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RWBT v Droitwich Spa
Uhsport Hellenic League Premier Division
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Season 2026-27

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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

GOOD AFTERNOON and welcome back to the Swindon Mercedes Stadium for this UHlsport Hellenic League Premier Division fixture against Droitwich Spa.

A warm welcome to all our visitors who have made the long journey from Worcestershire for their second visit to the renamed Swindon Mercedes Stadium here at the Gerard Buxton Sports Ground, we hope you enjoy your brief stay with us this afternoon and wish you a safe journey home.

After an excellent first season in the Premier Division of the UHlsport Hellenic League which saw them finish third and reach the play-off final, eventually losing 4-1 to Worcester Raiders, Droitwich, like ourselves, currently find themselves at the wrong end of the table, with just one win in their opening five games this season. For both sides today's game is vitally important as the two teams look to climb away from the bottom end of the table.

Last week saw us fall to yet another narrow defeat, our fourth defeat by a single goal margin so far this season in all competitions. At some stage our luck has to change so that we end on the right side of the score line in these tight affairs. It is too early in the season to start panicking and hopefully today will be the day that sees us get our season finally up and running.

Last season the two games between the two sides were tight affairs, we lost narrowly 2-1 at Droitwich before getting a share of the points in a 1-1 draw in the return here just before Christmas. I expect it to be close again today.

Despite a couple of heavy defeats already this season, Corsham Town currently sit top of the table and with Cirencester Town the only remaining unbeaten side in the division, but having already drawn three times, it looks to me from the outside that there is little to choose between the teams in this season's Premier Division of the UHlsport Hellenic League.

In my new role as Fixture Secretary of the Combined Counties League, I am getting to see more games in that Step 5 league this season and on Tuesday night I watched Tooting & Mitcham United play Virginia Water at Chertsey on a grass pitch that is even better than Bassett's! The last time I had watched

Tooting & Mitcham was back in January 1976 when they played Swindon Town in the Third Round of the FA Cup at the County Ground, the then Isthmian League side holding Swindon to a 2-2 draw that day before beating them in the replay. In chatting with the current Tooting & Mitcham Secretary before the game on Tuesday he had also been at the County Ground and reminded me that in the Fourth Round, with the big sides of the time, Derby County, Ipswich Town, Liverpool and Manchester United, still in the last 32, Tooting had the misfortune to draw the one remaining Division 4 side left in the competition, Bradford City. They went down 3-1 in that game but had gone the furthest of any non-league club that season. They now find themselves playing at the same level as us in the Non-League System.

Last week the Development side picked up their third win of the season with a 2-1 away success against Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves to move into the top half of the table. They are without a game today but return to action next Saturday when they play Melksham Town Reserves who have made a good start to the season and are one of the favourites for honours this season.

Last Sunday the Women's side got their league campaign off to a winning start with a narrow 2-1 win in their opening league fixture against AEK Boco. Tomorrow sees the Women's Team hit the road as they visit the south coast to take on Poole Town. This is the first meeting of the teams since the 2023-24 campaign when Bassett and Poole were locked in a race for the Division One Eastern title. Poole eventually prevailed by just two points - but not before Bassett had beaten them 2-1 in Dorset, an outcome James Lally's side will be hoping to replicate tomorrow.

The Vets team have also now got their season underway going down 4-0 in their opening fixture against a Royal Oak Utd side who included a couple of players who had been in my U10 S&DFL Rep side back in 2000 and are now Vets! I was also interested in seeing that Charlie Austin scored on his debut for Purton Kingsdown Vets the same week in Bassett's division, it only seems like yesterday that I was paying to watch him at Loftus Road. Enjoy the game.

Mark





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UhlSport Hellenic League Premier Division League Table

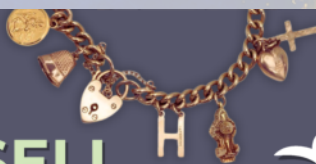
2026-2027 Season

UHLSPORT Hellenic League Premier Division

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Corsham Town	8	5	1	2	17	13	16
2 Thornbury Town	6	5	0	1	12	9	15
3 Hereford Pegasus	7	5	0	2	11	8	15
4 Westfields	7	5	0	2	14	12	15
5 Pershore Town 88	6	4	1	1	13	8	13
6 Roman Glass St George	6	4	1	1	10	5	13
7 Tuffley Rovers	8	4	1	3	14	10	13
8 Cinderford Town	8	3	3	2	16	13	12
9 Mangotsfield United	5	3	1	1	7	2	10
10 Cirencester Town	5	2	3	0	7	4	9
11 Fairford Town	6	2	3	1	7	7	9
12 Stourport Swifts	6	2	1	3	12	13	7
13 Devizes Town	4	2	0	2	7	5	6
14 Malmesbury Victoria	7	2	0	5	10	14	6
15 Bradford Town	7	2	0	5	9	14	6
16 Highworth Town	6	1	2	3	11	11	5
17 Longlevens	7	1	2	4	5	11	5
18 Hallen	7	1	2	4	5	15	5
19 Droitwich Spa	5	1	1	3	8	8	4
20 Cribbs	6	0	2	4	8	12	2
21 Royal W. Bassett Town	7	0	2	5	4	13	2

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From The Dugout with Manager Jonny Aitkenhead

Good Afternoon.

Another day at the Swindon Mercedes stadium and thank you for joining us.

I'm sure you're all looking at the season, the squad and the management team and wondering when it's all going to kick into life.

Last Saturday except for the result, I think we took a massive stride in the right direction, we played the football that we have become known for, we created a hatful of chances but unfortunately it wasn't to be.

This week we go again but with the aim of improving that one step further and getting our first three points of the season.

We played Droitwich last year and had two brilliantly competitive games, this year we are looking to use this game to kickstart our season.

I am very grateful for the support you have given us and the backing the people have shown by sticking by the boys in such a troubled period. It's appreciated and we will look to repay that loyalty with results going forward.

UP THE BASS

Jonny A



Next up at the Swindon Mercedes Stadium
WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2026
ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN V
CIRENCESTER TOWN, KICK-OFF: 7:45PM



Half Time Fun - The Quiz Ladder

As inspired by QPR Fanzine "AKUTR's" how far can you climb the **England managers** football quiz ladder. The questions get progressively harder as you climb the ladder.

10	The Big Challenge Who was the England manager for the World Cup in Chile in 1962?
9	Near Impossible Who has the second best winning record of any England manager since the Second World War?
8	Difficult Who is the only England manager to have a 100% winning record?
7	Hard Which manager was twice caretaker manager of England but failed to win a single game in either spell?
6	Fairly Hard Which successful club manager managed England between 1974 and 1977 before departing for the UAE?
5	Challenging Who managed England to the semi finals of Euro 1996?
4	Average Which Swedish national managed England between 2001 and 2006?
3	Easy Enough Which England manager was famous for making waistcoats fashionable?
2	Very Easy Who is the current England manager?
1	Dead Simple Who was the manager when England won the World Cup in 1966?

Answers on Page 40



Who will you be today?



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Today's Opponents

Droitwich Spa History

Droitwich Spa FC were formed in 1985 (originally as a Sunday side) as an open aged team when the then Under 16's Droitwich Spa Boys side had no other junior league to participate in. The club spent its early years in the Worcester Leagues and in 2000 joined the Midland Combination Division 2 after 3 successful seasons at the top of the Worcester Premier League.

The first season under the new name saw the club attain a respectable 7th placed mid-table finish. In their 3rd season (2002-03), the club finished 3rd - narrowly missing out on promotion, however 4 years later the Spa repeated that feat and with the necessary facilities in place were promoted to Division 1.

The first team remained in Division 1 for the next 7 seasons, mainly flirting with relegation with an occasional mid-table finish. In 2004-05 season, Spa reached the Worcestershire Junior Cup Final for the first time in their history, however lost 1-0 to Bewdley Town. In the same season, a Droitwich Spa Reserve team was started- competing in Division 3 of the Midland Combination. In season 2013-14, after a long yet eventually successful struggle against relegation, the club did the Cup double - winning both the Worcestershire Junior Cup and the Evesham Nursing Cup.

The club has been run and continues to be run today, by a group of volunteers. Without these individuals vital work both on and off the field, the club could not have functioned. The restructuring of the Leagues saw the Saltmen placed in the Midland Football League Division 2 in 2014-15, where a poor start to the season culminated in Colin Rudge being replaced by the management team of Worcester City legend Mark Owen and Wayne Oliver. When the new managers took over, they found the club at the foot of the table. In a remarkable turnaround, the Saltmen ended the season in their highest ever league position (8th) and points tally (46) and reached the Worcestershire Junior Cup Semi Finals only to be knocked out by local rivals Fairfield Villa.

The decision was taken to dissolve the struggling Reserve side to focus all efforts on the fortunes of the first team and as a result, the Saltmen have achieved their highest ever finish in season 2015/16 - a very creditable 3rd position as well as winning silverware on 2 fronts. In 2016/17, the club went one better, winning the Midland Football League Division 2 for the first time in its history ahead of Paget Rangers & Alvis Sporting. However, the club were deducted 3 points a month after the season had finished after a lengthy investigation & appeal process for "fielding an ineligible player". The deduction was ironically just enough to send the Saltmen out of the promotion places by 1 point and consign them to another season in Division 2.

The club moved away from their home at KGPF due to proposed re-developments at the ground, the club finished in 3rd position in the Midland Football League Division 2, runners-up in the Worcestershire Junior Cup and made a first foray in to the FA Vase - eventually losing out in the 2nd Qualifying Round at Shifnal Town after extra time. In 2018/19, the club competed in the West Midlands Regional League for the first time after moving across from the MFL and finished 3rd in Division 1, achieving a new Record Points Tally for the club in a Season of 69 and also a New Record League Goals Tally for a Season of 107. To add to this the Club also achieved a New Record win for the club with a 10-0 victory at Bustleholme in January. Victory in the WFA Junior Cup finished the season in the best possible way.

The 2019/20 Season will officially go down as the Season that never was due to the Coronavirus Pandemic which brought the Season to a premature end in March and the Season then deemed Null and Void. Up until this point however the Season has been another very memorable one for Spa, we had a run in the FA Vase that saw us get to the 2nd Round Proper where we were narrowly beaten by a late goal at Lye Town and when things were halted in March, Spa were sitting 13 points clear at the top of WMRL Division One and had also secured a place in the Semi-Finals of the Division One League Cup.



