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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)  
Paul Burke (2020), Dave Thomas (2021)

## 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

Wiltshire Senior League Premier Division Champions **2021-22**  
Hellenic League Reserves Division 2 West Champions **1994-95**  
Wiltshire County League Division 4 Runners-up **1982-83**  
Wiltshire County League Junior Cup Runners-up **1984-85, 1988-89, 2012-13**  
Vale of White Horse League Cup Winners **1953-54**  
Chippenham & District League Division 2 Champions **1957-58**

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# Men's First Team Bassett Bulletin

## Welcome To Today's Game

**GOOD AFTERNOON** and welcome to the Sustain Stadium here at the Gerard Buxton Sports Ground for this UHlsport Hellenic League fixture against Corsham Town. A warm welcome to all our visitors who have made the short journey from Corsham, we hope you enjoy your short stay with us this afternoon and we wish you a safe journey home.

To all our players, committee members, volunteers, sponsors and spectators I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and that Santa brought you what you asked for. Hopefully he will also deliver for Sam and the lads here today.

Today represents our first league fixture in Christmas week for five years, the last time we had games in Christmas week was way back in Season 2017-18 when we played Highmoor Ibis on Saturday 23rd December and then near neighbours Highworth Town on Boxing Day.

Royal Wootton Bassett Town and Corsham Town met for the second time this season at the beginning of the month in the FA Vase in a tight contest that saw penalties needed to decide who progressed to the next round. Unfortunately for us we were on the wrong side of the shootout result and it is Corsham who will now meet Deal Town at home on 14th January 2023. Corsham has also won the first league meeting between the sides this season, winning 1-0 at the Southbank Ground,

Corsham's only game since that last meeting between the sides in the FA Vase was in the Wiltshire Premier Shield where they were beaten 3-1 by Salisbury FC. At the time of writing these notes they sit sixth in the league table with games in hand over all the five teams above them. They have lost just two of the sixteen league games played so far this season.

Whilst over the years our record against Corsham Town is a decent one that is not the case in recent meetings, with just one win in the last six games for us. Both meetings between the two sides this season have had elements of controversy in them with us having had a player sent off on both occasions. Hopefully that trend will not continue here this afternoon and the game will be played in the right spirit worthy of the time of the year.

For all of Royal Wootton Bassett Town's teams, the start to the 2022-23 season has been an especially busy one with games coming thick and fast. For most sides, there's at least a chance over the Christmas period to have a well-earned rest - though not for the Men's First Team who will look to maintain their strong start with two home fixtures starting here today and on 2 January when they play league leaders Malvern Town.

Media Officer Stuart Smedley has reflected on the first half of the season for all of our teams, which for a number of teams has been a successful campaign so far - with plenty of work for all to do, and no room for complacency, in 2023. Today's programme includes a review for each of our various sections across the programme.

Over the past couple of campaigns, Royal Wootton Bassett Town's Men's First Team could justifiably have been criticised as being cup specialists and league underachievers. So far this season, however, things have been different with Sam Collier's side enjoying the team's best start to a Hellenic League Premier Division while also performing well again on the cup front.

As far as the First Team are concerned, Bassett find themselves inside the top half in eighth place at Christmas and are well placed to push for the club's highest ever finish at this level. Highlights of the campaign so far include the league double over Bradford Town - including a stunning 5-0 away win - and the trio of impressive come from behind home draws against title-chasing Cribbs and the much-fancied Westfield and Worcester Raiders. Indeed, Sam and his side have been so competitive that all five league defeats suffered so far have come by just a single goal, including away against promotion challengers Malvern Town.

Bassett's record could be even better given the throwaway home loss against Wantage Town and the draws against the likes of Chipping Sodbury Town, Lydney Town and Fairford Town where we perhaps should have taken all three points. But having played 29 games in all competitions in a frenetic opening few months, it's been mightily impressive how rare off days have been.

In national cup action, Bassett can again look back on a successful year. In the Emirates FA Cup, Bassett saw off Windsor 2-0 in an Extra Preliminary Round replay before impressively taking down Reading City 3-1 in the Preliminary Round and then pushing Southern League outfit Paulton Rovers close in a 4-2 First Qualifying Round defeat. Meanwhile, in the Isuzu FA Vase, last year's record breaking run enabled Bassett to avoid the lottery of the qualifying rounds. Dramatic away wins at Bridport (5-3) and Wellington (5-4 on penalties after a 2-2 draw) meant Bassett reached the Third Round again. There, Sam and the lads suffered an agonising loss on penalties against today's opponents Corsham Town after a tense 0-0 draw. Bassett will look back on that afternoon with a sense of what could have been, as a place in the last 32 - and a first appearance in a non-regionalised round - was firmly within Bassett's reach. At least Bassett should benefit from another exemption to the First Round next season.

Elsewhere, Bassett also lost on penalties against Mangotsfield United in the Wiseman Lighting Hellenic League Floodlit Cup, missing out on a Quarter Final place. With a First Round loss in the Wiltshire Premier Shield, that means - outside of the league - Bassett now have an interest in just the Bluefin Sports Challenge Cup, where they will host Shrivenham in the Second round on 10 January.

As this is the last home game of 2022 I will end these programme notes wishing everyone best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year in 2023.

Enjoy today's game and hopefully three vital points against one of the top sides in the division.

Mark

## Club Noticeboard

### **SOCCER SKILLS ACADEMY CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMPS**

The Soccer Skills Academy, operated by club partners Advanced Sports Coaching Ltd, will be holding a second holiday camp at the Gerard Buxton Sports Ground during the Christmas school holidays.

The shorter camp will be from Wednesday 28 to Friday 30 December.

Sessions will be held on the AGP pitch and run from 9.30am to 2.30pm each day, with the Sports Ground open from 8.45am for parents to drop their children off.

The camp is open to boys and girls in school years 1 to 11 of all abilities and will be overseen by Advanced Sports Coaching Ltd's team of expert coaches.

Cost for the camp is £45 per child for three days or £17 per day.

As courses are usually oversubscribed a first come, first served policy will be in place. Parents and guardians are therefore advised to book early to avoid disappointment.

A secure booking form can be found on the Advanced Sports Coaching website.

For further information please visit the Soccer Skills Academy page or contact Nick Bolton.

### **RWBTFC CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION WINNER - CHLOE PARKIN**

Congratulations to Royal Wootton Bassett Town Under 11 Girls player Chloe Parkin for winning the club's Christmas card competition!

Launched last month, the task for the competition was to design a Christmas card to be printed and sent to sponsors and other key organisations and individuals who support the club.

Given the quality of her design, Chloe's entry was chosen as the winner - and is now on the way to our sponsors.

Well done Chloe!



# From the Gaffer

## SAM COLLIER



Good afternoon all and welcome back to the Sustain Stadium for this festive Wiltshire derby. I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas with family, friends, and loved ones, I am sure a lot of you are like me in that its very nice to have some family time however certainly ready for some fresh air and local football.

Today sees us welcome back Corsham who only visited early in December in that dramatic FA Vase defeat on penalties. Since then we have lost again on pens to Mangos, however, we did pick up a very impressive hardworking win away at Wantage last Tuesday. A real highlight in all three of these games was the fact we haven't conceded a goal, we have really worked on plans to ensure we can keep it tight and I have to say the back four whoever it has been have been outstanding.

With the cold weather hitting us of late we haven't had much chance to train however we managed to get a 90 min game against the Dev side last Saturday which due to many reasons I was able to grace the pitch. I must say I think I was the best player on the pitch, pulling strings in the middle and doing all of Kai's running. On a serious note in having these games it also gives me a chance to see the young talent we have and a certain lad stood out for me, Euan

Spackman was excellent and hoping to see him in and around the first team again soon.

With it being the end of the year coming up I also think its good to reflect as we hit the half way mark, and for those who read Scoop's mid season review I think he summed it up perfectly. Its been a very impressive start from the lads and many things have impressed me but I would say the biggest thing is the togetherness this group have built. And this was shown on Tuesday away to Wantage. Turning up on a cold wet night in December after having nearly three weeks off, a key number of players missing, and to graft like they did was a pleasure to watch. We have many times this season been joy to watch however seeing the desire and work rate like that was just as eye watering for me.

I do want to shout out to our very own Rog! Roger has been incredible for the First Team this season, attending 99% of games, not just ensuing the kit is sorted but either covering the treatment, helping with team sheets, or even supporting me in advising the ref. Thanks a lot Roger.

One big thank you goes to all the amazing supporters we have and the people who spend money to come and cheer us on, as I have stated in the past this is the best supported side I have seen at Bassett since being a player and now manager.

Happy new year all and enjoy a beer after

Much Love

*Sam x*

**Best Wishes for a Happy &  
Prosperous New Year from the  
Management Committee of Royal  
Wootton Bassett Town Football Club**



# Today's Opponents

## CORSHAM TOWN

**FOUNDED**

1893

**GROUND**

The Southbank Ground,  
Lacock Road, Corsham

SN13 9HS

**MAJOR  
HONOURS**

Western League Premier  
Division Winners

2006-07

Western League Premier  
Division Runners-up

2004-05, 2005-06

Wiltshire County League  
Division 1 Winners

1997-98

Wiltshire County League  
Division 1 Runners-up

1996-97

Wiltshire County League  
Division 2 Runners-up

1976-77, 1989-90, 1992-93

Wiltshire League

Division 2 Winners

1960-61

Wiltshire Senior Cup  
Winners 1976-77, 1996-97,  
2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07

Wiltshire Senior Cup

Runners-up 2003-04

Western League Cup

Winners 2005-06

Wiltshire Junior Cup

Winners 1946-47

**CHAIRMAN**

Joe Martin

**CLUB**

**SECRETARY**

Dave Leask

**MANAGER**

Kieran Baggs



### Corsham Town Results This Season & Last

| League Results        | SEASON 2021-22 |         | SEASON 2022-23 |         |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------|----------------|---------|
|                       | Home           | Away    | Home           | Away    |
| Bishops Cleeve        | D 1 - 1        | L 0 - 1 |                |         |
| Bradford Town         | L 0 - 3        | W 2 - 0 |                | L 1 - 2 |
| Brimscombe & Thrupp   | L 1 - 4        | W 1 - 0 |                |         |
| Calne Town            | W 4 - 0        | W 6 - 0 |                |         |
| Chipping Sodbury Town | W 1 - 0        | W 2 - 1 |                | W 4 - 2 |
| Cribbs                | D 0 - 0        | W 2 - 0 | D 0 - 0        | D 1 - 1 |
| Fairford              | L 0 - 1        | W 3 - 2 | W 3 - 0        |         |
| Hallen                | W 3 - 2        | W 4 - 0 |                |         |
| Hereford Lads Club    | W 2 - 1        | D 2 - 2 |                | W 3 - 1 |
| Hereford Pegasus      |                |         |                |         |
| Longlevens            | L 2 - 3        | D 3 - 3 |                | D 1 - 1 |
| Lydney Town           | W 1 - 0        | W 2 - 0 | W 6 - 1        |         |
| Malvern Town          | D 1 - 1        | L 0 - 3 |                | L 0 - 1 |
| Mangotsfield United   |                |         | W 2 - 0        |         |
| Roman Glass St George | W 3 - 1        | W 1 - 0 |                | W 1 - 0 |
| RWBTFC                | W 3 - 0        | W 2 - 0 | W 1 - 0        |         |
| Shrivenham            | D 0 - 0        | W 5 - 1 | D 1 - 1        |         |
| Thornbury Town        | D 1 - 1        | D 0 - 0 |                |         |
| Tuffley Rovers        | W 2 - 0        | W 3 - 0 |                |         |
| Wantage Town          |                |         | W 4 - 0        | D 3 - 3 |
| Westbury United       | L 0 - 1        | L 2 - 3 |                |         |
| Westfields            | W 2 - 0        | D 0 - 0 | W 5 - 0        |         |
| Worcester Raiders     |                |         |                |         |

# Opponents History

## CORSHAM TOWN

The earliest record found of Corsham Football Club is 1878 with the club becoming affiliated to the Football Association in 1893. Over the years, the team has often been referred to as the Quarrymen due to the high level of quarrying in and around Corsham.

In March 1894, the first Wiltshire Football League was formed with the original member clubs being Bradford, Calne, Chippenham, Corsham, Southbroom (Devizes), Melksham, Trowbridge Town, and Warminster. At the end of the 1894/95 season Corsham would be the inaugural champions, winning the league on goal average over Southbroom, helped by an emphatic 17 - 1 win over Calne in their final game.

Promotion was achieved to the Western League at the end of the 1997/98 season after winning the county league by goal difference from Devizes Town Reserves.

Ground improvements continued under the chairmanship of Colin Hudd, floodlights were installed in 2001, a 112 spectator stand erected and hard standing laid around the pitch perimeter.

2006/07 season saw Corsham Town winning the Western League Premier Division, which was hotly contested by many teams,

including Bridgwater Town and Frome Town. The club also added a third successive Wiltshire Senior Cup victory, again over local rivals Melksham Town.

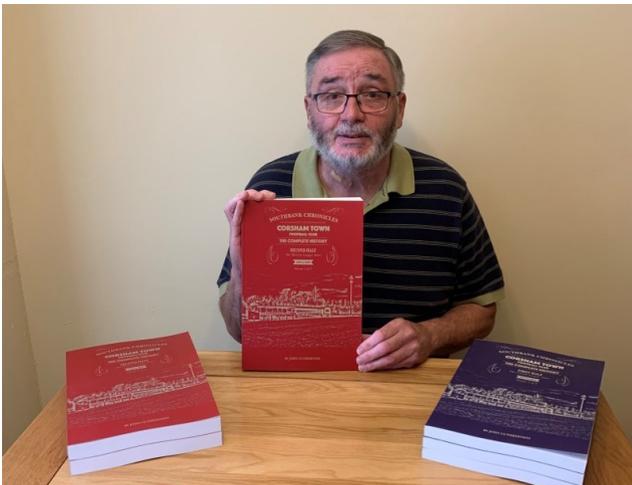
Due to the Covid pandemic the 2019/20 season was declared null and void by the Football Association on 26th March 2020.

Justin Flowers and his backroom staff parted with the club at the end of the null and void 2019/20 season and moved across to Malmesbury Victoria.

The 2020/21 season saw Keiran Baggs becoming the new manager with Gary Higdon as his assistant. Unfortunately, after 10 league games the 2020/21 was curtailed by the FA due to the Covid pandemic.

Despite the last two seasons being affected by Covid, the FA went ahead with planned restructuring of the Non-League Pyramid. The results from 2019/20 & 2021/21 were combined and this meant that Corsham Town finished in a position for upward movement.

The club took this upward movement to Step 5 with a lateral movement in the Hellenic League Premier Division.



For a more detailed history of Corsham Town FC I can highly recommend John Cuthbertson's Southbank Chronicles, The Complete History of Corsham Town Football Club.

