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EDITORIAL

Good evening and welcome back to Rylands Way for the visit of **Headington Amateurs** in this FTL Futbol Hellenic League Division One West fixture. After two very exciting cup fixtures against Westbury United, it is back to the bread and butter league action this week ahead of Saturday's visit of Brockenhurst in the FA Cup. Our league programme finally got under way on Saturday with the visit to title favourites Slimbridge. Unfortunately Slimbridge maintained their 100% record as we went down by two goals to nil. It is important that we register the first win of the season here tonight but the fixture list has not been kind with another tough game in prospect.

Tonight we extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters from Headington who have travelled to Rylands Way from Oxfordshire and hope they will join us in the bar after the game for some refreshments.

Looking back to the FA cup matches against Westbury United, the fans were certainly treated to plenty of excitement including nine goals over the two games. Scoop reports on both encounters in the **Match Report** sections of the programme tonight. Having travelled to Westbury last Tuesday night from Woking and then having to take Scoop back to London, it was 1.15am on Wednesday before I managed to climb into bed. However, after the excellent performance and result it was well worth the long journey and late night.

Tonight's programme includes the usual sections, including the Season 2009/10 statistics for the first time. The **Hellenic Bulletin** provides details on the forthcoming Groundhop weekend as well as the upcoming fixtures in the various divisions. **Steve Hale** (Assistant Manager at Thatcham Town, Forest Green Rovers U18 Manager and assistant Swindon Town goalkeeping coach) provides his usual informed round-up of the local football scene in his **Footy Nut** column.

Tonight's featured season in the **From The Archives** series looks back to Season **1951-52** when Wootton Bassett had all kinds of goalkeeping problems after regular keeper Ralph Young fractured three ribs.

There is the usual **From The Dugout** article from Dave who reflects on the plus points and negatives of the FA Cup as well as the start of the new Hellenic League season. He also reveals the latest signing of a Wootton Bassett legend.

The programme again includes the latest edition of **Touchline**, the Club's quarterly newsletter. **Ladies Section in Focus**, dedicated to our newly formed Ladies side, highlights the womens football pyramid. We hope to now include the first article of the season from the Head of the Ladies Section, Bryan Wood, in the Brockenhurst programme.

Ahead of the kick off of the games for our Youth sides the **Youth Section in Focus** feature tonight notes success for the Under 13 side in the North Wilts & District Futsal League. There is also a tribute page the late **Tony Kempster**, a friend to many in the non-league game.

Thank you for your support tonight, I hope you enjoy the game and heres to three points for Wootton Bassett Town.

Mark



CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Good evening and welcome to you all, and to our opponents Headington Amateurs.

Given the cancellation of our opening home fixture following Hardwicke AFC's withdrawal from the League, this is the first programme in which I have been able to pass comment on the sad passing of Sir Bobby Robson. Some of my earliest memories of watching Fulham, my birth home team, included Sir Bobby and indeed Johny Haynes, and I know very well how much he meant to the Fulham supporters. However, his simple love of the game, enthusiasm, and sheer common sense, transcended clubs and teams, and all who heard him talk grew to respect him.

On hearing the news it occurred to me that Chris Kirkland, a retired teacher from Wootton Bassett school, had made contact with Sir Bobby in his time in Holland. Chris for many years organised the school's football trips to Holland, and as our club grew transitioned these to operate for our club, and indeed he still attends. The following is Chris's comments after I asked him for his thoughts on Sir Bobby.

"Our contact with Bobby Robson started in 1990 when I wrote to him asking if we could possibly meet him before his evening game against Willem 11 in April 1991 and he agreed to see the group. He spent 75 minutes with the group giving us a complete tour of the stadium including the home dressing where all the kit was out for the team and a chance to go on the pitch. The following year we did the same, meeting him before the game and another tour. A few years later we met him at the PSV training ground prior to a stadium tour and again he found time for photos and autographs such was the generous nature of the man. Everyone who went will have fond memories of meeting a man who just loved his football and was prepared to spend time to share his passion with all who came into contact with him. You could have no better ambassador than Sir Bobby for football.

He also found time to meet requests he supplied signed Barcelona and Newcastle shirts for Wootton Bassett Sporting Dinners when he was manager at those clubs. It appeared nothing was too much trouble for him.

