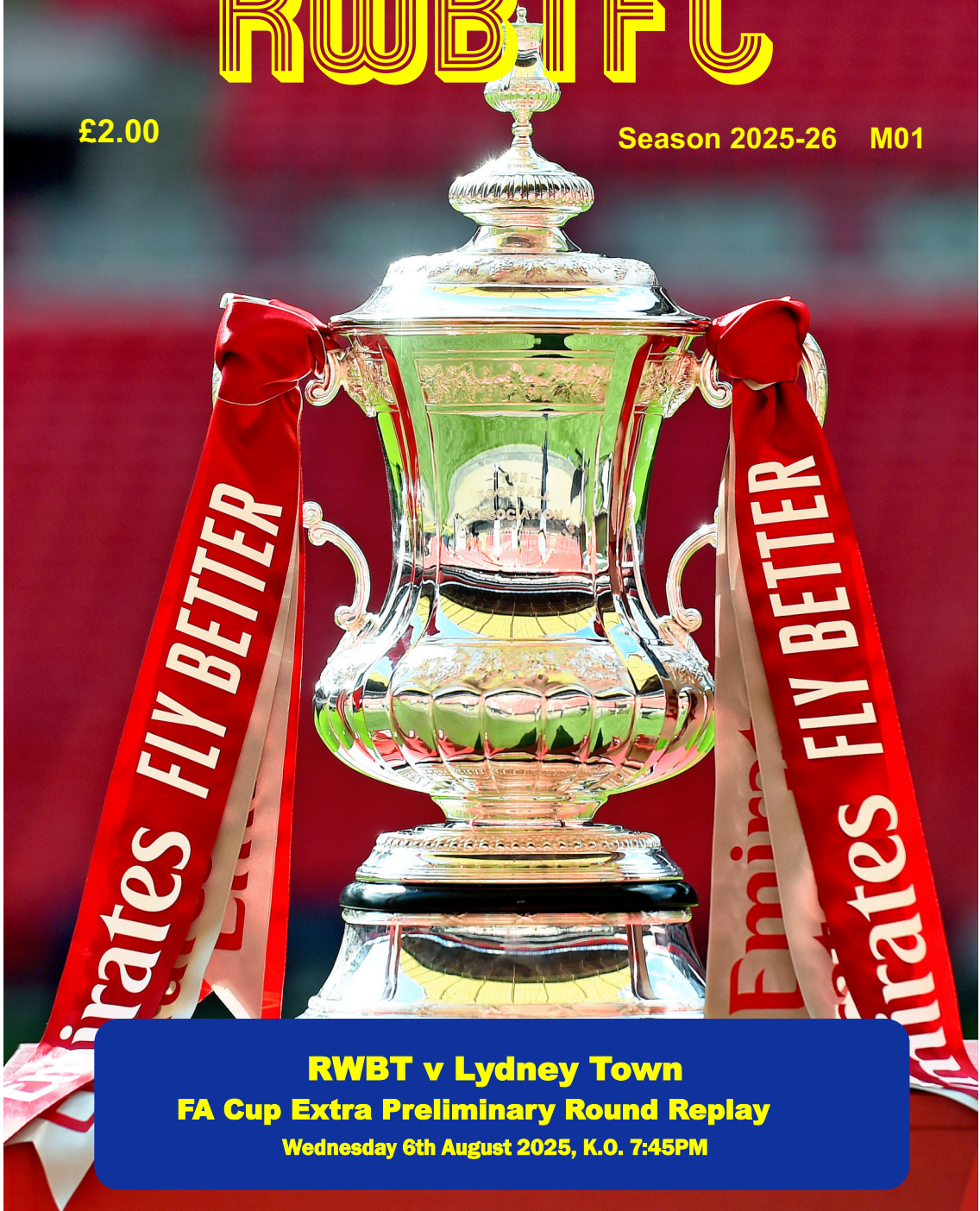


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Paul Harrison (2012), Pete Yeardeley (2012), Ron Stone (2013),

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

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

Paul Burke (2020), Dave Thomas (2021)

## First Team Honours

Wiltshire Senior Cup Winners **1998-99, 2000-01**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Reserve/Dev Team Honours

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Men's First Team Bassett Bulletin

## Welcome To Today's Game

**GOOD EVENING** and welcome back to the Gerard Buxton Sports Ground for this FA Cup Replay against Lydney Town which replaces our scheduled Uhlsport Hellenic League Premier Division opening home fixture of the 2025-26 Season against Mangotsfield United.

A warm welcome to all our visitors who have made the journey along the M4 from Lydney, we hope you enjoy your brief stay with us this evening and wish you a safe journey home. The start of a new season always brings with it optimism that the new season will be a much better and more enjoyable season than the previous one. Everyone starts back equal and what has happened in the past is to some extent now irrelevant. The new 2025-26 season for Royal Wootton Bassett Town also brings with it a new enthusiastic management team and a complete overhaul of the playing staff following the departure of Sam Collier. A change at Bassett was almost certainly overdue and Sam was right to come to the decision to move on. The few occasions where I felt the inclination to travel back for a first team game last season it felt like the enthusiasm had gone and to some extent certain players looked like they were going through the motions. As they say, a change is as good as a rest and I am sure all parties will benefit from a new challenge, and we wish Sam all the best at Fairford Town and all the players who have moved on best wishes with their new clubs. I am sure everyone will give those who are set to return in the coming weeks with Fairford Town, Cirencester Town and Highworth Town a warm and generous welcome back as they served our club well over the years.

I am personally enthusiastic for the new season as we now have a management team who believe in training on a regular basis, discipline and proper coaching. Hopefully we will therefore see less late goals and goals from set pieces conceded this season and less fines! Having been Jonny's manager at the club from U10 through to U18, with him being my captain, I know he will work hard to make things successful, bringing that work ethic into the dugout that served him well as a player. With a young team and with a number of players appearing at this level for the first time, we all need to have patience and give the new team a chance to bed in as I am expecting a much stronger Hellenic Premier Division this coming season.

Lydney had a tough 2024-25 season finishing one place above the drop zone but in the end some eight points clear of relegated Malmesbury Victoria and will be hoping for a much more successful season in 2025-26. They did not get off to the best of starts this season though, losing their opening game 5-1 away at Longlevens, who themselves lost 5-1 to Fairford on Saturday in the FA Cup. However, as Lydney demonstrated on Saturday coming back from 3-1 down to claim a draw, we will need to be at our very best this evening if we are to progress to the Preliminary Round where a home tie against Amersham Town awaits the winners of tonight's tie. There will be a winner tonight as penalties will be used to decide matters if there is once again a draw between the two sides.

Our opening two games have yet to see us win but I understand there have been encouraging signs in both games. The 2-0 defeat away at Thornbury Town being followed by the 3-3 draw in the first meeting on Saturday, after we had led 2-0 and then 3-1. The number of changes that had to be made last Saturday due to player availability was almost unprecedented as well as being unfortunate but hopefully Jonny will have a lot more available here tonight. That said those that came in performed well and may well again be included in tonight's squad.

I was at the Development Team game on Saturday and it was the proverbial game of two halves. Bassett were comfortably in front at 2-0 only to give away a needless free-kick just before half time. The defence then switched off when the resulting free kick came back off the bar allowing a Melksham player a free header to make it 2-1. Second half Melksham were a revitalised team scoring four unanswered goals to run out deserved 5-2 winners. The Development Team were back in action last night when they made the short journey to take on Wroughton and hopefully by the time you read these notes they will have their first points on the board.

Enjoy tonight's game and hopefully we will be celebrating our first win of the season and progress into the Preliminary Round of this prestigious and historic competition.

Mark







# Chairman's Chat

## Paul Gerrish

### GOOD EVENING.

It's a pleasure to welcome our supporters along with the players, officials and supporters from Lydney Town FC to the Gerard Buxton ground today for this FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round replay after a topsy turvy game at Lydney .

Following the decision of last season's manager to move on to try his luck at a higher level (he's now joint manager at Fairford Town), we are pleased to introduce Jonny Aitkenhead as the new manager joined by his support team of Dan Atkin, Mark Hopkins, Gary Eggleton, Nick Warren and Nick McGill. The club had many applications for the role, many looking to join from a much higher level but Jonny's vision for the future and obvious connection with the club made him the stand out applicant

With the departure of the previous manager came the inevitable exodus of players to follow him. Many are now playing the red of Fairford or Highworth with a couple of the crowd favourites; George Peare and Ollie Pitt joining Cirencester and will hopefully be seen here on Saturday.

This left Jonny with the unenviable task of building a totally new squad with the emphasis on youth and promoting from within where ever possible. Close links have been forged with the Development, U18 and U16 managers as we seek to bring through young talent in what is going to be a long-term project. I'm sure you will get to know the squad over the coming weeks and I'll be doing my best to highlight players in my Chairman's Notes in each programme – four consecutive home games (thanks again Hellenic league) will give me a good opportunity in the upcoming issues.

Pre-season fixtures went well with wins against Bishop's Canning, Cheltenham Saracens and Hungerford U23's, a draw with Forest Green Rovers U18 and competitive defeat at step 4 Didcot Town. Despite being the better team on the night, our opening fixture was a defeat away to Thornbury with a couple of defensive errors at critical times proving our downfall. The attitude and commitment certainly can't be faulted and I am confident they will soon find their feet at this level. It was great to see so much support for the team there.

Our visitors tonight will, like ourselves, be looking to have a good run in this season's FA Cup. Not only is there the prestige of playing in this famous national competition but it can bring in much needed funds to clubs like ourselves. We will certainly need to be at our best if we are to progress to the next round, where a home game against Amersham Town awaits the winners of tonight's game.

Thanks for your support – please get behind the team; they are expecting it to be a tough season ahead and all support will be greatly appreciated.

UP THE BASS

*Paul*





## From The Dugout this week with Jonny Aitkenhead

Thank you for being here tonight, great to have you with the players for their first competitive game here at the Sustain Stadium.

The foundations of the playing squad and back room staff are what have made the start to this incredible opportunity so much more easier. Dan, Hoppo, Eggy and Wozza are extremely hands on, we all share the same ethos so the players are in great hands with these for. JP's eye for detail and his views when watching a game have been invaluable, including changing midmatch to adapt to something he's spotted. Nick, Kara and H also have been fantastic with the squad, especially with the amount of niggles picked up so early on.

The club committee and exec have shown nothing but support in what we are trying to achieve from top to bottom at the club, there are certain times when change is good. I'm sure you'll all start to favour new players this year, a very exciting group of young raw talent.

Pre season was a lesson for all of us, but credit is due to the squad who have rapidly become well gelled and with certain characters stepping up and showing that age is just a number, the ability, mentality and togetherness is what we have and will bring us through what we are hoping will be a successful season.

The game at Thornbury was a tough result to take, even ground hoppers and their own match report described how good we were on the night. However, playing well and have large spells of the game mean nothing if we are not going to score and make errors that result in the opposition scoring. This is a lesson that needs to be learnt quickly and I am sure it's one that we will iron out with no problems. I thought we were full of energy in the middle, defensively we grew into the game and we attacked freely, just need to pull the trigger when possible.

Saturdays game, once again we showed how good we can be but showed glimpses of what we need to improve on and how once that is resolved we can manage games to earn more points in games where we are not the stronger team.

Thanks for your continued support

*Jonny A*





# Today's Opponents

## Lydney Town

LydneyTown Historical Record - Last 15 Seasons												
Season	League & Division	FAC	FAV	Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst	Pts	Position	Top Scorer
2010/11	Hellenic Div 1 West	PR	1st	28	14	6	8	64	42	48	5 out of 15	M. Timmins 15
2011/12	Hellenic Div 1 West	EP	1st	32	10	9	13	47	52	39	13 out of 17	J. Liddington 17
2012/13	Hellenic Div 1 West	n/a	2QR	30	12	1	17	55	66	37	10 out of 16	J. Liddington 16
2013/14	Hellenic Div 1 West	n/a	2QR	28	19	4	5	78	26	61	2 out of 15	R. Kear 32
2014/15	Hellenic Div 1 West	n/a	n/a	28	19	3	6	84	32	60	3 out of 15	P. Gibbs 30
2015/16	Hellenic Premier	n/a	2QR	38	14	10	14	63	66	52	12 out of 20	D. Morley-Lyne 28
2016/17	Hellenic Premier	EP	1st	34	15	6	13	65	64	51	9 out of 18	D. Morley-Lyne 36
2017/18	Hellenic Premier	EP	2QR	38	9	6	23	45	87	33	16 out of 20	R. Gabriel 15
2018/19	Hellenic - Premier	1QR	1QR	36	14	6	16	56	69	48	11 out of 19	L. Thompson 21
2019/20	Hellenic - Premier	EP	1QR	25	9	5	11	29	35	32	12* out of 19	D. Morley-Line 6
2020/21	Hellenic - Premier	EP	2QR	7	2	2	3	9	14	8	13* out of 18	B. Kear 3
2021/22	Hellenic - Premier	EP	1QR	38	8	7	23	49	82	31	16 out of 20	L. Thompson 17
2022/23	Hellenic - Premier	EP	1st	38	10	7	21	47	91	37	15 out of 20	S. Clark 9
2023/24	Hellenic - Premier	EP	2QR	38	8	5	25	63	103	29	19 out of 20	L. Thompson 15
2024/25	Hellenic - Premier	Pre	1st	38	10	5	23	51	106	35	18 out of 20	J. Sheen 10

Totals

476 173 82 221 805 935

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

Won:Drew:Lost Ratio

36.3% 17.2% 46.4%

	Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst				
Hellenic League Division One Wes	146	74	23	49	328	218	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	50.7%	15.8%	33.6%
Hellenic League Prem Div	330	99	59	172	477	717	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	30.0%	17.9%	52.1%

### 2024-2025 Season

#### UHLSPORT Hellenic League Premier Division

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Hartpury University	38	27	7	4	87	23	88
2 Roman Glass St George	38	26	5	7	106	50	83
3 Sporting Club Inkberrow	38	23	9	6	70	36	78
4 Mangotsfield United	38	22	10	6	76	30	76
5 Highworth Town	38	21	6	11	76	48	69
6 Worcester Raiders	38	17	13	8	68	40	64
7 Royal W. Bassett Town	38	19	7	12	78	58	64
8 Pershore Town	38	19	6	13	86	58	63
9 Fairford Town	38	16	10	12	66	50	58
10 Corsham Town	38	15	6	17	62	72	51
11 Tuffley Rovers	38	14	8	16	54	59	50
12 Thornbury Town	38	14	3	21	58	78	45
13 Westfields	38	12	8	18	68	54	44
14 Hereford Pegasus	38	10	9	19	57	69	39
15 Cirencester Town	38	11	6	21	51	72	39
16 Slimbridge	38	11	6	21	61	92	39
17 Longlevens AFC	38	9	8	21	42	73	35
18 <b>Lydney Town</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>35</b>
19 Malmesbury Victoria *	38	8	4	26	44	105	27
20 Brimscombe & Thrupp	38	5	6	27	35	123	21

\* Points deduction - ineligible player



# Today's Opponents - Lydney Town

## Lydney Town FC • Club History

Although Lydney is one of the main towns of the Forest area the Severnsiders have always led a very nomadic existence. With the town very much a Rugby stronghold the football club has always found it difficult to exist and although the club can trace its roots back to 1911 it never has had a sound base. The club competed in the local leagues until 1952 when they were elected to the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League. Unfortunately in 1969 the club folded due to lack of committee. 1971 saw the soccer lovers of the town pulled together and the club re-formed and in 1974 the appointment of Harold Elliott as player/coach saw many players from Lydney Juniors introduced with the resulting effect of promotion to Senior League Division One in 1976. During this period the club switched from Bathurst Park onto the Recreation Ground using the changing facilities at the neighbouring Cricket Club.