Today's Opponents

Droitwich Spa History



The 2020/21 was once again one that never happened due to Covid. Spa only played seven games before things were brought to a halt again. However Droitwich Spa did go through a Managerial change just as the Season was about to be brought to an abrupt and very premature end. Mark Owen resigned from his position as Manager and the club replaced him with a Spa 'Legend'. Long Serving Player, former Captain and Assistant Manager Andrew Crowther was appointed as Manager but would end up having to wait several months for his first game in charge.

The 2021/22 Season will be remembered as the greatest so far in Droitwich Spa's history. This was the Season that after 4 years away saw our New Ground start to be built, it was something the club had waited many years for and the Season was full of excitement as we watched the ground being built bit by bit. To top that off this is also the Season that saw Spa win the West Midland League and after several seasons of getting close finally gain Promotion into Step 6.

Season 2022/23 saw Droitwich Spa FC play at Step 6 for the first time ever and also move back Home to Droitwich in there Newly built Stadium. The 2022/23 Season again saw Droitwich Spa set new club records. Highest ever League Placing of 4th in MFL Division One which meant a place in the Play-Offs where after winning the Play-Off Semi-Final on penalties, Spa then lost the Play-Off Final. Droitwich also reached the Semi-Final of the Worcestershire Senior Cup which is a memorable effort as it's the 1st time Spa have been in the higher ranked Competition.

The 2023/24 Season ended with another Promotion Play-Off Final defeat for Spa as this time we lost out via a Penalty Shoot Out after another Season that after a difficult start ultimately saw much more highs than lows including another run in the Worcestershire Senior Cup which saw Spa reach the Quarter Finals.

The 2024/25 Season saw Spa have there most successful season yet as they won the Hellenic League Division One League Title and achieved promotion into Step 5 for the first time in the clubs history. Spa also had there longest run in the FA Vase reaching Round 3.

Season 2025/26 saw Spa make History again as they played in the FA Cup for the first time and also ended the Season finishing 3rd in the League unfortunately losing in the Play-Off Final

HONOURS:

- Hellenic League Division One Winners - 2024/25
- West Midland Regional League Division One Winners - 2021/22
- Presidents Cup: Winners - 2015/16
- Pershore Hospital Cup: Runner Up - 1992/93 Worcester League Premier Division: Winners-1996/97, 1997/98
- Baylis Cup: Winners- 1997/98, 2002/03 (Reserves)
- Worcester Nursing Junior Cup: Winners- 1993/94, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2009/10 (Reserves) Runner Up-1997/98
- Worcestershire Junior Cup: Winners- 2013/14, 2015/16, 2018/19 Runner Up- 2004/05, 2007/08, 2017/18
- Evesham Nursing Cup: Winners- 2013/14





Today's Opponents

Droitwich Spa - Season 2026-27



Date	H/A	Opponent	Competition	KO/Score	Attd	Scorers
Sat 1 Aug	A	Roman Glass St George	Hellenic Premier	(0) 0 - 1 (1)	110	
Tue 4 Aug	H	Cinderford Town	Hellenic Premier	(0) 0 - 1 (0)	241	
Fri 7 Aug	A	Dudley Town	FA Cup EP	(1) 2 - 0 (0)	229	Thurston, Dalton
Sat 15 Aug	A	Coventry Copsewood	FA Vase 1Q	(0) 0 - 0 (0)	169	
<i>Coventry Copsewood win 2-1 on penalties</i>						
Sat 22 Aug	A	Hanley Town	FA Cup P	(0) 3 - 3 (1)	143	Moss (2, 1 pen), Thurston
Tue 25 Aug	H	Hanley Town	FA Cup PR	(0) 0 - 2 (1)	332	
Sat 29 Aug	H	Highworth Town	Hellenic Premier	(1) 1 - 1 (1)	102	Thurston
Mon 31 Aug	H	Stourport Swifts	Hellenic Premier	(3) 7 - 2 (1)	206	Binner (2), Moss, Lemon, Dugmore, Carey, Zatorski
Sat 5 Sep	A	Corsham Town	Hellenic Premier	(0) 0 - 3 (2)	141	
Sat 12 Sep	A	Royal Wootton Bassett	Hellenic Premier	3pm		
Tue 15 Sep	H	Cribbs	Hellenic Premier	7.45pm		
Sat 19 Sep	H	Mangotsfield United	Hellenic Premier	3pm		
Wed 23 Sep	A	Longlevens	Hellenic Premier	7.45pm		
Sat 26 Sep	H	Cirencester Town	Hellenic Premier	3pm		
Tue 29 Sep	A	Thornbury Town	Hellenic Premier	7.45pm		



Today's Opponents

Droitwich Spa Last Season



2025-2026 Season

UHLSPORT Hellenic League Premier Division

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Slimbridge	38	26	3	9	94	51	81
2 Roman Glass St George	38	24	5	9	86	51	77
3 Droitwich Spa	38	23	7	8	85	57	76
4 Cirencester Town	38	21	7	10	83	49	70
5 Worcester Raiders	38	21	7	10	73	47	70
6 Corsham Town	38	19	7	12	64	52	64
7 Fairford Town	38	18	9	11	57	40	63
8 Cinderford Town	38	18	8	12	71	54	62
9 Hereford Pegasus	38	15	6	17	72	79	51
10 Tuffley Rovers	38	15	6	17	62	69	51
11 Longlevens AFC	38	14	8	16	61	51	50
12 Highworth Town	38	13	8	17	49	51	47
13 Mangotsfield United	38	12	11	15	50	58	47
14 Westfields	38	13	6	19	51	75	45
15 Hallen	38	10	11	17	51	61	41
16 Royal W. Bassett Town	38	10	9	19	51	77	39
17 Thornbury Town	38	8	13	17	43	66	37
18 Pershore Town	38	9	8	21	38	68	35
19 Cribbs	38	6	12	20	41	73	30
20 Lydney Town	38	6	7	25	38	91	25

Droitwich Spa Last Season

League Results	SEASON 2025-26	
	Home	Away
Cinderford Town	L 0 - 4	D 0 - 0
Cirencester Town	W 3 - 0	L 1 - 5
Cirencester Town - PO SF	W 1 - 0	
Corsham Town	W 3 - 0	D 3 - 3
Cribbs	W 4 - 0	D 1 - 1
Fairford Town	W 2 - 1	W 3 - 2
Hallen	W 3 - 0	W 1 - 0
Hereford Pegasus	L 3 - 5	L 4 - 5
Highworth Town	W 1 - 0	D 0 - 0
Longlevens	W 2 - 1	W 1 - 0
Lydney Town	D 2 - 2	W 2 - 1
Mangotsfield United	W 4 - 0	W 1 - 0
Pershore Town	W 4 - 1	W 2 - 0
Roman Glass St George	W 4 - 1	L 1 - 3
RWBTFC	W 2 - 1	D 2 - 2
Slimbridge	L 0 - 6	L 0 - 3
Thornbury Town	W 3 - 0	W 3 - 2
Tuffley Rovers	D 1 - 1	L 2 - 3
Westfields	W 5 - 0	W 5 - 1
Worcester Raiders	W 4 - 2	W 3 - 1
Worcester Raiders - PO Final	L 1 - 4	





Today's Opponents

Droitwich Spa Historical Record

Pershore Town Historical Record - Last 15 Seasons

Season	League & Division	FAC	FAV	Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst	Pts	Position	Top Scorer
2011/12	Midland Comb. Prem	n/a	1QR	32	8	7	17	43	72	31	16 out of 17	Not known
2012/13	Midland Comb. Prem	n/a	2QR	34	9	12	13	56	69	39	13 out of 18	Not known
2013/14	Midland Comb. Prem	n/a	2QR	34	10	3	21	57	80	33	15 out of 18	Not known
2014/15	Midland - Divison 1	n/a	2QR	38	15	6	17	51	61	51	11 out of 20	Not known
2015/16	Midland - Divison 1	n/a	1QR	38	11	5	22	51	69	38	14 out of 20	Not known
2016/17	Midland - Divison 1	n/a	1QR	38	10	8	20	48	81	38	18 out of 20	Not known
2017/18	Midland - Divison 1	n/a	2QR	42	11	8	23	64	95	41	18 out of 22	Not known
2018/19	West Midlands Prem	n/a	1QR	38	11	6	21	66	100	39	14 out of 20	Not known
2019/20	West Midlands Prem	n/a	1QR	27	11	6	10	56	47	39	6* out of 18	Not known
2020/21	West Midlands Prem	n/a	2QR	5	1	3	1	12	13	6	11* out of 18	Not known
2021/22	Hellenic Div 1	n/a	2QR	32	19	3	10	75	44	60	5 out of 17	R. Krol 18
2022/23	Hellenic Div 1	n/a	1st	36	30	2	4	126	26	92	1 out of 19	A. Clark 31
2023/24	Hellenic Prem	n/a	1st	38	14	8	16	79	69	50	11 out of 20	J. Willis 23
2024/25	Hellenic Prem	EP	1QR	38	19	6	13	86	58	63	8 out of 20	H. Price 21
2025/26	Hellenic Prem	PRE	2QR	38	9	8	21	38	68	35	18 out of 20	A. Thurston 7

Totals

508 188 91 229 908 952

As at time Covid-19 brought season to a premature end.

