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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 AFTERNOON** and welcome to the Sustain Stadium here at the Gerard Buxton Sports Ground for this UHlsport Hellenic League Premier Division fixture against our near neighbours Highworth Town.

A warm welcome to all our visitors who have made the short journey from Highworth, we hope you enjoy your brief stay with us this afternoon and wish you a safe journey home.

It seems a very long time since I had to prepare a first team programme. With our last two home games being around the Christmas break the programmes for both the two games had to be prepared before Christmas and before the game on Saturday 21st December against Longlevens. It is actually over seven weeks since I last had to prepare the programme. Consequently today's programme includes something of a catch-up on match reports with eleven games covered, nine away including that Longlevens game and the two home games. Happy New Year to everyone by the way!

Turning to today's local derby game, as is often the case with these local derbies, there will be a lot of familiar faces in the opposition squad and dugout this afternoon. A special welcome back to the Sustain Stadium, assuming they are involved today, to manager Paul Braithwaite, Dan Comer, Matt Cheetham, Gio Wrona, Sam Packer, Luke Whelan and Rhys Wells

Whilst overall Highworth Town have the better record in fixtures between the sides over the years, our recent record against Highworth is a good one with four victories and just two defeats in the last six games. The four wins includes a win at Highworth earlier this season and then in last season's play-off semi final. Highworth are currently in the final play-off spot, six points above us and with a game in hand. If we want another appearance in the play-offs this season this realistically is a must win game for us with just six more league games to come after this afternoon.

Our recent defeat at the hands of bottom of the table Malmesbury Vics was a costly defeat and we went into last week's game against Fairford with another must-win game as a result.

Thankfully we secured the win with veteran Alan Griffin, a last minute call up to the game, playing a starring role in an excellent result at a ground which is never an easy place to visit. Hopefully we can make it two wins from two must win games in a row.

Hartpury University look nailed on to be champions this season despite the distraction of the FA Vase where they are the Hellenic League's last representative and through to the quarter final stage. Mangotsfield United and Sporting Club Inkberrow look almost certain to be in the play-offs, leaving Highworth and Roman Glass St George as the sides that the chasing pack of ourselves, Pershore Town, Worcester Raiders and Fairford Town need to try and catch. Like today, a few of the sides in the play-off contention still have to play each other so points could well be dropped by a lot of the sides in the mix we just need to try and make sure we do not drop any more.

Thanks to three excellent wins to start the new calendar year against Calne Town Reserves, Faringdon Town and Park United, the Development side have established a bit of a buffer over the teams in the relegation zone in the Premier Division of the Wiltshire Senior League. However, last week's defeat at the hands of Melksham Town Reserves, and with Larkhall Athletic Development picking up results recently, Mark Simpkins side must make sure they secure a few more victories to ensure their safety come the end of the season. They also still have the chance of a County Cup Final with the semi-final against Wroughton now just a month away.

On the subject of cup semi finals the Ladies have one tomorrow against Swindon Town. The game has been switched to here at the Sustain Stadium from Green Lane with a 2PM kick-off. Please note that this is not an official home game and there will not be a programme for the match unless the Wiltshire FA or Swindon Town, the first drawn team, prepare one.

Enjoy today's game and hopefully we will be celebrating three more points come five o'clock to keep us in the hunt for the play-offs.

Mark



# Chairman's Chat

## Paul Gerrish



### GOOD AFTERNOON.

It's a pleasure to welcome our supporters along with the players, officials and supporters from Highworth Town FC to the Sustain Stadium today for this Hellenic Premier League fixture, our first home game of 2025 in the middle of February!

Hopefully we will have a bumper crowd for this vital fixture for both teams as they try to establish a place in the play-off positions. The picture at the top of the league is starting to settle with Hartpury looking a good bet for champions despite the distraction of the FA Vase. Mangotsfield, Inkberrow and Roman Glass look likely to have play-off spots with Highworth sat in the final place leaving ourselves, Pershore, Worcester Raiders and Fairford all with work to do.

Our position wasn't helped when we lost 3-0 to bottom of the table Malmesbury Vics two weeks ago. Although disappointed with our performance, credit must be given to the Vics who were resolute in their defensive performance and grateful for a few lenient decisions from the officials – I'll say no more! However, last week's win at Fairford, despite late withdrawal's and a rejig of the team, put us back on track. There were strong performances all around, in particular from Ollie Case and the returning Dan Hill plus the new pairing upfront of Kyle Witt and Dan Grieve but all the plaudits go to last minute replacement Griff. In a somewhat tempestuous game, the result somewhat flattered Fairford, where their goalkeeper was by far their best player.

As most of you are aware, injuries, and in particular long-term injuries have blighted our season. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery therefore go to George Peare as he starts his recovery from surgery on a triple break of the collar bone. George has been a popular and versatile addition to the squad this year and will certainly be in the run in.

Another big loss to the club is Paul Davis, Head of the Senior section, who leaving for a couple of years to work in Dubai. It is no coincidence that some of the senior sections most successful seasons have been under PD's stewardship. It's been a pleasure to work with him. Rab McLead who helped me run the Floodlight and Development teams, has joined to take on the roll and will be a great asset to the club and is already getting his teeth in to the job. I'm sure you will all join me in welcoming him back to the club.

The Development teams recent run of good results came to an end last Saturday, falling to a 3-2 loss to Melksham Town. They have their sights set of securing enough points to ensure their stay in the Wiltshire Premier league before turning their attention to a County Cup semi-final against Wroughton.

The Women their quest to finish runners up to inevitable champions Gloucester City but face probably their biggest game of the season tomorrow when we host Swindon Town in their County Cup semi-final. Kick-off is 14.00, please come along and give your support.

Finally, I must comment on our County rivals Westbury United who find themselves unable to play their games at home due to having their electricity cut off and have now set up a crowd funding page to raise £5000!! I don't know the facts of the story but surely the role of their committee is to ensure stability and continued future for the club. The league they play in (where we could have found ourselves) involves lots of travel and I am sure players demand a certain level of reimbursement but spending can't be at the risk of losing a club that has been around since 1920. There are lots of ways that we could spend our money but rest assured at RWBTFC we ensure we are always in a solid financial position first and foremost.

Thanks for your support - UP THE BASS

Paul

# Club News In Brief

## New Head of Senior Section

Royal Wootton Bassett Town are pleased to announce that Rab MacLeod will be joining the club's Executive Committee as Head of Men's Section.

Someone who is no stranger to Bassett, Rab MacLeod has previously served as a coach within the club's youth section as well as for the Development team. He takes over the role from Paul Davis who is stepping down as he will be relocating to Dubai to live and work.

Serving in the role since the 2019-20 season, his tenure coincided with the club's senior Men's team enjoying significant success.

During that time the Men's First Team have - under the management of Sam Collier recorded back-to-back top five Hellenic League Premier Division finishes, reached the 2023-24 Hellenic Premier Division playoff final, reached the FA Vase third round on three occasions and matched the club's best ever FA Cup run by reaching the second qualifying round. Meanwhile, in 2021-22 the Development team won the Wiltshire League Premier Division with Steve Yeardeley as manager.

Commenting on the change, Chairman Paul Gerrish said:

"On behalf of the club, I'd like to express sincere thanks to Paul for all his efforts over the past few years and we wish him all the best with his new adventure in Dubai."

"As someone who spent many years with Bassett during his playing days, it's been great to have had someone who holds the club close to their heart in the role of Head of Men's Section."

"Paul has worked effectively with all managers - giving them encouragement, support and honest, informed advice. That has helped contribute to the success the Men's First and Development teams have had in recent seasons. And he leaves the position with the Men's Section on a strong footing"

"We're delighted too that Rab has come on board to take over the role. Rab knows the club well and buys into what we are seeking to achieve. He also has the experience needed to help our senior Men's teams to continue to thrive."

## Host families sought for FC 's-Gravenzande visit in April

Royal Wootton Bassett Town are delighted to be welcoming our friends from FC 's-Gravenzande to England in April. This will be the first visit from FC 's-Gravenzande since an exchange in 2017 and we look forward to reciprocating the fantastic hospitality they provide to our youth teams on an annual basis as part of the club's long -established Holland Tour.

FC 's-Gravenzande's Under 14 and 15 Boys' sides and their Under 15 Girls' team will be visiting from Thursday 24 to Sunday 27 April. 45 youth players are due to be part of their tour party along with 15 adults (including two women). To help with the trip, the club are seeking families willing to host and provide accommodation for our visitors. In total, around thirty host families are sought, each of which will be required to bed and breakfast for at least two people. Based on the planned itinerary, this requirement will involve providing bed and breakfast to guests for three nights, as well as dropping off and collecting them from the Gerard Buxton Sports Ground each morning and evening of their trip. Host families will also be invited to attend a social evening at the Gerard Buxton Sports Ground on Friday 25 April, which is to follow games between RWBTFC and our visitors from FC 's-Gravenzande.

This is a fantastic opportunity to host our partner club. And we hope that we will be able to find sufficient host families to provide our visitors with excellent hospitality and create memories that will last a lifetime - just as our Dutch friends do when we visit as part of the Holland Tour. If you are interested in hosting as part of the visit from FC 's-Gravenzande or have any further questions, please contact either of the following:

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# RWBT FC

## Top Goal Scorers in Hellenic Era

We were recently asked if Alfie Presley was the all time RWBT FC leading scorer and the answer is definitely not. However, who actually is the all time leading scorer, even in just the Hellenic League era, is not clear because we have a number of season's where we have not been able to trace all of the goal scorers. In the Hellenic era, Seasons 1988-89, 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1994-95 in particular are missing goals, with 58 goals in total not attributed to a specific goal scorer across these five seasons.

The Top 20 of identified goal scorers in the Hellenic era (goals in all competitions) are shown below but Scott Vincent, Damon York and Kenny Regan (marked with an \*) are almost certain to have scored more goals, with Colin Valters also likely to have made the list.

I suspect the actually leading scorer in the Hellenic League era is Scott Vincent but unless we can find those missing goal scorers it will remain unclear.

Alfie is currently seventh on the list of identified scorers but his current manager Sam Collier, amongst others, sits above him in the goal scoring chart. At some stage we will look to analyse the pre Hellenic period.

### Royal Wootton Bassett Town Hellenic Era Leading Goal Scorers

	Total
Lee Stoddart	79
Stephen Yeardley	78
Steve Robertson	73
Sam Collier	71
Matty Bennett	69
<b>Scott Vincent*</b>	69
Alfie Presley	63
Shaun Terry	50
Bradley Paglianoli	45
<b>Damon York*</b>	44
TJ Bohane	38
Alex Green	37
Sam Packer	36
Geoff Swatton	35
Dan Bailey	34
Matt Bown	33
Mark Barnes	32
Jeremy Newton	31
Paul Harper	31
<b>Kenny Regan*</b>	30

## Ken Turner

Those who knew him at Royal Wootton Bassett Town FC were saddened to hear of the passing of former Under 18 Floodlit and Reserve team manager Ken Turner. Ken had been manager of the U18 team in Season 2008-09 and had then taken over the Reserves as well early in the season when the management team stepped down.

Our thoughts are with wife Eileen and the children Sabrina, John and Paul at this sad time.







# Today's Opponents

## Highworth Town

Highworth Town Football Club was formed in 1893. We joined the Cirencester & District league and it took us some time to record our first honours, until 1909-10 in fact, when we won both the Swindon Junior cup and the local advertiser cup, a cup we captured again in 1912-13.

After winning the Cirencester & District league division two championship in 1931-32, we moved to the Swindon & District league, where we completed the third division championship and Swindon junior cup double in 1933-34.

The 1950s saw us make a dramatic rise through the local football ranks. We won the Swindon & District league third division title again in 1954-55 and then the division two title the following season. One more season was needed to clinch the division one title and also the Wilts junior cup. We then went on to win the premier division title in 1957-58, along with the Faringdon Thursday memorial cup and the following season we were the premier division champions again, also winning the advertiser cup.

We continued to dominate the Swindon & District premier division in the 1960s, winning four successive titles from 1960-61 and another hat-trick from 1965-66 to 1967-68, making seven titles in eight seasons. We reached the final of the Wilts senior cup for the first time in 1962-63 and won it the following season.

There was a switch to the Wilts combination league, where we finished as runners-up in division two in 1970-71. 1972-73 saw another Wilts senior cup victory and all this success prompted us to join the Hellenic league. We achieved our first honours in 1988-89, winning the first division challenge cup and reached the final of the Wilts senior cup yet again.

We finally achieved premier division status in 1993-94 gaining promotion after finishing third in division one. Since then we have been winners of the Wilts senior cup in 1995-96, 1997-98, 2008-09 and again in 2014-15, winners of the Hellenic challenge cup in 2011-12, winners of the Hellenic supplementary cup in 1998-99 and runners up in 2003-04, runners-up in the premier division in 1999-00 and winners of the premiership title in 2004-05.

In more recent history, which reached the semi-final of the FA Vase in 2014-15 where we were knocked out by eventual winners North Shields in a closely fought two-legged tie. This season also saw us pick up the Wilts Senior Cup.

In the 2016-17 and 2017-18 seasons we were runners-up in the Wilts Senior Cup to Swindon Supermarine and Chippenham Town respectively, both of which played at higher levels than us.

Also in the 2017-18 season we saw promotion to the Southern League Division 1 South as we finished as the best third placed team across the whole country. This means we are now playing the highest level of football the club has seen.

The 2022-23 season saw us move laterally into the Southern League Division 1 Central due to the re-shuffling of the league.

After a difficult season with the circumstances dealt to us, such as the extra travelling time/distance, we finished 17th as we just weren't good enough. 17th was a relegation play-off spot which meant we had to play against a team that finished 2nd at step 5. Our opponent was Malvern Town who trounced us 4-1.

This meant we went back into the Hellenic League for the 2023-24 campaign where a management change was made. Paul Braitwaite and his backroom staff replaced the outgoing Gareth Davies and his backroom team.

2023-24 was a successful first year in charge for Paul Braitwaite. We made it to the second round qualifying where we hosted faced National League side Weymouth FC in a game where we gave them a good run for their money but ultimately lost 3-1. He also led the team to the quarter-final of the FA Vase where on another day the result could have been very different. We also finished 3rd in the Hellenic League which was a playoff spot and unfortunately the playoff semi-final was just a step too far at the end of a very hard and long season.

2024-25 is upcoming where we will be looking to build on the results of last season and go the extra step.

