen at this stage of the competition four years ago, Bassett were unable to recapture that magical afternoon as Didcot controlled proceedings more or less from start to finish.

The Southern League side offered little to their hosts as a professional performance earned them a place in the hat for Monday's first qualifying round draw.

Indeed, Bassett were contained to the extent that they rarely threatened the Didcot goal. Instead the action was largely concentrated inside Bassett territory with the visitors creating numerous chances throughout.

That they only converted two was testament to a relatively robust defensive performance from Bassett. But given the pressure they came under, goals were an inevitability.

It took Didcot twenty minutes to open the scoring.

Dylan Conlan and Jim Glover had narrowly missed the target in the early stages. On the quarter hour mark Josh Davis forcing a save from James Foster, the rebound for which fell to Conlan who could only find the side netting.

But the Railwaymen's pressure soon told, though Bassett will be disappointed at the nature of the opener, a defensive error allowing Luke Preen to tee up Davis for a straightforward finish.

Didcot continued to push forward and their second arrived on 30 minutes as Glover finished off a surging run to cap a fine solo effort.

Following the restart Bassett were able to apply some pressure but the visitors' defence ensured 'keeper Leigh Bedwell's goal stayed out of danger.

At the other end Didcot continued to prove but lacked the cutting edge to completely kill off the tie.

Davis and Glover just failed to find the target with a pair of chances in quick succession before Foster pulled off a fine save to deny Davis.

As the game entered its final stages Preen brought Foster into action again with the Bassett 'keeper proving equal to the task.

Finally with the game on the verge of stoppage time Bassett forced Bedwell into action but the Didcot shotstopper was able to turn Ollie Pitt's free kick around the woodwork.

Bassett's hopes of an extended run in a national competition now rest on the Isuzu FA Vase - which they'll enter in the first round in October.

Their lengthy homestand to begin the season is now over too, with attentions turning to improving Bassett's early position in the Hellenic League Premier Division standings as they begin a series of three straight away games.

STARTING XI



SATURDAY 17 AUGUST 2024 15:00
SUSTAIN STADIUM



01 FOSTER	10 GUILDIDGE
02 HILL	11 GALLAGHER
05 CORCORAN	15 CHILCOTT
06 CASE	20 HOPKINS
07 PRENLEY	22 HOBSON-MCNEIGH
08 PITT	

SUBSTITUTES

13. BAKER
12. HED
14. WATTS

16. GRIFFIN
17. MOORE
18. WOODHEAD



Match Report v Thornbury Town

Thornbury Town

Royal Wootton Bassett Town



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RWBTFC Scorers:

Finn Hopkins, Own Goal

Hellenic League Premier Division

Tuesday 20th August 2024, 19:45

Late comeback snatches vital win

With their visit to Thornbury Town entering the closing stages, Royal Wootton Bassett Town appeared headed for a fourth defeat in their opening five Hellenic League Premier Division games. A poor first half display had seen Sam Collier's injury-ravaged side fall behind and, while on top for most of the second period, Bassett had been unable to get back on terms.

Their cause wasn't helped either by the fact that, with quarter of an hour to go, they were temporarily reduced to ten men after Ollie Case was sent to the sin bin. A further set back in what has been a highly frustrating opening month of the campaign in more ways than one appeared imminent. But salvation soon arrived.

On 80 minutes a defensive error from the home side presented Finn Hopkins with a golden opportunity, and the young forward kept his cool, producing a composed finish to make it 1-1. A point - though not the best outcome against a side who finished just outside of the relegation zone last season - would have been ideal and perhaps something that Bassett, still missing seven first team regulars, would have settled for.

Instead, Collier and his team wound up snatching all three points. With four minutes of the allotted 90 remaining the ball was worked out to Tom Moore on the wing and he fizzed in a low ball across the face of goal which a home defender could only turn into his own net. It was certainly an unfortunate way for Thornbury to lose. But Bassett will take the points, however they may ultimately have arrived.

Defeat would have left Bassett languishing in 16th place. With victory though they are up to 13th and, most importantly, back within touching distance of the upper reaches of the table despite the difficulties they have endured in the opening weeks of the campaign. Thornbury had led for the vast majority of the game and were certainly deservedly in front at the interval.

They went ahead after just 12 minutes, doing so in style. A neat move culminated with the ball being worked into the feet of Luke Franklin. After taking a touch to compose himself, he lashed an unstoppable effort from 25 yards out into the top corner beyond James Foster in the Bassett goal.

The hosts should then have doubled their advantage on 20 minutes. Sloppy play at the back saw Bassett turn over possession deep inside their own territory. Fraser Moss had an initial bite at the cherry. His shot was off target but fell to Isaac Adebo at the far post, who cut the ball back across goal for Callum Chalmers. Chalmers failed to connect with the goal at his mercy, but Ash Fowler still had a chance which he put wide.

Chalmers then headed narrowly wide from a Marcus Wormwell cross. By this point a quarter of the game had elapsed and Bassett were on the ropes. Finally getting into the match, they quietened the hosts before getting on top of proceedings after the restart.

Still that didn't seem as though it would be enough. However, even though a man short, Bassett swung things around with their vital late, late showing.