In 1979-80 after twice finishing Runners-Up they finally lifted the Senior League Division One Championship. Applications to the County League were unfruitful so the club turned to the Hellenic League, where the club held its own, but after 4 seasons the huge financial burden of the League forced the club to return to the Senior League. A dispute with the Cricket Club saw the club move back onto Bathurst Park and following this Secretary Roger Sansom, who had been elected in 1975 and who is still secretary to this day, investigated the possibility of building a clubhouse on the Recreation Ground. Unfortunately on the pitch the downward spiral continued and the club found itself back in the NGL. The players thankfully stayed together and they bounced back into the Senior League the following season. The ambitious plans to have our own clubhouse were still in the pipeline and a clubhouse was opened on Lydney Recreation Trust in 1990. In 1995 the club did the double by winning Division Two and the Forest Green Supporters Trophy, a feat they repeated in 1996-97.

In 2003-04 Manager Peter Elliott, who along with Roger Sansom are the longest serving members of the club with 50 plus years service, guided the club to the Final of the League Cup and the Senior Amateur Cup but in 2004 due to work commitments Peter decided to step down. The club turned to Stuart Liddington to take the helm and with Peter being persuaded to assist him they forged a very successful partnership. The addition of Pete Macklin from Cinderford Town, Danny Clarke ex-Oxford United, Matthew Timmins from Whitecroft and the return of Mark Saunders from Australia gave the club a real boost. Pete, Danny and 'Matty' provided the missing link in the goal scoring department scoring over 70 goals between them, Danny leading the way with 32 goals. The Senior League title was secured with 4 games to go and they did the double by lifting the Senior Amateur Cup. The season was complete with the news of acceptance into the County League a prize denied to them some 25 years ago. The clubs County League campaign started in unconvincing fashion with only 4 points from 3 home games but a 20 game unbeaten run saw the club take over as league leaders at the start of 2006, a position they held for the remainder of the season. Scoring goals was very much the key to winning as 87 goals proved, 'Matty' Timmins finishing the leagues leading goal scorer with 28 goals. This success was beyond the clubs wildest dreams and gave the club the opportunity of a return to the Hellenic League after 22 years. A steady start saw the club 12 points behind the leaders in October but a 6 game winning streak at the end of the year saw the club take over as leaders at the start of January. The critical game came in mid-April with fellow title contenders Trowbridge Town visiting 'The Rec'. In front of a crowd of 305 goals from Danny Clarke and Mark Crabbe secured victory and a 5 point cushion. With 3 games to go the Title was won at Malmesbury when Danny Bishop came off the subs bench to score 2 late goals and give the club an unprecedented 3rd title in as many seasons. The squad had certainly exceeded all expectations and can quite easily be classed as the best in the clubs history. Ambitious plans for the required improvements to gain promotion were put forward and accepted by the League allowing the club to play at the highest level in its history.

A steady start was overshadowed by events off the pitch when despite gaining planning permission for erection of floodlights the club became embroiled in a sea of red tape with their landlords. To continue playing in the Premier Division an agreement was reached to use Cinderford Town and Harrow Hill for home games. Despite these off the pitch issues an unbeaten league run of 11 games placed them in the top half of the table. Despite finishing in 10th position the club were unable to satisfy the April deadline imposed by the league and were forced to be relegated back into Division One (West).





# Today's Opponents - Lydney Town

With relegation came the inevitable loss of players who wished to play at a higher level of football and the club decided to pin its future hopes on the youth of the town. Mark Lee, who had joined the club from County League side Ellwood, took on the role of Player/Manager. In 2014-15 they finished runners up to Tytherington Rocks but despite finishing in a promotion position ground development had not been completed by the March 31st deadline and a further season in Division One followed. Determined that such a situation would not happen again further development work followed to ensure the necessary G grading but disappointingly after all the clubs efforts the club finished in third spot which would not necessarily ensure promotion. As luck would have it circumstances led to the club being offered a place in the Premier Division which they readily accepted but this again meant further development was needed to obtain an F Grading and this was attained in 2016 with the installation of a 2<sup>nd</sup> stand. In 2016-17 silverware came the clubs way via the Floodlit Trophy beating Flackwell Heath on penalties after the game finished 3-3. In 2019 Manager Mark Lee decided to step down after 8 years in charge and the clubs search for a new manager started. The club turned to ex-Town forward Richard Kear. Lydney born Richard had been at Cheltenham Town as a youth player but on his release he played on the Non League circuit before rejoining the club from Westfields in 2013. Family commitments saw Richard step down at the end of season 2020-21.

To replace Richard the club regained the services of previous manager Stuart Liddington but a set of indifferent results saw the club turn to Reserve Team Manager James Morse who instilled a new found confidence in the players and staved off any relegation fears. Despite languishing near the bottom of the table last season relegation was avoided with the club finishing 16<sup>th</sup>. Despite league struggles the club enjoyed 2 tremendous cup runs reaching the GFA Challenge Trophy Final losing out to 2 late goals against Roman Glass St. George. The club also reached the Bluefin Hellenic League Final but again missed out after coming up against a strong Pershore Town who had also lifted the Division One title. With the club unable to compete financially with the top teams in the league the club has turned to the Youth in the town with several promising youngsters coming through the club. 2023-24 saw an indifferent season finishing in 19<sup>th</sup> place but were saved from relegation by the knowledge that the FA were restructuring the NLS and that only 1 club was to be relegated. After 3 seasons of struggles James Morse stepped down and the search began for a new Manager.

Several candidates came to the fore but the club decided to go, for the first time for 40 plus years, outside the local area by appointing Danny Elliott as Manager for the 2024-25 season who joined the club with excellent credentials being a UEFA A Licence qualified coach with Newport County Academy. Sadly after a string of poor results Danny decided to step down and the club were once again in search of a new manager. Long serving goalkeeper Richard Thomas and Captain Jordi Sheen stepped in as Interim Joint Managers while interviews were conducted and the club were indebted to them for their efforts. At the end of October the club announced the appointment of, ex-Gloucester City stalwart, Lee Smith & Adam Dix as the new Management team with Warren Evans as coach. Their introduction to the club saw many changes and an influx of new faces. Although there were hiccups along the way Lee and his team ensured the club maintained their Premier Division status and look forward to a 11<sup>th</sup> season at Step 5. Manager Lee Smith has added the experienced Sean McKeon, who had joined the club as a player, to the management team after the departure of Adam Dix, and with further new faces being added to the playing squad the club is looking forward to the 2025/26 season.





# Previous Meetings v Lydney Town



11

RWBTFC Wins

8

Draws

15

Lydney Wins

Season	Date	Comp	Match Details				
2006-07	16-Dec-06	League	Wootton Bassett Town	1	Lydney Town	2	Lost
2006-07	21-Apr-07	League	Lydney Town	2	Wootton Bassett Town	1	Lost
2008-09	24-Feb-09	League	Wootton Bassett Town	1	Lydney Town	1	Drew
2008-09	25-Apr-09	League	Lydney Town	1	Wootton Bassett Town	0	Lost
2009-10	19-Sep-09	League	Wootton Bassett Town	5	Lydney Town	0	Won
2009-10	5-Dec-09	League	Lydney Town	2	Wootton Bassett Town	2	Drew
2011-12	3-Sep-11	League	Lydney Town	0	Wootton Bassett Town	2	Won
2011-12	3-Apr-12	League	Wootton Bassett Town	0	Lydney Town	3	Lost
2012-13	16-Feb-13	League	Lydney Town	0	Wootton Bassett Town	3	Won
2012-13	13-Apr-13	League	Wootton Bassett Town	0	Lydney Town	3	Lost
2013-14	28-Sep-13	KO Cup	Lydney Town	5	Wootton Bassett Town	2	Lost
2015-16	26-Aug-15	League	Lydney Town	3	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	2	Lost
2015-16	2-Dec-15	Floodlit Cup	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	1	Lydney Town	2	Lost
2015-16	27-Feb-16	League	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	1	Lydney Town	2	Lost
2016-17	27-Sep-16	League	Lydney Town	4	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	3	Lost
2016-17	14-Dec-16	Floodlit Cup	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	2	Lydney Town	0	Won
2016-17	31-Dec-16	League	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	1	Lydney Town	3	Lost
2017-18	15-Aug-17	League	Lydney Town	1	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	1	Drew
2017-18	13-Sep-17	League	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	1	Lydney Town	0	Won
2018-19	25-Aug-18	FA Cup	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	0	Lydney Town	0	Drew
2018-19	4-Sep-18	FA Cup	Lydney Town	5	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	3	Lost
2018-19	18-Sep-18	League	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	3	Lydney Town	2	Won
2018-19	13-Nov-18	League	Lydney Town	0	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	2	Won
2019-20	1-Feb-20	League	Lydney Town	2	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	1	Lost
2021-22	17-Aug-21	League	Lydney Town	1	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	3	Won
2021-22	5-Oct-21	League	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	1	Lydney Town	1	Drew
2022-23	17-Sep-22	League	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	2	Lydney Town	2	Drew
2022-23	4-Mar-23	League	Lydney Town	1	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	2	Won
2022-23	13-Apr-23	BIC Cup	Lydney Town	3	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	2	Lost
2023-24	7-Oct-23	League	Lydney Town	2	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	0	Lost
2023-24	16-Dec-23	League	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	4	Lydney Town	2	Won
2024-25	28-Sep-24	League	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	4	Lydney Town	1	Won
2024-25	15-Mar-25	League	Lydney Town	2	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	2	Drew
2025-26	2-Aug-25	FA Cup	Lydney Town	3	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	3	Drew





# Featured Previous Meeting

## v Lydney Town

### Bassett Batter Lydney, Finally Keep Sheets Clean

**Wootton Bassett Town 5  
Lydney Town 0**

**Tuesday 19th September 2009**

Wootton Bassett Town strolled past Lydney Town – a team they had previously never defeated, reeling off an extremely impressive 5-0 victory.

It was the second win on the trot for Dave Turner's side, and means memories of last week's miserable loss to local rivals Cricklade Town have been firmly eradicated.

In his first start for the club, impressive youngster Ryan Thomas went well and beyond justifying his selection, capping off an outstanding performance with his first goal for the club on the stroke of half time – a strike which means he is one closer to matching dad Steve's goalscoring exploits for the club.

Alex Green – a player who had gone eight games without finding the back of the net – had earlier given Bassett the lead, and then completed his brace on 70 minutes. Sam Collier meanwhile picked up from where he left off against Harrow Hill by scoring his third goal in two games to put his side three goals to the good.



Substitute Adam Field completed the rout late on.

After what can only be described as an indifferent start to the year, the result and performance will ideally serve as a springboard.

Even though Bassett are yet again engaged in cup competitions next week, the fact their opponents are Easington Sports – currently sitting third – gives Turner's young side the chance to size themselves up against a side currently occupying a position they are seeking to challenge for.

Further momentum will be gained from the fact the clean sheet was, belatedly, the first of the season for a defensive unit that was the second best in the division last year.

#### Hellenic Div One West 2009-10

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Slimbridge	30	20	7	3	75	20	67
2 <b>Wootton Bassett Town</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>67</b>
3 Headington Amateurs	30	20	4	6	78	42	64
4 Cheltenham Saracens	30	16	8	6	84	40	56
5 Purton	30	16	7	7	81	49	55
6 Easington Sports	30	18	0	12	50	43	54
7 Letcombe	30	15	5	10	63	48	50
8 Lydney Town	30	14	4	12	55	48	46
9 Cricklade Town	30	13	3	14	64	53	42
10 Clanfield	30	11	4	15	45	57	37
11 Tytherington Rocks	30	9	7	14	43	49	34
12 North Leigh Reserves	30	9	7	14	42	59	34
13 Winterbourne United	30	9	2	19	60	61	29
14 Trowbridge Town	30	6	8	16	43	62	26
15 Launton Sports	30	4	1	25	25	114	13
16 Cirencester United	30	1	4	25	24	127	7

*Harrow Hill withdrew from league and record was expunged*



# RWBTFC First Team Pen Pics

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## Adam House - Goalkeeper

A solid shotstopper who will be looking to make the step up to first team football this season after a number of years with the club's Development side. Last season his performances earned him the Development team's Players' Player of the Year prize.



## Henry Sandys-Lumsdaine - Goalkeeper

An imposing goalkeeper who joins Bassett this season. He is a player who spent time with Hungerford Town and Swindon Town as a youth, but who has mostly played senior football at a District League level. He also has a background in rugby, representing Newbury.



## Noah Cranswick-Coates - Defence

A product of Bassett's youth section. A talented defender who made his First Team debut last season. Captained the Bassett U18s teams who finished runners-up in the Wiltshire League Floodlit Division in both 2022-23 and 2023-24, and winning Manager's Player of the Year in 23-24.



## Ollie Smith - Defence

Highly talented young full back who has come through the Bassett youth system. A standout performer for the Development team in 24-25, his first year of senior football, being named the club's Young Player of the Year. Made six appearances from the bench last season.



## Harry Messenger - Defence

Talented defender who joins this season from Chippenham Town. Made one first team appearance for Chippenham in last year's Premier Shield game against Bassett. Spent 24-25 on loan at Devizes in the Western League, making 45 appearances & picking up Players' Player of the Year.



## Jordan Sykes - Midfield

Strong, powerful central midfielder, who joins Bassett this season. Previous Step 5 & 6 experience with Binfield, Milton United, Windsor, Woodley United and AFC Aldermaston. Also gained Southern League experience with Wantage Town.



## Miguel Alves - Midfield

Midfielder who joins Bassett after returning from a long-term injury. Natural leader who always looks for his team to be on the front foot & will captain Bassett this season. A product of Chippenham Town's academy with Southern League experience at Highworth, North Leigh and Evesham.



## Omaree Cox - Midfield

Promising young winger who joins Bassett this season. He spent time with both Aston Villa and West Bromwich Albion as a youth. Last season he got his first taste of senior football in the Swindon and District League with FC Abbey Meads, scoring 11 goals in seven appearances.



## Rudi Hopkins - Midfield

Left-sided winger who joins this season. Over the past couple of seasons he has featured for the Swindon Town Foundation C6 team - including the 23-24 side that won the Community & Education Football Alliance Cup - and Fairford T U18s & making 1 Hellenic League appearance for Fairford.



## Otis Lewis - Midfield

Came through Bassett's youth section and rejoins the club this season. After featuring in Bassett's youth section, he was then a member of Chippenham Town's academy & possesses Southern League experience with North Leigh, Cribbs, Melksham Town & Westbury United.



## Marcel Lewis - Midfield

Like brother Otis, a product of Bassett's youth section & Chippenham's academy, making Chippenham's first team squad on several occasions, featuring seven times for the National League South side & also playing for Melksham Town and Westbury Utd in the Southern League.



## Finlay Skittrell - Midfield

Promising young midfielder who is looking to establish himself with Bassett's Men's First Team after shining for the club's U18 Floodlit & Development teams. Made his first team debut last season also playing for Cirencester Town and Brimscombe & Thrupp in the Hellenic Premier.



## Lewis Hayward - Midfield

Central midfielder who joins Bassett this season. Spent time in Southampton's Academy as a youth & is currently a member of Chippenham Town's Academy & was a part of their side who recently won the Copa Catalunya tournament, scoring in the final and voted club Player of the Tournament.



## Ed Taylor - Midfield

Chippenham Town Academy graduate, who made his first team debut for the Bluebirds last season as a sub in the Wiltshire Premier Shield quarter final tie against Bassett. Gained Hellenic League Premier Division experience too, making 11 appearances for Cirencester Town.



## TJ Bohane - Forward

Vastly experienced & prolific striker who returns to Bassett this season. Spent most of his career with Highworth T, while also having spells with Southern League sides Swindon Supermarine & Shortwood Utd. Also had 2 highly successful seasons with Bracknell Town & 3 seasons with Bassett.



## Ben Cleary - Forward

Young striker who joins Bassett this season from last season's Wiltshire League Premier Division runners-up Letcombe, where he was Letcombe's leading scorer with 28 goals in 38 games. Previously with Swindon Supermarine Dev.



## Kye Williams - Forward

Joining Bassett this season as he gets his first taste of step 5 football. Young centre forward who has enjoyed a prolific start to his career. Spent the last couple of seasons at Kintbury & was their leading scorer with 20 goals in 30 games as they won the 24-25 Wiltshire League Premier Division title.