# Today's Opponents

## Highworth Town

Highworth Town Historical Record - Last 15 Seasons													
Season	League & Division	FAC	FAY**	Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst	Pts	Position	Top Scorer	
2009/10	Hellenic Prem Div	1QR	2QR	42	22	5	15	93	56	71	9 out of 22	B. Fitzgerald 18	
2010/11	Hellenic Prem Div	1QR	1QR	42	28	4	10	108	52	88	4 out of 22	T.J. Bohane 43	
2011/12	Hellenic Prem Div	EP	2ND	40	23	5	12	79	46	71	6 out of 21	J. Parsons 24	
2012/13	Hellenic Prem Div	1QR	1QR	36	9	8	19	53	75	35	16 out of 19	B. Clarke 14	
2013/14	Hellenic Prem Div	EP	1QR	38	18	7	13	74	60	61	7 out of 20	T.J. Bohane 40	
2014/15	Hellenic Prem Div	PRE	SF	38	20	7	11	79	46	67	7 out of 20	T.J. Bohane 41	
2015/16	Hellenic Prem Div	PRE	3RD	38	19	5	14	85	49	62	7 out of 20	T.J. Bohane 25	
2016/17	Hellenic Prem Div	2QR	2ND	34	19	4	11	87	59	61	6 out of 18	A. Corrick 38	
2017/18	Hellenic Prem Div	PRE	1ST	38	28	4	6	113	50	88	3 out of 20	C. Parsons 32	
2018/19	Southern Div 1S	EP	EP	38	13	9	16	63	71	47	14 out of 20	Not known	
2019/20	Southern Div 1S	2QR	PRE	28	8	8	12	36	41	32	13* out of 20	Not known	
2020/21	Southern Div 1S	1QR	3QR	8	4	1	3	11	14	13	8* out of 20	A. Edenborough 3	
2021/22	Southern Div 1S	1QR	2QR	36	12	6	18	41	59	42	10 out of 19	A. Edenborough 11	
2022/23	Southern Div 1C	EP	1QR	36	6	10	20	51	93	28	17 out of 10	Not known	
2023/24	Hellenic Prem Div	2QR	5TH	38	22	7	9	73	40	73	3 out of 20	J. Davis 16	

Totals

530 251 90 189 1,046 811

\* Position at time season curtailed due to Covid-19

Won:Drew:Lost Ratio

47.4% 17.0% 35.7%

\*\* FA Trophy from 2018-19 to 2022-23

	Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst				
Hellenic League Premier Division	384	208	56	120	844	533	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	54.2%	14.6%	31.3%
Southern League Div 1 Central	36	6	10	20	51	93	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	16.7%	27.8%	55.6%
Southern League Div 1 South	110	37	24	49	151	185	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	33.6%	21.8%	44.5%

### 2023-2024 Season












#### UHLSPORT Hellenic League Premier Division

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Worcester City (P)	38	32	5	1	120	31	101
2 Corsham Town	38	24	10	4	80	33	82
3 <b>Highworth Town</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>73</b>
4 Royal W. Bassett Town	38	23	4	11	65	50	73
5 Cinderford Town (P)	38	20	6	12	65	57	66
6 Slimbridge	38	19	8	11	81	62	65
7 Roman Glass St George	38	20	2	16	73	62	62
8 Fairford Town	38	17	10	11	59	49	61
9 Hereford Pegasus	38	16	7	15	77	73	55
10 Worcester Raiders	38	15	8	15	58	61	53
11 Pershore Town	38	14	8	16	79	69	50
12 Westfields	38	14	7	17	68	68	49
13 Mangotsfield United	38	13	9	16	59	59	48
14 Tuffley Rovers	38	13	9	16	55	62	48
15 Brimscombe & Thrupp	38	10	8	20	56	92	38
16 Longlevens AFC	38	10	6	22	47	78	36
17 Hereford Lads Club	38	8	8	22	43	65	32
18 Thornbury Town	38	8	5	25	43	79	29
19 Lydney Town	38	8	5	25	63	103	29
20 Wantage Town (R)	38	7	2	29	34	105	23



# Today's Opponents

## Highworth Town

	<b>Connor Johns</b> <i>Goalkeeper</i> Sponsored by		<b>Oli Gargett</b> <i>Goalkeeper</i> Sponsored by
	<b>Ted Hawkins</b> <i>Goalkeeper</i> Sponsored by		<b>Ashley Taylor</b> <i>Defender</i> Sponsored by
	<b>Liam Haines</b> <i>Defender</i> Sponsored by Darren Robbins		<b>Leon Morrison</b> <i>Vice-Captain</i> <i>Defender</i> Sponsored by
	<b>Dan Comer</b> <i>Defender</i> Sponsored by Neil Haines		<b>Harry Hillerby</b> <i>Defender</i> Sponsored by
	<b>Matt Cheetham</b> <i>Midfielder</i> <i>Captain</i> Sponsored by Colin & Irene Aldridge		<b>Giorgio Wrona</b> <i>Midfielder</i> Sponsored by
	<b>Sam Packer</b> <i>Midfielder</i> Sponsored by		<b>Tom Griffiths</b> <i>Midfielder</i> Sponsored by Aideen Mattimore of CSM Mediation
	<b>Connor Mattimore</b> <i>Winger</i> Sponsored by Mike Skinner		<b>Rhys Wells</b> <i>Winger</i> Sponsored by
	<b>Xavi Diaz</b> <i>Winger</i> Sponsored by		<b>Luke Whelan</b> <i>Winger</i> Sponsored by
	<b>Piers Walton</b> <i>Winger/Forward</i> Sponsored by		<b>Sol Pryce</b> <i>Forward</i> Sponsored by

Manager: Paul Braithwaite  
 Assistant: Ashley Edenborough  
 Coach: Callum Wright  
 Coach: Rob Dean  
 Goalkeeper Coach: Kev Sawyer  
 Physio: Becky Feeney



# Today's Opponents

## Highworth Town



### Highworth Town Statistics Season 2024-25

					Discipline Table				
			Apps	Goals 	Yellow 	Red 	2Y Red 	Sin Bin 	
1	Rhys	Wells	34	1	3				
2	Tom	Griffiths	33		2				
3	Leon	Morrison	33	7	6			1	
4	Matthew	Cheetham	31	4	9				
5	Daniel	Comer	29		5				
6	Connor	Mattimore	29	4	1				
7	Liam	Haines	26	2	3				
8	Ashley	Taylor	26	3					
9	Harry	Hillerby	24		5				
10	Sol	Pryce	23	6	5				
11	Piers	Walton	23	7	1			1	
12	Luke	Whelan	23	10	1				
13	Giorgio	Wrona	21	1	2				
14	Connor	Johns	19						
15	Sam	Packer	19	3	2				
16	Oliver	Gargett	15		2				
17	Liam	Campbell	12	1					
18	Ashleigh	Edenborough	10		1				
19	Riegan	Cook	9	1	1				
20	Daniel	Grieve	9	5					
21	Michael	Miller	9		1				
22	Conor	Britchford-Stanley	6	1					
23	Mathew	Jones	6						
24	Josh	Davis	5	3					
25	Edjidja	Mbunga	5	1					
26	Xavi	Diaz	4						
27	Luke	Jarman	3						
28	Owen	Windsor	3		1				
29	Matthew	Grabe	2						
30	Alex	Bonthron	1	1					
31	Thomas	Carter	1						
32	Jacob	Newdick	1						
33	Miles	Obodo	1						



# Previous Meetings v Highworth Town



28

RWBTFC Wins

8

Draws

38

Highworth Wins

Season	Date	W/D/L	Competition		Result	Bassett Scorers
1897.98	25-Dec-97		Friendly	Wootton Bassett Town	Highworth Town	<i>Result &amp; scorers not known</i>
1897.98	8-Jan-98	Won	Friendly	Wootton Bassett Town	3 Highworth Town	2 <i>Not known</i>
1898.99	26-Nov-98	Lost	VWH	Highworth Town	2 Wootton Bassett Town	0
1898.99	25-Feb-99	Lost	VWH	Wootton Bassett Town	1 Highworth Town	2 Dibby
1899.00	21-Oct-99	Drew	S&D FL	Wootton Bassett Town	6 Highworth Town	6 C Leighfield 4, 'Slogger', Page
1899.00	30-Dec-99	Lost	S&D FL	Highworth Town	5 Wootton Bassett Town	0
1924.25			S&D FL Div 2a	Wootton Bassett Town	Highworth Town	<i>Result &amp; scorers not known</i>
1924.25			S&D FL Div 2a	Highworth Town	Wootton Bassett Town	<i>Result &amp; scorers not known</i>
1964.65	26-Sep-64	Won	FAAmC	Highworth Town	1 Wootton Bassett Town	8 Challis 4, Harkness 2, Stevens 2
1970.71	19-Sep-70	Lost	Wilts Comb	Highworth Town	2 Wootton Bassett Town	1 Ewan
1970.71	17-Apr-71	Lost	Wilts Comb	Wootton Bassett Town	1 Highworth Town	4 Ewan
1971.72	26-Feb-72	Lost	Wilts Comb	Highworth Town	2 Wootton Bassett Town	1 Powell
1971.72		Lost	Wilts Comb	Wootton Bassett Town	2 Highworth Town	3 <i>Scorers unknown</i>
1972.73	3-Mar-73	Lost	Wilts Comb	Highworth Town	3 Wootton Bassett Town	0
1972.73	14-Apr-73	Drew	Wilts Comb	Wootton Bassett Town	0 Highworth Town	0
1973.74	27-Oct-73	Lost	Wilts Comb	Highworth Town	3 Wootton Bassett Town	1 Anderson
1973.74	23-Mar-74	Won	Wilts Comb	Wootton Bassett Town	2 Highworth Town	0 Glasscoo, Selkeld
1974.75	28-Sep-74	Won	Wilts Comb	Highworth Town	0 Wootton Bassett Town	1 Cook
1974.75	11-Jan-75	Won	Wilts Comb	Wootton Bassett Town	4 Highworth Town	0 Lehane, Keep, Parsons, Reid
1975.76	15-Nov-75	Won	Wilts Comb	Wootton Bassett Town	3 Highworth Town	1 Dixon 3
1975.76	3-Apr-76	Won	Wilts Comb	Highworth Town	0 Wootton Bassett Town	2 Goodwin, N.May
1976.77	26-Feb-77	Lost	Wilts Co Div 1	Highworth Town	1 Wootton Bassett Town	0
1976.77	14-Apr-77	Won	Wilts Co Div 1	Wootton Bassett Town	1 Highworth Town	0 <i>Scorer unknown</i>
1977.78	30-Aug-77	Drew	Wilts Co Div 1	Highworth Town	3 Wootton Bassett Town	3 <i>Scorers unknown</i>
1977.78	5-Nov-77	Lost	Wilts Co Div 1	Wootton Bassett Town	2 Highworth Town	4 Ladd, Thomas
1981.82	10-Oct-81	Drew	Wilts Co Div 2	Wootton Bassett Town	3 Highworth Town	3 Smith 2, Chambers
1981.82	14-Apr-82	Lost	Wilts Co Div 2	Highworth Town	2 Wootton Bassett Town	1 <i>Scorer unknown</i>
1982.83	23-Oct-82	Drew	Wilts Co Div 2	Wootton Bassett Town	2 Highworth Town	2 <i>Scorers unknown</i>
1982.83	15-Jan-83	Lost	Wilts Co Div 2	Highworth Town	2 Wootton Bassett Town	0
1988.89	26-Dec-88	Lost	Hell Div 1	Wootton Bassett Town	0 Highworth Town	1
1988.89	25-Mar-89	Lost	Hell Div 1	Highworth Town	2 Wootton Bassett Town	1 Frost
1989.90	30-Dec-89	Won	Hell Div 1	Highworth Town	0 Wootton Bassett Town	2 Frost, York
1989.90	25-Apr-90	Lost	Hell Div 1	Wootton Bassett Town	2 Highworth Town	3 York 2
1990.91	15-Dec-90	Won	Hell Div 1 Cup	Wootton Bassett Town	3 Highworth Town	1 Wright, York, Small
1990.91	24-Apr-91	Lost	Hell Div 1	Highworth Town	3 Wootton Bassett Town	1 Not known
1990.91	1-May-91	Won	Hell Div 1	Wootton Bassett Town	1 Highworth Town	0 Not known
1991.92	2-Nov-91	Won	Hell Div 1	Highworth Town	2 Wootton Bassett Town	4 Vincent 2, Burke, Fletcher
1991.92	11-Jan-92	Won	Hell Div 1	Wootton Bassett Town	3 Highworth Town	0 Fry, Thomas, Regan
1992.93	17-Oct-92	Lost	Hell Div 1	Highworth Town	3 Wootton Bassett Town	0
1992.93	12-Dec-92	Won	WSC	Wootton Bassett Town	2 Highworth Town	1 Williams, Vincent
1992.93	3-May-93	Won	Hell Div 1	Wootton Bassett Town	3 Highworth Town	0 Glastonbury, Smith, Frost
1993.94	24-Aug-93	Won	Hell Div 1	Wootton Bassett Town	1 Highworth Town	0 Vincent
1993.94	30-Mar-94	Won	Hell Div 1	Highworth Town	0 Wootton Bassett Town	1 Giles
1994.95	26-Nov-94	Won	WSC	Wootton Bassett Town	4 Highworth Town	3 K Moloney 2, Glastonbury, S Vincent



# Previous Meetings v Highworth Town



1995.96	23-Mar-96	Lost	WSC	Highworth Town	3	Wootton Bassett Town	1	Timbrell
2000.01	2-Sep-00	Lost	Hell Prem	Wootton Bassett Town	0	Highworth Town	4	
2000.01	27-Sep-00	Lost	Hell Prem	Highworth Town	4	Wootton Bassett Town	1	Harper
2001.02	8-Dec-01	Lost	Hell Prem	Wootton Bassett Town	2	Highworth Town	3	Macek, Hall
2001.02	25-Apr-02	Won	Hell Prem	Highworth Town	2	Wootton Bassett Town	3	Turner, Tooley, OG
2002.03	8-Feb-03	Lost	Hell Prem	Wootton Bassett Town	0	Highworth Town	2	
2002.03	4-Mar-03	Lost	Hell Prem	Highworth Town	1	Wootton Bassett Town	0	
2003.04	25-Nov-03	Won	Hell Prem	Wootton Bassett Town	1	Highworth Town	0	Magani
2003.04	12-Apr-04	Lost	Hell Prem	Highworth Town	2	Wootton Bassett Town	0	
2004.05	23-Oct-04	Lost	Hell Prem	Highworth Town	4	Wootton Bassett Town	1	Willis
2004.05	30-Apr-05	Lost	Hell Prem	Wootton Bassett Town	0	Highworth Town	3	
2007.08	19-Aug-07	Drew	FAC	Highworth Town	0	Wootton Bassett Town	0	
2007.08	21-Aug-07	Won	FAC	Wootton Bassett Town	2	Highworth Town	1	Bennett, Mills
2010.11	30-Aug-10	Won	Hell Prem	Wootton Bassett Town	2	Highworth Town	0	Beeden, Edmondson
2010.11	3-Jan-11	Lost	Hell Prem	Highworth Town	5	Wootton Bassett Town	1	Green
2012.13	8-Sep-12	Won	FAC	Wootton Bassett Town	3	Highworth Town	1	Barnes, Yeardley, Bown
2013.14	14-Aug-13	Lost	Hell Prem	Wootton Bassett Town	1	Highworth Town	2	Carter
2013.14	14-Dec-13	Drew	Hell Prem	Highworth Town	1	Wootton Bassett Town	1	Cox
2014.15	25-Aug-14	Lost	Hell Prem	Wootton Bassett Town	0	Highworth Town	1	
2014.15	17-Mar-15	Won	Hell Prem	Highworth Town	1	Wootton Bassett Town	5	Gambling 3, Robertson, Bailey
2015.16	31-Aug-15	Lost	Hell Prem	RWBT	0	Highworth Town	2	
2015.16	28-Dec-15	Lost	Hell Prem	Highworth Town	8	RWBT	0	
2016.17	29-Aug-16	Drew	Hell Prem	Highworth Town	3	RWBT	3	Robertson 2, Packer
2016.17	26-Dec-16	Lost	Hell Prem	RWBT	0	Highworth Town	4	
2017.18	28-Aug-17	Lost	Hell Prem	Highworth Town	3	RWBT	2	Wright, Packer
2017.18	13-Dec-17	Lost	WSC	RWBT	2	Highworth Town	5	Waldon, Wrona
2017.18	26-Dec-17	Lost	Hell Prem	RWBT	0	Highworth Town	1	
2017.18	7-Feb-18	Won	Floodlit Cup	Highworth Town	1	RWBT	2	Lodge, Robinson
2023.24	28-Aug-23	Lost	Hell Prem	Highworth Town	1	RWBT	0	
2023.24	29-Nov-23	Won	Prem Shield	Highworth Town	2	RWBT	2	Partridge, McVeigh (3-4 on pens)
2023.24	27-Jan-23	Lost	Hell Prem	RWBT	1	Highworth Town	3	McVeigh
2023.24	17-Apr-24	Won	Hell Prem	Highworth Town	0	RWBT	1	Case
2024.25	18-Sep-24	Won	Hell Prem	Highworth Town	0	RWBT	2	







# Featured Previous Meeting v Highworth Town

## So Miracles Do Happen Roger!

**Wootton Bassett Town 1  
Highworth Town 0**

### Tuesday 25th November 2003

A 48th minute John Magani proved the difference between Bassett Town and Highworth Town in a memorable derby game. This result meant Highworth continue their skid of poor form after Saturday's 6-0 Vase loss to Gosport Borough.

