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Ladies Team Manager: **Position vacant**

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## Life Members

Mick Woolford (1995), Rod Carter (2008), Roger Williamson (2008), Paul Harrison (2012), Pete Yeardley (2012), Ron Stone (2013), Dave Topping (2016), Mark Smedley (2016), Bryan Wood (2017), Scott Smedley (2018), Stuart Smedley (2018), Gordon Reeves (2019)

## 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 Ground for this UHlsport Hellenic League Premier Division fixture against **Reading City**. A warm welcome to all the players, management and officials from Reading City who have made the journey along the M4 for this fixture today. We hope you enjoy your short stay with us here today and we wish you all a safe return journey.

Reading City have made an impressive start to the season in the league and currently sit in second place in the table, level on points with leaders Binfield, having lost just once in the league so far this season, that a surprise home defeat to struggling Shrivenham. Most of their games this season have been close affairs but Reading have tended to come out on top and have certainly developed a winning habit which will mean we will have to be at our best to get a result here today.

Well for us the FA Cup dream is now over but well done to Sam, Matt, Tom and the players for a brilliant run which captured the imagination of all involved at the club and bolstered the finances at this difficult time. Well done also to the Committee and volunteer base for the whole organisation for the Oxford City game. Despite the horrible weather the whole staging of the event was just superb so once again, well done all who helped out both before, during and after the match. To have pushed a side playing three levels higher up in the pyramid all the way says to me we have a very good squad and we now need to carry this form over into the league and league cup competitions.

Whilst we are out of the main national cup competition we progressed in the FA Vase on Saturday with a narrow 1-0 win over Stonehouse. After the hype of the FA Cup it was always going to be hard to raise our game again so quickly but, despite not being at our best, no doubt Sam would have been pleased that we made sure we progressed to the next round. Monday's draw has thrown up an interesting tie as we will now entertain Cornish side Camelford from the South West Peninsula League. It will be the first ever meeting between the teams – and only

Bassett's second ever game against South West Peninsula League opposition. The club's only previous experience against such opponents came in the First Round of the 2001-02 FA Vase – Bassett's first ever entry in the competition – when we hosted St Blazey at Rylands Way in a well-attended game which the visitors won 2-0. Before that though two important league games and a possible re-arranged Bluefin Insurance Cup tie. At the time of writing it is not known when the cup game against Hungerford Swifts will be rearranged. Please note that if it is within the next fortnight the intention is to use the programme already produced for the re-arranged game, so apologies in advance for statistics being out of date and a repetition of some of these notes if this ends up being the case.

On other club matters, like many I was shocked by the departure of our Ladies managers last week and I certainly did not see that one coming. Whilst James and Jonny have done a great job for the club the way they have left three days before a league game, especially after Jonny had recently accepted the Head of Women's Section role, leaves a bit of a bad taste. However, we will dust ourselves down, make alternative arrangements and no doubt things will get even better. I very much doubt they will have match day operations support in the same way as they had here and lets hope they are missing us all and our lovely playing surface dreadfully in a couple of weeks. Finally on the Ladies management position, I had to laugh at some of the comments about us from some on social media that we had not said thank you and had been poor in announcing them going to Larkhall before their new club had announced it themselves! We had three days to sort things out for a league game having been left in the lurch. I am also sure Sky Sports News had not agreed it with Larkhall to run the story as an exclusive. It was great to then see the Ladies go away to last season's league leaders and come back with a point.

Enjoy the game and hopefully our first league win of the season.

*Mark*

# Covid-19 Spectator Advice



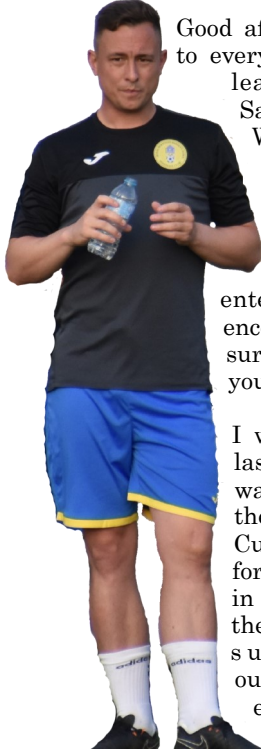
*Welcome to The Gerard Buxton Ground, home of RWBTFC*

## **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 afternoon and welcome to everyone to our first home league game on a Saturday this season. We welcome Reading City who have had an excellent start to the season with some fine wins. We always seem to have entertaining but close encounters which I am sure won't change, I hope you all have safe travels.

I would like to touch on last home game which was a fantastic day for the club hosting an FA Cup Qualifying Round tie for only the second time in the clubs history. Off the pitch it was a huge success and an outstanding effort from everyone to ensure not only was it run in a safe manner but it was in an extremely professional manner. The efforts of everyone from the Committee right to all the youth managers helping in the rain was brilliant.

On the pitch we had done lots of homework on Oxford as we do with all teams we play, We knew that we would have to set up very different to how we would approach a league game and worked on this in training, and for 88 minutes we matched them and the game plan worked perfectly, It just wasn't to be, I was very proud of how the lads stood up to a side three leagues above us and the fact we had 18 lads utterly gutted afterwards shows how well we did.

Last week was a completely different contrast from the Oxford game. We were sloppy all over, looked tired and lacked any cutting edge, Having said that we played poorly but kept a clean sheet and are in the hat for the next round. This proved to myself Bully and Tom that we have a great group of winners who want to fight for each other this season.

It was great to see Dip and the Dev boys get yet another win. I am really excited to see what they can achieve this season with being a huge underdog at the start of the season and it would be fantastic if they can stay in the hunt for the top six.

With the news that the Ladies managers have moved on late in the week I must say what a outstanding point Laura and the ladies got on Sunday. To be left without a manager so late in the day, 3 days before a league game, was hard, but to go and get their first point of the season is fantastic and just shows what a great group they have and lets hope you can all kick on from here. Well done Ladies.

Finally I want to have a shout out to the new Bassett Ultras, Mari and the gang have been following the team home and away, making noise and enjoying the away days. It goes along way with the players and let's hope it continues.

Here is to our first 3 points of the season to kick start

Much love

*Sam*

# Roy Oxborrow



The club was deeply saddened to hear of the recent passing of the popular Roy Oxborrow, who was known to many throughout the town and at the football club. Roy was a keen

fan of football and a supporter of Wootton Bassett Town, although his favourite team was his beloved Liverpool who he always liked to talk about. Roy was a regular spectator up at our Rylands Way ground, particularly during the period when Paul Burke was the manager at the club.

I first got to know Roy in the mid 1990s when he used to come training with my then club Wootton Bassett Sports. He was such a nice pleasant guy who always had a smile on his face and was liked by everyone. He was really keen about his football and so enthusiastic in training. On a Saturday he would go along with our Reserves side who played in the Swindon & District League at the time. The side was managed by his friend Keith Wollington and I still have the statistics for Season 1995-96 which show Roy got to play in a handful of games for Keith's side in that season.

In some of the lovely tributes in the Swindon Evening Advertiser this week it did not surprise me to hear that Roy had still been enthusiastically playing in five-a-side games with his friends at Phoenix Enterprises in a lunchtime league.

Roy's presence in the Royal Wootton Bassett community will be sorely missed.

Mark Smedley

## Special Tribute from Former First Team Manager Paul Burke

I've known Roy for a very long time as he was a keen follower of any local team that used to play on the old comprehensive school pitches like Venus or The Monkey Club and also with both of us being keen Liverpool fans we shared the ups and downs of our team.

It didn't matter where you saw him he always had his trademark smile and like a true Liverpool fan always said this is our season to win the league. I'm so glad that he got to see The Red Men lift the Premier League.

During mine and Woody's time as the first team management Roy started to come to watch our matches at the end our first season when the team were on a very good run.

The next season saw us have a great run in the FA Cup which Roy was there to enjoy and he joined us on the club coach as we travelled to Brockenhurst on what was a great day for everyone involved.



A happy person who always had a smile and was so polite to myself, my wife who he called "Mrs Crazy" and Euan who he called "little Burkey" my trips to the High Street won't be the same without bumping into Roy.

RIP Roy YNWA

Paul Burke

# Opponents Pen Pictures

## Reading City



**Charlie York** Goal Keeper  
Charlie York is a fantastic goalkeeper and will certainly entertain the crowd with some superb goalkeeping.



**Ellis Cowd** Defence  
A superb centre back who two season's past was awarded both Players' Player and Managers Player awards.



**Josh Blackwood** Defence  
Josh is a fantastic versatile player who can play in both defensive and attacking positions.



**Michael Butcher** Defence  
Has a joint role of Assistant Manager/Player. If he's not in the technical area you'll see him at the back as he plays as a Centre-back.