# Today's Opponents

## CORSHAM TOWN

### Corsham Town Historical Record - Last 15 Seasons

| Season  | League & Division    | FAC | FAV | Pld | Won | Drew | Lost | For | Agst | Pts | Position     | Top Scorer             |
|---------|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-----|------|-----|--------------|------------------------|
| 2007/08 | Western Premier      | 2QR | 1st | 40  | 20  | 11   | 9    | 71  | 63   | 71  | 5 out of 21  | S. Gray 22             |
| 2008/09 | Western Premier      | EP  | 1QR | 40  | 10  | 8    | 22   | 37  | 80   | 38  | 19 out of 21 | A. Heath 13            |
| 2009/10 | Western Premier      | EP  | 1st | 38  | 11  | 5    | 22   | 51  | 64   | 38  | 17 out of 20 | A. Heath 13            |
| 2010/11 | Western Premier      | PR  | 2QR | 36  | 14  | 9    | 13   | 48  | 49   | 51  | 10 out of 19 | D. King 14             |
| 2011/12 | Western Premier      | EP  | 1QR | 34  | 6   | 4    | 24   | 21  | 68   | 22  | 18 out of 18 | A. Legister 8          |
| 2012/13 | Western Division 1   | EP  | 1QR | 40  | 24  | 8    | 8    | 92  | 55   | 80  | 4 out of 21  | D. King 29             |
| 2013/14 | Western Division 1   | 1QR | 2QR | 42  | 20  | 10   | 12   | 62  | 71   | 70  | 7 out of 22  | B. Woodford 7          |
| 2014/15 | Western Division 1   | EP  | 2QR | 42  | 19  | 7    | 16   | 79  | 67   | 64  | 9 out of 22  | L. Cox 31              |
| 2015/16 | Western Division 1   | N/a | 1st | 40  | 17  | 9    | 14   | 81  | 61   | 60  | 10 out of 21 | L. Cox 17              |
| 2016/17 | Western Division 1   | N/a | 2QR | 42  | 11  | 9    | 22   | 61  | 83   | 42  | 19 out of 22 | B. Pring 15            |
| 2017/18 | Western Division 1   | N/a | 2QR | 42  | 10  | 9    | 23   | 43  | 71   | 39  | 20 out of 22 | R. Tripp / J. Bright 5 |
| 2018/19 | Western Division 1   | N/a | 2QR | 38  | 20  | 10   | 8    | 69  | 43   | 70  | 3 out of 20  | J. Bright 15           |
| 2019/20 | Western Division 1   | N/a | 2QR | 26  | 13  | 3    | 10   | 44  | 50   | 42  | 7* out of 20 | J. Bright 14           |
| 2020/21 | Western Division 1   | PR  | 1QR | 10  | 9   | 1    | 0    | 35  | 13   | 28  | 1* out of 20 | G. Higdon 12           |
| 2021/22 | Hellenic Premier Div | EP  | 2QR | 38  | 21  | 9    | 8    | 67  | 35   | 72  | 5 out of 20  | G. Higdon 24           |

Totals **548 225 112 211 861 873** \* Position at time that Covid-19 resulted in season being curtailed

Won:Drew:Lost Ratio **41.1% 20.4% 38.5%**

|                             | Pld | Won | Drew | Lost | For | Agst | Won:Drew:Lost Ratio | 44.4% | 20.5% | 35.1% |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|------|------|-----|------|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Western League Div 1        | 322 | 143 | 66   | 113  | 566 | 514  | Won:Drew:Lost Ratio | 44.4% | 20.5% | 35.1% |
| Western League Premier Div  | 188 | 61  | 37   | 90   | 228 | 324  | Won:Drew:Lost Ratio | 32.4% | 19.7% | 47.9% |
| Hellenic League Premier Div | 38  | 21  | 9    | 8    | 67  | 35   | Won:Drew:Lost Ratio | 55.3% | 23.7% | 21.1% |

## Corsham Town Season 2022-23

|    |                       | Discipline Table |   |   |   |   |   |
|----|-----------------------|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
|    |                       | Apps             | Goals   | Yellow  | Red   | 2Y Red  | Sin Bin   |
|    |                       |                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1  | Ryan Bath             | 20               | 2   | 1   |   |   |   |
| 2  | Leon Greenland        | 20               |   | 2   |   |   |   |
| 3  | Daniel Demkiv         | 19               | 4   |   |   |   |   |
| 4  | Matthew Swann         | 19               | 1   | 3   |   |   |   |
| 5  | Mark Cooper           | 18               | 2   | 4   |   |   |   |
| 6  | Matthew Jenkins       | 18               | 3   | 3   |   |   |   |
| 7  | Joel Smedley          | 18               |   | 3   |   |   |   |
| 8  | Chris Allen           | 16               | 3   |   |   |   | 1   |
| 9  | Callum Demkiv         | 16               | 12  | 1   |   |   | 1   |
| 10 | Sean Keet             | 16               | 1   | 5   | 1   |   | 1   |
| 11 | Nathan Davis          | 14               | 1   | 5   |   |   |   |
| 12 | Brandon Mundy         | 13               | 1   | 4   |   |   |   |
| 13 | Marko Radovanovic     | 13               |   |   |   |   |   |
| 14 | Matthew Groves        | 10               | 2   | 1   |   |   |   |
| 15 | Gary Higdon           | 10               | 6   |   | 1   |   |   |
| 16 | Niekell Plummer       | 9                | 3   | 1   |   |   |   |
| 17 | Matthew Morris        | 7                | 3   |   |   |   |   |
| 18 | Samuel Jepson         | 6                |   |   |   |   |   |
| 19 | Oliver Pitt           | 6                | 1   |   |   |   |   |
| 20 | Jack Whitcombe        | 5                |   | 1   |   |   |   |
| 21 | Jonathan Bazley       | 2                |   |   |   |   |   |
| 22 | Kieran Baggs          | 1                |   |   |   |   |   |
| 23 | Robert Brown          | 1                |   |   |   |   |   |
| 24 | Jamal Chevelleau      | 1                | 1   |   |   |   |   |
| 25 | Samuel Dowell         | 1                |   |   |   |   |   |
| 26 | Samuel Gregory        | 1                |   |   |   |   |   |
| 27 | Corey Harbour-Burgess | 1                |   | 1   |   |   |   |
| 28 | Ciaran Rough          | 1                |   |   |   |   |   |

# Previous Encounters

## RWBTFC v CORSHAM TOWN

| Season  | Date      | W/D/L | Competition |                       | Result | Bassett Scorers  |
|---------|-----------|-------|-------------|-----------------------|--------|--|
| 1903-04 | 14-Nov-03 | W     | Wilts Div 1 | Corsham Town          | 0      | Wootton Bassett Town 5<br>Selby 2, Titcombe, Legg, Hawe                  |
| 1903-04 | 27-Feb-04 | W     | Wilts Div 1 | Wootton Bassett Town  | 3      | Corsham Town 1<br>Scorers unknown  |
| 1932-33 | 5-Nov-32  | W     | WJ Cup      | Corsham Town          | 4      | Wootton Bassett Town 5<br>Selman, Compton, Sandell, Chequers, M.Titcombe |
| 1948-49 | 23-Oct-48 | W     | Wilts Sen   | Corsham Town          | 2      | Wootton Bassett Town 7<br>White 5, Garrett, King                         |
| 1948-49 | 16-Apr-49 | W     | Wilts Sen   | Wootton Bassett Town  | 2      | Corsham Town 1<br>Rayer, White   |
| 1949-50 | 19-Nov-49 | L     | Wilts Sen   | Corsham Town          | 4      | Wootton Bassett Town 2<br>Housely 2                                      |
| 1949-50 | 25-Mar-50 | W     | Wilts Sen   | Wootton Bassett Town  | 2      | Corsham Town 1<br>Berry, Pearce  |
| 1950-51 | 11-Nov-50 | D     | Wilts Sen   | Wootton Bassett Town  | 2      | Corsham Town 2<br>Leighfield, Lewis                                      |
| 1950-51 | 17-Mar-51 | L     | Wilts Sen   | Corsham Town          | 4      | Wootton Bassett Town 1<br>Simpkins                                       |
| 1951-52 | 17-Nov-51 | W     | Wilts Sen   | Corsham Town          | 1      | Wootton Bassett Town 3<br>Norris, Large, White                           |
| 1951-52 | 22-Mar-52 | W     | Wilts Sen   | Wootton Bassett Town  | 2      | Corsham Town 0<br>Skull, Barney  |
| 1952-53 | 4-Oct-52  | W     | Wilts Sen   | Corsham Town          | 0      | Wootton Bassett Town 5<br>Skull 2, Teetgen, Lane, Tremlinn               |
| 1952-53 | 21-Feb-53 | W     | Wilts Sen   | Wootton Bassett Town  | 5      | Corsham Town 0<br>Skull 2, Tremlin, Teetgen Lane                         |
| 1953-54 | 10-Apr-54 | L     | Wilts Sen   | Wootton Bassett Town  | 1      | Corsham Town 2<br>Lane   |
| 1953-54 | 24-Apr-54 | L     | Wilts Sen   | Corsham Town          | 5      | Wootton Bassett Town 0   |
| 1954-55 | 13-Nov-54 | D     | Wilts Sen   | Wootton Bassett Town  | 1      | Corsham Town 1<br>Tyler  |
| 1954-55 | 19-Mar-55 | L     | Wilts Sen   | Corsham Town          | 1      | Wootton Bassett Town 0   |
| 1955-56 | 10-Dec-55 | W     | Wilts Sen   | Corsham Town          | 2      | Wootton Bassett Town 4<br>Simpkins 2, Norris 2                           |
| 1955-56 | 18-Apr-56 | D     | Wilts Sen   | Wootton Bassett Town  | 1      | Corsham Town 1<br>Nash   |
| 1974-75 | 2-Nov-74  | W     | WS Cup      | Corsham Town          | 0      | Wootton Bassett Town 2<br>Keep, Brewer                                   |
| 1977-78 | 12-Nov-77 | W     | WCL Div 1   | Corsham Town          | 0      | Wootton Bassett Town 2<br>Spires, Keep                                   |
| 1976-77 | 31-Dec-77 | L     | WCL Div 1   | Wootton Bassett Town  | 1      | Corsham Town 2<br>May  |
| 1979-80 | 2-Feb-80  | L     | WCL Div 1   | Wootton Bassett Town  | 0      | Corsham Town 4   |
| 1979-80 | 23-Feb-80 | W     | WCL Div 1   | Corsham Town          | 1      | Wootton Bassett Town 3<br>Miller, Evans, Dixon                           |
| 1980-81 | 14-Feb-81 | W     | WCL Div 2   | Corsham Town          | 0      | Wootton Bassett Town 4<br>Smith 2, Trute, Malkin                         |
| 1980-81 | 4-Apr-81  | L     | WCL Div 2   | Wootton Bassett Town  | 2      | Corsham Town 3<br>Scorers unknown  |
| 1981-82 | 3-Apr-82  | L     | WCL Div 2   | Corsham Town          | 2      | Wootton Bassett Town 1<br>Scorer unknown                                 |
| 1981-82 | 19-Apr-82 | W     | WCL Div 2   | Wootton Bassett Town  | 3      | Corsham Town 1<br>Dixon 2, Harding                                       |
| 1982-83 | 18-Dec-82 | W     | WCL Div 2   | Wootton Bassett Town  | 2      | Corsham Town 1<br>Large, Pulham  |
| 1982-83 | Unknown   | L     | WCL Div 2   | Corsham Town          | 1      | Wootton Bassett Town 0   |
| 1983-84 | 10-Mar-84 | W     | WCL Div 2   | Corsham Town          | 0      | Wootton Bassett Town 2<br>Timbrell, Small                                |
| 1983-84 | 17-Mar-84 | D     | WCL Div 2   | Wootton Bassett Town  | 1      | Corsham Town 1<br>Scorer unknown   |
| 1984-85 | 22-Dec-84 | W     | WCL Div 2   | Wootton Bassett Town  | 4      | Corsham Town 0<br>Flavell, Dixon, Thomas, G. Smith                       |
| 1984-85 | 2-Mar-85  | W     | WCL Div 2   | Corsham Town          | 1      | Wootton Bassett Town 3<br>Dixon, Groom, Flavell                          |
| 1986-87 | 21-Feb-87 | W     | WCL Div 1   | Wootton Bassett Town  | 3      | Corsham Town 1<br>Walker 2, Regan  |
| 1986-87 | 22-Apr-87 | W     | WCL Div 1   | Corsham Town          | 0      | Wootton Bassett Town 4<br>Harrison 2, Frost, Dixon                       |
| 1987-88 | 7-Nov-87  | W     | WS Cup      | Wootton Bassett Town  | 3      | Corsham Town 0<br>Frost, York, Bowden                                    |
| 1987-88 | 21-Nov-87 | W     | WCL Div 1   | Corsham Town          | 0      | Wootton Bassett Town 2<br>Frost, Bowden                                  |
| 1987-88 | 19-Dec-87 | W     | WCL Div 1   | Wootton Bassett Town  | 4      | Corsham Town 0<br>York 2, Hanrahan, Harrison                             |
| 1998-99 | 6-Mar-99  | W     | WS Cup      | Corsham Town          | 1      | Wootton Bassett Town 2<br>Newton, Green                                  |
| 2005-06 | 12-Nov-05 | L     | WS Cup      | Corsham Town          | 3      | Wootton Bassett Town 0   |
| 2008-09 | 17-Jan-09 | W     | WS Cup      | Wootton Bassett Town  | 2      | Corsham Town 1<br>Ward, Banks  |
| 2021-22 | 27-Nov-21 | L     | Hell Prem   | Corsham Town          | 3      | Royal W. Bassett Town 0  |
| 2021-22 | 17-Apr-22 | L     | Hell Prem   | Royal W. Bassett Town | 0      | Corsham Town 2   |
| 2022-23 | 29-Aug-22 | L     | Hell Prem   | Corsham Town          | 1      | Royal W. Bassett Town 0  |
| 2022-23 | 6-Dec-22  | L     | FA Vase     | Royal W. Bassett Town | 0      | Corsham Town 0<br>(3-4 on penalties)                                     |

27

RWBTFC Wins

4

Draws

15

Corsham Wins

# From The Archives

## RWBTFC v CORSHAM TOWN

**Saturday 6th March 1999**

**Simon Heads For Final**

**Wootton Bassett Town 2  
Corsham Town 1**

From The Evening Advertiser, Tuesday March 8th 1999

Wootton Bassett reached the final of the Wilts Senior Cup beating Corsham Town 2-1 in an exciting semi-final played at Chippenham Town's ground.

Corsham had the edge for the first 20 minutes and Bassett were forced to defend for long periods. However as the game progressed Bassett came more into the game and 10 minutes before the break following a good move Jeremy Newton cut inside the Corsham defence to score.

Three minutes later Corsham were on level terms when a free kick from the edge of the area was well stopped by Bassett keeper Tom Fuller but the ball ran free for Rob Humphries to score from the rebound.

After the break Corsham once again had the better of the opening session, Fuller making several good saves in the Bassett goal.

Ten minutes from time Wootton Bassett snatched the winner when a long throw was flicked on for Simon Green to score with a looping header over the Corsham keeper.

**Internal Club Match Report on this game** (author not known)

Bassett took a while to settle into this Senior Cup Semi Final and it was Western League side Corsham Town who had the best of the encounter for the first 25 minutes. When Bassett finally started to get their game together Micky Goodwin was the first to almost score when after 27 minutes he attempted to chip the Corsham keeper but only narrowly missed the target. On the half hour, Richard Merchant narrowly missed with

a good effort. With 10 minutes of the half remaining Jeremy Newton, who up until then had been somewhat subdued, collected the ball just over the halfway line, attacked the defenders and unleashed a powerful drive which beat the Corsham keeper to give Bassett a 1-0 lead. Bassett had defended well to keep Corsham at bay but with 3 minutes of the half remaining, Corsham equalised from a free kick from just outside the penalty area.

Corsham again had the best of the spoils in the opening minutes of the second half and it needed a first class point blank save from the somewhat 'lardy' Tom Fuller in the Bassett goal after 3 minutes to keep Bassett in the game and from that point it was an evenly contested half which was delicately poised and some resolute and at times desperate defending by both sides ensured the scores remained level with extra time looking a distinct probability. With 12 minutes of the game remaining and following some extended Bassett pressure, Simon Green headed the ball home following a corner to give Bassett a 2-1 lead. Although Corsham responded well they were not able to break down the Bassett defence in which skipper Simon Green was outstanding. With 3 minutes remaining, further pressure from Bassett earned them a free kick 25 yards from goal and Paul Harper's well-placed kick was tipped over the bar by the Corsham keeper.

Not a classic game but on the day Bassett did enough to ensure they secured a place in the County Cup final.



# Last Meeting at Sustain Stadium

## RWBTFC V CORSHAM TOWN

**Saturday 3rd December 2022**

**Royal Wootton Bassett Town 0  
Corsham Town 0**

**Corsham won 4-3 pens**

For the second season in a row Royal Wootton Bassett Town suffered a heartbreaking defeat in the FA Vase third round.

While a narrow 3-1 loss against Hamworthy United ended last year's record breaking run, the manner of defeat in this season's record equalling journey was more painful as Sam Collier's side lost 4-3 on penalties to Corsham Town after having pushed their Wiltshire and Hellenic League rivals all the way in a tense 90 minutes of football that ended goalless.

Knowing they were in for a battle against powerful, strong opponents, Collier set his side up in a relatively defensive formation. Wanting to keep things tight at the back, those tactics were executed diligently and paid off during the opening period which - for the most part - passed without any significant action in front of goal.

The game finally started to open up in the final stages of the half though, with the first proper chance falling to the visitors' Ryan Bath, who sliced wide of the mark after a free kick fell to him in the box.

Mark Cooper then hooked just off target following Nathan Davis' long throw, while at the other end Jack Hobson-McVeigh came close, steering a low effort inches wide of the left post after Alfie Presley's low corner bounced around in the box.

Corsham soon had the best opportunity of the game so far in stoppage time following a slip from 'keeper Matt Crowther after he had came out of his area to try and deal with a ball over the top. But, first, a sliding tackle from Chris Taylor then a block from Adam Corcoran and, finally, a parry from Crowther saved Bassett from going into the break a

goal down as the visitors were unable to take advantage of having multiple bites at the cherry.