Won:Drew:Lost Ratio

37.0% 17.9% 45.1%

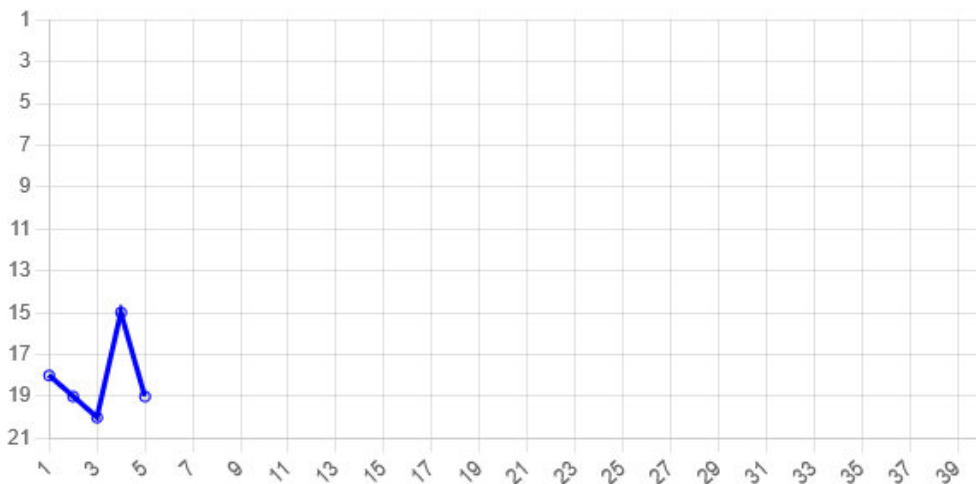
	Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	27.0%	22.0%	51.0%
Midland Combination Premier	100	27	22	51	156	221	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	27.0%	22.0%	51.0%
Midland Division 1	156	47	27	82	214	306	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	30.1%	17.3%	52.6%
West Midlands Prem	70	23	15	32	134	160	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	32.9%	21.4%	45.7%
Hellenic Div 1	68	49	5	14	201	70	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	72.1%	7.4%	20.6%
Hellenic Premier	114	42	22	50	203	195	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	36.8%	19.3%	43.9%



Football Web Pages Droitwich Spa



League Progress



Player	Appearances
1 Alex Dugmore	9
2 James Lemon	9
3 Dominic Rogerson	9
4 Cory Rudd	9
5 Archie Thurston	9
6 Joe Clayton	8
7 Perry Moss	8
8 Lewis Phillips	8
9 George Dalton	7
10 Curtis Smith	7
11 Nathan Binner	6
12 Bailey Bow	6
13 Sam Carey	5
14 Rohan Levy	5
15 Haydn Morris	5
16 Jack Davies	4
17 Sam Hurdman	4
18 Jamie Townsend	4
19 Hubert Zatorski	2
20 Henry Hilditch	1

Player	Goals
1 Perry Moss	3
2 Archie Thurston	3
3 Nathan Binner	2
4 Sam Carey	1
5 George Dalton	1
6 Alex Dugmore	1
7 James Lemon	1
8 Hubert Zatorski	1

Average Attendance (League average 157)	
1 Devizes Town	248
2 Mangotsfield United	247
3 Woodfields	245
4 Crickoaster Town	194
5 Droitwich Spa	183
6 Tuffrey Bovers	180
7 Bradford Town	177
8 Conham Town	168
9 Thornbury Town	160
10 Cinderford Town	148
11 Hereford Pegasus	147
12 Royal Wootton Bassett	147
13 Fairford Town	133
14 Pershore Town	130
15 Stourport Swifts	126
16 Malmesbury Victoria	117
17 Roman Glass St George	101
18 Crickles	99
19 Longlevens	96
20 Hallon	87
21 Highworth Town	0





Previous Meetings v Droitwich Spa



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RWBTFC Wins

1

Draws

1

Droitwich Spa Wins

Season	Date	Comp	Match Details		
2025-26	4-Oct-25	League	Droitwich Spa	2	Royal Wootton Bassett Town 1
Bassett Scorers: Anderson					
Bassett Team: House, McNally, Smith, Messenger, Sykes, Cranswick-Coates, M.Lewis, R.Hopkins, F.Hopkins, Taylor, Anderson. Subs: Cleary, Hayward, O. Lewis, Teshome					
2025-26	20/12/1025	League	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	2	Droitwich Spa 2
Bassett Scorers: R. Hopkins 2					
Bassett Team: Clark, Smith, Thorne, Walsh, Coward, Taylor, Hayward, Messenger, Cleary, R.Hopkins, Bell. Subs: Reivers, Parry-Williams, D.Griffin, A. Griffin					



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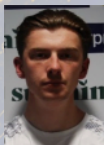
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Joshua Sawyer - Goalkeeper

Highly rated young keeper who came through Chippenham Town's Academy - and was included in their National League South squad last season, travelling with the team on a handful of occasions as backup keeper. Also played for Cirencester Town last season in the Hellenic.



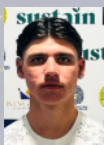
Jack Coward - Defence

Joined Bassett from Bradford Town last season making 22 appearances and scoring twice. Previously also with Calne Town and Devizes Town. After an impressive first senior season with Bassett, he is set to be vice club captain for the 2026-27 Season.



Kian McNally - Defence

A tough tackling, technical defender who joined Bassett last season. Plays at either left back or centre half. Previously with Hungerford Town, Cirencester Town and Malmesbury Victoria. Held down a regular place in the starting 11 last season scoring twice in 36 appearances.



George Cook - Midfield

Promising young midfielder who signed for Bassett last season. A clever wide player, with skill and good pace, he made an impression with the Development team in the Wilts League before making the step up to the First Team. Made 19 appearances last season, with one goal to his name.



Rudi Hopkins - Midfield/ Forward

Left-sided winger who joined last season. Last season's Manager's Player of the Year scoring 11 goals in 41 appearances. Previously featured for the Swindon Town Foundation C6 team - including the 23-24 side that won the Community & Education Football Alliance Cup - and Fairford Town.



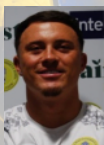
Henri Parry-Williams - Midfield

Central midfielder who joined Bassett last season making 25 appearances. Spent time in Southampton's Academy as a youth and then Chippenham Town's Academy and was a part of their side that won the Copa Catalunya tournament, scoring in the final and voted club Player of the Tournament.



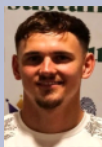
Freddie Wyatt - Forward

A talented young forward who made four substitute appearances for Bassett last season and will now be pushing for more game time. Strong and skilful, Wyatt is a product of Chippenham Town's Academy and also had short spells with Devizes Town and Melksham Town last season.



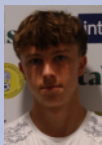
Alfie Presley - Forward

It is a welcome back to fans favourite Alfie Presley for Season 2026-27. The forward, who spent last season with Fairford Town and Corsham Town, has picked up five Player of the Year awards in his previous spells with Bassett, having netted 69 goals in 156 appearances. This season's captain.



Louis Spalding - Defence

Player returning to Bassett for the 2026-27 season. The talented left back previously made 95 appearances and scored 13 goals for Bassett between 2022 and 2025, winning two Player of the Year awards. After recovering from a long-term injury, he impressed at Fairford Town last season.



Ollie Smith - Defence

Highly talented full back who came through the Bassett youth system. Standout performer for the Dev team in 24-25, his first year of senior football, winning the club's Young Player of the Year. A first team regular last season and joint winner of Supporters Player of the Year.



Harry Messenger - Midfield

Messenger is a highly talented young defender who re-joins Bassett on loan from Chippenham Town. With Bassett last season, he earned the Players Player of the Year award, producing a number of eye-catching performances. Capable of playing either in central midfield or across the back line,



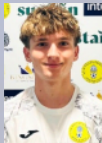
Jack Hobson-McVeigh - Midfield

Another player returning to the club, the classy experienced Kiwi midfielder had a three-year spell with Bassett previously, scoring 16 goals in 104 games. Spent last season with Malmesbury Vics and Fairford Town. The former New Zealand youth international is something of a set piece specialist.



Tommy Ouldrige - Midfield

Yet another player returning to the club. In his previous spell with Bassett spanning from 2020 to 2025 he racked up 169 appearances, scoring 27 goals and established himself as a fans favourite who was Players Player of the Year in 2024-25. A warm welcome back to a brilliant individual on and off the pitch.



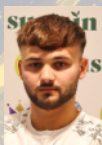
Ed Taylor - Midfield

Chippenham Town Academy graduate, who made his first team debut for the Bluebirds in Season 2024-25 actually against Bassett. Successful first season with Bassett in 2025-26 saw him joint Supporters Player of the Year, making 42 appearances, scoring three goals in an impressive first season.



Nat Bell - Forward

Strong, aggressive young attacking player who came through the RWBT Youth Section. Capable of playing either through the middle or out wide who rejoined Bassett last season from Calne Town. Returning from an unfortunate broken leg that curtailed his 2025-26 Season.



Finnlay Hopkins - Forward

Highly talented forward who re-joined Bassett last season after a brief spell at Fairford Town. Enjoyed a hugely impressive season with Bassett in 2024-25, scoring six goals and providing numerous assists in 45 appearances winning the club's Young Player of the Year. Previously with Swindon and Shrivenham.



RWBTFC FIRST TEAM PEN PICS



Joah Hall - Midfield

A highly sought-after central midfielder who joins Bassett this season from Fairford Town. Winner of Fairford's Supporters' Player of the Year last season and their Young Player of the Year in 2024-24. Also boasts Southern League experience with Highworth Town and Cribbs.



Harrison Edwards - Midfield

Energetic, all action midfielder with an eye for goal, who joins Bassett this season from Fairford Town. Made his breakthrough in senior football with Highworth Town, before joining Fairford where he spent the past three seasons, scoring twelve goals.



Ben Cleary - Forward

Last season's top goalscorer who is looking to make the step up to the Southern League with Slimbridge this season, but who has dual-signed with RWBTFC for the 2026-27 Season.



Miguel Alves - Midfield

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



Joey Warren - Defender

A player who has been with Bassett since a six year old, A talented, hardworking young defender who is looking to break into the Mens First Team this season. Warren spent his entire youth career with Bassett - including being a part of Bassett's successful U18 sides who finished as runners-up in three consecutive seasons.

Management Team



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 2007-08. Spent most of his career in the Hellenic Premier with Shrivenham, Highworth and Bassett.



Dan Atkin - Assistant Manager

A former youth section player who became Bassett's Mens First Team Assistant Manager in 2025-26. He had rejoined the club the previous season in a coaching capacity in the youth section before taking on the role of assistant to the Development Team partway through the campaign.



Gary Eggleton - Coach

Joined Bassett in Season 2025-26 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 Reserves while making a few First Team appearances. He spent a number of years with Highworth Town and also featured for Shrivenham in the Hellenic League.



Nick Warren - Coach

Joined Bassett's Mens First Team coaching staff in Season 2024-25 under Sam Collier 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 mens teams.

Therapist Team



Kara Gregory - Therapist

Experienced sports therapist who has been with the club for over a decade and a half, helping Bassett's Mens 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

In her second season with the club Hannah is an experienced sports massage therapist and personal trainer; currently in her third year at university studying towards her BSc Hons in Sports Therapy with a view to then completing a masters in physiotherapy.