**Liam Baker** Defence  
Plays at left back.



**Alfie Grant** Defence  
Club captain and plays as centre-back



**Joe Pilling** Midfield  
Joe is a talented young player who can play as either an attacking midfielder or wide man.



**Dan Davies** Midfield  
Dan is a midfield maestro who puts in a fantastic performance every time he plays.



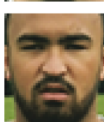
**Nathan Jones** Midfield  
Nathan is a product of our youth system and is looking forward to his first full season playing for the first team having impressed within the senior setup over the past few seasons.



**Matt Stockill** Midfield  
Matt is a fantastic midfielder who likes to score the odd wonder goal from time to time, if you're lucky you may see him fire a rocket towards goal.



**Eddie Lazarzuk** Midfield  
A versatile player



**Kai Stubbs** Forward  
Awaiting text



**Will Okine-Peters** Forward  
The 2020/21 season is Will's first season playing mens football, we look forward to seeing him develop as player throughout the season.



**Mo Davies** Forward  
Mo is a great character and a player with a lot of ability. We're delighted to have his services on the wing for another season.



**Wade Muttitt** Forward  
Wade is a young versatile attacking player..



**Tyler D'Cruz** Forward  
Awaiting text



**Rhys York** Coach  
Rhys is a former member of our squad who has taken up a coaching position at the club, becoming our Goalkeeping Coach.



**Jaz Saundh** Physio  
Jaz is our first team physiotherapist.



**Simon Johnson** Manager  
The Gaffer - Simon is the youngest manager in the Hellenic League



**Sam Woodruff** Asst. Manager  
Sam Woodruff will work alongside Manager Simon Johnson to continue to push the club in the right direction.





# Opponents History

## Reading City • Club History

Reading City Football Club's formation came as part of Highmoor AFC's 50 year celebration in 2018.

Club secretary, Chris Gallimore took over the role in 1990 and recruited, the now chairman, Martin Law, to become first team manager in 1992 and between them assembled a strong squad of players and success was to follow. The club thrived, with regular promotions, league and cup doubles, being the first club to win the current Thames Valley Premier League unbeaten. The reserves are still the only reserve side to win the same Reading Step 7 League.



After winning the league promotion to the uhsport Hellenic League in 2012 meant moving and playing at Palmer Park, the current location here at The Rivermoor was secured in 2018 and after 50 years it was decided to change the name to Reading City. This decision was not taken lightly however the community of Reading has yearned for a semi-professional club behind Reading Football Club to represent Reading and give local players the opportunity to play for a Reading based team as Reading.

The pathway for the club begins with the Sunday morning development centre for for 4-6 year olds through to Under 16s, with us having representation at every year group amounting to some 26 teams. This pathway will over the coming years become the life blood of the club. The highly qualified FA coaches will deliver the clubs philosophy and structure meaning every player at any age group will play the Reading City FC way. The future is bright and we hope to give the community of Reading a great opportunity.

Our first season as Reading City Football Club may not have been the most successful on the pitch, but off the pitch we were awarded the accolade of Best Ground and Best Social Media account at the EPC Bracknell Football Awards. Groundsman Dave Wyeth was also nominated for Groundsman of the Year in the Berks & Bucks FA Grassroots Football Awards in recognition for keeping our pitch at The Rivermoor in great condition, having been shortlisted and invited to the awards ceremony unfortunately we were pipped to the post for that award.



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# Previous Meetings

Season	Date	Comp	Match Details		
2013-14	7-Sep-13	League	<b>Highmoor Ibis</b>	2	<b>Wootton Bassett Town 2</b>
Bassett scorers: Carter, Chatwin Bassett Team: Allison, Bowden, Yeardeley, Corcoran, Carter, Stanners, Terry, Ockwell, Roberts, Packer, Chatwin. Subs: Cox, Wright					
2013-14	27-Nov-13	League	<b>Wootton Bassett Town</b>	2	<b>Highmoor Ibis</b> 2
Bassett Scorers: Cox, L.Stevens Bassett Team: Allison, Sheppard, Collier, Corcoran, Carter, Stanners,K.Rigley, Ockwell, Roberts,L.Stevens, Lardner. Subs: Cox, Yeardeley, Milhench					
2014-15	24-Sep-14	League	<b>Wootton Bassett Town</b>	1	<b>Highmoor Ibis</b> 3
Bassett scorer: Bailey Bassett Team: Mitchell, English, D.Richards, Hawkins, Drewett, Yeardeley, Bailey, Chatwin, Traas, Gambling, Carter. Subs: Terry, Thomas, Sheppard					
2014-15	6-Dec-14	League	<b>Highmoor Ibis</b>	6	<b>Wootton Bassett Town</b> 0
Bassett scorer: N/A Bassett Team; Mitchell, Wright, D.Richards, Hawkins, Yates, Yeardeley, Bailey, Thomas, Traas, Gambling, Walduck. Subs: Hiscock, Chatwin, Adams					
2015-16	26-Oct-15	League	<b>Highmoor Ibis</b>	4	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett Town</b> 0
Bassett scorer: N/A Bassett Team: Kuczynski, Comer, D.Richards, Walduck, Hawkins, Sinclair, Scholes, Bailey, Hiscock, Cheetham, Olphert. Sub: Millar					
2015-16	2-Mar-16	League	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett Town</b> 0	<b>Highmoor Ibis</b>	2
Bassett scorer: N/A Bassett Team: Meare, Comer, Corcoran, D.Richards, Hawkins, J.Richards, Scholes, Ockwell, Robertson, Packer, Olphert. Subs: Bailey, Cheetham, Hiscock					
2016-17	5-Nov-16	League	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett Town</b> 3	<b>Highmoor Ibis</b>	2
Bassett scorers: Richards, Spalding, Robertson Bassett Team: Meare, Corcoran, D.Richards, Hawkins, Cheetham, Comer, Bailey, Spalding, Robertson, Olphert, Yeardeley. Subs: Diouf, Thomas					
2016-17	14-Jan-17	League	<b>Highmoor Ibis</b>	0	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett Town</b> 2
Bassett scorers: Robertson, Richards Bassett Team: Meare, Edmondson, D.Richards, Yeardeley, Cheetham, Comer, Thompson, Corcoran, Robertson, Bailey, Packer. Subs: Lance, Hawkins, Glead					
2017-18	16-Sep-17	League	<b>Highmoor Ibis</b>	0	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett Town</b> 3
Bassett scorers: Yeardeley, Scholes, Collier Bassett Team: Lawrence, Cheetham, Yeardeley, Jackson, Diaz-Benetiz, Robinson, Gerrish, Wrona, Maximen, Lodge, Scholes. Subs: Collier, Withers.					
2017-18	23-Dec-17	League	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett Town</b> 1	<b>Highmoor Ibis</b>	3
Bassett scorer: Wrona Bassett Team: Sharkey, Joyce, Corcoran, Jackson, Richards, Johns, Hathaway, Scholes, Cheetham, Waldon, Wrona. Subs: Lodge, Wright, Yeardeley					
2018-19	13-Oct-19	League	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett Town</b> 3	<b>Reading City</b>	1
Bassett scorers: Pagliaroli 2, Bennett Bassett Team: McCready, D.Cole, Richards, James, Yeardeley, Lachacz, Lincoln, Bennett, Pagliaroli, Bohane, Evans. Subs: Wrona, Sheppard,lott					
2018-19	5-Nov-18	League	<b>Reading City</b>	4	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett Town</b> 3
Bassett scorers: Bennett, Bohane, Evans Bassett Team: McCready, Corcoran, James, Wrona, Joyce, Lachacz, Lincoln, Bennett, Stanley, Bohane, Evans. Subs: Simpson, Collier					
2019-20	7-Sep-19	League	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett Town</b> 2	<b>Reading City</b>	2
Bassett scorers: Bradbury, Parsons Bassett Team: Lehmann, Bradbury, Lea, Richards, Cole, Davoille, Langford, Turk, Talmash, Corcoran, Parsons Subs: Gwavava, McCuish					
2019-20	7-Dec-19	League	<b>Reading City</b>	0	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett Town</b> 2
Bassett scorers: Pagliaroli, McCuish Bassett Team: Lehmann, Bradbury, Ford, Evans, Wrona, Oakley, Robinson, Presley, Bohane, Francis, Pagliaroli Subs: Joyce, McCuish					

**RWBTFC - Emirates FA Cup Record**

1938-39	Pr	Wiltshire Mental Hospital	A	L 0 - 6
1939-40	Pr	Dillon Town (War)	A	P - P
1946-47	EPr	Exmouth	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	Warmminster 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
2020-21	EPr	Chipping Sodbury T (W4-1 pen)	H	D 2 - 2
	Pr	Didcot Town	A	W 2 - 1
	QR1	Cinderford Town (Won 6-5 pens)	A	D 2 - 2
	QR2	Oxford City	H	L 1 - 2