As tense and tight as the opening half was, the second was more open.

Again, however, neither team was able to make the decisive breakthrough.

Three minutes after the restart Dan Demkiv steered across the face of goal from a tight angle following a square ball into the six yard box from his brother Callum after Corsham were able to break the Bassett offside trap.

Shortly after, an unmarked Dan Demkiv headed wide from a Davis delivery before Bath went close again with an effort from the edge of the box that was inches wide of the post.

Both sides were at this point getting desperate as it appeared one goal would perhaps be enough to decide the tie.

Bassett had their best spell of the game around the hour mark as Matt Bennett skewed a glancing header wide from twelve yards following Louis Spalding's teasing cross. A defensive lapse then presented Alfie Presley with a golden opportunity as he found space between the centre halves to receive Tommy Ouldrige's weighted delivery from the right, but a slip when he just had the 'keeper to beat put paid to his hopes of opening the scoring.

At the other end, Bassett survived a pair of goalmouth scrambles - the first following a corner, the second from a right-wing cross to the near post.

A Matt Jones corner almost saw Bassett snatch a goal. Sam Jepson came off his line to claim and came up empty-handed, allowing Luke Whelan to redirect the ball to the far post with the 'keeper stranded. However, Corcoran could only head over.

Corsham then could have snatched a winner on the break when Matt Jenkins was played in behind the defence, but a great recovery run from Jowan Partridge applied enough pressure to force the visitors' substitute to skew wide when he probably should have done better.

Although play continued to go from end to end, that would be the final real opportunity in front of goal - but it wasn't to be the last moment of drama in normal time as Golding received a controversial red card following an altercation in the visitors' box.

There wasn't enough time for that numerical disadvantage to do Bassett any harm though as the referee soon blew the final whistle.

That meant penalties. But, unlike away at Wellington in the previous round, Bassett would not come out on top.

Bassett went first with Taylor finding the net, the ball just squeezing past Jepson who guessed correctly. Matt Swann then levelled before what proved to be a decisive second and third round of kicks.

Partridge - superb at centre half and Bassett's man of the match - saw his effort saved by Jepson. And although Crowther kept out Davis' subsequent effort, Jepson gave his side the advantage as he denied Spalding.

Matt Groves put Corsham ahead - and it was a lead his side would not surrender. Hobson-McVeigh and Presley scored to make sure it came down to the last penalty. However Leon Greenland and - with the deciding spot kick - Dan Demkiv converted, meaning it was Corsham who were the side writing history as they advanced to the fourth round for the first time.

It was a superb effort from start to finish from Bassett - but ultimately it wasn't to be.

Penalties are a cruel way to lose. However, Bassett can take heart from a gutsy display - and another successful run in the Vase.

Team: M Crowther, J Partridge, L Spalding, A Corcoran, L Golding, A Presley, C Taylor, M Bennett, S Packer, J Hobson-McVeigh, M Jones  
Subs: T Ouldrige, L Whelan, K Robinson



Picture: John Cuthbertson

# Men's First Team Squad 2022-23

## PEN PICS AND SPONSORS



**Matthew Crowther - Goalkeeper**  
 Youngster who joins on loan from Hungerford Town. Last season also spent time on loan this time at fellow Hellenic League side Shrivensham gaining a number of rave reviews. Has also played for both Aylesbury FC and Didcot Town.  
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**Harry Walters - Defender**  
 Young defender with plenty of pace who captains the Development side but has made the step-up to the first team on a few occasions so far this season. When called upon has shown he is good enough for this level and big things are expected of him in the future.



**Jon Beeden - Defender**  
 Solid defender who re-joined the club last season having spent recent seasons with Chippenham Town in the National League South and Thatcham Town in the Southern League. Part of last season's title winning Development Team squad.



**Louis Spalding – Defender**  
 Talented full back who joins us this season. Skilful, energetic and a player who always looks to get forward, he was with Swindon Town as a youth. Joined Cirencester Town initially on loan in 2017-18 before signing permanently after his release from Swindon. Plenty of Southern League experience at Cirencester & Supermarine.  
**SPONSOR: Mike Price**



**Scott Chilcott – Defender**  
 A versatile, tough-tackling defender who is entering his second season with Bassett after joining from Shrivensham. A hard working, dependable player, he is capable of performing effectively at either centre half or full back. Was part of Fairford Town's Division One West title winning side of 2016-17.



**Adam Corcoran – Defender**  
 Imposing defender who starts the season having made over 250 appearances for the club. The 2021-22 campaign was without doubt his best in Bassett colours, winning both Manager's and Players' Player of the Year awards. A quality striker of the ball and danger at set pieces, he has also contributed 15 goals for Bassett.  
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**Jowan Partridge - Defender**  
 Product of the club's Youth Section, Jowan was part of last season's Under 18 Floodlit side that finished second in the Wiltshire Senior League Floodlit division. Has impressed in pre-season and is in contention for a first team starting position in Season 2022-23.



**David Bampton – Defender**  
 Experienced former Swindon Town player who also played for Tamworth and Worcester in the Conference and with Swindon Supermarine in the Southern League and was part of the Supermarine squad that reached the FA Cup Second Round.  
**SPONSOR: John & Kath Fellows**



**Landon Golding - Defender**  
 Classy defender who played for Royal Wootton Bassett Town U18s before joining Chippenham Town Academy. Currently back at Royal Wootton Bassett Town on loan from Chippenham Town.



**Jack Hobson-McVeigh - Midfield**  
 Defensive midfielder player who joins from Malmesbury Victoria having also previously been with Cirencester Town. Former New Zealand U17 international player who made 2 appearances at the U17 World Cup for his country.

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**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 made 4 substitute appearances for Swindon Town as well as being an England Under 15 international in his youth,

**Gio Wrona - Midfield**

Experienced midfield player who is always wanting the ball and starts the season with 181 appearances for the club and will be looking to join a very select few who have played more than 200. Previously with Swindon Supermarine, North Leigh, Larkhall and Thatcham and scored for Swindon Town in a friendly in the summer.

**SPONSOR: John & Kath Fellows****Kai Robinson - Midfield**

An energetic, tough-tackling box-to-box midfielder now entering his sixth season with Bassett, having initially joined at the start of the 2017-18 season making 36 times & scoring once. His appearances have been more limited over the past 4 seasons but is looking to again make a case for a regular first team place.

**Matthew Jones - Forward**

Jones came through the youth system of Swindon Town, where he signed as an 11-year-old. In March 2014, was sent on loan to Swindon Supermarine but he returned to his parent club and made his professional football debut on the final day of the 2013–14 season as a second-half substitute against Rotherham United. Has subsequently played for Chippenham Town, Cirencester Town, Farnborough, Hungerford & Weston-Super-Mare.

**Luke Whelan - Forward**

Tricky young winger who is on loan from Hungerford Town. Previously played for Kintbury Rangers. Has made some important contributions to games this season and now a regular member of the first team squad.

**Tommy Ouldrige - Forward**

Hard working player who started with Swindon Town and had loan spells with Chippenham Town and Cirencester Town. Has also played for Hungerford Town and Swindon Supermarine. Played six times for Bassett in 2020-21, scoring three goals before featuring 41 times and scoring seven goals last season.

**SPONSOR: Michael Keane****Bailey Gallagher - Forward**

Skilful winger who on his day is virtually unplayable. Product of the club's Youth Section who progressed to the Dev Team and then into the First Team. Was Bassett's leading outfield appearance maker last season in the Hellenic Premier where he featured 44 times, scoring nine goals.

**SPONSOR: Stephen McArdle****Matt Bennett - Forward**

Fast and possessing an eye for goal, an experienced forward who scored 42 goals for Bassett's Development team as they won the Wiltshire Senior League Premier Division title last season. Bennett started his senior career with the club over a decade and a half ago & starts the season just 5 short of 200 1<sup>st</sup> team appearances.

**SPONSOR: Mark Smedley****Rhys Talmash – Forward**

Lively young striker in his second spell with the club having been at Wiltshire League side Devizes Town at the start of the season. Made his name as a prolific scorer with Melksham Town coming through their youth side.

**SPONSOR: Mike Price****Alfie Presley - Forward**

Talented winger who returned to the club from Malmesbury Vics part way through last season having scored 5 goals in 14 games, before adding 4 goals in 11 appearances for Bassett. His performances for Bassett in the 2019-20 season saw him crowned both Manager's Player and Players' Player of the Year.

**SPONSOR: Mike Price****Sam Collier – Manager**

Manager since taking the role, initially on an interim basis, while still also a player, in early 2018. In 2018-19, his first full season in charge, Collier guided the team to 10th in the Hellenic League Premier - the club's highest ever finish. Bassett have also set records in both national cup competitions under his stewardship.

**Alan Griffin – Assistant Manager**

Joins Bassett's management team after scoring 16 times in 32 appearances last season. High-quality target man with a distinguished playing career in non-league. Started with Corsham in the Western League & soon moved onto the Southern League, plying his trade with Cirencester T, Chippenham T, Gloucester City, Mangotsfield United, Swindon Supermarine & Bristol Manor Farm.



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# Half Time Challenges

## Christmas Holidays Quiz

1. The Christmas Truce, which is thought to have included a football match between British and German forces in no man's land on Christmas Day, took place during which year of the first world war?
2. Where English London club liked to play the 4-3-2-1 Christmas tree formation?
3. Which decade was top-flight football last played on Christmas Day in England?
4. On Boxing Day in which year were 66 goals scored in the 10 First Division fixtures?
5. Which former Chelsea manager's festivities in the early 1970s were ruined by the sacking of his father as a manager during the family's Christmas Day lunch?
6. Which Premier Division squad pulled a Christmas sickie by failing to appear for a game against Blackburn in 1996 due to a flu bug?
7. What was Robbie Fowler dressed as when he was arrested after Leeds' Christmas party in 2001 following an alleged scuffle with a photographer?
8. What do Chris Kamara, Gary McAllister and Robbie Elliott all have in common?
9. Since the start of the Premier League, which is the only club to have avoided relegation after being bottom at Christmas?
10. Which country do FC Santa Claus come from?
11. Which German club did Roque Santa Cruz play most games for?
12. Which player signed for Manchester United on Christmas Day in 2005?
13. On 1 January 1992 which mate of the Club Chaplain scored a hat-trick for QPR in a 4-1 win at Old Trafford?
14. Bury beat which current Premier League side 6-5 on Christmas Day in 1925?
15. Which current Championship team have played five times on Christmas Day and won all five games played on this day?

**Extra Question:** Which way does the Royal Wootton Bassett Town pitch slope?

See Page 24 for answers.

# RWBTFC Hellenic League Stats

## LEAGUE RECORD, MANAGERS, TOP SCORERS

| ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C. 34 YEARS + IN THE HELLENIC LEAGUE |      |              |            |            |            |              |              |              |               |                            |                                 |  |
|---|------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Season  | Div  | Pld          | Won        | Drew       | Lost       | For          | Agst         | Pts          | Position      | Manager                    | Top Scorer                      |  |
| 1988/89   | 1    | 28           | 11         | 7          | 10         | 50           | 41           | 40           | 5 out of 15   | Mick Woolford              | Damon York                      |  |
| 1989/90   | 1    | 30           | 13         | 8          | 9          | 52           | 35           | 47           | 7 out of 16   | Mick Woolford              | Damon York 25                   |  |
| 1990/91   | 1    | 30           | 11         | 8          | 11         | 32           | 36           | 41           | 8 out of 16   | Mick Woolford              | Damon York                      |  |
| 1991/92   | 1    | 32           | 10         | 8          | 14         | 45           | 59           | 38           | 12 out of 17  | Mick Woolford              | Scott Vincent                   |  |
| 1992/93   | 1    | 30           | 8          | 6          | 16         | 40           | 53           | 30           | 12 out of 16  | Mick Woolford              | Scott Vincent                   |  |
| 1993/94   | 1    | 34           | 15         | 8          | 11         | 65           | 57           | 53           | 9 out of 18   | Mick Woolford              | Scott Vincent                   |  |
| 1994/95   | 1    | 38           | 18         | 5          | 15         | 67           | 68           | 59           | 9 out of 20   | Mick Woolford              | Scott Vincent/Darren Jell       |  |
| 1995/96   | 1    | 34           | 12         | 9          | 13         | 50           | 64           | 45           | 10 out of 18  | Kevin Maloney              | Scott Vincent                   |  |
| 1996/97   | 1    | 32           | 9          | 8          | 15         | 37           | 50           | 35           | 11 out of 17  | Kevin Maloney              | Ian Curtis/Peter Ashford 8      |  |
| 1997/98   | 1    | 32           | 12         | 6          | 14         | 67           | 58           | 42           | 10 out of 17  | Dave Warren                | Lee Stoddart/Peter Dearlove 10  |  |
| 1998/99   | 1    | 32           | 17         | 7          | 8          | 64           | 43           | 58           | 5 out of 17   | Dave Warren                | Lee Stoddart 17                 |  |
| 1999/00   | 1    | 28           | 15         | 7          | 6          | 54           | 32           | 52           | 3 out of 15   | Barry Giles                | Lee Stoddart                    |  |
| 2000/01   | Prem | 38           | 14         | 10         | 14         | 54           | 60           | 52           | 13 out of 20  | Barry Giles                | Lee Stoddart 25                 |  |
| 2001/02   | Prem | 42           | 11         | 9          | 22         | 39           | 75           | 42           | 19 out of 22  | Pete Yeardley              | Mark Vaughan 14                 |  |
| 2002/03   | Prem | 40           | 10         | 10         | 20         | 36           | 70           | 40           | 15 out of 21  | Pete Yeardley              | Geoff Swatton 9                 |  |
| 2003/04   | Prem | 42           | 11         | 5          | 26         | 38           | 73           | 38           | 16 out of 22  | Pete Yeardley              | Geoff Swatton 16                |  |
| 2004/05   | Prem | 42           | 6          | 9          | 27         | 30           | 85           | 27           | 21 out of 22  | Pete Yeardley/Chris Jones  | Matty Bennett 10                |  |
| 2005/06   | 1W   | 34           | 17         | 10         | 7          | 58           | 30           | 61           | 5 out of 18   | Paul Burke                 | Matty Bennett 12                |  |
| 2006/07   | 1W   | 34           | 14         | 5          | 15         | 64           | 62           | 47           | 11 out of 18  | Paul Burke                 | Matty Bennett/Steve Yeardley 11 |  |
| 2007/08   | 1W   | 34           | 11         | 3          | 20         | 43           | 66           | 36           | 15 out of 18  | Paul Burke                 | Richie Saunders 12              |  |
| 2008/09   | 1W   | 32           | 17         | 9          | 6          | 61           | 31           | 60           | 4 out of 17   | Dave Turner                | Shaun Terry 26                  |  |
| 2009/10   | 1W   | 30           | 20         | 7          | 3          | 74           | 34           | 67           | 2 out of 16   | Dave Turner                | Sam Collier 22                  |  |
| 2010/11   | Prem | 42           | 13         | 7          | 22         | 55           | 87           | 46           | 15 out of 22  | Dave Turner                | Sam Collier 26                  |  |
| 2011/12   | 1W   | 32           | 15         | 7          | 10         | 69           | 47           | 52           | 5 out of 17   | Dave Turner                | Matt Bown 18                    |  |
| 2012/13   | 1W   | 30           | 22         | 3          | 5          | 75           | 40           | 69           | 2 out of 16   | Dave Turner                | Mark Barnes 32                  |  |
| 2013/14   | Prem | 38           | 11         | 12         | 15         | 60           | 60           | 45           | 14 out of 20  | Jeff Roberts               | Levi Cox 14                     |  |
| 2014/15   | Prem | 38           | 14         | 9          | 15         | 66           | 80           | 51           | 11 out of 20  | Paul Braithwaite           | Dan Bailey 18                   |  |
| 2015/16   | Prem | 38           | 12         | 5          | 21         | 50           | 86           | 41           | 15 out of 20  | Paul Braithwaite           | Steve Robertson 30              |  |
| 2016/17   | Prem | 34           | 15         | 3          | 16         | 61           | 64           | 45           | 11 out of 19  | P.Braithwaite/R.Hunter     | Steve Robertson 27              |  |
| 2017/18   | Prem | 38           | 11         | 6          | 21         | 44           | 85           | 39           | 15 out of 20  | Richard Hunter/Sam Collier | Sam Collier 11                  |  |
| 2018/19   | Prem | 36           | 14         | 7          | 15         | 66           | 71           | 49           | 10 out of 19  | Sam Collier                | TJ Bohane 20                    |  |
| 2019/20   | Prem | 27           | 8          | 4          | 15         | 50           | 65           | 28           | 16* out of 19 | Sam Collier                | Callum Parsons 11               |  |
| 2020/21   | Prem | 8            | 1          | 4          | 3          | 8            | 12           | 7            | 15* out of 18 | Sam Collier                | TJ Bohane 11                    |  |
| 2021/22   | Prem | 38           | 16         | 6          | 16         | 58           | 66           | 54           | 12 out of 20  | Sam Collier                | Alan Griffin & John Mills 16    |  |
| 2022/23   | Prem | 19           | 8          | 6          | 5          | 33           | 24           | 30           | 8 out of 20   | Sam Collier                | Alfie Presley 10                |  |
| <b>Total</b>  |      | <b>1,166</b> | <b>442</b> | <b>243</b> | <b>481</b> | <b>1,815</b> | <b>1,969</b> | <b>1,566</b> |               |                            |                                 |  |