Neither side dominated the opening proceedings with both defences tight and the ball not getting out the middle of the park. Ian McSherry had the first chance of the game, picking up a Bassett clearance and, seeing that Rich Stevens was off his line McSherry went for a long range effort but hit over.

On ten minutes Magani had a chance at the other end after being played through by Steve Yeardley but Magani hit wide.

Highworth striker Neil Dix hit over at the other end after twenty seven minutes. Two minutes on Jamie Mills received a Dix through ball but shot wide as Rich Stevens did enough to close down Mills.

McSherry was presented with another chance twelve minutes from half time, capitalizing on a Rich Willis slip but his shot didn't trouble Stevens, going wide. A minute into injury time Paul Donnelly was booked for the visitors.

Three minutes into stoppage time Matt Bennett came close for Bassett, after receiving a cross from Willis on the left but Bennett hit just over.

Bassett started the second half quickly grabbing a goal three minutes after the restart. Highworth failed to clear resulting a goalmouth scramble, the ball came out of the group and to John Magani who slotted home to give Bassett the advantage.

Bassett came close to conceding the lead in the 68th minute when substitute Russell Byrne hit the crossbar as the Bassett defence didn't make a challenge.

Four minutes later ex-Highworth player Neil Bridges was brought onto replace Magani. Two minutes after Bridges' introduction Paul Patel was brought on as an extra defender for Matt Bennett.

In the 78th minute Rich Stevens was forced to make another great save, denying Highworth from close range as, again, no challenge came in from the defence.

Bassett broke from the Highworth attack and good link up play between Neil Bridges and Geoff Swatton created a chance for Swatton to cross into Bridges who was just beaten to the ball; if Bridges had got there it would have seen off Highworth and rubbed salt into Highworth's wounds as they were Bridges' former team.

Highworth came close once more in the 89th minute when a great cross was glanced wide by McSherry.

A great battling performance from Bassett, with the midfield working well all night to deny Highworth any room to play. In the programme Editorial it was noted that Bassett would need some miracle to take anything from this game; well, as Errol Brown once said "I believe in Miracles".

A tough visit to North Leigh comes next but if Bassett can keep up their form against the top sides, some points might be there for the taking.

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Squad from:		Played	Sub	Yellow	Red
Neil	BRIDGES				
Matt	BENNETT				
Paul	DAVIS				
Ben	GASCOYNE				
Richard	GEE				
Nathan	HALL				
Andy	HALLETT				
Chris	HAWKINS				
Stuart	HEMSLEY				
Rob	HOPKINS				
Justin	HYDE				
Ben	JARRETT				
Chris	JONES				
Dave	JONES				
Leigh	JONES				
Stuart	LAMONT				
Tony	MACEK				
John	MAGANI				
Lee	MORSE				
Chris	MILLS				
Paul	PATEL				
Sam	REASON				
Mark	SIMPKINS				
Rich	STEVENS				
Geoff	SWATTON				
Carl	TAYLOR				
Mark	VAUGHAN				
Rich	WILLIS				
Stephen	YEARLEY				

**MANAGER:** Pete YEARDLEY  
**COACH:** Mike BYRNE  
**ASSISTANT:** Barry GILES  
**PHYSIO:** Ruby KAVANAGH



## MATCH OFFICIALS

**Referee:**  
**Simon ADKINS (Dusto, Northants)**  
**Assistant (Red Flag)**  
**Mark EVANS (Abingdon)**  
**Assistant (Yellow Flag)**  
**Richard MATTHEWS (Abingdon)**

# HIGHWORTH TOWN FC

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**MANAGER:** John FISHER  
**ASSISTANTS:** Dave WEBB  
Andy WOLLEN  
**PHYSIO:** John WHITE

## NEXT HOME FIXTURES



**SAT 29<sup>TH</sup> 3.00PM BRACKLEY TOWN RES  
HELLENIC RESERVES DIV 1**

**SUN 30<sup>TH</sup> 2.00PM SWINDON SPITFIRES RES  
WILTS COUNTY WOMENS LEAGUE – BALLARDS ASH**

**THURS 4<sup>TH</sup> DEC 7.30PM BEMERTON HEATH HARLEQUIN  
WILTS FLOODLIGHT LEAGUE (U18)**

**Member of the Wilts County F.A.**

# First Team Squad Pen Pics & Sponsors

Player	Biography	Sponsor
 <p><b>James Foster</b></p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Mike &amp; Ethan Price</p>
 <p><b>Dan Hill</b></p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>John Trollope</p>
 <p><b>Louis Spalding</b></p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>John &amp; Kath Fellows</p>
 <p><b>Adam Corcoran</b></p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>John Trollope</p>
 <p><b>Bradley Pagliaroli</b></p>	<p>Pagliaroli is an exciting, dangerous attacking player who rejoins Bassett this season. Possessing a sublime touch, great skill and a lethal left foot, Pagliaroli previously spent two years with Bassett from 2018 to 2020 before making a handful of guest appearances in the seasons since then. Prior to this seasons, he had featured 70 times for Bassett, scoring 32 goals. Pagliaroli began his senior career with Wantage Town before having a brief spell with Thatcham Town. It was at Binfield thought that he made his breakthrough, scoring 11 times in 32 games in 2017-18. Pagliaroli joined Bassett a season later, scoring 18 goals in 40 appearances on his way to a Players' and Supporters' Player of the Year double before netting eight times in 19 games in the Covid-shortened 2019-20 campaign. In the seasons since he has featured for Thatcham Town, Binfield and Uxbridge at step four, while also featuring for Kintbury Rangers and Newbury.</p>	
 <p><b>Oliver Case</b></p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>KG Sports Massage &amp; Injury Therapy</p>
 <p><b>Jack Hobson-McVeigh</b></p>	<p>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 Southern 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 Waikato 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.</p>	<p>Paul Harrison</p>



# First Team Squad Pen Pics & Sponsors

Player	Biography	Sponsor
 <b>Chris Taylor</b>	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.	<b>Gordon Reeves</b>
 <b>Tommy Ouldrige</b>	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 Shrivenham 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.	<b>Mike Keane</b>
 <b>Bailey Gallagher</b>	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.	<b>Mike &amp; Ethan Price</b>
 <b>Alfie Presley</b>	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 Player 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.	<b>Bridge Garage 01793 853299</b>
 <b>Ollie Pitt</b>	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.	
 <b>George Pearce</b>	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 Bury, 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.	
 <b>Finlay Hopkins</b>	Hopkins is a highly talented young forward who joins Bassett from near neighbours Shrivenham this season. Hopkins was a standout player for Shrivenham 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.	<b>Mick Woolford</b>

# First Team Squad Pen Pics & Sponsors

Player	Biography	Sponsor
 <div>Flynn Walters</div>	<p>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.</p>	Mark Smedley
 <div>Jowan Partridge</div>	<p>Recent graduate of Bassett's U18 Floodlit team, an extremely talented young defender who has the potential to go far in the game. Comfortable at either centre half or half back - while also possessing the quality to play in central midfield, he possesses a maturity beyond his young age. Partridge is calm and assured when in possession, an excellent distributor of the ball and his anticipation and ability to read the game make him an ultra-composed defender. Partridge joined Bassett's U18 side in 21-22 and quickly stood out as a star player in a team that went on to finish as Wiltshire League Floodlit Division runners-up. His performances earned the attention of Men's First Team manager Sam Collier, making his debut as a sub in an FA Vase win against Downton before appearing twice more. 22-23 saw Partridge earn his first start in an away win at Mangotsfield United and in all he featured 29 times, with just two appearances coming from the bench. In a season in which he would go on to be named Bassett's Young Player of the Year, the defender also narrowly missed out on selection for English Schools FA U18 Schoolboys' squad, reaching the final trial. Partridge continued to shine last season and was Bassett's leading appearance maker, featuring 48 times, scoring 4 times.</p>	Robert Leightfield
 <div>Chris Zebroski</div>	<p>A tall, powerful target man with Football League experience who joined Bassett in September 2024. A graduate of the Cirencester Town Academy, Zebroski began his professional career with Plymouth Argyle, making five appearances with the Devon club while in the Championship in 05-06. He then joined Millwall and during his time with the Lions spent a fruitful spell with Torquay Utd in 07-08, scoring 19 goals in 52 games as the Gulls finished third in the Conference National. Zebroski's career then took him to Wycombe Wanderers, who he helped earn promotion from League Two with in 08-09 before returning to Torquay and brief spells with Bristol Rovers and Cheltenham Town. After dropping down to the National League South with Eastleigh in 12-13, Zebroski returned to the Football League with Newport County a season later, winning their Player of the Season award in 13-14 after netting 13 times in 39 games. He had a spell away from the game from 2015 to 2017 before returning to National League Eastleigh in 17-18. Zebroski has since spent time with Chippenham Town, Malmesbury Victoria, Swindon Supermarine, Melksham Town, Fleet Town and - most recently - AFC Croydon Athletic, where he was assistant manager in their Combined Counties League Premier Division South promotion winning campaign.</p>	
 <div>Alan Griffin</div>	<p>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, plying his trade with Cirencester, Chippenham, Gloucester City, Mangotsfield Utd, S.Supermarine and Bristol Manor Farm. He spent most of his career with Cirencester 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.</p>	John & Kath Fellows
 <div>Nick Warren (Coach)</div>	<p>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.</p>	
 <div>Sam Collier (Manager)</div>	<p>Collier has served as Bassett manager since taking the role, initially on an interim basis while still also a player, in January 2018. In 18-19, 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 22-23. 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 20-21 and going further than ever before in the FA Vase, reaching the third round in 21-22, 22-23 and 23-24. 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 09-10, when Bassett earned promotion from Hellenic League Division One West, and 10-11. Collier has played in almost every other position for Bassett too - including as goalkeeper, making a last minute penalty save in 22-23 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.</p>	Mick Woolford

# Wiltshire Premier Shield

## Season 2024-25



### WILTSHIRE FA PREMIER SHIELD SEASON 2024-25

#### First Round

Downton	0 - 6	Highworth Town
Malmesbury Victoria	2 - 6	Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Melksham Town	2 - 0	Laverstock & Ford
<b>Royal Wootton Bassett Town**</b>	<b>2 - 4</b>	<b>Westbury United</b>
Swindon Supermarine	2 - 0	Corsham Town
Chippenham Town	bye	
Salisbury FC	bye	
Swindon Town	bye	

*\*\* Game awarded to Royal Wootton Bassett Town as Westbury United played an ineligible player*

#### Quarter Final

Bemerton Heath Harlequins	9 - 2	Swindon Town
Chippenham Town	1 - 1	<b>Royal W. Bassett Town (Won 4-2 pens)</b>
Highworth Town	1 - 2	Swindon Supermarine
Melksham Town	3 - 5	Salisbury

#### Semi Finals

Salisbury	5 - 0	Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Swindon Supermarine	4 - 3	Royal Wootton Bassett Town

#### Final

Salisbury	v	Swindon Supermarine
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# Hellenic Premier Division

## Roundup - 8 February

**Hartpury University** maintained their push for the league title with a 2-0 away win at **Westfields** with a goal in each half. Billy Osborn put them 1-0 up after ten minutes and a second from Ben Baxter ten minutes into the second half secured the three points for the league leaders.

Second placed **Mangotsfield United** remain five points behind the leaders following a comfortable 5-1 home win over **Corsham Town** who have now lost more games than they have won this season. This after Corsham had gone unbeaten in their opening 12 games in all competition, ten of which were in the league, with nine of those ten having been won which highlights how dramatic the decline in fortunes has been. Two goals for both James White and George Neil plus one from Olly Sully did the damage for Mangotsfield, Bradley Selwood with the consolation goal for Corsham.

**Sporting Club Inkberrow** lost ground on the top two when they were surprisingly held to a 0-0 draw away at **Tuffley Rovers**.

**Roman Glass St George** moved to within four points of Inkberrow with a hard fought 4-3 away win on the 3G at **Cirencester Town**. Joe McLennan scored an 82nd minute winner for Roma Glass. Laurent Davis-Wilson had given the visitors the lead before Jack Smith bagged a brace in the space of a second half minute. For Cirencester, Harrison Reeves scored twice with Aidan Bennett getting the other goal.

Josh Davies scored for today's visitors **Highworth Town** after just 60 seconds in their home game against **Thornbury Town**. Sol Pryce added a second from the penalty spot before half time. A second of the game for Davies after the break saw Highworth run out 3-0 winners to remain in the final play-off spot.

**Fairford Town** lost ground in the promotion race when they were beaten 2-1 at home by

Royal Wootton Bassett Town, a Dan Grieve double maintaining the visitors interest in the battle for the end of season play-offs. Whilst former Bassett player Will Davidson pulled one back for Fairford, Bassett held on to secure three vital points.

**Worcester Raiders** maintained their interest in the play-off race with a 4-0 home win over **Longlevens**. Dan Noake and Jake Collins scoring before a Noah Rubio brace.

Goals from Isaac Cooper, Harrison Summers, Jordan Williamson and a 90th minute winner from Lewis Ross helped **Hereford Pegasus** defeat **Lydney Town** 4-3. On target for Lydney were Lee Smith, Lewis Pinchard and Michael Symons.

Bottom of the table **Malmesbury Vics** made it three games unbeaten in the league with a 1-1 draw against the side just above them in the table, **Brimscombe & Thrupp**. Jack Smith with the goal for Malmesbury and former Vics player Chalmers Phin with the reply for Brimscombe. The draw left both sides deep in relegation trouble.

### Midweek Action

There were just two league games in midweek. **Mangotsfield United** picked up another point following a 2-2 home draw with **Tuffley Rovers** who continue to take points off the play-off contenders. Aaron Parsons and Lewis Powell with the goals for Mangotsfield, Brad Bevan amongst the goals for Tuffley.

The other game played saw **Thornbury Town** return with all three points following a 2-0 win away at **Slimbridge**. Cameron Drew put Thornbury ahead ten minutes into the second half and a second in injury time from Sam Moseley made sure of the three points.