THE EMIRATES FA CUP ROAD TO WEMBLEY FOR ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN 2020-21									
Date	Round	Opponents	H/A	Result	Prize Money				
					Winner	Loser			
1-Sep-20	Extra Preliminary Round	v Chipping Sodbury Town	H	W2-2 (6-1 pens)	£1,125	£275			
12-Sep-20	Preliminary Round	v Didcot Town	A	W 2 - 1	£1,444	£481			
22-Sep-20	First Qualifying Round	v Cinderford Town	A	W2-2 (6-5 pens)	£2,250	£750			
3-Oct-20	Second Qualifying Round	v Oxford City*	H	L 1 - 2	£3,375	£1,125			
13-Oct-20	Third Qualifying Round	v Tanworth*	H		£5,625	£1,875			
24-Oct-20	Fourth Qualifying Round	v v			£9,375	£3,125			
7-Nov-20	First Round	v v			£22,629				
28-Nov-20	Second Round	v v			£34,000				
9-Jan-21	Third Round	v v			£82,000				
23-Jan-21	Fourth Round	v v			£90,000				
10-Feb-21	Fifth Round	v v			£180,000				
20-Mar-21	Sixth Round	v 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>					<b>Total Prize Money Won</b>				
						<b>£5,944</b>			



## **Saturday 3 October Second Qualifying Round Royal W. B. Town 1 Oxford City 2**

It's a Royal Wootton Bassett Town bowed out of the Emirates FA Cup with their heads held high after they pushed National League South Oxford City all the way in a nail-biting Second Qualifying Round tie. Sam Ockwell had Bassett dreaming of a third upset win in a row in the competition. But Dan Matzuzaka's headed equaliser and Jacob Bancroft's fortuitous winning goal with five minutes remaining saw City progress with a hard-earned 2-1 victory. It was a cruel, cruel way for Bassett to exit the competition, particularly given the nature of the decisive goal. But Sam Collier's side can be immensely proud of the run they have been on, which has seen them eliminate two Southern League sides and run an Oxford City team three leagues above them immensely close.

Bassett certainly made Oxford sweat for their victory. A professional performance saw Collier's side slow the pace of the game down to an extent that the visitors were unable to establish any sort of rhythm. Their solidity at the back ensured City struggled to create chances from open play. And, until the final minute of the contest, Bassett asked questions of their visitors. With it being Oxford's first competitive fixture of the campaign, it was certain that they would be a little ring rusty. But, playing against Hellenic League Premier Division opposition, they surely weren't expecting the type of test that they ultimately endured. Indeed, the neutral fan would have been hard pressed to ascertain the difference in level between the two sides. City dominated possession in the opening period. But that failed to translate into any real clear cut chances on goal. On 12 minutes, James Roberts flashed wide from 25 yards while, four minutes later, Lewis Coyle forced a parry from Harrison Ellis with a tight angled shot. But in the opening quarter of the game, it was Bassett who had arguably the best opportunity, Ockwell firing a low free kick in from thirty yards which visiting shotstopper Ben Dudzinski had to ensure he paid close attention to. Bassett, unsurprisingly, did find themselves living a little dangerously. And they had Roberts' trigger-happy nature to thank that they weren't behind on 24 minutes as he curled wide after a quick break. Meanwhile, Elliot Benyon's deflected cross struck the bar. But when the teams went in level at the interval, it was everything Bassett deserved for a determined, disciplined display during the opening half.

Then following the restart Harvey Bradbury headed narrowly over from a Josh Ashby corner. But soon enough the hosts were ahead. Having been tripped by Matsuzaka, Mark Francis earned a free kick just outside the area. And Ockwell confidently stepped, fizzing a low drive beneath the wall that skidded off the slick surface and beneath Dudzinski. Bassett had their lead – and were now half an hour away from the most improbable of upsets. Oxford, however, had other ideas. Almost immediately they got back on terms. Ashby floated in another corner and, rising inches above TJ Bohane, Matzuzaka powered a header towards the top right corner which Chris Taylor was just unable to head off the line. With his first touch of the game, substitute Bancroft then came close to giving the visitors the lead, but his first time shot from an Aaron Drewe cross went narrowly over. Bassett kept asking questions of their opponents, and neither side appeared to take firm control of the game. But with six minutes to go, Roberts crossed in from the right and as Matt Berry-Hargreaves sought to clear the ball bounced immediately off Bancroft and squirmed into the bottom left corner. It was a cruel blow for Bassett – and would ultimately prove the difference between the teams. However, it was not the final action of the game and Bassett pushed for an equaliser late on. Ockwell flashed a 20-yard free kick narrowly wide of the right post. Then, in injury time, Berry-Hargreaves' hanging cross was flapped at by Dudzinski. Jack Baker and Gio Wrona both had bites at the cherry but, much to the visitors' relief, the ball bounced around the box before settling gratefully into the arms of the Oxford 'keeper. The full time whistle blew not long thereafter. For Oxford, it was greeted with a sense of relief. For Bassett, its arrival was gut-wrenching, the gutting nature of the result – so close, yet so far – hard to take. However painful it is though, Collier and his coaching team as well as each and every player who has been part of this fabulous run in the competition can be proud of what they have achieved. Defeat in the circumstances is hard to take. But what a performance and what effort they put in against a side who, at least on paper, were massive favourites. Oxford – who have made it to the first round three years in a row – knew they had a battle on their hands. And to run a side of that quality so close was an immense achievement.

Man of the Match: Matt Berry-Hargreaves – all of Bassett's players deserve huge praise for their contributions, but it was Berry-Hargreaves' display that was the pick of the bunch.

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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 Thattham 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 midfielder 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 Thattham 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 Thattham 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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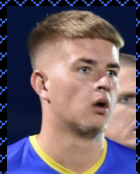


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# First Team Statistics

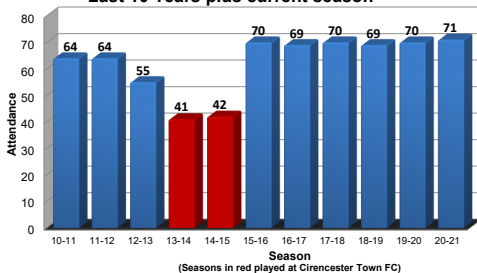
## Current Season 2020-21

	Appearances	Starts	As Sub	Total	Goals
1	Sam Ockwell	9		9	3
2	Harrison Ellis	9		9	
3	Alex Dinsmore	9		9	
4	Chris Taylor	9		9	
5	Giorgio Wrona	8	1	9	1
6	Jack Stirland	6	3	9	
7	Matt Berry-Hargreaves	8		8	
8	Kai Robinson	7	1	8	
9	Mark Francis	2	5	7	
10	TJ Bohane	6		6	3
11	George Ford	5	1	6	
12	Jack Baker	1	4	5	1
13	Kyle Lapham	3	1	4	
14	Jon Beeden	3		3	
15	Thomas Ouldrige	3		3	2
16	Trevor Mutero	2	1	3	
17	Iggy Illott	1	2	3	
18	Daniel Bailey	1	2	3	
19	Alfie Presley	3		3	1
20	Adam Corcoran	1	1	2	
21	Bailey Gallagher		2	2	
22	Bradley Paglianoli	1		1	
23	Rhys Wells	1		1	
24	Zac Skinner		1	1	
25	Francis Barcelos	1		1	

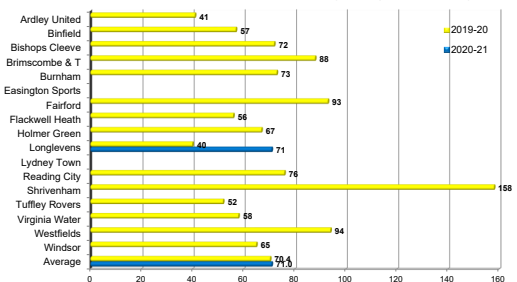
## RWBTFC Career

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	47	5
	3	2
	3	
	24	
	3	
	28	5
	208	10
	3	
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RWBTFC Average Home League Attendances - Last 10 Years plus current season



RWBTFC Attendances - Season 2020-21 (and comparison to 2018-19)





# Hellenic League Tables

## 2020-2021 Season

### UHLSPORT Hellenic League Premier Division

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Binfield	6	4	2	0	15	6	14
2 Reading City	7	4	2	1	12	8	14
3 Fairford Town	5	3	1	1	13	6	10
4 Bishops Cleeve	6	3	0	3	12	8	9
5 Longlevens	5	2	3	0	11	7	9
6 Flackwell Heath	4	3	0	1	6	4	9
7 Easington Sports	5	3	0	2	10	9	9
8 Brimscombe & Thrupp	4	2	2	0	12	4	8
9 Virginia Water	5	2	1	2	6	6	7
10 Holmer Green	4	2	0	2	6	6	6
11 Lydney Town	5	1	2	2	7	9	5
12 Windsor	7	1	2	4	14	17	5
13 Westfields	4	1	1	2	3	5	4
14 Ardley United	6	1	1	4	7	13	4
15 <b>Royal Wootton Bassett Town</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>
16 Tuffley Rovers	5	1	0	4	4	13	3
17 Shrivenham	5	1	0	4	3	17	3
18 Burnham	3	0	2	1	3	4	2