## Jono Peachey-Score - Forward

Prolific striker in recent seasons in the Wiltshire Senior League with Wroughton, scoring over 30 goals in both of the last two seasons. Looking to make the step-up to Hellenic Premier League level this coming season.



# RWBTFC First Team Pen Pics



## **Kassa Anderson - Forward**

Forward who joins Bassett this season after a number of successful seasons playing in the Wiltshire Senior League. Has previous Hellenic League Premier Division experience with Calne Town. Scored eleven goals in 23 appearances last season for Wroughton in the Wilts League.



## **Omar Sisay - Defence**

Player who joins from Fairford Town where he played mainly for the Reserves last season but also made two appearances for the first team in the Hellenic Premier Division. Will be looking to secure a regular place in the Premier Division this season.



## **Lewis Clark - Goalkeeper**

Highly-rated young shot stopper who joins Bassett this season from Calne Town where he was first choice 'keeper for the Reserve team over the past season and a half. Clark also featured twice for Calne's first team in Western League Division One last season.



## **Henri Parry-Williams - Midfield**

Central midfielder who came through Calne Town's youth system. Made his senior debut in 22-23, featuring 4 times for Calne's first team. A season later he featured 34 times for Calne in the Hellenic. Spent last season with Corsham Town and Slimbridge in the Hellenic Premier.



## **Bonsa Teshome - Midfield**

Effective out wide and through the centre of midfield. He was a key player at Hellenic League Premier Division rivals Cirencester Town last season, scoring four goals in 31 appearances. Previous experience also with Purton, Calne Town, Highworth Town and Wroughton.

## **Aaron Voller - Defence**

Experienced centre half who joins from Kintbury Rangers having helped them to the Wiltshire Senior League title last season. Has prior Hellenic League Premier experience with Thatcham Town. Other previous clubs include Newbury.



## **Jonathan Aitkenhead - Manager**

Youth section graduate and former senior player, appointed as manager in May 2025, his first managerial role. Spent his entire youth career with Bassett, joining as an U10, before progressing into senior football with the club, making his debut in 07-08 in Hellenic Div One West. Spent most of his career in the Hellenic Premier playing mainly for Shrivenham, Highworth and Bassett.



## **Dan Atkin - Assistant Manager**

A former youth section player, Atkin joins Bassett's Men's First Team as assistant manager. He rejoined the club last season in a coaching capacity in the youth section before taking on the role of assistant to Development team manager Mark Simpkins partway through the campaign.



## **Gary Eggleton - Coach**

joins Bassett this season as goalkeeper coach. After beginning his playing career with New College, Eggleton spent the 2006-07 and 2007-08 seasons with Bassett, featuring primarily for the Reserve team while making a few Men's First Team appearances. He spent a number of years with Highworth Town and also featured for Shrivenham in the Hellenic League.



## **Robert Hopkins - Coach**

Vastly experienced, UEFA-B licensed coach, who returns to Bassett this season as first team coach. As a player, he featured for and captained Bassett in the early 2000s. He also had higher level playing experience with both Nuneaton Borough and Yate Town. Has managed at New College and was assistant manager at Shrivenham in the Hellenic.



## **Nick Warren - Coach**

Joined Bassett's Men's First Team coaching staff last season after managing the club's U18 Floodlit team. Been with the club for more than a decade, beginning as a manager in Bassett's youth section. His U18 side twice finished as runners-up in 21-22 and 22-23 and numerous players have made the step up from the U18s into Bassett's Men's First and Dev teams.



## **James Parsons - Analyst**

Bringing experience from the professional game, joins Bassett this season in an analyst role. From 2013 to 2017 he served as Swindon Town's Head of Academy Performance Analysis, working primarily with their U18 & 21 squads. He then spent five years as Forest Green Rovers' Head of Performance Analysis before joining Bristol City in 2022 where he was Lead First Team Performance Analyst for two seasons.



## **Kara Gregory - Therapist**

Experienced sports therapist who has been with the club for over a decade and a half, helping Bassett's Men's First Team ever since Paul Burke was manager. Possesses a Higher National Diploma in Sports and Exercise Therapy and a BSc in Sports Conditioning and Coaching.

## **Hannah Tubbs - Therapist**

Sports massage therapist who joins Bassett this season.



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# RWBTFC Hellenic League Stats

## Historic League Record, Managers, Top Scorers

RWBT F.C. 37 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 Yearley	Mark Vaughan 14	
2002/03	Prem	40	10	10	20	36	70	40	15 out of 21	Pete Yearley	Geoff Swatton 9	
2003/04	Prem	42	11	5	26	38	73	38	16 out of 22	Pete Yearley	Geoff Swatton 16	
2004/05	Prem	42	6	9	27	30	85	27	21 out of 22	Pete Yearley /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 Yearley 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	
2024/25	Prem	38	19	7	12	78	58	64	6 out of 20	Sam Collier	Alfie Presley 27	
Total		1,261	495	256	510	1,993	2,103	1,738	* At time season 2019-20 was suspended due to Covid-19			
Won:Drew:Lost Ratio		39.3%		20.3%		40.4%		** 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 - 2024/25	260 v Fairford Town
Average Hellenic Attendance 2024/25	140 (down from 166 in 24/25)
Record Known Win	16 - 0 v Clyffe Pypard (1933/34)
Record Known Defeat	1 - 16 v Warminster T (3/11/1945)

Manager League Records in Hellenic League Era- Up to End of Season 2024-25								Win Ratio	Honours Won
Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst	Pts			
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	234	101	42	91	400	399	345	43.2%	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	31.8%	
Jeff Roberts	38	11	12	15	60	60	45	28.9%	
Pete Yearley	154	36	31	87	136	278	139	23.4%	
Chris Jones*	12	2	2	8	7	25	8	16.7%	
Total		1,261	495	256	510	1,993	2,103	1,738	

\* Temporary manager until end of Season 2004-05



# Hellenic Premier Division

## Results

HLP	30/07/25	Longlevens AFC		5 - 1		Lydney Town
HLP	29/07/25	Corsham Town		2 - 2 (HT 2-2)		Roman Glass St George
HLP	29/07/25	Fairford Town		1 - 1 (HT 0-0)		Highworth Town
HLP	29/07/25	Mangotsfield United		1 - 0 (HT 1-0)		Hallen
HLP	29/07/25	Slimbridge		3 - 2		Cirencester Town
HLP	29/07/25	Thornbury Town		2 - 0		Royal Wootton Bassett Town
HLP	29/07/25	Tuffley Rovers		2 - 1 (HT 0-1)		Cribbs
HLP	29/07/25	Westfields		3 - 1 (HT 2-0)		Pershore Town
HLP	29/07/25	Worcester Raiders		3 - 0		Cinderford Town
HLP	28/07/25	Hereford Pegasus		5 - 4 (HT 2-0)		Droitwich Spa

## Midweek Fixtures

HLP	05/08/25	Hallen		VS		Pershore Town
HLP	05/08/25	Cinderford Town		VS		Cribbs
HLP	05/08/25	Cirencester Town		VS		Roman Glass St George
HLP	05/08/25	Corsham Town		VS		Highworth Town
HLP	05/08/25	Droitwich Spa		VS		Westfields
HLP	05/08/25	Fairford Town		VS		Slimbridge
HLP	05/08/25	Lydney Town		VS		Tuffley Rovers
HLP	05/08/25	Worcester Raiders		VS		Thornbury Town
HLP	06/08/25	Longlevens AFC		VS		Hereford Pegasus
HLP	06/08/25	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		VS		Mangotsfield United





# Hellenic Premier Division

## Roundup - 29 & 30 July

The 2025-26 Season in the UHlsport Hellenic League got underway in midweek last week ahead of the weekend's FA Cup fixtures with every side playing their opening game of the season. The biggest winners came from the solitary game played on Wednesday night, with **Longlevens** defeating our FA Cup opponents **Lydney Town** 5-1 to become the early leaders of the division. A hat-trick from Finlay Gwillim and two from Shiyak Sutherland did the damage for Longlevens in front of an impressive crowd of 295, Lydney's consolation goal coming from the penalty spot, Jordan Sheen with the goal.

The previous night saw **Worcester Raiders** get their season off to a winning start with a 3-0 home win over relegated **Cinderford Town** thanks to goals from Jake Donnelly, Carrick Hill and Jordan Murphy.

Whilst, despite an encouraging performance, **Royal Wootton Bassett Town** were losing our opening game 2-0 away at **Thornbury Town** (see elsewhere in the programme for a report on this game), **Westfields** like Thornbury were winning by a two-goal margin, defeating **Pershore Town** 3-1. Early first half goals from Adam Saunstson and Bailey Fuller put Westfields in command with just 15 minutes on the clock and made sure of the points with a third from Cameron Davies. A consolation goal for Pershore a minute from time scored by substitute Ewan Carter was all Pershore had to show for their night's efforts.

On a night of big crowds across the whole division there were over 300 in attendance for **Droitwich Spa's** first appearance in the Premier Division away at **Hereford Pegasus** and the large crowd were served up an entertaining game with nine goals and a sending off, with Hereford Pegasus eventually edging it by the odd goal. Carlos Moreira had an eventful night, scoring twice to help give Pegasus a 3-0 lead before getting himself sent off. Goals from Ben Tilbury and Joshua Hurdman brought Droitwich back into the game but a quick response from Jordan Williamson saw Pegasus go 4-2 up. A second for Williamson ended up being the decider, but Pershore added two to their tally late on though Joe Hurdman and a second for Tilbury but it was not enough to give them a share of the spoils.

Three other sides picked up opening night victories, all by one goal margin. **Slimbridge** got their season off to a winning start defeating **Cirencester Town** 3-2 thanks to goals from Jack William Smith, Jack Smith and Casey Collins, Harlie Price getting both Cirencester Town goals with the visitors also having Finley Bell send off in a game that saw both George Peare and Ollie Pitt, who were here last season, come on as substitutes for Cirencester.

Relegated **Cribbs** led 1-0 at half time at **Tuffley Rovers** thanks to a goal from Ryan Crouch, but second half goals from Harley Mustoe and Karnell Chambers turned things round after the break to give Tuffley Rovers all three points.

Tonight's visitors **Mangotsfield United** attracted the biggest crowd of the night with an impressive 325 in attendance for their opening game of the season against **Hallen**. The home supporters had plenty to cheer about at the end of the game as a solitary goal from George Neill a minute before half time was enough to give the home side all three points as they got their season off to a winning start.

The two remaining games in the division in the opening round of fixtures both finished in draws. At **Fairford Town** the home side fell behind against **Highworth Town** to an own goal three minutes into the second half. It remained that way until deep into injury time at the end of the game, when a long throw-in was deflected into the net for another own goal to give Sam Collier's new side a share of the points.

The final game on Tuesday night was at **Corsham Town** where the home side shared the points with **Roman Glass St George** following a 2-2 draw between two of the fancied sides this season, with all four goals coming in the first half, former Corsham player Neikell Plummer getting both goals for the visitors, this after Corsham had raced into a 2-0 lead thanks to one from Laurent Wilson and an own goal.





# League Cups Season 2024-25

## Marsh Challenge Cup



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

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

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

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

\*\* Game awarded to opponents due to ineligible players(s)

Fourth Round		
Clanfield 85 (Won 8-7 pens)	1 - 1	Cirencester Town
Hartpury University	2 - 1	Droitwich Spa
Hereford Pegasus	0 - 4	Worcester Raiders
Longlevens	3 - 4	Royal W. Bassett Town
Ludlow Town (Won 5-4 pens)	2 - 2	Bewdley Town
Roman Glass St George	3 - 1	Corsham Town
Shortwood United	0 - 2	Pershore Town
University of Bristol	0 - 1	Fairford Town

Quarter Finals		
Fairford Town	0 - 2	Worcester Raiders
Hartpury University (4-2 pens)	2 - 2	Roman Glass St George
Ludlow Town	0 - 3	Pershore Town
Royal W. Bassett Town	4 - 1	Clanfield 85

Semi Finals		
Hartpury University (5-3 pens)	1 - 1	Pershore Town
Royal W. Bassett Town	1 - 2	Worcester Raiders

Final - 5th May at Mangotsfield		
Hartpury University (7-6 pens)	0 - 0	Worcester Raiders

### Challenge Cup - Winners

1998-99	Burnham
1999-00	Swindon Supermarine
2000-01	Carterton Town
2001-02	Gloucester United
2002-03	Yate Town
2003-04	Didcot Town
2004-05	Didcot Town
2005-06	Didcot Town
2006-07	Hungerford Town
2007-08	Hungerford Town
2008-09	Almondsbury Town
2009-10	Ardley United
2010-11	Holyport
2011-12	Highworth Town
2012-13	Oxford City Nomads
2013-14	Ascot United
2014-15	Ardley United
2015-16	Flackwell Heath
2016-17	Bracknell Town
2017-18	Bracknell Town
2018-19	Ascot United
2019-20	Not awarded due to Covid-19
2020-21	Kidlington Reserves
2021-22	Cribbs
2022-23	Pershore Town
2023-24	Corsham Town
2024-25	Hartpury University



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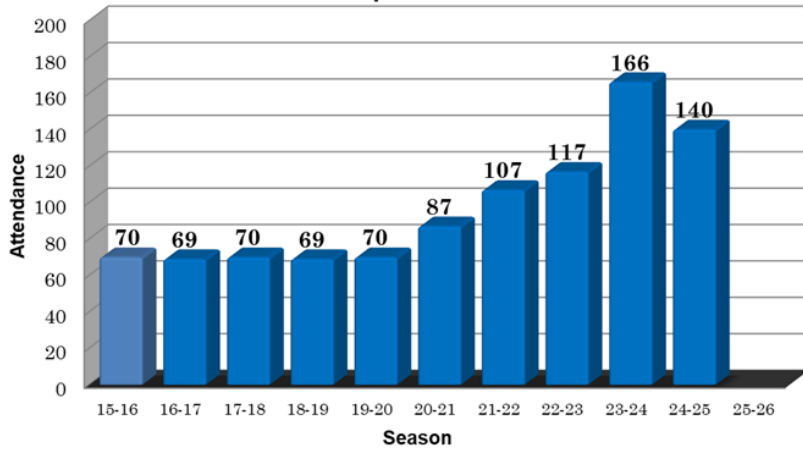


Last season's winners Hartpury University

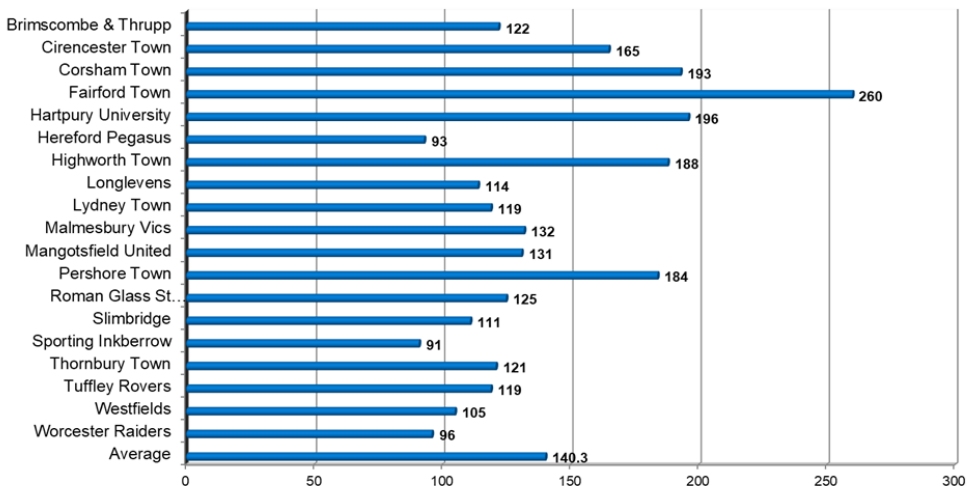
# First Team

## Attendance Statistics

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



**RWBTFC League Attendances - Season 2024-25**





# Season 2024-5

## Premier Division League Table

2024-2025 Season UHLSPORT Hellenic League Premier Division							
	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Hartpury University	38	27	7	4	87	23	88
2 Roman Glass St George	38	26	5	7	106	50	83
3 Sporting Club Inkberrow	38	23	9	6	70	36	78
4 <b>Mangotsfield United</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>76</b>
5 Highworth Town	38	21	6	11	76	48	69
6 Worcester Raiders	38	17	13	8	68	40	64
7 <b>Royal W. Bassett Town</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>64</b>
8 Pershore Town	38	19	6	13	86	58	63
9 Fairford Town	38	16	10	12	66	50	58
10 Corsham Town	38	15	6	17	62	72	51
11 Tuffley Rovers	38	14	8	16	54	59	50
12 Thornbury Town	38	14	3	21	58	78	45
13 Westfields	38	12	8	18	68	54	44
14 Hereford Pegasus	38	10	9	19	57	69	39
15 Cirencester Town	38	11	6	21	51	72	39
16 Slimbridge	38	11	6	21	61	92	39
17 Longlevens AFC	38	9	8	21	42	73	35
18 Lydney Town	38	10	5	23	51	106	35
19 Malmesbury Victoria *	38	8	4	26	44	105	27
20 Brimscombe & Thrupp	38	5	6	27	35	123	21

