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First Team Honours

Wiltshire Senior Cup Winners 1998-91, 2000-01

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

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

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

Hellenic League Division 1 Cup Runners-up 1994-95

Wiltshire County League Division 1 Champions 1987-88

Wiltshire County League Runners-up 1905-06

Wiltshire County League Senior Cup Winners 1983-84

Wiltshire County League Division 2 Champions 1984-85

Wiltshire County League Division 2 Runners-up 1978-79

Wiltshire County League Subsidiary Cup Winners 1978-79

Wiltshire League Division 1 Champions 1958-59

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

Calne & District League Runners-up 1930-31

Calne & District League Cup Winners 1934-35

Calne & District League Cup Runners-up 1935-36

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

Vale of White Horse League Cup Winners 1933-34

Reserve/Dev Team Honours

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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Welcome to Today's Game

Welcome to the Gerard Buxton Sports Ground for the first competitive game of the 2020-21 Season which happens to be an Extra Preliminary Round tie in the prestigious FA Cup. Our opponents here today are **Chipping Sodbury Town** from the Toolstation Western League. A special warm welcome to the players, officials and spectators from Chipping Sodbury who have made the journey along the M4 to the Gerard Buxton Sports Ground. We hope you enjoy your short stay with us this evening and we wish you a safe journey home. A special warm welcome to the various familiar faces in the Chipping Sodbury camp, with our former management team of Jeff Roberts and Andrew Youngsam in charge at the club and a number of the Chipping Sodbury players having previously played for us. Former players include Jordan Roberts, Aaron Stevens, Josh Coombe and the very talented Kalum Youngsam. Jeff has also taken a number of the players who were with him at Southern League Highworth Town to his new club and they will certainly provide extremely tough opposition for us here this evening. Former Swindon Town player Tom Jones, who was with Jeff at Highworth, is obviously in our camp tonight and will no doubt have given Sam and Bully some great insight in what we can expect from our opponents this evening.

It is safe to say that last season did not go to plan but the slate is wiped clean and we start afresh with once again a couple of opportunities available for promotion to

Step 4 come the end of the campaign due to the reorganisation of the National League System. At the end of the season, if neither of today's sides are promoted to the Southern League or relegated, there is every chance they will be in the same division next season if the reshaping of the National League System sends the Hellenic League westwards as originally intended by the FA. However, before the league campaigns get under way we have this important FA Cup tie here tonight and hopefully the two sides will put on an entertaining game with the winner set to travel to Didcot Town in the next round.

The decision to end last season was fully understandable and the right call to make given the risks surrounding Covid-19. It has been a tough five months for everyone across the globe. To those who have suffered the loss of a loved one, you have our deepest sympathies. We as a club lost Andy Amos, an extremely popular former coach within our Youth Section and Andy is remembered in today's programme. There have been so much devastation from this dreadful virus and we ask that all those involved in today's games follow the club's Covid-19 guidelines and requirements in order help to avoid any further loss of life. The risks around this virus are still very much around us and the season again has the potential to be disrupted, so please help us all to mitigate those risks and Play Safe by following the rules and guidelines whilst enjoying the game.

Mark

Covid-19 Spectator Advice



Welcome to The Gerard Buxton Ground, home of RWBTFC

SPECTATOR ADVICE

- ◆ We ask you to maintain social distancing with anyone outside of your household and gather in groups of **no more than 6** at all times.
- ◆ Please utilise the hand sanitiser on entry to the ground, kiosk and toilet areas.
- ◆ Please refrain from touching the match ball – club volunteers will be responsible for returning balls to the pitch or technical area.
- ◆ Contactless payments are preferable at the kiosk.
- ◆ If you visit the bar, please respect the Covid-19 procedures in place. Track & Trace information will need to be given again.
- ◆ If you leave the stadium area, please show the document provided on entry setting out the spectator requirements on your return to avoid having to compete Track & Trace information again.

Thank you for visiting, we look forward to seeing you again soon.

From The Gaffer



Good evening and welcome back to everyone from what has been a very strange and testing time...

I know I have certainly struggled with lockdown; I have very much missed my football and not being able to play any cricket. However, things seems to be on the mend and looking like they are slowly getting back to some sort of normality. I hope that you and your families have all have stayed well.

It's great to be back and it's nice to welcome an ex Bass manager in Jeff Roberts who attends tonight with this new club Chipping Sodbury, who from what I have seen and heard, will be big challengers for the title this season in their league and no doubt very hard opponents tonight. I wish him all the very best after tonight!

We have had another great pre-season and have made some big changes with the approach we are taking as a club. We have added to the management team with bringing in Tom Jones. Tom comes with a wealth of experience in playing and coaching, and has fitted in with myself and Bully very well. His sessions are a joy to watch and the players have really bought into it.

Myself and Bully have decided the type of player we want to have working under us, and this is something we didn't have last season. The first thing we wanted to do was create a real togetherness within the players which I feel is hugely important in order to be successful. The other area is commitment. In the past, we have had to mix the side up a lot due to this, and this is something we no longer will tolerate. Yes,

people will sometimes be missing for all different reasons, however being committed for the next 25 weeks or whatever it is has to be at the forefront of people's minds. Bully, Tom and I will do this for sure, so we expect our players to mirror this.

We have been very lucky and have kept all the players we wanted except one, which is Alfie Presley. He has decided to go to Uni, and we wish him well. We have also added some real quality in Iggy Ilott, who has returned to the club. He has also come with Jack Stirland, whom has returned from Uni and has been a real find. Additionally, Chris Taylor has put pen to paper and has been an utter joy to watch. He offers so much and yet to give to ball away. Kyle Lapham, Jon Beeden, Alex Dinsmore and Sam Ockwell have really boosted our defence, and we can't wait to work with them all.

On another note, my good friend Danny Robinson has got a well-deserved job at Hungerford and he has agreed to work closely with me. He has offered us two young and exciting players in Dan Bailey and Matt Berry-Hargreaves. They are a credit to their parent club and themselves, and have been outstanding since being here. We can't wait to see them deliver for us.

We have a special mascot today in Ernie Nash. He has recently moved to the area after being brought up in Stoke (poor lad...) and is the son of the Landlord and Lady at the Red Lion, Cricklade (a must try!). I told him when we are back up and running, I will arrange for him to see a real football club! Hope you enjoy the evening big man.

Hope you all enjoy the game and cheer for the new look Bass! Stay safe,

Sam

Andy Amos

The club was deeply saddened back in April to be informed that Andy Amos, a former coach within the club's youth section, had passed away as a result of Covid-19.

Andy was a coach within the club's youth section for a number of years, guiding his team to success on the pitch and helping develop players – among them Dale Richards, Scott Walduck, Aaron Oakley, Josh Shama and Jake Matthews – who have since gone on to represent Royal Wootton Bassett Town at a senior level.

Andy was also a highly valued volunteer, helping ensure the success of Bassett's annual six-a-side tournament, while sharing his coaching expertise across all age groups within the club.

A quiet, yet popular and extremely friendly individual, Andy is sorely missed by all who knew him and our thoughts continue to be with Andy's wife Alison, his sons Mitchell and Tyler, his brother Adi as well as his extended family following his passing.

In order to honour the memory of Andy the club decided to introduce a prize for the Youth Section Coach of the Year in his name, which was awarded for the first time at the recent club AGM.

The inaugural winner of the Andy Amos Award was Mark Ellis. Mark is responsible for the delivery of the club's free Saturday Morning Skills Sessions and under his guidance these have become increasingly popular. His efforts have seen the introduction of the SSE Wildcats Girls' Football Centre that takes place alongside these sessions too.



An invaluable volunteer who embodies the club's ethos, Mark, like Andy, is also more than willing to assist with coaching at all age groups within the club and his efforts enable lots of young players of all abilities to enjoy football. There could not have been a more appropriate winner of the first Andy Amos Youth Section Coach of the Year Award.

Opponents Pen Pictures

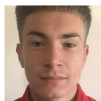
Chris Simsek - Goalkeeper

Veteran keeper who has made close to 180 appearances for Chipping Sodbury over the years.



Aaron Stevens - Defence

Former Royal W. Bassett Town player who came through the Bassett Youth Section and played under Jeff Roberts back in 2013-14. Most recently been with Malmesbury Vics where he made 18 appearances last season.



Ellis McSharry - Defence

Highworth youngster who has followed manager Jeff Roberts from the Elms. Has the versatility to play up front or in defence. Has a great engine and a cool head under pressure.

Ben Chick - Defence

Signed for Chipping Sodbury from Almondsbury in August last year.



Louie Millard - Defence

Defender who signed from Bristol Telephones at the start of last season and made 5 appearances for Chipping Sodbury Town last season.



Jordan Roberts - Midfield

Stylish midfield player who started at Swindon Town as a youth player who has also played for Chippenham Town, Calne Town, Swindon Supermarine, Royal Wootton Bassett Town and most recently Highworth Town.



Josh Coombe - Midfield

Another player who was previously worn the blue and yellow of Wootton Bassett Town. An attacking midfielder player with an eye for goal. Has followed manager Jeff Roberts from Highworth Town.

Ewan McMillan - Defence

Centre back who was with Chipping Sodbury last season.



Keane Ashwood - Midfield

Another youngster who progressed from Chipping Sodbury's Development side, making his first team debut in March 2019.

