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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 what is probably the biggest game in the history of **Royal Wootton Bassett Town Football Club** as we attempt to make the 3rd Qualifying Round of The Emirates FA Cup, the most prestigious competition we enter, for the first time ever. It is a big ask given that our opponents here today are National League South side **Oxford City**, but the FA Cup history is littered with shock results and perhaps Sam and the lads can contribute another to the history books? It is normal on this page to wish a warm welcome to all the players, officials and supporters from our opponents who have made the journey for today's game. However, unfortunately the FA and the Government, have advised that fans of our opponents are not permitted to attend the game today. This decision has baffled many in football, including myself, but hopefully by the time you read these notes more of a rationale will have been given for this decision, possibly linked to the support that the Government is going to give to clubs at Oxford City's level. In any event a warm welcome to all the players and officials from Oxford City who have made the journey along the A420 to the Gerard Buxton Ground and we hope you enjoy your short stay with us this afternoon.

It was another entertaining first team game on Tuesday night against **Longlevens** but, as with Saturday's visit to Fairford Town, we again let the lead slip and in the end had to settle for a point. This left us still without a league win after our four opening fixtures. However, looking

at the early league table we have played four sides who could well be in the title mix this season and to have lost just the one game and also still be in the FA Cup is a massive step in the right direction after last season. For me the standard of football in the games witnessed this season in the Hellenic Premier seems to have improved and reminds me of the Hellenic Premier Division as it was in the early 2000's. Whether this is because players who have played at a higher level have this season decided to operate at Step 5 I am not sure but long may it continue.

Back to today's game, please would all spectators ensure they continue to abide by the rules in place to manage the Covid-19 risk. Up to now adherence has been superb and we thank you all for that. There will certainly more spectators than we normally see here today but please continue to follow FA and Government guidance and help ensure that we continue to be permitted to allow spectators to attend. Finally, I just need to remember not to wear one of my QPR shirts this afternoon so as to not be mistaken for an away fan. It is helpful that we have a colour clash here today and our opponents will be in their change strip as my brain has been trained over the years to celebrate when the team in blue and white hoops scores. Hopefully today it will be the team in blue and yellow that does the scoring and makes it through to the 3rd Qualifying Round. Enjoy the game and the occasion.

*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 for what is a great occasion for the club to be back in the 2nd Qualifying Round of the Emirates FA Cup after a long wait since my great friend DT got the club into the same round back in 2012. His side also was tasked with beating the highest ranked step side in the competition.

I would like to welcome everyone associated with Oxford City and I am sure you are delighted to be back in competitive football and what better place to start than the fantastic Gerard Buxton.

On Tuesday, we had our first home league game of the season, a season which already seems like it has been going forever. Longlevens visited and I have to say that it's the best Longlevens side I have seen. I thought we controlled the game, however after taking the lead once again we took foot off the gas and stopped playing, allowing them back in the game. The fact we have drawn against Brimscombe away, Fairford away and a strong Longlevens at home and we are disappointed shows how much we have improved in the last 6 months. It's important if we can't win, we don't lose.

Today's challenge, we are all aware, is a mountain, against a National League South side. However, we are delighted to be in the hat still and flying the Hellenic League flag with Burnham and Risborough Rangers. It's one we have worked hard to

get to and think we are not here on luck, and fully deserve to be here today. The lads involved in the already two big cup shocks have been outstanding; they say these things happen in threes!

A huge effort has gone in from the club to ensure this game can go ahead smoothly, with all the safety measures and advertising. A special mention needs to go to Mrs Warren for helping to sell the tickets. Thank you Kate and everyone else for giving up their time to sell tickets.

I was informed that Gordy & Karen are unable to continue to run the tea bar due to health reasons. I just wanted to say what a fantastic job you did and I will very much miss coming over on the wet and windy afternoons to get my cuppa soup. Hope to see you both around the club still.

Let's hope you can all enjoy the big game and if you can make as much noise for the boys as you can - I assure you it goes along way.

See you all in the bar after,

*Sam*



# Hellenic Premier Div Round-up

Tuesday 29 September 2020

**Flackwell Heath's** lead at the top of the UHlsport Hellenic League Premier Division did not last long as they went down to a narrow defeat at **Binfield** on Tuesday night. Flackwell led 1-0 at the break thanks to an early goal but two wonderful strikes from Oliver Harris just after half time and Elliott Legg ten minutes from time winning the game for the home side. Flackwell slipped to fourth whilst Binfield moved second in the table with the win.

As a result of Flackwell's defeat the new league leaders are **Reading City** following a 2-1 win away at **Holmer Green**. Joe Wigmore put Reading in front just after the half hour mark and Tyler Cruz extended their lead from the penalty spot in the second half. The home side Holmer Green pulled a goal back through Isaac Thompson from a free kick, but they were unable to find an equaliser sending Reading top of the table.

**Bishops Cleeve** moved up to third spot with the biggest win of the night, smashing six past bottom of the table **Shrivenham**. Few would have predicted the final score when the sides turned round at half time with the score still 0-0 but an impressive second half performance from Cleeve ensured their biggest win of the season to date. A penalty from Tyrone Tucker-Dixon just before the hour mark set them on their way. Sam Blackie extended their lead four minutes later before Morgan Evans made it three on 65 minutes. Three goals in the last five minutes rounded off a great night for Cleeve, Matt Sysum, Lucas Price and Archie Haskayne with those last three goals.

**Fairford Town** sit in 6th place in the table after an excellent 4-1 home win over Easington Sports. Two goals for Ross Langworthy plus one apiece for Danny Gudger and Nick Stanley did the damage for Fairford, Joe Eyre replying for the visitors.

The big Stagg Meadow derby between tenants **Virginia Water** and landlords **Windsor** finished all square as the two sides shared four goals and the points. Josh Hill and Enow Ojong scoring for Virginia Water, Danny Horscroft and a Louis Sanders own goal for Windsor. Virginia Water also had Adam Mills sent off.

**Longlevens** remain unbeaten in 7th spot after their battling draw at the Gerard Buxton Ground where a goal from Tommy Ouldrige put **Royal Wootton Bassett Town** in front but the prolific Brad Martin netting the equalise as well as being guilty of a couple of glaring misses.

Shock result of the night saw **Lydney** beat **Westfields** 2-1 to secure their first win of the season against the side who had gone unbeaten in the league all last season. Bradley Kear with both goals for Lydney, Daniel Stoneman with the Westfields goal.

The final game of the night saw **Tuffley Rovers** pick up their first win of the season with a 2-1 home success against **Ardley United**, Jake Rhodes and Antoine Thompson for Tuffley, Ryan Barney replying for Ardley. The win saw Tuffley move level on points with their opponents on the night.

# Opponents Pen Pictures



## **Ben Dudzinski - Goalkeeper**

Young goalkeeper who joined Oxford City in August 2020, after a spell at Gosport Borough and Sutton United. Ben already has a season of National League experience under his belt as he lined up for Havant & Waterlooville in the 2018/19 season. Previously been at Lowestoft, Hartlepool and Darlington.



## **Zac McEachran - Midfielder**

Near unplayable on his day. Zac first joined City as a 17-year-old, however had a few seasons at Banbury United before re-joining the Hoops. He's become a very important player for the Hoops with his quality on the ball, and somehow always seems to come out of a tight area with the ball. Will always score a few spectacular goals!



## **Joe Oastler - Defender**

City's club captain is entering his fourth season with the Hoops and has been a near ever present in that time. He made his 100th appearance within two seasons and has been very reliable in that time, while also posing as a goal threat from set pieces. Has plenty of Football League experience after spells at League Two Torquay United, and Championship QPR.