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Players			
Player	Sponsor	Player	Sponsor
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Kian McNally	 Chris Cook Roofing	Harry Messenger	 John Trollope
George Cook	 Chris Cook Roofing	Jack Hobson McVeigh	
Rudi Hopkins	 Mick Woolford	Tommy Ouldrige	 Michael Keen
Henri Parry Williams	 John Trollope	Ed Taylor	 Mick Woolford
Freddie Wyatt		Nat Bell	
Alfie Presley	 Mike Price	Finn Hopkins	
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RWBTFC Hellenic League Stats

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 Yeardley	Mark Vaughan 14
2002/03	Prem	40	10	10	20	36	70	40	15 out of 21	Pete Yeardley	Geoff Swatton 9
2003/04	Prem	42	11	5	26	38	73	38	16 out of 22	Pete Yeardley	Geoff Swatton 16
2004/05	Prem	42	6	9	27	30	85	27	21 out of 22	Pete Yeardley /Chris Jones	Matty Bennett 10
2005/06	1W	34	17	10	7	58	30	61	5 out of 18	Paul Burke	Matty Bennett 12
2006/07	1W	34	14	5	15	64	62	47	11 out of 18	Paul Burke	Matty Bennett/Steve Yeardley 11
2007/08	1W	34	11	3	20	43	66	36	15 out of 18	Paul Burke	Richie Saunders 12
2008/09	1W	32	17	9	6	61	31	60	4 out of 17	Dave Turner	Shaun Terry 26
2009/10	1W	30	20	7	3	74	34	67	2 out of 16	Dave Turner	Sam Collier 22
2010/11	Prem	42	13	7	22	55	87	46	15 out of 22	Dave Turner	Sam Collier 26
2011/12	1W	32	15	7	10	69	47	52	5 out of 17	Dave Turner	Matt Bown 18
2012/13	1W	30	22	3	5	75	40	69	2 out of 16	Dave Turner	Mark Barnes 32
2013/14	Prem	38	11	12	15	60	60	45	14 out of 20	Jeff Roberts	Levi Cox 14
2014/15	Prem	38	14	9	15	66	80	51	11 out of 20	Paul Braithwaite	Dan Bailey 18
2015/16	Prem	38	12	5	21	50	86	41	15 out of 20	Paul Braithwaite	Steve Robertson 30
2016/17	Prem	34	15	3	16	61	64	45	11 out of 19	P.Braithwaite/R.Hunter	Steve Robertson 27
2017/18	Prem	38	11	6	21	44	85	39	15 out of 20	Richard Hunter/Sam Collier	Sam Collier 11
2018/19	Prem	36	14	7	15	66	71	49	10 out of 19	Sam Collier	TJ Bohane 20
2019/20	Prem	27	8	4	15	50	65	28	16* out of 19	Sam Collier	Callum Parsons 11
2020/21	Prem	8	1	4	3	8	12	7	15* out of 18	Sam Collier	TJ Bohane 11
2021/22	Prem	38	16	6	16	58	66	54	12 out of 20	Sam Collier	Alan Griffin & John Mills 16
2022/23	Prem	38	19	8	11	67	50	65	5 out of 20	Sam Collier	Alfie Presley 14
2023/24	Prem**	38	23	4	11	66	50	73	4 out of 20	Sam Collier	Alfie Presley 16
2024/25	Prem	38	19	7	12	78	58	64	6 out of 20	Sam Collier	Alfie Presley 27
2025/26	Prem	38	10	9	19	51	77	39	out of 20	Jonny Aitkenhead	Ben Cleary 20
Total		1,299	505	265	529	2,044	2,180	1,777	* At time season 2019-20 was suspended due to Covid-19		
Won:Drew:Lost Ratio			38.9% 20.4% 40.7%			** Excludes play-off game					

	Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst	Pts			
Premier Division	693	238	134	321	977	1,274	845	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	34.3%	19.3% 46.3%
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 2025/26	144 (up from 140 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%	
Jonny Aitkenhead	38	10	9	19	51	77	39	26.3%	
Pete Yeardley	154	36	31	87	136	278	139	23.4%	
Chris Jones*	12	2	2	8	7	25	8	16.7%	
	1,299	505	265	529	2,044	2,180	1,777		

* Temporary manager until end of Season 2004-05



Hellenic League Premier Division

Premier Division Results & Fixtures

Results - Saturday 5th September 2026

Bradford Town	0-4	Stourport Swifts
Cinderford Town	1-1	Fairford Town
Corsham Town	3-0	Droitwich Spa
Cribbs	1-2	Thornbury Town
Hereford Pegasus	3-1	Roman Glass St George
Longlevens	2-0	Malmesbury Vics
RWBT	1-2	Pershore Town
Tuffley Rovers	0-1	Hallen
Westfields	0-6	Highworth Town

FA Cup

Fleetlands	0-3	Cirencester Town
Gloucester City	1-1	Mangotsfield United
Yate Town	3-0	Devizes Town

FA Cup Replay - Tuesday 8 September 2026

Mangotsfield United	0-4	Gloucester City
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Fixtures - Saturday 12th September 2026

Bradford Town	v	Fairford Town
Hallen	v	Cribbs
RWBT	v	Thornbury Town
Thornbury Town	v	Stourport Swifts

FA Vase

Abbey Hutton United	v	Pershore Town
Avonmouth	v	Roman Glass St George
Calne Town	v	Highworth Town
Cirencester Town	v	Corsham Town
Devizes Town	v	Cadbury Heath
Eversley & California	v	Mangotsfield United
Hereford Pegasus	v	Ludlow Town
Longlevens	v	Radstock Town
Malmesbury Vics	v	Portishead Town
Welton Rovers	v	Tuffley Rovers
Westfields	v	Stone Old Alleynians





Hellenic Premier Roundup

Sat 5th September 2026

After last Saturday's FA Cup three FA Cup ties and Tuesday night's replay, just one club is left to fly the flag for the Uhlisport Hellenic League, that club is **Cirencester Town**.

On Saturday two goals from Jamol Dare and one from Finley Bell secured a 3-0 away win for **Cirencester Town** at Fleetlands. Their reward is a home tie against National League South side Farnham Town next Saturday.

Mangotsfield United held higher league opposition on Saturday when they drew 1-1 with Gloucester City, but the Southern League side made no mistake in Tuesday night's replay, scoring four unanswered goals to make it through to the next round.

The third Hellenic side involved in the 1st Qualifying Round were **Devizes Town** who went down 3-0 away at Yate Town. Best wishes from all at RWBTFC to Cirencester Town for their 2nd Qualifying Round tie next week.

There were nine league games played in the Premier Division last Saturday with the biggest shock of the day being struggling **Highworth Town's** 6-0 trouncing of league leaders **Westfields** on their own patch. Former Bassett striker Dan Grieve led the way helping himself to a hat-trick with three other former Bassett players in Bailey Gallagher, Kyle Pitts and Bonsa Teshome also getting on the score sheet.

Taking over top spot are **Corsham Town** who defeated our visitors here today **Droitwich Spa** 3-0 thanks to a double from Kye Simpson and on from former Shrewton United player Tom Plank.

Thornbury Town sit second in the table after a 2-1 away win at **Cribbs**. On target for Thornbury were Cameron Drew and Callum Chambers, Buster Reed with the Cribbs reply.

Hereford Pegasus remain in third place after a 3-1 home win over **Roman Glass St George**, with Samuel Griffiths, Jaxson Hundt and Carlos Moreira getting the Pegasus goals, with Neikell Plummer getting the solitary Roman Glass goal which had levelled things up a 1-1 but Hundt put Pegasus back in front on the stroke of half time before Moreira made sure of the points with a third in injury time at the end of the game.

Luke Benbow, Nathan Bowen, Adam Willis and Khalil Toure were on target for **Stourport Swifts** in their 4-0 win away at **Bradford Town** as Bradford's depressing run continued, that is now seven straight defeats for Bradford Town in all competitions.

Goals from Finlay Gwillim and Jack Beardsell gave **Longlevens** a 2-0 win over **Malmesbury Vics** as Longlevens picked up their first league win of the season against Mark Simpkins side.

Here at the Swindon Mercedes Stadium, **Royal Wootton Bassett Town** fell to a narrow 2-1 defeat at the hands of **Pershore Town** thanks to a double from Dylan Hart, Nat Bell getting an injury time consolation goal for Bassett (see elsewhere in today's programme for a more detailed match report).

Cory Thomas-Barker scored the only goal of the game as **Hallen** defeated **Tuffley Rovers** to move off the bottom of the table.

The final game of the day saw it finish all square between **Fairford Town** and **Cinderford Town**, Ollie Bradbury giving Fairford the lead before Tino Shumba equalised to ensure the points were shared following a 1-1 draw.



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Season 2026-27 Men's First Team Fixtures & Results

Date	Opponents	H/A	Result	Crowd	Scorers
Sat 01-Aug	Hallen	A	D 1 - 1	79	Presley
Wed 05-Aug	Bradford Town	H	L 0 - 4	226	
Sat 08-Aug	Winslow United (FAC EPR)	H	L 0 - 2	141	
Sat 15-Aug	Brislington (FAV 1QR)	A	L 0 - 1	98	
Tue 18-Aug	Fairford Town	A	L 0 - 1	201	
Sat 22-Aug	Cinderford Town	A	D 1 - 1	127	Spalding
Sat 29-Aug	Thornbury Town	H	L 1 - 2	82	Edwards
Mon 31-Aug	Devizes Town	A	L 0 - 2	292	
Sat 05-Sep	Pershore Town	H	L 1 - 2	133	Bell
Sat 12-Sep	Droitwich Spa	H			
Wed 16-Sep	Cirencester Town	H			
Sat 19-Sep	Westfields	A			
Sat 26-Sep	Corsham Town	H			
Tue 29-Sep	Tuffley Rovers	A			
Sat 03-Oct	Hereford Pegasus	A			
Sat 10-Oct	Thornbury Town	A			
Wed 14-Oct	Malmesbury Vics	H			
Sat 17-Oct	Hallen	H			
Tue 20-Oct	Highworth Town	A			
Sat 24-Oct	Longlevens	H			
Wed 28-Oct	Malmesbury Vics (WPS)	H			
Sat 31-Oct	Roman Glass St George	A			
Sat 14-Nov	Fairford Town	H			
Sat 21-Nov	Droitwich Spa	A			
Sat 28-Nov	Mangotsfield United	H			
Sat 12-Dec	Cribbs	H			
Sat 19-Dec	Devizes Town	H			
Sat 26-Dec	Corsham Town	A			
Sat 02-Jan	Westfields	H			
Sat 09-Jan	Pershore Town	A			
Sat 16-Jan	Longlevens	A			
Sat 23-Jan	Mangotsfield United	A			
Sat 30-Jan	Hereford Pegasus	H			
Sat 06-Feb	Roman Glass St George	H			
Sat 13-Feb	Cribbs	A			
Sat 20-Feb	Stourport Swifts	A			
Sat 27-Feb	Bradford Town	A			
Sat 13-Mar	Malmesbury Vics	A			
Sat 20-Mar	Cinderford Town	H			
Mon 29-Mar	Highworth Town	H			
Sat 03-Apr	Stourport Swifts	H			
Sat 10-Apr	Tuffley Rovers	H			
Sat 17-Apr	Cirencester Town	A			