Lewis Bezer - Midfield

Signed from Yate Town at the beginning of last season, making 17 appearances for Chipping Sodbury in the aborted 2019-20 Season. Ball playing midfielder who is very calm on the ball and great at maintaining possession.



Luke Johnson - Midfield

Another player to follow manager Jeff Roberts from Highworth Town. Previously played at Bristol Rovers and more recently at Frome Town.



Jonah Beer - Midfield

Yet another player to make the move across from Highworth Town. Youngster who is an attacking midfielder player.



Jordan Clark - Midfield

Left sided midfield player who is yet another to have followed manager Jeff Roberts from Southern League Highworth Town.



Darren Jefferies - Midfield

Attacking midfield player who is yet another player to make the exodus from our neighbours Highworth Town. Previously with Bristol Rovers and Frome Town.



Sol Pryce - Forward

Made 2 appearances for Swindon Town in 2018-19 before going on loan at Dulwich Hamlet. Subsequently joined another National League South side in Bath City before joining Melksham Town.



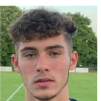
Kalum Youngsam - Forward

Striker with a lot of pace who is the son of Andrew Youngsam, who played for Wootton Bassett Town. Kalum also made a handful of appearances for Bassett and on his day can cause defences all kinds of problems.



Jack Moore - Midfield

Attacking midfield player who joined Chipping Sodbury in October last season and went on to make 18 appearances for the club in the 2019-20 Season that was brought to a premature end by Covid-19.



Josh Pandolfino - Forward

Youngster who progressed from Chipping Sodbury's Development side.

Jack Parker - Winger

Player in his 5th season with the club who has now made over 100 appearances for Chipping Sodbury Town.

Josh Langley - Midfield

Yet another former Highworth Town player.



Corey King - Forward

Another strong and skilful centre forward previously at Chippenham Town, Swindon Supermarine and Highworth Town.

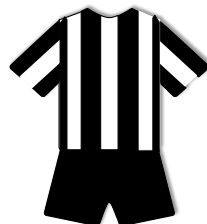
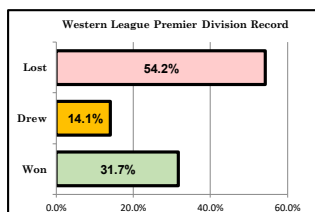
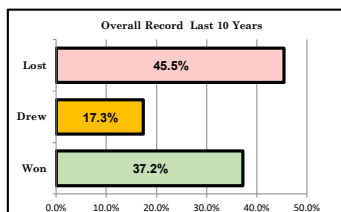
Opponents - 10 Year Record

Chipping Sodbury Town Historical Record - Last 10 Seasons

Season	League & Division	FAC	FAV	Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst	Pts	Position	Top Scorer
2010/11	Gloucs County League	N/A	N/A	32	16	10	6	64	35	58	3 out of 17	A. Fox, L. Meacham 11
2011/12	Gloucs County League	N/A	N/A	34	6	3	25	40	89	21	18 out of 18	L. Smart 7
2012/13	Gloucs County League	N/A	N/A	36	11	6	19	52	78	39	15 out of 19	J. Cattle 20
2013/14	Gloucs County League	N/A	N/A	34	11	7	16	67	67	40	11 out of 18	J. Mackie 26
2014/15	Gloucs County League	N/A	N/A	34	19	8	7	81	36	65	3 out of 18	J. Cattle 21
2015/16	Western League Div 1	N/A	N/A	40	23	7	10	84	52	76	1 out of 21	J.Bishop, J.Mackie, D. Sims-Burgess 12
2016/17	Western League Prem	N/A	1QR	38	12	6	20	55	83	42	13 out of 20	J. White 14
2017/18	Western League Prem Prelim	1QR	1QR	38	13	6	19	65	76	45	13 out of 20	G. Box 22
2018/19	Western League Prem	1QR	2QR	38	14	7	17	59	84	49	10 out of 20	G. Box 15
2019/20	Western League Prem	EP	1QR	28	6	1	21	33	92	19	18* out of 21	S. Makepeace, J. Moore 6
Totals				352	131	61	160	600	692			

Won:Drew:Lost Ratio 37.2% 17.3% 45.5% * Position at time that Coronavirus resulted in season being terminated

Gloucestershire County League	170	63	34	73	304	305	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	37.1%	20.0%	42.9%
Western League Div 1	40	23	7	10	84	52	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	57.5%	17.5%	25.0%
Western League Premier Div	142	45	20	77	212	335	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	31.7%	14.1%	54.2%



Last Season - 2019-20 - As at time of suspension due to Coronavirus

Toolstation Western League Premier Division

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Results 2019-20	
								Home	Away
1 Tavistock	28	20	2	4	73	29	62	L 0 - 3	L 3 - 4
2 Plymouth Parkway	23	19	2	2	80	21	59	L 0 - 3	L 2 - 5
3 Bradford Town	22	19	1	2	69	20	58	L 0 - 2	L 0 - 4
4 Hallen	29	17	6	6	64	48	57	L 2 - 3	L 0 - 2
5 Exmouth Town	25	18	2	5	64	26	56	L 0 - 3	L 1 - 7
6 Shepton Mallet	27	17	4	6	66	31	55	DNP	L 0 - 6
7 Bitton	26	16	2	8	69	37	50	W 3 - 1	L 2 - 6
8 Bridgwater Town	27	13	7	7	65	40	46	L 1 - 8	DNP
9 Clevedon Town	29	12	5	12	58	62	41	DNP	DNP
10 Roman Glass St George	29	12	4	13	62	47	40	W 2 - 1	L 1 - 6
11 Street	30	12	4	14	61	65	40	L 1 - 2	DNP
12 Westbury United	28	12	3	13	53	42	39	D 2 - 2	L 1 - 4
13 Buckland Athletic	25	12	2	11	48	48	38	DNP	L 0 - 4
14 Keynsham Town	29	11	4	14	50	57	37	L 0 - 2	DNP
15 Brislington	27	10	5	12	42	62	35	DNP	W 4 - 3
16 Cribbs	27	8	3	16	37	66	27	L 0 - 2	W 2 - 1
17 Cadbury Heath	30	6	7	17	34	78	25	DNP	L 1 - 2
18 Chipping Sodbury Town	28	6	1	21	33	92	19		
19 Bridport	27	5	2	20	35	90	17	L 0 - 4	DNP
20 Wellington	30	3	3	24	24	73	12	W 3 - 1	DNP
21 Odd Down	28	3	1	24	26	79	10	DNP	W 2 - 1

Opponents History

In the summer of 1959 Cliff Phelps brought football back to Chipping Sodbury after a 6-year absence. In the initial 59/60 Season they entered a senior team into the Dursley & Wotton League. The following season they joined the Bristol & District League and throughout the 1960s remained in Division 3.

The 1970s began with relegation after finishing bottom of Div 3 and the slump continued in 71/72 when finishing bottom of Div 4. Season 76/77 promotion back to Div 4 after finishing 3rd. Season 78/79 saw them go one better as they finished second in Div 4. To finish the decade off and celebrate 20 years of the club's rebirth, they won the Div 3 title.

The good form continued in the 1980s, a 4th place saw promotion to the Bristol & District League Div 1 and by the end of Season 80/81, they had gained promotion to the Senior Division. The first Senior season saw a mid-table finish, bettered the following year by a 3rd place finish. Unfortunately, in 85/86 they were relegated back to Div 1, where they remained until finishing second in 88/89.

The 1990s kicked off with a 3rd place finish and promotion to the Bristol Premier Combination Div 1. The early 90s saw a new clubhouse and changing rooms built with help from players and committee members. A 4th place finish in 92/93, and the winning of the Premier Cup, was the clubs best season so far. They were to remain in Div 1 until the end of the 1990s, when they were promoted to the Premier Division.

After 3 seasons in the Premier, they were relegated at the end of 2001/02 but 05/06 saw them win the Division 1 title and promotion back to the Premier Division. 2007/08 was another successful season, when they won the Premier Division title and promotion to the Glos. County League. The first season in the

County League unfortunately saw the team finish bottom but they escaped relegation.

The 2010s have been the most successful period in the club's history although it did not look that way as the decade started. After a 3rd place finish in the County League in 10/11, two disappointing bottom place finishes followed. However, the appointment of Karl Reese as manager for 14/15 sent the club on an upward trajectory. In his first season a 3rd place finish saw them promoted to the Western League, a league they had last graced in 1952. They then won the Western League Div 1 title at the first attempt. A 13th place finish in 16/17, their first season in the Western Premier, also saw a first venture in the FA Vase. Reese had left prior to the start of the 17/18 Season club along with a number of key players but the club achieved another 13th place finish and a first venture in the FA Cup which saw them defeat Brackley Town Saints before losing to Bishops Cleeve. Season 18/19 saw another good run in the FA Cup as they overcame two Hellenic sides before being knocked out by Bristol Manor Farm. A 10th place finish was their highest ever finish in the pyramid. An eventual summer of 2019 saw the club successfully appeal a sideways move to the Hellenic League, although they are expected to eventually become part of the Hellenic once the NLS restructuring is implemented. 2019-20 saw them remain in the Western Premier but the uncertainty of which league they would be playing in, unsettled the players and several departed along with the manager. At the time that Covid-19 struck and brought the season to a premature end they sat 4th from bottom with just 6 wins from their 28 games. Season 20/21 sees a familiar face in the Chipping Sodbury Town dugout as former Royal Wootton Bassett Town manager takes over the reins at Chipping Sodbury.