## **Josh Ashby - Midfielder**

The latest member in the current City squad to have joined the '100 club' as he managed to pass three figures just before lockdown struck. His experience and passing in the centre of the park is crucial to the team and has proven to be City's set-piece specialist over the past few seasons. Signed on loan in 2015 from Oxford United, before making it permanent a couple of seasons later.



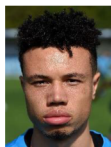
## **Daniel Matsuzaka - Defender**

Joined Oxford City in August 2020, after spells at Braintree Town in the National League South, and also Sutton United in the National League Premier. He has also played in the Japanese J3 League for Kataller Toyama, and also featured as a youth international for Japan in their Under-19 squad in 2015.



## **Jenson Wright - Midfielder**

Young prospect, who is entering his second season with the Hoops. His first season saw him spend time at Banbury United, but showed to be a solid central midfielder in his appearances for the Hoops, including a goal in the FA Cup against North Leigh.



## **Louis Hall - Defender**

Young, exciting left-back who joined Oxford City in September 2019 after originally coming out of the Aston Villa Academy. He went on to feature for Kidderminster Harriers, and then to Bromsgrove Sporting, before then making the move down the M1 to play for Bedford Town in 2019/20, before joining the Hoops.



## **James Roberts - Forward**

Exciting winger who David Oldfield brought back to the club in 2020 following a spell with Spennymoor Town. Originally signed on loan for two spells from Oxford United, where he burst onto the scene with two goals on his FA Cup debut for his parent club. Scored two goals in 15 appearances in his first spell at the club in 2016/17.



## **Aaron Drewe - Defender**

Joined Oxford City in September 2019 from QPR. A young, pacey right-back, and an exciting prospect. Despite being with QPR for his whole career, he spent last season on loan at Chelmsford City. He's played plenty of football for the QPR academy, including in the FA Youth Cup.



## **Nana Owusu - Forward**

Entering his 2nd season at the club following a successful first season on the wing in 2019/20. Adds to City's option from dead ball situations and is designated penalty taker. Also capable of the odd spectacular strike. Previously at Maidenhead United in the National League, and previously Basingstoke Town.



## **Luis Fernandez - Defender**

Signed on a season-long loan from Stevenage in September 2020. At 18-years of age, Luis already has Football League experience for his parent club, playing four times last campaign, as well as further appearances in the FA Cup and EFL Cup. Already has an EFL Trophy match to his name this season before moving to the Hoops.



## **Elliot Benyon - Forward**

Experienced striker who has plenty of experience at this level. Joined mid-way through the 2019/20 season, and immediately became first choice striker. Although his goalscoring tally may have been unfair on him, he certainly made up for his with goals created. Football League experience with Southend, Wycombe Wanderers, Swindon Town, and Torquay United.



## **Reece Fleet - Midfielder**

Longest serving player in the current squad, Reece has amassed well over 200 appearances in the Blue and White Hoops, in two spells since 2012. Still relatively young, Reece has become very reliable in the centre of the park, becoming a regular in that spot. Originally came through the Birmingham academy, while also spending time at Solihull Moors between his two City spells.



## **Harvey Bradbury - Forward**

Big striker who joined the club in 2020 following his release from Millwall. Formally at Oxford United, Bradbury has plenty of experience at this level already, playing at Hungerford Town and Woking on loan from the U's. Started his career at Portsmouth, before moving onto Watford before his move to Oxford United.



## **Lewis Coyle - Midfielder**

Primarily a left sided winger who joined the Hoops in 2020/21, after having spent a long time at Kidlington and Thatcham Town. Scored plenty of goals, and earned a reputation as a set piece specialist, and has made the step up to National League Football in 2020/21.



## **Jacob Bancroft - Forward**

Young forward who joined Oxford City in September 2020 from Swindon Town. A hot prospect on the wing, Jacob has a Football League appearance to his name in 2018/19 and had time on loan in the Southern League last season at Salisbury, Thatcham and Wantage Town.

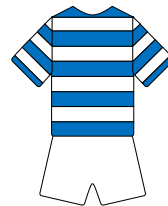
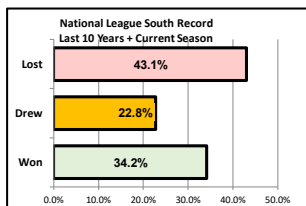
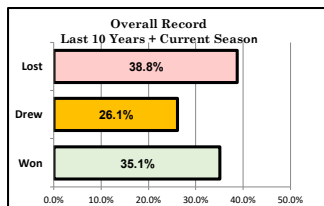


# Opponents - 10 Yr Record & Last Season

## Oxford City Historical Record - Last 10 Seasons

Season	League & Division	FAC	FAT	Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst	Pts	Position	Top Scorer	
2010/11	Southern Premier	1QR	1QR	40	11	12	17	48	54	45	14 out of 21	L. Steele 13	
2011/12	Southern Premier	Rnd 1	1QR	42	22	11	9	68	41	77	2 out of 22	S. Basham 21	
2012/13	Conference North	2QR	Rnd 2	42	13	16	13	62	57	55	10 out of 22	F. Barcelos 14	
2013/14	Conference North	1QR	3QR	42	9	13	20	50	70	37	20 out of 22	K. Jackson 8	
2014/15	Conference North	2QR	Rnd 2	42	20	9	13	81	67	69	6 out of 22	A. Yussuf 31	
2015/16	Nat'l League South	3QR	Rnd 3	42	13	15	14	70	60	54	12 out of 22	B. Bubb 24	
2016/17	Nat'l League South	2QR	3QR	42	15	7	20	48	73	52	14 out of 22	M. Fondop 9	
2017/18	Nat'l League South	Rnd 2	3QR	42	13	10	19	60	69	49	16 out of 22	M. Paterson 24	
2018/19	Nat'l League South	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	42	17	5	20	64	63	56	12 out of 22	K. Tshimanga 34	
2019/20	Nat'l League South	Rnd 1	3QR	34	11	9	14	47	60	42	13 out of 22	Z. McEachran / N. Owusu 10	
Totals				410	144	107	159	598	614				
Won:Drew:Lost Ratio					35.1%	26.1%	38.8%						

League	82	33	23	26	116	95	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	40.2%	28.0%	31.7%
Southern League Premier	82	33	23	26	116	95	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	40.2%	28.0%	31.7%
Conference North	126	42	38	46	193	194	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	33.3%	30.2%	36.5%
National League South	202	69	46	87	289	325	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	34.2%	22.8%	43.1%



### Last Season - 2019-20 National League South

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	PPG
1 Wealdstone	33	22	4	7	69	35	70	2.12
2 Havant & Waterlooville	34	19	10	5	64	37	67	1.97
3 Weymouth (O, P)	35	17	12	6	60	35	63	1.80
4 Bath City	35	18	9	8	50	37	63	1.80
5 Slough Town	35	17	9	9	51	38	60	1.71
6 Dartford	34	16	8	10	60	46	56	1.65
7 Dorking Wanderers	35	14	8	13	58	56	50	1.43
8 Hampton & Richmond Bo	33	14	5	14	51	50	47	1.42
9 Maidstone United	33	12	9	12	48	44	45	1.36
10 Chelmsford City	34	11	11	12	55	56	44	1.29
11 Hemel Hempstead Town	34	12	8	14	36	43	44	1.29
12 Welling United	34	12	6	16	38	46	42	1.24
13 Oxford City	34	11	9	14	47	60	42	1.24
14 Chippenham Town	35	10	12	13	39	45	42	1.20
15 Tonbridge Angels	31	9	9	13	46	54	36	1.16
16 Concord Rangers	32	10	7	15	44	48	37	1.16
17 Billerica Town	32	8	13	11	46	55	37	1.16
18 Eastbourne Borough	33	8	14	11	38	54	38	1.15
19 Dulwich Hamlet	35	9	10	16	51	50	37	1.06
20 St Albans City	35	9	10	16	41	54	37	1.06
21 Braintree Town	35	10	5	20	44	67	35	1.00
22 Hungerford Town	33	8	4	21	38	64	28	0.85