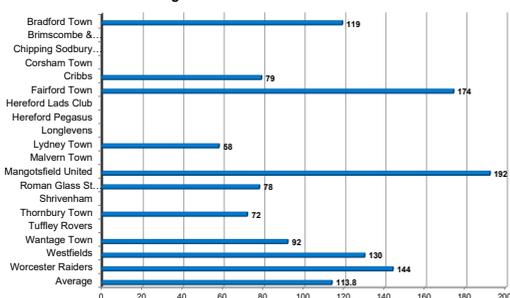
\* At time season 2019-20 was suspended due to Covid-19

|                  | Pld | Won | Drew | Lost | For | Agst  | Pts | Won:Drew:Lost Ratio | 31.3% | 20.0% | 48.8% |
|------------------|-----|-----|------|------|-----|-------|-----|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Premier Division | 560 | 175 | 112  | 273  | 748 | 1,063 | 634 | Won:Drew:Lost Ratio | 31.3% | 20.0% | 48.8% |
| Division 1 West  | 226 | 116 | 44   | 66   | 444 | 310   | 392 | Won:Drew:Lost Ratio | 51.3% | 19.5% | 29.2% |
| Division 1       | 380 | 151 | 87   | 142  | 623 | 596   | 540 | Won:Drew:Lost Ratio | 39.7% | 22.9% | 37.4% |

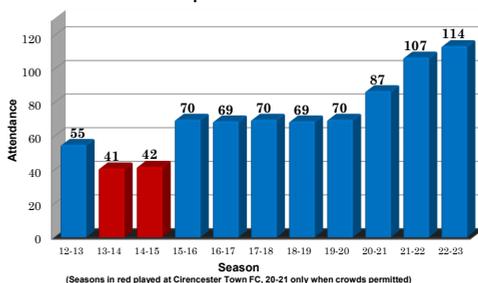
| Nickname                            | Bassett                           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Record Gate                         | 2,103 v Swindon Town (1991)       |
| Best Gate - 2021/22                 | 341 v Corsham Town                |
| Average Hellenic Attendance 2021/22 | 107 (up from 87 in 20/21)         |
| Record Known Win                    | 16 - 0 v Clyffe Pypard (1933/34)  |
| Record Known Defeat                 | 1 - 16 v Warminster T (3/11/1945) |

## CROWDS

RWBTFC League Attendances - Season 2022-23



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



# Match Report 22-23

## MEN'S FIRST TEAM

**Tuesday 6th December**

### **Royal Wootton Bassett Town 0 Mangotsfield United 0 (2-4 on penalties)**

Just days after losing on penalties in the FA Vase, Royal Wootton Bassett Town suffered the exact same fate in the Wiseman Lighting Floodlit Cup as Sam Collier's side were eliminated in their round of sixteen tie against Mangotsfield United.

After a rather lifeless ninety minutes of football ended goalless, the visitors triumphed 4-2 in the shootout to book their place in the quarter finals and end what was arguably Bassett's best opportunity to claim silverware this season.

Illness and injury forced Sam Collier into multiple changes for the contest, and both the Bassett boss and his assistant manager Alan Griffin - named as substitutes - found themselves on the pitch before the end of the game.

Indeed, Griffin would be Bassett's first penalty taker but failed to convert. Jon Beeden and Matt Jones did find the net before Jack Hobson -McVeigh missed Bassett's fourth penalty. Mangotsfield were three for three by that point and remained perfect to claim the win with their fourth kick.

Bassett now retain an interest in just one cup competition - that being the Bluefin Sports Hellenic League Challenge Cup in which they will host Shrivensham in the second round in mid-January.



# Match Report 22-23

## MEN'S FIRST TEAM

**Tuesday 20th December**

**Gallagher slides away winner as Bassett record rare Wantage victory**

**Wantage Town 0  
Royal Wootton Bassett Town 1**

Bailey Gallagher scored the only goal of the game as Royal Wootton Bassett Town recorded a vital - and rare - victory away against Wantage Town.

Bassett's record against the Alfredians is a miserable one, with 23 previous Hellenic League meetings yielding just four wins and nineteen defeats - including a dramatic 3-2 loss back in September when Wantage came from 2-0 down to claim all three points at the Sustain Stadium.

This time, however, it was a different story as a gutsy display in difficult conditions from Sam Collier's side saw Bassett keep a clean sheet and snatch an all-important winner.

Making the result more impressive was that Bassett were much changed too as a consequence of injuries and illness: Jadynd Mundle was drafted in at the last minute to make his debut in goal, Jon Beeden made his first start in a long time, while Bassett operated without a natural centre forward. Still though they managed to prevail.

The heavy rain that had followed the recent cold snap had made the Alfredian Park pitch boggy and heavy, and resulted in a tricky first half as Bassett also played against the slope.

Wantage thus had Bassett under significant pressure throughout the opening period, earning numerous free kicks in dangerous positions and throwing a number of dangerous balls into the box. But fantastic defending from the visitors - led by Beeden and Adam Corcoran - meant that they got through the opening 45 minutes unscathed, with Wantage

failing to convert the significant possession and territorial advantage they had into any serious opportunities.

Going down the slope after the restart, Bassett were finally able to exert some control over the game, with this allowing midfield playmakers Chris Taylor, Tommy Ouldrige and Jack Hobson-McVeigh to get on the ball far more.

And eventually that led to the crucial moment in the game. Gallagher had started as a substitute and only been brought on with 25 minutes remaining. But it was an impact substitution from Collier, with the Bassett boss playing his cards right. By introducing Gallagher's fresh legs and skill, it gave Wantage - starting to tire - something else to think about.

The move for the goal started with Alfie Presley holding the ball up well and, after a quick turn, he played in a pass over the top for Gallagher to run onto. Gallagher still had a defender in the form of Michael Miller to beat, but he turned his former teammate inside out before shifting the ball onto his left foot and producing a composed finish beyond home 'keeper James Foster.

Having fallen behind, Wantage sought desperately to get back onto level terms. But Bassett defended diligently, successfully seeing off the pressure the hosts exerted, including successive corners in the final moments of the match.

The result means Bassett move up to eighth in the Hellenic League Premier Division - where they will sit at Christmas, three points ahead of tenth place Wantage who have played three games more.

While Bassett's recent form has been solid with impressive league draws against high-flying Westfields and Worcester Raiders as well as consecutive clean sheets in their two most recent cup fixtures, the lack of a league win since a 2-1 triumph against Bradford Town on 18 October had put the team in danger of dropping into the bottom half.

Now though, there is some breathing room - albeit with plenty of work still to do in order to secure a first ever top half finish at Step Five.



# ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN FC

| Date       | Opponents                       | H/A | Result                              | Crowd | 1        | 2         | 3            | 4         | 5       | 6     |
|------------|---------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|-------|----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| Tue 02-Aug | Mangotsfield United             | H   | W 1 - 0                             | 192   | Crowther | Chilcott  | Spalding     | Corcoran  | Bampton | Presh |
| Sat 06-Aug | Windsor (FAC Ex. Prelim)        | H   | D 1 - 1                             | 119   | Crowther | Chilcott  | Spalding     | Corcoran  | Bampton | Presh |
| Tue 09-Aug | Windsor (FAC Ex. Prelim Replay) | A   | W 2 - 0                             | 192   | Crowther | Chilcott  | Spalding     | Corcoran  | Bampton | Bee   |
| Sat 13-Aug | Chipping Sodbury Town           | A   | D 1 - 1                             | 53    | Crowther | Dodson    | Spalding     | Lea       | Bampton | Presh |
| Tue 16-Aug | Thornbury Town                  | H   | W 4 - 1                             | 72    | Crowther | Chilcott  | Spalding (1) | Matthews  | Bampton | Presh |
| Sat 20-Aug | Reading City (FAC Prelim)       | H   | W 3 - 1                             | 128   | Crowther | Chilcott  | Spalding (1) | Matthews  | Bampton | Presh |
| Wed 24-Aug | Bradford Town                   | A   | W 5 - 0                             | 94    | Crowther | Chilcott  | Spalding     | Matthews  | Bampton | Presh |
| Mon 29-Aug | Corsham Town                    | A   | L 0 - 1                             | 118   | Crowther | Chilcott  | Spalding     | Matthews  | Bampton | Presh |
| Sat 03-Sep | Paulton Rovers (FAC 1QR)        | H   | L 2 - 4                             | 195   | Crowther | Chilcott  | Spalding     | Corcoran  | Bampton | Presh |
| Tue 06-Sep | Wantage Town                    | H   | L 2 - 3                             | 92    | Crowther | Chilcott  | Spalding     | Corcoran  | Bampton | Presh |
| Sat 17-Sep | Lydney Town                     | H   | D 2 - 2                             | 58    | Crowther | Dodson    | Spalding     | Corcoran  | Bampton | Wr    |
| Tue 20-Sep | Mangotsfield United             | A   | W 2 - 1                             | 132   | Crowther | Chilcott  | Spalding     | Partridge | Bampton | Robi  |
| Tue 27-Sep | Thornbury Town                  | A   | W 1 - 0                             | 70    | Crowther | Chilcott  | Spalding     | Corcoran  | Bampton | Robi  |
| Sat 01-Oct | Cribbs                          | H   | D 1 - 1                             | 79    | Collier  | Partridge | Spalding     | Corcoran  | Bampton | Robi  |
| Tue 04-Oct | Roman Glass St George           | H   | W 2 - 1                             | 78    | Crowther | Partridge | Spalding (1) | Corcoran  | Bampton | Robi  |
| Sat 08-Oct | Brimscombe & Thrupp             | A   | L 2 - 3                             | 62    | Crowther | Chilcott  | Spalding     | Corcoran  | Wrona   | Presh |
| Tue 11-Oct | Cribbs (FLC 1st)                | A   | W 1 - 0                             | 69    | Crowther | Chilcott  | Partridge    | Corcoran  | Wrona   | Robi  |
| Sat 15-Oct | Malvern Town                    | A   | L 0 - 1                             | 326   | Crowther | Walters   | Spalding     | Corcoran  | Wrona   | Robi  |
| Tue 18-Oct | Bradford Town                   | H   | W 2 - 1                             | 119   | Crowther | Walters   | Spalding     | Corcoran  | Wrona   | Robi  |
| Sat 22-Oct | Bridport (FAV 1st Rnd)          | A   | W 5 - 3                             | 174   | Crowther | Partridge | Spalding     | Corcoran  | Bampton | Wron  |
| Sat 29-Oct | Westfields                      | H   | D 1 - 1                             | 130   | Crowther | Partridge | Spalding     | Corcoran  | Bampton | Robi  |
| Sat 05-Nov | Worcester Raiders               | H   | D 2 - 2                             | 144   | Crowther | Partridge | Spalding     | Golding   | Walters | Robi  |
| Tue 08-Nov | Westbury United (WPS)           | H   | L 2 - 5                             | 63    | Rae      | Partridge | Walters      | Golding   | Beeden  | McD   |
| Sat 12-Nov | Wellington (FAV 2nd Rnd)        | A   | D 2 - 2<br><small>WS-4 pens</small> | 95    | Crowther | Partridge | Spalding     | Golding   | Bampton | Robi  |
| Fri 18-Nov | Fairford Town                   | H   | D 2 - 2                             | 174   | Crowther | Partridge | Spalding     | Golding   | Bampton | Robi  |
| Sat 26-Nov | Hereford Lads Club              | A   | L 2 - 3                             | 108   | Crowther | Partridge | Spalding     | Corcoran  | Wrona   | Gol   |
| Wed 30-Nov | Tuffley Rovers                  | H   | A 1 - 1                             | 83    | Crowther | Partridge | Spalding     | Corcoran  | Wrona   | Gol   |
| Sat 03-Dec | CorshamTown (FAV 3rd Rnd)       | H   | D 0 - 0*                            | 184   | Crowther | Partridge | Spalding     | Corcoran  | Packer  | Gol   |
| Tue 06-Dec | Mangotsfield United (FLC 2nd)   | H   | D 0 - 0*                            |       | Crowther | Partridge | Walters      | Corcoran  | Talmash | Robi  |
| Tue 20-Dec | Wantage Town                    | A   | W 1 - 0                             | 83    | Mundle   | Partridge | Spalding     | Corcoran  | Beeden  | Robi  |
| Tue 27-Dec | Corsham Town                    | H   |                                     |       |          |           |              |           |         |       |
| Sat 02-Jan | Malvern Town                    | H   |                                     |       |          |           |              |           |         |       |
| Sat 07-Jan | Tuffley Rovers                  | A   |                                     |       |          |           |              |           |         |       |
| Tue 10-Jan | Shrivenham (BICC3)              | H   |                                     |       |          |           |              |           |         |       |
| Sat 14-Jan | Westfields                      | A   |                                     |       |          |           |              |           |         |       |
| Sat 21-Jan | Worcester Raiders               | A   |                                     |       |          |           |              |           |         |       |
| Sat 28-Jan | Brimscombe & Thrupp             | H   |                                     |       |          |           |              |           |         |       |
| Sat 04-Feb | Fairford Town                   | A   |                                     |       |          |           |              |           |         |       |
| Tue 07-Feb | Tuffley Rovers                  | H   |                                     |       |          |           |              |           |         |       |
| Sat 11-Feb | Hereford Lads Club              | H   |                                     |       |          |           |              |           |         |       |
| Sat 18-Feb | Hereford Pegasus                | H   |                                     |       |          |           |              |           |         |       |
| Sat 25-Feb | Longlevens                      | H   |                                     |       |          |           |              |           |         |       |
| Sat 04-Mar | Lydney Town                     | A   |                                     |       |          |           |              |           |         |       |
| Sat 11-Mar | Shrivenham                      | A   |                                     |       |          |           |              |           |         |       |
| Sat 18-Mar | Chipping Sodbury Town           | H   |                                     |       |          |           |              |           |         |       |
| Sat 25-Mar | Cribbs                          | A   |                                     |       |          |           |              |           |         |       |
| Sat 01-Apr | Roman Glass St George           | A   |                                     |       |          |           |              |           |         |       |
| Fri 07-Apr | Shrivenham                      | H   |                                     |       |          |           |              |           |         |       |
| Mon 10-Apr | Hereford Pegasus                | A   |                                     |       |          |           |              |           |         |       |
| TBA        | Longlevens                      | A   |                                     |       |          |           |              |           |         |       |