\* Points deduction - ineligible player





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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
2024-25	Cirencester Town

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

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

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

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

Third Round		
Abingdon United	0 - 2	Didcot Town Dev
Carterton	0 - 1	Malmesbury Victoria
Cheltenham Saracens	1 - 2	Roman Glass St George
Cirencester Town	4 - 2	Corsham Town
Mangotsfield United	1 - 0	Thornbury Town
Pershore Town	1 - 4	Worcester Raiders
Stonehouse Town	3 - 2	Hereford Pegasus
Westfields	2 - 1	Ludlow Town

Quarter Finals		
Didcot Town Dev	1 - 6	Roman Glass St George
Malmesbury Vics	0 - 2	Cirencester Town
Mangotsfield United (Won 4-1 pens)	2 - 2	Worcester Raiders
Stonehouse	0 - 3	Westfields

Semi Finals		
Cirencester Town	4 - 3	Roman Glass St George
Westfields	2 - 1	Mangotsfield United

Final - 2 Legs		
Cirencester Town	2 - 2	Westfields
Westfields	1 - 3	Cirencester Town (Agg: 3 - 5)



# Match Report v Thornbury Town

## Energetic performance ends in defeat

**Thornbury Town 2  
Royal Wootton Bassett Town 0**

**Tuesday 29th July 2025**

Despite an energetic, positive performance, Royal Wootton Bassett Town's Hellenic League Premier Division opener ended in defeat as Callum Chalmers' brace earned hosts Thornbury Town a 2-0 victory.

Chalmers opened the scoring with a coolly taken penalty on the stroke of half time, the goal coming against the run of play.

Then, with quarter of an hour to go, he capitalised on a lapse in concentration from centre half Terry Francis, snatching possession before finishing coolly past Lewis Clark while one-on-one.

That proved to be the difference on a night when Bassett's young side showed well on a difficult surface, but perhaps lacked the physicality to muscle their way back into the game after falling behind.

A frenetic opening period saw action at both ends. For Bassett, Otis Lewis stung the palms of Jakub Glover with a long range effort. Shortly after, Clark saved with his feet from Will Flower after the Thornbury man got in behind.

While Thornbury's directness was causing Bassett some problems, the visitors' defence bent but did not break.

And Jonny Aitkenhead's side had further chances with Lewis - who was forced to withdraw with a hamstring injury before the interval - and Jonathan Peachey-Score both dragging just wide of the post.

But Thornbury would get their noses in front as Chalmers drew and converted a penalty.



Playing from behind, Bassett enjoyed a lively start to the second half. But the closest they came was through Ed Taylor (pictured below) who shot just over on the hour.

Otherwise, Bassett could not unlock the Thornbury defence - and their route back into the game seemingly disappeared when Chalmers stole possession, bore down on goal and slotted home.

After a solid preseason, the real test for Jonny Aitkenhead's new look outfit was always going to be the first fixture that meant something.

And Bassett can certainly look beyond the result against a Thornbury side who are on the up after a strong finish to the previous campaign.

There are plenty of positives to take from a fixture whose outcome was in the balance most of the night and in which Aitkenhead's charges impressed those in attendance.



# Match Report v Lydney Town

## Topsy turvy tie ends all square

Lydney Town 3  
Royal Wootton Bassett Town 3

Saturday 2nd August 2025

Royal Wootton Bassett Town and Lydney Town will go at it again in the Emirates FA Cup after a thrilling extra preliminary round tie saw the teams share six goals.

The contest saw Bassett twice hold a two goal advantage only for Lydney to ultimately get back on terms to force a replay.

For new manager Jonny Aitkenhead, it was a performance that will be tricky to properly interpret as Bassett showed the Jekyll and Hyde nature that has been a feature of preseason and their opening day league defeat at Thornbury Town.

For spells, Bassett looked extremely impressive, especially going forward. However, their naivety was again brought to light as they surrendered a winning position.

The good news is that, with home advantage, Bassett have the opportunity to right that in the replay and set up a preliminary tie against Amersham Town.

The visitors raced into control of the tie.

Ben Cleary opened the scoring in the fifth minute, producing a cool finish to round off a swift counter.

Ten minutes later, Bonga Teshome doubled Bassett's advantage in stunning fashion with a sublime overhead kick.

And they would hold that lead until the break. Although the hosts started to grow into the game, they didn't really threaten, with the closest they came to halving the deficit when a Lee Smith cross-cum-shot hit the woodwork.



It didn't take Lydney long to pull one back after the restart though as substitute Adi Adichareh made an immediate impact, guiding home an Archie Myatt delivery with his first touch.

Bassett would restore their two goal lead when Cleary grabbed his second of the game from the spot.

But a third goal in quick succession saw Adichareh make it 3-2.

Thereafter Lydney were in the ascendancy.

And veteran Michael Symons eventually netted the game's sixth goal, heading in from a Keelan Hamblett corner.

For the neutral, it was a fantastic tie. For Bassett it was frustrating not to get the job done - with plenty of positives to take, but also plenty for this young team to learn from.





# Appearances & Goals Statistics

Season 2025-26						RWBTFC Career	
	Appearances	Starts	As Sub	Total	Goals	Apps	Goals
1	Ben Cleary	2		2	2	2	2
2	Bonsa Teshome	2		2	1		1
3	Ed Taylor	2		2		2	
4	Lewis Clark	2		2		2	
5	Noah Cranswick-Coates	2		2		9	
6	Kassa Anderson	1	1	2		2	
7	Lewis Hayward	1	1	2		2	
8	Omaree Cox		2	2		2	
9	Aaron Voller	1		1			
10	Ben Spackman	1		1		1	
11	Henri Parry-Williams	1		1			
12	Joe McGrogan	1		1		1	
13	Jono Peachey-Score	1		1		1	
14	Jordan Sykes	1		1		1	
15	Oliver Smith	1		1		7	
16	Otis Lewis	1		1		1	
17	Rudi Hopkins	1		1		1	
18	Terry Francis	1		1			
19	Afonso Ferriera		1	1		2	
20	Marcel Lewis		1	1		3	
21	Nelson Ero		1	1		2	





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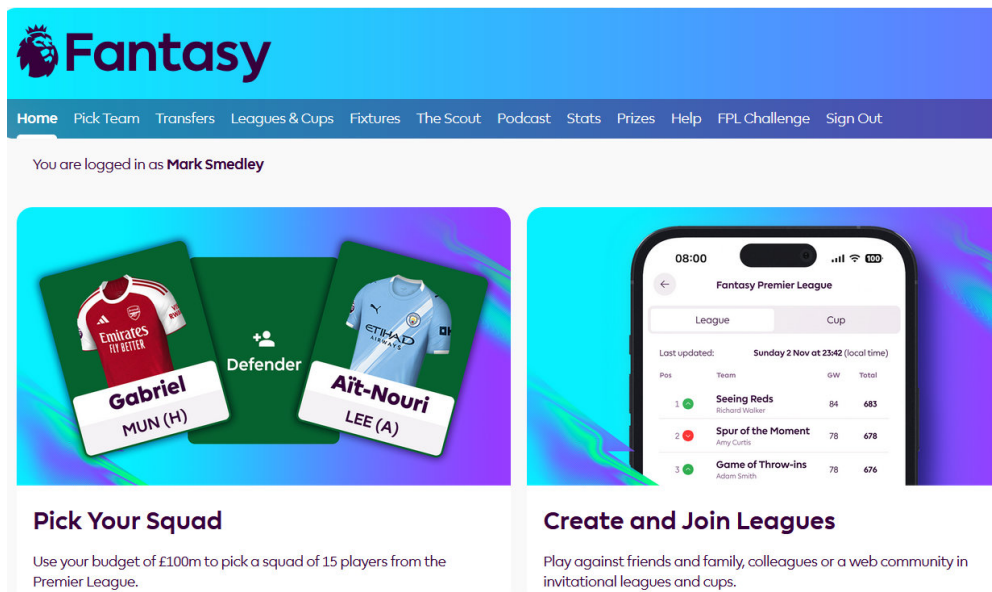
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It is quick and easy to enter. To do so, visit <https://fantasy.premierleague.com> and click on sign up. Once you have followed the instructions and selected your team, click on the 'Leagues' tab.

There, click 'Create and join new leagues' and on the subsequent page select 'Join an existing league' before selecting 'Join private league' on the page following that.

Here, you will be asked to enter a code, with the RWBTFC.co.uk League number being: jw947n.

Those who competed last season will automatically re-enter if they use their existing log-in details.

For all the club's managers and coaches, joining the Fantasy League is the only chance to prove who the pick of the bunch really is, so get entering! And for players, parents or supporters it's an opportunity to find out if you're cut out for a managerial career...

Youth section players can join too as there is no age limit on entries.

It's great fun to play, and, after yet another successful season last year, it would be brilliant if more could enter to make it even bigger and better!



# Season 2025-26 Men's First Team Fixtures & Results

Date	Opponents	H/A	Result	Crowd	Scorers
Tue 29-Jul	Thornbury Town	A	L 0 - 2	182	
Sat 02-Aug	Lydney Town (FAC EP)	A	D 3 - 3	177	Cleary 2, Teshome
Wed 06-Aug	Lydney Town (FAC EP Replay)	H			
Sat 09-Aug	Cirencester Town	H			
Wed 13-Aug	Hallen	H			
Sat 16-Aug	Amersham Town (FAC Pre)	H			
Wed 20-Aug	Fairford Town	H			
Sat 23-Aug	Cinderford Town (FAV 1QR)	A			
Mon 25-Aug	Corsham Town	H			
Sat 30-Aug	Longlevens	A			
Sat 06-Sep	Highworth Town	A			
Sat 13-Sep	Lydney Town	A			
Sat 27-Sep	Tuffley Rovers	H			
Sat 04-Oct	Droitwich Spa	A			
Sat 11-Oct	Worcester Raiders	A			
Sat 18-Oct	Westfields	H			
Sat 25-Oct	Pershore Town	A			
Sat 08-Nov	Roman Glass St George	H			
Sat 15-Nov	Hallen	A			
Sat 22-Nov	Cribbs	H			
Sat 29-Nov	Cinderford Town	A			
Sat 06-Dec	Slimbridge	H			
Sat 13-Dec	Worcester Raiders	H			
Sat 20-Dec	Droitwich Spa	H			
Sat 27-Dec	Cirencester Town	A			
Sat 03-Jan	Westfields	A			
Sat 10-Jan	Pershore Town	H			
Sat 17-Jan	Longlevens	H			
Sat 24-Jan	Hereford Pegasus	A			
Sat 31-Jan	Lydney Town	H			
Sat 07-Feb	Slimbridge	A			
Sat 14-Feb	Tuffley Rovers	H			
Sat 21-Feb	Cinderford Town	A			
Sat 28-Feb	Corsham Town	A			
Sat 07-Mar	Roman Glass St George	A			
Sat 14-Mar	Cribbs	A			
Sat 28-Mar	Thornbury Town	H			
Sat 04-Apr	Mangotsfield United	A			
Mon 06-Apr	Highworth Town	H			
Sat 11-Apr	Hereford Pegasus	H			
Sat 18-Apr	Fairford Town	A			
TBA	Mangotsfield United	H			



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# Season 2025-26 Men's First Team Line Ups

			<div>Key</div> <div><div>Started</div><div>Substituted (time)</div><div>Brought on (time)</div></div>																							
Date	Opponents		Lewis Clark	Oliver Smith	Noah Cranswick-Coates	Jordan Sykes	Terry Francis	Henri Parry-Williams	Bonsa Teshome	Jono Peachey-Score	Ben Cleary	Otis Lewis	Ed Taylor	Marcel Lewis	Kassa Anderson	Omaree Cox	Lewis Hayward	Ben Spackman	Aaron Voller	Rudi Hopkins	Joe McGrogan	Afonso Ferreira	Nelson Ero			
Tue 29-Jul	Thornbury Town	A				72					63	39	80	72	63	39	80									
Sat 02-Aug	Lydney Town (FAC EP)	A													62	62					52	67	52/67			
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# Season 2024-25 Men's First Team Results