STARTING XI

TUESDAY 20 AUGUST 2024 19:45
MUNDY PLAYING FIELDS





01	FOSTER	09	PEARCE
02	HILL	10	OULDREDGE
05	CORCORAN	11	GALLAGHER
06	CASE	18	SYMONS
07	PRESLEY	20	HOPKINS
08	PITT		

SUBSTITUTES:
16. GUNTER
19. GUNTER
21. GUNTER
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Date	Round		Opponents	H/A	Result	Prize Money	
						Winner	Loser
3-Aug-24	Extra Preliminary Round	v	Mangotsfield United	H	W 2 - 1	£1,125	£375
17-Aug-24	Preliminary Round	v	Didcot Town	H	L 0 - 2	£1,444	£481
31-Aug-24	First Qualifying Round	v	Taunton Town	A		£2,250	£750
14-Sep-24	Second Qualifying Round	v				£3,375	£1,125
28-Sep-24	Third Qualifying Round	v				£5,625	£1,875
12-Oct-24	Fourth Qualifying Round	v				£9,375	£3,125
2-Nov-24	First Round	v					
30-Nov-24	Second Round	v					
11-Jan-25	Third Round	v					
8-Feb-25	Fourth Round	v					
1-Mar-25	Fifth Round	v					
29-Mar-25	Sixth Round	v					
26-Apr-25	Semi-Final	v					
17-May-25	Final	v					
* Still in competition						Total Prize Money Won	£1,606

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	2012-13	EPr	Caine Town	H W 4 - 2
1939-40	Pr	Frome Town (War)	A P - P	Pr		Hamworthy United	H W 1 - 0
1946-47	EPr	Dilton Rovers	H W 5 - 1	QR1		Highworth Town	H W 3 - 1
	Pr	Swindon GWR Corinthians	A L 1 - 5	QR2		Dorchester Town	A L 0 - 4
1947-48	EPr	Pewsey Vale	H L 0 - 2	2013-14	EPr	Totton & Eling	H L 0 - 2
1948-49	EPr	Swindon BR Corinthians	A L 3 - 6	2014-15	EPr	Brockenhurst	A W 3 - 0
1949-50	EPr	Warminster Town	H L 4 - 5	Pr		Bradford Town	A L 1 - 2
1950-51	EPr	Spencer Moulton	H W 2 - 1	2015-16	EPr	Bracknell Town	H L 0 - 2
	Pr	Devizes Town	A L 0 - 4	2016-17	EPr	Andover Town	A L 2 - 5
2004-05	Pr	Exmouth	A L 2 - 3	2017-18	EPr	Crawley Green	H L 1 - 2
2007-08	EPr	Highworth Town	A D 0 - 0	2018-19	EPr	Leighton Town	A W 1 - 0
	EPr	Highworth Town	H W 2 - 1	Pr		Lydney Town	H D 0 - 0
	Pr	Bracknell Town	H W 2 - 1	Pr		Lydney Town	A L 3 - 5
	QR1	Brockenhurst	A D 1 - 1	2019-20	EPr	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	H D 1 - 1
	QR1	Brockenhurst	H L 1 - 5	EPr		Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	A L 0 - 1
2008-09	EPr	Flackwell Heath	A D 1 - 1	2020-21	EPr	Chipping Sodbury T (W4-1 pens)	H D 2 - 2
	EPr	Flackwell Heath	H L 1 - 6	Pr		Didcot Town	A W 2 - 1
2009-10	EPr	Westbury United	H D 2 - 2	QR1		Cinderford T (Won 6-5 pens)	A D 2 - 2
	EPr	Westbury United	A W 3 - 2	QR2		Oxford City	H L 1 - 2
	Pr	Brockenhurst	H L 0 - 1	2021-22	EPr	Thornbury Town	A W 4 - 0
2010-11	EPr	Bradford Town	A D 1 - 1	Pr		Ardley United	H D 2 - 2
	EPr	Bradford Town (W4-3 pens)	H D 3 - 3	PrR		Ardley United	A L 1 - 3
	Pr	Almondsbury UWE	A W 1 - 0	2022-23	EPr	Windsor	H D 1 - 1
	QR1	Hamble ASSC	A D 1 - 1	EPrR		Windsor	A W 2 - 0
	QR1	Hamble ASSC	H L 0 - 2	Pr		Reading City	H W 3 - 1
2011-12	EPr	Radstock Town	A L 1 - 2	QR1		Paulton Rovers	H L 2 - 4
				2023-24	EPr	Mangotsfield United	A L 0 - 2
				2024-25	EPr	Mangotsfield United	H W 2 - 1
				Pr		Didcot Town	H L 0 - 2

RWBTFC & Emirates FA Cup - Season 2024-25

What Was Our Zone on Road To Wembley

First Qualifying Round - Zone 5

Willand Rovers	1 - 0	Brixham
Hartpury University	0 - 2	Nailsea & Tickenham
Havant & Waterlooville	3 - 0	Wallingford & Crowmarsh
Easington Sports	1 - 1	Frome Town
Plymouth Parkway	4 - 1	Baffins Milton Rovers
Gloucester City	2 - 0	Paulton Rovers
Tiverton Town	0 - 3	Wimborne Town
Basingstoke Town	1 - 3	Sholing
Fleet Town	2 - 4	AFC Stoneham
Gosport Borough	4 - 0	Andover New Street
Barnstable Town	1 - 2	Larkhall Athletic Dev
Hungerford Town	1 - 0	Yate Town
Bideford Town	0 - 1	Melksham Town
Banbury United	2 - 0	Dorchester Town
Taunton Town	3 - 0	Didcot Town
Westbury United	3 - 1	AFC Totton
Tavistock	0 - 1	Winchester City
Merthyr Town	3 - 2	Cribbs
Bishops Cleeve	1 - 1	Laverstock & Ford
Swindon Supermarine	1 - 1	Poole Town