\* Lost on penalties

# MEN'S FIRST TEAM SEASON 2022-23



|        | 6           | 7            | 8             | 9           | 10                 | 11                 | 12          | 14          | 15         | 16      | 17 |
|--------|-------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|---------|----|
| ey (1) | Taylor      | Ouldrige     | Gallagher     | Robinson    | Hobson-McVeigh     | Elms               | Bennett     | Wrona       |            |         |    |
| sley   | Taylor      | Ouldrige     | Gallagher (1) | Robinson    | Hobson-McVeigh     | Elms               | Griffin     | Wrona       |            |         |    |
| den    | Taylor      | Ouldrige     | Gallagher     | Elms (1)    | Hobson-McVeigh     | Presley (1)        | Robinson    | Wrona       |            |         |    |
| sley   | Taylor      | Ouldrige     | Gallagher     | Elms        | Robinson           | Hobson-McVeigh (1) | Griffin     | Bennett     | Igbinobaro |         |    |
| ey (1) | Taylor      | Ouldrige (1) | Gallagher     | Bennett (1) | Hobson-McVeigh     | Elms               | Robinson    | Igbinobaro  |            |         |    |
| ey (1) | Taylor      | Ouldrige     | Gallagher     | Bennett (1) | Hobson-McVeigh     | Partridge          | Robinson    | Wrona       |            |         |    |
| ey (2) | Taylor      | Ouldrige (1) | Robinson      | Bennett (1) | Hobson-McVeigh     | Elms (1)           | Gallagher   | Wrona       | Griffin    |         |    |
| sley   | Taylor      | Whelan       | Robinson      | Bennett     | Hobson-McVeigh     | Corcoran           | Wrona       | Elms        |            |         |    |
| sley   | Taylor      | Ouldrige (1) | Gallagher     | Bennett     | Hobson-McVeigh     | Lea                | Wrona       | Whelan (1)  |            |         |    |
| ey (1) | Wrona       | Ouldrige     | Gallagher (1) | Elms        | Whelan             | Bennett            | Griffin     |             |            |         |    |
| ona    | Taylor      | Ouldrige     | Gallagher     | Bennett     | Whelan (1)         | Afenya             | Griffin (1) | Chilcott    | Lea        |         |    |
| nson   | Taylor      | Ouldrige (1) | Whelan        | Bennett     | Hobson-McVeigh (1) | Beeden             | Gallagher   | Wrona       |            |         |    |
| nson   | Presley (1) | Ouldrige     | Gallagher     | Whelan      | Hobson-McVeigh     | Beeden             | Wrona       | Afenya      |            |         |    |
| nson   | Presley     | Ouldrige     | Whelan        | Bennett     | Hobson-McVeigh     | Gallagher          | Wrona       | Griffin (1) |            |         |    |
| nson   | Presley (1) | Ouldrige     | Whelan        | Bennett     | Hobson-McVeigh     | Gallagher          | Griffin     | Wrona       | Chilcott   |         |    |
| sley   | Taylor      | Ouldrige     | Gallagher     | Bennett     | Partridge          | Whelan             | Griffin (2) | Afenyo      |            |         |    |
| nson   | Taylor      | Griffin      | Gallagher     | Afenyo      | Walters            | Ouldrige           | Smith       | Whelan (1)  |            |         |    |
| nson   | Presley     | Ouldrige     | Whelan        | Partridge   | Hobson-McVeigh     | Gallagher          | Bennett     | Griffin     | Afenya     |         |    |
| nson   | Presley     | Whelan       | Gallagher (1) | Partridge   | Hobson-McVeigh (1) | Bampton            |             |             |            |         |    |
| na (1) | Presley (1) | Whelan       | Gallagher     | Bennett (3) | Hobson-McVeigh     | Griffin            | Smith       | de-Paula    |            |         |    |
| nson   | Presley     | Ouldrige     | Gallagher     | Bennett     | Hobson-McVeigh     | Wrona              | Griffin     | Walters     | Jones (1)  |         |    |
| nson   | Presley     | Ouldrige     | Gallagher     | Jones (1)   | Wrona              | Talmash            | Whelan      | Griffin     | Beeden     | Boulden |    |
| Crae   | Talmash     | Close        | Gallagher     | Jones (2)   | Hobson-McVeigh     | Robinson           | Whelan      | Griffin     |            |         |    |
| nson   | Presley     | Ouldrige (1) | Talmash       | Jones       | Hobson-McVeigh     | Gallagher          | Whelan      | Taylor      |            |         |    |
| nson   | Presley     | Whelan       | Talmash       | Taylor      | Hobson-McVeigh     | Bennett (2)        | Packer      | Corcoran    | Gallagher  |         |    |
| ding   | Presley     | Whelan       | Talmash (1)   | Taylor      | Packer (1)         | Griffin            | McCrae      |             |            |         |    |
| ding   | Packer      | Bennett      | Talmash       | Jones       | Hobson-McVeigh     |                    |             |             |            |         |    |
| ding   | Presley     | Bennett      | Jones         | Taylor      | Hobson-McVeigh     | Ouldrige           | Whelan      | Robinson    |            |         |    |
| nson   | Jones       | Bennett      | Gallagher     | Taylor      | Hobson-McVeigh     | Beeden             | Collier     | Griffin     | McCrae     |         |    |
| nson   | Presley     | Ouldrige     | Jones         | Taylor      | Hobson-McVeigh     | Gallagher (1)      | McCrae      |             |            |         |    |



# Statistics

## MEN'S FIRST TEAM

| Season 2022-23 |                          |        |        |       |       | RWBTFC |       |
|----------------|--------------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
|                | Appearances              | Starts | As Sub | Total | Goals | Career |       |
|                |                          |        |        |       |       | Apps   | Goals |
| 1              | Matthew Crowther         | 26     |        | 26    |       | 26     |       |
| 2              | Louis Spalding           | 26     |        | 26    | 3     | 26     | 3     |
| 3              | Bailey Gallagher         | 18     | 8      | 26    | 4     | 72     | 13    |
| 4              | Alfie Presley            | 23     | 1      | 24    | 10    | 64     | 19    |
| 5              | Jack Hobson-McVeigh      | 22     | 1      | 23    | 4     | 23     | 4     |
| 6              | Kai Robinson             | 18     | 5      | 23    |       | 112    | 1     |
| 7              | Thomas Ouldrige          | 20     | 2      | 22    | 4     | 67     | 14    |
| 8              | Adam Corcoran            | 19     | 2      | 21    |       | 285    | 15    |
| 9              | Giorgio Wrona            | 9      | 12     | 21    | 1     | 201    | 24    |
| 10             | David Bampton            | 19     | 1      | 20    |       | 73     | 3     |
| 11             | Chris Taylor             | 18     | 1      | 19    |       | 67     | 2     |
| 12             | Matt Bennett             | 14     | 5      | 19    | 5     | 214    | 63    |
| 13             | Luke Whelan              | 12     | 7      | 19    | 3     | 19     | 3     |
| 14             | Jowan Partridge          | 17     | 1      | 18    |       | 21     |       |
| 15             | Alan Griffin             | 1      | 15     | 16    | 4     | 48     | 20    |
| 16             | Scott Chilcott           | 13     | 2      | 15    |       | 41     |       |
| 17             | Josh Elms                | 3      | 5      | 8     | 2     | 8      | 2     |
| 18             | Matthew Jones            | 6      | 1      | 7     | 4     | 9      | 5     |
| 19             | Harry Walters            | 6      | 1      | 7     |       | 8      |       |
| 20             | Jon Beeden               | 3      | 4      | 7     |       | 66     | 5     |
| 21             | Landon Golding           | 6      |        | 6     | 1     | 13     | 2     |
| 22             | Rhys Talmash             | 5      | 1      | 6     | 1     | 14     | 1     |
| 23             | Jedidah Afenyo           | 1      | 4      | 5     |       | 5      |       |
| 24             | Luke Matthews            | 4      |        | 4     |       | 4      |       |
| 25             | Charlie McCrae           | 1      | 3      | 4     |       | 4      |       |
| 26             | Sam Packer               | 2      | 1      | 3     | 1     | 159    | 31    |
| 27             | Harrison Lea             | 1      | 2      | 3     |       | 16     | 1     |
| 28             | Macauley Dodson          | 2      |        | 2     |       | 45     | 2     |
| 29             | Sam Collier              | 1      | 1      | 2     |       | 156    | 71    |
| 30             | Baldwin Osayi Igbinobaro |        | 2      | 2     |       | 2      |       |
| 31             | Sebastian Smith          |        | 2      | 2     |       | 2      |       |
| 32             | James Close              | 1      |        | 1     |       | 1      |       |
| 33             | Jack Rae                 | 1      |        | 1     |       | 1      |       |
| 34             | Jadyn Mundle             | 1      |        | 1     |       | 1      |       |
| 35             | Ben Boulden              |        | 1      | 1     |       | 1      |       |
| 36             | Alan de Paula            |        | 1      | 1     |       | 1      |       |

### Christmas Holidays Quiz Answers

1. 1914 2. Tottenham (under Terry Venables and Christian Gross) 3. 1950s (1959) 4. 1963 5. Jose Mourinho 6. Middlesborough  
 7. A soldier 8. All born on Christmas Day 9. WBA 10. Finland 11. Bayern Munich 12. Nemanja Vidic 13. Dennis Bailey  
 14. Manchester City 15. Norwich City

**Extra Question:** Left to right, right to left, left to right... allegedly

# Season 2022-23

## HELLENIC LEAGUE TABLES

| 2022-2023 Season                          |           |          |          |          |           |           |           |
|---|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| UHLSPORT Hellenic League Premier Division |           |          |          |          |           |           |           |
|   | Pld       | W        | D        | L        | F         | A         | Pts       |
| 1 Malvern Town                            | 22        | 17       | 3        | 2        | 61        | 20        | 54        |
| 2 Cribbs                                  | 20        | 16       | 3        | 1        | 42        | 8         | 51        |
| 3 Worcester Raiders                       | 20        | 13       | 5        | 2        | 54        | 23        | 44        |
| 4 Westfields                              | 21        | 11       | 6        | 4        | 33        | 23        | 39        |
| 5 Hereford Pegasus                        | 22        | 12       | 1        | 9        | 42        | 44        | 37        |
| 6 <b>Corsham Town</b>                     | <b>16</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>36</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>32</b> |
| 7 Roman Glass St George                   | 19        | 9        | 4        | 6        | 38        | 24        | 31        |
| 8 <b>Royal W. Bassett Town</b>            | <b>19</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>33</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>30</b> |
| 9 Hereford Lads Club                      | 21        | 9        | 3        | 9        | 32        | 38        | 30        |
| 10 Wantage Town                           | 22        | 7        | 6        | 9        | 35        | 36        | 27        |
| 11 Bradford Town                          | 20        | 7        | 3        | 10       | 33        | 42        | 24        |
| 12 Brimscombe & Thrupp                    | 20        | 6        | 5        | 9        | 39        | 35        | 23        |
| 13 Fairford Town                          | 21        | 6        | 3        | 12       | 33        | 41        | 21        |
| 14 Shrivenham                             | 20        | 6        | 3        | 11       | 23        | 47        | 21        |
| 15 Lydney Town                            | 21        | 5        | 5        | 11       | 24        | 52        | 20        |
| 16 Longlevens AFC                         | 22        | 5        | 4        | 13       | 30        | 41        | 19        |
| 17 Mangotsfield United                    | 20        | 6        | 1        | 13       | 29        | 46        | 19        |
| 18 Chipping Sodbury Town                  | 18        | 4        | 5        | 9        | 23        | 43        | 17        |
| 19 Tuffley Rovers                         | 18        | 4        | 3        | 11       | 26        | 43        | 15        |
| 20 Thornbury Town                         | 20        | 3        | 2        | 15       | 21        | 44        | 11        |

| 2022-2023 Season                      |     |    |   |    |    |    |     |
|---------------------------------------|-----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| UHLSPORT Hellenic League Division One |     |    |   |    |    |    |     |
|                                       | Pld | W  | D | L  | F  | A  | Pts |
| 1 Pershore Town                       | 19  | 16 | 1 | 2  | 61 | 16 | 49  |
| 2 Milton United                       | 16  | 13 | 1 | 2  | 46 | 14 | 40  |
| 3 Hartpury University                 | 17  | 11 | 3 | 3  | 33 | 12 | 36  |
| 4 Abingdon United                     | 19  | 11 | 2 | 6  | 32 | 23 | 35  |
| 5 Clanfield 85                        | 17  | 11 | 0 | 6  | 41 | 19 | 33  |
| 6 Shortwood United                    | 18  | 10 | 3 | 5  | 42 | 21 | 33  |
| 7 Cheltenham Saracens                 | 17  | 9  | 3 | 5  | 37 | 23 | 30  |
| 8 Malmesbury Victoria                 | 18  | 9  | 3 | 6  | 29 | 26 | 30  |
| 9 Calne Town                          | 16  | 9  | 1 | 6  | 25 | 21 | 28  |
| 10 Southam United                     | 19  | 8  | 3 | 8  | 34 | 40 | 27  |
| 11 Long Crendon                       | 17  | 8  | 2 | 7  | 30 | 31 | 26  |
| 12 F C Stratford                      | 14  | 6  | 4 | 4  | 30 | 17 | 22  |
| 13 Stonehouse Town                    | 18  | 6  | 0 | 12 | 28 | 33 | 18  |
| 14 Moreton Rangers                    | 18  | 5  | 3 | 10 | 27 | 37 | 18  |
| 15 Newent Town                        | 17  | 5  | 3 | 9  | 28 | 49 | 18  |
| 16 Bourton Rovers*                    | 18  | 5  | 3 | 10 | 18 | 33 | 15  |
| 17 Kidlington Res                     | 16  | 4  | 0 | 12 | 26 | 42 | 12  |
| 18 Littleton                          | 16  | 1  | 1 | 14 | 13 | 48 | 4   |
| 19 Cirencester Town Dev               | 20  | 0  | 0 | 20 | 11 | 86 | 0   |

\* Points deduction

# League Cups

## Bluefin Sport Challenge Cup 22-23

### HELLENIC LEAGUE BLUEFIN INSURANCE CHALLENGE CUP SEASON 2022-23

#### Preliminary Round

|                                       |       |   |
|---------------------------------------|-------|---|
| Abingdon United                       | 0 - 2 | <b>Letcombe</b>                         |
| Aston Clinton Sports                  | 0 - 2 | <b>Chinnor</b>                          |
| Bourton Rovers                        | 0 - 1 | <b>Hazfield 85</b>                      |
| Buckingham Athletic                   | 2 - 2 | <b>Clanfield Sports (2-4 pens)</b>      |
| <b>Caïne Town</b> (Won 5-4 pens)      | 2 - 2 | Malmesbury Victoria                     |
| <b>Chalfont Wasps</b>                 | 3 - 0 | Holmer Green Dev                        |
| <b>Cheltenham Saracens</b>            | 4 - 0 | Swindon Supermarne Dev                  |
| <b>FC Beaconsfield</b>                | 4 - 1 | Thame United A                          |
| Faringdon Town                        | 0 - 1 | <b>Hungerford Town Swifts</b>           |
| <b>Hartpury University</b>            | 2 - 0 | Shortwood United                        |
| Headington Amateurs                   | 2 - 2 | <b>Cirencester T Dev</b> (Won 6-5 pens) |
| Littlejohn                            | 2 - 4 | <b>Evesham United Dev</b>               |
| Marlborough Town Dev                  | 0 - 4 | <b>Old Bradwell United Dev</b>          |
| <b>Meadow Park</b>                    | W - L | Wroughton Dev                           |
| <b>Milton United</b> (Won 4-2 pens)   | 2 - 2 | FC Stratford                            |
| <b>Moreton Rangers</b>                | 3 - 1 | Feckenham                               |
| New Dales Vale                        | 2 - 3 | <b>Kidlington Res</b>                   |
| <b>Newbury</b>                        | 4 - 1 | Highworth Town Res                      |
| Newent Town                           | 0 - 5 | <b>Pershore Town</b>                    |
| <b>Southam United</b>                 | 8 - 1 | Shipston Excelsior                      |
| <b>Stonehouse Town</b> (Won 3-1 pens) | 2 - 2 | Didcot Town Dev                         |
| Taplow United                         | 1 - 6 | <b>Woodcote</b>                         |
| Watlington Town                       | 0 - 2 | <b>Mortimer</b>                         |
| <b>Winslow United Dev</b>             | 4 - 0 | Easington Sports Dev                    |
| Woodstock Town                        | 1 - 2 | <b>Long Crendon</b>                     |

#### First Round

|                                   |       |  |
|-----------------------------------|-------|--|
| Caïne Town                        | 0 - 1 | <b>Kidlington Res</b>                  |
| Cheltenham Saracens               | 0 - 3 | <b>Newbury</b>                         |
| <b>Chinnor</b>                    | W - L | Bishops Cleeve Dev                     |
| Chipping Sodbury Town             | 3 - 3 | <b>Cirencester Town Dev</b> (2-3 pens) |
| Evesham United Dev                | 1 - 2 | <b>Hartpury University</b>             |
| <b>Hazlemere Sports</b>           | 3 - 2 | Mortimer                               |
| <b>Hungerford Town Swifts</b>     | 2 - 1 | FC Beaconsfield                        |
| <b>Long Crendon</b>               | 4 - 3 | Winslow United Dev                     |
| Moreton Rangers                   | 2 - 7 | <b>Pershore Town</b>                   |
| Old Bradwell United Dev           | 0 - 5 | <b>Milton United</b>                   |
| <b>Southam United</b>             | 4 - 1 | Chalfont Wasps                         |
| Stonehouse Town                   | 2 - 4 | <b>Letcombe</b>                        |
| <b>Tuffley Rovers</b>             | 6 - 2 | Meadow Park                            |
| Woodcote                          | 0 - 4 | <b>Clanfield 85</b>                    |
| <b>Bradford Town</b>              | bye   |  |
| <b>Brimmscombe &amp; Thrupp</b>   | bye   |  |
| <b>Corsham Town</b>               | bye   |  |
| <b>Cribbs</b>                     | bye   |  |
| <b>Fairford Town</b>              | bye   |  |
| <b>Hereford Lads Club</b>         | bye   |  |
| <b>Hereford Pegasus</b>           | bye   |  |
| <b>Longlevens</b>                 | bye   |  |
| <b>Lydney Town</b>                | bye   |  |
| <b>Malvern Town</b>               | bye   |  |
| <b>Mangotsfield United</b>        | bye   |  |
| <b>Roman Glass St George</b>      | bye   |  |
| <b>Royal Wootton Bassett Town</b> | bye   |  |
| <b>Shrivenham</b>                 | bye   |  |
| <b>Thornbury Town</b>             | bye   |  |
| <b>Wantage Town</b>               | bye   |  |
| <b>Westfields</b>                 | bye   |  |
| <b>Worcester Raiders</b>          | bye   |  |