A very sad day for football, he will be sorely missed."

Indeed it was a sad day for football, but I think the challenge is for us all to try and emulate those simple values of respect for everyone we meet as we go about our football lives, and through that we can ensure continuation and growth of Sir Bobby's principles.

Here's to a great game, and of course a Bassett win.

Cheers - Paul H

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FROM THE DUGOUT

Firstly I would like to welcome the players, officials and supporters of Headington to Rylands Way. We hope you enjoy your short stay with us and will all join us in the bar after the game.

The season is now well and truly under way and already we are playing catch up with all the teams in our league. The FA Cup is a great competition and it puts much needed money into the club if you can go on a little cup run but it also means we are playing catch up from the first week of the season. That said this squad is better equipped than last years to cope with whatever the season chucks at us. We have a larger squad this season and everyone is going to get their chance to show what they can do.

The performances so far have been very good and it is hard to believe that most of this team have never played together before. I think it will take at least 8-10 games before we really gel. But when we do we will be a very difficult team to play against.

Unfortunately our first league game was against a very good Slimbridge team who I firmly believe will be in the promotion places come the end of the season. It was a tough opening game but it gives a real indication of the standard that needs to be achieved if we really want to get out of this division.

Although I am really happy with squad that we have assembled this season we are always on the look out for new players who will make us a better team. On that front I would like to welcome Jon Hollaway back to the club. This is a great signing for the club as Jon brings some much needed experience a very young team. Having played most of his football at a much higher level he can only be an asset to the Team.

Dave



OPPONENTS HISTORY

HEADINGTON AMATEURS FC • CLUB HISTORY

The A's as they're known were formed in 1949 as the Britanna Football Club, named after the local public house in Headington where the players "trained". They played in the Oxford City Junior League until the 1960's when they moved up to the Oxfordshire Senior League. Here they enjoyed great success, particularly in the 1970's when they won the Premier Division Championship 4 times.



Headington Amateurs were accepted into the Hellenic League in 1988 when their Committee joined forces with the old Morris Motors Committee and secured agreement to play their home matches at the Old Pressed Steel ground in Romanway, Cowley.

Pressed Steel were no longer running a team and Morris Motors had been withdrawn from the league in 1987 by the parent organisation due to high running costs and the sale of their Cowley Barracks Ground. One of these "Morris Men" was Secretary Steve Giles who had been Secretary of Morris Motors from 1984 and was previously with Pressed Steel. He has been a Club Official throughout Amateur's time in the Hellenic League, but has finally stepped down as secretary this year, whilst continuing as a committee member.

In fact all the officers of the club have been with them well over 20, and in some cases 30 years. Chairman Donald Light is now in his 49th year with the club.

In their first Hellenic season they finished runners up to Almonsbury Picksons in Division 1 and gained promotion to the Premier Division at the first attempt. Then in 1990 after a lot of hard work by their Committee, players and supporters they secured a 25 year lease and moved to their own ground at Barton Village Road.

Former Oxford United defender Jimmy Light, who is still with the club today, was the manager for their first 6 seasons in the Hellenic League and in 1991 they attained their highest ever League position, finishing 4th in the Premier Division.

They also made it into the semi-final of the Oxfordshire Senior Cup, defeating Southern League Witney Town on the way before eventually losing in extra time to Oxford United. When ground grading was brought in for Premier Division clubs in the mid 1990's Headington were relegated to Division 1, as they had no Floodlights, where they have remained ever since.

The late 1990's were a particularly hard period for the club as they finished bottom of Division 1 on two separate occasions and only avoided relegation back to the Senior League through lack of sides wanting to come up.

The noughties have seen things improve with the club now an established Division 1 side, finishing a creditable tenth last season. Headington Amateurs are currently in protracted discussions with their Landlord, Oxford City Council, over developing the existing ground, including a new clubhouse, to enable them to not only continue to play at the current level but to be considered for Premier Division Football should they finish in a promotion position. Watch this space!

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Revenge is on the cards

Meadow Lane, 18th August 2009

Wootton Bassett Town set up a rematch with 2007 FA Cup conquerors Brockenhurst after a valiant display saw off Westbury United by the odd goal in five, the winner coming courtesy of a deflected Mitch Wyatt strike with just seven minutes to go.