Opponents Dangersmen

Jordan Roberts



Stylish midfielder player who started at Swindon Town as a youth player and who has also played for Chippenham Town, Calne Town, Swindon Supermarine, Royal Wootton Bassett Town and most recently Highworth Town.

On his day has the ability and vision to run a game from midfield Tenacious in the tackle with a great engine. And work ethic.

Aaron Stevens



Another former Royal Wootton Bassett Town player who played not only for the First Team but also spent a couple of seasons in Bassett's Youth Section. Versatile player who can play either in defence or midfield and possesses a powerful long throw that can cause opponents a lot of problems as an attacking weapon.



Jordan Roberts (above left) and Aaron Stevens (above right) in action for Wootton Bassett Town from back in Season 2013-14.

Project Restart: Bassett aiming for better

The curtailment of the 2019-20 season was arguably a blessing in disguise for Royal Wootton Bassett Town.

At the point at which the Coronavirus outbreak brought the Hellenic League Premier Division season to a premature conclusion, Sam Collier's side had endured an underwhelming campaign, finding themselves 16th out of 19 teams, averaging just a point per game and with no real progress to show in cup competitions.

The source of their underachievement was primarily a torrid start, which saw Bassett wait until late September to record their opening league win and until November 23 to taste victory at home.

Improvement was made once Collier had jettisoned a raft of players who had been drafted in during the summer months, replacing them with an injection of youth. But Bassett still lacked the consistency required to drag themselves away from the lower reaches of the table.

A prolonged period of reflection was therefore the tonic needed before attempting to right the ship. That has been provided – albeit by a pandemic that continues to upend lives and cause tragedy across the world.

However, on the field at least, now is the time to put last season firmly behind – and for Bassett to aim for better. It could even perhaps be time for Bassett to finally overachieve.

This year, Collier's recruitment drive appears to have been far more canny. As was the case ahead of last season, experience has been sourced. But that will complement the youthful purpose that has been injected into the squad across the pitch.

Between the sticks, the Bassett boss has signed **Harrison Ellis** and **Mike Alexander** from Fairford Town and Shrivenham respectively. In recent

seasons, Bassett have had difficulties filling the number one jersey. Now, there's competition.

Bassett's defence has been reinforced too. **Sam Ockwell**, captain of Shrivenham for the past two seasons, returns for his third spell with the club and offers composure on the ball as well as a robust presence at centre half.

Southern League experience is added in the form of **Kyle Lapham** and **Jon Beeden**, while **Matt Berry-Hargreaves** brings with him more than a dozen appearances in National League South with Hungerford Town last season.

They will feature alongside long-time club servant **Adam Corcoran** and the returning **Carl Evans**, while **George Ford** and **Alex Dinsmore** provide youth and energy at full back.

In midfield, Collier has retained the services of **Gio Wrona** and **Kai Robinson**. Meanwhile, **Chris Taylor** – a classy operator with years of Southern League experience – and the promising **Dan Bailey** – on loan from Hungerford – have been signed. Also returning to the club is the versatile **Iggy Ilott**.

It is in wide areas that Bassett will be their most youthful – and, hopefully, dangerous. Returning is 2019-20 Supporters' Player of the Year Caine Bradbury and the hugely talented **Dan Warre**, both of whom possess an eye for creating and scoring goals. **Jack Baker**, another promising youngster who featured for Chippenham Town Academy and Devizes Town last season, and **Jack Stirland**, who arrives having studied at University of Leeds where he was football captain, provide additional threats.

And they will serve **Mark Francis** and a fit-again **TJ Bohane** – both dependable goalscorers who will lead the line.

Project Restart: continued....

In a limited pre-season, the squad assembled has looked promising.

Bassett began with a 4-3 victory against Malmesbury Victoria, with Bohane scoring twice and further goals from Bradbury and Wrona.

Bailey and Beeden were then on target as Collier's side held Bradford Town – one of the leading sides in the Western League Premier Division last season – to a 2-2 draw.

A comprehensive 6-1 triumph at Cirencester Town Development followed, in which Francis bagged a brace and Bailey, Berry-Hargreaves, Bohane and Dinsmore all scored.

And while the most recent friendly ended in a 1-0 defeat against Corsham Town (a game in which Bassett were frustratingly reduced to nine men), it was a contest in which the defence and midfield looked assured.

The goal is now to ensure that promise translates into results when competitive football finally begins again.

After a long wait, Collier and his troops are raring to go – and they are hoping to deliver better.

Pictures of some of the new signings for the coming season are shown below:



Matt Berry-Hargreaves



Harrison Ellis



Kyle Lapham



Jack Stirland



Chris Taylor

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Royal Wootton Bassett Town



Harrison Ellis Goal Keeper
Goalkeeper who joins Royal Wootton Bassett Town from Fairford for whom he made 24 appearances last season having previously been with Carterton and Shrivenham.



Sam Ockwell Defence
Captain of Shrivenham for the past two seasons, returns for his third spell with the club and offers composure on the ball as well as a robust presence at centre half.



Kyle Lapham Defence
Experienced defender who made over 300 appearances for Swindon Supermarine having started at Swindon Town as a youngster. Also, previously with Cirencester Town and Dandenong Thunder (Australia).



Adam Corcoran Defence
Imposing defender with the ability to play either at centre half or full back who last season went past the 200 appearances for the club landmark.



George Ford Defence
A product of the club's Youth Section who made a big impact in the Dev side earning him his First Team call-up last season. A member of Bassett's 2018-19 County Cup winning U16 side.



Matt Berry-Hargreaves Defence
A graduate of the Hungerford Town Academy Matt who was picked-up by Oxford United. After being released at the end of the 18-19 season he joined Hungerford Town from whom he is on loan.



Carl Evans Defence
Experienced defender who plays for the RAF Senior Representative side, a powerful centre-back or striker now in his fourth season with the club.



Jon Beeden Defence
Solid defender who re-joined the club last season having spent recent seasons with Chippenham Town in the National League South and Thatcham Town in the Southern League.



Daniel Bailey Defence
A graduate of the Hungerford Town Academy who is on loan from his hometown club looking to get some Step 5 experience and more playing time with a view to playing in the National League South.



Caine Bradbury Midfield
Talented midfield player who is very assured on the ball who joined from Chippenham Park and is now in his second season with Bassett. Last season's Supporters Player of the Year.



Iggy Illott Midfield
Hard working midfield player who re-joins the club having first played for us back in 2018-19 when he made 21 appearances. Previously with Letcombe and Thatcham Town.



Giorgio Wrona Midfield
Last season's captain who has now made 118 appearances for the club ahead of the new season. Experienced at this level as previously with Swindon Supermarine, North Leigh, Larkhall and Thatcham Town.



Chris Taylor Midfield
Classy midfielder who spent the majority of his career with Swindon Supermarine but has also featured for Cirencester Town, Highworth Town and also made four substitute appearances for Swindon Town at the start of his career.



Jack Baker Forward
Another promising youngster who featured for Chippenham Town Academy and Devizes Town in the Western League last season, making 12 appearances.



Kai Robinson Forward
Hard working tenacious centre midfielder player previously with Wantage Town who returned to Bassett part-way through last season after a long absence due to injury.



Mark Francis Forward
Joined the club last season from Didcot Town and previously with Wantage Town, Salisbury and Evesham United. A hard-working striker with a natural eye for goal.



Charlie McCuish Forward
Another player from the club's successful Youth Section. Last season's top scorer in the Development Team with 11 goals.



Jack Stirland Forward
Forward who was part of the Hungerford Town squad when gaining promotion to the National League South. Arrives having studied at University of Leeds where he was football captain.



TJ Bohane Forward
Prolific goal scorer who re-joined Royal Wootton Bassett Town at the back end of last season from Highworth Town. Our top scorer back in Season 2018-19 with 20 goals.



Brad Pagliaroli Forward
After a frustrating 2019-20 due to injury and suspension skilful forward returns for a third season at the Gerard Buxton Sports Ground. Popular player who was Players' and Supporters' Player of the Year in 2018-19.

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Hellenic League Tables

League tables as at the time Covid-19 brought the 2019-20 Season to a premature end.