#### Second Round

|                                   |   |                        |
|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| Bradford Town                     | v | Brimmscombe & Thrupp   |
| Chinnor                           | v | Southam United         |
| Cirencester Town Dev              | v | Hazlemere Sports       |
| Clanfield 85                      | v | Pershore Town          |
| Corsham Town                      | v | Mangotsfield United    |
| Fairford Town                     | v | Hungerford Town Swifts |
| Hereford Lads Club                | v | Hartpury University    |
| Kidlington Res                    | v | Lydney Town            |
| Long Crendon                      | v | Letcombe               |
| Milton United                     | v | Longlevens AFC         |
| Roman Glass St George             | v | Cribbs                 |
| <b>Royal Wootton Bassett Town</b> | v | <b>Shrivenham</b>      |
| Thornbury Town                    | v | Newbury                |
| Tuffley Rovers                    | v | Malvern Town           |
| Wantage Town                      | v | Worcester Raiders      |
| Westfields                        | v | Hereford Pegasus       |

### Challenge Cup - Winners

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

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# League Cups

## Wiseman Lighting Floodlit Cup 22-23

### HELLENIC LEAGUE FLOODLIT CUP SPONSORED BY WISEMAN LIGHTING SEASON 2022-23

#### Preliminary Round

|                                |       |                              |
|--------------------------------|-------|------------------------------|
| Bourton Rovers                 | 0 - 6 | Roman Glass St George        |
| <b>Brimscombe &amp; Thrupp</b> | 7 - 2 | Stonehouse Town              |
| Cheltenham Saracens            | 1 - 3 | <b>Milton United</b>         |
| Cirencester Town Dev           | 2 - 5 | <b>Chipping Sodbury Town</b> |
| <b>Cribbs</b>                  | 4 - 2 | Hereford Lads Club           |
| Fairford Town                  | 1 - 2 | <b>Littleton</b>             |
| Newent Town                    | 1 - 2 | <b>Tuffley Rovers</b>        |
| <b>Wantage Town</b>            | 5 - 1 | Shrivenham                   |

#### First Round

|   |       |                                |
|---|-------|--------------------------------|
| Abingdon United                         | 2 - 3 | Malvern Town                   |
| <b>Bradford Town</b> (Won 3-1 on pens)  | 3 - 3 | <b>Brimscombe &amp; Thrupp</b> |
| <b>Calne Town</b> (4-2 on pens)         | 2 - 2 | Chipping Sodbury Town          |
| <b>Cribbs</b>                           | 0 - 1 | <b>Royal W. Bassett Town</b>   |
| FC Stratford                            | 0 - 1 | <b>Mangotsfield United</b>     |
| Hereford Pegasus                        | 2 - 5 | <b>Worcester Raiders</b>       |
| <b>Longlevens AFC</b> (Won 6-5 on pens) | 1 - 1 | Clanfield 85                   |
| Lydney Town                             | 0 - 4 | <b>Tuffley Rovers</b>          |
| <b>Malmesbury Victoria</b>              | 2 - 0 | Corsham Town                   |
| <b>Milton United</b>                    | W - L | Chinnor                        |
| <b>Pershore Town</b>                    | 4 - 1 | Moreton Rangers                |
| <b>Roman Glass St George</b>            | 2 - 0 | Hartpury University            |
| <b>Shortwood United</b>                 | 2 - 1 | Thornbury Town                 |
| Southam United                          | 2 - 3 | <b>Kidlington Res</b>          |
| <b>Wantage Town</b>                     | 4 - 2 | Littleton                      |
| <b>Westfields</b>                       | 4 - 2 | Long Crendon                   |

#### Second Round

|                                   |       |                                    |
|-----------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Calne Town</b>                 | 2 - 0 | Worcester Raiders                  |
| Kidlington Res                    | 0 - 0 | <b>Bradford Town</b> (2-3 pens)    |
| <b>Malvern</b>                    | 9 - 1 | Tuffley Rovers                     |
| Milton United                     | 5 - 6 | <b>Longlevens</b>                  |
| <b>Pershore Town</b>              | 1 - 0 | Roman Glass St George              |
| <b>Royal W. Bassett Town</b>      | 0 - 0 | <b>Mangotsfield Utd</b> (2-4 pens) |
| Shortwood United                  | 2 - 3 | <b>Westfields</b>                  |
| <b>Wantage Town</b> (4-2 on pens) | 1 - 1 | Malmesbury Victoria                |

#### Quarter Finals

|                     |   |              |
|---------------------|---|--------------|
| Bradford Town       | v | Longlevens   |
| Malvern Town        | v | Westfields   |
| Mangotsfield United | v | Wantage Town |
| Pershore Town       | v | Calne Town   |

#### Semi Finals

|   |
|---|
| v |
| v |

#### Final

|   |
|---|
| v |
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### Floodlit Cup - Winners

- 1994-95 Cinderford Town
- 1995-96 Bicester Town
- 1996-97 Abingdon United
- 1997-98 Swindon Supermarine
- 1998-99 Tuffley Rovers
- 1999-00 Swindon Supermarine
- 2000-01 Swindon Supermarine
- 2001-02 Fairford Town
- 2002-03 Tuffley Rovers
- 2003-04 Slimbridge
- 2004-05 Almondsbury Town
- 2005-06 Slimbridge
- 2006-07 Wantage Town
- 2007-08 Kidlington
- 2008-09 Marlow United
- 2009-10 Shortwood United
- 2010-11 Holyport
- 2011-12 Binfield
- 2012-13 Ardley United
- 2013-14 Brimscombe & Thrupp
- 2014-15 North Leigh
- 2015-16 Ascot United
- 2016-17 Lydney United
- 2017-18 Binfield
- 2018-19 Ardley United
- 2019-20 Not awarded due to Covid-19
- 2020-21 Not awarded due to Covid-19
- 2021-22 Not awarded due to Covid-19

# The Non-League Paper

## POSTPONEMENTS



ORGANISING a game of football, at any level, is no easy task.

From ground staff to safety officers, from stewards to caterers, these people – volunteers more often than not – play a vital role in the day-to-day running of a matchday to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all those who click through the turnstiles. But there is one thing that even these superheroes just can not control – the weather!

As I'm sure you are all well aware, temperatures this week plummeted to 12-year lows in some parts of the UK, putting all best-laid plans into jeopardy. The now obligatory winter footage of groundsmen and women up and down the country braving the big freeze to sweep snow off the pitch swamped social media, while fans too leant a helping hand. At Macclesfield, for example, early morning pleas from the club to join in the clean-up operation and ensure their game with Ramsbottom United went ahead were answered by a large pool of their loyal fanbase and they certainly played their part in a 4-0 win.

But, unfortunately, these things don't always go quite to plan and when Jack Frost does decide to play havoc with the football calendar things can get, well, a little bit ice-cold. Let's start with AFC Rushden & Diamonds, for example, after players, staff, officials and fans were left "furious" after their Southern League Premier Central match at Needham Market was called off just 40 minutes before kick-off, ensuring a wasted 174-mile round trip. Later that evening, Needham Market said in a statement: "The football club would like to put on record it's sincere apologies to everyone connected to our opponents AFC Rushden & Diamonds, Needham Market players and staff, and supporters of both teams who arrived for the 1:00pm kick off.

"Upon the match officials arrival they carried out a pitch inspection but despite much deliberation they agreed to postpone the match at 12:15pm.

"No further comment will be made by the Football Club surrounding the issue."

And it wasn't just AFC Rushden & Diamonds left with a bitter pill to swallow. Hendon, too, were left aggrieved after travelling two-and-a-half hours to Yate Town – on a coach costing over £1,000 - only for the game to be called off shortly after their arrival. To make matters worse for the Greens, Yate's Lodge Road pitch had reportedly passed a 10am inspection carried out by the referee's assistant.

Furious Hendon boss Lee Allinson tweeted at the time: "Arrived at Yate, two-and-a-half hours on a coach, game off! Shambles, nowhere near playable."

And it was the same also for Hendon's league rivals Winchester City, who suffered the same fate of a late postponement on their arrival at Poole Town's Black Gold Stadium.

Sadly, this is nothing new in Non-League football. While 90 per cent of postponements are announced in good time to prevent the visiting team from travelling unnecessarily, there will always be occasions where it's difficult to avoid. I do feel, though, that in an era where we can send a man to the moon and launch the worldwide web then surely a protocol can be put in place to prevent this from continuously happening?

Safety of the players can never be compromised when it comes to frozen pitches – and if last-minute calls suggest that a pitch may be 50/50 playable, then I would argue that it's not. But is there the slightest possibility that the Football Association and/or individual leagues, can sit down and devise a routine inspection system – taking into account the distance travelled by the visiting team – where calls must be made before a certain time by local officials to clear the situation of any such doubt?

No-one wants any frosty atmospheres at Christmas.

Have a good one.

**Jon Couch**

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# Season 2022-23

## RWBTFC MEN'S DEV TEAM

### ROYAL W. BASSETT TOWN FC DEV - SEASON 2022-23 FIXTURES & RESULTS

#### CORSHAM PRINT WILTSHIRE SENIOR LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

| Date          | Opponents           | H/A | Comp   | Result  | Scorers                              |
|---------------|---------------------|-----|--------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Sat 13-Aug-22 | Frome Collegians    | H   | League | L 1 - 4 | McDermid                             |
| Tue 16-Aug-22 | Blunsdon            | A   | League | L 1 - 2 | Martins                              |
| Sat 20-Aug-22 | Trowbridge Town     | A   | League | L 0 - 5 |                                      |
| Wed 24-Aug-22 | Malmesbury Vics Dev | A   | League | L 0 - 3 |                                      |
| Tue 30-Aug-22 | Calne Town Res      | A   | League | L 0 - 2 |                                      |
| Sat 03-Sep-22 | Shrewton United     | A   | League | D 1 - 1 | Partridge                            |
| Sat 17-Sep-22 | Kintbury Rangers    | A   | League | D 0 - 0 |                                      |
| Sat 24-Sep-22 | Stratton Juniors    | H   | League | W 2 - 0 | Presley, Lartey                      |
| Sat 01-Oct-22 | Odd Down (Bath)     | A   | League | W 5 - 0 | Mesas 2, Lartey, Martins, B.Spackman |
| Sat 08-Oct-22 | Salisbury Dev       | H   | League | D 0 - 0 |                                      |
| Sat 15-Oct-22 | Wroughton           | H   | League | W 1 - 0 | Lance                                |
| Sat 22-Oct-22 | Devizes Town        | A   | League | D 2 - 2 | Mesas, Lartey                        |
| Sat 29-Oct-22 | Marlborough Town    | A   | League | W 2 - 0 | Close, Spackman                      |
| Sat 05-Nov-22 | Stratton Juniors    | A   | League | W 2 - 0 | Lartey 2                             |
| Sat 12-Nov-22 | Melksham Town Res   | H   | League | W 4 - 2 | F. Smith 2, McCrae, Cook             |
| Sat 19-Nov-22 | Frome Collegians    | A   | League | L 2 - 6 | F. Smith, OG                         |
| Sat 26-Nov-22 | Ludgershall Sports  | H   | FT Cup | W 5 - 1 | Lance 2, Lartey 2, B. Spackman       |
| Sat 07-Jan-23 | Trowbridge Town     | H   | League |         |                                      |
| Sat 14-Jan-23 | Calne Town Res      | H   | League |         |                                      |
| Sat 21-Jan-23 | Melksham Town Res   | H   | FT Cup |         |                                      |
| Sat 28-Jan-23 | Salisbury Dev       | A   | League |         |                                      |
| Sat 04-Feb-23 | Shrewton United     | H   | League |         |                                      |
| Sat 11-Feb-23 | Pewsey Vale         | A   | League |         |                                      |
| Sat 18-Feb-23 | Melksham Town Res   | A   | League |         |                                      |
|               | Blunsdon            | H   | League |         |                                      |
|               | Devizes Town        | H   | League |         |                                      |
|               | Kintbury Rangers    | H   | League |         |                                      |
|               | Malmesbury Vics Dev | H   | League |         |                                      |
|               | Marlborough Town    | H   | League |         |                                      |
|               | Odd Down (Bath)     | H   | League |         |                                      |
|               | Pewsey Vale         | H   | League |         |                                      |
|               | Wroughton           | A   | League |         |                                      |

#### Goalscorers

|                 | League | FT Cup | Total |
|-----------------|--------|--------|-------|
| Kevin Lartey    | 5      | 2      | 7     |
| Manuel Mesas    | 3      |        | 3     |
| Finley Smith    | 3      |        | 3     |
| Ben Spackman    | 2      | 1      | 3     |
| George Lance    | 1      | 2      | 3     |
| Bruno Martins   | 2      |        | 2     |
| Alfie Presley   | 1      |        | 1     |
| Ian McDermid    | 1      |        | 1     |
| James Close     | 1      |        | 1     |
| Charlie McCrae  | 1      |        | 1     |
| Malcolm Cook    | 1      |        | 1     |
| Jowan Partridge | 1      |        | 1     |
| OG              | 1      |        | 1     |
|                 | <hr/>  | <hr/>  | <hr/> |
|                 | 23     | 5      | 28    |



**Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League  
Premier Division Season 2022-23**

|                               | <b>Pld</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>F</b> | <b>A</b> | <b>PTS</b> |
|-------------------------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| 1 Trowbridge Town FC          | 17         | 16       | 1        | 0        | 76       | 12       | 49         |
| 2 Devizes Town FC             | 16         | 14       | 2        | 0        | 52       | 10       | 44         |
| 3 Wroughton FC                | 15         | 10       | 3        | 2        | 45       | 20       | 33         |
| 4 Kintbury Rangers FC         | 16         | 8        | 4        | 4        | 39       | 23       | 28         |
| 5 Blunsdon FC                 | 16         | 7        | 6        | 3        | 42       | 19       | 27         |
| 6 Pewsey Vale FC              | 15         | 8        | 2        | 5        | 35       | 20       | 26         |
| 7 Frome Collegians FC         | 16         | 8        | 1        | 7        | 37       | 36       | 25         |
| 8 Calne Town FC Res           | 18         | 7        | 3        | 8        | 43       | 39       | 24         |
| 9 Royal W. Bassett Town Dev   | 16         | 6        | 4        | 6        | 23       | 27       | 22         |
| 10 Malmesbury Victoria FC Dev | 13         | 4        | 2        | 7        | 20       | 31       | 14         |
| 11 Marlborough Town FC        | 18         | 3        | 4        | 11       | 23       | 47       | 13         |
| 12 Salisbury FC Dev           | 14         | 3        | 4        | 7        | 21       | 47       | 13         |
| 13 Odd Down (Bath) FC Dev     | 15         | 3        | 2        | 10       | 16       | 43       | 11         |
| 14 Stratton Juniors FC        | 16         | 3        | 2        | 11       | 22       | 52       | 11         |
| 15 Shrewton United FC         | 14         | 3        | 2        | 9        | 23       | 61       | 11         |
| 16 Melksham Town FC Res       | 17         | 1        | 2        | 14       | 21       | 51       | 5          |

## CHRISTMAS 2022 REPORT CARD

It's been a season of two halves so far for the Men's Development team. The reigning Wiltshire League Premier Division champions were not expecting to retain their title. But equally they would have expected to get off to a better start to the 2022-23 campaign, having lost their opening five games.

However a change in manager, with Mark Simpkins put in charge in September, reversed the team's fortunes. After Simpkins assumed control of the team, Bassett went on a ten game unbeaten run comprising six wins and four draws - including an impressive 2-2 draw away at title hopefuls Devizes Town. That run

was brought to an end in the team's most recent league game - a 6-2 loss at Frome Collegians.