#### 2020-2021 Season

##### UHLSPORT Hellenic League Division One West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Malvern Town	8	7	0	1	27	9	21
2 Hereford Lads Club	7	4	1	2	14	7	13
3 Cheltenham Saracens	5	3	2	0	14	8	11
4 Newent Town	6	3	2	1	12	9	11
5 Clanfield 85	6	3	2	1	10	7	11
6 Malmesbury Victoria	5	3	1	1	14	7	10
7 Hereford Pegasus	6	3	1	2	8	9	10
8 Thornbury Town	5	2	3	0	9	4	9
9 Bourton Rovers	5	2	1	2	11	11	7
10 Wellington	7	2	0	5	14	16	6
11 Tytherington Rocks	7	2	0	5	10	16	6
12 Shortwood United	5	1	1	3	5	9	4
13 Stonehouse Town	5	1	0	4	5	15	3
14 Moreton Rangers	7	0	3	4	8	20	3
15 Cirencester Town Dev'	6	0	1	5	9	23	1

#### 2020-2021 Season

##### UHLSPORT Hellenic League Division One East

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Wokingham & Emmbrook	6	5	1	0	18	2	16
2 Holyport	7	4	2	1	15	11	14
3 Risborough Rangers	4	4	0	0	15	1	12
4 Wallingford Town	7	3	1	3	12	12	10
5 Kidlington Reserves	6	2	2	2	11	11	8
6 Penn & Tylers Green	3	2	1	0	7	0	7
7 Milton United	4	2	1	1	9	6	7
8 Abingdon United	6	2	1	3	11	13	7
9 Chalvey Sports	6	2	1	3	7	12	7
10 Langley	6	2	1	3	12	21	7
11 Long Crendon	2	1	1	0	5	3	4
12 Abingdon Town	5	1	1	3	8	8	4
13 AFC Aldermaston	5	1	1	3	6	14	4
14 Woodley United	4	1	0	3	8	12	3
15 Thame Rangers	7	0	0	7	3	21	0

# Next Up

## Saturday 24th October 2020

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### Burnham



**The Gore, Wymers Wood Road,  
Burnham SL1 8JG 3.00PM Kick-off**

Next Saturday sees us travel to take on Burnham who, like ourselves have had a good FA Cup run this season. Again, like ourselves they are now behind with their league fixtures and currently are in a false position at the bottom of the table.

Their run in the FA Cup saw them defeat Hellenic League Division One West side Cheltenham Saracens 5-3 on penalties after neither side was able to find the net in normal time. They then won 4-1 away at Leverstock Green from the Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division. A 1-0 win over Northwood from the Isthmian League Central saw them into the Second Qualifying Round where they met Whyteleafe, another Isthmian League side from the South East Division. Burnham went down 3-1 to their higher league opposition. They exited the FA Vase early, going down 1-0 to Hellenic

Division One East side Penn & Tylers Green.

In the league just three games have been played due to that FA Cup run. They opened their league campaign with a 0-0 draw against our visitors today, Reading City. Their next league outing saw a narrow 2-1 defeat away at Windsor.

Burnham's last league outing ahead of their game against Flackwell Heath today, was a trip to Ardley United when they returned with another point following a 2-2 draw.

Their one other game played was on Tuesday night when their opposition was again Flackwell Heath in the Bluefin Insurance Challenge Cup. They game finished all square at one apiece with Flackwell Heath progressing to the next round courtesy of a 4-3 win on penalties.

# 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 Yeardeley	Mark Vaughan 14
2002/03	Prem	40	10	10	20	36	70	40	15 out of 21	Pete Yeardeley	Geoff Swatton 9
2003/04	Prem	42	11	5	26	38	73	38	16 out of 22	Pete Yeardeley	Geoff Swatton 16
2004/05	Prem	42	6	9	27	30	85	27	21 out of 22	Pete Yeardeley/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 Yeardeley 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	4	0	3	1	4	6	3	15 out of 18	Sam Collier	TJ Bohane 3

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

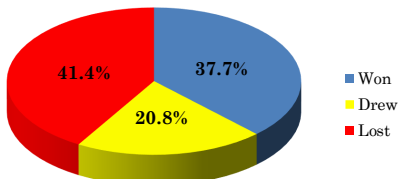
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Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	37.7%	20.8%	41.4%
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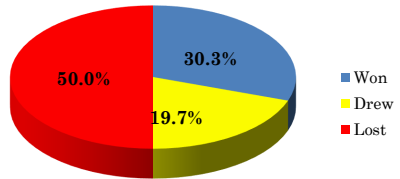
	Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst	Pts	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	
Premier Division	499	150	99	250	653	967	546	30.1%	19.8% 50.1%
Division 1 West	226	116	44	66	444	310	392	51.3%	19.5% 29.2%
Division 1	380	151	87	142	623	596	540	39.7%	22.9% 37.4%

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 18/19)
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 2020-21



Date	Opponents	H/A	Result	Crowd	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15
Tue 01-Sep	Chipping Sodbury(FAC EP)	H	2-2 (4-1 Pen)	181	Ellis	Ford	Dinsmore	Ockwell	Beeden	Taylor	Ilott	Berry-Hargraeves	Stirland	Bohane (2)	Bailey	Gallagher	Robinson	Wrona
Sat 12-Sep	Didcot Town (FAC Prelim)	A	W 2 - 1	300	Ellis	Lapham	Dinsmore	Ockwell (2)	Mutero	Taylor	Wrona	Berry-Hargraeves	Stirland	Bohane	Robinson	Gallagher	Francis	Ilott
Tue 15-Sep	Easington Sports	A	L 1 - 3	104	Ellis	Lapham	Dinsmore	Ockwell	Beeden	Taylor	Wrona (1)	Berry-Hargraeves	Stirland	Bohane	Robinson	Baker	Francis	Bailey
Sat 19-Sep	Brimscombe & Thrupp	A	D 1 - 1	108	Ellis	Ouldrige	Dinsmore	Ockwell	Beeden	Taylor	Wrona	Berry-Hargraeves	Stirland	Wells	Presley (1)	Ford	Lapham	
Tue 22-Sep	Cinderford Town (FAC 1QR)	A	2-2(6-5 Pen)	184	Ellis	Lapham	Dinsmore	Ockwell	Robinson	Taylor	Wrona	Berry-Hargraeves	Pagliaroli	Bohane (1)	Presley	Francis	Baker (1)	Stirland
Sat 26-Sep	Fairford Town	A	D 1 - 1	124	Ellis	Ford	Dinsmore	Ockwell	Robinson	Taylor	Wrona	Berry-Hargraeves	Stirland	Ouldrige (1)	Presley	Francis	Bailey	
Tue 29-Sep	Longlevens	H	D 1 - 1	71	Ellis	Ford	Dinsmore	Ockwell	Robinson	Taylor	Wrona	Berry-Hargraeves	Stirland	Bohane	Ouldrige (1)	Francis	Baker	Mutero
Sat 03-Oct	Oxford City (FAC 2QR)	H	L 1 - 2	320	Ellis	Ford	Dinsmore	Ockwell (1)	Robinson	Taylor	Wrona	Berry-Hargraeves	Mutero	Bohane	Francis	Stirland	Baker	Corcoran
Sat 10-Oct	Stonehouse Town (FAV2QR)	A	W 1 - 0	124	Ellis	Ford	Dinsmore	Ockwell	Robinson	Taylor	Wrona	Corcoran	Baker	Barcelos	Francis	Stirland	Skinner	Ilott
Sat 17-Oct	Reading City	H																
Sat 24-Oct	Burnham	A																
Sat 31-Oct	Camelford (FAV 1st)	H																
Tue 03-Nov	Holmer Green	H																
Sat 07-Nov	Shrivenham	H																
Sat 14-Nov	Windsor	H																
Sat 21-Nov	Lydney Town	H																
Sat 28-Nov	Binfield	A																
Sat 05-Dec	Ardley United	H																
Sat 12-Dec	Tuffley Rovers	A																
Sat 19-Dec	Westfields	A																
Mon 28-Dec	Reading City	A																
Sat 02-Jan	Virginia Water	A																
Sat 09-Jan	Holmer Green	A																
Sat 16-Jan	Bishops Cleeve	A																
Sat 23-Jan	Windsor	A																
Sat 30-Jan	Burnham	H																
Sat 06-Feb	Fairford Town	H																
Sat 13-Feb	Binfield	H																
Sat 20-Feb	Flackwell Heath	H																
Sat 27-Feb	Shrivenham	A																
Sat 06-Mar	Tuffley Rovers	H																
Sat 13-Mar	Lydney Town	A																
Sat 20-Mar	Westfields	H																
Sat 23-Mar	Ardley United	A																
Sat 03-Apr	Bishops Cleeve	H																
Mon 05-Apr	Longlevens	A																
Sat 10-Apr	Brimscombe & Thrupp	H																
TBA	Easington Sports	H																
Sat 17-Apr	Flackwell Heath	A																
TBA	Hungerford Town Swifts (BICC2)	H																
TBA	Floodlit Cup Rnd 2	H																
TBA	Virginia Water	H																

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

# 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



Royal Wootton Bassett Town picked up three points and a clean sheet on their return to league action as they defeated Abingdon United 2-0. If one criticism could be made of Royal Wootton Bassett Town under Paul Braithwaite's stewardship it would be the lack of clean sheets that the team had been able to keep. Only twice in 38 league games in season 2014-15 did Bassett not concede, while, going into their league encounter with Abingdon United, they had pitched just one shutout so far that campaign. They now had double that number - and another three points to boot following a 2-0 victory, despite missing Adam Corcoran, George Drewitt, Nathan Hawkins and Dale Richards from their back line.