2019-2020 Season

UHLSPORT Hellenic League Premier Division

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Westfields	26	20	6	0	81	24	66
2 Binfield	22	17	2	3	55	23	53
3 Fairford Town	23	16	1	6	57	37	49
4 Shrivenham	27	13	4	10	53	52	43
5 Brackley Town Saints	27	12	2	13	49	46	38
6 Longlevens AFC	25	11	4	10	52	41	37
7 Burnham	27	12	1	14	42	42	37
8 Easington Sports	23	11	3	9	35	35	36
9 Flackwell Heath	24	9	6	9	41	40	33
10 Reading City	26	9	6	11	32	35	33
11 Windsor	26	9	5	12	53	55	32
12 Lydney Town	25	9	5	11	29	35	32
13 Bishops Cleeve	21	9	4	8	48	32	31
14 Virginia Water	26	8	5	13	42	48	29
15 Tuffley Rovers	21	7	7	7	47	50	28
16 Royal Wootton Bassett Town	27	8	4	15	50	65	28
17 Brimscombe & Thrupp	24	6	9	9	36	49	27
18 Ardley United	26	5	8	13	38	68	23
19 Holmer Green	26	2	4	20	24	87	10

2019-2020 Season

UHLSPORT Hellenic League Division One West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Malvern Town	22	17	2	3	107	32	53
2 Hereford Pegasus	24	16	4	4	79	39	52
3 Hereford Lads Club	21	13	6	2	76	28	45
4 Shortwood United	23	11	6	6	59	31	39
5 Cheltenham Saracens	18	13	0	5	53	32	39
6 Malmesbury Victoria	21	12	2	7	57	31	38
7 Thornbury Town	16	12	0	4	55	29	36
8 Wellington	21	11	3	7	53	33	36
9 Clanfield 85	18	10	4	4	42	32	34
10 Moreton Rangers	22	9	3	10	42	46	30
11 Stonehouse Town	18	7	1	10	33	36	22
12 Cirencester Town Dev'	24	5	4	15	35	68	19
13 Tytherington Rocks	24	4	3	17	28	76	15
14 Bourton Rovers	23	3	2	18	27	74	11
15 Newent Town	19	2	3	14	25	62	9
16 New College Swindon	20	0	1	19	9	131	1

2019-2020 Season

UHLSPORT Hellenic League Division One East

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Risborough Rangers	23	20	3	0	67	12	63
2 Abingdon United	24	14	7	3	67	27	49
3 Holyport	23	14	6	3	71	34	48
4 Wokingham & Emmbrook	22	13	3	6	47	18	42
5 Chalvey Sports	28	12	4	12	53	51	40
6 Milton United	25	12	3	10	63	55	39
7 Long Crendon	23	12	2	9	47	35	38
8 Didcot Town Dev'	27	10	5	12	45	58	35
9 Kidlington Dev'	24	10	4	10	56	46	34
10 Wallingford Town	25	9	7	9	38	34	34
11 Penn & Tylers Green	21	9	3	9	56	35	30
12 Marlow United	22	9	3	10	45	40	30
13 Thame Rangers	24	6	8	10	37	48	26
14 AFC Aldermaston	19	5	8	6	34	37	23
15 Woodley United	25	3	4	18	31	78	13
16 Langley	23	3	2	18	30	94	11
17 Abingdon Town	20	2	0	18	15	100	6

Season 2020-21 First Team Fixtures

	Date	Opponents	H/A
Tue	01-Sep	Chipping Sodbury(FAC EP)	H
Sat	12-Sep	Didcot Town (FAC Prelim)	A
Tue	15-Sep	Easington Sports	A
Sat	19-Sep	Brimscombe & Thrupp	A
Sat	26-Sep	Fairford Town	A
Tue	29-Sep	Longlevens	H
Sst	10-Oct	Stonehouse Town (FAV2QR)	A
		Ardley United	A
		Ardley United	H
		Binfield	A
		Binfield	H
		Bishops Cleeve	A
		Bishops Cleeve	H
		Bluefin Insurance Cup Rnd 1	
		Brimscombe & Thrupp	H
		Burnham	A
		Burnham	H
		Easington Sports	H
		Fairford Town	H
		Flackwell Heath	A
		Flackwell Heath	H
		Floodlit Cup Rnd 1	H
		Holmer Green	A
		Holmer Green	H
		Longlevens	A
		Lydney Town	A
		Lydney Town	H
		Reading City	A
		Reading City	H
		Shrivenham	A
		Shrivenham	H
		Tuffley Rovers	A
		Tuffley Rovers	H
		Virginia Water	A
		Virginia Water	H
		Westfields	A
		Westfields	H
		Windsor	A
		Windsor	H
FAC - FA Cup, FAV - FA Vase			

The initial set of fixtures for the UHlsport Hellenic League have been issued for September but could be subject to change due to most of September being taken up with FA competitions.

If we win the match today we will be away to Didcot Town in the next round of the FA Cup. If we lose today we **might** have a league game on Saturday 12th September depending on whether the Hellenic League put in additional fixtures for the teams who are knocked out of the Extra Preliminary Round of the FA Cup.

The initial set of fixtures sees us play Easington Sports away, in midweek. The first month's fixtures also includes a trip to Fairford for the first time since last season's eventful encounter. Hopefully the game will be less controversial this coming season and Your Sport Swindon are allowed back in.

The other scheduled league fixtures for September sees us make the short trip to Gloucestershire to play Brimscombe & Thrupp, whilst another Gloucestershire side, Longlevens come to the Gerard Buxton Ground.

RWBTFC Hellenic League Record

ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C. 32 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	Not known	
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	C. Parsons 11	
2020/21	Prem								out of 18	Sam Collier		

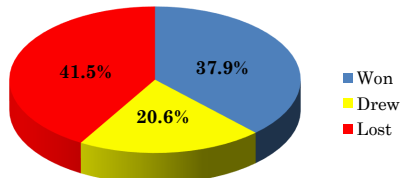
* At time season 2019-20 was suspended due to Covid-19

Total	1,101	417	227	457	1,716	1,867	1,475
Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	37.9%	20.6%	41.5%				

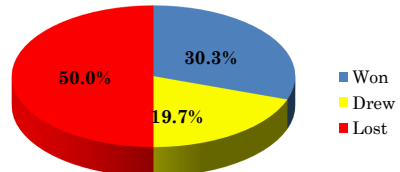
	Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst	Pts	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	30.3%	19.4%	50.3%
Premier Division	495	150	96	249	649	961	543	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	30.3%	19.4%	50.3%
Division 1 West	226	116	44	66	444	310	392	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	51.3%	19.5%	29.2%
Division 1	380	151	87	142	623	596	540	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	39.7%	22.9%	37.4%

Nickname	Bassett
Record Gate	2,103 v Swindon Town (1991)
Best Gate - 2019/20	158 v Shrivenham
Average Hellenic Attendance 2019/20	70 (up from 69 in 19/20)
Top Scorer - 2019/20	Callum Parsons - 11 Goals
Record Known Win	16 - 0 v Clyffe Pypard (1933/34)
Record Known Defeat	1 - 16 v Warminster T (3/11/1945)

% of Games Won, Drawn & Lost in Hellenic League (Total)



% of Games Won, Drawn & Lost in Hellenic League (Premier Division)