RWBTFC & The Isuzu FA Vase - Season 2023-24



Our Theoretical Road To Wembley

THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY FOR ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C. FA VASE 2023-24							
Date	Round	Opponents	H/A	Result	Prize Money		
					Winner	Loser	
26-Aug-23	First Round Qualifying	Bye			£550	£160	
23-Sep-23	Second Round Qualifying	Bye			£725	£225	
21-Oct-23	First Round Proper	Elburton Villa	H	W 2 - 1	£825	£250	
11-Nov-23	Second Round Proper	Longlevens	H	W 2 - 1	£900	£275	
2-Dec-23	Third Round Proper	Bridgwater Town	H	L 2 - 2 (5-6 pens)	£1,125	£350	
13-Jan-24	Fourth Round Proper	Farnham	A		£1,875	£600	
10-Feb-24	Fifth Round Proper	Deal Town	H		£2,250	£725	
9-Mar-24	Sixth Round Proper	Lincoln United	A		£4,125	£1,350	
30-Mar-24	Semi-final	Romford*	H/A		£5,500	£1,725	
11-May-24	Final (at Wembley)	Great Wakering Rovers	N		£30,000	£15,000	
Total Prize Money Won					£2,075		

* 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
2005-06	QR1	Christchurch	H	D 1 - 1
	QR1	Christchurch	A	L 0 - 1
2006-07	QR1	Shrewton United	A	D 1 - 1
	QR1	Shrewton United	H	L 2 - 3
2007-08	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
	R2	Wimbourne Town	A	L 0 - 4
2009-10	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
	QR2	Thame Utd	H	L 2 - 4
2017-18	QR1	Fairford Town	H	W 3 - 1
	QR2	Codicote	H	W 5 - 0
	R1	Ampthill Town	H	W 2 - 1
	R2	Horneadean	A	L 2 - 3
2018-19	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
	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
	R2	Torpoint Athletic	H	W 2 - 0
	R3	Hamworthy United	H	L 1 - 3
2022-23	R1	Bridport	A	W 5 - 3
	R2	Wellington (W 5 - 4 pens)	A	D 2 - 2
	R3	Corsham T (L 3 - 4 pens)	H	D 0 - 0
2023-24	R1	Elburton Villa	H	W 2 - 1
	R2	Longlevens	H	W 2 - 1
	R3	Bridgwater T (5-6 pens)	H	L 2 - 2

RWBTFC & The Isuzu FA Vase - Season 2024-25

Our Road To Wembley

THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY FOR ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C. FA VASE 2024-25

Date	Round	Opponents	H/A	Result	Prize Money	
					Winner	Loser
24-Aug-24	First Round Qualifying			Bye	£550	£160
21-Sep-24	Second Round Qualifying			Bye	£725	£225
19-Oct-24	First Round Proper				£825	£250
9-Nov-24	Second Round Proper				£900	£275
7-Dec-24	Third Round Proper				£1,125	£350
11-Jan-25	Fourth Round Proper				£1,875	£600
1-Feb-25	Fifth Round Proper				£2,250	£725
1-Mar-25	Sixth Round Proper				£4,125	£1,350
29-Mar-25	Semi-final				£5,500	£1,725
11-May-25	Final (at Wembley)				£30,000	£15,000

* Still in competition

Total Prize Money Won

Second Round Qualifying Draw

Our Expected Initial Zone

	Zone 8								
113	Cheltenham Saracens	10	HEL	1	v	Roman Glass St. George	9	HEL	P
114	Bristol Telephones	10	WST	1	v	Tadley Calleva	9	CC	PS
115	Tytherington Rocks	10	HEL	1	v	Chipping Sodbury Town	10	HEL	1
116	Lydney Town	9	HEL	P	v	Oldland Abbotonians	9	WST	P
117	Fairford Town	9	HEL	P	v	Reading City	9	CC	PN
118	Mangotsfield United	9	HEL	P	v	Stonehouse Town	10	HEL	1
119	Eversley & California	10	CC	1	v	Yateley United	10	CC	1
120	Wallingford & Crowmarsh	9	CC	PN	v	Sandhurst Town	9	CC	PS
121	Bitton	10	WST	1	v	Tuffley Rovers	9	HEL	P
122	A.F.C. Aldermaston	10	WSX	1	v	Bradford Town	10	WST	1
123	Longwell Green	10	WST	1	v	Portishead Town	9	WST	P
124	Milton United	9	CC	PN	v	Hengrove Athletic	10	WST	1
125	Berks County	9	CC	PN	v	Brislington	9	WST	P
126	Shortwood United	10	HEL	1	v	Cadbury Heath	10	WST	1
127	Thornbury Town	9	HEL	P	v	Malmesbury Victoria	9	HEL	P
128	Devizes Town	10	WST	1	v	Slimbridge	9	HEL	P