All five goals came in a pulsating second half, after Bassett were somewhat dominated by their hosts during the opening period. The decision to complement the tricky Wayne Wheeler with the blistering pace of Nathan Hallett and Dan Kovacs – both substitutes in the opening tie – seemed to be an inspired decision made by Westbury boss Paul Brickley. Throughout the first half they caused no end of problems for Bassett. But the combination of wasteful finishing – particularly from left-winger Hallett – heroic last-gasp defending, and the brilliance of Stewart Thompson, who produced what will be one of the saves of the season to acrobatically tip a powerful Hallett shot over the bar, prevented the hosts from taking the lead.

It always appeared it was going to be a night where the longer the game remained deadlocked, the better it would be for Bassett's fortunes. And this was proved correct just a minute following the restart. A Terry Adams corner was only half cleared and, after the ball had been put back into the danger zone, Alex Green found himself with the ball at his feet at the left post. Unselfishly, he squared across the face of goal for Adam Field to supply a routine tap-in. Two minutes later, Adams got less than he deserved when he rattled the crossbar with a ferociously struck shot on the turn following fine play between Green and Ryan Banks. Eventually though it was two. Banks won the ball deep inside his own half, and raced clear towards the middle of the park. An incisive through ball and a fantastically timed run by Field gifted the latter what appeared to be a simple one-on-one opportunity. However, Nick Evans was composed enough to parry Field's weak effort away. The ball fell straight to Green though, and he sent the ball into the empty net from the edge of the box to seemingly seal the victory. Just like on Saturday though, the home side was able to produce a stunning comeback, which began moments after Bassett had increased their advantage.

Westbury were helped hugely for their first, which came courtesy of Matty Smith from the penalty spot. It was a needless spot kick to give away for Bassett as Luke Sharps produced a clumsy mid-air challenge, felling Wheeler when the odds were stacked against the forward to score with a header, given the distance away from goal he was. In the aftermath of Bassett's lead being halved, the hosts stupidly made it difficult for themselves when Ashley Groves received his marching orders for thumping Chris Oram. But this failed to deter them. David Millaci was forced to head off the line following a Wheeler header, but his failure to track back allowed Hallett to equalise with fifteen minutes left. Hallett was left alone to drive through the heart of the Bassett defence before lifting the ball over an onrushing Thompson and into the bottom right corner. With extra time looming though, some route-one football sealed victory for the visitors. Thompson's kick was allowed to bounce by the home defence, eventually falling to Wyatt, who rolled his man before firing at goal. An outstretched leg got in the way of the ball, but merely diverted it away from Evans and into the left corner.

Scoop's Man of the Match: Alex Green – a figure of force up front, Green's height, pace and ability to hold the ball up caused the home defence no end of problems.

Scoop Rating: 8/10 – Bassett clicked when the moment required them to, and another gutsy FA Cup performance deservedly saw them record a victory. Well worth the 168 mile round trip to watch it!

Team Profiles Headington Amateurs FC



Geoff Simmons Goal Keeper
Age 25. Second season with club. Established as first choice last term with series of excellent displays. Fine shot stopper and good communicator.



James Brown Goal Keeper
Age 26. At home anywhere along the back line. Very solid, good competitor.



Michael Ridge Defence
Age 19. Inexperienced and mainly a squad player last term, enthusiasm rubs off on all. Will hope for more starts this time round.



Ollie Zaja Defence
Age 21. Had a short spell at Old Woodstock last year before returning for his fifth season with club. Accomplished defender whose attacking instincts are rewarded with more goals than most.



Benji Cuff Midfield
Age 26. Strong, consistent performer, at home anywhere in midfield. Equally accomplished as a centre back



Aftab Hafiz Midfield
Age 24. Good close control, and very pacy. Also plays well at wing back.



Adam Simmons Midfield
Age 23. Powerful and skilful player, strong tackler and engine room of team. Club captain



Shane Whalley Midfield
Age 19. New signing, can also play at fullback. Has impressed in pre-season.



Ashley Smith Midfield
Age 20. Regular in reserves last term, consistently improving and will hope to put pressure on established players.



Shaun Jacobs Midfield
Age 24. Accomplished ball player, can take out defences with pass selection. Scored some spectacular goals last season, will hope to get on the score sheet more consistently.



David Oliver Midfield
Age 25. Now in his sixth season. Equally at home in midfield or up front, can also play at wing back.