## ROYAL W. BASSETT TOWN FC FIRST TEAM - SEASON 2024-25 RESULTS & GOAL SCORERS UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	Date	Opponents	H/A	Comp	Result	Scorers
	Tue 30-Jul-24	Fairford Town	H	League	L 0 - 3	
	Fri 02-Aug-24	Mangotsfield Utd (FAC EP)	H	FA Cup	W 2 - 1	Hopkins, Hobson-McVeigh
	Tue 06-Aug-24	Brimcombe & Thrupp	H	League	W 4 - 0	Presley 3, Tucker-Dixon
	Sat 10-Aug-24	Mangotsfield United	H	League	L 0 - 1	
	Tue 13-Aug-24	Roman Glass St George	H	League	L 1 - 2	Pagliaroli
	Sat 17-Aug-24	Didcot Town (FAC Prelim)	H	FA Cup	L 0 - 2	
	Tue 20-Aug-24	Thornbury Town	A	League	W 2 - 1	Hopkins, OG
	Tue 27-Aug-24	Corsham Town	A	League	L 1 - 5	Pagliaroli
	Tue 03-Sep-24	Malmesbury Vics	H	League	W 5 - 1	Presley 2, Hopkins, Pagliaroli, Moore
	Sat 07-Sep-24	Hartpury University	H	League	L 0 - 3	
	Sat 14-Sep-24	Tuffley Rovers	A	League	L 0 - 1	
Wed	18-Sep-24	Highworth Town	A	League	W 2 - 0	Zebroski, Presley
	Sat 21-Sep-24	Hartpury University	A	League	D 1 - 1	Presley
	Tue 24-Sep-24	Cirencester Town	H	League	W 3 - 2	Zebroski 2, Ouldrige
	Sat 28-Sep-24	Lydney Town	H	League	W 4 - 1	Presley 2, Pagliaroli, Moore
	Sat 05-Oct-24	Slimbridge	A	League	W 6 - 3	Presley 3, Zebroski, Pagliaroli, Moore
	Sat 12-Oct-24	Longlevens	H	League	W 4 - 1	Presley, Pagliaroli, Case, Corcoran
	Sat 19-Oct-24	AFC Stoneham	A	FA Vase	L 0 - 3	
	Sat 26-Oct-24	Hereford Pegasus	H	League	W 4 - 0	Presley, Hopkins, Ouldrige, Peare
	Tue 29-Oct-24	Westbury United (WPS1)*	H	WPS	L 2 - 4	Pagliaroli, Peare (Game awarded to RWBT)
	Sat 02-Nov-24	Sporting Club Inkberrow	H	League	W 3 - 1	Ouldrige, Pagliaroli, Peare
	Sat 09-Nov-24	Worcester Raiders	A	League	L 1 - 2	Pagliaroli
	Tue 12-Nov-24	Brimcombe & Thrupp	A	League	W 4 - 2	Zebroski 2, Case, Hobson-McVeigh
	Sat 16-Nov-24	Westfields	H	League	W 3 - 0	Presley 2, Case
Wed	17-Nov-24	Chippenham Town (WPS QF)	A	WPS	W 1 - 1	Ouldrige
	Sat 30-Nov-24	Tuffley Rovers	H	League	W 4 - 0	Presley 2, Pagliaroli, Zebroski
	Tue 03-Dec-24	Mangotsfield United	A	League	L 0 - 3	
	Sat 14-Dec-24	Slimbridge	H	League	D 2 - 2	Pagliaroli, Zebroski
	Sat 21-Dec-24	Longlevens	A	League	W 2 - 0	Presley, OG
Thurs	26-Dec-24	Corsham Town	H	League	D 2 - 2	Peare, Grieve
	Sat 28-Dec-24	Pershore Town	H	League	L 1 - 2	Grieve
Wed	01-Jan-25	Hereford Pegasus	A	League	D 1 - 1	Hobson-McVeigh
	Sat 04-Jan-25	Sporting Club Inkberrow	A	League	D 1 - 1	Pagliaroli
	Tue 14-Jan-25	Swindon Supermarine	N	WPS	L 3 - 4	Hopkins, Partridge, Presley
	Sat 18-Jan-25	Roman Glass St George	A	League	L 1 - 4	Presley
Wed	22-Jan-25	Didcot Town Dev	A	FL Cup	W 1 - 1	Pagliaroli, Won 5-4 on pens
	Sat 25-Jan-25	Watlington Town	A	MC Cup	W 2 - 0	Gallagher, Witt
	Sat 01-Feb-25	Malmesbury Vics	A	League	L 0 - 3	
	Sat 08-Feb-25	Fairford Town	A	League	W 2 - 1	Grieve 2
	Sat 15-Feb-25	Highworth Town	H	League	W 4 - 1	Grieve 3, Presley
	Sat 22-Feb-25	Cirencester Town	A	League	W 2 - 1	McVeigh, OG
	Tue 25-Feb-25	Worcester Raiders	H	League	D 1 - 1	Pagliaroli
	Sat 01-Mar-25	Longlevens	H	MC Cup	W 4 - 3	Gallagher, Grieve, Pitt, Presley
	Sat 08-Mar-25	Pershore Town	A	League	W 2 - 1	Pagliaroli, Witt
	Sat 15-Mar-25	Lydney Town	A	League	D 2 - 2	Grieve 2
	Sat 22-Mar-25	Thornbury Town	H	League	L 1 - 2	Witt
	Tue 25-Mar-25	Clanfield 85	H	MC Cup	W 4 - 1	Presley 2, Gallagher, Pagliaroli
	Sat 29-Mar-25	Westfields	A	League	W 2 - 1	Presley, Grieve
	Sat 12-Apr-25	Worcester Raiders	H	MC Cup	L 1 - 2	Presley



# Season 2025-26

## Pre-Season Roundup

### A New Era Begins

To say it has been a summer of change at Royal Wootton Bassett Town would be a major understatement.

Not only is there a new manager in the Men's First Team dugout with Jonny Aitkenhead (pictured right) - a player who progressed through the club's youth section into its senior ranks - taking the reins. But there's an entirely new squad of players who will be pulling on the blue and yellow shirt as Bassett begin their 2025-26 Hellenic League Premier Division campaign.

That squad will be much, much younger than that which Bassett have been accustomed to. Unlike in recent seasons, young talent and players with much potential who have starred at steps six and seven will be given more of a chance to impress.

Given the significant squad turnover, those shifts are partly out of necessity. But they are principally decisions that have been made out of design, with the desire to build a Men's First Team squad with more of a long term perspective in mind.

Indeed, there is an exciting blend of players in the squad with a mix of some of the best young talent in the area (who already have played at a higher level), homegrown players, players who have excelled at steps six and seven and are getting a deserved chance at a higher level, as well as those who bring necessary experience.

The volume of changes and nature of Bassett's recruits mean that there will likely be some growing pains. Indeed, it may take time for the new team to gel together and for various players to adapt to the Hellenic Premier. There will also be challenges they have not faced before together as a team.



But the required talent, potential, drive and fortitude are present across the squad to be competitive, with the team already coming together as a group.

These qualities have been shown across a preseason in which Bassett have shown their character in victories against combative, physical opponents in the form of Cheltenham Saracens (2-0) and Hungerford Town Under 23 (4-2). Despite losing 4-1, Bassett fared well in a tough test against higher level Didcot Town. An energetic, impressive performance then secured a 1-1 draw in an entertaining friendly against Forest Green Rovers Under 18s.

The primary aim for the team this season will be to grow while still being competitive in the league - with the hope for a possible healthy cup run as well.

There's confidence that those goals can be achieved too.

Either way, it will be exciting to watch this young side grow.



# Wiltshire Premier Shield

## 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 Tow (Won 4-2 pens)</b>
Highworth Town	1 - 2	Swindon Supermarine
Melksham Town	3 - 5	Salisbury

Semi Finals		
Salisbury	5 - 0	Bemerton Heath Harlequins
<b>Swindon Supermarine</b>	<b>4 - 3</b>	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett Town</b>

Final		
Salisbury	4 - 5	<b>Swindon Supermarine</b>

The First Round draw for the Season 2025-26 Wiltshire Premier Shield has yet to be made by the Wiltshire FA but the participants this season will be:

Bemerton Heath Harlequins  
Bradford Town  
Chippenham Town  
Corsham Town  
Downton  
Highworth Town  
Laverstock & Ford  
Malmesbury Victoria  
Melksham Town  
Royal Wootton Bassett Town  
Salisbury  
Swindon Supermarine  
Swindon Town  
Westbury United



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# RWBTFC & The Emlrates FA CUP

## Extra Preliminary Round Results Zone 7

Game	Level	League Divn		Level	League Divn
127 <b>Binfield</b>	Step 4	I SC	4 - 1 Winslow United	Step 5	SSM P
128 Longlevens	Step 5	HEL P	1 - 5 <b>Fairford Town</b>	Step 5	HEL P
129 <b>Roman Glass St. George</b>	Step 5	HEL P	7 - 0 Nailsea & Tickenham	Step 5	WST P
130 Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	Step 5	SSM P	1 - 1 Abingdon United	Step 5	CC PN
131 Cinderford Town	Step 5	HEL P	0 - 1 <b>Amersham Town</b>	Step 5	CC PN
132 <b>Burnham</b>	Step 5	CC PN	3 - 2 Holyport	Step 5	CC PN
133 Cirencester Town	Step 5	HEL P	0 - 0 Reading City	Step 5	CC PN
134 Hartpur University	Step 4	S S	1 - 2 <b>Tuffley Rovers</b>	Step 5	HEL P
135 <b>Portishead Town</b>	Step 4	S S	4 - 3 Windsor & Eton	Step 5	CC PN
136 <b>Wokingham Town</b>	Step 5	CC PN	3 - 2 Brislington	Step 5	WST P
137 <b>Hallen</b>	Step 5	HEL P	1 - 0 Highworth Town	Step 5	HEL P
138 Kidlington	Step 5	CC PN	0 - 0 Clevedon Town	Step 5	WST P
139 <b>Oldland Abbotonians</b>	Step 5	WST P	2 - 0 Wallingford & Crowmarsh	Step 5	CC PN
140 <b>Ardley United</b>	Step 5	CC PN	1 - 0 Aylesbury United	Step 4	S C
141 Lydney Town	Step 5	HEL P	3 - 3 Royal W. Bassett Town	Step 5	HEL P
142 Thornbury Town	Step 5	HEL P	2 - 2 Virginia Water	Step 5	CC PN
143 North Leigh	Step 5	CC PN	1 - 2 <b>Risborough Rangers</b>	Step 5	SSM P
144 Milton United	Step 5	CC PN	0 - 6 <b>Didcot Town</b>	Step 4	S S
145 <b>Cribbs</b>	Step 5	HEL P	2 - 0 Easington Sports	Step 5	UC PS
146 Beaconsfield Town	Step 4	S C	0 - 1 <b>Larkhall Athletic</b>	Step 4	S S
147 Mangotsfield United	Step 5	HEL P	1 - 1 Bristol Manor Farm	Step 4	S S
148 Corsham Town	Step 5	HEL P	0 - 1 <b>Slimbridge</b>	Step 5	HEL P

### EMIRATES FA CUP ROAD TO WEMBLEY FOR ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN 2025-26

Date	Round	Opponents	H/A	Result	Prize Money	
					Winner	Loser
2-Aug-25	Extra Preliminary Round	v Lydney Town	A	D 3 - 3		
6-Aug-25	Extra Preliminary Round Rep	v Lydney Town	H		£1,125	£375
16-Aug-25	Preliminary Round	v Amersham Town	H		£1,444	£481
30-Aug-25	First Qualifying Round	v			£2,250	£750
13-Sep-25	Second Qualifying Round	v			£3,375	£1,125
27-Sep-25	Third Qualifying Round	v			£5,625	£1,875
11-Oct-25	Fourth Qualifying Round	v			£9,375	£3,125
1-Nov-25	First Round	v			£45,000	£15,000
6-Dec-25	Second Round	v			£75,000	£20,000
10-Jan-26	Third Round	v			£115,000	£25,000
14-Feb-26	Fourth Round	v			£120,000	
7-Mar-26	Fifth Round	v			£225,000	
4-Apr-26	Sixth Round	v			£450,000	
25-Apr-26	Semi-Final	v			£1,000,000	£500,000
16-May-26	Final	v			£2,000,000	£1,000,000
Total Prize Money Won						



# RWBTFC & The Emirate's FA Cup

## 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	2013-14	EPr	Totton & Eling	H L 0 - 2
1939-40	Pr	Frome Town (War)	A P - P	2014-15	EPr	Brockenhurst	A W 3 - 0
1946-47	EPr	Dilton Rovers	H W 5 - 1		Pr	Bradford Town	A L 1 - 2
	Pr	Swindon GWR Corinthians	A L 1 - 5	2015-16	EPr	Bracknell Town	H L 0 - 2
1947-48	EPr	Pewsey Vale	H L 0 - 2	2016-17	EPr	Andover Town	A L 2 - 5
1948-49	EPr	Swindon BR Corinthians	A L 3 - 6	2017-18	EPr	Crawley Green	H L 1 - 2
1949-50	EPr	Warminster Town	H L 4 - 5	2018-19	EPr	Leighton Town	A W 1 - 0
1950-51	EPr	Spencer Moulton	H W 2 - 1		Pr	Lydney Town	H D 0 - 0
	Pr	Devizes Town	A L 0 - 4		Pr	Lydney Town	A L 3 - 5
2004-05	Pr	Exmouth	A L 2 - 3	2019-20	EPr	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	H D 1 - 1
2007-08	EPr	Highworth Town	A D 0 - 0		EPr	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	A L 0 - 1
	EPr	Highworth Town	H W 2 - 1	2020-21	EPr	Chipping Sodbury T (W4-1 pens)	H D 2 - 2
	Pr	Bracknell Town	H W 2 - 1		Pr	Didcot Town	A W 2 - 1
	QR1	Brockenhurst	A D 1 - 1		QR1	Cinderford T (Won 6-5 pens)	A D 2 - 2
	QR1	Brockenhurst	H L 1 - 5		QR2	Oxford City	H L 1 - 2
2008-09	EPr	Flackwell Heath	A D 1 - 1	2021-22	EPr	Thornbury Town	A W 4 - 0
	EPr	Flackwell Heath	H L 1 - 6		Pr	Ardley United	H D 2 - 2
2009-10	EPr	Westbury United	H D 2 - 2		PrR	Ardley United	A L 1 - 3
	EPr	Westbury United	A W 3 - 2	2022-23	EPr	Windsor	H D 1 - 1
	Pr	Brockenhurst	H L 0 - 1		EPrR	Windsor	A W 2 - 0
2010-11	EPr	Bradford Town	A D 1 - 1		Pr	Reading City	H W 3 - 1
	EPr	Bradford Town (W4-3 pens)	H D 3 - 3		QR1	Paulton Rovers	H L 2 - 4
	Pr	Almondsbury UWE	A W 1 - 0	2023-24	EPr	Mangotsfield United	A L 0 - 2
	QR1	Hamble ASSC	A D 1 - 1	2024-25	EPr	Mangotsfield United	H W 2 - 1
	QR1	Hamble ASSC	H L 0 - 2		Pr	Didcot Town	H L 0 - 2
2011-12	EPr	Radstock Town	A L 1 - 2	2025-26	EPr	Lydney Town	A D 3 - 3
2012-13	EPr	Calne Town	H W 4 - 2		EPrR	Lydney Town	H
	Pr	Hamworthy United	H W 1 - 0		Pr	Amersham Town	H
	QR1	Highworth Town	H W 3 - 1				
	QR2	Dorchester Town	A L 0 - 4				

## 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 Nottingham Forest	H		£450,000	
26-Apr-25	Semi-Final	v Manchester City	N		£1,000,000	£500,000
17-May-25	Final	v Crystal Palace	N		£2,000,000	£1,000,000
Total Prize Money Won						£1,606





# RWBTFC & The Isuzu FA VASE

## Season 2025-26

### Zone 8 Fixtures - 23 August 2025

Game	Level	League Divn		Level	League Divn
130 Devizes Town	Step 6	WST 1	v	Yateley United	Step 6 WSX 1
131 Thatcham Town	Step 5	CC PS	v	Odd Down	Step 6 WST 1
132 Chipping Sodbury Town	Step 6	HEL 1	v	Shortwood United	Step 6 HEL 1
133 Avonmouth	Step 6	WST 1	v	Brimscombe & Thrupp	Step 6 HEL 1
134 Oldland Abbotonians	Step 5	WST P	v	Cirencester Town	Step 5 HEL P
135 Cribbs	Step 5	HEL P	v	Clanfield 85 (Bampton)	Step 6 HEL 1
136 Tuffley Rovers	Step 5	HEL P	v	Longlevens	Step 5 HEL P
137 Fairford Town	Step 5	HEL P	v	Almondsbury	Step 6 WST 1
138 Shirehampton	Step 6	WST 1	v	Thornbury Town	Step 5 HEL P
139 Calne Town	Step 6	WST 1	v	Nailsea & Tickenham	Step 5 WST P
140 Hengrove Athletic	Step 6	WST 1	v	Mangotsfield United	Step 5 HEL P
141 Wantage Town	Step 6	HEL 1	v	Cheltenham Saracens	Step 6 HEL 1
142 A.F.C. Aldermaston	Step 6	WSX 1	v	Bristol Telephones	Step 6 WST 1
143 Corsham Town	Step 5	HEL P	v	Kintbury Rangers	Step 6 WSX 1
144 Newent Town	Step 6	HEL 1	v	Bradford Town	Step 5 WST P
145 Bitton	Step 6	WST 1	v	Wokingham Town	Step 5 CC PN
146 Woodley United	Step 6	CC 1	v	Hallen	Step 5 HEL P
147 Cinderford Town	Step 5	HEL P	v	Royal W. Bassett Town	Step 5 HEL P
148 Cadbury Heath	Step 6	WST 1	v	Mendip Broadwalk	Step 6 WST 1

#### THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY FOR ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C. FA VASE 2025-26

Date	Round	Opponents	H/A	Result	Prize Money	
					Winner	Loser
23-Aug-25	First Round Qualifying	Cinderford Town*	A		£550	£160
20-Sep-25	Second Round Qualifying	Bitton* or Wokingham Town*	A		£725	£225
18-Oct-25	First Round Proper				£825	£250
8-Nov-25	Second Round Proper				£900	£275
6-Dec-25	Third Round Proper				£1,125	£350
17-Jan-26	Fourth Round Proper				£1,875	£600
7-Feb-26	Fifth Round Proper				£2,250	£725
28-Feb-26	Sixth Round Proper				£4,125	£1,350
28-Mar-26	Semi-final (1st leg)				£5,500	£1,725
4-Apr-26	Semi-final (2nd leg)					
17-May-26	Final (at Wembley)				£30,000	£15,000
* Still in competition					Total Prize Money Won	
					£0	