### Results 2019-20

Home	Goalscorers	Away	Goalscorers
W 3 - 2	Oastler, Benyon, Tap	L 0 - 1	
L 0 - 3		DNP	
D 0 - 0		L 1 - 2	Fleet
DNP		W 2 - 1	Moore-Azille, Brown
W 2 - 1	McEachran, Jones	W 1 - 0	Bird
L 0 - 1		L 0 - 3	
W 2 - 1	McEachran, Owusu	W 2 - 0	Owusu 2
W 3 - 2	Moore-Azille 2, Owusu	D 1 - 1	Owusu
L 1 - 4	Lofthouse	L 0 - 1	
DNP		W 6 - 2	Rowe 3, Ashby, McEachran, Lofthouse
L 1 - 2	Wiltshire	DNP	
DNP		L 1 - 3	Wiltshire
L 1 - 3	Ashby	D 1 - 1	Brown
L 0 - 3		D 4 - 4	Brown 2, McEachran, Fleet
L 0 - 3		DNP	
D 2 - 2	McEachran, Self	D 1 - 1	Berkoe
DNP		D 1 - 1	McEachran
W 2 - 1	Owusu 2	DNP	
D 3 - 3	Gordon, McEachran, Berkoe	D 0 - 0	
L 1 - 4	Gordon	L 0 - 1	
W 3 - 2	McEachran 2, Benyon	W 2 - 1	Ashby, Lofthouse



# Oxford City History

Oxford City Football Club was formed in 1884, serving as a 'representative club' comprised of players from multiple teams within the city including, but not limited to Oxford Cygnets, Oxford United College Servants, and Oxford Wanderers. The club initially played friendlies against other local sides, but gradually expanded to take on more prestigious sides from further afield.

For a number of reasons, the representative model proved unworkable and, in 1896, the club was restructured and relaunched in its present form at the beginning of the 1897 season. Winning the Oxfordshire County Cup (now the Senior Cup) in 1900 was the first real success, as well as appearing at the 1st Round stage of both major FA competitions in 1901/02. The FA Cup run took them to the final 32, equivalent to today's 4th Round, and saw the club take 2nd Division Lincoln City to a replay – an achievement which, to this day ranks among the club's greatest moments. This was the start of a golden era, with Amateur Cup Final appearances in 1903, 1906 and 1913 - the first and last ending in defeat after replays. 1906 was the pinnacle of success, with City beating Bishop Auckland 3-0 in a snowstorm. In the following season, City again reached the First Round of the FA Cup, losing 3-0 at home to 1st Division side Bury.

City were invited to join the Isthmian League in 1907, finishing runners-up in 1934/35 and again in 1945/46, and made a further FA Cup First Round appearance in 1933/34, losing 5-1 at home to Gillingham, then in League Division 3 (South). In most respects, though, the inter-war years were rather unremarkable. During World War Two, the Hoops built up a strong team competing in the Great Western Combination under the captaincy of Percy James, and for a few years after the war produced some excellent results. Several of this side joined the ranks of the professionals and, through the '50s, City's fortunes went into decline with them finishing near the bottom of the League on several occasions and even being warned that their performances would need to improve if they were to remain members of the League.

In the 1960s the Club's fortunes turned the corner and they enjoyed a sustained run of FA Cup success: reaching the 1st Round five years running, making it to the 2nd Round in 1969/70, and forcing replays against Bristol Rovers and Bournemouth along the way. The Quarter-Final stage of the Amateur Cup was also reached in 1950/51 and 1967/68, City losing out to Pegasus and Chesham United respectively, and the Oxfordshire Senior Cup was won several times during this era.

During the 1970s and 1980s, however, success eluded the club, despite the glamour of Bobby Moore and Harry Redknapp as the managerial team in 1980-81. There was relegation into Division 1 of the Isthmian League twice, and in 1988 came the undignified and undeserved eviction from the White House Ground, City's home since 1900, on a legal technicality. Dedicated officials and supporters kept the Club's name alive and - from 1989 - a team was rebuilt, moving steadily up the Pyramid from park football to the South Midlands League.

In 1993 the Hoops deservedly achieved both promotion back into the Isthmian League and the acquisition of the new Court Place Farm stadium, a superb joint effort by committee, supporters, sponsors, and landlords Oxford City Council. City's first match on the new pitch was a 3-1 win over neighbours Oxford United in front of 1,800 spectators. The 1994/95 season was doubly successful, with the club making history by reaching the final of the FA Vase at Wembley Stadium. They lost 2-1, but were consoled by promotion into Division 1 of the Isthmian League. The 1995/96 season saw a gripping finale as they pipped Heybridge Swifts to the Championship, and so City had regained a place in the top flight of the League after 16 years. This success lasted just two years before relegation to Division 1 in 1998. There they stayed until the Pyramid restructuring in 2004 took them into the Southern League Division 1. Finding adjustment difficult, City were relegated into the Spartan South Midlands League, but showed great determination in bouncing back at the first attempt.

Further progress was made in 2008 as they achieved promotion via the play-offs into the Premier Division of the Southern League, following victory over local adversaries Didcot Town in the Semi-Final (on penalties) and Uxbridge in the Final (1-0). During this time City again reached the 1st Round of the FA Cup, in 1999/2000, against old Isthmian League rivals Wycombe Wanderers, now risen to League 2. After two sensational draws, the second abandoned just before the newly established penalty shoot-out after an electrical fire, the Hoops narrowly lost the unique third encounter at Oxford United's Manor Ground, before more than 4,000 fans. In 2009/10 another exciting cup run eventually saw them lose in the dying seconds of the match by the odd goal in five at League 2 Burton Albion.

The First Round was reached again in 2011/12, but City lost to Isthmian League Redbridge in Oxford after a draw in East London. However, the season did see manager Mike Ford take the Club to its highest level in the Pyramid as they disposed of Cambridge City and AFC Totton in the play-offs to claim a place at Step Two. City were placed in Conference North providing plenty of novel opponents...and some long journeys. The Hoops adjusted well to life at Step 2, finishing 10th in their first season. Despite this success, the long journeys took their toll on the squad and a summer of departures followed. The 2013/14 season proved to be a rollercoaster for the fans with long winless streaks in the league being contrasted by a number of good results in cup competitions, plus an invaluable run of three wins and a draw in one extremely busy week. The club eventually avoided relegation by the finest of margins, finishing 20th but being spared from the drop by Vauxhall Motors' resignation from the league.

City's final season in the Conference North was also their best as a late season surge came just too late to break into the playoffs, missing out by a point despite an unbeaten April. The reward was a transfer to the South where the Hoops once again finished their debut season in a safe, mid-table

position. Whilst recent history suggested that the next season should have been a relegation battle, this was not the case as a seemingly unremarkable league campaign resulted in a 14th place finish. The real story, however, was far more complex as the tragic passing of long-serving managing director Colin Taylor during pre-season threw the club into emotional and financial turmoil. Whilst manager Justin Merritt was initially able to hold things together on the pitch, the experienced businessman stepped out of the dugout midway through the season to focus on ensuring the club's financial future behind the scenes, allowing current manager Mark Jones to take the helm. Jones' first full season in charge, 2017-18, saw City finish 16th in the National League South, however he was able to guide his side to history in the FA Cup. Victory in the First Round Proper against Colchester United, the first time the club had ever beaten Football League opposition competitively, earned a Second-Round place for only the second time since 1969/70. It ended in heartbreak however with a last-gasp equaliser at Notts County denied City a first ever appearance in the Third-Round draw. The campaign ended with the Oxfordshire Senior Cup returning to Marsh Lane for the first time since 2003, thanks to a 5-3 final victory against Kidlington.