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RWBTFC WOMEN'S TEAM

Season 2024-25

Royal Wootton Bassett Town Women's Team						
Season 2024-25 - South West Regional Women's League Division 1 North						
Date	Opponents	H/A	Comp	Result	Scorers	
Sun 01-Sep-24	Ross Juniors (FAC QR1)	A	FAC	W 5 - 1	Gulliver 3, Bach, Whitehouse	
Sun 08-Sep-24	Purton	A	SWRL			
Sun 15-Sep-24	Downend Flyers	H	SWRL			
Sun 22-Sep-24	Ilminster Town (FAC QR2)	H	FAC			
Sun 29-Sep-24	Stockwood Wanderers	H	SWRL			
Sun 06-Oct-24	Paulton Rovers	A	SWRL			
Sun 13-Oct-24	Bitton	A	SWRL			
Sun 20-Oct-24	Cirencester Town	H	SWRL			
Sun 27-Oct-24	Bath City	A	SWRL			
Sun 03-Nov-24	Gloucester City	H	SWRL			
Sun 10-Nov-24	St Vallier	A	SWRL			
Sun 17-Nov-24	Blunsdon	H	WCC1			
Sun 24-Nov-24	Purton	H	SWRL			
Sun 01-Dec-24	Downend Flyers	A	SWRL			
Sun 08-Dec-24	SGS OlvestonUtd	H	SWRL			
Sun 15-Dec-24	Stockwood Wanderers	A	SWRL			
Sun 05-Jan-25	Paulton Rovers	H	SWRL			
Sun 12-Jan-25	Bitton	H	SWRL			
Sun 19-Jan-25	Cirencester Town	A	SWRL			
Sun 26-Jan-25	Bath City	H	SWRL			
Sun 02-Feb-25	Gloucester City	A	SWRL			
Sun 09-Feb-25	St Vallier	H	SWRL			
Sun 18-Feb-25	Corsham Town	A	SWRL			
Sun TBA	SGS OlvestonUtd	A	SWRL			
Sun TBA	Corsham Town	H	SWRL			

Goalscorers	League	Cup	Total
Hannah Gulliver		3	3
Kat Bach		1	1
Grace Whitehouse		1	1
	0	5	5

THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY FOR ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C. WOMEN 2024-25							
Date	Round	Opponents	H/A	Result	Prize Money		
					Winner	Loser	
1-Sep-24	First Qualifying Round	v Ross Juniors	A	W 5 - 1	£1,800	£450	
22-Sep-24	Second Qualifying Round	v Ilminster Town	H		£3,000	£750	
	Third Qualifying Round	v			£4,000	£1,000	
	First Round	v			£6,000	£1,500	
	Second Round	v			£8,000	£2,000	
	Third Round	v			£35,000	£9,000	
	Fourth Round	v			£54,000	£13,000	
	Fifth Round	v			£80,000	£20,000	
	Sixth Round	v			£90,000	£22,500	
	Semi-Final	v			£160,000	£40,000	
	Final	v		Wembley	£430,000	£108,000	
Total Prize Money Won So Far					£1,800		

* Still in competition

RWBTFC WOMEN'S TEAM

Season 2024-25

Ross Juniors



Royal Wootton Bassett Town



1 - 5

RWBTFC Scorers:

Hannah Gulliver (3), Kat Bach, Grace Whitehouse

FA Women's Cup Qualifying Round 1

Ross-on-Wye Sports Centre

Sunday 1st September 2024, 14:00

Sunday 1 September 2024

Ross Juniors 1 Royal W. Bassett Town 5

FA Cup 1st Qualifying Round

Hannah Gulliver's afternoon may have ended prematurely as injury forced her off before the break. But the Royal Wootton Bassett Town forward still had more than enough time to play a pivotal role in determining the outcome of her side's Adobe Women's FA Cup first qualifying round tie away at Ross Juniors, scoring a hat trick in an eventual 5-1 victory.

Adam Wood's side were deserved winners in the end as they progressed to the second qualifying round where they will host higher level opposition in the form of Ilminster Town.

Bassett's visit to Ross pitted them against tier seven opponents. But with the risk of being on the wrong end of an upset - Ross, playing in the Women's FA Cup for the first time, were certainly highly motivated to get something from the game, Bassett ultimately ensured they progressed with a comfortable win.

A bright start was eventually rewarded on the 15 minute mark when Gulliver stole possession before proceeding to round home 'keeper Imogen Stephens and slot home.

Gulliver then doubled Bassett's lead shortly after, firing in from a Kat Bach cross after the summer signing seized on a loose throw in from the hosts and delivered on a plate for her teammate.

Ross were putting up a strong fight though and soon reduced their arrears as Millie Mialsom got on the end of a corner to guide the ball into the net.

Bassett's two goal lead was soon restored though as

Gulliver bravely got on the end of a Laura Jefferies set piece delivery, poking in at the far post and picking up a knock in the process that would curtail her afternoon.

Another decisive moment soon arrived six minutes before the break as the hosts were awarded a penalty that Millie Powell brilliantly saved as she dived to her right side to preserve Bassett's advantage.

That put Bassett in a position of comfort going into the second half. And the visitors proceeded to exert greater control over the match.

But further goals did not initially seem forthcoming.

Maddy Elliott had two chances in quick succession early in the second half, the first being blocked by Stephens with Bach unable to convert the follow up before Elliott shot just wide.