Season 2026-27 Men's First Team Lineups

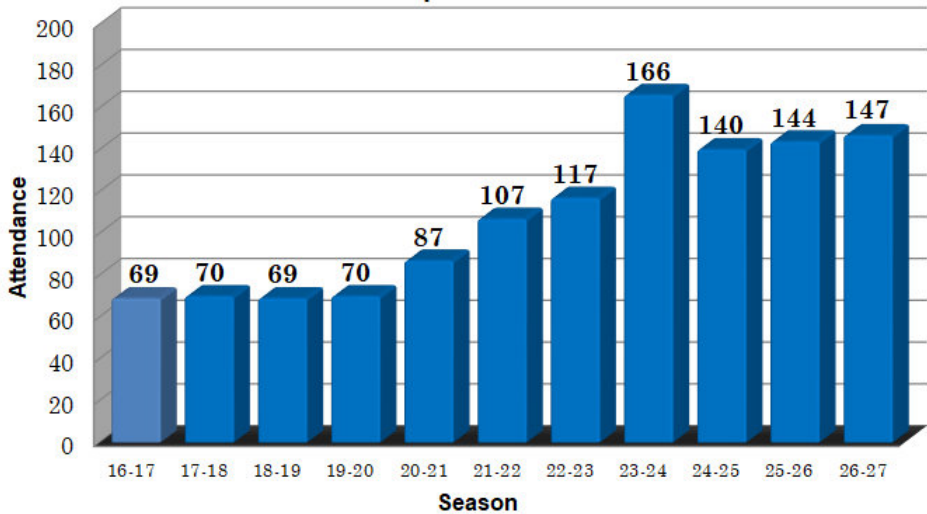


Date	Opponents	H/A	Result	Crowd	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Sat 01-Aug	Hellen	A	D 1 - 1	79	Sawyer	Perry-Williams	Spalding	Edwards	Davidson	Coward	Shutt	Hall	Ball	Presley (1)	F. Hopkins	Hobson-McVeigh	Edwards	R. Hopkins	Taylor	Wyllatt	Clearly
Wed 05-Aug	Bradford Town	H	L 0 - 4	226	Sawyer	Taylor	Spalding	Edwards	Edwards	Coward	Byth	Hall	Ball	Presley	F. Hopkins	R. Hopkins	Edwards	R. Hopkins	Perry-Williams	Warren	Cook
Sat 08-Aug	Briggflon (FAV IQR)	H	L 0 - 2	188	Sawyer	Walsh	Spalding	Edwards	Edwards	Messenger	Byth	Hall	Quidridge	R. Hopkins	F. Hopkins	Hobson-McVeigh	Cook	R. Hopkins	Wyllatt		
Tue 15-Aug	Fairford Town	A	L 0 - 1	201	Sawyer	Walsh	Spalding	Edwards	Davidson	Messenger	Byth	Hall	Quidridge	R. Hopkins	F. Hopkins	Hobson-McVeigh	Cook	R. Hopkins	Taylor		
Sat 18-Aug	Underford Town	A	D 1 - 1	127	Sawyer	Perry-Williams	Spalding	Edwards	Edwards	Coward	Messenger	Hall	Quidridge	Taylor	F. Hopkins	Wyllatt	Ball	F. Hopkins	McNally		
Sat 29-Aug	Thornbury Town	H	L 1 - 2	82	Sawyer	Cook	Spalding	Edwards	Edwards	Coward	Messenger	Hall	Quidridge	Taylor	F. Hopkins	Ball	McGrogan	Perry-Williams	Alves		
Sat 05-Sep	Pershore Town	A	L 1 - 2	292	Sawyer	Warren	Spalding	Edwards	Edwards	Coward	Messenger	Hall	Quidridge	Presley	F. Hopkins	R. Hopkins	Ball (1)	McNally	Shutt		
Sat 12-Sep	Droitwich Spa	H	L 1 - 2	133	Sawyer	Taylor	Spalding	Edwards	Edwards	Coward	Messenger	Hall	Quidridge	Presley	F. Hopkins	R. Hopkins	Ball (1)	McNally	Shutt		
Wed 16-Sep	Grinstead Town	H																			
Sat 24-Sep	Corsham Town	A																			
Tue 29-Sep	Tuffley Rovers	A																			
Sat 03-Oct	Hereford Pegasus	A																			
Sat 10-Oct	Thornbury Town	A																			
Sat 17-Oct	Malmesbury Vics	H																			
Tue 20-Oct	Higworth Town	H																			
Sat 24-Oct	Longleaves	H																			
Wed 28-Oct	Marnesbury Vics (WPS)	H																			
Sat 31-Oct	Longleaves	H																			
Sat 14-Nov	Fairford Town	H																			
Sat 21-Nov	Droitwich Spa	A																			
Sat 28-Nov	Mangotsfield United	H																			
Sat 05-Dec	Corsham Town	H																			
Sat 12-Dec	Corsham Town	H																			
Sat 19-Dec	Corsham Town	H																			
Sat 02-Jan	Westfields	H																			
Sat 09-Jan	Pershore Town	A																			
Sat 16-Jan	Longleaves	A																			
Sat 23-Jan	Mangotsfield United	A																			
Sat 30-Jan	Hereford Pegasus	H																			
Sat 06-Feb	Roman Glass St George	H																			
Sat 13-Feb	Corsham Town	H																			
Sat 20-Feb	Stourport Swifts	A																			
Sat 27-Feb	Bradford Town	A																			
Sat 06-Mar	Malmesbury Vics	A																			
Sat 13-Mar	Underford Town	A																			
Sat 20-Mar	Underford Town	A																			
Sat 27-Mar	Stourport Swifts	A																			
Sat 03-Apr	Stourport Swifts	A																			
Sat 10-Apr	Tuffley Rovers	H																			
Sat 17-Apr	Grinstead Town	A																			
Sat 24-Apr	Grinstead Town	A																			

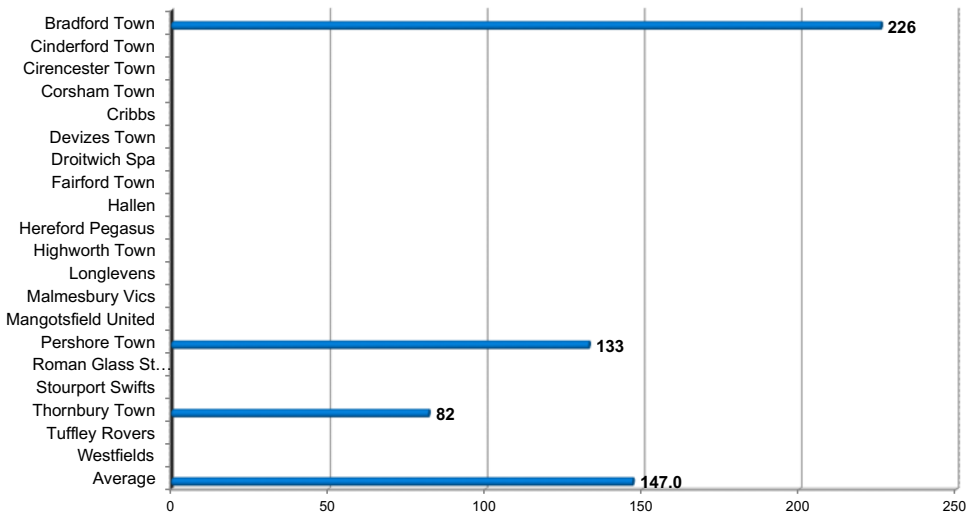
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RWBTFC Attendance Stats

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



RWBTFC League Attendances - Season 2026-27



Season 2026-27 Men's First Team Appearances & Goals

Season 2026-27						RWBTFC Career	
	Appearances	Starts	As Sub	Total	Goals	Apps	Goals
1	Louis Spalding	9		9	1	104	14
2	Joshua Sawyer	9		9		9	
3	Joah Hall	9		9		9	
4	Finnlay Hopkins	8	1	9		67	8
5	Thomas Ouldridge	7	1	8		177	27
6	Ed Taylor	6	2	8		50	3
7	Harrison Edwards	6	2	8	1	8	1
8	Harry Messenger	6		6		31	
9	Jack Coward	6		6		30	2
10	Rudi Hopkins	4	2	6		47	11
11	Jack Hobson-McVeigh	4	1	5		109	16
12	Alfie Presley	4		4	1	160	70
13	Nathaniel Bell	3	3	6	1	19	4
14	Henri Parry-Williams	3	2	5		30	1
15	Will Davidson	3		3		27	1
16	Joshua Blyth	3		3		3	
17	Freddie Wyatt	2	2	4		8	
18	Joseph Schutt	2	2	4		4	1
19	Ciaran Walsh	2		2		11	
20	George Cook	1	3	4		23	1
21	Joey Warren	1	1	2		3	
22	Jacob Ryan	1		1		1	
23	Kian McNally		2	2		38	2
24	Miguel Alves		2	2		8	
25	Ben Cleary		1	1		47	20
26	Toby Parker		1	1		4	





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Match Report v Pershore Town



Pershore deliver dagger to the Hart

Royal Wootton Bassett Town 1

Pershore Town 2

Saturday 5 September 2026

Royal Wootton Bassett Town's winless start to the 2026-27 Hellenic League Premier Division season continued after a 2-1 home defeat against Pershore Town.