Nowadays, the Club provides a high standard of competitive youth football at all age groups from U7's to U19's. The college programme, in association with Activate Learning and Ignite Sport, has seen great success with numerous players coming through and earning caps with the first team. The talent from the programme has seen the club break records in the FA Youth Cup, getting to the Second and Third Round in consecutive seasons in 2015-16 and 2016-17. The club also runs Ladies and Girls sides that have had great success in the Southern Region Women's Football League. All of these helped the club to earn the prestigious FA Charter Standard Community club status in 2006. This was followed by the award of Community Club Regional Winner for the South East in 2007.

## 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	

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 (4-1 pens)	£1,125	£375			
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		£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>					<b>Total Prize Money Won</b>		<b>£4,819</b>		



# FA Vase

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

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		£725	£225
31-Oct-20	First Round Proper	v			£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**

**£0**

## 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	Devides 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
	QR1	Fairford Town	H	W 3 - 1
2017-18	QR2	Codicote	H	W 5 - 0
	R1	Amphill Town	H	W 2 - 1
	R2	Horndean	A	L 2 - 3
2018-19	QR2	Bashley	H	L 0 - 4
	2019-20	QR1	New College Swindon	A
QR2		Tadley Calleva	A	L 0 - 1

## Saturday 10 October 2020 FA Vase Second Round Qualifying



### Stonehouse v Royal Wootton Bassett Town

**Kick-off: 3.00PM**

**At Oldends Lane  
Stonehouse  
Gloucestershire  
GL10 2DG**



# RWBTFC Pen Pictures

## 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.



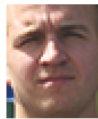
**Daniel Bailey** Defence  
A graduate of the Hungerford Town Academy who is on loan from his hometown club looking to get some Step 5 experience and more playing time with a view to playing in the National League South.



**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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# First Team Statistics

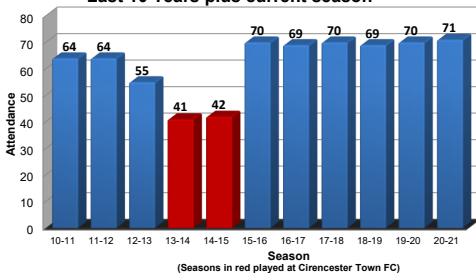
## Current Season 2020-21

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

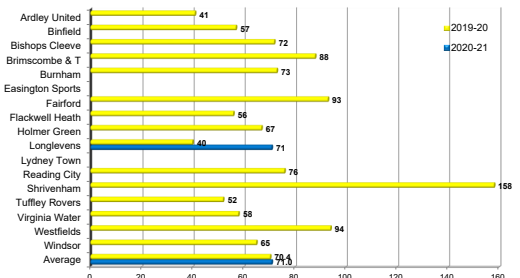
## RWBTFC Career

	Apps	Goals
	58	4
	7	
	7	
	7	
	7	
	125	14
	7	
	63	1
	55	30
	19	
	17	
	4	
	47	5
	3	2
	3	
	3	1
	28	5
	23	
	2	
	3	
	60	26
	1	

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

#### 2020-2021 Season

##### UHLSPORT Hellenic League Division One West

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

#### 2020-2021 Season

##### UHLSPORT Hellenic League Division One East

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

**Royal Wootton Bassett Town** were handed a home tie against National League South side **Oxford City** in the Emirates FA Cup Second Qualifying Round. The tie is Bassett's reward for their impressive upset victory away against Cinderford Town in the First Qualifying Round – which followed earlier wins against Chipping Sodbury Town and Didcot Town – and pits Sam Collier's side against the highest level of opposition possible at this stage of the competition.

It will be the second time in Bassett's history that they will face a competitive fixture against National League South opposition as, back in the 2012-13 season, they were paired with Dorchester Town at the Second Qualifying Round stage. Given City's stature, it will therefore be a hugely difficult test for Collier and his team. But the opportunity to pit yourself against higher level opponents is what the FA Cup is all about. And Bassett will no doubt give all they have as they seek what would be an improbable third upset win in a row, with at least some advantage stemming from the tie being at home.

Oxford are a well-established side at step two of the non-league pyramid, and are entering their ninth consecutive season of playing in either the National League North or South. Last season, which was brought to a premature end and decided upon a points per game basis, City finished 13th. Their best season came in 2014-15 when they finished sixth in the Conference North, just a single point outside of the playoff places. They have had a great deal of success in the FA Cup in recent years too, advancing to at least the First Round in each of the past three campaigns. In 2017-18 they matched their best ever run – initially set in 1969-70 – after upsetting Football League side Colchester United in the First Round before a narrow defeat away against Notts County in the Second Round. 2018-19 then

saw them eliminated in a First Round replay by Tranmere Rovers before a loss against Solihull Moors at the same stage last season. Overall, they have reached the First Round proper on fourteen occasions – including a run of five consecutive qualifications between the 1966-67 and 1970-71 campaigns.

They also hold the distinct record of having been involved in the tie featuring the most replays. That occurred in the 1971-72 Fourth Qualifying Round when it took six games to determine a winner against Alvechurch, with the Worcestershire side eventually prevailing. (Bassett boast a unique, though not quite as impressive cup feat too, their run from the Preliminary to the Third Qualifying Round of the 1959-60 FA Amateur Cup having featured a replay at each round, and five in total.)

In other national cup competitions they have had success too, winning the FA Amateur Cup in 1905-06 (and finishing as runners-up in 1902-03, 1912-13), triumphing more recently in the 1994-95 FA Vase and reaching the last 16 of the FA Trophy in 2015-16.

The Second Qualifying Round tie will be the first ever meeting between Bassett and Oxford City. However, in recent years Bassett have had multiple battles with Oxford City's now defunct Nomads side, who competed in the Hellenic League until 2017-18. Sixteen league meetings with Nomads, saw both teams record seven wins and two games end in draws. Playing with home advantage, Bassett triumphed on four occasions, drawing once and losing three times.

# 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	4	0	3	1	4	6	3	13 out of 18	Sam Collier	TJ Bohane 3	
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,105</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>1,720</b>	<b>1,873</b>	<b>1,478</b>	* At time season 2019-20 was suspended due to Covid-19			
<b>Won:Drew:Lost Ratio</b>		<b>37.7%</b>	<b>20.8%</b>	<b>41.4%</b>								

	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

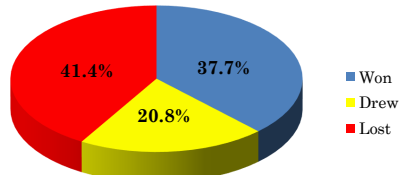
**Average Hellenic Attendance 2019/20** 70 (up from 69 in 18/19)

**Top Scorer - 2019/20** Callum Parsons - 11 Goals

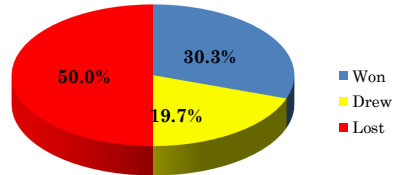
**Record Known Win** 16 - 0 v Cliffe Pypard (1933/34)

**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	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																
Sat 10-Oct	Stonehouse Town (FAV2QR)	A																
Sat 17-Oct	Reading City	H																
Sat 24-Oct	Burnham	A																
Sat 31-Oct	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	Bluefin Insurance Cup Rnd 1																	
TBA	Easington Sports	H																
TBA	Flackwell Heath	A																
TBA	Floodlit Cup Rnd 1	H																
TBA	Virginia Water	H																

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



On this very date back in October 2015, Bassett were in FA Vase action. Any hopes of having of an extended run in a national competition that season were dashed as they succumbed by the odd goal in three after extra time away against Windsor. The then Combined Counties League Premier Division were indebted to their 'keeper Carl Dennison, who produced an outstanding display to limit the visitors to just a Steve Yeardley goal late in normal time to send the tie into extra time after Windsor had led 1-0. The contest was then ultimately decided in the ninth minute of extra time as Omar Riaz strode forward unchallenged before beating Luke Kuczynski to give Windsor the win.