# Hellenic Premier Division

## Saturday 8 February Results

HLP	08/02/25	Cirencester Town		3 - 4		Roman Glass St George
HLP	08/02/25	Fairford Town		1 - 2 (HT 0-1)		Royal Wootton Bassett Town
HLP	08/02/25	Hereford Pegasus		4 - 3		Lydney Town
HLP	08/02/25	Highworth Town		3 - 0 (HT 2-0)		Thornbury Town
HLP	08/02/25	Malmesbury Victoria		1 - 1		Brimscombe & Thrupp
HLP	08/02/25	Mangotsfield United		5 - 1 (HT 3-1)		Corsham Town
HLP	08/02/25	Pershore Town		3 - 1		Slimbridge
HLP	08/02/25	Tuffley Rovers		0 - 0 (HT 0-0)		Sporting Club Inkberrow
HLP	08/02/25	Westfields		0 - 2 (HT 0-1)		Hartpur University
HLP	08/02/25	Worcester Raiders		4 - 0		Longlevens AFC

## Midweek League Results

MCC	11/02/25	Droitwich Spa		2 - 0		Westfields
HLP	11/02/25	Mangotsfield United		2 - 2		Tuffley Rovers
HLP	11/02/25	Slimbridge		0 - 2		Thornbury Town

## Today's Fixtures

HLP	15/02/25	Fairford Town		VS		Malmesbury Victoria
HLP	15/02/25	Hartpur University		VS		Sporting Club Inkberrow
HLP	15/02/25	Lydney Town		VS		Pershore Town
HLP	15/02/25	Mangotsfield United		VS		Brimscombe & Thrupp
HLP	15/02/25	Roman Glass St George		VS		Corsham Town
HLP	15/02/25	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		VS		Highworth Town
HLP	15/02/25	Thornbury Town		VS		Cirencester Town
HLP	15/02/25	Westfields		VS		Worcester Raiders

# League Cups Season 2024-25



## Marsh Challenge Cup

### HELLENIC LEAGUE MARSH CHALLENGE CUP SEASON 2024-25

First Round		
<b>Abingdon United</b>	7 - 0	Ardley United Dev
Aston Clinton Res	3 - 4	<b>Wantage Town</b>
<b>Bewdley Town</b>	6 - 0	Bourton Rovers Dev
<b>Carterton</b> (4-2 pens)	3 - 3	Swindon Supermarine Dev
Chipping Sodbury Town	2 - 3	<b>Cheltenham Saracens</b>
<b>Didcot Town Dev</b>	2 - 1	Chalfont Wasps
<b>Droitwich Spa</b>	W - L	Southam United
Easington Sports Dev	1 - 4	<b>Bishops Cleeve Dev</b>
Headington Amateurs	Aban	FC Stratford
Holmer Green Dev	3 - 5	<b>Woodstock Town</b>
<b>Kidlington Res</b>	W - L	Long Crendon Dev
<b>Ludlow Town</b>	W - L	Evesham Dev
Newent Town	1 - 9	<b>Wellington</b>
Prestwood	1 - 1	<b>Clanfield 85</b> (3-4 pens)

Second Round		
<b>Bishop Cleeve Dev</b>	W - L	Headington or FC Stratford
Carterton Town	0 - 6	<b>Bewdley Town</b>
Didcot Town Dev	0 - 2	<b>Clanfield 85</b>
<b>Droitwich Spa</b>	5 - 1	Cheltenham Saracens
<b>Kidlington Res</b>	3 - 0	Woodstock Town
<b>Redditch Borough</b>	4 - 2	Gloucester City Dev
<b>Shortwood Utd</b> (Won 5-4 pens)	1 - 1	Stonehouse Town
<b>Taplow United</b>	W - L	Mortimer
Tytherington Rocks	2 - 2	<b>Univ of Bristol</b> (Won 4-3 Pens)
Wantage Town	2 - 3	<b>Abingdon United</b>
<b>Watlington Town</b>	3 - 0	Thame United A
Wellington	1 - 3	<b>Ludlow Town</b>

Third Round		
Abingdon United	1 - 2	<b>Longlevens</b>
<b>Bewdley Town</b>	2 - 1	Sporting Club Inkberrow
Bishops Cleeve Dev	0 - 3	<b>Roman Glass St George</b>
Corsham Town	1 - 1	<b>Thornbury T</b> (Won 5- 4 pens)
<b>Droitwich Spa</b>	2 - 0	Westfields
<b>Hereford Pegasus</b>	2 - 0	Redditch Borough
Highworth Town	1 - 1	<b>Cirencester T</b> (Won 6-5 pens)
<b>Ludlow T</b> (Won 5-3 Pens)	2 - 2	Slimbridge
<b>Lydney T</b> (Won 5-4 pens)	2 - 2	Clanfield 85
Malmesbury Vics	L - W	<b>Hartpur University</b>
Mangotsfield United	1 - 1	<b>Fairford T</b> ( Won 4-3 pens)
<b>Pershore Town</b>	8 - 0	Brimscombe & Thrupp
Taplow United	2 - 3	<b>University of Bristol</b>
Tuffley Rovers	1 - 2	<b>Shortwood United</b>
<b>Watlington Town</b>	0 - 2	<b>Royal W. Bassett Town</b>
<b>Worcester Raiders</b>	4 - 1	Kidlington Res

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## Challenge Cup - Winners

1998-99	Burnham
1999-00	Swindon Supermarine
2000-01	Carterton Town
2001-02	Gloucester United
2002-03	Yate Town
2003-04	Didcot Town
2004-05	Didcot Town
2005-06	Didcot Town
2006-07	Hungerford Town
2007-08	Hungerford Town
2008-09	Almondsbury Town
2009-10	Ardley United
2010-11	Holyport



2011-12	Highworth Town
2012-13	Oxford City Nomads
2013-14	Ascot United
2014-15	Ardley United
2015-16	Flackwell Heath
2016-17	Bracknell Town
2017-18	Bracknell Town
2018-19	Ascot United
2019-20	<i>Not awarded due to Covid-19</i>
2020-21	Kidlington Reserves
2021-22	Cribbs
2022-23	Pershore Town
2023-24	Corsham Town

# 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		

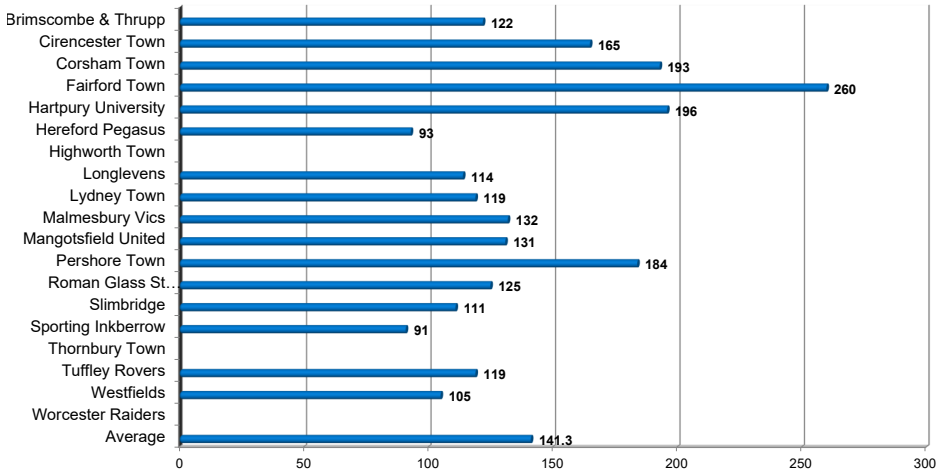
\* Temporary manager until end of Season 2004-05



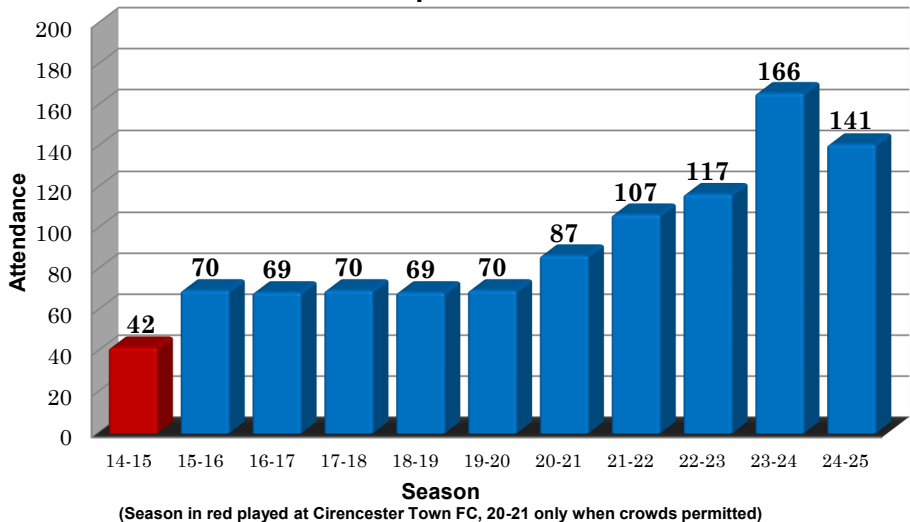
# First Team

## 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	Oliver Case	38		38	3	52	5
2	Thomas Ouldridge	37	1	38	4	160	27
3	Finnlay Hopkins	30	5	35	6	35	6
4	Alfie Presley	34		34	21	147	63
5	George Peare	23	10	33	4	33	4
6	Adam Corcoran	31	1	32	1	384	19
7	James Foster	31		31		36	
8	Bailey Gallagher	29	2	31	1	158	22
9	Tom Moore	3	26	29	2	48	7
10	Brad Pagliaroli	28		28	13	98	45
11	Dan Hill	25	1	26		26	
12	Jack Hobson-McVeigh	22	2	24	3	97	15
13	Ollie Pitt	7	14	21		21	
14	Chris Taylor	14		14		129	2
15	Zach Pettifer	9	4	13		13	
16	Alan Griffin	2	11	13		110	24
17	Noah Coates	10	1	11		11	
18	Chris Zebroski	10		10	8	10	8
19	Jowan Partridge	8	1	9	1	89	5
20	Tyrone Tucker-Dixon	1	7	8	1	8	1
21	Daniel Grieve	4	3	7	4	7	4
22	Noah Cranswick-Coates	1	5	6		6	
23	Oliver Smith		6	6		6	
24	Kyle Witt	5		5	1	5	1
25	Chalmers Phin	3	2	5		5	
26	Mickey Wilkes		5	5		5	
27	Louis Spalding	3		3		95	13
28	Junathain Walker	3		3		3	
29	Flynn Walters		3	3		12	1
30	Scott Chilcott	2		2		92	5
31	Henry Spalding	2		2		17	5
32	Samuel Jepson	2		2		4	
33	Adam House	2		2		3	
34	Joel Manning-Butler	2		2		2	
35	Jonny Aitkenhead	1	1	2		70	7
36	Sam Collier	1		1		161	
37	Kyle Tooze	1		1		14	3
38	Finlay Skittrall	1		1		2	
39	Michael Symons	1		1		1	
40	James Smallcombe	1		1		1	
41	Oliver Phillips	1		1		1	
42	Lenny Johnson	1		1		1	
43	Nelson Ero		1	1		1	
Own Goals					1		

# Season 2024-25

## Premier Division League Table

2024-2025 Season UHLSPORT Hellenic League Premier Division							
	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Hartpury University	29	21	6	2	68	16	69
2 Mangotsfield United	33	18	10	5	59	23	64
3 Sporting Club Inkberrow	31	17	9	5	57	29	60
4 Roman Glass St George	28	17	5	6	75	44	56
5 <b>Highworth Town</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>56</b>
6 Pershore Town	30	16	4	10	72	43	52
7 Worcester Raiders	33	13	12	8	58	38	51
8 <b>Royal W.Bassett Town</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>50</b>
9 Fairford Town	31	14	8	9	54	42	50
10 Tuffley Rovers	33	12	8	13	45	48	44
11 Westfields	31	11	8	12	60	40	41
12 Corsham Town	30	12	5	13	49	59	41
13 Hereford Pegasus	34	10	8	16	51	57	38
14 Slimbridge	31	10	6	15	58	75	36
15 Thornbury Town	29	10	3	16	46	55	33
16 Cirencester Town	31	9	5	17	43	61	32
17 Longlevens AFC	31	6	6	19	33	66	24
18 Lydney Town	26	6	3	17	37	79	21
19 Brimscombe & Thrupp	32	3	6	23	29	113	15
20 Malmesbury Victoria	22	3	4	15	27	70	13





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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	Cas
Fri	02-Aug	Mangotsfield Utd (FAC EP)	H	W 2 - 1	220	Jepson	Hill	Spalding	Taylor	Corcoran	Cas
Tue	06-Aug	Brimscombe & Thrupp	H	W 4 - 0	122	Foster	Hill	Spalding	Taylor	Aitkenhead	Cas
Sat	10-Aug	Mangotsfield United	H	L 0 - 1	131	Foster	Hill	Pitt	Skittrall	Tucker-Dixon	Cas
Tue	13-Aug	Roman Glass St George	H	L 1 - 2	125	Foster	Hill	Pitt	Chilcott	Pearce	Cas
Sat	17-Aug	Didcot Town (FAC Prelim)	H	L 0 - 2	158	Foster	Hill	Pitt	Chilcott	Corcoran	Cas
Tue	20-Aug	Thornbury Town	A	W 2 - 1	110	Foster	Hill	Pitt	Symons	Corcoran	Cas
Tue	27-Aug	Corsham Town	A	L 1 - 5	156	Foster	Hill	Moore	Pearce	Corcoran	Cas
Tue	03-Sep	Malmesbury Vics	H	W 5 - 1	132	Foster	Hill	Walker	Pearce	Corcoran	Cas
Sat	07-Sep	Hartpury University	H	L 0 - 3	196	Foster	Hill	Walker	Pearce	Corcoran	Cas
Sat	14-Sep	Tuffley Rovers	A	L 0 - 1	104	Foster	Partridge	Walker	Phin	Corcoran	Cas
Wed	18-Sep	Highworth Town	A	W 2 - 0	201	Foster	Pettifer	Phin	Pearce	Corcoran	Cas
Sat	21-Sep	Hartpury University	A	D 1 - 1	55	Manning-Butler	Taylor	Phin	Pearce	Corcoran	Cas
Tue	24-Sep	Cirencester Town	H	W 3 - 2	165	Foster	Coates	Taylor	Pearce	Corcoran	Cas
Sat	28-Sep	Lydney Town	H	W 4 - 1	119	Foster	Hill	Taylor	Pearce	Coates	Cas
Sat	05-Oct	Slimbridge	A	W 6 - 3	102	Foster	Hill	Taylor	Coates	Corcoran	Cas
Sat	12-Oct	Longlevens	H	W 4 - 1	114	Foster	Hill	Taylor	Coates	Corcoran (1)	Cas
Sat	19-Oct	AFC Stoneham (FAV 1st Rnd)	A	L 0 - 3	114	Foster	Hill	Taylor	Coates	Corcoran	Cas
Sat	26-Oct	Hereford Pegasus	H	W 4 - 0	93	Foster	Hill	Taylor	Pettifer	Corcoran	Cas
Tue	29-Oct	Westbury United (WPS1)	H	L 2 - 4*	100	Foster	Hill	H.Spalding	Pettifer	Pearce	Cas
Sat	02-Nov	Sporting Club Inkberrow	H	W 3 - 1	91	Foster	Pearce (1)	Taylor	Pettifer	Corcoran	Cas
Sat	09-Nov	Worcester Raiders	A	L 1 - 2		Foster	Pearce	Taylor	Zebroski	Corcoran	Cas
Tues	15-Nov	Brimscombe & Thrupp	A	W 4 - 2	91	Foster	Pearce	Taylor	Zebroski (2)	Corcoran	Cas
Sat	16-Nov	Westfields	H	W 3 - 1	105	Foster	Hill	Taylor	Gallagher	Corcoran	Cas
Wed	27-Nov	Chippenham Town (WPS QF)	A	W 1 - 1*		Smallcombe	Pearce	H.Spalding	Gallagher	Corcoran	Cas
Sat	30-Nov	Tuffley Rovers	H	W 4 - 0	119	Foster	Hill	Zebroski (1)	Gallagher	Corcoran	Cas
Tue	03-Dec	Mangotsfield United	A	L 0 - 3	211	Manning-Butler	Hill	Zebroski	Pearce	Corcoran	Cas
Sat	14-Dec	Slimbridge	H	D 2 - 2	111	Foster	Hill	Zebroski (1)	Pearce	Corcoran	Cas
Sat	21-Dec	Longlevens	A	W 2 - 0	107	Foster	Hill	Pettifer	Pearce	Corcoran	Cas
Thurs	26-Dec	Corsham Town	H	D 2 - 2	193	Foster	Hill	Pettifer	Pearce (1)	Corcoran	Cas
Sat	28-Dec	Pershore Town	H	L 1 - 2	184	Foster	Gallagher	Grieve (1)	Pearce	Partridge	Cas
Wed	01-Jan	Hereford Pegasus	A	D 1 - 1	146	Foster	Hill	Grieve	Partridge	Corcoran	Cas
Sat	04-Jan	Sporting Club Inkberrow	A	D 1 - 1	178	Foster	Hill	Coates	Partridge	Corcoran	Cas
Sat	14-Jan	Swindon Supermarine (WPS SF)	N	L 3 - 4		Phillips	Gallagher	Pettifer	Partridge (1)	Pearce	Cas
Tue	18-Jan	Roman Glass St George	A	L 1 - 4	70	Foster	Gallagher	Pearce	Partridge	Witt	Cas
Sat	22-Jan	Didcot Town Dev (FLC2)	A	D 1 - 1*		House	Gallagher	Grieve	Pettifer	Corcoran	Cas
Sat	25-Jan	Watlington Town (MCC3)	A	W 2 - 0	67	House	Gallagher	Collier	Pettifer	Corcoran	Cas
Sat	01-Feb	Malmesbury Vics	A	L 0 - 3	58	Foster	Johnson	Witt	Partridge	Corcoran	Cas
Sat	08-Feb	Fairford Town	A	W 2 - 1	110	Foster	Gallagher	Witt	Hill	Corcoran	Cas
Sat	15-Feb	Highworth Town	H								
Sat	22-Feb	Cirencester Town	A								
Tue	25-Feb	Worcester Raiders	H								
Sat	01-Mar	Westfields	A								
Sat	08-Mar	Pershore Town	A								
Sat	15-Mar	Lydney Town	A								
	TBA	Thornbury Town	H								
	TBA	Longlevens (MCC4)	H								