2010-11



Wootton Bassett Town fell to their fifth straight loss, and sixth in seven games, thanks to three goals without reply from Reading Town, all of which came in the first half. It was the first time the two teams had ever met and the visitors - who finished third in the Hellenic Premier Division last year - made a telling impression. Marcus Richardson, an ex-pro with a wealth of experience, opened the scoring for Reading on the quarter hour mark before Danny Lingwood doubled their lead ten minutes later. Luke Farrugia then made his side's advantage even healthier with a strike on the stroke of half time. Bassett were arguably guilty of showing their opponents a little too much respect in the opening period, but came out in the second half a changed team, putting up a valiant fight. grab two further goals before the end and pad their victory.



1995  
1996



Saturday 14th October 1995 saw Wootton Bassett Town take local bragging rights thanks to a 2-0 home win against near neighbours Purton in the Hellenic League Division One Cup. It was a meeting of the top two teams in Division One and cup specialists Bassett won thanks to goals from Stuart Morse and Scott Vincent to make it through to Round 3.

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# Match Reports

**Saturday 10th October 2020**  
**FA Vase**



**Stonehouse 0 Royal W. Bassett Town 1**

## **Bassett labour to Vase victory**

Adam Corcoran volleyed home the only goal of the game as Royal Wootton Bassett Town laboured their way to a 1-0 Buildbase FA Vase Second Qualifying round victory away against Stonehouse Town.

Corcoran struck as he guided home a Gio Wrona free kick midway through the second half to ensure Bassett advanced through the FA Vase qualifying rounds for only the second time in the past ten seasons.

It was an otherwise middling display from Sam Collier's side, who can perhaps be forgiven a tired, below-par effort after last week's exploits in the FA Cup against National League South opposition.

Ultimately though they did enough to stave off the threat of an upset against their Hellenic League Division One West opponents, who gave Bassett a run for their money.

Indeed, with Bassett starting on the back foot and never really getting going, Stonehouse found themselves all over their visitors in the opening period. Yet the hosts never appeared inclined to break the deadlock.

Bassett, meanwhile, were forced to reshuffle the pack twice in the first half as Jack Baker and Chris Taylor were forced off with injuries.

Baker's replacement Zac Skinner was then himself withdrawn after being on the receiving end of a heavy challenge shortly after the restart.

Being stripped off options to change things up later in the game by virtue of the three enforced substitutions, it perhaps came with some relief for Collier that Corcoran struck when he did, the centre half producing a fine volley from Wrona's weighted set piece delivery to break the deadlock.

That proved to be all that was required for Bassett, who were aided by Stonehouse being reduced to ten men late on.

It may not have arrived with quite the same quality of display that was produced in their three FA Cup triumphs. But Corcoran's goal was enough to seal progression in another national cup contest, earn some further prize money and go some way to improving Bassett's record in a competition that has brought only rare moments of joy since the club made its debut back in 2001-02.

## **Next Round**

The draw for the next round of the FA Vase was made yesterday. By the time you read this programme we will know who we have in the next round. For details of who we have drawn please see the website at [www.rwbtfc.co.uk](http://www.rwbtfc.co.uk). Saturday's programme for the game against Reading City will also contain confirmation of our next opponents in this prestigious competition.

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# The Non-League Paper Article

The international break very rarely affects Non-League clubs, but Non-League is increasingly influencing the international scene.

Each season we see more players deservedly earn moves into the Football League – and some even go on to reach the absolute peak.

Over the last seven months the football pyramid has become even more divided, with 'Project Big Picture' now trying hard to increase the gap, but the importance of lower-league clubs to the product on the pitch has never been more obvious.

Six players in Gareth Southgate's latest England squad have had stints in Non-League and there were five in the side Ryan Giggs picked for Wales when the two teams met last week.

Nick Pope started the friendly fixture at Wembley having begun his career in the Eastern Counties League with Team Bury before progressing to Bury Town in the Isthmian League.

Following his move to Charlton Athletic, Pope went on loan to Harrow Borough, Welling United, Cambridge United and Aldershot Town for more crucial experience of first team football.

The back-up England keepers against Wales, Jordan Pickford and Dean Henderson, are also no strangers to Non-League. Pickford had loan spells at Darlington and Alfreton Town while Henderson played in goal for Stockport County just over four years ago when they were in National League North. He's also pushing to become Manchester United's number one.

Centre-back Tyrone Mings impressed in senior football at Yate Town and Chippenham Town in the Southern League

before a successful trial at Ipswich Town forged the start of his top-flight career.

Dominic Calvert-Lewin made his England debut, and scored, in the 3-0 win over Wales. A debut goal was nothing new to the Everton striker, as a 17-year-old he bagged on his first appearance for Stalybridge Celtic against Hyde on Boxing Day when Sheffield United sent him out for game time. On New Year's Day, in the reverse fixture, he scored twice and set up three.

Danny Ings also got in on the act at Wembley, scoring his first goal for his country via a bicycle kick. Ten years ago, he was netting in Non-League at Dorchester Town on loan from Bournemouth.

Many others in the England squad either started or showed their talents in the lower reaches of the Football League before stepping up into the Premier League spotlight.

Non-League football and its clubs play a vital role in developing players just as much as the top-flight academies – every player has a different path and their roots should not be forgotten.

By Dave Richardson



# FA Vase

## THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY FOR ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C.\* FA VASE 2020-21

Date	Round	Opponents	H/A	Result	Prize Money	
					Winner	Loser
19-Sep-20	First Round Qualifying	v Bye			£550	£160
10-Oct-20	Second Round Qualifying	v Stonehouse	A	W 1 - 0	£725	£225
31-Oct-20	First Round Proper	v Camelford*	H		£825	£250
28-Nov-20	Second Round Proper	v			£900	£275
19-Dec-20	Third Round Proper	v			£1,125	£350
9-Jan-21	Fourth Round Proper	v			£1,875	£600
6-Feb-21	Fifth Round Proper	v			£2,250	£725
6-Mar-20	Sixth Round Proper	v			£4,125	£1,350
27-Mar-21	Semi-final	v			£5,500	£1,725
8-May-21	Final (at Wembley)	v			£30,000	£15,000

\* Still in competition

**Total Prize Money Won**

**£725**

## THE FA VASE ROAD TO WEMBLEY FOR ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C. FA VASE 2019-20

Date	Round	Opponents	H/A	Result	Prize Money	
					Winner	Loser
31-Aug-19	First Round Qualifying	v New College Swindon	A	W 7 - 0	£550	£175
14-Sep-19	Second Round Qualifying	v Tadley Calleva	A	L 0 - 1	£725	£250
12-Oct-19	First Round Proper	v Bitton	A		£825	£275
2-Nov-19	Second Round Proper	v Fairford Town	H		£900	£300
30-Nov-19	Third Round Proper	v Cribbs	H		£1,125	£375
11-Jan-20	Fourth Round Proper	v Warminster Town	H		£1,875	£625
8-Feb-20	Fifth Round Proper	v Sutton Common Rovers	H		£2,250	£750
29-Feb-20	Sixth Round Proper	v Wroxham	A		£4,125	£1,375
21-Mar-20	Semi-final 1st leg	v Consett	H		£5,500	£1,750
28-Mar-20	Semi-final 2nd leg	v Consett*	A			
17-May-20	Final (at Wembley)	v Heburn Town*			£30,000	£20,000