2010-11



A poor start and a gut-wrenching finish combined to terminate Wootton Bassett Town's interest in the FA Vase as Western League Division One outfit Cadbury Heath won the first round tie between the two sides by two goals to one. The afternoon started terribly for Dave Turner's side as the hosts took the lead within the opening three minutes following some abject defending. Lucky to be just the single goal down at the break, Turner's side came out for the second period with a sense of vigour and purpose and were duly rewarded – albeit somewhat fortuitously – for their much improved play in the 53rd minute. After a period of patient build up play, Terry Adams threaded a ball through for Alex Green, who shot on the turn from the edge of the area. In a desperate attempt to prevent his 'keeper from having to make a save, home defender Dwayne James then got a foot to the ball, but served only to wrong-foot Simon Crawford and divert the ball into his own net. The tie though was settled by the cruellest of blows at the other end in the third minute of stoppage time, when Luke Cornish's shot was deflected past Bassett keeper Stewart Thompson to give Cadbury Heath the win.



1995  
1996



Saturday 7th October 1995 saw Wootton Bassett Town return from Banbury with all three points in a Hellenic League Division One fixture following a comfortable 4-1 win against Easington Sports. On target for Bassett were Sean Clark, Richard Morgan and Wayne Taylor, with the Bassett fourth coming courtesy of an own goal.

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## Tuesday 1 September 2020 Extra Preliminary Round RWB Town 2 Chipping Sodbury 2 (4-1 on Pens)

After a lengthy six month break, competitive action returned to the Gerard Buxton Sports Ground in fine style as Royal Wootton Bassett Town and Chipping Sodbury Town played out a thrilling Emirates FA Cup Extra Preliminary round tie. Bassett eventually won out 4-1 on penalties, though they got there the hard way after twice coming from behind with the tie finishing 2-2 at the end of 90 exciting minutes.



Sam Collier's team had to endure a nightmare start too as they went behind in the game's opening minute. Jon Beeden underhit a backpass intended for 'keeper Harrison Ellis, and Kalum Youngsam - who featured for Bassett briefly a few seasons ago - pounced on the loose ball before producing a smart, composed finish into the bottom corner.

Bassett responded well though and in a competitive first half were arguably the slightly better side. And their play was rewarded ten minutes before the break when TJ Bohane guided Jack Stirland's devilish right wing cross into the net to level the scores. Parity did not last long though. On the stroke of half time, Bassett failed to clear their lines and a corner was poked home by Youngsam from close range

after the ball ricocheted around the box. The tie continued to ebb and flow after the restart.

Bassett found themselves level again ten minutes into the second period when substitute Bailey Gallagher won a penalty which Bohane tucked away. That would ultimately prove to be the first of five perfect penalties that ensured Bassett booked a Preliminary round date with Didcot Town.

With no further score during normal time, the tie went to penalties. After Bohane confidently put Bassett in front, Ellis pulled off a fine save to keep out Chipping Sodbury's opening spot kick. Alex Dinsmore and Chris Taylor then both kept their cool to keep the hosts on track before Aaron Stevens - another member of the visiting team with ties to Bassett - blazed his spot kick over the bar. That left Sam Ockwell needing to score to send Bassett through - and he delivered. An entertaining evening made certain that competitive football returned in some style. And Bassett's perfection from the penalty spot ensured Sam Collier's side returned with a fantastic victory in the grandest cup competition of them all.



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# The Non-League Paper Article

It's difficult to know what to write about sometimes in these programme columns we send out each week. Do people want to hear views on the big issues around the game? Are you flicking through a programme for some light-hearted reading at half-time? It feels like everything has been a bit serious recently. And rightfully so. Clubs up and down are worried about the future. What makes it harder, in this Covid pandemic, is a lot of the things we are worrying about when it comes to Non-League football are largely out of everyone's control.

While clubs can put the right protocols in place, if the government suddenly decide no fans then there's not much that can be done about it. It's a frustrating time for all, perhaps summed up by the situation this weekend in the FA Cup where Step 2 fans aren't allowed to watch their team play live, be it home or away. At the time of writing, there is still great uncertainty for National League clubs about their kick-off. They will be behind closed doors but with almost no exceptions, that will only work if there is sufficient support from the Government or the Premier League.

All we really want is to watch our teams play again. That goes for every club throughout the pyramid. Those who already have fans in want to make sure the gates stay open. Perhaps this tricky period reminds us why we started watching Non-League football in the first place.

The thought sprung to mind from last week's NLP where our new columnist Tony Incenzo – talkSPORT's journalist and Non-League expert – about the importance of getting young fans through the doors. Tony recounts how his mum used to drop him and a friend at the gates of Hendon and would return at 4.45pm to pick them up knowing they will have had an enjoyable, and safe, afternoon watching their local

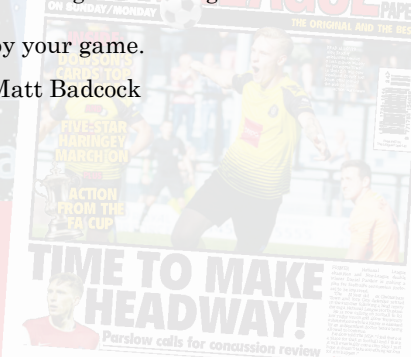
side. From their Tony's passion for these levels of the game soared and, anyone who follows him on twitter, will know just how many grounds he has visited over the years.

It got me to thinking about my own involvement in the game. My Dad is the one to blame, Heavily involved in Non-League football, I probably had no choice. But I loved going down to a ground, smelling the liniment waft from the changing rooms before standing so close to the action soaking it all in. I enjoyed watching Premier League football, like any other kid, but really Non-League was the place to be. That then morphed into regularly watching Farnborough Town with friends before, in our teenage years, that transformed into away games as well.

We'd hop on the train early in the morning and headed off to far flung destinations like Hitchin, Carshalton and St Albans. It's only a few years later when you start driving that you realise these places are not that far away at all. But that was our Saturdays. Stopping at McDonalds on the way to the ground. Stopping there again on the way back to the station. Navigating our way through Clapham Junction and eventually arriving back home tired but fulfilled. That's what Covid has shown me, anyway. How much I enjoy being at a game with other people and soaking it all in. How I enjoy going to a game with my Dad, who kick-started my love affair with Non-League in the first place. And, with that, I'm off tonight to see a game with him.

Enjoy your game.

By Matt Badcock



**Saturday 12 September**

**Preliminary Round**

**Didcot Town 1 Royal W. B. Town 2**

It's a rare thing in football that everything comes together on the pitch just as planned. But on a gorgeous September afternoon, it did so for Royal Wootton Bassett Town, whose faultless display delivered a stunning 2-1 upset win away against Didcot Town in the Preliminary round of the Emirates FA Cup.