\* Won on pens

FAC - FA Cup, FLC - Floodlight Cup, FAV

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# WILTSHIRE HULLS FC SEN'S FIRST TEAM SEASON 2024-25



	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17
	Presley	Pitt	Hopkins	Gallagher	Hobson-McVeigh	Peare	Ouldridge	Tucker-Dixon	Aitkenhead		
	Presley	Ouldridge	Hopkins (1)	Gallagher	Hobson-McVeigh (1)	Pitt	Peare	Moore			
	Presley (3)	Ouldridge	Hopkins	Gallagher	Hobson-McVeigh	Pitt	Peare	Tucker-Dixon (1)	Moore		
	Presley	Ouldridge	Hopkins	Gallagher	Peare	Griffin	Walters				
	Presley	Ouldridge	Hopkins	Gallagher	Pagliaroli (1)	Moore					
	Presley	Ouldridge	Hopkins	Gallagher	Hobson-McVeigh	Moore	Peare	Griffin			
	Presley	Ouldridge	Hopkins (1)	Gallagher	Peare	Moore					
	Presley	Ouldridge	Hopkins	Gallagher	Pagliaroli (1)	Tucker-Dixon					
	Presley (2)	Ouldridge	Hopkins (1)	Gallagher	Pagliaroli (1)	Moore (1)	Wilkes	Tucker-Dixon	Ero		
	Presley	Ouldridge	Hopkins	Gallagher	Pagliaroli	Moore	Pitt	Tucker-Dixon	Phin	Wilkes	
	Presley	Ouldridge	Hopkins	Moore	Coates	Pitt	Wilkes	Peare	Griffin		
	Presley (1)	Ouldridge	Zebroski (1)	Coates	Pagliaroli	Moore					
	Presley (1)	Ouldridge	Zebroski	Gallagher	Coates	Moore	Pitt				
	Presley	Ouldridge (1)	Zebroski (2)	Gallagher	Pagliaroli	Moore	Pitt	Hill	Phin		
	Presley (2)	Ouldridge	Pitt	Gallagher	Pagliaroli (1)	Moore (1)	Pettifer				
	Presley (2)	Ouldridge	Zebroski (1)	Gallagher	Pagliaroli (1)	Moore (1)	Pettifer	Hopkins	Pitt		
(1)	Presley (1)	Ouldridge	Zebroski	Gallagher	Pagliaroli (1)	Moore	Peare	Hopkins	Pitt	Hobson-McVeigh	
	Presley	Ouldridge	Hopkins	Gallagher	Pagliaroli	Moore	Peare	Hobson-McVeigh	Pitt		
	Presley (1)	Ouldridge (1)	Hopkins (1)	Gallagher	Hobson-McVeigh	Moore	Peare (1)	Griffin	Smith		
	Pagliaroli (1)	Ouldridge	Hopkins	Moore	Hobson-McVeigh	Gallagher	Griffin				
	Pagliaroli (1)	Ouldridge (1)	Hopkins	Gallagher	Hobson-McVeigh	Moore	Smith				
	Pagliaroli (1)	Ouldridge	Hopkins	Presley	Hobson-McVeigh	Moore					
(1)	Pagliaroli	Ouldridge	Hopkins	Presley	Hobson-McVeigh (1)	Gallagher	Smith	Moore	Griffin		
(1)	Pagliaroli	Ouldridge	Hopkins	Presley	Hobson-McVeigh	Moore	Partridge				
	Pagliaroli	Ouldridge (1)	Hopkins	Presley	Hobson-McVeigh	Moore	Griffin	Tucker-Dixon			
	Pagliaroli (1)	Ouldridge	Hopkins	Presley (2)	Hobson-McVeigh	Smith	Griffin	Peare	Wilkes		
	Pagliaroli	Ouldridge	Hopkins	Presley	Hobson-McVeigh	Cranwick-Coates	Tucker-Dixon	F.Walters			
tes	Pagliaroli (1)	Ouldridge	Hopkins	Presley	Hobson-McVeigh	Moore					
	Griffin	Ouldridge	Hopkins	Presley (1)	Hobson-McVeigh	Moore	Smith	F.Walters	Wilkes	Cranwick-Coates	
	Pagliaroli	Ouldridge	Partridge	Presley	Hobson-McVeigh	Hopkins	Grieve (1)				
	Pagliaroli	Ouldridge	Hopkins	Presley	Hobson-McVeigh	Moore	Griffin	Corcoran	Pitt		
	Gallagher	Ouldridge	Hopkins	Presley	Hobson-McVeigh (1)	Moore	Coates	Peare	Pitt		
	Pagliaroli (1)	Ouldridge	Peare	Tooze	Gallagher	Moore	Hopkins				
	Pagliaroli	Ouldridge	Hopkins (1)	Presley (1)	Hobson-McVeigh	Moore	Cranwick-Coates	Pitt			
	Pagliaroli	Ouldridge	Hopkins	Presley (1)	Hobson-McVeigh	Grieve	Pettifer	Pitt			
	Pagliaroli (1)	Ouldridge	Hopkins	Witt	Cranwick-Coates	Griffin					
	Pagliaroli	Ouldridge	Hopkins	Witt (1)	Pitt	Griffin	Smith	Cranwick-Coates			
	Pagliaroli	Ouldridge	Hopkins	Presley	Hobson-McVeigh	Pettifer	Grieve	Cranwick-Coates	Pitt		
	Pagliaroli	Grive (2)	Griffin	Presley	Hobson-McVeigh	Hopkins					

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

# League Cups Season 2024-5

## Wiseman Lighting Floodlit Cup

HELLENIC LEAGUE FLOODLIT CUP SPONSORED BY WISEMAN LIGHTING  
SEASON 2024-25

First Round		
<b>Abingdon United</b>	2 - 1	Clanfield 85
Bishops Cleeve Dev	1 - 3	<b>Stonehouse Town</b>
<b>Chipping Sodbury Town</b>	2 - 0	Tytherington Rocks
<b>Droitwich Spa</b>	6 - 1	Redditch Borough
Evesham United Dev	2 - 7	<b>Bewdley Town</b>
FC Stratford	0 - 0	<b>Southam United</b> (Won 4-3 pens)
<b>Kidlington Res</b>	3 - 2	Swindon Supermarine Dev
<b>Ludlow Town</b>	6 - 0	Wellington
Newent Town	3 - 4	<b>Gloucester City Dev</b>
Shortwood United	1 - 1	<b>Cheltenham Saras</b> (Won 3-2 pens)
Thame United A	1 - 4	<b>Didcot Town Dev</b>
Wantage Town	3 - 3	<b>Carterton</b> (Won 6-5 on pens)

Second Round		
<b>Abingdon United</b>	3 - 1	Fairford Town
Bewdley Town	0 - 1	<b>Worcester Raiders</b>
Brimscombe & Thrupp	1 - 2	<b>Cheltenham Saracens</b>
<b>Carterton</b>	3 - 2	Gloucester City Dev
<b>Cirencester Town</b>	2 - 0	Kidlington Res
<b>Didcot Town Dev**</b>	1 - 1	<b>R. W. Bassett T</b> (Won 5-4 pens)**
Hartpury University	1 - 3	<b>Hereford Pegasus</b>
Longlevens AFC	2 - 2	<b>Thornbury Town</b> (Won 5-4 pens)
<b>Ludlow Town</b>	3 - 2	Sporting Club Inkberrow
Lydney Town	0 - 3	<b>Roman Glass St George</b>
<b>Malmesbury Victoria</b>	2 - 1	Chipping Sodbury Town
<b>Mangotsfield United</b>	2 - 1	Highworth Town
<b>Pershore Town</b>	4 - 2	Droitwich Spa
Slimbridge	2 - 3	<b>Corsham Town</b>
<b>Westfields</b>	3 - 0	Southam United
<b>Stonehouse Town</b>	2 - 1	Tuffley Rovers

\*\* Game awarded to Didcot due to RWBT playing an ineligible player

Second Round		
Abingdon United	v	Didcot Town Dev
Carterton	v	Malmesbury Victoria
Cheltenham Saracens	v	Roman Glass St George
Cirencester Town	v	Corsham Town
Mangotsfield United	v	Thornbury Town
Pershore Town	v	Worcester Raiders
Stonehouse Town	v	Hereford Pegasus
Westfields	v	Ludlow Town



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### Floodlit Cup - Winners

1994-95	Cinderford Town
1995-96	Bicester Town
1996-97	Abingdon United
1997-98	Swindon Supermarine
1998-99	Tuffley Rovers
1999-00	Swindon Supermarine
2000-01	Swindon Supermarine
2001-02	Fairford Town
2002-03	Tuffley Rovers
2003-04	Slimbridge
2004-05	Almondsbury Town
2005-06	Slimbridge
2006-07	Wantage Town
2007-08	Kidlington
2008-09	Marlow United
2009-10	Shortwood United
2010-11	Holyport
2011-12	Binfield
2012-13	Ardley United
2013-14	Brimscombe & Thrupp
2014-15	North Leigh
2015-16	Ascot United
2016-17	Lydney United
2017-18	Binfield
2018-19	Ardley United
2019-20	<i>Not awarded due to Covid-19</i>
2020-21	<i>Not awarded due to Covid-19</i>
2021-22	<i>Not awarded due to Covid-19</i>
2022-23	Mangotsfield United
2023-24	Worcester City



Worcester City, last season's winners of the Wiseman Lighting Floodlit Cup

# Match Report Catch Up

## Selection struggles no issue as Bassett grind out vital away win

**Longlevens 0  
Royal Wootton Bassett Town 2**

**Saturday 21st December 2024**

When the news came through that Longlevens' Saw Mills End ground had passed its morning pitch inspection, Sam Collier was not the happiest.

Short on numbers, the Royal Wootton Bassett Town boss half hoped that the inclement weather would afford his team an afternoon off.

That was especially the case given that Bassett's trip to Longlevens represented a potential trap game. Although languishing in the bottom third of the Hellenic League Premier Division table, the Gloucester-based side had been a tough nut to crack in recent weeks, drawing with Corsham Town while suffering single goal defeats against playoff candidates Highworth Town and Mangotsfield United. They had also won their last two in the league away at Slimbridge and Thornbury Town.

Alas, it was game on with the Bassett boss giving assistant Alan Griffin a start such were his selection issues.

Come full time, however, Collier was a happy man as his side ground out an important 2-0 victory.

After a goalless first half, leading scorer Alfie Presley - who else - struck the decisive first blow, converting from the penalty spot for his 19th goal so far this season.

Bassett then doubled their advantage late on. The identity of the scorer is disputed, though Ollie Case will claim the goal. Bassett's player of the match delivered a cross that found its way into the net, seemingly with the help of a deflection off a home defender.

Whether a Case goal or an own goal, it sealed victory.

And on a day when fellow playoff hopefuls Roman Glass St George, Sporting Club Inkberrow, Highworth, Fairford Town, Worcester Raiders and Westfields all won, it was a potentially important victory too.

Bassett now head into a busy - and testing - Christmas period on the right foot.

And Collier will no doubt be pleased that a day when he initially would have preferred to be Christmas shopping ended with three big points in the bag.

## Resilient Bassett battle back for derby draw

**Royal Wootton Bassett Town 2  
Corsham Town 2**

**Thursday 26th December 2024**

Royal Wootton Bassett Town avoided defeat against Corsham Town in their latest derby encounter. But Bassett were still unable to beat the Quarrymen as their Boxing Day encounter at the Sustain Stadium ended aim a 2-2 draw.

Given his team's below par performance and the overall trajectory of the game, Bassett boss Sam Collier will no doubt settle for that outcome though - even if it was ultimately a case of two points dropped and a chance passed up to re-enter the top five in the Hellenic League Premier Division.

Despite not being at their best, Bassett showed their resilience as they twice went behind before clawing their way back onto level terms.

Former Bassett youth section player Otis Lewis had given the visitors an early lead.

But George Peare got Bassett back on terms shortly before the half hour. Alfie Presley showed his strength to latch onto Dan Hill's pass in the right channel and, from a tight angle, saw a stab at goal parried at point blank range by Corsham 'keeper Louis Smith. But Peare was lurking in the six yard box and, with his back to goal, hooked an overhead kick into the net.

Corsham would then go back in front with quarter of an hour to go as Tyler Linton netted.

However their second lead of the day didn't last long as two Bassett substitutes combined to again restore parity.

Finn Hopkins drove inside from the left and did brilliantly not just to spot new signing Dan Grieve unmarked on the edge of the area but also to play a cut back to the forward. But Hopkins' pass found his man and Grieve took one touch before calmly plunging into the bottom left corner.

That would prove the last goal of the game with Bassett ultimately thankful that 'keeper - and player of the match - James Foster was in fine form, helping limit Corsham to just the two goals.

Bassett will hope to be back to their best on Saturday when Pershore Town are the visitors. Well rested after having Boxing Day off, the Plums will represent another stern test. In good form, Pershore have dropped just five points from their last available 21 - and they arguably need a win at Bassett to help keep alive their playoff hopes.



# Match Report Catch Up

## Bassett pay the penalty in Pershore defeat

**Royal Wootton Bassett Town 1  
Pershore Town 2**

### Saturday 28th December 2024

Royal Wootton Bassett Town fell to a 2-1 home defeat against Pershore Town in their second home festive fixture in the space of 48 hours. Bassett took an early lead in the match. However the visitors equalised just before half time before a penalty just after the hour mark determined the outcome of the game.

While Bassett's effort could not be faulted, they were at a significant disadvantage going into the match. With no game on Boxing Day, Pershore were well rested whereas Bassett had to contend with having to dust themselves off with just a single day's rest following their draw against Corsham Town.

Pershore were, unsurprisingly, the slightly better of the two teams on the day and ultimately came away with all three points. Sam Collier's side did make sure to get off to the best possible start though. The game was only a couple of minutes old when Pershore failed to deal with a throw in deep in their territory and the ball fell to Dan Grieve who fired in from the edge of the box to make it two goals in two games since signing from Chipping Sodbury Town.

Pershore's equaliser would stem from a throw in too. With half time imminent, Jake Donnelly flung in a long throw which Luke Carsley connected with at the front post and his flick on made its way into the net.

The game's winning goal then came from the spot. James Baldwin latched onto Nathan Benson's through ball in the left channel and he was scythed down in the box by Alan Griffin, who was beaten for pace. Benson took the honours from the spot, sending James Foster the wrong way. Bassett did push late on in search of an equaliser, placing Pershore under significant pressure. However a leveller proved elusive despite the hosts' best efforts, with leading scorer Alfie Presley going very close on a couple of occasions.

Bassett will now look to get back to winning ways - and keep their playoff push on track - when they visit Hereford Pegasus on New Year's Day. That contest represents the first of three challenging away games to begin 2025 - with visits to Sporting Club Inkberrow and Roman Glass St George, both of who Bassett are currently chasing, to follow.