Then with ten minutes to go substitute Jasmine Kennedy saw a shot from a Jefferies corner cleared off the line.

Bach eventually provided Bassett's fourth with three minutes to go. Holly Baker drove forward before squaring to Lucy Goodright. Stephens kept out her shot with the rebound falling to Kennedy who snatched at the chance. The ball found Bach though and she made no mistake.

Four then became five in stoppage time as late substitute Grace Whitehouse steered home from another towering Jefferies corner.

A fine five goal performance and a place in the next round booked - it was pretty much the perfect way for Bassett to start their season.

Now to carry that form over into next week's league opener away at rivals Purton.

RWBTFC MEN'S Dev Team

Season 2024-25

ROYAL W. BASSETT TOWN FC DEV - SEASON 2024-25 FIXTURES & RESULTS CORSHAM PRINT WILTSHIRE SENIOR LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	Date	Opponents	H/A	Comp	Result	Scorers
	Sat 03-Aug-24	Pewsey Vale	A	League	L 1 - 3	Ferreira
	Tue 06-Aug-24	Blunsdon	H	League	W 4 - 0	Walters 2, Richards, Lance
	Wed 14-Aug-24	Kingsdown	A	League	L 0 - 3	
	Sat 17-Aug-24	Faringdon Town	A	League	L 1 - 3	Walters
	Tue 20-Aug-24	Wroughton	H	League	D 3 - 3	B. Spackman 2, Richards
	Sat 24-Aug-24	Shrewton United	H	League	D 1 - 1	Lance
	Sat 31-Aug-24	Bemerton Heath Harl Res	H	League	L 0 - 1	
	Sat 14-Sep-24	Park United	H	League		
	Sat 21-Sep-24	Calne Town Res	A	League		
	Sat 28-Sep-24	Trowbridge Town	A	League		
	Tue 01-Oct-24	Malmesbury Vics Dev	H	League		
	Sat 05-Oct-24	Faringdon Town	A	FT Cup		
	Tue 08-Oct-24	Bemerton Heath Harl Res	H	WSC		
	Sat 12-Oct-24	Melksham Town Res	A	League		
	Tue 15-Oct-24	Letcombe	H	League		
	Sat 19-Oct-24	Shrivenham	H	League		
	Wed 23-Oct-24	Larkhall Athletic Dev	A	League		
	Sat 26-Oct-24	Wroughton	A	League		
	Sat 02-Nov-24	Shrewton United	A	League		
	Sat 09-Nov-24	Larkhall Athletic Dev	H	League		
	Sat 16-Nov-24	Kintbury Rangers	A	League		
	Sat 23-Nov-24	Kingsdown	H	League		
	Sat 23-Nov-24	FT Senior Cup 2nd Round				
	Sat 30-Nov-24	Letcombe	A	League		
	Sat 07-Dec-24	Pewsey Vale	H	League		
	Sat 14-Dec-24	Shrivenham	A	League		
	Sat 21-Dec-24	Salisbury Dev	H	League		
	Sat 04-Jan-25	Calne Town Res	H	League		
	Sat 11-Jan-25	Bemerton Heath Harl Res	A	League		
	Sat 18-Jan-25	Faringdon Town	H	League		
	Sat 01-Feb-25	Park United	A	League		
	Sat 15-Feb-25	Blunsdon	A	League		
	Sat 22-Feb-25	Trowbridge Town	H	League		
	Sat 01-Mar-25	Kintbury Rangers	H	League		
	Sat 08-Mar-25	Melksham Town Res	H	League		
	Sat 29-Mar-25	Malmesbury Vics Dev	A	League		
	Sat 05-Apr-25	Salisbury Dev	A	League		

RWBTFC MEN'S Dev Team

Cups Season 2024-25

WILTSHIRE FA COUNTY SENIOR CUP

SEASON 2024-25

Cup Holders: Downton

First Round

Salisbury Dev	v	Devizes Town
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Second Round

Amesbury Town	v	Wroughton
Calne Town	v	Blunsdon
Malmesbury Vics Dev	v	Park United
Melksham Town Res	v	Pewsey Vale
RWBT Dev	v	Bemerton Heath Harl Res
Salisbury or Devizes Town	v	Bradford Town
Shrewton United	v	Warminster Town
Trowbridge Town	v	Kingsdown

FOUNTAIN TROPHIES CUP

SEASON 2024-25

Holders: Larkhall Athletic Dev

Preliminary Round

Letcombe	v	Shrewton United
Purton	v	Kingsdown Dev

First Round

Bishops Cannings	v	Devizes Town Res
Bradford Town Res	v	Redhouse
Down Ampney	v	Marlborough Town
Faringdon Town	v	RWBT Dev
Kingsdown Dev or Purton	v	Kingsdown
Kintbury Rangers	v	Cricklade Town
Kintbury Rangers Dev	v	Trowbridge Town
Lambourn Sports	v	Shrivenham
Ludgershall Sports	L - W	Bemerton H. Harl Res
Malmesbury Vics Dev	v	Calne Town Res
Melksham Town Res	v	Blunsdon
Park United	v	Stratton Juniors
Pewsey Vale Dev	v	Letcombe or Shrewton
Salisbury Dev	v	Pewsey Vale
Shrivenham Dev	v	Larkhall Ath Dev
Wroughton	v	Bratton