Jay Hill Midfield
Age 23. Strong runner, good control, moved up front when needed and also filled in competently at centre back last season. Fourth season at club.



Nathan MacKenzie Midfield
Age 25. Long serving player, good all round skills, very competitive



Aaron Williams Midfield
Age 23. Forced his way into first team last term before injury. Strong, skilful, combative, welcome addition to squad.



Luke Cuff Forward
Age 24. Good finisher, last season's top scorer. All round skills enable him to lead line expertly.



Liam Morbey Forward
Age 22. At Cheltenham Saracens last year whilst at college. Very quick and direct. Father a former Amateurs player (in a bygone age).



Junior Ashley Forward
Age 45. Longest serving player who never misses training; fitness an example to all. Plays in any forward position.



Shaun Pearce Manager
Age 38. Centre back. Vastly experienced and still very fit. Player manager.



Mark Roper Asst. Manager
"Ropes" stepped up from a similar role with the reserves last season. Long serving player and committee member.

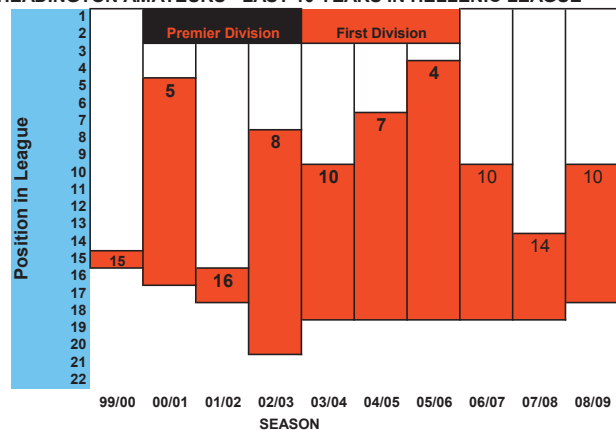


Tony Craft Coach
Tony is also a qualified referee and is a new addition to the management team.

TODAY'S VISITORS

FROM THE ARCHIVES

HEADINGTON AMATEURS - LAST 10 YEARS IN HELLENIC LEAGUE



Season	Div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Position
1999/00	1	28	6	5	17	29	60	23	15 out of 15
2000/01	1W	30	15	5	10	54	50	50	5 out of 16
2001/02	1W	32	6	7	19	40	79	25	16 out of 17
2002/03	1W	38	13	13	12	72	70	52	8 out of 20
2003/04	1W	34	12	8	14	59	66	44	10 out of 18
2004/05	1W	34	17	6	11	69	44	57	7 out of 18
2005/06	1W	34	18	8	8	59	39	62	4 out of 18
2006/07	1E	34	11	9	14	57	62	42	10 out of 18
2007/08	1W	34	10	8	16	50	63	38	14 out of 18
2008/09	1W	32	11	8	13	72	64	41	10 out of 17

Current League Form (Last Five Games)

Date	Opponents	Result	Scorers
22-Aug-09	Lydney (A)	W 2 - 0	Cuff, Jacobs
18-Aug-09	Launton Sports (H)	W 5 - 0	Cuff 2, Hill, Jacobs, Morbey
15-Aug-09	Winterbourne (H)	W 6 - 2	Cuff 2, Hafiz 2, Zaja, Mackenzie
11-Aug-09	Cricklade (A)	L 0 - 3	
22-Apr-09	Purton (A)	W 4 - 3	Smith 3, Zaja

Record v Wootton Bassett Town - Last 4 Seasons

Season	H/A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Points Ratio
2005/06	H	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	
2005/06	A	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	
2006/07	H	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2006/07	A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2007/08	H	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	
2007/08	A	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	
2008/09	H	1	1	0	0	2	2	1	
2008/09	A	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	
Total	H	3	2	0	1	3	4	4	44.4%
Total	A	3	0	1	2	3	6	1	11.1%
Total		6	2	1	3	6	10	5	27.8%

Nickname	A's
Secretary	Steve Giles (01869 246141)
Record Gate	250 v Newport AFC, 1991
Best Gate - 2008/9	177 v Oxford City Nomads
Average Attendance 2008/9	50
Top Scorer - 2008/9	L.Cuff 15 Goals

The final league table for the season and results and scorers (where known) for games played are shown below:

Wiltshire Senior League - 1951-1952

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A
1	Devizes	30	22	5	3	107	35
2	Westbury Utd.	30	19	3	8	93	50
3	Pinehurst Y.C.	30	15	8	7	78	48
4	Roundway Hosp.	30	17	4	9	78	49
5	Purton	30	16	6	8	80	59
6	Bulford U.	30	13	8	9	65	54
7	Calne & Harris	30	10	11	9	57	49
8	Spencer Moultons	30	13	4	13	66	76
9	Melksham	30	8	11	11	61	69
10	Pewsey Vale	30	8	9	13	78	94
11	Swindon B.R.	30	7	10	13	40	63
12	Swindon Victoria	30	8	7	15	70	83
13	Wootton Bassett Town	30	8	6	16	55	93
14	Warminster	30	7	6	17	69	98
15	Corsham	30	7	6	17	53	81
16	Admiralty Bath	30	7	6	17	55	103

Home Goalscorers

Admiralty Bath	
Bulford U.	
Calne & Harris	
Corsham	W 2 - 0 Skull, Barney
Devizes	L 1 - 7 Tyler
Melksham	D 2 - 2 White, Skull
Pewsey Vale	W 5 - 3 Skull 2, Lewis 2, Bowel
Pinehurst Y.C.	L 1 - 4 White
Purton	L 1 - 5 White
Roundway Hosp.	L 0 - 4
Spencer Moultons	W 5 - 0 Skull 3, Tyler, White
Swindon B.R.	W 5 - 4 Pearce, Large, White, ?, ?
Swindon Victoria	D 1 - 1 Skull
Warminster	W 2 - 0 Titcombe, Pearce
Westbury Utd.	L 1 - 5 Skull

Away Goalscorers

Admiralty Bath	D 3 - 3 Baldwin, White, Large
Bulford U.	D 2 - 2 White, Titcombe
Calne & Harris	L 1 - 2
Corsham	W 3 - 1
Devizes	
Melksham	Watkins
Pewsey Vale	L 4 - 5 White 2, Skull, Hobson
Pinehurst Y.C.	L 1 - 3 OG
Purton	D 1 - 1 Simpkins
Roundway Hosp.	L 0 - 5
Spencer Moultons	L 0 - 7
Swindon B.R.	
Swindon Victoria	D 1 - 1 Thompson
Warminster	W 3 - 1 Skull, White, Watkins
Westbury Utd.	L 2 - 7 Thompson, Skull

against his former club, was injured saving a certain goal when diving at the feet of a Victoria striker. Thompson scored Wootton Bassett's goal in the 1-1 draw.

In the Wiltshire Senior Cup Wootton Bassett had to host Bulford United twice in what was an "expensive tie" for the club which drew the following headline in the Football Pink "7-1 cup defeat, £16 expenses and not enough from two "gates" to pay referee!" The report provided the detail behind the headline:

"Woe is Wootton Bassett...7-1 down in the replay of their abandoned Wiltshire Senior Cup match after making sweeping changes – only outside left Eric Pearce kept his place – and £16 expenses to pay but not enough cash from the two "gates" to pay the referee! A week earlier a 1-1 draw had resulted, but it subsequently transpired that short time was played, and so the two teams had to start all over again on the same ground. Bulford this time played a sparkling game. With their long swinging and accurate passes on this heavy, muddy pitch they had Bassett on the run for long periods. Shortly after the opening of the second half Jefferies, the home centre half, sent up a hard, low ball that ran through the players, and Terry White followed it up to beat Stow and score the Town's only goal."

Wootton Bassett secured the double over Corsham Town, a win that in the end ensured Bassett finished the season above their opponents. Skull and Barney scored the Bassett goals in a 2-0 win and they could even afford to miss a penalty when Skull had his spot kick saved by Carter. The following week at home to Devizes Town, Wootton Bassett were only able to field ten men for the first half hour due to a storm and found themselves 3-0 down at the break. The second half fared little better as they eventually went down 1-7, Tyler with the consolation goal. Having lost 7-0 away at Spencer Moultons, caused a surprise in the return at Rylands Way on 26th April 1952 running out 5-0 winners. A hat-trick from Skull did the damage with White and Tyler getting the other goals.