\* Still in competition

**Total Prize Money Won**

**£800**

## RWBTFC F.A. Vase Record

2001-02	QR2	Calne Town	H	W 3 - 2
	R1	St Blazey	H	L 0 - 2
2002-03	QR2	Shortwood United	A	L 1 - 5
2003-04	QR2	Bemerton Heath Harl's	A	L 1 - 4
2004-05	QR1	Wellington	A	L 0 - 4
2005-06	QR1	Christchurch	H	D 1 - 1
	QR1	Christchurch	A	L 0 - 1
2006-07	QR1	Shrewton United	A	D 1 - 1
	QR1	Shrewton United	H	L 2 - 3
2007-08	QR2	Bournemouth	A	L 0 - 12
2008-09	QR1	Buckingham Athletic	A	W 5 - 3
	QR2	Henley Town	A	W 6 - 0
	R1	Kidlington	H	W 3 - 2
	R2	Wimbourne Town	A	L 0 - 4
2009-10	QR1	Hamble ASSC	H	L 2 - 3
2010-11	QR2	Devizes Town	A	W 4 - 0
	R1	Cadbury Heath	A	L 1 - 2
2011-12	QR1	Shortwood United	A	L 0 - 4
2012-13	QR1	GE Hamble	A	L 0 - 6
2013-14	QR2	Odd Down	A	L 0 - 7
2014-15	QR1	Cove	A	W 3 - 2
	QR2	Abingdon United	H	L 2 - 3
2015-16	QR1	Binfield	H	D 1 - 1
	QR1	Binfield	A	W 4 - 3
	QR2	Windsor FC	A	L 1 - 2
2016-17	QR2	Thame Utd	H	L 2 - 4
2017-18	QR1	Fairford Town	H	W 3 - 1
	QR2	Codicote	H	W 5 - 0
	R1	Amphill Town	H	W 2 - 1
	R2	Hordean	A	L 2 - 3
2018-19	QR2	Bashley	H	L 0 - 4
2019-20	QR1	New College Swindon	A	W 7 - 0
	QR2	Tadley Calleva	A	L 0 - 1
2020-21	QR2	Stonehouse	A	W 1 - 0
	R1			



# RWBTFC Development Team

ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

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	W 4 - 3	Richards 2, Ockwell, Gallagher
Sat 12-Sep-20	Melksham Town Res	H	League	W 1 - 0	Paul
Tue 15-Sep-20	Malmesbury Vics Dev	H	League	D 2 - 2	Gallagher, Davis
Sat 19-Sep-20	Devizes Town Res	A	League	W 3 - 0	Richards 2, Mason
Sat 26-Sep-20	Ludgershall Sports	H	League	W 7 - 2	Sheppard 3, McCuish, Richards, Drewitt, Mesas
Sat 10-Oct-20	Cricklade Town	A	League	W 1 - 0	Sheppard
Sat 17-Oct-20	Marlborough Town	A	League		
Sat 24-Oct-20	Wroughton	H	League		
Wed 28-Oct-20	Malmesbury Vics Dev	A	League		
Sat 31-Oct-20	Frome Collegians	A	League		
	Corsham Town Res	A	League		
	Purton	H	League		
	Trowbridge Town	H	League		
	Cricklade Town	H	League		
	Corsham Town Res	H	League		
	Devizes Town Res	H	League		
	Frome Collegians	H	League		
	Ludgershall Sports	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		
	Wroughton	A	League		



## Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League

### Premier Division Season 2020-21

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
As at 14 October 2020							
1 Pewsey Vale	8	6	1	1	21	7	19
2 Wroughton	6	6	0	0	28	5	18
3 <b>Royal W. Bassett Town Dev</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16</b>
4 Melksham Town Res	9	5	0	4	19	11	15
5 Shrewton United	8	4	1	3	25	19	13
6 Frome Collegians AFC	6	4	0	2	15	5	12
7 Cricklade Town	6	4	0	2	10	6	12
8 Purton	5	3	1	1	13	11	10
9 Trowbridge Town	7	3	0	4	15	15	9
10 Malmesbury Victoria Dev	10	2	2	6	17	25	8
11 Odd Down Res	7	2	1	4	13	17	7
12 Stratton Juniors	5	2	0	3	10	16	6
13 Corsham Town Res	6	1	1	4	10	19	4
14 Marlborough Town	5	1	0	4	6	15	3
15 Devizes Town Res	5	1	0	4	4	13	3
16 Ludgershall Sports	7	0	0	7	7	40	0

# RWBTFC Ladies

Date	Opponents	H/A	Result	Goalscorers
06-Sep	Brentford (FAC EP)	H	L 1 - 1*	Huckin
13-Sep	Ilminster Town Ladies	H	L 2 - 6	Beer, Coe
27-Sep	Ilminster Town Ladies	A	L 0 - 2	
11-Oct	Bishops Lydeard Ladies	A	D 2 - 2	Eagles 2
18-Oct	Bideford Ladies	H		
01-Nov	Portishead Ladies	H		
08-Nov	Callington Town Ladies	A		
15-Nov	Torquay United Ladies	H		
06-Dec	Portishead Ladies	A		
	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		



## South West Women's Football League Premier Division Season 2020-21

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Marine Academy Plymouth Ladies	2	2	0	0	16	1	6
2 Portishead Ladies	2	2	0	0	9	1	6
3 Ilminster Town Ladies	2	2	0	0	8	2	6
4 Bishops Lydeard Ladies	2	1	1	0	5	4	4
5 Bideford Ladies AFC	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
6 Callington Town Ladies	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
7 <b>R.Wootton Bassett Town Ladies</b>	3	0	1	2	4	10	1
8 Middlezoy Ladies	2	0	0	2	2	8	0
9 Torquay United Women	3	0	0	3	2	20	0

# 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
Tue 22-Sep-20	Swindon Rovers	A	League	W 5 - 0	Badman 3, M.Cooper, Huggins
Tue 13-Oct-20	Redhouse	H	League	L 1 - 3	Lilley
Tue 27-Oct-20	Stratton Juniors	A	League		
	Swindon Rovers	H	League		
	AFC Swindon	A	League		
	AFC Swindon	H	League		
	Redhouse	A	League		
	Defence Academy	A	League		
	Stratton Juniors	H	League		
	KMLC	A	League		
	Defence Academy	H	League		
	KMLC	H	League		
	Wiltshire FA 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	L 2 - 3	Jones, Warren
Thur 24-Sep-20	Chippenham Town	H	League	W 4 - 3	Bell 3, Stephenson
Thur 01-Oct-20	Radstock Town	A	League	D 2 - 2	Gilder 2
Thur 08-Oct-20	Melksham Town	A	League	L 1 - 2	Jones
Thur 22-Oct-20	FC Chippenham	A	League		
	Chippenham Town	A	League		
	FC Chippenham	H	League		
	Melksham Town	H	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				



# Youth Section Results

## Sunday 4 October 2020

U16	Purton Youth 1 Royal Wootton Bassett Town Yellow 7
U15	Northside Athletic 0 Royal Wootton Bassett Town Blue 8
U14	Wims 11 Foothills 1 Royal Wootton Bassett Town Blue 3
U12	Royal Wootton Bassett Town Blue 6 Lydiard Youth Irons 2
U12	FC Abbey Meads Purple 5 Royal Wootton Bassett Town Yellow 1

## Sunday 11 October 2020

U18	Royal Wootton Bassett Town 2 Blunsdon United 1
U16	Royal Wootton Bassett Town Blue 5 FC Abbey Meads Grey 0
U15	Royal Wootton Bassett Town Blue 14 Lydiard Millicent Juniors Green 0
U15	Wroughton Yth Panthers 11 Royal Wootton Bassett Town Yellow 3
U14	Royal Wootton Bassett Town Blue 5 Stratton Juniors Bears 2
U14	Lydiard Millicent Juniors 6 Royal Wootton Bassett Town Yellow 5
U13	FC Chippenham Barca 3 Royal Wootton Bassett Town Blue 2
U13	Royal Wootton Bassett Town Yellow 6 Cricklade Youth 5
U12	Lydiard Youth Tigers 0 Royal Wootton Bassett Town Blue 9
U12	Royal Wootton Bassett Town Yellow 5 Hungerford Town Juniors 1

# Half Time Quiz with a Scottish Theme

## Quiz One

1. Which Scottish Premiership side used to be called both Ferranti Thistle and Meadowbank Thistle?
2. Which English team does Scottish centre forward Lyndon Dykes play for?
3. Who was Scotland manager in the 1978 World Cup?
4. Which Scottish team's ground is pictured at the bottom of the page?
5. Which team went 38 games unbeaten in the Scottish Premiership in Season 2016-17?
6. Which two famous players share the record number of goals for Scotland?
7. Which Scottish club is nicknamed "The Pars"?
8. Which Scottish club has a letter in its name that no other club has?
9. Swedish player who was Celtic's top scorer for 4 consecutive seasons from 2000/1 to 2003/4?
10. Which Scottish Premiership side play at Rugby Park?