Across the entire pitch Sam Collier's side were superb, bettering their Southern League Division One Central opponents from the first whistle to the last. Indeed, it would have been cruel had the result been any different. In the end though, Bassett deservedly booked a place in the First Qualifying round for only the fourth time in the club's history courtesy of Sam Ockwell's brace. They did so with one of the finest performances Bassett have ever produced in the competition, and one that will stick long in the memory.

Bassett were sharp from the off, applying plenty of early pressure that eventually saw them take a sixth minute lead. They could have been ahead earlier than that too, with Jack Stirland's glancing header being held by Leigh Bedwell following a dangerous cross from debutant Trevor Mutero. When the goal arrived, it came in style. TJ Bohane, playing alone up front, drew a foul from Joe Green on the edge of the area and Ockwell curled a beauty of a free kick that flew beyond Bedwell into the bottom right corner.

Playing with confidence, Mutero then narrowly missed the target, dragging wide after he had deftly controlled a crossfield pass and cut inside right back Taylor Bedwell. Didcot did soon equalise, but it was in rather fortuitous circumstances. From a free kick pumped into the box, Green's back post header took an awkward bounce that meant Bassett 'keeper Harrison Ellis was just unable to claw the ball away. The loose ball then fell for Seth Humphries who nodded in from six yards out.

Playing against higher level opponents, Bassett would perhaps have been forgiven if that equaliser dented their confidence. But the visitors remained the better side as Kai Robinson and Bohane forced Bedwell to make a pair of saves – albeit relatively routine ones – before the break.

That continued after the restart too, Ockwell having an early opportunity when his header from Alex Dinsmore's cross was held on the dive.

Didcot then had a rare opening when a heavy touch from Dinsmore opened up space for Jordan Thomas, but the winger shot wide of the left post after cutting inside from his position on the right wing. The hosts were unable to create much throughout the game though – something that Bassett's dogged pressing, which began with the selfless Bohane up front and was aided by tireless performances from Robinson and Gio Wrona in their advanced roles in the centre of midfield, contributed heavily towards.

The pressure applied also influenced an erratic, nervous performance from the Didcot defence. On the back foot for long periods, the Railwaymen's back four were forced into conceding numerous corners. And it was from such a set piece just before the hour that Bassett restored their lead as an unmarked Ockwell guided home Wrona's delivery from twelve yards.

Didcot had no real answer to that. In fact, it was Bassett who appeared likelier to contribute another goal, with an oustretched Jack Stirland almost adding a third as he found the side netting from a low Dinsmore cross. With thirteen minutes to go, Didcot did get another opportunity when substitute Jimmy Deabill set the ball to Connor Ferguson, but his low drive from a tight angle was blocked by the feet of Ellis. The hosts lacked any form of other inspiration though. They were forced to rely on Bassett to provide their final chance of the game too as Matt Berry-Hargreaves conceded a free kick in the left corner for an unnecessary push on Brett Gardner.

But while Harley Giles' free kick was not immediately dealt with, it was soon enough hacked away as Bassett rightly claimed an FA Cup scalp.

**Man of the Match: Sam Ockwell** – it feels harsh to have to pick one player to receive this award as, from one to eleven, Bassett were superb. However, for his two goals – the first a stunning free kick, flawless defensive display and the numerous pinpoint passes that helped initiate attacks and caused Didcot no end of problems, Ockwell gets the nod.

# 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 03-Oct-20	Corsham Town Res	A	League		
Sat 10-Oct-20	Cricklade Town	A	League		
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		
	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

As at 26 September 2020

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 Pewsey Vale	6	5	1	0	15	5	16
2 <b>Royal W. Bassett Town Dev</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>
3 Wroughton	4	4	0	0	20	4	12
4 Frome Collegians AFC	4	3	0	1	8	2	9
5 Purton	4	2	1	1	11	10	7
6 Odd Down Res	6	2	1	3	13	14	7
7 Shrewton United	6	2	1	3	15	18	7
8 Trowbridge Town	4	2	0	2	13	8	6
9 Melksham Town Res	6	2	0	4	11	9	6
10 Cricklade Town	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
11 Stratton Juniors	4	2	0	2	7	12	6
12 Malmesbury Victoria Dev	6	1	2	3	9	10	5
13 Corsham Town Res	5	1	1	3	10	17	4
14 Marlborough Town	4	1	0	3	6	10	3
15 Devizes Town Res	2	0	0	2	0	5	0
16 Ludgershall Sports	5	0	0	5	6	31	0

# RWBTFC Ladies

Date	Opponents	H/A	Result
06-Sep	Brentford (FAC EP)	H	L 1 - 1*
13-Sep	Ilminster Town Ladies	H	L 2 - 6
27-Sep	Ilminster Town Ladies	A	L 0 - 2
04-Oct	Bishops Lydeard Ladies	A	
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	
	Torquay United Ladies	A	
	Wilts County Cup 1		
<b>FAC - Women's FA Cup, WCC - County Cup,</b>			



## 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 Ilminster Town Ladies	2	2	0	0	8	2	6
3 Portishead Ladies	1	1	0	0	5	0	3
4 Bishops Lydeard Ladies	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
5 Bideford Ladies AFC	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
6 Callington Town Ladies	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
7 Middlezoy Ladies	2	0	0	2	2	8	0
8 <b>Royal W. Bassett Town Ladies</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>
9 Torquay United Women	2	0	0	2	1	16	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		
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		
Thur 08-Oct-20	Melksham Town	A	League		
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 27 September 2020**

- U18** Royal Wootton Bassett Town 4 Marlborough Youth 0
- U16** Wroughton Yth White 4 Royal Wootton Bassett Town Yellow 2
- U14** Royal Wootton Bassett Town Blue 0 AFC Corsham Jaguars 2
- U14** Liden Community 14 Royal Wootton Bassett Town Yellow 3
- U13** Royal Wootton Bassett Town Blue 2 Marlborough Youth 4
- U12** Royal Wootton Bassett Town Blue 6 Lydiard Youth Irons 2
- U12** Draycott FC Sparks 5 Royal Wootton Bassett Town Yellow 0

# Half Time Quiz

## Quiz One

1. Who led Portsmouth to promotion to the Premiership in 2003 and resigned as manager in 2004 & was once assistant manager to Bobby Moore at today's opponents Oxford City?
2. Whose assistant was Oxford City's current manager David Oldfield when he was at QPR in 2015-16?
3. How many league championships did current match of the day presenter Gary Lineker win?
4. Which club in the English League has the highest home ground above sea level?
5. Tottenham were the fourth club to be managed by George Graham; name the previous three?
6. What do Matt Holland, Alan Brazil and Mike England all have in common?
7. Which side won the first five European Cup finals?
8. Which former footballer is now a presenter on Homes Under the Hammer?
9. Non-black boots are all the rage these days, but which late England world cup winning player pioneered the wearing of white boots in the 1970's?
10. Which London Premiership club were the first side to take the field without a single English player in its eleven?

## Football Team Cryptic Clues

Name the football teams from the cryptic clues below:

1. Royal leisure area guardians
2. Famous England football brothers
3. Famous for buns
4. Steel city day
5. Wild dogs
6. Lock the door
7. Cotton factory's own barrier
8. Always one hundred
9. Male meadows
10. Glass mansion

## Answers on Page 34



**Tuesday 22 September**

**First Qualifying Round**

**Cinderford Town 2 Royal W. B. Town 2**

**(5-6 on pens)**

Not content with just one shock Emirates FA Cup victory this season, Royal Wootton Bassett Town produced another upset as they defeated Cinderford Town on penalties after a stirring comeback against the Southern League Division One South side.

Despite another excellent performance in which they took the game to their higher-level opponents, Sam Collier's side found themselves 2-0 down after 50 minutes and staring at a First Qualifying Round exit. But Bassett summoned everything they had in reserve to claw their way back into the tie. Goals from TJ Bohane and, in the last minute, youngster Jack Baker ultimately restored parity. And that forced penalties where a half dozen perfect spot kicks and a Harrison Ellis save earned a 6-5 sudden death triumph.