Royal Wootton Bassett Town F.C. Season 2019-20



Date	Opponents	H/A	Result	Crowd	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15
Sat 03-Aug	Holmer Green	A	D 3 - 3	57	Lehmann	Gwavava	Wrona	Leigh	Cole	Davoile	Bradbury	Roper	Talmash	Pagliarioli (1)	Parsons (2)	Langford	Bennett	Lea
Tue 06-Aug	Shrivenham	H	L 2 - 3	158	Lehmann	Gwavava	Wrona	Leigh	Cole	Davoile	Langford (1)	Lea	Talmash	Pagliarioli	Parsons (1)	Jackson	Bennett	Bradbury
Sat 10-Aug	Aylesbury Vale Dyn.(FAC EP)	H	D 1 - 1	79	Lehmann	Gwavava	Jackson (1)	Leigh	Cole	Davoile	Langford	Lea	Talmash	Pagliarioli	Parsons	Bradbury	Bennett	
Tue 13-Aug	Aylesbury Vale Dyn.(FAC EP Rep)	A	L 0 - 1	204	Lehmann	Bradbury	Jackson	Wrona	Cole	Davoile	Langford	Lea	Roper	Pagliarioli	Parsons	Joyce	Wright	Corcoran
Sat 17-Aug	Stonehouse Town (BICC2)	A	W 5 - 3	58	House	Bradbury	Jackson (1)	Richards	Cole	Davolie	Langford	Lea (1)	Roper (1)	Pagliarioli (2)	Joyce	Gwavava	Presley	
Fri 30-Aug	New College Swindon (FAV 1QR)	A	W 7 - 0	70	Lehmann	Joyce	Wrona (3)	Richards	Cole	Davoile	Langford	Turk	Presley (1)	Corcoran	Parsons (3)	McCuish	Wright	
Tue 03-Sep	Westfields	H	L 1 - 6	94	Lehmann	Gwavava	Wrona	Richards	Cole	Davoile	Langford	Turk	Presley (1)	Corcoran	Parsons	Bradbury	Talmash	Wright
Sat 07-Sep	Reading City	H	D 2 - 2	76	Lehmann	Bradbury (1)	Lea	Richards	Cole	Davoile	Langford	Turk	Talmash	Corcoran	Parsons (1)	Gwavava	McCuish	
Tue 10-Sep	Malvern (FLC 1)	H	L 1 - 3	58	Lehmann	Bradbury	Lea	Richards	Jackson	Wrona	Sandell (1)	Wright	Talmash	Corcoran	Parsons	McCuish	Presley	Roper
Sat 14-Sep	Tadley Calleva (FAV 2QR)	A	L 0 - 1	87	Lehmann	Wright	Lea	Richards	Jackson	Davoile	Sandell	Turk	Talmash	Corcoran	Wrona	Langford	Presley	Bohane
Sat 21-Sep	Virginia Water	H	L 1 - 3	58	Lehmann	Bradbury	Lea	Corcoran	Gwavava	Davoile	Presley	Turk	Bohane (1)	Pagliarioli	Wrona	Jackson	Joyce	Evans
Wed 25-Sep	Longlevens	A	W 3 - 1	53	Lehmann	Bradbury	Jackson	Richards	Joyce	Davoile	Presley (1)	Turk	Langford (1)	Corcoran	Wrona (1)	Bennett	Roper	Evans
Sat 28-Sep	Hereford Lads Club (BICC3)	H	L 1 - 3	72	Sawyer	Bradbury	Jackson	Richards	Roper	Davoile	Presley	Francis	Langford	Bohane (1)	Bennett	Wright	Phillips	
Sat 05-Oct	Windsor	H	L 2 - 4	65	Rae	Bradbury	Jackson	Richards	Joyce	Corcoran	Presley (1)	Turk	Langford	Bohane (1)	Bennett	Evans	Wrona	
Wed 09-Oct	Westbury Utd (WPS 1)	A	L 1 - 4	42	Lehmann	Bradbury	Jackson	Wrona	Joyce	Yeardley	Roper	Turk	Parsons (1)	Bohane	Bennett	McCuish	Ford	
Sat 12-Oct	Ardley United	A	W 3 - 1	68	Lehmann	Bradbury	Evans	Wrona	Oakley	Davoile (1)	Presley	Turk	Joyce	Roper	Parsons (2)	Paul		
Tue 22-Oct	Tuffley Rovers	H	D 1 - 1	52	Lehmann	Bradbury	Evans	Wrona	Oakley	Davoile	Roper	Turk	Joyce	Bohane	Parsons (1)	Pagliarioli	Bennett	Hughes
Sat 26-Oct	Binfield	H	L 0 - 1	57	Lehmann	Bradbury	Evans	Wrona	Oakley	Davoile	Presley	Turk	Joyce	Jackson	Parsons	Pagliarioli	Yeardley	
Tue 29-Oct	Shrivenham	A	L 1 - 3	87	Bulman	Bradbury	Evans	Wrona	Oakley	Davoile	Jackson	Turk	Joyce	Pagliarioli (1)	Parsons	Corcoran	Bennett	Roper
Sat 02-Nov	Brackley Town Saints	H	L 2 - 5	37	Lehmann	Bradbury	Evans (2)	Wrona	Oakley	Richards	Presley	Turk	Roper	Pagliarioli	Parsons	Bennett	Bohane	
Sat 09-Nov	Burnham	H	L 1 - 3	73	Lehmann	Bradbury	Evans	Wrona	Oakley	Davoile	Richards	Bohane (1)	Francis	Pagliarioli	Langford	Joyce		
Tue 19-Nov	Fairford Town	H	L 0 - 1	93	Bulman	Bradbury	Evans	Wrona	Oakley	Davoile	Presley	Bohane	Francis	Pagliarioli	Parsons	Robinson	Warre	Langford
Sat 23-Nov	Flackwell Heath	H	W 2 - 1	56	Bulman	Bradbury	Evans	Wrona (1)	Oakley	Warre	Presley	Bohane (1)	Francis	Pagliarioli	Ford	Robinson	Golding	McCuish
Sat 30-Nov	Holmer Green	H	W 7 - 3	67	Lehmann	Bradbury (1)	Evans (2)	Wrona	Oakley	Warre	Presley	Bohane (1)	Francis (2)	Pagliarioli (1)	Ford	Beale	Golding	Joyce
Sat 07-Dec	Reading City	A	W 2 - 0		Lehmann	Bradbury	Evans	Wrona	Oakley	Robinson	Presley	Bohane	Francis	Pagliarioli (1)	Ford	Joyce	McCuish (1)	
Sat 14-Dec	Virginia Water	A	L 1 - 5		Lehmann	Bradbury	Joyce	Wrona	Oakley	Robinson	Corcoran	Bohane	Golding (1)	Warre	Ford	Amitaga	Crosby-Clarke	
Sat 28-Dec	Brimscombe & Thrupp	H	W 4 - 2	88	Bulman	Bradbury	Yeardley (1)	Wrona	Oakley	Robinson	Presley	Golding	Francis (2)	Warre (1)	Ford	Joyce	McCuish	Crosby-Clarke
Sat 04-Jan	Westfields	A	L 2 - 3	162	Bulman	Bradbury	Evans	Wrona	Miller	Robinson	Presley	Golding	Francis (2)	Warre	Ford	Collier		
Sat 11-Jan	Longlevens	H	W 2 - 1	40	Parker	Bradbury	Evans	Wrona	Miller	Robinson	Presley	Golding	Francis	Warre (1)	Ford	Oakley	Pagliarioli (1)	Richards
Sat 25-Jan	Brimscombe & Thrupp	A	L 1 - 3	51	Parker	Bradbury	Beeden	Wrona (1)	Miller	Robinson	Presley	Odhiambo	Francis	Shama	Ford	Joyce		
Sat 01-Feb	Lydney Town	A	L 1 - 2	70	Parker	Bradbury	Beeden	Wrona	Miller	Robinson	Presley	Youssef (1)	Francis	Warre	Ford	Gallagher	Golding	Joyce
Sat 08-Feb	Bishops Cleeve	H	W 3 - 0	72	Cavanagh	Youssef	Beeden	Lea	Evans	Robinson	Presley	Odhiambo (1)	Francis (1)	Warre (1)	Ford	Talmash	Paul	Shama
Tue 18-Feb	Windsor	A	L 1 - 3	93	Cavanagh	Bradbury	Beeden	Lea	Evans	Robinson	Miller	Odhiambo	Francis	Pagliarioli (1)	Warre	Ford		
Tue 03-Mar	Ardley United	H	D 2 - 2	41	Cavanagh	Bradbury	Beeden	Guthrie	Ford	Robinson	Presley	Odiambo (1)	Francis (1)	Pagliarioli	Warre	Bohane	Lea	Pryce
Sat 07-Mar	Easington Sports	A	L 0 - 3	86	Cavanagh	Pryce	Beeden	Guthrie	Collier	Lea	Paul	Odiambo	Francis	Pagliarioli	Warre	Mo.Francis		
Sat 14-Mar	Burnham	A																
Tue 17-Mar	Bishops Cleeve	A																
Sat 21-Mar	Easington Sports	H																
Wed 25-Mar	Brackley Town Saints	A																
Sat 28-Mar	Flackwell Heath	A																
Tue 31-Mar	Fairford Town	A																
Tue 07-Apr	Tuffley Rovers	A																
Sat 11-Apr	Lydney Town	H																
	Binfield	A																

Games not played due to the Coronavirus causing season to be ended early

FAC - FA Cup, FLC - Floodlight Cup, FAV - FA Vase, WPS - Wiltshire Premier Shield (County Cup), BICC - Challenge Cup,



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Step Back in Time

Looking back in time to see what was happening for RWBTFC 5 years ago, 10 years ago and 25 years ago.



2015-16



Monday 31st August saw Highworth Town come to down for a Bank Holiday derby game which saw the visitors return to the Elms with all three points following a 2-0 win. The only consolation for Bassett was crowd at the game was a whopping 204, the highest for many a season. On the Saturday of that weekend the Reserves had been involved in a high scoring game in the Wiltshire Senior League, Wroughton edging it by the odd goal in nine. On target for Bassett were Richard Clark, Jack Ellis, Steve Shaw and Scott Large.



2010-11



Saturday 4th September 2010 saw Bassett make the long journey to play Bracknell Town in the days before they had their 3G pitch. On an unforgiving bumpy surface Bassett fell to a 3-0 defeat bring ing an end to Bassett's unbeaten start to the season. The damage was done shortly after the restart when the hosts scored twice in a minute. Shortly after both sides were reduced to ten men following an altercation, Shaun Carter the Bassett man to go. Bracknell then had another man sent for an early bath when an elbow on Richie Carter. However, Dave Turner's side failed to reap the benefits of their numerical advantage, and grabbed a third late on after Bassett were caught on the break.

The same day the Reserves got their season under way in Hellenic League Division 2 with a 5-1 home win over Wantage Town Res. Two goals for Sam English, one apiece for Adam Topping and Domic Franklin and an own goal doing the damage.



1995



Saturday 2nd September 1995 saw Royal Wootton Bassett Town entertain Bishops Cleeve on the back of a Bank Holiday Monday 2-2 draw against near neighbours Purton. It was to be honours even again in the game with Bishops Cleeve, Wayne Taylor scoring for Bassett in a 1-1 draw. The same day Wootton Bassett Town Reserves opened their Wiltshire League Division 2 campaign with a convincing 5-1 win over Amesbury Town Reserves. On target for Bassett in this one were Lee Stoddart (2), Dominic Franklin and Scott Vincent, with the fifth one coming courtesy of an Amesbury own goal (was that you Mick Byrne?).

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Pre-Season Round-up

A round-up of pre-season action across the various teams and sections:

First Team

The new season kicked-off with an inhouse friendly against the Development side which the First Team won 5-0. The first Team opened their preparations for the new season against other club sides with a 4-3 away win at Malmesbury Victoria. Two goals from TJ Bohane and one apiece for Caine Bradbury and Gio Wrona put Bassett in command but a couple of late goals from Malmesbury made the final score line closer than it should have been.

Next up was a trip to Toolstation Western League opponents Bradford Town. Bassett twice led through goals from Jon Beeden and new signing Daniel Bailey but twice Bradford pegged us back and the game finished all square at 2-2 in an excellent work out for Sam's side.

A comfortable 6-1 away win at Uhlsport Hellenic League Division One West side Cirencester Town Development saw Bassett win at the Corinium in a pre-season game for the second season running. Daniel Bailey was once again amongst the goals, Mark Francis bagged a brace and the other scorers for Bassett were Matthew Berry-Hargreaves, TJ Bohane and Alex Dinsmore.