But at present the Development side are in a solid ninth place - just six points off fourth place Kintbury Rangers in a congested mid-table. And with ten of their fourteen remaining fixtures due to be at home, there is a great opportunity to climb the table.

Simpkins' team will be aiming at a deep run in the Fountains Trophies Senior Cup too, with a last sixteen fixture at home against Melksham Town Reserves due in January.

*Steve Green's Player Portrait*  
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# Season 2022-23

## WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

### Season 2022-23 Fixtures and Results

| Date   | Opponents                 | H/A | Result  | Goalscorers           |
|--------|---------------------------|-----|---------|-----------------------|
| 04-Sep | Bristol Rovers            | A   | L 4 - 6 | Davies 3, H. Gulliver |
| 18-Sep | Sherborne Town            | H   | L 1 - 2 | Jefferies             |
| 25-Sep | Poole Town                | A   | D 1 - 1 | Morse                 |
| 02-Oct | Middlezoy Rovers (FACQR2) | A   | W 6 - 0 | Davies 5, H. Gulliver |
| 09-Oct | Forest Green Rovers       | H   | L 0 - 3 |                       |
| 16-Oct | Salisbury FC (WCC1)       | H   | W 3 - 0 | Davies 2, Elliott     |
| 23-Oct | Torquay United (FACQR3)   | A   | L 2 - 5 | Baker, Church         |
| 30-Oct | Liskeard Athletic         | A   | L 3 - 6 | Davies 3              |
| 06-Nov | Bishops Lydeard Ladies    | H   | L 2 - 4 | Davies 2              |
| 20-Nov | Purton (WCCQ-F)           | A   | W 3 - 1 | Davies 2, H. Gulliver |
| 04-Dec | Sherborne Town            | A   | L 0 - 3 |                       |
| 08-Jan | Warminster Town           | H   |         |                       |
| 15-Jan | Durrington (WCCS-F)       | H   |         |                       |
| 22-Jan | Liskeard Athletic         | H   |         |                       |
| 29-Jan | Torquay United            | H   |         |                       |
| 05-Feb | Poole Town                | H   |         |                       |
| 12-Feb | Bristol Rovers            | H   |         |                       |
| 19-Feb | Warminster Town           | A   |         |                       |
| 26-Feb | Bishops Lydeard Ladies    | A   |         |                       |
| 05-Mar | Forest Green Rovers       | A   |         |                       |
| 12-Mar | Torquay United            | A   |         |                       |
| 26-Mar | Ilminster Town Ladies     | A   |         |                       |
| TBA    | Ilminster Town Ladies     | H   |         |                       |



#### South West Regional Women's Football League Premier Division Season 2022-23

|                                       | Pld      | W        | D        | L        | F         | A         | Pts      |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| 1 Forest Green Rovers Women           | 10       | 7        | 1        | 2        | 29        | 16        | 22       |
| 2 Bristol Rovers Women                | 10       | 6        | 2        | 2        | 32        | 16        | 20       |
| 3 Sherborne Town Ladies               | 9        | 5        | 2        | 1        | 23        | 11        | 20       |
| 4 Torquay United Women                | 7        | 5        | 1        | 1        | 18        | 11        | 16       |
| 5 Bishops Lydeard Ladies              | 8        | 4        | 1        | 3        | 21        | 17        | 13       |
| 6 Liskeard Athletic Women             | 7        | 3        | 1        | 3        | 19        | 20        | 10       |
| 7 Ilminster Town Ladies               | 8        | 2        | 0        | 6        | 12        | 22        | 6        |
| 8 Warminster Town Ladies              | 6        | 1        | 1        | 4        | 7         | 18        | 4        |
| 9 Poole Town Ladies                   | 8        | 0        | 2        | 6        | 12        | 28        | 2        |
| 10 <b>Royal W. Bassett Town Women</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>1</b> |

FAC = Women's FA Cup, WCC = Wilts County Cup

## CHRISTMAS 2022 REPORT CARD

On the face of it, Bassett have endured an extremely difficult start to the 2022-23 season in the South West Regional Women's Football League Premier Division. At the time of writing, Simon Harrison's side sit bottom of the league with just a single point to their name after eight games. However, Bassett's record and league position does not reflect how competitive the Women's team have been. Only on two occasions in the league have Bassett truly been outclassed - away at Liskeard Athletic and at home against Forest Green Rovers. Otherwise, Bassett have either been beaten in high-scoring affairs or lacked the rub of the green.

The loss of star striker Libby Davies, who is moving up two levels to play for Cheltenham Town, does hurt Bassett. But there is enough quality in the team to put up a fight against relegation.

There is possible cup success to look forward to as well, with Bassett hosting County League Durrington in the Wiltshire County Women's Cup semi final (scheduled for 15 January) after wins over Salisbury and Purton. The winners will face either Warminster Town or Swindon Supermarine in the final.

Bassett also recorded a first Vitality Women's FA Cup win since 2019-20 when they impressively triumphed 6-0 away at Middlezoy Rovers. With the increase in prize money for this year's competition, that victory represented a welcome financial boost too. Bassett did lose 5-2 at Torquay United in the subsequent third qualifying round, missing out on a debut appearance in the first round proper - but that surely will not be too far off in seasons to come.

# Season 2022-23

## RWBTFC Vets' (Over 50) Team

### Royal Wootton Bassett Town Vets Over 50s

#### Season 2022-23 - Oxfordshire League - Vets Premier League Division 2

| Date          | Opponents                | H/A | Comp   | Result  | Scorers                          |
|---------------|--------------------------|-----|--------|---------|----------------------------------|
| Sun 25-Sep-22 | Goring United            | A   | League | W 4 - 0 | Cooper, Huggins, Lynch, Mitchell |
| Sun 09-Oct-22 | Hazlemere Sports Olympic | H   | League | W 4 - 0 | Mitchell 2, Stephenson, Webb     |
| Sun 16-Oct-22 | Bicester Town Colts      | A   | League | L 0 - 4 |                                  |
| Sun 06-Nov-22 | Exiles                   | A   | League | W 4 - 0 | Jack, Huggins, Creswell, Webb    |
| Sun 13-Nov-22 | Thame United             | A   | Cup    | L 1 - 4 | Huggins                          |
| Sun 27-Nov-22 | Easington Sports         | H   | League | L 3 - 4 | Cresswell, Huggins, OG           |
| Sun 04-Dec-22 | Chinnor                  | A   | League | D 1 - 1 | Stephenson                       |
| Sun 08-Jan-23 | Goring United            | H   | League |         |                                  |
| Sun 22-Jan-23 | Chilsley                 | A   | League |         |                                  |
| Sun 12-Feb-23 | Hazlemere Sports Olympic | A   | League |         |                                  |
| Sun 19-Feb-23 | Bicester Town Colts      | H   | League |         |                                  |
| Sun 05-Mar-23 | Exiles                   | H   | League |         |                                  |
| Sun 26-Mar-23 | Easington Sports         | A   | League |         |                                  |
| Sat 09-Apr-23 | Chinnor                  | H   | League |         |                                  |
| TBA           | Chilsley                 | H   | League |         |                                  |

| Goalscorers       | League    | Cup      | Total     |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Andy Huggins      | 3         | 1        | 4         |
| Rob Mitchell      | 3         |          | 3         |
| Roger Webb        | 2         |          | 2         |
| Marc Creswell     | 2         |          | 2         |
| Edward Stephenson | 2         |          | 1         |
| Bryan Cooper      | 1         |          | 1         |
| Steve Lynch       | 1         |          | 1         |
| Paul Jack         | 1         |          | 1         |
| OG                | 1         |          | 1         |
|                   | <u>16</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>16</u> |



### Oxfordshire Over 50s League Division 2 Season 2022/2023

|                              | Pld | W | D | L | F  | A  | PTS |
|------------------------------|-----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| 1 Bicester Town Colts        | 6   | 6 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 3  | 18  |
| 2 Chinnor                    | 6   | 4 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 4  | 13  |
| 3 Goring GB2022              | 6   | 4 | 0 | 2 | 18 | 15 | 12  |
| 4 Royal Wootton Bassett Town | 6   | 3 | 1 | 2 | 16 | 9  | 10  |
| 6 Easington Sports           | 6   | 2 | 1 | 3 | 8  | 13 | 7   |
| 5 Chilsley Blacks            | 6   | 2 | 0 | 4 | 13 | 17 | 6   |
| 7 Hazlemere Sports Olympic   | 7   | 2 | 0 | 5 | 14 | 24 | 6   |
| 8 Exiles                     | 7   | 0 | 1 | 6 | 5  | 36 | 1   |

## CHRISTMAS 2022 REPORT CARD

Like the other Veterans' side, Bassett's Over 50s have also had a successful start. After struggling in their first two seasons, the reorganisation of the Oxfordshire Premier League into two divisions has benefited Bassett. After six games in Division Two of which the Over 50s have won three, drawn one

and lost two, the team sit fourth, just three points behind second place Chinnor. A push for promotion is therefore the aim when play resumes in the New Year.

# Season 2022-23

## RWBTFC U18 Floodlit Team

### Royal Wootton Bassett Town U18

#### Season 2022-23 - Under 18 Floodlit League - Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League

| Date           | Opponents            | H/A | Comp    | Result  | Scorers  |
|----------------|----------------------|-----|---------|---------|--|
| Thur 08-Sep-22 | Kingsdown Lions      | H   | League  | W 5 - 3 | Rendell-Haines 4, Partridge                                |
| Thur 15-Sep-22 | Calne Town           | A   | League  | D 1 - 1 | Spackman   |
| Thur 22-Sep-22 | Kintbury Rangers Yth | H   | League  | W 3 - 1 | Rendell-Haines 2, OG                                       |
| Thur 29-Sep-22 | Melksham Town        | A   | League  | W 2 - 1 | De Paula, Stammers   |
| Thur 06-Oct-22 | Warminster Town      | A   | League  | D 2 - 2 | Spackman, OG   |
| Thur 13-Oct-22 | Bradford Town        | H   | League  | W 5 - 1 | Cranswick-Coates, de Paula, Rendell-Haines, Spackman, Wood |
| Fri 18-Nov-22  | Bishops Cannings     | A   | League  | W 2 - 1 | Beavis 2   |
| Thur 24-Nov-22 | AFC Aldermaston      | H   | League  | W 4 - 2 | Westlake 2, Spackman, Rendell-Haines                       |
| Thur 08-Dec-22 | Bishops Cannings     | H   | League  | W 3 - 1 | Beavis 2, Walters  |
| Thur 12-Jan-23 | Warminster Town      | A   | U18 Cup |         |  |
| Tue 17-Jan-23  | Kingsdown Lions      | A   | League  |         |  |
| Thur 26-Jan-23 | Calne Town           | H   | League  |         |  |
| Mon 30-Jan-23  | AFC Aldermaston      | A   | League  |         |  |
| Thur 09-Feb-23 | Bradford Town        | A   | League  |         |  |
| Thur 23-Feb-23 | Melksham Town        | H   | League  |         |  |
| Mon 27-Feb-23  | Kintbury Rangers Yth | A   | League  |         |  |
| Thur 09-Mar-23 | Radstock Town        | A   | League  |         |  |
| Thur 23-Mar-23 | Warminster Town      | H   | League  |         |  |
| TBA            | Radstock Town        | H   | League  |         |  |

| Goalscorers           | League    | Cup      | Total     |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Jacob Rendell-Haines  | 8         |          | 8         |
| Euan Spackman         | 4         |          | 4         |
| Joseph Beavis         | 4         |          | 4         |
| Alan De Paula         | 2         |          | 2         |
| Rhys Westlake         | 2         |          | 2         |
| Jowan Partridge       | 1         |          | 1         |
| Noah Cranswick-Coates | 1         |          | 1         |
| Max Wood              | 1         |          | 1         |
| Charlie Stammers      | 1         |          | 1         |
| Flynn Walters         | 1         |          | 1         |
| Own Goals             | 2         |          | 2         |
|                       | <u>27</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>27</u> |



### Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League Under 18 Floodlight Division Season 2022-23

|                                     | Pld | W | D | L | F  | A  | PTS |
|-------------------------------------|-----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| 1 Kintbury Rangers Youth            | 9   | 8 | 0 | 1 | 33 | 9  | 24  |
| 2 <b>Royal Wootton Bassett Town</b> | 9   | 7 | 2 | 0 | 27 | 13 | 23  |
| 3 Calne Town                        | 8   | 5 | 1 | 2 | 21 | 14 | 16  |
| 4 Bishops Cannings                  | 7   | 3 | 1 | 3 | 21 | 13 | 10  |
| 5= Melksham Town                    | 8   | 3 | 0 | 5 | 16 | 18 | 9   |
| 5= Radstock Town                    | 6   | 3 | 0 | 3 | 15 | 9  | 9   |
| 7 Kingsdown Lions                   | 9   | 2 | 2 | 5 | 18 | 30 | 8   |
| 8= Bradford Town                    | 9   | 1 | 3 | 5 | 15 | 29 | 6   |
| 8= Warminster Town                  | 7   | 1 | 3 | 3 | 9  | 24 | 6   |
| 10 AFC Aldermaston                  | 8   | 1 | 0 | 7 | 12 | 28 | 3   |

Goal difference can not be used at U18 level, teams level on points listed alphabetically

# Season 2022-23 Youth Section

## CHRISTMAS 2022 REPORT CARD

Four youth sides added their names to the honours board in 2021-22 - and a half dozen are in a good position at Christmas to achieve just the same at the end of this season.

Most notable of all has been the outstanding performance of the Under 18s. Runners-up in the Wiltshire League Floodlit Division last year, the team are again playing at a high standard. And at the halfway point of the season, Nick Warren's side are still unbeaten, winning seven and drawing two of their opening nine fixtures. They do sit second - a point behind Kintbury Rangers. But the title seems to be a two- rather than three-horse race this time around, while Bassett can lay claim to a minor psychological advantage over Kintbury having won the first meeting between the teams 3-1. There is still a long way to go and plenty of points to play for - but the Under 18 Floodlit side are firmly in the mix for the title.

In the North Wilts League, the Under 14 Blue (Division One), 13 Blue (Division Two), 15 Yellow (Division Four), 14 Yellow (Division Four), 13 Yellow (Division Four) and 12 Yellow (Division Five) teams have all enjoyed strong

starts and find themselves well positioned for a tilt at either a first or second place finish.

The Under 14 Blues also have their eyes on cup glory, having reached the last eight of both the Wiltshire County Cup and North Wilts League Cup.

Elsewhere at competitive age groups, the Under 16 Blues have found the going tough in North Wilts League Division One, but still enjoyed decent cup runs as they reached the League Cup quarter finals and County Cup third round.

In Division One, the Under 12 Blues find themselves safely in mid-table. Meanwhile, the first part of the season has been trickier for the Under 18 Blue, 18 Yellow and 13 Girls teams - but there is still plenty of football left to play and time for them to make their mark.

At the non-competitive age groups it has been enjoyable to see the continued progress made by Bassett's teams - nine ranging from Under 7s to Under 11s in the North Wilts League and the Under 8, 9 and 11 Girls sides in the Wiltshire County Women's and Girls' League.