## Resilient Bassett battle back for derby draw

**Hereford Pegasus 1  
Royal Wootton Bassett Town 1**

### Wednesday 1st January 2025

A drama-filled final few minutes saw Royal Wootton Bassett Town come close to grabbing a late victory away at Hereford Pegasus only for the hosts to score a stoppage time equaliser - and then go close themselves to snatching a winner. Although taking Bassett back into the top five of the Hellenic League Premier Division, the draw represents the third consecutive frustrating outcome that Sam Collier and his side have had to settle for over a festive period that has seen them claim two points from nine.

With a bit more luck - and perhaps a tiny bit more quality - that tally could have been higher over the course of what has been a busy few days. Despite both side's having had chances, Bassett's latest New Year's Day visit to Hereford appeared as though it was destined to end goalless. An 87th minute red card for the hosts' Sam Gwynn - received for a second bookable offence - changed matters though. And Bassett quickly took advantage of having an extra man as, after Pegasus were only able to half clear from a cross, the ball fell to Jack Hobson-McVeigh on the edge of the area and the New Zealander swept home into the bottom corner.

With just stoppage time left to play, Bassett would have hoped that was enough for victory. But it wasn't to be. Pegasus earned a 91st minute corner, which was played short, catching Bassett off guard. And the ball was played in for Jordan Williamson to divert home. Moments later Williamson almost won it as he found himself through on goal. However - much to Bassett's relief - he somehow managed to place his attempted lob over the bar.

A draw was arguably a fair result in a game between two sides who, on the day, were evenly matched. Early on Dan Grieve came close for Bassett, dragging wide when well placed. At the other end, Williamson forced a save from James Foster while Carlos Moreira narrowly guided wide from a Gwynne cross. The best chance of the second half - up until the late drama - fell to Noah Coates who headed wide from close range. For Pegasus the lively Williamson forced another decent low save from Foster, though would have been better served to square to his teammate for what would have been a simple finish. Bassett are now back in the playoff places. But Highworth Town, who they climbed above, and Fairford Town can both go ahead if they take advantage of their games in hand.

# Match Report Catch Up

## Nine man Bassett hold out for draw Sporting Inkberrow 1 Royal Wootton Bassett Town 1

### Saturday 4th January 2025

Despite having to play the entire second half with just nine men, Royal Wootton Bassett Town claimed a vital point away at fellow Hellenic League Premier Division playoff contenders Sporting Club Inkberrow. A late, late equaliser for the home side saw Bassett play out a second consecutive 1-1 draw to begin 2025. And the result saw Sam Collier's side claim an important, yet seemingly highly unlikely point to boost their playoff hopes. After three draws, two defeats and just the one victory in their last six fixtures, Bassett travelled to Inkberrow needing a result to strengthen their hopes of finishing in the top five. A win would certainly have been the ideal outcome; such a result would have taken Bassett back above Inkberrow (who do hold two games in hand) as well as open up more of a gap over the handful of sides who currently sit just outside the playoff places.

Remarkably, the afternoon did almost end in victory as a Herculean defensive effort while two men short kept Inkberrow at bay for the vast majority of the second period. Ultimately, however, the hosts snatched an equaliser to spare their blushes and retain fourth place. Bassett had taken the lead just before the half hour mark when a counter attack culminated in Brad Pagliaroli taking an early shot that caught home 'keeper Gabriel Bajrami off guard and found the net. While they took that lead into the break, Bassett did not go into the second half in a position of strength. Instead two red cards shortly before the half time whistle made Inkberrow the clear favourites. First, captain Adam Corcoran was dismissed after picking up a second yellow card. Moments later forward Kyle Tooze was shown red for kicking out at a home defender. With their team ahead in a fixture of potentially vital importance, players of their experience should really know better.

But a phenomenal performance from the nine players who remained on the pitch helped bail them out - and ensured Bassett had something to show from the game. Try as they might, Inkberrow just could not break Bassett down. And their unbeaten run appeared set to come to an ignominious end. Fortunately for the hosts - and agonisingly for Bassett, with minutes to spare Jay Higgins-Pugsley let rip from outside of the area with James Foster unable to keep his effort out. In the circumstances in which they found themselves at the interval, a point is certainly something Bassett will happily take. What a battling performance this was with the odds stacked against them.

## Bassett suffer another agonising semi final set back

### Swindon Supermarine 4 Royal Wootton Bassett Town 3

### Tuesday 14th January 2025

Royal Wootton Bassett Town fell just short in a thrilling Wiltshire Premier Shield semi final against Swindon Supermarine, losing 4-3 having staked out an early 2-0 lead. A topsy turvy encounter ultimately hinged on the final few minutes of a first half that Bassett had controlled, yet which ultimately ended with the teams going into the break all square as Supermarine scored two quick goals to draw level. Marine then made the most of bringing a strong bench as they took control of the match after the restart. That allowed them to move in front and, despite a late Bassett flurry, the Southern League side held on for victory.

It was therefore another case of so near yet so far for this Bassett side - who fell to a 3-2 loss against the same opponents at the same stage last year. Bassett had led early. Marine 'keeper Daniel Brabham was quickly brought into action, making two saves in the opening exchanges. He made a third to deny Alfie Presley, but the rebound fell to Jowan Partridge who made no mistake. Presley then doubled Bassett's advantage just before the half hour mark with an emphatic half-volley finish. Bassett let their guard down as the half wore down though and Marine got a goal back through Gabe Rievers, who - perhaps appearing to benefit from being in an offside position, curled into the top corner from close range. And an unfortunate error from Oliver Phillips soon allowed them to level as an Anton Dworzak drive bounced in over the Bassett 'keeper. Bassett had enough chances to be out of sight. Instead the teams turned round all square.

And Marine then seized on that good fortune as they took initiative. Lucas Vine picked out the bottom corner on 65 minutes before Rievers bundled in a fourth shortly after. There was still time for Bassett to mount a desperate late comeback attempt. And Finn Hopkins restored hope, finishing well after beating three defenders to score a fine solo goal. Bassett proceeded to bombard the Marine goal late on, but they ultimately withstood the late pressure - largely thanks to Brabham who was alert to make a string of point blank saves. This was a game from which Bassett deserved more on the basis of the attacking endeavour they showed. But an agonising semi final defeat is what they were left with after a valiant semi final effort.

# Match Report Catch Up

## Ruthless Roman Glass deliver heavy blow

**Roman Glass St George 4  
Royal Wootton Bassett Town 1**

**Saturday 18th January 2025**

Royal Wootton Bassett Town's Hellenic League Premier Division playoff hopes were dealt a blow as Sam Collier's side suffered a heavy 4-1 defeat away at Roman Glass St George.

The results leaves Bassett six points behind Roman Glass having played three games more than their hosts. Further to that, results elsewhere meant Bassett slipped to eighth in the table.

Assuming current title favourites Hartpury University don't fall away, it now seems that for Roman Glass, Sporting Club Inkberrow and Mangotsfield United, a playoff place is theirs' to lose.

That likely leaves one position for Bassett to play for, with a five team race featuring Highworth Town, Fairford Town, Worcester Raiders and Pershore Town.

The good news is that Bassett still have all four of those teams left to play. But the margin for error Collier and his side have to play with is shrinking. Those four games are now probably must wins. The other five fixtures they have to play outside of those are ones Bassett cannot really afford to lose.

Against Roman Glass, Bassett put in a decent display. But the hosts capitalised on individual errors to seal a convincing victory.

They led early through Laurent Davis-Wilson and took a 1-0 advantage into the break.

Bassett then got back on level terms as Alfie Presley fired in the rebound after initially seeing a penalty saved.

But Roman Glass, who entered the game without a win in their last three league games, restored their lead and extended it further through Neikell Plummer, Jack Smith and Isaiah Crawford.

To compound matters, Bassett lost George Peare to injury, with it being confirmed that the target man has suffered three broken bones in his shoulder.

A big push is now needed as Bassett enter the final quarter of their campaign.

## Spot on Bassett survive cup scare only to get kicked out anyway

**Didcot Development 1  
Royal Wootton Bassett Town 1**  
RWBT won 5-4 on pens

**Wednesday 22nd January 2025**

Royal Wootton Bassett Town triumphed 5-4 on penalties as they survived a Wiseman Lighting Floodlit Cup scare against Didcot Town Development.

Sam Collier's side were pushed all the way by their Hellenic League Division Two East hosts with the game finishing 1-1 at full time after Bassett were forced to come from behind.

The Bassett boss did use the game as an opportunity to rotate his squad, with Development team 'keeper Adam House promoted to the side and former Under 18s star Noah Cranswick-Coates given his debut.

Nevertheless the side Bassett had out was still a strong one. However they came up against a Didcot team - flying high in the league - who were determined to prove their worth against higher level opponents.

After a goalless opening period, Didcot took the lead shortly after the hour mark as Freddie Copping snatched the opener.

The hosts' lead lasted all of a couple minutes though as Brad Pagliaroli levelled.

The game could then have swung either way, though Didcot had arguably the best chance to win the match when House did well to keep out a low shot from Kenny Hedges.

Penalties were ultimately required and Bassett had the advantage of going first.

Nine perfect penalties followed. Pagliaroli, Dan Grieve, Bailey Gallagher, Finn Hopkins and Kyle Witt scored for Bassett, with Copping, Hedges, Mikey McKirnan and Alfie Rouse converting for Didcot.

That meant Alex Cawley had to score to keep the tie alive for Didcot - but he failed to convert as Bassett squeaked through to set up a last sixteen tie away at Cirencester Town.

**Following the match it was discovered that Royal Wootton Bassett Town had inadvertently fielded an ineligible player in the fixture. As a result, Didcot were awarded victory and will take their place in the third round away against Cirencester Town.**

# Match Report Catch Up

## Bassett secure safe passage with Watlington win

**Watlington Town 0  
Royal Wootton Bassett Town 2**

**Saturday 25th January 2025**

First half goals from Bailey Gallagher (pictured below) and Kyle Witt earned Royal Wootton Bassett Town a 2-0 victory away at Watlington Town as Sam Collier's side progressed to the last sixteen of the Marsh Challenge Cup.

Facing Hellenic League Division Two East opponents, Bassett were expected to progress. But they didn't have it all their own way, as Watlington put in a real shift, making life difficult for their visitors.

The hosts may have only mustered one shot on goal during the match, but they defended doggedly, ultimately limiting Bassett to just the two goals.

But that was all that was needed to secure safe passage to the fourth round, with both goals coming late in the opening half.



## Malmesbury Vics inflict derby pain

**Malmesbury Vics 3  
Royal Wootton Bassett Town 0**

**Saturday 1st February 2025**

Royal Wootton Bassett Town's Hellenic League Premier Division playoff hopes took another blow as Sam Collier's side suffered a 3-0 derby defeat against Malmesbury Victoria.

Having recorded a thumping 5-1 win against Malmesbury earlier in the season and with their opponents, not helped by ground issues meaning they are behind both on points and games, adrift at the bottom of the table, Bassett went into the game strong favourites on paper.

Bassett would finish the game with their tails between their legs though, having been convincingly turned over by a Malmesbury side who didn't even have home advantage, the match having been moved to Cirencester Town's Corinium Stadium.

Compounding matters further, Bassett passed up a great opportunity to edge closer to the playoff positions on an afternoon when four sides above them in the hunt for a top five placing - Sporting Club Inkberrow, Mangotsfield United, Roman Glass St George and Fairford Town - all suffered defeat.

Malmesbury led shortly after the half hour mark when Tom Moore - with a point to prove against his former side - found the net.

Soon after Jack Coward doubled the Vics' advantage.

To compound, Bassett also saw manager Sam Collier sent off before half time as their afternoon went from bad to worse.

Josh Hughes would eventually complete the scoring with twenty minutes to go as Malmesbury boosted their hopes of a great escape while denting their rivals' playoff chances.

Just eight games remain for Bassett and there's now very little margin for error left if they wish to qualify for the playoffs.

Derby dates with Fairford and Highworth Town are up next - and, after their Malmesbury setback, these games are now surely must wins.

# Match Report Catch Up

## Grieve derby double keeps playoff hopes alive

**Fairford Town 1  
Royal Wootton Bassett Town 2**

**Saturday 8th February 2025**

Royal Wootton Bassett Town recorded a vitally important 2-1 derby victory away at Fairford Town to keep their Hellenic League Premier Division playoff hopes alive.

A Dan Grieve double proved enough for Bassett to claim three points from a fractious, scrappy, must win fixture.

Bassett took an early lead when Brad Pagliaroli swung in a free kick from the right side and Grieve beat his marker to get a touch to the ball at the near post that guided it into the bottom left corner beyond Harrison Ellis.

That lead should have been doubled just after the restart when a flowing counter ended in Pagliaroli delivering for an unmarked Kyle Witt whose stabbed effort from six yards out was acrobatically tipped over. Witt had another bite at the cherry from the resulting corner but somehow guided his close range over from Jack Hobson-McVeigh's dangerous inswinger.

But it was soon 2-0. Dan Hill's punted a free kick from deep inside Bassett territory forward, with Alan Griffin guiding the ball into the path of Grieve. His first effort was thwarted at point blank

range by Ellis, but the forward was on hand to bundle in the follow up.

Fairford got one back when Will Davidson got half a yard on Griffin to steer in from Ben Lodge's low corner.

A tense game then began to open up - and become more fiery - and the offside flag denied Harrison Ellis an equaliser after he slotted in from a Lodge through ball, while Joel Smedley forced James Foster into a diving save.

At the other end, Ellis tipped over a powerful Pagliaroli drive from the edge of the area after the Bassett winger had intercepted a clearance and gone on a mazy run.

As time wound down Fairford came close again to an equaliser when Leighton Blacker shot beyond Foster but Dan Hill was on hand to sweep away as the ball approached the goalline.

A series of corners followed - with 'keeper Ellis, his side desperate for a leveller, joining the Fairford attack. But the Bassett defence held out.

With victory, Bassett moved back above Fairford into eighth.

Sam Collier's side are still on the outside looking in when it comes to the playoff places, with six points the gap to current fifth place occupiers Highworth Town, who have played a game less.

Bassett host Highworth next week in another huge derby clash. It's another must win - but Bassett at least go into the game after this confidence boosting triumph.