Whilst Wootton Bassett finished fourth from bottom in the table a reporter in the Pink was still discussing the possible relegation for Wootton Bassett and the disappointing lack of automatic promotion between the Wiltshire League divisions. The Football Pink carried the following story:

"Then North Wiltshire clubs, with Wootton Bassett in particular, as they have more than once had the "last one" experience during the past five seasons, have the feeling that should they be "kicked out" there is no outlet for them owing to the second division not being open to them, there being a 15-mile radius from Trowbridge limit ruling them out. The abandonment of this limit and the introduction of a promotion and relegation scheme has been mooted, but the difficulty is that the second division is used so much by the first division clubs for their reserve teams' field of activities which obviously defeats any promotion or relegation plans."

White Helps Chalk up Easy Challenge Cup Win

Rylands Way, 4th November 2006 v Headington Amateurs (Won 4-2)

Andy White scored and set up a goal as Wootton Bassett Town eased to a 4-2 victory over Headington Amateurs in the preliminary round of the Challenge Cup, setting up a tie against high flying Premier Division side Slimbridge.

White opened the scoring in the 3rd minute. A long Adam Miller kicked bounced over the Headington defence before White wrestled the ball away from the last man and he got his first in Bassett colours as he slotted home from 15 yards. The lead was doubled in the ninth minute after Nathan Hall took a tumble in the box, earning a penalty which Stu Hemsley just put away after Nick Butcher got a hand to the ball.

Miller almost added a second assist in the 13th minute when his boot upfield was helped on by Hall to the feet of Matty Bennett. The midfielder tried to lob Butcher but the 'keeper tipped the ball wide. Butcher pulled off another dramatic save four minutes later to keep out a Hemsley free kick before James Gray was booked for handball. Headington then had a brief run of chances as they looked to get back in the game before the break. On the half hour, Jason Maciak forced a diving save from Miller after Matthew Phillips squared to him. Scott Large replaced an injured Hemsley before Jay Hill struck wide from the edge of the box after Lee Beavis had misjudged a clearance. Hall had a great opportunity to add a third eight minutes before the break when he found himself on the end of a perfectly placed Bennett cross but he failed to connect properly with the ball from ten yards out and headed wide.

A minute later Miller was forced to tip Nick Bayliss' 18 yard effort around the post after the Headington captain had outstrengthened Large. The final few minutes of the opening half saw a number of late challenges and both Chris Mills and Steve Bell were cautioned in injury time for clashing after a Bell foul.

Bassett started the second half on the back foot as Beavis did brilliantly to keep Chris Baker's header from going in on 50 minutes, backheeling the ball over the bar after Matthew Cook's corner. Bassett then made a double change just after the hour, as an old face returned to Rylands Way, with Jeremy Newton replacing Jon Davis whilst Mark King was brought on for Hall. Miller made another fine reflex save in the 66th minute when he pounced on James Green's shot at the front post. Two minutes later Newton instigated the move that resulted in Bassett grabbing a third. The winger played the ball into the right corner, which White ran onto before the forward pulled the ball back for Mills on the edge. Mills' chipped shot looped over Butcher's head to finish off a swift move. Bennett volleyed wide after good work by King to fend off a tackle with twenty to go. That would have killed the game off but Headington were able to get back in it when Cook's corner was turned in by an unmarked Maciak from ten yards. With nine minutes left substitute James Murray broke away from the Bassett defence but Miller bravely smothered the ball at his feet to deny the visitors a second in quick succession. King then earned Bassett a second penalty in the 83rd minute as he was brought down; Beavis coolly slotted home from 12 yards to put a seal on the game. The scoring was finished off in injury time as Cook scored from the penalty spot after a Rich Gee foul.

Scoop's Man of the Match: Lee Beavis – brilliant all game, making much needed saving tackles and he didn't put a foot wrong.

Scoop Rating: 7/10 – Conceded two cheap goals but both came at times when Bassett held a comfortable lead. Bassett were clinical in front of goal and defended well all game, totally outclassing their opposition.