Wiltshire Senior League

Current League Table & Top Scorers

Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League Premier Division Season 2024-25							
	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 Letcombe	8	7	0	1	20	3	21
2 Kintbury Rangers	7	6	1	0	16	4	19
3 Melksham Town Res	8	6	0	2	22	16	18
4 Wroughton	7	5	2	0	27	11	17
5 Pewsey Vale	8	5	1	2	33	14	16
6 Bemerton H H Res	8	5	0	3	11	10	15
7 Park United	7	4	0	3	21	15	12
8 Shrewton United	8	3	1	4	13	12	10
9 Trowbridge Town	8	3	1	4	14	15	10
10 Kingsdown	8	3	0	5	16	14	9
11 Faringdon Town	8	3	0	5	13	19	9
12 Calne Town Reserves	8	2	2	4	12	22	8
13 Shrivenham	8	1	3	4	9	15	6
14 Salisbury Dev	6	2	0	4	10	17	6
15 Blunsdon	8	2	0	6	11	32	6
16 Royal W Bassett Town Dev	7	1	2	4	10	14	5
17 Larkhall Athletic Dev	6	1	1	4	7	17	4
18 Malmesbury Victoria Dev	4	0	0	4	6	21	0

Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League Top Scorers Premier Division - Season 2024-25

	League	County Cups	League Cup	Total
Josh Fowler (Pewsey Vale)	13			13
Jonathan Peachey-Score (Wroughton)	12			12
Ben Cleary (Letcombe)	7			7
James Guthrie (Pewsey Vale)	7			7
Ben Pring (Park United)	6			6
Kyle Bowyer (Faringdon Town)	6			6
Antonio Gerrish (Kingsdown)	5			5
Lewis Cross (Shrewton United)	5			5
Ollie While (Kingsdown)	5			5

Wiltshire Senior League

Premier Division Roundup 31 Aug

For the first time this season all 18 teams in the Premier Division of the Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League were in action on a Saturday and the nine games produced a series of close games with four being decided by one goal margins. Letcombe and Kintbury Rangers, were both involved in close games which would be decided by a solitary goal. Letcombe were away at Kingsdown and goal just after the half hour mark from player-manager Luke Stone from a corner proved to be enough to take all three league points for the league leaders. Kingsdown fought hard to try and get back on level terms, but that equaliser eluded them as Letcombe's defence maintained a clean sheet in consecutive games and their sixth of the season in their eight league games to date.

It was another tight affair at Kintbury Rec where Trowbridge Town were Kintbury Rangers' visitors. Last season's two league encounters had seen the sides win their respective home games and Kintbury continued that trend with a second half goal scored by Jesse Bowers which was all that separated the sides at the final whistle. Kintbury remain two points behind Letcombe with a game in hand. Pewsey Vale lost ground on the two leaders when they were held to a 2-2 draw at home by Calne Town Res. After a tough start to the season Calne have now lost just once in their last five games as they took advantage of a Pewsey side who were not at their usual best in front of goal. Two goals from Jack Smith saw Calne take a 2-0 lead, but they were pegged back by strikes from Callum Ball and a 13th of the season from Josh Fowler to level matters up at 2-2. Pewsey created plenty of chances to have claimed the three points, but they were either wasted, or Pewsey saw young keeper Lewis Clark deny them with a string of excellent saves in a man of the match performance.

Melksham Town Res went into their game against Faringdon Town having won all of their games except the two fixtures against the two leading teams Letcombe and Kintbury Rangers. They made it three wins on the spin with a 3-1 victory with all four goals in the match coming in the second half. Melksham went in front almost straight after the interval and built up a 3-0 lead before Faringdon pulled one back late on through Kyle Bowyer. On target for Melksham were Kegan Smart and Liam Brooks, both netting their fourth goal of the season, and Aaron Masson who opened up his account for the season.

Wroughton sit one place and one point behind them after a 5-2 win over Larkhall Athletic Dev, two late goals for the home side making sure of all three points against a hard-working Larkhall side. The goals were shared around the Wroughton side with Jon Peachey-Score, Dan Grieve, Nathan Barreto, Regan Cook and Ryan Major all scoring one apiece. There was another close affair at the GBSSG where Royal Wootton Bassett Town Dev entertained Bemerton Heath Harlequins Res in a game switched to the 3G pitch. Both teams had a frustrating afternoon in a game that saw controversial sendings off on both sides and multiple cards being shown. For the home side the early sending off of the

influential Flynn Walters meant it was always going to be tough ask to get anything out of the game and in the end an early goal from Bemerton's Ryan Scott was all that separated the two sides.

Shrivenham Dev have had a tough start to the season and went into their home fixture with Malmesbury Vics Dev still looking for their first win of the season. Malmesbury have also had a tough start to the season and travelled to Shrivenham still looking for their first point of the season. It started well for the visitors, going in front on 21 minutes through Lewis King who got on the end of a cross from Tom Wynn Davis to fire Malmesbury in front. Shrivenham got themselves back on level terms just after the half hour mark following some sustained pressure on the Malmesbury goal, Brad Hirst netting his first goal in the Premier Division this season. Having restored parity, Shrivenham went in front four minutes later, Cody Frost capitalising on some sloppy defending to put Shrivenham 2-1 and it remained that way at the break. Shrivenham extended their lead within four minutes of the restart, Jacon Newdick, the young striker scoring his third goal of the campaign to give Shrivenham a 3-1 lead. Malmesbury Vics rallied and got themselves back in the game 17 minutes from time, Joe Tranter coming off the bench to net following a Matthew Jones long throw. Any hope of a comeback was ended though when Hirst bagged his second of the game to give Shrivenham a 4-2 win that saw them climb out of the relegation positions.