# RWBTFC & Emirates FA Cup - Season 2024-25

## Our Road to Wembley

EMIRATES FA CUP ROAD TO WEMBLEY FOR ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN 2024-25							
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	Poole Town	A		£3,375	£1,125
28-Sep-24	Third Qualifying Round	v	Amersham Town	H		£5,625	£1,875
12-Oct-24	Fourth Qualifying Round	v	Maidenhead United	A		£9,375	£3,125
2-Nov-24	First Round	v	Crawley Town	H		£45,000	£15,000
30-Nov-24	Second Round	v	Lincoln City	H		£75,000	£20,000
11-Jan-25	Third Round	v	Birmingham City	A		£115,000	£25,000
8-Feb-25	Fourth Round	v	Newcastle United*	H		£120,000	
1-Mar-25	Fifth Round	v	Brighton & Hove Albion*	H		£225,000	
29-Mar-25	Sixth Round	v				£450,000	
26-Apr-25	Semi-Final	v				£1,000,000	£500,000
17-May-25	Final	v				£2,000,000	£1,000,000
Total Prize Money Won							£1,606

\* Still in competition

## Royal Wootton Bassett Town FC - Emirates FA Cup Record

Season	Rnd	Opponents	Result	Season	Rnd	Opponents	Result
1938-39	Pr	Wiltshire Mental Hospital	A L 0 - 6	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

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# 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 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	AFC Stoneham	A	Lost 0 - 3	£825	£250
9-Nov-24	Second Round Proper	Hamble Club	A		£900	£275
7-Dec-24	Third Round Proper	Brixham AFC	H		£1,125	£350
11-Jan-25	Fourth Round Proper	Portishead Town	A		£1,875	£600
1-Feb-25	Fifth Round Proper	Andover New Street*	A		£2,250	£725
1-Mar-25	Sixth Round Proper	Heanor Town *	H		£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	£250
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## RWBTFC F.A. Vase Record

2001-02	QR2	Calne Town	H	W 3 - 2	2016-17	QR2	Thame Utd	H	L 2 - 4
	R1	St Blazey	H	L 0 - 2	2017-18	QR1	Fairford Town	H	W 3 - 1
2002-03	QR2	Shortwood United	A	L 1 - 5		QR2	Codicote	H	W 5 - 0
2003-04	QR2	Bemerton Heath Harl's	A	L 1 - 4		R1	Amphill Town	H	W 2 - 1
2004-05	QR1	Wellington	A	L 0 - 4		R2	Horndean	A	L 2 - 3
2005-06	QR1	Christchurch	H	D 1 - 1	2018-19	QR2	Bashley	H	L 0 - 4
	QR1	Christchurch	A	L 0 - 1	2019-20	QR1	New College Swindon	A	W 7 - 0
2006-07	QR1	Shrewton United	A	D 1 - 1		QR2	Tadley Calleva	A	L 0 - 1
	QR1	Shrewton United	H	L 2 - 3	2020-21	QR2	Stonehouse	A	W 1 - 0
2007-08	QR2	Bournemouth	A	L 0 - 12		R1	Camelford	H	W 4 - 0
2008-09	QR1	Buckingham Athletic	A	W 5 - 3		R2	Bridgwater Town	A	L 1 - 2
	QR2	Henley Town	A	W 6 - 0	2021-22	QR1	Knapfill	H	W 1 - 0
	R1	Kidlington	H	W 3 - 2		QR2	Portishead Town	A	W 3 - 1
	R2	Wimbourne Town	A	L 0 - 4		R1	Downton	H	W 4 - 0
2009-10	QR1	Hamble ASSC	H	L 2 - 3		R2	Torpoint Athletic	H	W 2 - 0
2010-11	QR2	Devizes Town	A	W 4 - 0		R3	Hamworthy United	H	L 1 - 3
	R1	Cadbury Heath	A	L 1 - 2	2022-23	R1	Bridport	A	W 5 - 3
2011-12	QR1	Shortwood United	A	L 0 - 4		R2	Wellington (W 5 - 4 pens)	A	D 2 - 2
2012-13	QR1	GE Hamble	A	L 0 - 6		R3	Corsham T (L 3 - 4 pens)	H	D 0 - 0
2013-14	QR2	Odd Down	A	L 0 - 7	2023-24	R1	Elburton Villa	H	W 2 - 1
2014-15	QR1	Cove	A	W 3 - 2		R2	Longlevens	H	W 2 - 1
	QR2	Abingdon United	H	L 2 - 3		R3	Bridgwater T (5-6 pens)	H	L 2 - 2
2015-16	QR1	Binfield	H	D 1 - 1	2024-25	R1	AFC Stoneham	A	L 0 - 3
	QR1	Binfield	A	W 4 - 3					
	QR2	Windsor FC	A	L 1 - 2					

## Quarter Final Draw

1 Whitstable Town (Step 5)	v	Whitchurch Airport (Step 5)
2 Hartpur University (Step 5)	v	Erith & Belvedere (Step 5)
3 Andover New Street (Step 5)	v	Heanor Town (Step 5)
4 AFC Whyteleafe (Step 5)	v	Bourne Town (Step 5)

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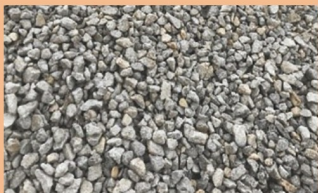
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# RWBTFC WOMEN'S TEAM

## 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	W 3 - 0	Baker, Brooks, OG
Sun	15-Sep-24	Downend Flyers	H	SWRL	W 6 - 0	Elliott 2, Egerton, L.Goodright, Jefferies, Sommerville
Sun	22-Sep-24	Ilminster Town (FAC QR2)	H	FAC	D 2 - 2	Bach, Elliott (Won 5-4 on pens)
Thurs	03-Oct-24	Bitton	A	SWRL	L 2 - 5	Gulliver, Elliott
Sun	06-Oct-24	Paulton Rovers	A	SWRL	D 1 - 1	Gulliver
Sun	13-Oct-24	Torquay United	A	FAC	L 1 - 3	Bach
Sun	20-Oct-24	Cirencester Town	H	SWRL	D 2 - 2	Gulliver 2
Sun	27-Oct-24	Bath City	A	SWRL	W 2 - 1	Jefferies, Kennedy
Sun	03-Nov-24	Gloucester City	H	SWRL	L 1 - 2	Bach
Sun	10-Nov-24	St Vallier	A	SWRL	W 6 - 2	Brooks 5, Elliott
Sun	17-Nov-24	Blunsdon	H	WCC1	W 18 - 0	Brooks 6, L.Goodright 6, Elliott 3, Gulliver, Sommerville, OG
Sun	01-Dec-24	Downend Flyers	A	SWRL	D 2 - 2	Brooks, Elliott
Sun	15-Dec-24	Staverton Rangers	A	WCC2	W 12 - 0	Gulliver 3, Sykes 3, Kennedy 2, Bach, Fraser, Powell, Sommerville
Sun	05-Jan-25	Paulton Rovers	H	SWRL	W 2 - 0	Gulliver 2
Sun	19-Jan-25	Bitton	H	SWRL	D 0 - 0	
Thurs	23-Jan-25	FC Chippenham	H	WCC3	W 15 - 1	Elliott 4, Gulliver 4, Brooks 3, N.Goodright 2, Fraser, Telling
Sun	02-Feb-25	Stockwood Wanderers	A	SWRL	W 3 - 0	Bach 2, Brooks
Sun	09-Feb-25	St Vallier	H	SWRL	W 5 - 1	L.Goodright 2, Elliott, N.Goodright, Gulliver
Sun	16-Feb-25	Swindon Town	N	WCCSF		
Sun	23-Feb-25	Corsham Town	H	SWRL		
Sun	02-Mar-25	SGS Olveston Utd	A	SWRL		
Sun	09-Mar-25	Stockwood Wanderers	H	SWRL		
Sun	16-Mar-25	Cirencester Town	A	SWRL		
Sun	23-Mar-25	Purton	H	SWRL		
Sun	30-Mar-25	SGS Olveston Utd	H	SWRL		
Sun	06-Apr-25	Gloucester City	A	SWRL		
Sun	13-Apr-25	Bath City	H	SWRL		
Sun	27-Apr-25	Corsham Town	A	SWRL		

### South West Regional Women's Football League Division One North Season 2024-25

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Gloucester City Women	13	13	0	0	65	8	39
2 Bitton Ladies	14	8	5	1	31	11	29
3 Cirencester Town Ladies	15	8	3	4	39	24	27
4 Royal Wootton Bassett Town Ladies	13	7	4	2	35	16	25
5 Bath City FC Women	14	6	3	5	30	26	21
6 St Vallier Ladies	15	6	1	8	35	56	19
7 Corsham Town Ladies *	15	5	3	7	29	34	15
8 Paulton Rovers Ladies	15	3	5	7	17	24	14
9 Downend Flyers Women	14	2	5	7	23	38	11
10 Stockwood Wanderers (Women)	12	2	2	8	14	36	8
11 SGS Olveston United Women	14	1	4	9	17	50	7
12 Purton FC Women *	10	2	3	5	10	22	6

\* Points adjustment

# RWBTFC WOMEN'S TEAM 24-25

## MATCH REPORT v St Vallier (H)



**Sunday 9 February 2025**

**Royal W. Bassett Town 5  
St Vallier 1**

**SW Regional Women's League Div 1  
North**

**Five star Bassett thrash St  
Vallier**

Royal Wootton Bassett Town secured a season double over St Vallier with a convincing 5-1 home victory in the South West Regional Women's Football League Division One North.

The Goodright sisters were key to Bassett's success with Lucy scoring twice and Natalie also on target as Adam Wood's side recorded back-to-back league wins for only the second time this season.

The Goodrights struck after Bassett had already established a deserved two goal lead.

Maddy Elliott opened the scoring inside the opening five minutes, seizing on a defensive mistake before firing a dipping drive from the edge of the area that found its way into the net. Hannah Gulliver made it 2-0 on the half hour mark, winning a penalty that she emphatically put away.

Natalie Goodright then made it 3-0 on the stroke of half time, firing in when a corner fell to her in the box.

It was over to sister Lucy to extend Bassett's lead further after the restart. A half time substitute, she quickly made her mark, coolly slotting in after Elliott had squared to her.

Elliott was having an excellent game and almost grabbed her second of the match after receiving a Gulliver cross. However she would be denied by the crossbar.

The visitors were able to pull one back when Ruby Saunders teed up Rossana Rocha to finish.

But Lucy Goodright ensured Bassett had a handful late on. Gulliver opened up the St Vallier defence with a delightful through ball that Kat Bach latched onto and she squared to Goodright who made no mistake.

Bassett will be hoping that this will be the second in a string of league victories as they jockey with Cirencester Town and Bitton for second spot behind runaway leaders Gloucester City.

Next up though is a date with Swindon Town in the semi finals of the Wiltshire Women's Cup - a game taking place at the Sustain Stadium and one that should be well worth watching.

A graphic titled 'PLAYERS' OF THE MATCH' in large yellow letters on a blue background. Below the title are two portraits of players: Amber Egerton on the left and Maddy Elliott on the right, both wearing blue and yellow St. Vallier AFC kits. Below the portraits, the names 'AMBER EGERTON &amp; MADDY ELLIOTT' are written in yellow. To the right of the names is the date '09.02.2025' and the text 'VS ST VALLIER AFC (LEAGUE)'. At the bottom right is the logo for 'Archers RECRUITMENT LTD'.

# STARTING XI

SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 14:00  
SUSTAIN STADIUM



01	POWELL	07	SANGHARA
02	BOWDEN	08	N.GOODRIGHT
03	JONES	09	ELLIOTT
04	EGERTON	10	GULLIVER
05	JEFFERIES (C)	11	BACH
06	NIGHTINGALE		

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Goalscorers Season 24-25	League	Cup	Total
Hannah Gulliver	7	11	18
Caitlin Brooks	8	9	17
Maddy Elliott	6	8	14
Lucy Goodright	3	6	9
Kathryn Bach	3	4	7
Cara Sommerville	1	2	3
Jasmine Kennedy	1	2	3
Natalie Goodright	1	2	3
Emma Sykes		3	3
Laura Jefferies	2		2
Honor Fraser		2	2
Holly Baker	1		1
Amber Egerton	1		1
Millie Powell		1	1
Alice Telling		1	1
Grace Whitehouse		1	1
Own Goals	1	1	2
	35	53	88

# RWBTFC MEN'S Dev Team

## Season 2024-25

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	W 1 - 0	Withers
Sat	21-Sep-24	Calne Town Res	A	League	L 0 - 5	
Sat	28-Sep-24	Trowbridge Town	A	League	L 3 - 4	Head 2, OG
Tue	01-Oct-24	Malmesbury Vics Dev	H	League	W 1 - 0	Walters
Sat	05-Oct-24	Faringdon Town	A	FT Cup	D 2 - 2	House, Withers (Lost 4-5 pens)
Tue	08-Oct-24	Bemerton Heath Harl Res	H	WSC	W 4 - 0	Mesas 2, Head, Walters
Sat	12-Oct-24	Melksham Town Res	A	League	L 2 - 3	Lance, Walters
Sat	19-Oct-24	Letcombe	H	League	L 2 - 4	Walters 2
Wed	23-Oct-24	Larkhall Athletic Dev	A	League	W 4 - 2	Geib 2, Lance, Walters
Sat	26-Oct-24	Wroughton	A	League	L 0 - 2	
Sat	02-Nov-24	Shrewton United	A	League	L 0 - 3	
Sat	09-Nov-24	Larkhall Athletic Dev	H	League	L 0 - 2	
Tue	12-Nov-24	Calne Town	H	WSC	W 2 - 1	Withers, Walters
Sat	16-Nov-24	Kintbury Rangers	A	League	D 1 - 1	Mesas
Sat	23-Nov-24	Salisbury Dev	H	League	W 3 - 1	Walters 2, Staten
Sat	30-Nov-24	Blunsdon	A	League	D 2 - 2	Richards, M.Spackman
Sat	07-Dec-24	Kintbury Rangers	H	League	L 0 - 3	
Sat	14-Dec-24	Shrivenham	A	League	D 1 - 1	Close
Sat	04-Jan-25	Calne Town Res	H	League	W 1 - 0	F. Walters
Sat	18-Jan-25	Faringdon Town	H	League	W 3 - 1	Mesas 2, F. Walters
Sat	01-Feb-25	Park United	A	League	W 4 - 2	Griffin 4
Sat	08-Feb-25	Melksham Town Res	H	League	L 2 - 3	Griffin 2
Wed	19-Feb-25	Malmesbury Vics Dev	A	League		
Sat	22-Feb-25	Kingsdown	H	League		
Sat	08-Mar-25	Shrivenham	H	League		
Tue	11-Mar-25	Wroughton (WSC SF)	N	WSC SF		
Sat	15-Mar-25	Pewsey Vale	H	League		
Sat	22-Mar-25	Trowbridge Town	H	League		
Sat	29-Mar-25	Letcombe	A	League		
Sat	05-Apr-25	Salisbury Dev	A	League		
Mon	21-Apr-25	Bemerton Heath Harl Res	A	League		

### Goalscorers

	League	WSC	FT Cup	Total
Flynn Walters	12	2		14
Dyllan Griffin	6			6
Mani Mesas	3	2		5
George Lance	4			4
Dale Richards	3			3
Chris Head	2	1		3
Ryan Withers	1	1	1	3
Ben Spackman	2			2
Caleb Geib	2			2
Afonso Ferriera	1			1
George Staten	1			1
Max Spackman	1			1
Will Close	1			1
Adam House			1	1

# RWBTFC MEN'S Dev Team

## Cups Season 2024-25

### WILTSHIRE FA COUNTY SENIOR CUP

#### SEASON 2024-25

#### Cup Holders: Downton

First Round		
Devizes Town	3 - 1	Salisbury Dev
Second Round		
Amesbury Town	3 - 3	<b>Wroughton</b> (Won 5-4 on pens)
Calne Town	9 - 1	Blunsdon
Devizes Town	1 - 0	Bradford Town
Melksham Town Res	3 - 1	Pewsey Vale
Park United	5 - 0	Malmesbury Vics Dev
RWBT Dev	4 - 0	Bemerton Heath Harl Res
Shrewton United	0 - 4	<b>Warminster Town</b>
Trowbridge Town	2 - 0	Kingsdown
Quarter Finals		
Devizes Town	4 - 2	Melksham Town Res
RWBT Dev	2 - 1	Calne Town
Warminster Town	5 - 3	Park United
Wroughton	3 - 1	Trowbridge Town
Semi Finals		
Devizes Town	v	Warminster Town (at Salisbury)
Wroughton	v	RWBT Dev (at Swindon Supermarine)
Final		
v		





# RWBTCF MEN'S Dev Team

## Season 2024-25

Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League Premier Division Season 2024-25							
	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 Kintbury Rangers	22	19	3	0	57	9	60
2 Letcombe	20	15	1	4	51	23	46
3 Wroughton	22	13	3	6	57	31	42
4 Park United	23	13	2	8	66	50	41
5 Melksham Town Res	22	12	2	8	46	44	38
6 Pewsey Vale	22	11	3	8	57	39	36
7 Shrivenham	23	10	6	7	43	32	36
8 Kingsdown	23	11	2	10	55	38	35
9 Shrewton United	24	11	2	11	59	43	35
10 Bemerton H H Res	24	11	1	12	35	47	34
11 Trowbridge Town	21	9	4	8	44	39	31
12 Calne Town Reserves	22	9	4	9	43	50	31
13 Royal W Bassett Town Dev	26	8	5	13	40	53	29
14 Salisbury Dev *(2)	24	8	2	14	40	48	24
15 Larkhall Athletic Dev *(2)	27	7	4	16	43	61	23
16 Faringdon Town	24	6	2	16	33	54	20
17 Blunsdon	22	5	3	14	34	81	18
18 Malmesbury Victoria Dev*(4)	17	1	1	15	18	79	0

\* Points deduction for failing to fulfill fixtures

With league leaders **Kintbury Rangers** seeing their trip to **Trowbridge Town** postponed, the only game this weekend in the end to fall victim to the wet weather, the chasing pack had the chance to close the gap at the top of the table. Elsewhere all the hard work of the various ground staff during the week saw their games pass late fitness tests allowing the games to go ahead despite the difficult conditions that continue to hit the region.