It was again Toolstation Western League opposition in the final pre-season warm-up game and despite having most of the early possession and chances we went down to a 1-0 defeat at Corsham Town. The only goal of the game came just before the break when the defence switched off and a good turn from Leigh Rogers saw him create space to chip over Harrison Ellis with an excellent piece of skill. Despite the result given the absence of both our two main strikers there were plenty of positives in the performance to take into the new season.

Development Team

Other than that inhouse early friendly, the Development team have played three other pre-season games.

The first against external opponents saw us entertain Toolstation Western League side Calne Town. It remained goalless at the break but three second half unanswered goals saw Calne win 3-0.

The first win of the pre-season campaign came at home against Uhlsport Hellenic League Division Two side Swindon Supermarine Development. Two goals from Bailey Gallagher and one from Charlie McCuish saw Steve Yeardley's side win 3-0 against the young Swindon Supermarine side.

The final pre-season game was another inhouse friendly against the Veterans side which was comfortably won 6-0. It would have been a lot more but for an inspired performance from Vets keeper Paul Boys-Stones.

Ladies Team

The Ladies Team, prior to Sunday's trip to Abingdon United, had played four games in pre-season. They started with an emphatic 14-0 win over Marlborough Town. They followed this up with an impressive 5-2 win over higher level opposition in Larkhall Athletic who play in Division 1 South West of the FA Women's National League. Their only defeat in pre-season came at Laverstock & Ford where the opportunity was taken to give more squad members game time. They were back to winning ways with a 8-3 away win at the Ladies side of tonight's opponents Chipping Sodbury Town.

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1938-39	Pr	Wiltshire Mental Hospital	A	L 0 - 6
1939-40	Pr	Frome Town (War)	A	P - P
1946-47	EPR	Dilton Rovers	H	W 5 - 1
	Pr	Swindon GWR Corinthians	A	L 1 - 5
1947-48	EPR	Pewsey Vale	H	L 0 - 2
1948-49	EPR	Swindon BR Corinthians	A	L 3 - 6
1949-50	EPR	Warminster Town	H	L 4 - 5
1950-51	EPR	Spencer Moulton	H	W 2 - 1
	Pr	Devizes Town	A	L 0 - 4
2004-05	Pr	Exmouth	A	L 2 - 3
2007-08	EPR	Highworth Town	A	D 0 - 0
	EPR	Highworth Town	H	W 2 - 1
	Pr	Bracknell Town	H	W 2 - 1
	QR1	Brockenhurst	A	D 1 - 1
	QR1	Brockenhurst	H	L 1 - 5
2008-09	EPR	Flackwell Heath	A	D 1 - 1
	EPR	Flackwell Heath	H	L 1 - 6
2009-10	EPR	Westbury United	H	D 2 - 2
	EPR	Westbury United	A	W 3 - 2
	Pr	Brockenhurst	H	L 0 - 1
2010-11	EPR	Bradford Town	A	D 1 - 1
	EPR	Bradford Town (W4-3 pens)	H	D 3 - 3
	Pr	Almondsbury UWE	A	W 1 - 0
	QR1	Hamble ASSC	A	D 1 - 1
	QR1	Hamble ASSC	H	L 0 - 2
2011-12	EPR	Radstock Town	A	L 1 - 2
2012-13	EPR	Calne Town	H	W 4 - 2
	Pr	Hamworthy United	H	W 1 - 0
	QR1	Highworth Town	H	W 3 - 1
	QR2	Dorchester Town	A	L 0 - 4
2013-14	EPR	Totton & Eling	H	L 0 - 2
2014-15	EPR	Brockenhurst	A	W 3 - 0
	Pr	Bradford Town	A	L 1 - 2
2015-16	EPR	Bracknell Town	H	L 0 - 2
2016-17	EPR	Andover Town	A	L 2 - 5
2017-18	EPR	Crawley Green	H	L 1 - 2
2018-19	EPR	Leighton Town	A	W 1 - 0
	Pr	Lydney Town	H	D 0 - 0
	Pr	Lydney Town	A	L 3 - 5
2019-20	EPR	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	H	D 1 - 1
	EPR	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	A	L 0 - 1

THE FA CUP ROAD TO WEMBLEY FOR ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN * 2020-21							Prize Money		
Date	Round	Opponents	H/A	Result	Winner	Loser			
1-Sep-20	Extra Preliminary Round	v Chipping Sodbury Town*	H		£1,125	£375			
12-Sep-20	Preliminary Round	v Didcot Town	A		£1,444	£481			
22-Sep-20	First Qualifying Round	v			£2,250	£750			
3-Oct-20	Second Qualifying Round	v			£3,375	£1,125			
13-Oct-20	Third Qualifying Round	v			£5,625	£1,875			
24-Oct-20	Fourth Qualifying Round	v			£9,375	£3,125			
7-Nov-20	First Round	v			£22,629				
28-Nov-20	Second Round	v			£34,000				
9-Jan-21	Third Round	v			£82,000				
23-Jan-21	Fourth Round	v			£90,000				
10-Feb-21	Fifth Round	v			£180,000				
20-Mar-21	Sixth Round	v			£360,000				
17-Apr-21	Semi-Final	v		Wembley	£900,000	£450,000			
15-May-21	Final	v		Wembley	£1,800,000	£900,000			
<i>* Still in competition</i>							Total Prize Money Won		£0

THE FA CUP ROAD TO WEMBLEY FOR ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C. 2019-20							Prize Money		
Date	Round	Opponents	H/A	Result	Winner	Loser			
10-Aug-19	Extra Preliminary Round	v Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	H	D 1 - 1					
13-Aug-19	Extra Prelim. Round Replay	v Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	A	L 0 - 1	£2,250	£750			
24-Aug-19	Preliminary Round	v North Leigh	H		£2,890	£960			
7-Sep-19	First Qualifying Round	v Willand Rovers	A		£4,500	£1,500			
21-Sep-19	Second Qualifying Round	v Oxford City	A		£6,750	£2,250			
5-Oct-19	Third Qualifying Round	v Hampton & Richmond B	H		£11,250	£3,750			
19-Oct-19	Fourth Qualifying Round	v Margate	H		£18,750	£6,250			
9-Nov-19	First Round	v Solihull Moors	H		£36,000				
30-Nov-19	Second Round	v Rotherham United	H		£54,000				
4-Jan-20	Third Round	v Hull City	H		£135,000				
25-Jan-20	Fourth Round	v Chelsea	H		£180,000				
4-Mar-20	Fifth Round	v Liverpool	H		£360,000				
21-Mar-20	Sixth Round	v Leicester City	A		£720,000				
18-Apr-20	Semi-Final	v Manchester United	Wembley		£1,800,000	£900,000			
23-May-20	Final	v Arsenal	Wembley		£3,600,000	£1,800,000			
<i>* Still in competition</i>							Total Prize Money Won		£750





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RWBTFC Development Team

SEASON 2020-21 DEVELOPMENT TEAM FIXTURES - CORSHAM PRINT WILTSHIRE SENIOR LEAGUE

Date	Opponents	H/A	Comp	Result	Scorers
Sat 05-Sep-20	Odd Down Res	H	League		
Wed 09-Sep-20	Corsham Town Res	A	League		
Sat 12-Sep-20	Melksham Town Res	H	League		
Tue 15-Sep-20	Malmesbury Vics Dev	H	League		
Sat 19-Sep-20	Devizes Town Res	A	League		
Tue 22-Sep-20	Cricklade Town	H	League		
Sat 26-Sep-20	Ludgershall Sports	H	League		
Thur 01-Oct-20	Purton	H	League		
	Corsham Town Res	H	League		
	Cricklade Town	A	League		
	Devizes Town Res	H	League		
	Frome Collegians	A	League		
	Frome Collegians	H	League		
	Ludgershall Sports	A	League		
	Malmesbury Vics Dev	A	League		
	Marlborough Town	A	League		
	Marlborough Town	H	League		
	Melksham Town Res	A	League		
	Odd Down Res	A	League		
	Pewsey Vale	A	League		
	Pewsey Vale	H	League		
	Purton	A	League		
	Shrewton United	A	League		
	Shrewton United	H	League		
	Stratton Juniors	A	League		
	Stratton Juniors	H	League		
	Trowbridge Town	A	League		
	Trowbridge Town	H	League		
	Wroughton	A	League		
	Wroughton	H	League		



Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League Premier Division Season 2019-20