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# Season 2022-23

## RWBTFC Vets' (Over 35) Team

### Royal Wootton Bassett Town Vets

#### Season 2022-23 - Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League - Vets North Wilts Division

| Date          | Opponents        | H/A | Comp   | Result  | Scorers                               |
|---------------|------------------|-----|--------|---------|---------------------------------------|
| Wed 07-Sep-22 | Redhouse         | A   | League | W 5 - 2 | Head, Newton, Yeardley, Mason, OG     |
| Tue 13-Sep-22 | Swindon Old Boys | H   | League | W 2 - 0 | Connolly, Shaw                        |
| Wed 28-Sep-22 | Swindon Rovers   | H   | League | W 3 - 0 | Newton 2, Head                        |
| Wed 05-Oct-22 | Cricklade Town   | A   | League | L 0 - 4 |                                       |
| Mon 01-Nov-22 | Devizes Town     | A   | WVC    | W 1 - 0 | Head                                  |
| Mon 07-Nov-22 | Radstock Town    | H   | L Cup  | W 5 - 0 | Shaw 3, Yeardley, Lye-Owens           |
| Wed 23-Nov-22 | AFC Swindon      | H   | League | W 7 - 0 | Head 2, Howse 2, Mason, Newton, Lilly |
| Wed 21-Dec-22 | Blunsdon         | H   | League | W 4 - 0 | Head 2, Mason, Davis                  |
| Wed 04-Jan-23 | AFC Swindon      | H   | L Cup  |         |                                       |
| Mon 09-Jan-23 | FC Calne         | A   | WVC    |         |                                       |
| Tue 17-Jan-23 | Swindon Old Boys | A   | League |         |                                       |

#### Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League Vets North Wiltshire Division Season 2022-23

|                           | Pld | W | D | L | F  | A  | PTS |
|---------------------------|-----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| 1 Redhouse                | 9   | 8 | 0 | 1 | 28 | 8  | 24  |
| 2 Cricklade Town          | 7   | 6 | 0 | 1 | 16 | 5  | 18  |
| 3 Royal W. Bassett Town   | 6   | 5 | 0 | 1 | 21 | 6  | 15  |
| 4 Swindon Old Boys        | 9   | 4 | 1 | 4 | 17 | 18 | 13  |
| 5 Stratton Juniors Orange | 7   | 3 | 2 | 2 | 20 | 11 | 11  |
| 6 Swindon Rovers          | 10  | 3 | 2 | 5 | 17 | 21 | 11  |
| 7 Chiseldon               | 6   | 3 | 1 | 2 | 16 | 8  | 10  |
| 8 Blunsdon                | 5   | 2 | 0 | 3 | 4  | 10 | 6   |
| 9 Stratton Juniors Black  | 8   | 1 | 0 | 7 | 5  | 34 | 3   |
| 10 AFC Swindon            | 9   | 0 | 0 | 9 | 4  | 27 | 0   |

| Goalscorers    | League    | Cup      | Total     |
|----------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Chris Head     | 6         | 1        | 7         |
| Jeremy Newton  | 4         |          | 4         |
| Steve Shaw     | 1         | 3        | 4         |
| Nick Mason     | 3         |          | 3         |
| Steve Howse    | 2         |          | 2         |
| Steve Yeardley | 1         | 1        | 2         |
| Josh Connolly  | 1         |          | 1         |
| Brady Lilly    | 1         |          | 1         |
| Jonathan Davis | 1         |          | 1         |
| Nick Lye-Owens |           | 1        | 1         |
| OG             | 1         |          | 1         |
|                | <u>21</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>27</u> |



## CHRISTMAS 2022 REPORT CARD

The 2022-23 campaign has so far been another solid one for the club's Over 35s Veterans team - even if they have played relatively few fixtures so far. Runners-up in the Wiltshire County Cup last year, Bassett are again vying for success in the competition with their quarter final against FC Calne set for mid-January. In the Wiltshire

League North Division, Bassett have so far played five, won four and lost just once. The division is again set to be a highly competitive one, with Redhouse, Cricklade Town, Stratton Juniors Orange, Chiseldon and Blunsdon all seemingly in the mix.

# RWBTFC & Emirates FA Cup

## EMIRATES FA CUP ROAD TO WEMBLEY FOR ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN 2022-23

| Date                         | Round                      | Opponents               | H/A     | Result  | Prize Money |               |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------|---------|-------------|---------------|
|                              |                            |                         |         |         | Winner      | Loser         |
| 6-Aug-22                     | Extra Preliminary Round    | v Windsor               | H       | D 1 - 1 | £1,125      | £375          |
| 9-Aug-22                     | Extra Prelim. Round Replay | v Windsor               | A       | W 2 - 0 |             |               |
| 20-Aug-22                    | Preliminary Round          | v Reading City          | H       | W 3 - 1 | £1,444      | £481          |
| 3-Sep-22                     | First Qualifying Round     | v Paulton Rovers        | H       | L 2 - 4 | £2,250      | £750          |
| 17-Sep-22                    | Second Qualifying Round    | v Gosport Borough       | A       |         | £3,375      | £1,125        |
| 1-Oct-22                     | Third Qualifying Round     | v Hampton & Richmond B. | A       |         | £5,625      | £1,875        |
| 15-Oct-22                    | Fourth Qualifying Round    | v Torquay               | A       |         | £9,375      | £3,125        |
| 5-Nov-22                     | First Round                | v Derby County*         | H       |         | £36,000     |               |
| 26-Nov-22                    | Second Round               | v Newport County        | A       |         | £60,000     |               |
| 7-Jan-23                     | Third Round                | v Barnsley*             | H       |         | £100,000    |               |
| 28-Jan-23                    | Fourth Round               | v                       |         |         | £120,000    |               |
| 1-Mar-23                     | Fifth Round                | v                       |         |         | £225,000    |               |
| 18-Mar-23                    | Sixth Round                | v                       |         |         | £450,000    |               |
| 22-Apr-23                    | Semi-Final                 | v                       | Wembley |         | £1,000,000  | £500,000      |
| 3-Jun-23                     | Final                      | v                       | Wembley |         | £2,000,000  | £1,000,000    |
| <b>Total Prize Money Won</b> |                            |                         |         |         |             | <b>£3,319</b> |

\* Still in competition



## Royal Wootton Bassett Town FC - Emirates FA Cup Record

| Season  | Rnd | Opponents                 | Result    |
|---------|-----|---------------------------|-----------|
| 1938-39 | Pr  | Wiltshire Mental Hospital | A L 0 - 6 |
| 1939-40 | Pr  | Frome Town (War)          | A P - P   |
| 1946-47 | EPr | Dilton Rovers             | H W 5 - 1 |
|         | Pr  | Swindon GWR Corinthians   | A L 1 - 5 |
| 1947-48 | EPr | Pewsey Vale               | H L 0 - 2 |
| 1948-49 | EPr | Swindon BR Corinthians    | A L 3 - 6 |
| 1949-50 | EPr | Warminster Town           | H L 4 - 5 |
| 1950-51 | EPr | Spencer Moulton           | H W 2 - 1 |
|         | Pr  | Devizes Town              | A L 0 - 4 |
| 2004-05 | Pr  | Exmouth                   | A L 2 - 3 |
| 2007-08 | EPr | Highworth Town            | A D 0 - 0 |
|         | EPr | Highworth Town            | H W 2 - 1 |
|         | Pr  | Bracknell Town            | H W 2 - 1 |
|         | QR1 | Brockenhurst              | A D 1 - 1 |
|         | QR1 | Brockenhurst              | H L 1 - 5 |
| 2008-09 | EPr | Flackwell Heath           | A D 1 - 1 |
|         | EPr | Flackwell Heath           | H L 1 - 6 |
| 2009-10 | EPr | Westbury United           | H D 2 - 2 |
|         | EPr | Westbury United           | A W 3 - 2 |
|         | Pr  | Brockenhurst              | H L 0 - 1 |
| 2010-11 | EPr | Bradford Town             | A D 1 - 1 |
|         | EPr | Bradford Town (W4-3 pens) | H D 3 - 3 |
|         | Pr  | Almondsbury UWE           | A W 1 - 0 |
|         | QR1 | Hamble ASSC               | A D 1 - 1 |
|         | QR1 | Hamble ASSC               | H L 0 - 2 |

| Season  | Rnd  | Opponents                      | Result    |
|---------|------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| 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 pens) | H D 2 - 2 |
|         | Pr   | Didcot Town                    | A W 2 - 1 |
|         | QR1  | Cinderford T (Won 6-5 pens)    | A D 2 - 2 |
|         | QR2  | Oxford City                    | H L 1 - 2 |
| 2021-22 | EPr  | Thornbury Town                 | A W 4 - 0 |
|         | Pr   | Ardley United                  | H D 2 - 2 |
|         | PrR  | Ardley United                  | A L 1 - 3 |
| 2022-23 | EPr  | Windsor                        | H D 1 - 1 |
|         | EPrR | Windsor                        | A W 2 - 0 |
|         | Pr   | Reading City                   | H W 3 - 1 |
|         | QR1  | Paulton Rovers                 | H L 2 - 4 |

# RWBTFC & The FA Vase

## OUR ROAD TO WEMBLEY

| THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY FOR ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C. FA VASE 2022-23 |                         |                 |     |                        |               |         |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------|-----|------------------------|---------------|---------|
| Date  | Round                   | Opponents       | H/A | Result                 | Prize Money   |         |
|   |                         |                 |     |                        | Winner        | Loser   |
| 27-Aug-22   | First Round Qualifying  | Bye             |     |                        | £550          | £160    |
| 24-Sep-22   | Second Round Qualifying | Bye             |     |                        | £725          | £225    |
| 22-Oct-22   | First Round Proper      | v Bridport      | A   | W 5 - 3                | £825          | £250    |
| 12-Nov-22   | Second Round Proper     | v Wellington    | A   | D 2 - 2 (W 5 - 4 Pens) | £900          | £275    |
| 3-Dec-22  | Third Round Proper      | v Corsham Town* | H   | D 0 - 0 (L 3 - 4 Pens) | £1,125        | £350    |
| 14-Jan-23   | Fourth Round Proper     | v Deal Town*    | H   |                        | £1,875        | £600    |
| 11-Feb-23   | Fifth Round Proper      | v               |     |                        | £2,250        | £725    |
| 11-Mar-23   | Sixth Round Proper      | v               |     |                        | £4,125        | £1,350  |
| 1-Apr-23  | Semi-final              | v               |     |                        | £5,500        | £1,725  |
| 21-May-23   | Final (at Wembley)      | v               |     |                        | £30,000       | £15,000 |
| <b>Total Prize Money Won</b>  |                         |                 |     |                        | <b>£2,075</b> |         |

\* Still in competition

Saturday 22nd October 2022, 3:00pm | Round 1



3 Bridport



5 Royal Wootton Bassett Town

**Team:** M Crowther, J Partridge, L Spalding, J Hobson-McVeigh, A Corcoran, D Bampton, A Presley, G Wrona, M Bennett, B Gallagher, L Whelan

**Subs:** S Smith, A Griffin, A de Paula

**Scorers:** Matt Bennett (3), Alfie Presley, Gio Wrona

Saturday 12th November 2022, 3:00pm | Round 2



2 Wellington AFC



2 Royal Wootton Bassett Town (Pens: W5-4)

**Team:** M Crowther, L Golding, L Spalding, K Robinson, J Partridge, D Bampton, A Presley, T Ouldridge, R Talmash, M Jones, J Hobson-McVeigh

**Subs:** B Gallagher, L Whelan, C Taylor

**Scorers:** Tommy Ouldridge, Own Goal

Saturday 3rd December 2022, 3:00pm | Round 3



0 Royal Wootton Bassett Town



0 Corsham Town (Pens: W4-3)

**Team:** M Crowther, J Partridge, L Spalding, A Corcoran, L Golding, A Presley, C Taylor, M Bennett, S Packer, J Hobson-McVeigh, M Jones

**Subs:** T Ouldridge, L Whelan, K Robinson

### 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  |
| 2009-10 | QR1 | Hamble ASSC           | H | L 2 - 3  |
|         | QR2 | Devizes Town          | A | W 4 - 0  |
| 2010-11 | R1  | Cadbury Heath         | A | L 1 - 2  |
|         | 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 |
| 2016-17 | QR2                      | Windsor FC                | A       | L 1 - 2 |
|         | 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 |
| 2018-19 | R2                       | Hordean                   | A       | L 2 - 3 |
|         | QR2                      | Bashley                   | H       | L 0 - 4 |
| 2019-20 | QR1                      | New College Swindon       | A       | W 7 - 0 |
|         | QR2                      | Tadley Calleva            | A       | L 0 - 1 |
| 2020-21 | QR2                      | Stonehouse                | A       | W 1 - 0 |
|         | R1                       | Camelford                 | H       | W 4 - 0 |
|         | R2                       | Bridgwater Town           | A       | L 1 - 2 |
| 2021-22 | QR1                      | Knaphill                  | H       | W 1 - 0 |
|         | QR2                      | Portishead Town           | A       | W 3 - 1 |
|         | R1                       | Downton                   | H       | W 4 - 0 |
|         | R2                       | Torpoint Athletic         | H       | W 2 - 0 |
| 2022-23 | R3                       | Hamworthy United          | H       | L 1 - 3 |
|         | R1                       | Bridport                  | A       | W 5 - 3 |
|         | R2                       | Wellington (W 5 - 4 pens) | A       | D 2 - 2 |
| R3      | Corsham T (L 3 - 4 pens) | H                         | D 0 - 0 |         |

**THE ISUZU FA VASE  
FOURTH ROUND PROPER  
SATURDAY 14 JANUARY 2023  
WINNING CLUB TO RECEIVE £1,875  
LOSING CLUB TO RECEIVE £600**



|    |                          |   |                         |
|----|--------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| 1  | Eccleshill United        | v | AFC Liverpool           |
| 2  | Bury AFC                 | v | Holker Old Boys         |
| 3  | West Didsbury & Chorlton | v | Horde Community Welfare |
| 4  | Atherstone Town          | v | Hartpury University     |
| 5  | Tring Athletic           | v | Walsall Wood            |
| 6  | Biggleswade United       | v | Coventry Sphinx         |
| 7  | Congleton Town           | v | Pinchbeck United        |
| 8  | Newport Pagnell Town     | v | Leighton Town           |
| 9  | AFC Wulfrunians          | v | Anstey Nomads           |
| 10 | Buckland Athletic        | v | Ascot United            |
| 11 | Clevedon Town            | v | Harefield United        |
| 12 | Brixham                  | v | Raynes Park Vale        |
| 13 | Egham Town               | v | Peacehaven & Telscombe  |
| 14 | Corsham Town             | v | Deal Town               |
| 15 | Bridgwater United        | v | Erith Town              |
| 16 | Jersey Bulls             | v | Romford                 |

**Leagues Still Represented**

|                                 | No. of Clubs    |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Step 5 Clubs</b>             |                 |
| North West Counties Premier     | 4               |
| Midland League Premier          | 3               |
| Combined Counties Premier North | 3               |
| Spartan South Midlands Premier  | 3               |
| Western League Premier          | 3               |
| United Counties Premier North   | 2               |
| Southern Counties East Premier  | 2               |
| Combined Counties Premier South | 2               |
| United Counties Premier South   | 2               |
| <b>Hellenic League Premier</b>  | <b>1</b>        |
| Southern Combinaton Premier     | 1               |
| Essex Senior League             | 1               |
| Northern Counties East Premier  | 1               |
|                                 | <hr/> <b>28</b> |

**Step 6 Clubs**

|                                   |                 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| North West Counties Div 1 North   | 1               |
| South West Peninsula East         | 1               |
| <b>Hellenic League Division 1</b> | <b>1</b>        |
| Northern League Division 2        | 1               |
|                                   | <hr/> <b>4</b>  |
|                                   | <hr/> <b>32</b> |

# Royal Wootton Bassett Town FC



|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| Matthew Crowther    | 1  |
| Jowan Partridge     | 2  |
| Louis Spalding      | 3  |
| Adam Corcoran       | 4  |
| Landon Golding      | 5  |
| Jack Hobson McVeigh | 6  |
| Matt Bennett        | 7  |
| Chris Taylor        | 8  |
| Alfie Presley       | 9  |
| Matthew Jones       | 10 |
| Tommy Ouldrige      | 11 |
| Steve Robertson     | 12 |
| Bailey Gallagher    | 14 |
| Rhys Talmash        | 15 |
| Kai Robinson        | 16 |
| Gio Wrona           | 17 |
| Dave Bampton        | 18 |
| Jaydn Mundle        | 19 |
| Harry Walters       | 20 |
| Jon Beeden          | 21 |
| Alan Griffin        | 22 |

**Dugout Team**  
Manager: Sam Collier  
Assistant: Alan Griffin  
Coach: Mark Simpkins  
Therapist: Kara Gregory

# Corsham Town FC



|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| Brandy Mundy     |  |
| Ryan Bath        |  |
| Mark Cooper      |  |
| Leon Greenfield  |  |
| Dan Demkiv       |  |
| Sean Keet        |  |
| Sam Jepson       |  |
| Matt Jenkins     |  |
| Kieran Baggs     |  |
| Chris Allen      |  |
| Matt Swann       |  |
| Sebastian Tylek  |  |
| Matt Groves      |  |
| Joel Smedley     |  |
| Callum Demkiv    |  |
| Nathan Davies    |  |
| Sam Dowson       |  |
| Neikell Plummer  |  |
| Ollie Pitt       |  |
| Malachi Benjamin |  |
| Sam Ockwell      |  |

**Dugout Team**  
Manager: Kieron Baggs  
Assistant:  
Head Coach: Andy Gilbert  
Therapist: Micky Baggs

## Match Officials

|              |  |                 |
|--------------|--|-----------------|
| Referee:     |  | Neal Templey    |
| Assistant 1: |  | Graham Pugh     |
| Assistant 2: |  | Darren McMillan |

## Next Home Games

02-Jan-23 v Malvern Town (Hellenic League Premier Division) Kick-off 2:00PM