Salisbury Dev were once again unable to stage their home game at the Ray Mac but did secure the use of the 3G pitch at Bulford where they had played several games last season. It was to prove to be an excellent afternoon for the young Salisbury side as they picked up their second win of the season in an entertaining affair against Park United. Goals from Jeremiah Prempeh and Tom Farnsworth gave Salisbury a 2-0 lead, but Park came back strongly to level matters up at 2-2, only to see Naman Gurung restore Salisbury's lead. Park continued to press for an equaliser and did level matters up again at 3-3 only to see Omario Henry net a winner for the home side. Another close game settled by a single goal margin, a sixth of the season from Ben Pring plus further goals from Jamie Norman and Joe Lamb for Park in the 4-3 defeat.

Blunsdon have struggled to field their strongest side in midweek fixtures and have saved their best performances for Saturday's, picking up their second win of the season with a 2-0 home success over visitors Shrewton United with goals in the last minute of each half. Last season's leading scorer Danny Hale broke the deadlock on the stroke of half time and whilst Shrewton pushed for an equaliser they found Blunsdon keeper Luke Kuczynski in fine form and he denied the visitors on several occasions. Blunsdon finally made sure of the three points a minute from time, Freddie Painter scoring a second to finally end any chance of Shrewton taking something from the game. Blunsdon remained in the bottom four on goal difference but moved above both Royal Wootton Bassett Town Dev and Larkhall Athletic Dev.

Almost two years have passed since it emerged that the EFL were ready to offer three promotion places to the National League as part of the "New Deal for Football" — the proposed financial reset resulting in more Premier League funding for the lower leagues, which instead ended in deadlock, squabbling, self-interest and silence.

When Wrexham and Notts County were embroiled in their record-breaking battle for the National League title in 2022-23, a light was shone on the inequity of a structure that grants only two promotion places to the National League, but four to League Two.

And there are still faint hopes, perhaps, that the forthcoming independent regulator can force the hand of the EFL to right this wrong, but there's no shying away from the fact that, in the fight for "three-up, three-down", momentum has ground to a standstill.

And yet it has become a familiar sight at this time of year to witness the National League's promoted clubs attacking League Two with the same sense of adventure that earned them a place in the Football League, despite the margins for error being gossamer-thin and narrower than pretty much any other league on the planet.

Chesterfield and Bromley's starts to this season have been no different, with Paul Cook's buccaneering Spireites side sweeping aside Crewe, last season's League Two playoff finalists, with a 5-0 win at Gresty Road last weekend, and Bromley, thanks to the sharp-shooting Michael Cheek, winning the opening two games of their first-ever EFL campaign.

That the teams joining League Two are good enough has never been in doubt. In the past ten seasons, the median finish for the National League champions and playoff winners has been 11th and 14th and, as I'm sure you are aware, no promoted team has been immediately relegated since the system of re-election came to an end in 1987.

It's not just fallen EFL giants like Bristol Rovers, Lincoln City, Tranmere Rovers, Wrexham, Notts County or Stockport who tend to hit the ground running, though: Harrogate Town and Sutton United thrived in their first season in League Two and, while gravity may pull them down eventually, to have won promotion from the National League you had to be a bloody good side.

This is the point. The status quo has shackled aspirational, dynamic clubs and rewarded mediocrity for far too long. For a change to be ratified, of course, there would need to be a vote of all 92 Premier League and EFL clubs, with 50% being the threshold for change. We've heard the line about "Turkeys voting for Christmas" enough already. Why should the National League be no more than a bargaining chip in money-hungry negotiations between the EFL and Premier League?

If you're reading these pages, you probably know that this has been a war decades in the waging. When automatic promotion and relegation was finally introduced between the old Fourth Division — now known as League Two — and non-league's top tier in 1986-87, Scarborough were the first non-league side to earn the right to play in the Football League via promotion, while Lincoln City became the first team to

be relegated from Division Four. The National League had to wait another 16 years for a second promotion place to open up to the winner of a playoff, and two decades later the division remains an outlier for no discernible reason.

I know all about the unique challenges of the National League. I played for Grimsby Town in two promotion chases in 2014-15 and 2015-16. The first year, we held onto the coat tails of Martin Allen's title-winning Barnet side until the death, before finishing third and losing on penalties to Bristol Rovers in the playoff final at Wembley. The next season we finished fourth, 21 points adrift of Gary Johnson's Cheltenham Town, whose 101-point haul made them deserving champions. This time in the playoff final we beat Forest Green Rovers, who had run Cheltenham closest, to secure a joyous promotion.

So I know that the margin between joy and despair adds to the drama and excitement of the league. I know, too, that the standard of football at the top end is far better than the lower end of League Two. You have to be woeful to be relegated from League Two; you have to be near-faultless to win automatic promotion from the National League.