PLAYER PROFILE

FROM THE ARCHIVES



Personal	
Name:	Sam Adam Collier
Date of Birth:	
Place of Birth:	Swindon
Occupation:	Dolphin Trainer
Marital Status:	Single
Nickname:	Pumpkin
Football	
Position:	Left Back
No. of Seasons at Bassett:	First Season
Previous Clubs:	Wantage Town
Make of Boots:	Adidas
Star Player You Play Like:	No one
Footballing Idols:	Shearer
Team Supported:	Man United
Team You Despise Most:	Stoke
Best Ground Ever Played At:	St Mary's - Southampton
Best Player Ever Played With	Dave Turner
Best Player Ever Played Against	Ken Turner
Teammates	
Most Skilful:	Ryan Banks
Hardman:	Mitch Wyatt
Biggest Joker:	Taz (Great banter)
Biggest Fashion Disaster:	Stu!!
Most Intelligent:	Adam Field - spent 33yrs at Uni
Thickest:	Me
Vainest:	Greener
Least Likely to Score on a Night Out:	Me - I love my partner
Off the Field	
Hobbies:	Reading, walking & seeing sites
Car Driven:	Corsa
Favourite Music:	Love music
Favourite Film:	Note Book
Favourite TV Show:	Gavin & Stacey
Favourite Nightspot:	X Factor
Favourite Drink:	Red Wine
Chinese or Indian?:	Indian
Pub or Club?:	Pub
Beach Resort or City Break?:	Beach
Blonde or Brunette?:	Blonde
Person in the World You Would Most Like to Meet:	Jim Carey

SAM COLLIER

After a reasonable start in the League Wootton Bassett suffered two heavy defeats at the end of October. The visit to Devizes to play Roundway Hospital saw Bassett go down 5-0 to a side who would eventually finish 4th in the league that season. The following week Wootton Bassett were at home to local rivals Purton, still one of the top sides in Wiltshire football. Once again Wootton Bassett conceded five goals but at least managed to find the net themselves, White with the Bassett consolation goal. Another keeper, Tugwell, was used in the Purton game but he also in the wars as the Football Pink reported:

“Tugwell, who replaced the injured Young, was in the wars in this match, and after being off for a period came back, but only half fit let in three “easy” ones before relinquishing that position for one on the wing. This 5-1 loss continues the hurried decent which Bassett have made ever since Young broke his ribs. An appeal to Swindon Vics for a goalkeeper has been answered. They have sportingly transferred their reserve keeper Calcutt.”

It seems the signing was an immediate success as Wootton Bassett brought their losing run to an end with a hard fought draw away at one of the top sides, Bulford. White opened the scoring for Wootton Bassett on 15 minutes but Clarke quickly equalised for the home side. Titcombe restored the Wootton Bassett lead. A second half goal from Bulford’s Knight meant the points were shared. Again the Pink in reporting on the game made reference to Wootton Bassett’s goalkeeping issues:

““Thank goodness” breathed many a Wootton Bassett fan, when he heard of his club’s draw in far-away South Wiltshire. “I wonder how they did it?” No need to wonder, it just shows what a difference a good goalkeeper makes. Calcutt, for whom the club have sent very many thanks to the Vics, gave the rearguard confidence by his capable ‘keeping and that made all the difference.”

The following week Wootton Bassett lost at home 1-5 against defending champions Westbury United, although the paper reported that the score line flattered Westbury, Skull scored the Wootton Bassett solitary goal. Westbury had also been strengthened by the signing on loan of Bath City’s forward Lyke who scored one of the Westbury goals. Back to winning ways the following week when Bassett came back from a 1-0 half time deficit to win 3-1. Another win the following week when Wootton Bassett defeated visitors Swindon B.R. in a nine goal thriller, the Football Pink referring to the game where “goals were a penny each – nine for the ninepence admission”. Pearce, White and Large scored for Wootton Bassett in the first half which saw the two sides share six goals. Bassett won the second half 2-1 to edge the game 5-4.

At the beginning of December goalkeeper Calcutt was up against his former club Swindon Victoria and the match report noted that he pulled off a series of fine first half saves from Ramswell, Trent and Bassett. In the second half Skull scored for Wootton Bassett but Kent equalised for Victoria to ensure a share of the spoils. When the two sides met later in the season the same result ensued but ironically keeper Calcutt, again having a fine game

Season 1951-52 – Problems

What was going on in the world

Winston Churchill is again appointed Prime Minister of Great Britain. Princess Elizabeth becomes Queen at the age of 25. The video tape recorder is invented and the first diet soft drink, a ginger ale called “No-Cal Beverage”, is sold by Kirsch. Arsenal stage the first official match under floodlights since 1878 when they host Hapoel Club of Tel Aviv in a friendly. Nat Lofthouse earns the nickname “Lion of Vienna” with his brave winner in the game against a strong Austrian side. Billy Wright is voted player of the year in a season which sees Swindon Town finish 16th in Division 3 South, Manchester United win Division 1 and Newcastle win the FA Cup, defeating Arsenal 1-0 in the final.