# RWBTFC & The Isuzu FA Vase

## RWBTFC F.A. Vase Record

2001-02	QR2	Calne Town	H	W 3 - 2
	R1	St Blazey	H	L 0 - 2
2002-03	QR2	Shortwood United	A	L 1 - 5
2003-04	QR2	Bemerton Heath Harl's	A	L 1 - 4
2004-05	QR1	Wellington	A	L 0 - 4
2005-06	QR1	Christchurch	H	D 1 - 1
	QR1	Christchurch	A	L 0 - 1
2006-07	QR1	Shrewton United	A	D 1 - 1
	QR1	Shrewton United	H	L 2 - 3
2007-08	QR2	Bournemouth	A	L 0 - 12
2008-09	QR1	Buckingham Athletic	A	W 5 - 3
	QR2	Henley Town	A	W 6 - 0
	R1	Kidlington	H	W 3 - 2
	R2	Wimbourne Town	A	L 0 - 4
2009-10	QR1	Hamble ASSC	H	L 2 - 3
2010-11	QR2	Devizes Town	A	W 4 - 0
	R1	Cadbury Heath	A	L 1 - 2
2011-12	QR1	Shortwood United	A	L 0 - 4
2012-13	QR1	GE Hamble	A	L 0 - 6
2013-14	QR2	Odd Down	A	L 0 - 7
2014-15	QR1	Cove	A	W 3 - 2
	QR2	Abingdon United	H	L 2 - 3
2015-16	QR1	Binfield	H	D 1 - 1
	QR1	Binfield	A	W 4 - 3
	QR2	Windsor FC	A	L 1 - 2

2016-17	QR2	Thame Utd	H	L 2 - 4
2017-18	QR1	Fairford Town	H	W 3 - 1
	QR2	Codicote	H	W 5 - 0
	R1	Ampthill Town	H	W 2 - 1
	R2	Horndean	A	L 2 - 3
2018-19	QR2	Bashley	H	L 0 - 4
2019-20	QR1	New College Swindon	A	W 7 - 0
	QR2	Tadley Calleva	A	L 0 - 1
2020-21	QR2	Stonehouse	A	W 1 - 0
	R1	Camelford	H	W 4 - 0
	R2	Bridgwater Town	A	L 1 - 2
2021-22	QR1	Knaphill	H	W 1 - 0
	QR2	Portishead Town	A	W 3 - 1
	R1	Downton	H	W 4 - 0
	R2	Torpoint Athletic	H	W 2 - 0
	R3	Hamworthy United	H	L 1 - 3
2022-23	R1	Bridport	A	W 5 - 3
	R2	Wellington (W 5 - 4 pens)	A	D 2 - 2
	R3	Corsham T (L 3 - 4 pens)	H	D 0 - 0
2023-24	R1	Elburton Villa	H	W 2 - 1
	R2	Longlevens	H	W 2 - 1
	R3	Bridgwater T (5-6 pens)	H	L 2 - 2
2024-25	R1	AFC Stoneham	A	L 0 - 3
2025-26	QR1	Cinderford Town	A	
	QR2	Bitton or Wokingham T	A	

## 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	AFC Whyteleafe	H/A		£5,500	£1,725
11-May-25	Final (at Wembley)	Whitstable Town	N		£30,000	£15,000
Total Prize Money Won					£250	



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## Season 2025-26

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### Royal Wootton Bassett Town Women's Team

#### Season 2025-26 - South West Regional Women's League Division 1 North

	Date	Opponents	H/A	Comp	Result	Scorers
Sun	14-Sep-25	Whitchurch	A	SWRL		
Sun	21-Sep-25	AFC Brislington	H	SWRL		
Sun	28-Sep-25	Downend Flyers	H	SWRL		
Sun	05-Oct-25	Cirencester Town	A	SWRL		
Sun	12-Oct-25	Gloucester City Res	H	SWRL		
Sun	19-Oct-25	Bath City	A	SWRL		
Sun	26-Oct-25	Stockwood Wanderers	H	SWRL		
Sun	02-Nov-25	Bitton	H	SWRL		
Sun	09-Nov-25	Mangotsfield United	A	SWRL		
Sun	16-Nov-25	Corsham Town	A	SWRL		
Sun	23-Nov-25	Paulton Rovers	H	SWRL		
Sun	30-Nov-25	Whitchurch	H	SWRL		
Sun	07-Dec-25	AFC Brislington	A	SWRL		
Sun	14-Dec-25	Downend Flyers	A	SWRL		
Sun	04-Jan-26	Cirencester Town	H	SWRL		
Sun	11-Jan-26	Gloucester City Res	A	SWRL		
Sun	18-Jan-26	Bath City	H	SWRL		
Sun	25-Jan-26	Stockwood Wanderers	A	SWRL		
Sun	01-Feb-26	Mangotsfield United	H	SWRL		
Sun	08-Feb-26	Bitton	A	SWRL		
Sun	15-Feb-26	Corsham Town	H	SWRL		
Sun	22-Feb-26	Paulton Rovers	A	SWRL		

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## Season 2024-25



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

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Gloucester City Women	20	18	2	0	93	18	56
2 Bitton Ladies	20	12	6	2	42	17	42
3 Royal Wootton Bassett Town Ladies	20	10	7	3	51	27	37
4 Bath City FC Women	20	9	4	7	42	29	31
5 Cirencester Town Ladies	20	9	3	8	48	37	30
6 Corsham Town Ladies * (-3)	20	9	4	7	39	36	28
7 Downend Flyers Women	20	4	6	10	31	53	18
8 Stockwood Wanderers (Women)	20	5	3	12	29	60	18
9 Paulton Rovers Ladies	20	4	5	11	25	36	17
10 St Vallier Ladies * (-3)	20	6	1	13	41	73	16
11 SGS Olveston United Women	20	2	3	15	20	75	9
12 Purton FC Women	Record expunged						

\* Points adjustment







# 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	L 0 - 2	
Sun	23-Feb-25	Corsham Town	H	SWRL	W 1 - 0	Jefferies
Sun	02-Mar-25	SGS Olveston Utd	A	SWRL	L 1 - 3	Bach
Sun	09-Mar-25	Corsham Town	A	SWRL	D 2 - 2	Gulliver, Jefferies
Sun	16-Mar-25	Cirencester Town	A	SWRL	W 4 - 2	Brooks, Elliott, Gulliver, Nightingale
Sun	23-Mar-25	Bath City	H	SWRL	W 2 - 0	Bach, Mugford
Sun	30-Mar-25	SGS Olveston Utd	H	SWRL	W 5 - 0	Brooks 4, Bach
Sun	06-Apr-25	Gloucester City	A	SWRL	D 3 - 3	Brooks, Fraser, Mugford
Sun	04-May-25	Stockwood Wanderers	H	SWRL	D 1 - 1	Gulliver

#### Goalscorers

	League	Cup	Total
Caitlin Brooks	14	9	23
Hannah Gulliver	9	11	20
Maddy Elliott	7	8	15
Kathryn Bach	6	4	10
Lucy Goodright	3	6	9
Laura Jefferies	4		4
Cara Sommerville	1	2	3
Jasmine Kennedy	1	2	3
Natalie Goodright	1	2	3
Honor Fraser	1	2	3
Emma Sykes		3	3
Mia Mugford	2		2
Holly Baker	1		1
Amber Egerton	1		1
Kelly Nightingale	1		1
Millie Powell		1	1
Alice Telling		1	1
Grace Whitehouse		1	1
Own Goals	1	1	2
	<b>53</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>106</b>



# RWBTFC MEN'S Dev Team

## Season 2024-25



### Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League Premier Division Season 2024-25 - FINAL TABLE

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 Kintbury Rangers	32	25	3	4	80	22	78
2 Letcombe	32	22	2	8	66	35	68
3 Kingsdown	32	18	4	10	70	46	58
4 Pewsey Vale	32	17	3	12	74	56	54
5 Shrewton United	32	17	2	13	82	58	53
6 Shrivenham	32	15	6	11	57	47	51
7 Melksham Town Res	32	16	3	13	61	60	51
8 Bemerton H H Res	32	16	1	15	62	61	49
9 Wroughton	32	14	4	14	74	61	46
10 Trowbridge Town *(-2)	32	14	6	12	70	67	46
11 Park United	32	14	3	15	70	79	45
12 Calne Town Reserves	32	13	4	15	57	77	43
13 Larkhall Athletic Dev *(-2)	32	12	3	17	56	63	37
14 Royal W Bassett Town Dev	32	9	6	17	47	64	33
15 Salisbury Dev *(-2)	32	9	3	20	51	65	28
16 Faringdon Town	32	7	4	21	42	74	25
17 Malmesbury Victoria Dev*(-4)	32	5	1	26	39	123	12
18 Blunsdon - Withdrew & record expunged							

\* Points deduction for failing to fulfill fixtures



# RWBTFC MEN'S Dev Team

## Season 2024-25

### ROYAL W. BASSETT TOWN FC DEV - SEASON 2024-25 FIXTURES & RESULTS

#### CORSHAM PRINT WILTSHIRE SENIOR LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	Date	Opponents	H/A	Comp	Result	Scorers
Sat	03-Aug-24	Pewsey Vale	A	League	L 1 - 3	Ferreira
Tue	06-Aug-24	Blunsdon	H	League	W 4 - 0	Walters 2, Richards, Lance
Wed	14-Aug-24	Kingsdown	A	League	L 0 - 3	
Sat	17-Aug-24	Faringdon Town	A	League	L 1 - 3	Walters
Tue	20-Aug-24	Wroughton	H	League	D 3 - 3	B. Spackman 2, Richards
Sat	24-Aug-24	Shrewton United	H	League	D 1 - 1	Lance
Sat	31-Aug-24	Bemerton Heath Harl Res	H	League	L 0 - 1	
Sat	14-Sep-24	Park United	H	League	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	L 1 - 2	Walters
Sat	22-Feb-25	Kingsdown	H	League	L 0 - 2	
Sat	08-Mar-25	Shrivenham	H	League	W 2 - 0	Mesas, Capel
Tue	11-Mar-25	Wroughton (WSC SF)	N	WSC SF	L 0 - 0	(0 - 3 on pens)
Sat	15-Mar-25	Pewsey Vale	H	League	L 0 - 2	
Sat	22-Mar-25	Trowbridge Town	H	League	W 7 - 1	M.Spackman 2, Mesas, Smith, Walters, Griffin, Skittrall
Sat	29-Mar-25	Letcombe	A	League	D 0 - 0	
Sat	05-Apr-25	Salisbury Dev	A	League	D 3 - 3	Griffin 2, Mesas
Mon	21-Apr-25	Bemerton Heath Harl Res	A	League	L 0 - 3	

Goalscorers	League	WSC	FT Cup	Total
Flynn Walters	14	2		16
Dyllan Griffin	9			9
Mani Mesas	6	2		8
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	3			3
Will Close	1			1
Matt Capel	1			1
Oliver Smith	1			1
Finley Skittrall	1			1
Adam House			1	1
Own Goals	1			1
	53	6	2	61



# Wiltshire Senior Cup

## Senior Cup

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### WILTSHIRE FA COUNTY SENIOR CUP

SEASON 2024-25

Cup Holders: Downton

#### First Round

<b>Devizes Town</b>	3 - 1	Salisbury Dev
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#### Second Round

Amesbury Town	3 - 3	<b>Wroughton</b> (Won 5-4 on pens)
<b>Calne Town</b>	9 - 1	Blunsdon
<b>Devizes Town</b>	1 - 0	Bradford Town
<b>Melksham Town Res</b>	3 - 1	Pewsey Vale
<b>Park United</b>	5 - 0	Malmesbury Vics Dev
<b>RWBT Dev</b>	4 - 0	Bemerton Heath Harl Res
Shrewton United	0 - 4	<b>Warminster Town</b>
<b>Trowbridge Town</b>	2 - 0	Kingsdown

#### Quarter Finals

<b>Devizes Town</b>	4 - 2	Melksham Town Res
<b>RWBT Dev</b>	2 - 1	Calne Town
<b>Warminster Town</b>	5 - 3	Park United
<b>Wroughton</b>	3 - 1	Trowbridge Town

#### Semi Finals

<b>Devizes Town</b>	3 - 1	Warminster Town (at Chippenham)
<b>Wroughton</b> (Won 3-0 on pens)	0 - 0	RWBT Dev (at Swindon Supermarine)

#### Final at Chippenham Town

<b>Wroughton</b>	0 - 3	Devizes Town
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As with the Premier Shield the First Round draw for the Season 2025-26 Wiltshire Senior Cup has yet to be made by the Wiltshire FA but the participants this season will be:

Amesbury Town  
 Bemerton Heath Harlequins Res  
 Calne Town  
 Cricklade Town  
 Devizes Town  
 Malmesbury Vics  
 Melksham Town Res  
 Park United

Pewsey Vale  
 Purton Kingsdown  
 Shrewton United  
 Swindon Supermarine Dev  
 Trowbridge Town  
 Warminster Town  
 Wroughton





# Wiltshire Senior Cup Finals

The oldest and most prestigious of the County Cup competitions run by the Wiltshire County Football Association. In the early years the cup was dominated by Swindon Town as a result of which they ceased to participate. Our first team have twice won this cup competition, in Seasons 1998-99 and 2000-01, and have been beaten finalists on three occasions. With the advent of the Wiltshire Premier Shield it is now our Development side who play in this cup and last season they made it through to the semi final, going out on penalties against Wroughton after it finished 0-0.