Yet that disparity isn't healthy. It can't be right that teams like Gillingham, Colchester United and Stevenage have stunk out League Two in recent years, but were saved from relegation because of clubs like Oldham Athletic or Scunthorpe United withering under negligent regimes.

Broadening the promotion picture would not be diluting the excitement of the National League or the quality of League Two; on the contrary, it would improve the spectacle in non-league and standard of football in League Two — and reward success instead of failure.

Let's not forget how imbalanced the relationship between the leagues already is. Quite often, as the National League bids farewell to a successful, upwardly mobile club heading for League Two, it's inheriting a relegated side whose demise is the result of mismanagement that occurred while a member of the EFL.

And players like Cheek, who at 32 is embarking on his maiden League Two campaign, underline how fine the margins can be for players at this level of the game too. Cheek has scored bucket loads of goals in the National League for Chelmsford, Braintree, Dagenham & Redbridge, Ebbsfleet United and now Bromley. Last season he scored 26 times, including two in the playoff final against Solihull Moors, and a penalty in the all-important shootout victory.

Yet despite a promise from Andy Woodman that he would make Cheek a Football League player one day, he must surely have begun to think that his chances of appearing in the EFL were fading in the rear-view mirror.

After scoring Bromley's first-ever Football League goal in the 2-0 win at Harrogate on the opening day, however, Cheek scored another in the win against AFC Wimbledon last weekend to show that he and his teammates — like many more in the National League — deserve a fair chance step up and prove their worth at the next level.

Matt Badcock

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RWBTFC Vets' (Over 35) Team

Season 2024-25

Royal Wootton Bassett Town Vets				
Season 2024 -25 Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League - Vets North Wilts Division				
Date	Opponents		H/A	Comp
Wed 04-Sep-24	Cricklade Town		A	League
Wed 11-Sep-24	AFC Swindon		H	League
Wed 18-Sep-24	Coate		A	League
Wed 25-Sep-24	Swindon Rovers		H	League
Wed 02-Oct-24	Chiseldon		H	League
Wed 09-Oct-24	Stratton Juniors		A	League
Fri 18-Oct-24	Bishops Cannings		A	VCC
Tue 22-Oct-24	Cricklade Town		A	L Cup
Wed 30-Oct-24	No game due to Half Term			
Wed 06-Nov-24	Veterans' County Cup			
Tue 21-Nov-24	FS Swindon		A	League
Wed 27-Nov-24	Intel		H	League
Wed 04-Dec-24	Redhouse		A	League
Wed 11-Dec-24	Penhill United		H	League
Wed 08-Jan-25	Cricklade Town		H	League
Tue 14-Jan-25	AFC Swindon		A	League
Wed 22-Jan-25	Coate		H	League
Tue 28-Jan-25	Swindon Rovers		A	League
Wed 05-Feb-25	Chiseldon		A	League
Wed 12-Feb-25	Stratton Juniors		H	League
Wed 05-Mar-25	FS Swindon		H	League
Wed 12-Mar-25	Intel		A	League
Wed 19-Mar-25	Redhouse		H	League
Wed 26-Mar-25	Penhill United		A	League

Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League							
Vets North Wiltshire Division Season 2023-24 - FINAL TABLE							
	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 Cricklade Town	18	14	3	1	42	7	45
2 Redhouse	18	14	3	1	45	13	45
3 Coate	18	14	2	2	51	9	44
4 Penhill United	18	10	2	6	32	21	32
5 Royal W. Bassett Town	18	8	1	9	32	36	25
6 Chiseldon	18	7	2	9	27	41	23
7 Swindon Rovers	18	5	3	10	22	32	18
8 AFC Swindon	18	3	3	12	18	58	12
9 Swindon Old Boys	18	3	0	15	27	37	9
10 Stratton Juniors	18	1	3	14	15	57	6
11 Blunsdon	Record Expunged Due to Withdrawal						
12 Nomads	Record Expunged Due to Withdrawal						



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Royal Wootton Bassett Town FC



Malmesbury Vics FC



James Foster	1
Dan Hill	2
Louis Spalding	3
George Peare	4
Adam Corcoran	5
Oliver Case	6
Alfie Presley	7
Jack Hobson-McVeigh	8
Finnlay Hopkins	9
Tommy Ouldrige	10
Bailey Gallagher	11
Ollie Pitt	12
Scott Chilcott	14
Thomas Moore	15
Tyrone Tucker-Dixon	16
Alan Griffin	17
Flynn Walters	18
Bradley Pagliaroli	19
Chris Taylor	20
Nelson Ero	21

Dugout Team
Manager: Sam Collier
Assistant: Alan Griffin
Coach: Nick Warren
GK Coach: Jon Himple
Therapist: Kara Gregory

Travis Wood
Kyle Pitts
Ben Patey
Aaron Stevens
Jake Love
Freddie Lawton
Tom Wynn-Davis
Martin Sinclair
Stephen Robertson
Danny Gudger
George Evatt
Charlie Evatt
Lewis King
Zac Skinner
Harrison Archer
Jack Smith
Freddie Allman
Andy Baker
Matthew Jones
Biagio Mazzotta

Dugout Team
Manager: Ant Brown
Assistant: Paul Carson
Coach:
Therapist: Becca Maynard

Match Officials



Referee:  Andrew Insley
Assistant 1:  Craig Davenport
Assistant 2:  Max Thompson