A Dylan Hart double proved decisive as he scored in either half to guide Pershore, who narrowly avoided relegation last season, to their fourth win in six games so far this year.

Bassett had plenty of the ball and spent a good amount of time in the Pershore half. But that wasn't enough to gain the breakthrough against a resolute Plums defence.

In the first half Bassett fashioned decent openings, though lacked sufficient end product. Harrison Edwards dragged wide after a neat give and go with the lively Finn Hopkins while an unmarked Joah Hall headed straight into the arms of Ethan Pheasey from an Edwards delivery. Rudi Hopkins, meanwhile, snatched at an Ed Taylor cross after an incisive move down the right.

Pershore then went ahead ten minutes before the break with what was really their first chance of the match. Direct football brought it about too. Pheasey's punt forward found Alemi Obey-GM, who outmuscled Louis Spalding before beating Harry Messenger and squaring into the box where Hart was on hand to steer beyond Josh Sawyer.

Rudi Hopkins brought out a save from Pheasey moments later but Bassett were to go into the break behind.

The second half played out in a similar manner to the first with Bassett largely on top but finding it hard to break down Pershore's solid defence.

Bassett had the better of the early opportunities as Rudi Hopkins headed narrowly over from a Taylor cross before Finn Hopkins had two opportunities, forcing Pheasey to tip wide from a daisycutter and dragging wide from the edge of the box from a Hall through ball.

But with quarter of an hour to go Pershore doubled their lead with a stunning counter. After Finn Hopkins was dispossessed, Callum Harper picked up the ball fifteen yards inside his own half. He then proceeded to cut inside, weaving his way past three defenders before slipping through Hart who made no mistake with a tight angled shot into the bottom corner.

Bassett continued to create chances. Alfie Presley, returning from suspension, shot wide before being denied at point blank range by Pershore's star man Pheasey after Jack Coward's knock down from a Tommy Ouldrige delivery.

Bassett did eventually pull one back in stoppage time with goalscorer Nat Bell playing a key role at the start and the end of the move. Bell did brilliantly to win the flick on when competing to head Sawyer's long ball forward. He then bust a gut to race into the box where he was on hand to coolly guide a first time effort into the net from Alfie Presley's delivery.

It proved too little, too late though for the hosts who remain on two points after seven games.

While it is still relatively early in the campaign, Bassett find themselves in a position - bottom of the table - that nobody would have expected them to occupy.

There is undoubtedly plenty of talent in the squad. Now though, more than anything, comes a significant test of character.





**Emirates
FA CUP**

RWBTFC & The Emirates 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 W 3 - 0
	Pr	Hamworthy United	H W 1 - 0		Pr	Amersham Town	H W 3 - 1
	QR1	Highworth Town	H W 3 - 1		QR1	Torpoint Athletic	H L 1 - 3
	QR2	Dorchester Town	A L 0 - 4	2026-27	EPr	Winslow United	H L 0 - 2

EMIRATES FA CUP ROAD TO WEMBLEY FOR ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN 2026-27

Date	Round	Opponents	H/A	Result	Prize Money	
					Winner	Loser
8-Aug-25	Extra Preliminary Round	v Winslow United	H	L 0 - 2	£1,125	£375
22-Aug-26	Preliminary Round	v Longlevens	H		£1,444	£481
5-Sep-26	First Qualifying Round	v Swindon Supermarine*	H		£2,250	£750
19-Sep-26	Second Qualifying Round	v Weymouth*	H		£3,375	£1,125
3-Oct-26	Third Qualifying Round	v			£5,625	£1,875
17-Oct-26	Fourth Qualifying Round	v			£9,375	£3,125
7-Nov-26	First Round	v			£47,750	£15,800
5-Dec-26	Second Round	v			£79,500	£21,200
9-Jan-27	Third Round	v			£121,500	£26,500
13-Feb-27	Fourth Round	v			£127,000	
6-Mar-27	Fifth Round	v			£238,500	
3-Apr-27	Sixth Round	v			£477,000	
24-Apr-27	Semi-Final (at Wembley)	v			£1,060,000	£530,000
22-May-27	Final (at Wembley)	v			£2,120,000	£1,060,000
* Still in competition					Total Prize Money Won	
					£375	



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RWBTFC & The FA Vase

RWBTFC F.A. Vase Record

2001-02	QR2	Calne Town	H	W 3 - 2	2016-17	QR2	Thame Utd	H	L 2 - 4
	R1	St Blazey	H	L 0 - 2	2017-18	QR1	Fairford Town	H	W 3 - 1
2002-03	QR2	Shortwood United	A	L 1 - 5		QR2	Codicote	H	W 5 - 0
2003-04	QR2	Bemerton Heath Harl's	A	L 1 - 4		R1	Amphill Town	H	W 2 - 1
2004-05	QR1	Wellington	A	L 0 - 4		R2	Horndean	A	L 2 - 3
2005-06	QR1	Christchurch	H	D 1 - 1	2018-19	QR2	Bashley	H	L 0 - 4
	QR1	Christchurch	A	L 0 - 1	2019-20	QR1	New College Swindon	A	W 7 - 0
2006-07	QR1	Shrewton United	A	D 1 - 1		QR2	Tadley Calleva	A	L 0 - 1
	QR1	Shrewton United	H	L 2 - 3	2020-21	QR2	Stonehouse	A	W 1 - 0
2007-08	QR2	Bournemouth	A	L 0 - 12		R1	Camelford	H	W 4 - 0
2008-09	QR1	Buckingham Athletic	A	W 5 - 3		R2	Bridgwater Town	A	L 1 - 2
	QR2	Henley Town	A	W 6 - 0	2021-22	QR1	Knaphill	H	W 1 - 0
	R1	Kidlington	H	W 3 - 2		QR2	Portishead Town	A	W 3 - 1
	R2	Wimbourne Town	A	L 0 - 4		R1	Downton	H	W 4 - 0
2009-10	QR1	Hamble ASSC	H	L 2 - 3		R2	Torpoint Athletic	H	W 2 - 0
2010-11	QR2	Devizes Town	A	W 4 - 0		R3	Hamworthy United	H	L 1 - 3
	R1	Cadbury Heath	A	L 1 - 2	2022-23	R1	Bridport	A	W 5 - 3
2011-12	QR1	Shortwood United	A	L 0 - 4		R2	Wellington (W 5 - 4 pens)	A	D 2 - 2
2012-13	QR1	GE Hamble	A	L 0 - 6		R3	Corsham T (L 3 - 4 pens)	H	D 0 - 0
2013-14	QR2	Odd Down	A	L 0 - 7	2023-24	R1	Elburton Villa	H	W 2 - 1
2014-15	QR1	Cove	A	W 3 - 2		R2	Longlevens	H	W 2 - 1
	QR2	Abingdon United	H	L 2 - 3		R3	Bridgwater T (5-6 pens)	H	L 2 - 2
2015-16	QR1	Binfield	H	D 1 - 1	2024-25	R1	AFC Stoneham	A	L 0 - 3
	QR1	Binfield	A	W 4 - 3	2025-26	QR1	Cinderford T (L 4-5 pens)	A	D 3 - 3
	QR2	Windsor FC	A	L 1 - 2	2026-27	QR1	Brislington	A	L 0 - 1

THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY FOR ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C. FA VASE 2026-27

Date	Round	Opponents	H/A	Result	Prize Money	
					Winner	Loser
15-Aug-26	First Round Qualifying	Brislington*	A	L 0 - 1	£550	£160
12-Sep-26	Second Round Qualifying	Sharpness*	H		£725	£225
10-Oct-26	First Round Proper				£825	£250
31-Oct-26	Second Round Proper				£900	£275
28-Nov-26	Third Round Proper				£1,125	£350
9-Jan-27	Fourth Round Proper				£1,875	£600
6-Feb-27	Fifth Round Proper				£2,250	£725
6-Mar-27	Sixth Round Proper				£4,125	£1,350
3-Apr-27	Semi-final (1st leg)				£5,500	£1,725
10-Apr-27	Semi-final (2nd leg)					
16-May-27	Final (at Wembley)				£30,000	£15,000
* Still in competition						
Total Prize Money Won						£160





RWBTFC Women's Team



South West Regional Women's Football League Premier Division Season 2026-27

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Portishead	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
2 Royal Wootton Bassett Town	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
3 Gloucester Town	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
4 Sherborne Town	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
5 B2A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 Poole Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 Yate Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 AEK Boco	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
9 Yeovil Town	1	0	0	1	1	2	0





RWBTFC Women's Team

Royal Wootton Bassett Town Women's Team

Season 2026-27 - South West Regional Women's League Premier Division

	Date	Opponents	H/A	Comp	Result	Scorers
Sun	06-Sep-26	AEK Boco	H	SWRL	W 2 - 1	Scott, Young
Sun	13-Sep-26	Poole Town	A	SWRL		
Sun	20-Sep-27	Gloucester City (FAC 2QR)	H	FAC		
Sun	27-Sep-26	Sherborne Town	H	SWRL		
Sun	04-Oct-26	Yeovil Town	A	SWRL		
Sun	11-Oct-26	Yate Town	H	SWRL		
Sun	18-Oct-26	Saltash United	A	SWRL		
Sun	25-Oct-26	Portishead	H	SWRL		
Sun	01-Nov-26	Gloucester City	A	SWRL		
Sun	08-Nov-26	AEK Boco	A	SWRL		
Sun	15-Nov-26	Poole Town	H	SWRL		
Sun	29-Nov-26	B2A	H	SWRL		
Sun	06-Dec-26	Yeovil Town	H	SWRL		
Sun	13-Dec-26	Yate Town	A	SWRL		
Sun	20-Dec-26	Saltash United	H	SWRL		
Sun	10-Jan-27	Portishead	A	SWRL		
Sun	17-Jan-27	Gloucester City	H	SWRL		
Sun	24-Jan-27	Sherborne Town	A	SWRL		
	TBA	B2A	A	SWRL		

Goalscorers Season 26-27	League	Cup	Total
Elle Scott	1		1
Megan Young	1		1



Action from Sunday's 2-1 home win over AEK Boco. Picture courtesy of Alan Swan.





Match Report

v AEK Boco



Bassett off and running after beating Boco

Royal Wootton Bassett Town 2 AEK Boco 1

Sunday 6 September 2026

Royal Wootton Bassett Town are back up and running at tier five as James Lally's side opened their South West Regional Women's Football League Premier Division campaign with a 2-1 home victory over AEK Boco.