**Letcombe** have had serious issues with their drainage which has necessitated a lot of work and expense to enable them to return home after having made contingency plans to play elsewhere if their pitch issues continued. Their home game against **Park United** got the green light to go ahead enabling them to play their first game on home turf since the middle of November. Visitors Park had several players missing for this game and were forced to field something of a makeshift side to be able to fulfil the fixture. Its started well for the home side as the pacey Kieran Kerby put them one up with a goal in the first minute of the match. They had a golden chance to double their lead when they were awarded a penalty, but leading scorer Ben Cleary spurned the chance from the spot, and it remained 1-0 at the break. Letcombe would come to rue that penalty miss as the experienced Adam Mitchell brought Park back into the game with his eighth goal of the season in the league and twelfth in all competitions. The same player then scored again to give his side the lead for the first time before completing his hat-trick to give his side a two-goal cushion. Whilst Callum Henry pulled one back for Letcombe there was to be no equaliser as they fell to only to their fourth defeat of the season. This was also only their second defeat at home this season, the only other side to have come away from Letcombe with all three points prior to this game being league leaders Kintbury Rangers. The

win for Park kept them in the race for honours, one point behind Wroughton and five behind their beaten opponents but having played more games than all the sides above them in the table.

**Wroughton** started the day in third spot in the table and were looking to bounce back from last week's narrow defeat at the hands of Kintbury Rangers. They had missed Aaron Maximen's physical presence last week, but he was back in their side for the visit of **Shrewton United**. On a heavy pitch it was difficult for either side to create any clear cut chances but as the first half progressed Wroughton started to put the visitors goal under pressure, Jonny Davoile going close with a shot from the edge of the box after good build up play involving Maximen and Jonathan Peachey-Score, but an excellent save from Shrewton keeper Sam Gillott turned Davoile's shot around the post. Given the heavy conditions it is no surprise that it took a set play to break the deadlock, Wroughton's Kassa Anderson heading in from a Peachey-Score corner to give the home side the lead ten minutes before the break. It remained just the one goal in it until 25 minutes from time when a ball into the feet of Maximen on the edge of the Shrewton saw the Wroughton striker turn and hit an unstoppable shot that flew into the net past Gillott to double Wroughton's lead. Maximen then went close to his second and Wroughton's third when he dispossessed a Shrewton defender midway in his own half, but his audacious chip sailed over the bar, and it remained 2-0. It was not all one-way traffic through as Shrewton sought to get themselves back in the game but starting to create chances at the other end but without really troubling Luke Kuczynski in the Wroughton goal. It was Wroughton who went closest to getting another goal, the normally reliable Peachey-Score firing wide of the goal when clean through as it finished 2-0 to the home side. The win for Wroughton saw them move to within four points of second placed Letcombe but having played two games more.

When **Royal Wootton Bassett Town Development** had met **Melksham Town** at the Oakfield Stadium back in October Mark Simpkins side had led 2-1 at one point only to end the game on the wrong end of a 3-2 scoreline come the final whistle. It was to be a similar story in the return game at the Sustain Stadium. Last week Dylan Griffin had scored all four goals for his new side in their win at Park and the Royal Wootton Bassett Town striker carried on where he left off last week giving his side the lead on his home debut. Louis Millard got Melksham back on level terms with his first goal of the season only for Griffin to restore the home side's lead with his second of the game which saw his side lead 2-1 at the break.

As had been the case in that earlier meeting, Melksham had the better of things in the second half and goals from Olly Clarke and Jake Dodge saw Justin Flower's side turn things round against Royal Wootton Bassett Town Development for the second time this season to complete a league double over their opponents. The win for Melksham saw them climb three places in the table to fifth spot, three points behind Park United with a game in hand. Royal Wootton Bassett Town Development meanwhile remain just above the relegation zone, having played more games than the sides around them with the exception of Larkhall Athletic Development.

**Pewsey Vale** slipped below Melksham following a surprise home defeat at the hands of a resurgent **Larkhall Athletic Development** who made it two league wins on the bounce and three straight wins in all competitions following their 2-1 win, avenging the 4-1 home defeat they suffered at the hands of Pewsey at the end of October. Both Larkhall goals were scored by James Okell who took his total for the season to nine, the experienced Liam Edmondson with the Pewsey Vale goal in reply. Larkhall are now just one point behind Salisbury Development who sit just above the relegation zone, although Larkhall have played three more games than the side just above them.

**Kingsdown** climbed one place in the table to eighth spot following an entertaining game at Bremhill View against **Calne Town Reserves** which saw the two sides serve up seven goals. Last week Kingsdown had been involved in a high scoring 3-3 draw at Kingsdown, but this week went one better scoring a fourth goal to emerge 4-3 winners. Two more goals for Ollie While saw him move onto 12 goals for the season, Kieran O'Daly and Antonio Gerrish with the other Kingsdown goals. In reply for Calne there was one goal apiece for Jack Smith, who took his tally for the season to 17, Josh Morse and Ryan Flynn. That is now three games without a win in the league for Calne who sit just two points above Royal Wootton Bassett Town Development but have four games in hand and it will be something of a surprise if they end up involved in the relegation battle.

It was to prove a good week for **Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves** who were involved in two big games at the bottom end of the table against sides also in the potential relegation mix. On Wednesday night they hosted near neighbours Salisbury Development, 24 hours after the two club's first teams had met in the semi-final of the Wiltshire Premier Shield. It had been Salisbury's night in the Premier Shield but it was to prove to be Bemerton's night in the battle between the clubs two second sides. They went ahead on 15 minutes from the penalty spot through Ryan Scott but were pegged back by a goal from Salisbury's Henry Anoma who had made his first team debut the previous night in that Premier Shield fixture, the equaliser coming on 68 minutes. There was to be a winner though and it came ten minutes from time courtesy of an own goal. Despite having a man sent off, Bemerton saw out the closing stages without

conceding to pick up three vital points to complete a league double over their near neighbours having won 2-0 at the Ray Mac back in the first week of the season.

On Saturday **Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves** entertained bottom of the table **Malmesbury Vics Dev** and it was to prove to be a much more comfortable 90 minutes for the home side as goals from Jim Ward, Ethan Trigwell, Hayden Wells and Josh Hoey, the latter two both getting their fourth goals of the season, secured a 4-0 win that saw Bemerton climb up to tenth spot. Bemerton are now 11 points clear of Larkhall who occupy the last potential relegation position, having played three games less than the Bath based side. The Bemerton management team will clearly be sleeping a lot better after this week's six point haul.

There was another massive game down at the bottom of the table on Saturday when **Faringdon Town** entertained fellow relegation threatened **Salisbury Development** in another proverbial six-pointer. Salisbury were looking to bounce back from that narrow defeat in midweek at the hands of near neighbours Bemerton. For Faringdon Town it was not quite a must-win game, but it was not far off from being so, and it did not start well for them as they fell behind with just six minutes on the clock, Henry Anoma with his second of the week with the goal for Salisbury. Faringdon went close to quickly getting an equaliser, Max Willis seeing his volley saved by the visiting keeper. They were not to be denied for long though, Kyle Bowyer setting up George James to shoot in with 17 minutes gone to restore parity. Faringdon went close to a second moments later, Jamie Tuck attempting a lob which saw the Salisbury keeper pull off a terrific save to keep his side level. Faringdon continued to have the better of things and went close when Max Willis saw a shot come back off the crossbar. They eventually went in front for the first time in the game on the half hour mark, a long throw was flicked on into the Salisbury box and leading scorer Bowyer took one touch before firing home for 2-1 and goal number 13 of the campaign for Bowyer. Faringdon continued to push for further goals and Bowyer was denied a second of the game when the Salisbury keeper made a good save after Bowyer was set up by Tuck. The two teams would turn around at the break with Faringdon holding that one goal advantage. Salisbury were given a golden chance to get back on level terms six minutes into the second half when they were awarded a penalty. However, Faringdon keeper Jack Gibson pulled off a save to keep his side in front. That penalty would prove crucial as Faringdon went further in front 20 minutes from time, although there was a slice of luck involved, a long throw from Jamie Broadfield being headed into his own net by a Salisbury defender. Two late goals for the home side rounded off a good day for the home side, Kyle Bowyer getting his second of the game three minutes from time to put Faringdon 4-1 up and then Mitchell Coombes adding a fifth in the last minute to make the final score 5-1 to Faringdon, their biggest win of the season and three vital points given their precarious position in the relegation zone.

In last Sunday's NLP, we spoke exclusively to National League CEO Mark Ives to look deeper into the national 3UP campaign, officially calling for a third promotion spot into the EFL.

Backed by all 72 member clubs at Step 1 and 2 after years of planning, the proposal officially calls for a change in regulations from the current two-up system and has received widespread support from the Non-League game.

But, as we've also heard this week, the campaign has also come up against some fierce opposition and there is a lot of convincing left needed to be done if EFL clubs are to vote in favour of the proposal at the EFL's AGM this June..

Ives spoke passionately the logistics behind the campaign but also warned that unless the matter is addressed now, it risks being kicked down the road for more years to come.

"Why now is a really important question," he told The NLP. "Everybody is aware we've been having conversations privately with the EFL. They've been very constructive, very amiable conversations.

"Then we have the Independent Football Regulator coming in. Whilst there are debates ongoing at the minute between the parliamentary houses and, potentially, up to 400 suggested amendments to the Bill that are being discussed, what is sure is the regulator is coming into play.

"That brings in another dynamic from an EFL point of view because the EFL are saying while they're supportive in principle of this issue, they cannot take this forward until the other footballing matters are dealt with – the current discussions between the PL and the EFL over the wider distribution of monies. That's a matter for the PL and the EFL, that's not a matter for us.

"We do not see them as being interdependent to the issue of three-up. If you think about them not being able to deal with anything until the matter is resolved between the PL and the EFL, which would potentially mean the regulator, the backstop and everything else kicking into play."

The National League's plea came after a wide-ranging BBC Sport interview with EFL chairman Rick Parry back in November when he accepted the need for change, commenting: "we have to acknowledge the need to look downwards as well as upwards".

But as columnist Chris Dunlavy warned in our sister paper, The Football League Paper, last Sunday, finding support from EFL clubs will be far from easy.

"It's only natural to ask why turkeys would vote for Christmas, and in the short-term it's a logical argument. Nobody wants to make themselves more vulnerable to relegation," Dunlavy writes.

"So precarious are finances throughout the EFL, however, that all but the biggest clubs could become a basket case, practically overnight. Remember Bolton, or Derby?"

"There's also a lot of money in Non-League, meaning the clubs who come up - like Stockport and Wrexham - tend to push the incumbents down.

That makes relegation at least a reasonable possibility for the majority of EFL clubs and means three-up, three-down is very much in their long-term interest.

"Unfortunately, that's not how people operate. Which is why, without legislative intervention or a financial sweetener, the National League's 3UP campaign is a non-starter."

Shrewsbury Town manager Gareth Ainsworth agrees.

Speaking on BBC Radio 5 Live Sport's 72+ EFL podcast last week, the former Wycombe Wanderers gave a rather damning indictment of the proposal, while voicing his annoyance at being unable to compete financially with wealthy clubs coming from Non-League such as Wrexham, Notts County and Chesterfield.

Ainsworth said: "Obviously, we're not going vote for it. Who in the right mind in the EFL will be the vote for, you know, three down, three up?"

"But that National League, believe me, very strong. And often the team that do come up. They compete well.

"And I think that's a big argument point for them saying, look at your records, look at your Chesterfields of yours, look at your, you know, Stockports, you know.

"They've all kicked on, but it could kill some really, really big league teams. You know, you Oldhams and your Torquays. They've really found it difficult getting back in.

"Should we not look after our teams that you know, we keep going on about the teams that are struggling. We should look after our pyramid better.

"And the teams if a team just can't keep up financially, but no other reason than the other teams have got billionaires coming in a million is that we it's not fair that they just sink out the league and out of obscurity.

"So my argument would be, yes. These teams have done well, but have a look at the money that they've had invested in them as well."

**Jon Couch**  
 The Non-League Paper

# 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	Result	Scorers
Wed 04-Sep-24	Cricklade Town	A	League	L 1 - 2	Newton
Wed 11-Sep-24	AFC Swindon	H	League	W 9 - 0	Hall 4, King, Head, Connolly, Newton, Simpkins
Wed 18-Sep-24	Nationwide	A	League	D 2 - 2	Connolly 2
Wed 25-Sep-24	Swindon Rovers	H	League	L 2 - 4	Richardson, Head
Wed 02-Oct-24	Chiseldon	H	League	W 2 - 1	J.Saunders, R.Saunders
Wed 09-Oct-24	Stratton Juniors	A	League	W 2 - 0	Connolly, Collier
Fri 18-Oct-24	Bishops Cannings	A	VCC	L 1 - 1	Cook (Lost 3-4 on penalties)
Tue 22-Oct-24	Cricklade Town	A	L Cup	L 0 - 5	
Tue 06-Nov-24	Redhouse	A	League	L 2 - 5	Newton, Davidson
Wed 21-Nov-24	FS Swindon	A	League	W 3 - 1	Collier 2, Connolly
Wed 27-Nov-24	ExIntel	H	League	L 1 - 4	J. Saunders
Wed 04-Dec-24	Redhouse	H	League	L 0 - 4	
Wed 11-Dec-24	Penhill United	H	League	L 1 - 2	R. Saunders
Tue 14-Jan-25	AFC Swindon	A	League	L1 - 3	Huggins
Wed 22-Jan-25	FS Swindon	H	League	L 1 - 4	Richardson
Tue 28-Jan-25	Swindon Rovers	A	League	L 1 - 3	King
Wed 12-Feb-25	Stratton Juniors	H	League	D 2 - 2	Shaw, Simpkins
Wed 05-Mar-25	Nationwide	H	League		
Wed 12-Mar-25	ExIntel	A	League		
Wed 19-Mar-25	Cricklade Town	H	League		
Wed 26-Mar-25	Penhill United	A	League		
Tue 01-Apr-25	Chiseldon	A	League		

Goalscorers	League	Cup	Total
Josh Connolly	5		5
Philip Hall	4		4
Jeremy Newton	3		3
Sam Collier	3		3
Chris Head	2		2
Jamie Saunders	2		2
Richie Saunders	2		2
Mark King	2		2
Greg Richardson	2		2
Mark Simpkins	2		2
Stuart Davidson	1		1
Andrew Huggins	1		1
Steve Shaw	1		1
Gavin Cook		1	1
	30	1	31

Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League

Vets North Wiltshire Division Season 2024-25

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 Redhouse	16	11	2	3	35	14	35
2 Cricklade Town	11	10	1	0	61	6	31
3 Nationwide	12	10	1	1	48	12	31
4 ExIntel	16	8	2	6	33	26	26
5 Penhill United	12	7	1	4	27	14	22
6 Swindon Rovers	14	6	2	6	27	29	20
7 Chiseldon	14	4	3	7	20	23	15
8 AFC Swindon	15	5	0	10	19	49	15
9 Royal W. Bassett Town	15	4	2	9	30	37	14
10 Stratton Juniors	16	2	3	11	27	57	9
11 FS Swindon	15	2	1	12	16	76	7

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 Coach: Rob Dean  
 GK Coach: Kev Sawyer  
 Therapist: Becky Feeney

## Match Officials



Referee: Andy Wertheim  
 Assistant 1: Gordon Varley  
 Assistant 2: Andy Overthrow