## Wiltshire Senior Cup

Season	Winners	Runners-Up	Season	Winners	Runners-Up
1886-87	Swindon Town	2	1886-87	Swindon Town	2
1887-88	Swindon Town	5	1887-88	Swindon Town	5
1888-89	Swindon Town	7	1888-89	Swindon Town	7
1889-90	Swindon Town	7	1889-90	Swindon Town	7
1890-91	Swindon Town	2	1890-91	Swindon Town	2
1891-92	Swindon Town	13	1891-92	Swindon Town	13
1892-93	Swindon Athletic	3	1892-93	Swindon Athletic	3
1893-94	Swindon Wanderers	3	1893-94	Swindon Wanderers	3
1894-95	Trowbridge Town	2	1894-95	Trowbridge Town	2
1895-96	Swindon Town Res	7	1895-96	Swindon Town Res	7
1896-97	Trowbridge Town	1	1896-97	Trowbridge Town	1
1897-98	Trowbridge Town	6	1897-98	Trowbridge Town	6
1898-99	Swindon Victoria	3	1898-99	Swindon Victoria	3
1899-00	Chippenham Town	1	1899-00	Chippenham Town	1
1900-01	Warminster Town	1	1900-01	Warminster Town	1
1901-02	Chippenham Town	2	1901-02	Chippenham Town	2
1902-03	Warminster Town	3	1902-03	Warminster Town	3
1903-04	Swindon Town Res	3	1903-04	Swindon Town Res	3
1904-05	Melksham Town	3	1904-05	Melksham Town	3
1905-06	Salisbury City	1	1905-06	Salisbury City	1
1906-07	Swindon Town	2	1906-07	Swindon Town	2
1907-08	Devizes Town	3	1907-08	Devizes Town	3
1908-09	Swindon Town Res	1	1908-09	Swindon Town Res	1
1909-10	Salisbury City	3	1909-10	Salisbury City	3
1910-11	Warminster Town	2	1910-11	Warminster Town	2
1911-12	38th Brigade RFA	3	1911-12	38th Brigade RFA	3
1912-13	Calne Town	2	1912-13	Calne Town	2
1913-14	3rd Wilts Regiment	3	1913-14	3rd Wilts Regiment	3
1919-20	Swindon Town Res	1	1919-20	Swindon Town Res	1
1920-21	Swindon Victoria	2	1920-21	Swindon Victoria	2
1921-22	Trowbridge Town	2	1921-22	Trowbridge Town	2
1922-23	Salisbury City	3	1922-23	Salisbury City	3
1923-24	Spencers	3	1923-24	Spencers	3
1924-25	Chippenham Town	1	1924-25	Chippenham Town	1
1925-26	Trowbridge Town	2	1925-26	Trowbridge Town	2
1926-27	Chippenham Town	5	1926-27	Chippenham Town	5
1927-28	Swindon Corinthians	3	1927-28	Swindon Corinthians	3
1928-29	Chippenham Town	3	1928-29	Chippenham Town	3
1929-30	Garrard Athletic	3	1929-30	Garrard Athletic	3
1930-31	Chippenham Town	5	1930-31	Chippenham Town	5
1931-32	Westbury United	2	1931-32	Westbury United	2
1932-33	Westbury United	3	1932-33	Westbury United	3
1933-34	Trowbridge Town	3	1933-34	Trowbridge Town	3
1934-35	Swindon Corinthians	3	1934-35	Swindon Corinthians	3
1935-36	Salisbury Corinthians	3	1935-36	Salisbury Corinthians	3
1936-37	Swindon Victoria	3	1936-37	Swindon Victoria	3
1937-38	Trowbridge Town	3	1937-38	Trowbridge Town	3
1938-39	Purton	2	1938-39	Purton	2
1945-46	Salisbury Corinthians	2	1945-46	Salisbury Corinthians	2
1946-47	Swindon GWR Corin's	3	1946-47	Swindon GWR Corin's	3
1947-48	Westbury United	2	1947-48	Westbury United	2
1948-49	Purton	4	1948-49	Purton	4
1949-50	Devizes Town	4	1949-50	Devizes Town	4
1950-51	Purton	3	1950-51	Purton	3
1951-52	Westbury United	4	1951-52	Westbury United	4
1952-53	Pinehurst YC	1	1952-53	Pinehurst YC	1
1953-54	Pinehurst YC	3	1953-54	Pinehurst YC	3
1954-55	Purton	2	1954-55	Purton	2
1955-56	Swindon Victoria	4	1955-56	Swindon Victoria	4
1956-57	Devizes Town	4	1956-57	Devizes Town	4
1957-58	Devizes Town	3	1957-58	Devizes Town	3
1958-59	Devizes Town	2	1958-59	Devizes Town	2
1959-60	Pinehurst	1	1959-60	Pinehurst	1
1960-61	Devizes Town	1	1960-61	Devizes Town	1
1961-62	Devizes Town	3	1961-62	Devizes Town	3
1962-63	Devizes Town	4	1962-63	Devizes Town	4
1963-64	Highworth Town	1	1963-64	Highworth Town	1
1964-65	Pinehurst	1	1964-65	Pinehurst	1
1965-66	Devizes Town	5	1965-66	Devizes Town	5
1966-67	Pinehurst	4	1966-67	Pinehurst	4
1967-68	Devizes Town	1	1967-68	Devizes Town	1
1968-69	Chippenham Town	1	1968-69	Chippenham Town	1
1969-70	Melksham Town	2	1969-70	Melksham Town	2
1970-71	Devizes Town	4	1970-71	Devizes Town	4
1971-72	Devizes Town	6	1971-72	Devizes Town	6
1972-73	Highworth Town	2	1972-73	Highworth Town	2
1973-74	Devizes Town	1	1973-74	Devizes Town	1
1974-75	Chippenham Town	4	1974-75	Chippenham Town	4
1975-76	Pinehurst	2	1975-76	Pinehurst	2
1976-77	Corsham Town	3	1976-77	Corsham Town	3
1977-78	Melksham Town	3	1977-78	Melksham Town	3
1978-79	Devizes Town	6	1978-79	Devizes Town	6
1979-80	Downton FC	4	1979-80	Downton FC	4
1980-81	Downton FC	2	1980-81	Downton FC	2
1981-82	Avebury	2	1981-82	Avebury	2
1982-83	Penhill	4	1982-83	Penhill	4
1983-84	Amesbury Town	2	1983-84	Amesbury Town	2
1984-85	Calne Town	1	1984-85	Calne Town	1
1985-86	Supermarine	2	1985-86	Supermarine	2
1986-87	Penhill	2	1986-87	Penhill	2
1987-88	Purton	1	1987-88	Purton	1
1988-89	Purton	3	1988-89	Purton	3
1989-90	Swindon Athletic	1	1989-90	Swindon Athletic	1
1990-91	Pewsey Vale	2	1990-91	Pewsey Vale	2
1991-92	Wolton Sports	3	1991-92	Wolton Sports	3
1992-93	Bernerton Heath H	3	1992-93	Bernerton Heath H	3
1993-94	Amesbury Town	2	1993-94	Amesbury Town	2
1994-95	Purton	1	1994-95	Purton	1
1995-96	Highworth Town	3	1995-96	Highworth Town	3
1996-97	Corsham Town	4	1996-97	Corsham Town	4
1997-98	Highworth Town	2	1997-98	Highworth Town	2
1998-99	Wootton Bassett Town	3	1998-99	Wootton Bassett Town	3
1999-00	Pewsey Vale (3-2 pens)	0	1999-00	Pewsey Vale (3-2 pens)	0
2000-01	Wootton Bassett Town	2	2000-01	Wootton Bassett Town	2
2001-02	Malmesbury Victoria	2	2001-02	Malmesbury Victoria	2
2002-03	Melksham Town	2	2002-03	Melksham Town	2
2003-04	Trowbridge T (5-3 pens)	2	2003-04	Trowbridge T (5-3 pens)	2
2004-05	Corsham Town	3	2004-05	Corsham Town	3
2005-06	Corsham T (5-3 pens)	2	2005-06	Corsham T (5-3 pens)	2
2006-07	Corsham Town	1	2006-07	Corsham Town	1
2007-08	Melksham Town	5	2007-08	Melksham Town	5
2008-09	Highworth Town	2	2008-09	Highworth Town	2
2009-10	Calne Town	4	2009-10	Calne Town	4
2010-11	Bernerton Heath Harl.	2	2010-11	Bernerton Heath Harl.	2
2011-12	Calne Town	2	2011-12	Calne Town	2
2012-13	Melksham Town	2	2012-13	Melksham Town	2
2013-14	Melksham T (3-2 pens)	3	2013-14	Melksham T (3-2 pens)	3
2014-15	Highworth Town	2	2014-15	Highworth Town	2
2015-16	Melksham Town	2	2015-16	Melksham Town	2
2016-17	Swindon Supermarine	2	2016-17	Swindon Supermarine	2
2017-18	Chippenham Town	3	2017-18	Chippenham Town	3
2018-19	Swindon Supermarine	3	2018-19	Swindon Supermarine	3
2019-20	Final not played - Covid		2019-20	Final not played - Covid	
2020-21	Not competed - Covid		2020-21	Not competed - Covid	
2021-22	Downton	2	2021-22	Downton	2
2022-23	Downton	6	2022-23	Downton	6
2023-24	Downton	1	2023-24	Downton	1
2024-25	Devizes Town	3	2024-25	Devizes Town	3



# RWBTFC MEN'S Dev Team

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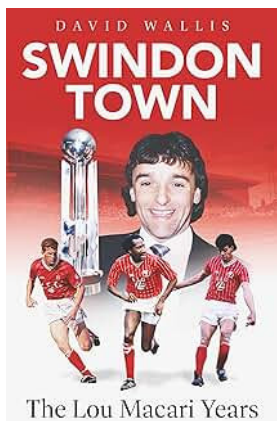
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	Date	Opponents	H/A	Comp	Result	Scorers
	Sat 02-Aug-25	Melksham Town Res	H	League	L 2 - 5	Mesas, Capel
	Tue 05-Aug-25	Wroughton	A	League		
	Sat 09-Aug-25	Faringdon Town	A	League		
	Sat 16-Aug-25	Down Ampney	A	League		
	Sat 23-Aug-25	Calne Town Res	H	League		
	Tue 26-Aug-25	Park United	A	League		
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	Tue 02-Sep-25	Letcombe	H	League		
	Sat 06-Sep-25	Cricklade Town	A	League		
	Wed 10-Sep-25	Trowbridge Town	A	League		
	Sat 13-Sep-25	Swindon Supermarine Dev	H	League		
	Sat 20-Sep-25	Bemerton Heath Harl Res	H	League		
	Sat 27-Sep-25	Shrewton United	A	League		
	Sat 08-Oct-25	Devizes Town Res	A	League		
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	Sat 20-Dec-25	Larkhall Athletic Dev	A	League		
	Sat 03-Jan-26	Purton Kingsdown	H	League		
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	Sat 17-Jan-26	Pewsey Vale	A	League		
	Sat 24-Jan-26	Park United	H	League		
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	Sat 07-Mar-26	Cricklade Town	H	League		
	Wed 11-Mar-26	Swindon Supermarine Dev	A	League		
	Sat 14-Mar-26	Faringdon Town	H	League		



# From Editor's Football Collection

## Swindon Town - The Lou Macari Years



April 2025 saw the publication of a book about the Lou Macari years at Swindon Town, a fascinating period that saw the local professional side embark on a transformational five year period. The book is written by David Wallis, a Swindon Town fan for over half a century and is an enjoyable read. Whilst not a Swindon Town fan as such, it was a period when I used to go and watch the local professional side quite a bit and a few of the key games discussed, including the play-off games at Crystal Palace's ground, brought back special memories.

The five years under Lou Macari would see a couple of promotions from what is now League Two and then League One up to what is currently the Championship in "new money", but the period of Macari's reign would end in controversial circumstances.

One of the key players in the period was local lad Charlie Henry who my claim to fame is that I was third choice centre half for the Wiltshire Schools squad behind both him and Kevin Baddeley, both of whom would go on to play for Swindon. Ironically I believe Lou Macari was the one who released Baddeley. I only eventually got to play for Wiltshire Schools in the end because those two players didn't stay on into the sixth form at their respective schools, as I was never in their league!

One of the games featured in the book is Swindon Town's 4-0 victory over Chelsea in 1987-88 in that mighty important competition, the Simod Cup (also known as the Full Members Cup). The reference in the book to that particular game brought back special memories to me as I was at the game with my wife Claire, who was pregnant with my eldest son Scott at the time. During the game Claire was feeling faint and we had to be escorted out of the crowd by St Johns and given a pitchside bench to sit on whilst Claire was checked over. Being so close up to seeing Chelsea get stuffed is something a lot of fellow QPR fans would have paid good money for.

The most interesting bits for me are towards the back end of the book where it covers the events resulting from the Football League's investigation into the financial dealings of Swindon over the course of the 1980s under Chairman Brian Hillier, who would later go on to be chairman of Calne Town FC. I thought at the time and, after reading this book, even more so, that Swindon Town were picked on by the FA for something that a lot of other clubs were doing at the time and they were just looking for a club to make an example of. Swindon were denied promotion to what is now the Premier League in 1990 after winning the play-off final, with Sunderland the beaten finalists being promoted in their place. Swindon were initially relegated to the then third division but won an appeal allowing them to remain in Division Two.

I found the comments Lou Macari makes in the book about playing styles, fitness levels and the style of the game back then compared to the dreary passing it around at the back we see today, resonated with me. I am currently enjoying the best season in the history of English football, 1975-76, on the Big Match Revisited on ITV. The games are so much more exciting in terms of goal area action with the ball getting into the box a lot quicker, without 36 passes across the back before trying to get into the opposition box.

In summary, an enjoyable book, well worth reading even if not a Swindon Town fan.



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JUST 75 days after Crystal Palace stunned Manchester City to lift the FA Cup at Wembley for the first time in their history, the world's most famous cup competition is back for its latest instalment.

Indeed, it seems almost unfathomable that, in the week the kids break up for their school holidays, the summer is all but over in the world of Non-League football with the 2025-26 campaign already up and running. Where did the time go?

The first name etched in the history books for the new campaign is Sherman Artmeladze. His goal after just two minutes of Soul Tower Hamlets' 5-2 Essex Senior League win at White Ensign last Friday night handed him the accolade as English football's first goalscorer of 2025-26.

It's very rare for The NLP to report on competitive football in the month of July, but it was great to sink our teeth into a bit of league action last Saturday with no fewer than ten Step 5 and 6 leagues kicking off and getting valuable minutes in the tank ahead of this week's potentially lucrative FA Cup opener.

Western League side Ivybridge Town, Westside, of Combined Counties League Division One, and Eastern Counties Leaguers Fakenham Town hit the ground running with seven-day openers, but star of the show was veteran former Notts County striker Craig Westcarr, who hit four goals in Sherwood Colliery's 5-1 opening-day victory at Gresley Rovers in United Counties League Premier North – still banging them in at the age of 40.

So, the perfect pre-cursor then to the big FA Cup curtain-raiser on Friday night with seven matches to whet the appetite for the weekend.

And it's one of those matches which throws up one of those quirky tales from which the FA Cup never fails to disappoint.

When NPL West side Bootle take on Midland Leaguers 1874 Northwich in a big battle of the north-west, it will prove to be a proud day for the Woolley family.

Bootle's attacking midfielder Joe Woolley is a player who loves to dribble and take on his man, but the chances are the man wearing 1874 Northwich colours trying to stop him making forward progress will be his older brother Matt.

And that's not it, as Matt will be able to count on back-up in the form of middle sibling Jack, who completed a transfer from neighbours Winsford United to 1874 this summer.

"I've mentioned to people at work that I'm playing in the FA Cup, and they loved it when I told them I'd be up against two of my brothers – it's an added reason for them to come and watch," Joe told The NLP.

And Matt added: "It's always weird when you come up against your close friends in a game, maybe more so if it's your brother because it's so rare.

"I don't think I've got the better of him yet either, although I do remember him turning up for Christmas dinner once with a big grin on his face after scoring against us for Kidsgrove the previous Saturday.

"Dad [Stewart] will just want us to play well no matter what the result is," added Matt, 1874's record appearance holder and the only player to have featured every season since the club's formation.

"Nobody would choose to play an FA Cup tie as their first competitive game and we'll probably start as underdogs, but we're hoping to catch Bootle cold and sneak through if we can."

This week, the FA Cup trophy paid a visit to Step 5 new boys Harwich & Parkeston, taking their place in the competition for the first time in six years on the club's 150th anniversary.

The Shrimpers have prestigious history in English football, having reached the FA Amateur Cup final in 1953 where they played at the old Wembley Stadium in front of a reported Non-League record crowd of 100,000 people.

Among those in attendance that day was Harwich club president Terry Francis whom, at the age of 87, was at the club's Royal Oak ground to see the FA Cup in all its glory.

"It's a great honour for the club to get the FA Cup here at the Oak," he told The NLP this week. "It's our 150th anniversary later this year so it ties in wonderfully."

So, another year, and another place in history at stake. Who will be the headline makers this time round? The FA Cup is back.