An entertaining, closely fought encounter saw Bassett come from behind, with Elle Scott's coolly taken second half penalty helping Bassett take the points.

Fifth place finishers last season, Boco represented tough opponents for promoted Bassett. But the hosts more than matched their visitors on their way to a narrow, deserved victory.

Boco had the first shot on goal of the match when Sarah-Jayne Doidge's free kick forced Millie Powell to tip over with just four minutes on the clock.

The teams traded blows in an open start, with Hannah Gulliver drawing an awkward save from Natasha Hibbert.

But Boco eventually took the lead ten minutes before half time. Bassett failed to clear from a corner that bounced around the box and when play was recycled the ball dropped to Mia Brain who steered into the bottom corner on the turn.

Parity was quickly restored though. A fine move down the right between Briony Hurd and Honor Fraser appeared to have broken down as Boco regained possession. However a well timed challenge from Hurd saw the ball break for Megan Young who, with time to turn, saw Hibbert off her line and curled a delightful 30 yard effort into the top corner.

Bassett then went ahead on the hour. A quick break saw Young charge free. She was able to get her shot off with Hibbert turning around the post but a late, heavy challenge from Millie Lacey saw her scythed down. The referee pointed to the spot and Scott sent Hibbert the wrong way.

Boco had a great chance to equalise immediately when Darcy Cox was unable to head clear but Lucy Atkinson blazed over. That was the last time Boco posed a real threat though as Bassett's defence tightened up with the hosts successfully seeing the game out.

SWINDON MERCEDES STADIUM

STARTING XI

- 1 POWELL
- 2 HURD
- 3 BOWDEN
- 4 NIGHTINGALE
- 5 JEFFERIES
- 6 COX
- 8 SCOTT
- 9 BULLEY
- 11 GULLIVER
- 15 YOUNG
- 26 FRASER

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RWBT Men's Dev Team

Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League Premier Division Season 2026-27

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 Shrivenham	7	6	1	0	31	5	19
2 Shrewton United	7	6	0	2	26	5	15
3 Melksham Town Res	6	5	0	1	17	6	15
4 Faringdon Town	7	4	1	2	15	11	13
5 Bishops Cannings	7	4	1	2	20	19	13
6 Larkhall Athletic Dev	5	3	2	0	15	7	11
7 Trowbridge Town	6	3	2	1	13	9	11
8 Park United	8	3	2	3	16	13	11
9 Royal W. Bassett Town Dev	7	3	2	2	11	9	11
10 Pewsey Vale	8	3	0	5	10	22	9
11 Hungerford Town Dev	7	2	2	3	21	19	8
12 Purton Kingsdown	6	2	2	2	13	13	8
13 Down Ampney	8	2	1	5	13	25	7
14 Devizes Town Res	5	1	2	2	6	13	5
15 Bemerton Heath Harlequins Res	5	1	1	3	11	11	4
16 Fairford Town Res	7	1	1	5	4	16	4
17 Wroughton	7	1	0	6	5	23	3
18 Bradford Town Res	5	0	0	5	2	23	0

FOUNTAIN TROPHIES CUP SEASON 2026-27

Preliminary Round

Bradford Town Res	v	Wroughton
Pewsey Vale Dev	v	Stratton

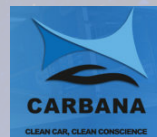
First Round

Bemerton Heath Harl Res	v	Amesbury Town Dev
Bishops Cannings	v	Highworth Town Res
Bradford Town Res or Wroughton	v	Faringdon Town
Calne Town Res	v	Warminster Town Res
Faringdon Town Dev	v	Old Town Athletic
Hungerford Town Dev	v	Down Ampney
Kintbury Rangers Res	v	Devizes Town Res
Malmesbury Vics Dev	W - L	Redhouse
Melksham Town Res	v	Marlborough Town
Park United	v	Larkhall Athletic Dev
Pewsey Vale	v	Shrivenham Dev
Pewsey Vale Dev or Stratton	v	East Hendred
Purton Kingsdown	v	RWBT Dev
Purton Kingsdown Res	v	Fairford Town Res
Shrewton United	v	Shrivenham
Wantage Town Res	v	Trowbridge Town



RWBT Men's Dev Team

Season 2026-27



ROYAL W. BASSETT TOWN FC DEV - SEASON 2026-27 FIXTURES & RESULTS CORSHAM PRINT WILTSHIRE SENIOR LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Date	Opponents	H/A	Comp	Result	Scorers
Sat 08-Aug-26	Down Ampney	A	League	D 1 - 1	McGrogan
Tue 11-Aug-26	Shrivenham	H	League	L 1 - 3	R. Hopkins
Sat 15-Aug-26	Trowbridge Town	H	League	D 1 - 1	B. Spackman
Tue 18-Aug-26	Faringdon Town	A	League	L 1 - 2	Ryan
Sat 22-Aug-26	Hungerford Town Dev	H	League	W 3 - 0	Staten, Czekanski, Parker
Tue 25-Aug-26	Park United	H	League	W 2 - 1	Parker, McGrogan
Sat 05-Sep-26	Bemerton Heath Harl Res	A	League	W 2 - 1	Greenouff, M.Spackman
Sat 19-Sep-26	Melksham Town Res	H	League		
Sat 26-Sep-26	Hungerford Town Dev	A	League		
Sat 03-Oct-26	Fairford Town Res	A	League		
Sat 10-Oct-26	Devizes Town Res	H	League		
Sat 17-Oct-26	Bishops Cannings	H	League		
Sat 24-Oct-26	Purton Kingsdown	A	FT Cup		
Sat 31-Oct-26	Shrewton United	H	League		
Sat 07-Nov-26	Purton Kingsdown	A	League		
Sat 14-Nov-26	Park United	A	League		
Sat 21-Nov-26	Larkhall Athletic Dev	H	League		
Sat 05-Dec-26	Faringdon Town	H	League		
Sat 12-Dec-26	Shrewton United	A	League		
Sat 19-Dec-26	Bradford Town Res	A	League		
Sat 02-Jan-27	Wroughton	A	League		
Sat 20-Feb-27	Bishops Cannings	A	League		
	Bemerton Heath Harl Res	H	League		
	Bradford Town Res	H	League		
	Devizes Town Res	A	League		
	Down Ampney	H	League		
	Fairford Town Res	H	League		
	Larkhall Athletic Dev	A	League		
	Melksham Town Res	A	League		
	Pewsey Vale	H	League		
	Pewsey Vale	A	League		
	Purton Kingsdown	H	League		
	Shrivenham	A	League		
	Trowbridge Town	A	League		
	Wroughton	H	League		

RWBT Dev Top Scorers	League	WSC	FT Cup	Total
Joe McGrogan	2			2
Toby Parker	2			2
Rudi Hopkins	1			1
Ben Spackman	1			1
George Staten	1			1
Karol Czekanski	1			1
Alex Greenouff	1			1
Max Spackman	1			1
Jacob Ryan	1			1
Own Goals				0
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Youth Sections Roundups

Royal Wootton Bassett Town's youth section enjoyed an excellent opening Sunday of the North Wilts League season, with seven victories recorded across ten matches.

There were some emphatic wins, cup progress and a penalty shootout success, with Bassett's teams scoring 41 goals across the ten fixtures.

Under-18s lead the way with Youth Cup wins

Both Under-18 sides enjoyed convincing victories in Wiltshire Youth Cup action.

The Under-18 Yellow's produced an impressive 6-0 away win at Melksham Town Tornadoes, leading 2-0 at half-time before adding four more after the break.

There was an equally emphatic result for the Under-18 Blues, who beat Warminster Town UBlacks 7-0 at home. Bassett were already four goals to the good at half-time.

Under-14s both progress

It was also a perfect day for the two Under-14 teams in North Wilts League Cup competition.

The Under-14 Blues produced one of the day's biggest wins, travelling to Penhill United and returning with an impressive 8-1 victory. Cameron Greaney and Mikey Spencer were both in great form, scoring hat tricks.

Meanwhile the Under-14 Yellow's edged a tight contest 1-0 against Purton Youth Cobras, securing their place in the next round.

Under-13s produce cup drama

The two Under-13 teams also came through their league cup ties.

The Under-13 Blues recorded a superb 10-2 away victory over Blunsdon Youth Amber, with Bassett already leading 4-1 at half-time.

There was considerably more tension in the other Under-13 tie, as the Under-13 Yellow's drew 0-0 with Kingsdown Lions Blue. With nothing separating the teams, the tie went to penalties, where Bassett prevailed 3-2.

Mixed fortunes in league action

There were contrasting fortunes for the four Bassett teams involved in league fixtures. The Under-15 Yellow's had a day to remember, sweeping aside Croft Junior Blue 7-0.

The Under-12 Yellow's battled hard but were beaten 4-2 at home by FC Abbey Meads Purple. There was also a difficult morning for the Under-12 Blues, who went down 9-0 away to Melksham Town Spitfires, who led 5-0 at the interval.

The Under-16 Yellow's then suffered a 4-0 home defeat to Highworth Town Juniors T, with the teams level at 0-0 at half-time before the visitors pulled away after the break.

Girls Teams

The Under 17 Girls opened their season with an exciting first home game against Paulton Rovers, narrowly losing 7-6 in a thrilling encounter. Despite the result, there were plenty of positives, with the girls showing fantastic energy, determination and commitment throughout. They created numerous chances and never gave up.

The Under 14 Girls had a difficult start to the season, losing 5-1 against FC Abbey Meads Blue.

The Under 12 Girls opened their season with a competitive fixture against Tyrone Mings Storms, losing 2-0. It was a closely fought game, with both teams working hard throughout. The girls showed plenty of determination as they adapted to nine-a-side football for the first time. Tyrone Mings secured the win with two goals, but there were plenty of positives for Bassett to take from the performance.

Sadly, the Under 15s' opening fixture at Swindon Spitfires was postponed, with the away game at Buckhurst Fields called off due to an unplayable pitch.