As with the win over Didcot Town in the previous round, the outcome was more than fair. Neither victory was of the smash and grab or fortuitous variety. And Collier's troops now find themselves in the hat for the FA Cup Second Qualifying Round - a feat matching Bassett's best ever run in this famous competition, achieved in 2012-13 when the late Dave Turner, a close friend of the current Bassett boss, was in charge.

How Bassett have got there has been thoroughly impressive. Playing in familiar surroundings, Cinderford enjoyed the better of the immediate opening exchanges, with Zak Drew creating a pair of good openings, one of which forced a decent save from Ellis. However, when Cinderford took the lead midway through the first half - Rhys Davies steering in after a low cross from the right into the box - they did so somewhat against the run of play. The home side were instead happy just to sit back and try and hit Bassett on the break. And the visitors were arguably the better team, though lacked a quality ball in the final third - something which wasn't helped by the enforced withdrawal through injury of the returning Brad Pagliaroli seven minutes before the interval.

Even though they went into the break a goal down, there was certainly plenty for Bassett to

be optimistic about from their first half display. But that seemed to wither away when an unfortunate defensive error from Kyle Lapham allowed Kieran Alder to grab Cinderford's second four minutes after the restart. Minutes later, Drew then went close to a third as he was denied by Ellis after good set up play from goalscorer Davies.

Bassett began to chip away at their opponents though, and their confidence was restored when Gio Wrona whipped in a corner and TJ Bohane's bullet header guided the ball home to halve the deficit. Thereafter, Bassett were on top, with the decision to throw caution to the wind by introducing forwards Jack Baker and Mark Francis to the game paying dividends.

Cinderford were on the ropes and eventually Bassett's pressure proved too much as Baker equalised with a low drive in the final minute of normal time. That meant penalties and, like in the Extra Preliminary Round against Chipping Sodbury Town, Bassett went first. The shootout started with eleven converted penalties - Bohane, Alex Dinsmore, Chris Taylor, Sam Ockwell, Gio Wrona and Francis finding the net for Bassett. The task then fell to Rhys Davies to prolong the drama further. But he was thwarted by an ice cool save from Ellis to keep the underdogs marching on.



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2011-12	Highworth Town
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Cove U23	1 - 7	<b>Kintbury Rangers</b>
Cricklade Town Res	4 - 4	<b>Faringdon Town (1-3 pens)</b>
Evesham Town Dev	v	Woodstock Town
Hazelmere	1 - 3	<b>Abingdon Town</b>
Heyford Athletic	v	FC Beaconsfield
Kington Town	0 v 4	<b>Cirencester Town Dev</b>
Milton United	0 - 2	<b>Buckingham Ath Dev</b>
Old Bradwell United Dev	1 - 2	<b>Chalfont Wasps</b>
<b>Penn &amp; Tylers Green</b>	4 - 0	Watlington Town
<b>Southam United</b>	3 - 2	Langley
Stokenchurch	0 - 4	<b>Chalvey Sports</b>
Taplow	1 - 5	<b>Woodley United</b>
<b>Thame United Res</b>	3 - 1	Woodcote Stoke Row
<b>Thornbury Town (5-4 pens)</b>	2 - 2	Shortwood United Res
Tytherington Rocks	1 - 2	<b>Hartpury College</b>
Westfield Res	2 - 4	<b>Yateley</b>

## Quiz Answers

### Quiz 1

1. Harry Redknapp 2. Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink 3. None 4. WBA 5. Millwall, Arsenal, Leeds 6. They have all played football against the country of their surname 7. Real Madrid 8. Dion Dublin 9. Alan Ball 10. Chelsea

### Name the Team

1. Queens Park Rangers 2. Charlton 3. Chelsea 4. Sheffield Wednesday 5. Wolves 6. Bolton 7. Millwall 8. Everton 9. Mansfield 10. Crystal Palace

## **Saturday 22 September 2012 Second Qualifying Round Dorchester Town 4 W. B. Town 0**

After fifteen minutes of their FA Cup Second Qualifying round tie away against Dorchester Town, Wootton Bassett Town had a chance to unsettle their Conference South opponents. Trailing following Ben Watson's early strike for the hosts, Matt Bown's incisive through ball and Lee Bowen's diagonal run split the Dorchester defence. From the edge of the area Bowen swept a powerful low drive towards the bottom left corner, 'keeper Jason Matthews beaten, but missed the target by an inch. Had Bowen found the back of the net, the course of the game was unlikely to have changed. Those with their money on the home side (whose odds of winning were 1/7 on the eve of the game, compared with 11/1 for a Bassett victory) may have shuffled nervously in their seats. But it would surely have only been a brief moment of unease for the gap in quality between the two teams had been evident from the start.

Dave Turner's team though can be plenty pleased with how they performed against opponents plying their trade four tiers higher. They got the ball down and tried to play football, even though this failed to translate into chances in front of goal. They didn't make things easy for Dorchester – especially in the second half. And, most importantly of all, they ensured they did not get embarrassed. Perhaps the performance could have been slightly better. At times Bassett appeared to rush passes, disregarding short options in favour of trying to exploit the space behind the Dorchester defence, which itself was a consequence of pressure from the hosts, while two first half free kicks in opposition territory were wasted by trying to be too clever.

But this is just a minor criticism, for all who played can hold their heads high. This was a fantastic, historic FA Cup journey for the club. The opportunity to play at the extremely impressive Avenue Stadium was not a consequence of luck, but three well deserved, hard-fought victories, two of which came against higher level opposition. And there was even time for individuals to impress against much higher level opponents. In particular there was a stellar performance from 'keeper James Domm, who pulled off a flurry of fine saves – both acrobatic and assured – in the opening period. The first came just nine minutes in, when he parried away from winger Jamie Reid before Josh Morse hacked clear.

There was little the custodian could do three minutes later when Mark Jermyn's diagonal ball from right back fell perfectly for Watson, who arrowed into the opposite corner.

Again, after Bowen came agonisingly close to equalising, Domm had no chance to prevent Reid from doubling the hosts' advantage. Finding himself in space on the right wing, the Exeter City loanee turned inside and let rip from 30 yards with a spectacular left-footed drive that flew into the back of the net. A flying save from Domm that saw him fingertip a curling Watson shot around the post prevented a third before Nathan Walker headed home from a corner to make it three ten minutes before the break. The remainder of the half arguably belonged to the Bassett shotstopper though. Sam Malsom's glancing header from close range was gloriously brushed away at point blank range before the left midfielder's dipping half volley was gloved to safety with Domm springing to his left.

Two minutes before half time, the true difference in standard between the two sides was displayed, although the post would ultimately save Bassett. Jamie Gleeson had slipped over near the halfway line, but from the floor he was able to bring the ball under control, get back up onto his feet, take on James Turner and slip a perfectly weighted pass through to Watson, whose measured shot rattled the right upright. Moments later Domm demonstrated his quality, maintaining his composure to save with his feet from Reid, who had danced past three defenders.

Bassett emerged for the second half better organised in defence and better adjusted to Dorchester's fierce two-touch tempo. The hosts eased off the gas somewhat too, yet they were also forced into conceding possession more often than they had in the opening 45 minutes of the match. And this served to make sections of the home support increasingly restless as their team's standards slipped.

In response the Magpies bucked their ideas up again in the closing stages, but a scuffed volley from substitute Jon Garcia and another Domm parry from a Gleeson drive kept the score at 3-0. It took until stoppage time for the home side to finally open their account for the second half. And it took some goal too, Reid controlling the ball on the half turn, before blasting into the bottom right corner.