**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	L 1 - 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	L 1 - 5	Newton
Wed 12-Mar-25	ExIntel	A	League	L 1 - 3	Davidson
Wed 19-Mar-25	Cricklade Town	H	League	L 0 - 4	
Wed 26-Mar-25	Penhill United	A	League	L 1 - 2	Head
Tue 08-Apr-25	Chiseldon	A	League	W 4 - 2	Head 3, Shaw

### Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League

#### Vets North Wiltshire Division Season 2024-25 FINAL TABLE

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 Cricklade Town	20	19	1	0	101	8	58
2 Nationwide	20	15	1	4	75	23	46
3 Redhouse	20	14	2	4	48	20	44
4 Penhill United	20	12	1	7	45	28	37
5 ExIntel	20	10	2	8	40	37	32
6 Swindon Rovers	20	8	2	10	36	43	26
7 Chiseldon	20	7	4	9	36	38	25
8 Royal W. Bassett Town	20	5	2	13	37	53	17
9 AFC Swindon	20	5	0	15	23	74	15
10 Stratton Juniors	20	3	3	14	30	74	12
11 FS Swindon	20	2	2	16	21	94	8



# RWBTFC Vets' (Over 35) Team

## Season 2025-26

### Royal Wootton Bassett Town Vets

#### Season 2025 -26 Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League - Vets North Wilts Division

Date	Opponents	H/A	Comp	Result	Scorers
Tue 02-Sep-25	ExIntel	A	League		
Wed 10-Sep-25	Swindon Rovers	H	League		
Wed 17-Sep-25	Penhill United	A	League		
Wed 24-Sep-25	FS Stratton	H	League		
Tue 30-Sep-25	Cricklade Town	A	League		
W/C 06-Oct-25	Wilts Vets' County Cup R1				
Wed 15-Oct-25	Bishops Cannings	H	VLC 1		
Mon 20-Oct-25	AFC Swindon	A	League		
W/C 03-Nov-25	Wilts Vets' County Cup R2				
Wed 12-Nov-25	Nationwide	H	League		
Wed 19-Nov-25	Redhouse	A	League		
Wed 26-Nov-25	Stratton	H	League		
Wed 03-Dec-25	Purton Kingsdown	H	League		
Wed 10-Dec-25	Chiseldon	H	League		
W/C 15-Dec-25	Trowbridge T or Barford H *	H	VLC 2		
Wed 07-Jan-26	ExIntel	H	League		
Thur 15-Jan-26	Swindon Rovers	A	League		
Wed 21-Jan-26	Penhill United	H	League		
Mon 26-Jan-26	FS Stratton	A	League		
Wed 04-Feb-26	Cricklade Town	H	League		
Wed 11-Feb-26	Chiseldon	A	League		
Wed 25-Feb-26	AFC Swindon	H	League		
Thur 05-Mar-26	Nationwide	A	League		
Wed 11-Mar-26	Redhouse	H	League		
Mon 16-Mar-26	Stratton	A	League		
Wed 25-Mar-26	Purton Kingsdown	A	League		

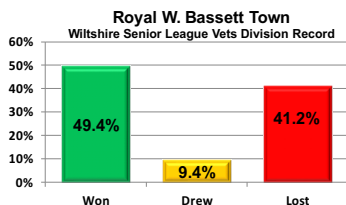
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### Royal W. Bassett Town Historical Record in Wiltshire Senior League Vets Div

Season	League & Division	Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst	Pts	Position	Top Scorer	Secretary	Manager
2019/20	Vets North Wiltshire Division	3	2	0	1	10	5	6	5 out of 8	Steve Howse 4	Ian Thomas	Nick Warren
2020/21	Vets North Wiltshire Division	10	3	1	6	19	19	10	5 out of 6	Andy Huggins 5	Ian Thomas	Martin Ohrland
2021/22	Vets North Wiltshire Division	16	11	1	4	44	19	34	3 out of 9	Jeremy Newton 11	Ian Thomas	Martin Ohrland
2022/23	Vets North Wiltshire Division	18	13	3	2	49	16	42	2 out of 10	Chris Head 12	Ian Thomas	Martin Ohrland
2023/24	Vets North Wiltshire Division	18	8	1	9	32	36	25	5 out of 10	Jeremy Newton 10	Ian Thomas	Martin Ohrland
2024/25	Vets North Wiltshire Division	20	5	2	13	37	53	17	8 out of 11	Chris Head 6	Ian Thomas	Martin Ohrland
Totals		85	42	8	35	191	148					

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# RWBTFC Vets' (Over 50) Team

## Season 2024-25

### Royal Wootton Bassett Town Vets Over 50s

#### Season 2024-25 - Oxfordshire League - Vets Premier League Division 2

Date	Opponents	H/A	Comp	Result	Scorers
Sun 01-Sep-24	Oxford Hongkongers United	A	League	W 4 - 0	Huggins 3, Camden
Sun 15-Sep-24	Goring United	H	League	D 0 - 0	
Sun 29-Sep-24	AFC Henley	A	League	L 3 - 4	Howse 2, Rouse
Sat 13-Oct-24	Exiles	H	League	W 7 - 0	Huggins 3, Howse 2, Lynch, Warren
Sun 27-Oct-24	Cookham Dean	A	League	L 0 - 2	
Sun 10-Nov-24	Hazlemere Sports Olympic	H	League	W 2 - 1	Howse, Huggins
Sun 24-Nov-24	Easington Sports	A	League	W 6 - 3	Howse 2, Rendell 2, Watson, Whitehead
Sun 05-Jan-25	Bicester Town	A	League	W 2 - 0	Howse, Rendell
Sun 19-Jan-25	Oxford Hongkongers United	H	League	W 13 - 0	Huggins 5, Rendell 5, Partridge, Wilson, Watson
Sun 03-Feb-25	Goring United	A	League	W 4 - 1	Howse 3, Huggins
Sun 09-Feb-25	Easington Sports	A	Cup	W - Award	
Sun 16-Feb-25	AFC Henley	H	League	W 9 - 0	Huggins 3, Howse 2, Watson 2, Rendell, Webb
Sun 02-Mar-25	Exiles	A	League	W 10 - 0	Huggins 2, Partridge 2, Rouse 2, Lynch, Rendell, Wilson, Watson
Sun 09-Mar-25	Thame Utd	A	Cup QF	L 2 - 4	Huggins 2
Sun 16-Mar-25	Cookham Dean	H	League	L 1 - 3	Huggins
Sun 23-Mar-25	Kingston	A	League	L 0 - 3	
Sun 30-Mar-25	Hazlemere Sports Olympic	A	League	D 3 - 3	Watson 2, Rendell
Sun 13-Apr-25	Easington Sports	H	League	W 3 - 0	Huggins 3
Sun 27-Apr-25	Kingston	H	League	W 2 - 1	Howse, Huggins
Sat 03-May-25	RAF Veterans'	H	Friendly	D 1 - 1	Huggins
Sun 11-May-25	Bicester Town	H	League	L 3 - 4	Howse, Huggins, Jefferies

### Oxfordshire Over 50s League Division 2 Season 2024/2025

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 Bicester Town	18	12	4	2	42	23	40
2 Cookham Dean	18	13	0	5	43	26	39
3 Royal Wootton Bassett Town	18	11	2	5	72	25	35
4 Hazlemere Sports Olympic	18	10	3	5	54	26	33
5 Easington Sports	18	9	2	7	69	47	29
6 AFC Henley	18	9	1	8	49	48	28
7 Goring United	18	7	3	8	56	35	24
8 Kingston	18	6	4	8	38	39	22
9 Oxford Hongkongers United	18	3	1	14	28	82	10
10 Exiles	18	0	0	18	12	112	0



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# Youth Section Final League Tables

## Season 2024-25

### Under 18

#### North Wilts League Under 18 Division Two 2024-25

	P	W	D	L	Pts
1 <b>RWBT Blue</b>	22	18	3	1	57
2 Croft Junior U17 Blue *	22	19	3	0	56
3 Wroughton Youth FC White	22	13	4	5	43
4 Ferndale Rodbourne FC	22	13	2	7	41
5 Marlborough Youth FC *	22	13	3	6	38
6 Fairford Youth White	22	10	3	9	33
7 South Cerney Youth	22	9	6	7	33
8 Draycott FC Inferno	22	6	3	13	21
9 FC Abbey Meads Grey	22	5	4	13	19
10 Wroughton Youth FC Blue	22	5	2	15	17
11 Stratton Juniors FC	22	2	3	17	9
12 Ashton Keynes Youth	22	0	2	20	2

\* Points deducted

The following teams were all promoted:

Under 18 Blue  
Under 15 Blue  
Under 14 Blue  
Under 14 Yellow



Last season's U15 Blue

### Under 16

#### North Wilts League Under 16 Division Two 2024-25

	P	W	D	L	Pts
1 Stratton Youth	18	14	2	2	44
2 Fairford Youth	18	11	2	5	35
3 Wanborough Junior FC Black	18	10	1	7	31
4 Calne Town Youth FC Panthers	18	9	2	7	29
5 Ferndale Rodbourne FC	18	7	4	7	25
6 Purton Youth *	18	7	5	6	24
7 <b>RWBT Blue</b>	18	7	2	9	23
8 Shrivernham	18	7	2	9	23
9 Blunsdon Youth FC	18	4	0	14	12
10 Stratton Juniors FC Lions	18	3	2	13	11

\* Points deducted

### Under 16

#### North Wilts League Under 16 Division Three 2024-25 - Final Table

	P	W	D	L	Pts
1 Croft Junior Red	14	13	1	0	40
2 Kingsdown Lions Tigers	14	11	0	3	33
3 Kingsdown Lions Black	14	9	2	3	29
4 Malmesbury Youth FC	14	9	1	4	28
5 Hungerford Town Juniors Hurricanes	14	6	2	6	18
6 Stratton Youth U16	14	3	0	11	9
7 <b>RWBT Yellow</b>	14	2	1	11	7
8 Lydiard Millicent Juniors FC	14	0	1	13	1

### Under 15

#### North Wilts League Under 15 Division Two 2024-25

	P	W	D	L	Pts
1 Lydiard Millicent Juniors FC	16	13	1	2	40
2 <b>RWBT Blue</b>	16	12	1	3	37
3 Bishops Cannings FC Tigers	16	11	3	2	36
4 Blunsdon Youth FC	16	9	0	7	27
5 Ashton Keynes Youth Black	16	7	3	6	24
6 FC Chippenham Youth Keatsels	16	4	3	9	15
7 Malmesbury Youth FC	16	4	2	10	14
8 Wanborough Junior FC	16	2	3	11	9
9 Pewsey Vale Youth FC	16	1	2	13	5

### Under 15

#### North Wilts League Under 15 Division Four 2024-25

	P	W	D	L	Pts
1 Ashton Keynes Youth White	18	13	3	2	42
2 Fairford Youth Falcons	18	13	3	2	42
3 Purton Youth Lions	18	12	2	4	38
4 FC Abbey Meads Purple	18	9	3	6	30
5 <b>RWBT Yellow</b>	18	2	2	10	20
6 Kingsdown Lions Blue	18	1	3	14	6
7 Liden Community Titans	18	0	2	16	2

### Under 14

#### North Wilts League Under 14 Division Two 2024-25

	P	W	D	L	Pts
1 Hungerford Town Juniors Black	16	11	4	1	37
2 <b>RWBT Blue</b>	16	10	5	1	35
3 Lydiard Millicent Juniors FC	16	10	1	5	31
4 Stratton Youth	16	8	2	6	26
5 Fairford Youth Spitfires	16	7	5	4	26
6 Marlborough Youth FC Beagles	16	6	2	8	20
7 AFC Haydon Vale Eagles	16	5	1	10	16
8 Robins	16	2	1	13	7
9 Draycott FC Ignition	16	1	3	12	6

### Under 14

#### North Wilts League Under 14 Division Five 2024-25 - Final Table

	P	W	D	L	Pts
1 <b>RWBT Yellow</b>	15	14	1	0	43
2 Wanborough Junior FC	15	8	2	5	26
3 Marlborough Youth FC Falcons	15	7	2	6	23
4 Liden Community Lions	15	7	1	7	22
5 South Cerney Youth Tigers	15	5	2	8	17
6 Stratton Juniors FC Panthers	15	0	0	15	0

### Under 13

#### North Wilts League Under 13 Division Two 2024-25

	P	W	D	L	Pts
1 Stratton Youth	22	21	1	0	64
2 Wroughton Youth FC Hurricanes	22	16	3	3	51
3 Robins Red	22	14	3	5	45
4 Cricklade Youth	22	11	2	9	35
5 Croft Junior Red	22	10	4	8	34
6 <b>RWBT Blue</b>	22	9	4	9	31
7 Ferndale Rodbourne FC Panthers	22	10	0	12	30
8 Calne Town Youth FC Spartans	22	8	3	10	30
9 Marlborough Youth FC Jackals	22	8	3	11	27
10 Wanborough Junior FC Yellow	22	7	5	10	26
11 Liden Community Raptors	22	1	2	19	5
12 Draycott FC Mavericks	22	0	2	20	2

### Under 13

#### North Wilts League Under 13 Division Four 2024-25

	P	W	D	L	Pts
1 Kingsdown Lions Red	20	16	1	3	49
2 FC Abbey Meads Orange	20	13	2	5	41
3 Croft Junior Blue	20	13	0	7	39
4 Kingsdown Lions	20	12	3	5	39
5 AFC Haydon Vale Falcons	20	12	1	7	37
6 Ramsbury Youth	20	10	3	7	33
7 Wroughton Youth FC Tornados	20	9	1	10	28
8 Old Town Athletic	20	8	3	9	27
9 <b>RWBT Yellow</b>	20	6	1	13	19
10 FC Abbey Meads Green	20	1	2	17	5
11 Wanborough Junior FC	20	1	1	18	4

### Under 12

#### North Wilts League Under 12 Division Two 2024-25

	P	W	D	L	Pts
1 Marlborough Youth FC Dragons	20	18	1	1	55
2 FC Abbey Meads Blue	20	13	3	4	42
3 <b>RWBT Blue</b>	20	12	3	5	39
4 Wims 11 Cavalry	20	11	1	8	34
5 Highworth Town Junior FC H	20	10	4	6	34
6 Penhill United FC	20	9	2	9	29
7 Ramsbury Youth Blue	20	5	5	10	20
8 South Cerney Youth	20	6	1	13	19
9 Calne Town Youth FC	20	5	3	12	18
10 Cricklade Youth	20	4	2	14	14
11 Ramsbury Youth White	20	4	1	15	13

### Under 12

#### North Wilts League Under 12 Division Four 2024-25

	P	W	D	L	Pts
1 Croft Junior Red	20	19	1	0	58
2 Shrivernham Hoops	19	13	0	6	39
3 Fairford Youth yphoons	21	13	0	8	39
4 Ferndale Rodbourne FC Red	18	10	1	7	31
5 Blunsdon Youth FC	18	9	3	6	30
6 Durrington FC Hawks	17	8	3	6	27
7 FC Abbey Meads Purple	22	7	5	10	26
8 Pewsey Vale Youth FC	22	7	4	11	25
9 <b>RWBT Yellow</b>	20	6	6	8	24
10 Ashton Keynes Youth Panthers	20	6	3	11	21
11 Wroughton Youth FC Wolves	20	5	4	11	19
12 Marlborough Youth FC Mavericks *	21	1	0	20	-1



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	Noah Cranswick-Coates
	Aaron Voller
	Henry Parry-Williams
	Rudi Hopkins
	Otis Lewis
	Edward Taylor
	Ben Cleary
	Jono Peachey-Score
	Bonsa Teshome
	Omaree Cox
	Kassa Anderson
	Marcel Lewis
	Lewis Hayward
	Kye Williams
	Terry Francis
	Ollie Smith
	Miguel Alves
	Ben Spackman
	Afonso Ferreira
	Nelson Ero
	TJ Bohane
	Henry Sandys-Lumsdaine

### Dugout Team

Manager: Jonny Aitkenhead  
 Assistant: Dan Atkin  
 Coach: Rob Hopkins  
 Coach: Nick Warren  
 GK Coach: Gary Eggleton  
 Therapist: Kara Gregory  
 Therapist: Hannah Tubbs

Referee

Emmanuel Adeeko

AR1

Roger Smith



## LYDNEY TOWN

Number	
	Ollie Phillips
	Keelan Maguire-Hamblett
	Ryley Mace
	Armani Brown
	Amadou Lo
	Kyle Gibbs
	Jordi Sheen
	Ben Dodd
	Levi Senior
	Michael Symons
	Archie Myatt
	Tyler Blount
	Billy Guest
	Lucas Vaughan
	Junior Kposowa
	Harry Clark
	Harley Mulraney
	Arron Jenkins
	Henry Hunt

### Dugout Team

Manager: Lee Smith  
 Asst. Manager:  
 Coach: Dean McKeon  
 Coach: Warren Evans  
 Coach:  
 GK Coach:  
 Therapist:

AR2

Luke Hinchcliffe