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 Corsham Town Res	22	13	5	4	58	30	44
2 Shrewton United	20	13	3	4	62	30	42
3 Kintbury Rangers	20	12	5	3	60	27	41
4 Wroughton	15	12	3	0	58	13	39
5 Melksham Town Res	20	11	4	5	55	30	37
6 Purton	22	10	5	7	53	39	35
7 Royal W. Bassett Town Dev #	22	10	5	7	42	33	32
8 Cricklade Town	20	9	1	10	52	52	28
9 Frome Collegians AFC	22	6	6	10	43	48	24
10 Marlborough Town	22	6	4	12	35	57	22
11 Trowbridge Town	16	6	2	8	36	28	20
12 Stratton Juniors	19	5	3	11	24	48	18
13 Malmesbury Victoria Dev	18	4	2	12	29	64	14
14 Pewsey Vale #	18	3	2	13	16	82	9
15 Ludgershall Sports	16	1	0	15	17	59	3

points deducted

Record of Holt FC Expunged following confirmed withdrawal

As at time Season ended due to Covid-19

RWBTFC Ladies

Date	Opponents	H/A
06-Sep	Brentford (FAC Ex Prelim)	H
13-Sep	Ilminster Town Ladies	H
20-Sep	Ashford Town (FAC Prelim)*	H
20-Sep	Keynsham Town Dev*	A
27-Sep	Ilminster Town Ladies	A
04-Oct	FA Cup 1st Qual Rnd*	
04-Oct	Portishead Ladies*	A
11-Oct	Keynsham Town Dev	H
18-Oct	Bideford Ladies*	H
18-Oct	FA Cup 2nd Qual Rnd*	
01-Nov	FA Cup 3rd Qual Rnd*	
01-Nov	Portishead Ladies*	H
08-Nov	Callington Town Ladies	A
15-Nov	FA Cup 1st Round*	
15-Nov	Torquay United Ladies*	H
22-Nov	Bishops Lydeard Ladies	A
29-Nov	FA Cup 2nd Round	
	Bideford Ladies	A
	Bishops Lydeard Ladies	H
	Callington Town Ladies	H
	Marine Academy Plymouth	A
	Marine Academy Plymouth	H
	Middlezoy Ladies	A
	Middlezoy Ladies	H
	Torquay United Ladies	A
	Wilts County Cup 1	

FAC - Womens FA Cup

* - Fixtures subject to result of earlier FA Cup rounds



Our successful Ladies side kick-off their season on Sunday with an FA Cup tie against the women's side from Championship club Brentford. Kick-off at the Gerard Buxton Ground on Sunday is 2pm. Please come along to support the Ladies side in their equivalent of the prestigious FA Cup competition.

Our Ladies team as strengthened again in the summer months and the expectation is for another successful season for Jonny and James' side.

South West Women's Football League

Premier Division Season 2019-20 - As at time season was ended

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Bishops Lydeard Ladies	12	7	2	3	38	22	23
2 Royal W. Bassett Town Ladies	9	7	0	2	32	14	21
3 Callington Town Ladies	9	6	0	3	31	11	18
4 Portishead Ladies	7	5	2	0	29	4	17
5 Ilminster Town Ladies	8	5	2	1	20	7	17
6 Bideford Ladies AFC	15	4	4	7	27	25	16
7 Middlezoy Ladies	12	4	1	7	15	23	13
8 Keynsham Town Dev #	11	4	3	4	15	20	12
9 Marine Academy Plymouth Ladies	9	2	3	4	14	18	9
10 Torquay United Women #	14	0	1	13	5	82	-2

Points deducted for non fulfilment of fixtures

RWBTFC Vets & Under 18 Floodlit

Royal Wootton Bassett Town Vets

Season 2020-21 - Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League - Vets North Wilts Division

Date	Opponents	H/A	Comp	Result	Scorers
Tues 22-Sep-20	Swindon Rovers	A	League		
	AFC Swindon	H	League		
	AFC Swindon	A	League		
	Defence Academy	H	League		
	Defence Academy	A	League		
	KMLC	H	League		
	KMLC	A	League		
	Redhouse	H	League		
	Redhouse	A	League		
	Stratton Juniors	H	League		
	Stratton Juniors	A	League		
	Swindon Rovers	H	League		
	Wiltshire Veterans Cup				



Royal Wootton Bassett Town U18

Season 2020-21 - Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League - Under 18 Floodlit Division

Date	Opponents	H/A	Comp	Result	Scorers
Thur 17-Sep-20	Shrivenham	A	League		
Thur 24-Sep-20	Calne Town	H	League		
Thur 01-Oct-20	Radstock Town	A	League		
	Calne Town	A	League		
	Chippenham Town	H	League		
	Chippenham Town	A	League		
	FC Chippenham	H	League		
	FC Chippenham	A	League		
	Melksham Town	H	League		
	Melksham Town	A	League		
	New College	H	League		
	New College	A	League		
	Pewsey Vale	H	League		
	Pewsey Vale	A	League		
	Radstock Town	H	League		
	Shrivenham	H	League		
	Wiltshire FA Yth Cup				



Half Time Quiz

Names The Same

Name the 10 current members of the First Team Squad from the general knowledge questions or clues below. In every instance the answer is the SURNAME of a current first team registered player. All I need is the full name of a player from the surname indicated by the clue.

1. The "Swiss Family" in an 1812 novel and a 1960 Disney film about a shipwrecked family.
2. First given name of the inventor of the telephone who was also the title of a song by the Sweet.
3. Briton who became the first person to row the Pacific, land to land, from US to Australia solo and non-stop.
4. Lee, a footballer who made his name at Portsmouth before going on to play at Man City & Crystal Palace.
5. The Central Criminal Court of England and Wales.
6. Trevor of Birmingham City and Nottingham Forest fame or Gerry of QPR fame who also played for England.
7. Famous brothers whose hits include Wonderwall and Don't Look Back in Anger.
8. Former Radio 1 DJ now on Virgin Radio.
9. The last women to be hanged in the UK back in 1955.
10. In Warhammer, a major and founding Imperial Province that lies within the eastern territories of the Empire of Man (so Pete tells me).

Famous Fans

Which football teams to the following famous people from the music industry support:

1. Elton John
2. Mick Jones from the Clash (pictured below with a Sex Pistol)
3. Noddy Holder from Slade
4. Cilla Black
5. Mick Hucknall from Simply Red
6. Paul Heaton from Beautiful South
7. Liam Gallagher
8. Fat Boy Slim
9. Damon Albarn from Blur
10. Jonny Lydon from the Sex Pistols



Answers on Page 35

Bassett Legends

The term club legend often tends to get used when making references to players who have played many games for a club. However, this season's look at Wootton Bassett Legends over the years starts today with someone who did not, I believe, ever play for the First Team, but who is by far the most important person in the history of the club. That person is Percy Stone who first got involved on the committee of the club back in the 1920's.

After the club folded for a short period, when the club was officially reformed at the start of the 1930's in the Calne & District League, it was the young Percy who was the secretary at the club. Still in his 20's Percy was to be the driving force that saw the club eventually return back to the Wiltshire League. Born at Thornhill, Broad Town, Percy moved to Wootton Bassett in childhood and was educated at Council School, what is now County Infants. Most of his working life was spent with GWR at Swindon and during the Second World War he worked on munitions at Gloucester. Just as he embarked on his career as club secretary he married his wife Josephine in 1935 and they opened the Central Café, a prominent feature of Wootton Bassett High Street for more than 20 years. The café was located at 139 High Street in what is now Richard James Estate Agents (our sponsor a few years back although no-one I suspect made the connection to the history of the club at the time).

Percy was to remain as club secretary for 35 seasons finally stepping down as the 1960's came to an end. After finally ending his long run as club secretary, Percy became club president, a position he would hold until his death in 1990. Before the Second World War and in the immediate period after the war, clubs did not have managers as we know it today, with the club committee selecting the team and sourcing the players. Percy certainly had an eye for spotting footballing talent and the annual pre-season reviews in the local

Football Pink each season would invariably wax lyrical about Percy's latest find. Percy had good contacts at RAF Lyneham and many a useful player stationed at Lyneham would represent Wootton Bassett Town, over the years, including legend would have it, several Scottish professional players doing their military service.

As well as serving Wootton Bassett Town Football Club with such distinction, Percy was also a member of the Wiltshire County FA, serving as the Wilts FA member for the Chippenham (North West Wilts District) before becoming a vice-president of the Wiltshire County FA in later years. As well as the FA activity he was also a vice-president of the Wiltshire Football League.

Percy and Josephine had two daughters and a son, Ron, and Ron was to follow in his father's footsteps as secretary of Wootton Bassett Town, holding the position for five seasons in the early 1980's, having previously held the position of treasurer at the club. Ron later became club president, again like his father before him. Such was Percy's prominence in local football circles when he passed away in June 1990 his death made the top of the front page of the Evening Advertiser under the headline "Football stalwart dies, 82". At his funeral service at Wootton Bassett Methodist Church, Percy's coffin was draped with the Wiltshire FA flag. Percy is clearly the most important person in the club's history, serving the football club of his home town for nearly 70 years. Most definitely a club legend.