## Football Team Cryptic Clues

Name the Scottish football teams from the cryptic clues below:

1. Not the King of the north but the
2. Bonnie's partner
3. My mums feeling better
4. "That's not a knife"
5. All together "That's not a knife"
6. Nitrogen 78.09%
7. The doctor I presume?
8. Prison clock
9. The trip of a Star Trek captain
10. Saint Helens

**Answers on Page 35**

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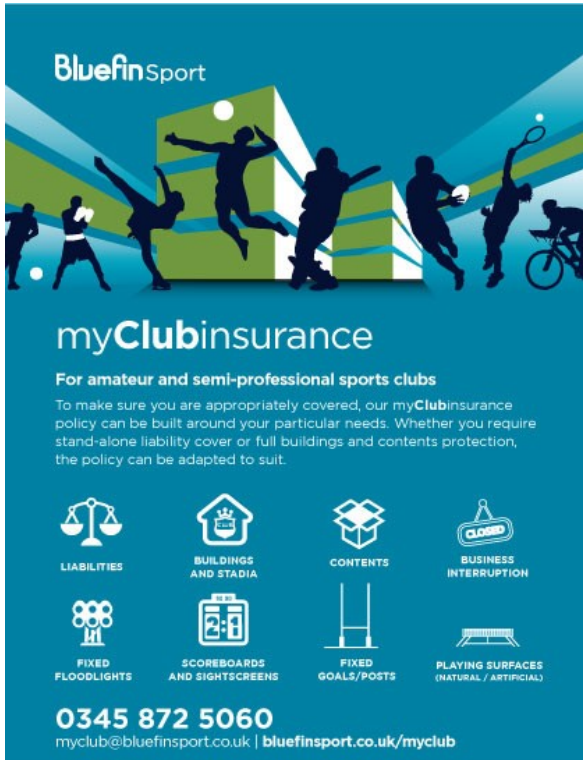
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- 2001-02 Gloucester United
- 2002-03 Yate Town
- 2003-04 Didcot Town
- 2004-05 Didcot Town
- 2005-06 Didcot Town
- 2006-07 Hungerford Town
- 2007-08 Hungerford Town
- 2008-09 Almondsbury Town
- 2009-10 Ardley United
- 2010-11 Holyport
- 2011-12 Highworth Town
- 2012-13 Oxford City Nomads
- 2013-14 Ascot United
- 2014-15 Ardley United
- 2015-16 Flackwell Heath
- 2016-17 Bracknell Town
- 2017-18 Bracknell Town
- 2018-19 Ascot United
- 2019-20 Not awarded due to Covid-19

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Alderbury Park	5 - 0	Letcombe	
AFC Aldermaston	3 - 2	Headington Amateurs	
Bourton Rovers	1 - 8	Wantage Town Dev	
Cove U23	1 - 7	Kintbury Rangers	
Cricklade Town Res	4 - 4	Faringdon Town (1-3 pens)	
Evesham Utd Dev	7 - 1	Woodstock Town	
Hazelmere	1 - 3	Abingdon Town	
Heyford Athletic	5 - 1	FC Beaconsfield	
Kington Town	0 - 4	Cirencester Town Dev	
Milton United	0 - 2	Buckingham Ath Dev	
Old Bradwell United Dev	1 - 2	Chalfont Wasps	
Penn & Tylers Green	4 - 0	Watlington Town	
Southam United	3 - 2	Langley	
Stokenchurch	0 - 4	Chalvey Sports	
Taplow	1 - 5	Woodley United	
Thame United Res	3 - 1	Woodcote Stoke Row	
Thorburn Town (5-4 pens)	2 - 2	Shortwood United Res	
Tytherington Rocks	1 - 2	Hartpur College	
Westfield Res	2 - 4	Yateley	
Second Round			
Abingdon Town	1 - 2	Ardley United	
Abingdon United (3-2 pens)	2 - 2	Banbury Utd Dev	
Binfield	5 - 0	AFC Aldermaston	
Brimscombe & Thrupp	2 - 1	Moreton Rangers	
Buckingham Ath Dev	v	Alderbury Park	
Burnham	1 - 1	Flackwell Heath (3-4 pen)	
Chalvey Sports	v	Windsor	
Easington Sports (6-5 pens)	1 - 1	Southam United	
Faringdon Town	v	Kintbury Rangers	
Hartpur University	v	Cheltenham Saracens	
Hereford Lads Club	v	Cirencester Town Dev	
Hereford Pegasus	v	Clanfield 85	
Highworth Town Res	1 - 2	Fairford Town	
Holmer Green	0 - 0	Aston Clinton Res (11-12 pen)	
Holyport	2 - 4	Risborough Rangers	
Kidlington Res (5-4 pens)	2 - 2	Wallingford Town	
Long Crendon	v	Reading City	
Longleaves	v	Evesham Utd Dev	
Lydney Town	6 - 1	Newent Town	
Malmesbury Victoria	8 - 1	Slurvenham	
Malsvern Town	v	Sporting Club Inkberrow	
Penn & Tylers Green	6 - 0	Chalfont Wasps	
Royal W. Bassett Town	v	Hungerford Town Swifts	
Shipston Excelsior	v	Heyford Athletic	
Slimbridge Res	2 - 1	Westfields	
Stonehouse Town	1 - 5	Bishops Cleeve	
Thame Rangers	3 - 3	Thame Utd Res (7-8 pens)	
Thorbury United	v	Wellington	
Tuffley Rovers	v	Swindon Supermarine Dev	
Virginia Water	1 - 0	Yateley United	
Wantage Town Dev	3 - 1	Woodley United	
Wokingham & Emmbrook	3 - 0	Chinnor	
Third Round			
v			
v			
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# Hellenic Premier Div Round-up

**Saturday 10 October 2020**

Most of the weekend just gone saw the Premier Division sides engaged in FA Vase action. However, ahead of Saturday's Vase action there was something of a thriller at Stubbs Lane on Friday night as **Binfield** and near neighbours **Windsor** shared eight goals and the points in a game played in front of a crowd of 289. The draw meant Binfield maintained their unbeaten start to the league season and now occupy top spot in the Premier Division but it was touch and go against Windsor with Sean Moore scoring the equaliser for the home side three minutes into added time. Moore had also scored a minute before the end and Ollie Harris with the other two Binfield goals. For Windsor there was two for Danny Horscroft and one each for Sam Coles and Billy Montague.

On Saturday just one Premier Division game survived and that also saw a draw as **Ardley United** and **Burnham** shared four goals and the points.

In the FA Vase, whilst **Royal Wootton Bassett Town** were narrowly winning away at Stonehouse thanks to an Adam Corcoran goal there was plenty of other Vase action involving Premier Division sides.

**Brimscombe & Thrupp** knocked visitors AFC Aldermaston out with an impressive 5-0 win, the goals were shared around the team with Jonty Welch, Ollie Barnes, Jack Smith, Ollie Pitt and Harlie Price all on target.

There was something of a giant killing as Hellenic Division One East side Milton United knocked out **Lydney Town** 3-1.

Next Saturday's visitors **Reading City** were 3-2 winners over their tenants Woodley United at the Rivermoor, a hat-trick from Tyler Cruz securing the win.

Adam Thomas, Ashley Howell and Ezio Tourey were on target, the last two in stoppage time, as **Flackwell Heath** beat United Counties League Premier Division visitors Desborough Town 3-0, two of the goals coming in extended injury time at the end of the match. Mark Pritchard scored the only goal of the game as hosts

**Bishops Cleeve** ousted Division One West side Malmesbury Victoria.

Goals from Brad Martin and Will Emery in the last 11 minutes saw **Longlevens** through to the next round with a 2-0 home win over Wokingham & Emmbrook.

**Holmer Green's** interest in the competition was ended by Bugbrooke St Michaels who won 4-1, Michael Adouan with the Holmer Green goal.

**Shrivenham** lost 3-1 away at Sydenhams Wessex League side Fleet Town.

Combined Counties Premier Division C B Hounslow United were a goal down at the break against **Easington Sports** at Green Lane, Hounslow but they came back to draw the game 2-2 with by penalties needed to decide matters with the Combined Counties side winning the shootout 4-2.

# Old Wiltshire Clubs - Sanford

Perhaps one of Swindon's greatest football sides that are no longer with us are Sanford. Having started in the Swindon & District League it was at the end of the 1960's and early 1970's that Sanford were to become the top side in the county with the prolific Tony Pike being their star player. Pike was later to become Club Secretary at Sanford for many years.