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# Old Wiltshire Clubs - St Josephs FC

St Joseph's were one of the top sides in the County in the early 1970's prior to the formation of what is now the Wiltshire Senior League. In the last season (1975-76) of the old Wiltshire Combination, prior to the formation of the current Wiltshire Senior League, they had finished in 3rd place in the table. At the start of the decade they had also won the old Wiltshire League for a record four consecutive seasons having progressed from the Swindon & District League.

St Joseph's had started life as a youth side, probably in the Borough League before progressing into adult football and the Swindon & District League. The first recorded success came in Season 1966-67 when they won Division One of the Swindon & District League to gain promotion to the Premier Division. This was followed two seasons later by success in the Advertiser Cup, the cup competition for sides in the top two divisions of the Swindon & District League.

The Club then progressed to the old Wiltshire League and those record breaking four league titles.

In the first season of the new Wiltshire County Football League in Season 1976-77 they fielded both a first and reserve side in the new league, the First Team were in Division One and the Reserves in one of the Junior Divisions. That first season of the league saw the First Team finish in a credible 5th position fired by the goal scoring exploits of Ray Miller who finished with 15 goals for the season. The Reserves also finished in the upper half of the table in Junior Division B, finishing in 4th place.

The following season was not so successful, and both sides finished lower in their respective tables, the First Team dropping down to 10th place.

The club folded both it's adult sides at the start of following season, Season 1978-79, not due to a lack of players but due to a

lack of helpers to run the sides. Secretary Brian Phillips lost both his two key helpers, First Team manager Martin Garland and former team manager Len Garland and was forced to search for new help. Despite appeals in the Swindon Evening Advertiser and on the cable network Swindon Viewpoint no such help was forthcoming, and Phillips was left with no choice but to fold the two teams.

The initial absence was short term though as the club's First Team returned to Division 2 of the league for season 1979-80 and the following season were crowned as champions of Division 2 earning a return back to the top division where they had been prior to their resignation. In a successful season for the club they also made the final of the Subsidiary Cup, a competition designed to augment the fixtures of the clubs in the Second Division.

Life back in the top flight proved difficult though and after three seasons of struggle at the bottom of the table the club were again forced to call time on their membership of the league and this time it would be permanent.

The old ground now has had the new St Joseph's School build on it .

## Wootton Bassett Town v St Josephs

The first ever encounter between the two sides came on 13th September 1975 in Swindon in the Wiltshire Combination when St Joseph's hit five without reply. The return fixture at Rylands Way in February again saw them hit five goals as they completed the double over Wootton Bassett, at least Bassett managed to get on the score sheet this time with two goals from John Parsons and Alan Turner in a 2-5 defeat. St Joseph's finished their first season in the top division of Wiltshire

# WBTFC v St Josephs FC

football in an excellent 3rd spot whilst Wootton Bassett were down in 14th place.

The following season (1976-7) saw a reorganisation of football in Wiltshire and the creation of the new Wiltshire County Football League, which still exists to this day. Both Wootton Bassett Town and St Joseph's were in the top division, Division One. This time round the two sides were to draw both matches, a 1-1 draw in Swindon, Alan Turner with the Wootton Bassett goal was followed by a 3-3 at Rylands Way as the season came to a close. Again St Joseph's were the more successful of the two sides, finishing in 5th place whilst Wootton Bassett were down in 11th spot.

Season 1977-78 was to be a disappointing one for Wootton Bassett Town as they were relegated from the top division of the County League. Two defeats against St Joseph's did not help the cause, St Joseph's winning by the odd goal in five at Rylands in September, Phil Keep and Ron Tinsley on target for Bassett. St Joseph's then won the return fixture in January by a solitary goal as Wootton Bassett finished 2nd bottom and were relegated whilst St Joseph's finished five places above Bassett in 10th place.

The two sides were not to meet again in the league until Season 1980-81, this time both sides were in Division Two and this would be the last season in which the sides would meet in the league. Unfortunately for Wootton Bassett there was to be no victory meaning that Wootton Bassett Town did not win any one of the eight league fixtures between the two sides. The game in Swindon was a 1-1 draw, whilst the fixture on 11th April 1984 at Rylands finished in a 4-0 win for the Swindon side.

So the full set of results against St Joseph's in the league read played eight, won none, drew three, lost five. This was a good season for St Joseph's as they won the Division 2 title and also made it to the final

of the League's Subsidiary Cup, a competition designed to augment the fixture list, losing to Penhill YC in the final.

Those league encounters were not to be the last ever meetings between the two clubs as they met on 24th September 1983 in the First Round of the Wiltshire League Ghia Senior Cup and goals from Roger Smith and Dougie Gee secured Wootton Bassett Town's one and only victory over St Joseph's. Wootton Bassett Town went on to defeat Devizes Town 2-1 away in Round 2. A 4-0 away win at Burbage Sports then set up a semi final against Penhill YC. Two games were needed to decide the semi-final after the first game ended 1-1. Bassett made no mistake in the replay winning 4-2 to make it to the final. In that final at Avebury Bassett (pictured below) defeated Sanford 4-0 and became the first Division 2 team to win the Ghia Senior Cup. Bassett went ahead on 18 minutes when Neil Timbrell dispossessed Mich Bohane and, spotting goalkeeper Mark McKinley was well off his line, sent a 30-yard shot over his head into the empty net. McKinley was in trouble again in the 42nd minute when he threw the ball out, only for Steve Thomas to gain possession and score before the keeper could recover. Just before half-time Bassett lost Kevin Flavell through injury and replaced him with Kevin Bishop. It was Bishop who increased his side's lead to three in the 68th minute after fastening onto a long through ball. Six minutes later another through ball caught Sanford out for Graham Smedley to complete his side's big win.





# Today's Teams



## Royal W. Bassett Town v Oxford City

Home Team Squad			No.	Sub
1	Harrison	Ellis		
2	George	Ford		
3	Alex	Dinsmore		
4	Matt	Berry-Hargreaves		
5	Sam	Ockwell		
6	Chris	Taylor		
7	Kai	Robinson		
8	Gio	Wrona		
9	Jack	Stirland		
10	Alfie	Presley		
11	Tommy	Ouldridge		
12	Mark	Francis		
14	TJ	Bohane		
15	Daniel	Bailey		
16	Kyle	Lapham		
17	Jack	Baker		
18	Iggy	Ilott		
19	Carl	Evans		
20	Caine	Bradbury		
21	Charlie	McCuish		
22	Brad	Pagliaroli		
23	Bailey	Gallagher		
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Visitors Team Squad			No.	Sub
1	Ben	Dudzinski		
2	Aaron	Drewe		
3	Daniel	Matsuzaka		
4	Louis	Hall		
5	Joe	Oastler		
6	Josh	Ashby		
7	Zac	McEachran		
8	Reece	Fleet		
9	Elliot	Benyon		
10	Nana	Owusu		
11	Lewis	Coyle		
12	James	Roberts		
14	Harvey	Bradbury		
15	Jacob	Bancroft		
16	Luis	Fernandez		
17	Jenson	Wright		
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### Dugout Team

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

### Dugout Team

Manager: David Oldfield  
 Assistant: Andy Ballard  
 Coach: Ross Jenkins  
 GK Coach: Alan Foster

### Match Officials

Referee: Dale Wooton  
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 Assist. Ref (Yellow Flag): Martin Ealey



### Next Home Games

Thur 15-Oct-20 v Calne Town (Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League U18 Division) 7.30PM  
 Sat 17-Oct-20 v Reading City (UhlSPORT Hellenic League Premier Division) K.O. 3.00PM  
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