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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

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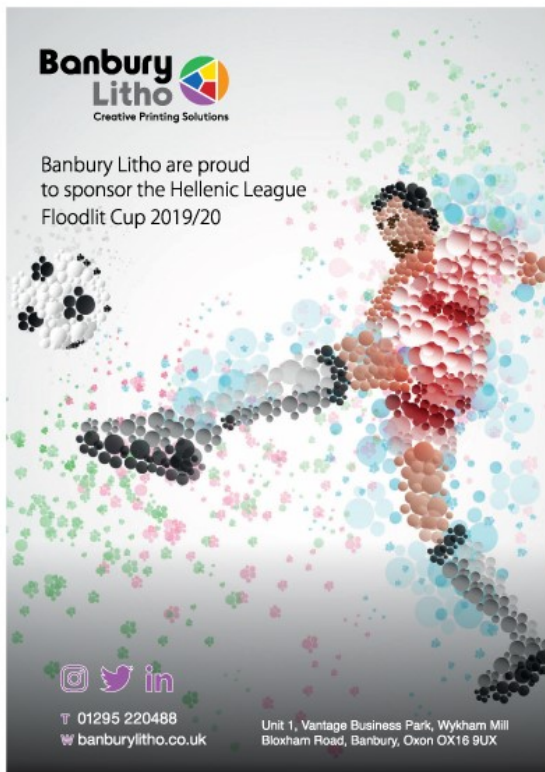
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First Round		
Adderbury Park	v	Letcombe
AFC Aldermaston	v	Headington Amateurs
Bourton Rovers	v	Wantage Town Dev
Cirencester Town Dev	v	Kington Town
Cove Reserves	v	Kintbury Rangers
Cricklade Town Res	v	Faringdon Town
Evesham Town Dev	v	Woodstock Town
Hazelmere	v	Abingdon Town
Heyford Athletic	v	FC Beaconsfield
Milton United	v	Buckingham Ath Dev
Old Bradwell United Dev	v	Chalfont Wasps
Penn & Tylers Green	v	Watlington Town
Southam United	v	Langley
Stokenchurch	v	Chalvey Sports
Taplow	v	Woodley United
Thame United Res	v	Woodcote Stoke Row
Thornbury Town	v	Shortwood United Res
Tytherington Rocks	v	Hartpur College
Westfield Res	v	Yateley

Banbury Litho Floodlit Cup

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	Not awarded due to Covid-19



Information regarding whether the Banbury Litho Floodlit Cup is being staged this coming season due to Covid-19 has not been received from the UHlsport Hellenic League. The Hellenic League AGM is this coming Friday when more information should become available.

Quiz Answers

Names The Same

1. Kai Robinson 2. Mike Alexander 3. Jon Beeden 4. Caine Bradbury 5. Daniel Bailey 6. Mark Francis 7. Bailey Gallagher 8. Carl Evans 9. Harrison Ellis 10. Jack Stirland

Famous Fans

1. Watford 2. QPR 3. Wolves 4. Liverpool 5. Man Utd 6. Sheffield Utd 7. Man City 8. Brighton 9. Chelsea 10. Arsenal

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Old Wiltshire Clubs - Meadowcroft

Meadowcroft started life as a youth team playing in the Swindon Borough League. After much success in the youth league the team progressed to the Swindon & District League in Season 1974-75, playing their games at Pembroke Gardens off Moredon Road in Swindon. The step-up to adult football was to immediately prove a success as Meadowcroft took the Division 4 title and also won the Swindon Junior Cup final to do a league and cup double, gaining promotion to Division 3 as a consequence.

The success continued the following season, 1975-76, as they retained the Swindon Junior Cup and won the Division 3 championship at the first attempt gaining a two-step promotion to Division 1. The one small downside of this double promotion was it meant they would be unable to defend the Junior Cup, as they would now play in the Advertiser Cup.

Despite the big step-up the Meadowcroft side took it in their stride and romped to the Division 1 title in Season 1976-77, finishing 9 points clear of second placed Olympika at a time when it was two points for a win, losing just one game all season in the league. They scored a massive 137 goals in their 28 league fixtures with striker Colin Pike leading the way with around 60 goals.

Season 1977-78 saw them in the Premier Division of the Swindon & District League for the first time but there was no stopping their success story as they took the league title after an epic battle with Stratton British Legion. The two-way fight for the title continued until 6th May 1978 when Meadowcroft beat Cricklade Town 5-0 to secure the title to add to the Advertiser Cup they had won over the Easter weekend.

Having won both of the top honours in the Swindon & District League, Meadowcroft

decided to continue their upward trajectory by joining the Wiltshire County League for Season 1978-79.

Meadowcroft immediately adapted well to life in the County League and were involved in a battle for the title also involving Walcroft, Penhill YC Reserves and Warminster Town Reserves. After 34 league games just two points separated the top three sides and it was Meadowcroft who triumphed, finishing two points clear of both Walcroft and Penhill Reserves to make it five consecutive league titles for the club. The title success meant promotion to Division 3, the top level of Junior status football in the county.

Every time that Meadowcroft took a step-up they adapted well to the higher standard of football and were again in the upper reaches of the league table for most of the season, eventually finishing in third place. They also had a great run in the prestigious Wiltshire Senior Cup, making it through to the final where they met fellow Division 3 side Shrewton United, going down to a narrow 2-1 defeat. Shrewton United were also to deny Meadowcroft league honours as they pipped them for second spot in the league table behind champions Sanford Reserves.

Meadowcroft were again amongst the leading pack in Division 3 in Season 1980-81, their first season at their new ground at Burderop Park in Wroughton, eventually securing a place finish, just eight points behind eventual champions Shrewton United. The move to Burderop Park facilitated continued progression as the ground enabled the club to gain Senior status and after two top four finishes in Division 3 they were accepted into Division 2 for Season 1981-82.



short space of time. The following two seasons saw them finish in 11th spot and at the end of Season 1984-85, with a group of players who had achieved so much as a team together coming getting towards the end of their playing days, the club called time on their adventure and folded.

Wootton Bassett Town v Meadowcroft

It was on Meadowcroft's elevation to Division Two in Season 1981-82 that Wootton Bassett Town First Team were to have their one and only season competing with Meadowcroft.

Wootton Bassett had been relegated from Division One in 1979-80 and had failed to bounce straight back when Meadowcroft joined them in Division Two. For Wootton Bassett Town it was to be another frustrating season as they finished in a mid-table 10th place. As noted above, the new boys however stormed to the title losing just one game all season and pipping Bemerton to the title by four points. Along the way Meadowcroft did the double over Wootton Bassett winning 6-0 at Rylands Way and 1-0 at Meadowcroft.

The two sides were to meet just one more time, this being in the Second Round of the Wiltshire Senior Cup in Season 1983-84 when goals from Kevin Flavell and Roger Smith gave Wootton Bassett Town a 2-1 win at Meadowcroft and a passage into the next round of the competition.

By the time that Wootton Bassett Town returned to Division One of the County League Meadowcroft were no longer there and with Wootton Bassett winning promotion to the Hellenic league the two Clubs paths were never to cross again.

Senior status did not put a brake on Meadowcroft's climb up the football ladder as the championship of Division 2 in Season 1981-82 was a straight fight between them and Salisbury side Bemerton Athletic. In the end both sides had to play Chippenham Town Reserves in their final respective games. Meadowcroft won their game 5-0 but Bemerton lost 2-1 so the title went to Meadowcroft. Had the two results been reversed the pair would have been level on points with Bemerton champions on goal difference. For Meadowcroft (pictured above) it was a great first season at senior level and they almost achieved the accolade of the going the whole season without a defeat. After going 30 games unbeaten their first and only defeat of the season came on 28th April when they lost 4-1 at home against Purton. Both Meadowcroft and Bemerton gained promotion to Division 1, the top senior league in the county, and they were joined by Tisbury.

Meadowcroft were to spend 3 seasons in the top division of the league but with so many good sides in the division they found the opposition a lot tougher. After 8 seasons of unbridled success a 7th place finish in Division 1 in their inaugural season in the topflight was to prove to be their peak in adult football. In such a strong division the 7th place finish was a fine achievement given how quickly Meadowcroft had progressed in such a



Today's Teams



Royal W. Bassett Town v Chipping Sodbury Town

Home Team Squad		No.	Sub
1	Harrison Ellis		
2	Kyle Lapham		
3	Sam Ockwell		
4	Matt Berry-Hargreaves		
5	Jon Beeden		
6	Caine Bradbury		
7	Kai Robinson		
8	Chris Taylor		
9	Mark Francis		
10	TJ Bohane		
11	Jack Stirland		
12	Jack Baker		
14	George Ford		
15	Daniel Bailey		
16	Brad Pagliaroli		
17	Carl Evans		
18	Alex Dinsmore		
19	Iggy Ilott		
20	Charlie McCuish		
21	Gio Wrona		
22	Bailey Gallagher		
23	Thomas Rees		
24	Ben Paul		
25	Aaron Ferris		
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Visitors Team Squad		No.	Sub
1	Chris Simsek		
2	Aaron Stevens		
3	Ben Chick		
4	Darren Jefferies		
5	Ellis McSharry		
6	Ewan McMillan		
7	Jack Parker		
8	Jordan Roberts		
9	Sol Pryce		
10	Kalum Youngsam		
11	Corey King		
12	Josh Coombe		
14	Josh Langley		
15	Jordan Clark		
16	Jonah Beer		
17	Jack Moore		
18	Luke Johnson		
19	Josh Pandolfino		
20	Lewis Bezer		
21	Keane Ashwood		
22	Louie Millard		
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Dugout Team

Manager: Sam Collier
 Assistant: Matt Bulman
 Coach: Tom Jones
 GK Coach: Mike Alexander
 Chris Chadwick

Dugout Team

Manager: Jeff Roberts
 Assistant: Andy Youngsam
 Coach:

Match Officials

Referee: Adam Gregory
 Assist. Ref (Red Flag): Kevin Barnett
 Assist. Ref (Yellow Flag): Luke Hinchcliffe

Next Home Games

Sat 05-Sep-20 v Odd Down Reserves (Wiltshire Senior League) K.O. 3.00PM
 Sun 06-Sep-20 v Brentford (Women's FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round) K.O. 2.00PM
 Next First Team Home Game
 Tue 29-Sep-20 v Longlevens (Uhlspport Hellenic League Premier Division) K.O. 7.45PM



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