Prior to the establishment of what is now the Wiltshire Senior League, Sanford had been in the Wiltshire Combination. They had been the very first champions of the newly formed Wiltshire Combination in Season 1968-69, winning the league from Melksham Town by achieving a better goal average after the two sides had finished level on 53 points. The title triumph was then to be repeated in the following two seasons as Sanford dominated the county game. Indeed, between 1968-69 and 1974-75 they would not finish outside the top four and whilst they were not to repeat their title winning performances in 1968-69 and 1969-70 they did finish runner-up for three consecutive seasons between 1972-73 and 1974-75. For a couple of seasons, they slipped down the table, but were never below 7th place. In cup competitions it is somewhat surprising that they never won the Wiltshire Senior Cup in this period, the closest they came was in 1971-72 when they lost in the final to Devizes Town

The formation of what is now the Wiltshire Senior League in 1976 saw Sanford continue to be one of the top sides in the county. Whilst they would not repeat their Combination title successes in the new Wiltshire County League they remained in the top division of the league throughout their 20-year residency. Their story in both the league and its cup competitions was to be one of just failing at the final hurdle, finishing league runners-up on four separate occasions, and losing four times in league knockout cup finals.

Season 1978-79 saw them finish second behind Amesbury. Sanford led going into the closing stages of the season. However, Amesbury, with games in hand, were always a threat to Sanford and by winning their six games in hand and by winning their last six games with an average of four goals a game they finished three points ahead of Sanford.

Sanford were again in the title race the following season but again had to settle for second place, finishing five points behind champions Park. The following season, Season 1981-82, saw them slip to seventh place in the table but they did have their most successful cup run since that appearance in the Wiltshire Senior Cup final ten years earlier, making the final of the County League's Ghia Senior Cup. Once again though they had to settle for runners-up, losing 2-0 in the final to league champions Park.

By their own high standards, the following six league seasons were less successful, with a seventh-place finish in Season 1987-88 being their highest finish in that period. They did however make the Ghia Cup Final again in Season 1983-84 but lost 4-0 in the final to Wootton Bassett Town, as we became the first team from outside Division One to win the cup.

Sanford were back challenging for league honours in 1988-89 but once again fell just short, finishing three points adrift of champions Ferndale Athletic. The same season saw them again make the final of the Ghia Senior Cup but once again they were to suffer defeat losing 2-1 in the final to Amesbury making it three defeats in three finals of the County League's Senior cup competition.

The next opportunity for honours came in Season 1989-90 as they once again made the final of the County League's Senior cup competition, now renamed the Addkey Senior Cup. Once again they came up against their nemesis Amesbury and unfortunately for Sanford it was another defeat in a cup final, as Amesbury won 3-1.

Their final honours as members of the Wiltshire League was when they were once again league runners-up in Season 1991-92, this time finishing an agonising one point behind champions Amesbury, who denied them league honours for a second time.

The highlight of their final four seasons in the Wiltshire League was a fifth-place finish in Season 1993-94 but the club was to fold both its sides at the end of the 1995-96 season. In 1997 British Rail sold the sports complex where Sanford had played, with the ground being purchased and earmarked for development.

# Sanford ...continued

Unfortunately, the original plans, which had included a sports facility, were turned down and the land was eventually sold and developed by David Wilson Homes. David Wilson Homes donated the iconic gates that marked the entrance to the ground to Swindon's STEAM Museum, for them to add to their existing collection of GWR memorabilia, ensuring that the memory of this much-loved and well-used space is not forgotten.

The name Sanford was given a brief revival when FC Sanford joined the Wiltshire Senior League but this was not the same club.

## Wootton Bassett Town v Sanford

The first meeting between the clubs appears to have been in Season 1967-68 when they met four times, twice in the league and twice in Subsidiary Cup, with Sanford winning all four games. In the league Sanford won 3-1 at Rylands, scoring all four goals in the game and won 4-2 in the return at the BR Ground, Taylor and Thomas scoring for Bassett.

The following season Sanford again did the league double over Bassett as they won their first Wiltshire Combination title, the score in the home game is not known but Brian Ewan scored in a 2-1 away defeat that season. In retaining the title in 1969-70 Bassett did manage to take a point off the champions at Rylands Way, Dave Challis scoring in a 1-1 draw. Sanford won 3-1 in the return match, Bob Thomas with the Bassett goal. Season 1970-71 saw Sanford win the league for the third consecutive season with Bassett failing to score in the two games with Sanford, losing 0-6 at home and 0-1 away.

In Season 1971-72 Bassett did manage to score against Sanford, in fact they scored four times but had to settle for just a point in a 1-1 draw at the BR Ground, losing 3-4 at Rylands, with Derek Powell scoring all four goals for Bassett in the two games. Season 1972-73 saw a rare win for Bassett against Sanford, two from Tony Vines and one from Brian Ewan in a 3-2 success at Rylands Way. Unfortunately the away game was lost 0-5.

Season 1973-74 saw two more defeats for Bassett and no goals, as Sanford scored twice at Rylands and hit six at their home ground.

Tony Vines inspired another rare win for Bassett over Sanford in 1974-75, scoring the

only goal of the game at Rylands Way. The away fixture saw a narrow 1-2 reverse, Phil Keep with the Bassett goal. The last season of the Wiltshire Combination saw Bassett pick up their best result to date against Sanford, Mick Parsons scoring a hat-trick in a 4-0 win at Rylands Way. Unfortunately the performance could not be repeated away from home as Bassett lost 0-5.

The first season of the new Wiltshire County League saw Sanford continue to have the better of things against Bassett, winning 3-0 at the BR Ground and coming away from Rylands Way with a point following a 1-1 draw. It was a similar story in Season 1977-78, although this time the defeat came at home and the draw was at the BR Ground in a season that saw Bassett relegated.

The two sides did not meet again until Season 1979-80 following Bassett's promotion back to Division 1. The sides met in the pre-season Sanford Cup which Sanford won 3-2 after a replay, the sides drawing 0-0 in the first game. In the league Sanford did the double over Bassett winning 4-1 at Rylands and 5-0 at the BR Ground. The season saw Bassett again relegated and the sides would not meet again until 1983-84 when Bassett, still a Division 2 side, met Sanford in the final of the Ghia Senior Cup. In the final Bassett achieved their best ever result against Sanford as goals from Neil Timbrell, Steve Thomas, Kevin Bishop and Graham Smedley secured an unexpected 4-0 win over the cup favourites.

Back in Division 1 the following season Bassett picked up a point at Rylands Way in a 1-1 draw thanks to a Nick John goal but lost 2-3 in Swindon, Nathan Walker and Paul Gadsden scoring that day.

Season 1986-87 saw both sides win their respective home game 2-0, Nathan Walker and Paul Harrison scoring in the game at Rylands Way. In Bassett's title winning season in 1987-88 both sides won their respective home games, two goals from Damon York and one from Roger Frost in a 3-2 win at Rylands Way, Sanford winning 2-0 at the BR Ground. The sides also met in the Ghia Senior Cup that season, Sanford winning 3-2. After Bassett moved up to the Hellenic they never met Sanford again in a competitive fixture, the sides never being drawn against each other in the Wiltshire Senior Cup.



# Today's Teams



## Royal W. Bassett Town v Reading City

Home Team Squad			No.	Sub
1	Harrison	Ellis		
2	George	Ford		
3	Alex	Dinsmore		
4	Adam	Corcoran		
5	Sam	Ockwell		
6	Chris	Taylor		
7	Kai	Robinson		
8	Gio	Wrona		
9	Jack	Stirland		
10	TJ	Bohane		
11	Tommy	Ouldridge		
12	Mark	Francis		
14	TJ	Bohane		
15	Daniel	Bailey		
16	Kyle	Lapham		
17	Jack	Baker		
18	Iggy	Ilott		
19	David	Bampton		
20	Caine	Bradbury		
21	Charlie	McCuish		
22	Brad	Pagliarioli		
23	Bailey	Gallagher		
24	Alfie	Presley		
25	Felipe	Barcelos		
26	Zac	Skinner		

Visitors Team Squad			No.	Sub
1	Charlie	York		
2	Ellis	Cowd		
3	Liam	Baker		
4	Josh	Blackwood		
5	Joeseph	Wigmore		
6	Daniel	Davies		
7	Joe	Pilling		
8	Nathan	Jones		
9	Tyler	Cruz		
10	William	Okine-Peters		
11	Lewis	Bebb		
12	Kia	Alleyne		
14	Eddie	Lazarczuk		
15	Michael	Butcher		
16	Bradley	Farren		
17	Alfie	Grant		
18	Mohammed	Davies		
19	Matthew	Stockhill		
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### Dugout Team

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

### Dugout Team

Manager: Simon Johnson  
 Assistant: Sam Woodruff  
 Coach: Rhys York  
 GK Coach:

### Match Officials

Referee:  Alan Robinson  
 Assist. Ref (Red Flag): Nick Stanley  
 Assist. Ref (Yellow Flag): Dan Burford

### Next Home Games

Sun 18-Oct-20 v Bideford Ladies (South West Regional Women's League) Kick Off 2.00PM  
 Sat 24-Oct-20 v Wroughton (Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League) Kick Off 3.00PM  
 Next First Team Home League Game  
 Sat 31-Oct-20 v Camelford (FA Vase 1st Round ) Kick-off 3.00PM



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