RWBT Vets' (Over 35) Team

Royal Wootton Bassett Town Vets

Season 2026 -27 Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League - Vets North Wilts Division

Date	Opponents	H/A	Comp	Result	Scorers
Wed 02-Sep-26	The Royal Oak Utd	H	League	L 0 - 4	
Wed 16-Sep-26	Cricklade Town	H	League		
Mon 21-Sep-26	FS Stratton	A	League		
Wed 30-Sep-26	Chiseldon	H	League		
Wed 07-Oct-26	North Swindon	H	League		
Wed 14-Oct-26	Penhill United	A	League		
Mon 02-Nov-26	Stratton	A	League		
Wed 11-Nov-26	Highworth Town	H	League		
Wed 25-Nov-26	Purton Kingsdown	H	League		
Mon 09-Dec-26	The Royal Oak Utd	A	League		
Wed 06-Jan-27	Cricklade Town	A	League		
Wed 13-Jan-27	FS Stratton	H	League		
Wed 20-Jan-27	Chiseldon	A	League		
Thur 28-Jan-27	North Swindon	A	League		
Wed 03-Feb-27	Penhill United	H	League		
Wed 17-Feb-27	Stratton	H	League		
Wed 24-Feb-27	Highworth Town	A	League		
Wed 10-Mar-27	Purton Kingsdown	A	League		
Wed 17-Mar-27	AFC Swindon	H	League		
Thur 25-Mar-27	Nationwide	A	League		
Tue 30-Mar-27	AFC Swindon	A	League		
Wed 07-Apr-27	Nationwide	H	League		

Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League Vets North Wiltshire Division Season 2026-27

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 The Royal Oak Utd	2	2	0	0	12	0	6
2 Purton Kingsdown	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
3 Highworth Town	2	1	1	0	5	3	4
4 Nationwide	1	1	0	0	7	3	3
5 Stratton	2	1	0	1	6	2	3
6 Cricklade Town	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
7 AFC Swindon	1	0	1	0	3	3	1
8 Penhill United	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
9 North Swindon	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
10 Royal W. Bassett Town	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
11 FS Stratton	2	0	0	2	0	7	0
12 Chiseldon	2	0	0	2	3	15	0

Quiz Ladder Answers

1. Alf Rasey, 2. Thomas Tuchel, 3. Gareth Southgate, 4. Sven Goren-Eriksson, 5. Terry Venables, 6. Don Revie, 7. Howard Wilkinson, 8. Sam Allardyce, 9. Lee Carsley (83.3%), 10. Walter Winterbottom



RWBT Vets' (Over 50) Team

Royal Wootton Bassett Town Vets Over 50s

Season 2026-27 - Oxfordshire League - Vets Premier League Division 2

Date	Opponents	H/A	Comp	Result	Scorers
Sun 06-Sep-26	Chilsley	A	League	D 5 - 5	
Sun 20-Sep-26	Headington Amateurs	H	League		
Sun 04-Oct-26	Easington Sports	A	League		
Sun 18-Oct-26	Kingston	H	League		
Sun 01-Nov-26	Exiles	A	League		
Sun 16-Nov-26	Goring GB2022	A	League		
Sun 29-Nov-26	OAP	H	League		
Sun 13-Dec-26	Oxford Honkongers Utd	H	League		
Sun 20-Dec-26	Hazelmere Sports Athletic	A	League		
Sun 03-Jan-27	Haddenham Youth	H	League		
Sun 17-Jan-27	Chilsley	H	League		
Sun 31-Jan-27	Headington Butchers	A	League		
Sun 14-Feb-27	Easington Sports	H	League		
Sun 28-Feb-27	Kingston	A	League		
Sun 07-Mar-27	Exiles	H	League		
Sun 21-Mar-27	Goring GB2022	H	League		
Sun 04-Apr-27	OAP	A	League		
Sun 18-Apr-27	Oxford Honkongers Utd	A	League		
Sun 09-May-27	Haddenham Youth	A	League		

Oxfordshire Over 50s League Division 2 Season 2026/2027

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 Goring GB2022	1	1	0	0	8	0	3
2 Easington Sports	1	1	0	0	5	2	3
3 Haddenham Youth	1	1	0	0	5	2	3
4 Chilsley	1	0	1	0	5	5	1
5 Royal Wootton Bassett Town	1	0	1	0	5	5	1
6 Kingston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 OAP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 Headington Butchers	1	0	0	1	2	5	0
9 Oxford Hongkongers United	1	0	0	1	2	5	0
10 Exiles	1	0	0	1	0	8	0





IT'S fair to say the summer 2026 Non-League transfer window will be remembered for years to come. Groundbreaking in fact.

Record deals being negotiated left, right and centre with Abdul Abdulmalik's £1.5m transfer from Boreham Wood to Swedish top-flight outfit Djurgardens IF topping the lot and finally surpassing the £1m paid by Leicester City for a certain Jamie Vardy in 2012. Whatever happened to him?

But the success stories don't stop there.

In this week's NLP, we plotted the rise of three more former Non-Leaguers who completed huge moves into the Premier League in this summer transfer window.

Iliman Ndiaye, now a Senegal international, sealed his £65m move from Everton to Manchester City on the same evening Sorba Thomas landed his Premier League dream when Hull City bought him from Stoke City.

Ndiaye, 26, and Thomas, 27, are the two biggest success stories to emerge from Wood's PASE Academy set-up.

Under the guidance of Wood boss Luke Garrard and academy head coach Cameron Mawer, the pair starred in the club's Elite youth team, collecting national titles and back-to-back-to-back league triumphs.

And it wasn't long before they were breaking into Garrard's first team. Ndiaye was quickly picked up by Sheffield United where – after a loan spell with Hyde United – he started to make the name that has seen him go onto Marseille, Everton and now Champions League-chasing City.

Thomas was more of a regular, playing 77 times and becoming a huge part of a promotion push before Huddersfield Town swooped.

"We've got a really exciting crop at Bedford Town and I always tell the players, 'Yes, it is about what you do on the pitch consistently, but things aren't always going to go smoothly for you'," Mawer, who heads up Bedford's academy alongside his role St Neots Town boss told us.

"It's the ones who can take that rejection and get through it. If you're not in a pro club at 16, 17, there's a lot of outside distractions that can take you off the path.

"It's the ones who stay focused, keep going and keep building every day. Sorbs and Iliman had it.

"I have probably coached thousands and thousands of kids. What separates those two is that mentality to keep going.

"Nothing could take them off the pathway – girls, alcohol, nights out, friends, making money. They had no interest in that, they just had interest in being the best player on the pitch and getting to where they want to get to."

And more was yet to come.

Also on transfer deadline day, 25-year-old winger Femi Azeez completed a move to Brighton & Hove Albion after lighting it up in the Championship for Millwall.

It completes a remarkable rise from the Southern League East Division to the Premier League in eight years.

Having been in Watford's academy, Azeez left and joined Northwood's youth system where he was handed a first-team debut aged 16 by Gordon Boateng.

It was in Wealdstone's youth side where then Stones' boss Bobby Wilkinson first caught a glimpse of the talented youngster.

And it wasn't long before he was starting against Uxbridge in the Middlesex Senior Cup before making his league debut at home to Eastbourne Borough in December 2018.

"I watched him in the youth team, I think on a Sunday afternoon, at Wealdstone on the pitches out the back," Wilkinson, the current Swindon Supermarine boss told us. "I spotted him in ten seconds! I brought him in with me and put him in the men's side. I just had an unbelievable feeling about this boy.

"There was just something about him. In this day and age, scouts don't look long term.

"I didn't think straightaway he was going to develop right then. But what I did do was bring him straight into men's football, put him on the bench and let him play in front of good crowds.

"I made sure if we were winning – or we couldn't win the game – we'd give him 20 minutes.

"We guided him all the way through that year and did it with a purpose for where he is now.

"There's lots of people who have been part of his journey. But they won't take away that year he spent with us."

At the same time, we ran the inspirational tale of Manasse Kianga, who rose from Step 5 Rossington Main all the way to the Champions League with Slovan Bratislava!

The 24-year-old made 115 appearances for Main across five years at Oxford Street, scoring 51 goals, but now he finds himself lining up in front of crowds in excess of 20,000 after helping the Slovak champions reach the league phase of the Champions League.

'Manny', as he is more affectionately known, moved to England with his family in 2017 at the age of 15 and found his home in DN11 when he joined Rossington in 2019, establishing himself as a firm fan favourite from the off.

His spell at Rossington was punctuated by brief spells across the Non-League circuit, including with Sheffield FC, until difficulties obtaining a permanent work-permit forced a move back to South Africa.

But his chapter in football in Europe was not closed, signing for Slovak third-tier side Lokomotiva Košice the following year and after four goals in 11 appearances, earning Kianga a move to the top tier with Slovan in 2026 under former Barcelona and Manchester City star Yaya Touré.

Ndiaye, Thomas, Azeez and Kianga are all examples of the opportunities that can become available for Non-League players across the pyramid with the right application and dedication.

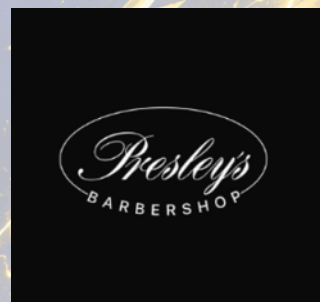
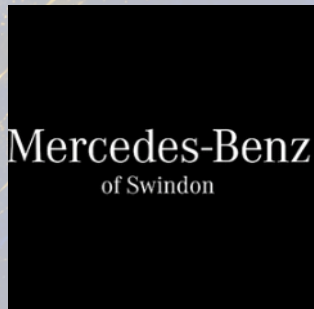
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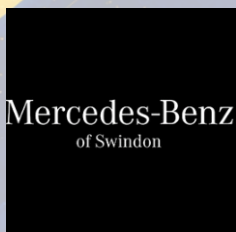


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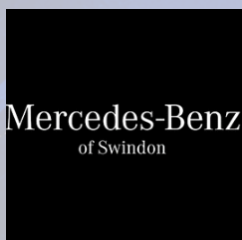
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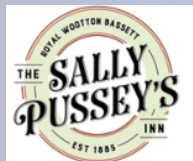
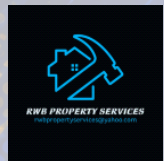
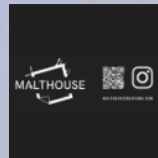
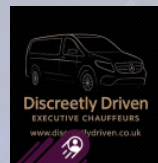
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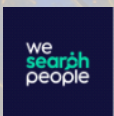
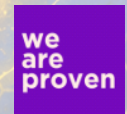
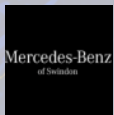


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