After having had to seek re-election to stay in the Senior Division of Wiltshire football Wootton Bassett took steps to try and ensure that they were not dependent on the goodwill of other clubs again to maintain their Senior Status. Prior to the start of Season 1951-52 they sought to strengthen the side with a series of key signings. They signed Ron Titcombe, a local inside forward and “Battler” Cole, a left back, from Swindon, Ron Thompson, an outside right, from Blunsdon, centre-half L. Jefferies from Broad Hinton and perhaps most importantly Tony Skull, a tall centre forward from Purton. Reports from the Swindon Football Pink indicated that Secretary Percy Stone was suffering from an illness that prevented him from undertaking his normal duties at the start of the season.

Wootton Bassett opened the season with a home game against Pewsey Vale and gave debuts to six new players. On a day when there was a paucity of goals in the Wiltshire League programme, with just 27 goals in the 8 games played rather than the normal average of between 40 and 50, 8 of those goals were at Rylands Way. Wootton Bassett took the lead through Lewis from a centre by Bowel but two goals from Pewsey’s Smart gave them a 2-1 one. However, Bassett came good in the second half to win the match through goals from Skull 2, Bowel and Lewis, 5-3 the final score. Skull was to prove an astute signing as he scored a high proportion of Wootton Bassett’s goals during the season. The following week he was again on the score sheet as Wootton Bassett played Peasdown in the FA Amateur Cup, the national non-league cup which was the fore runner to days FA Trophy and FA Vase. Skull scored two goals in the first half as Wootton Bassett went on to win 4-3.

Ron Titcombe opened his Wootton Bassett account on his debut at home against Warminster in a 2-0 victory with Pearce scoring Wootton Bassett’s other goal. Titcombe was again on the score sheet in the next round of the FA Amateur Cup as Wootton Bassett defeated Swindon BR 3-1 at home, Lewis and an own goal the other scorers. Wootton Bassett’s interest in the FA Amateur Cup was ended away at Shepton Mallet where they lost 1-4. Goalkeeper Ralph Young had fractured three ribs in the game on 29th September against and Jack Hill deputised. Hill was to be one of a number of goalkeepers used by Wootton Bassett as they sought to cover the loss of Young.

Pre season has come and gone and all those well thought out pre season schedules designed by managers and coaches across the country either went to plan or went down the toilet!! I am quite fortunate that in my role as Centre of Excellence goalkeeping at Swindon Town I also get to go in and assist the first team goalkeeping coach, George Wood at times and get to see not just the goalkeepers at close hand but obviously the whole first team. Having had some decent results over pre season and having watched the build up to the first game away at Gillingham, I couldn't fail to be impressed at the work Danny Wilson got through on the training ground, working on the shape of the team, attacking and defending corners and free kicks alongside their general fitness. Needless to say when the 5-0 defeat scoreline filtered through to me it just epitomised how the best laid plans don't always work out!! (And no it wasn't down to my coaching skills with the keepers!)

Our own pre season at Thatcham had gone well, we had won 5 and narrowly lost 2 games and had scored a hatful of goals and the fitness levels were getting to the level I required and we had virtually a full squad to pick from for our opening day trip to Bridgwater Town. Now a trip to Bridgwater is not easy, they are a good side and a team we only just finished above last season just outside the play offs but they had been on the end of an average pre season and we were flying.....yes you have guessed already! The team coach arrived 45 minutes late so just getting the lads to their ground in time was a race against the clock. My own journey was even worse as I had to drive myself due to morning coaching commitments and a trip to Bournemouth straight after the game. Still Satnav told me that it would only take One hour twenty minutes.....Satnav failed to tell me that the M5 would be like a car park from getting on it all the way to Bridgwater and for the first time I can remember thinking back over my career I was late to get there to carry out my pre match warm up duties so the preparation was not great and neither was my mood as kick off approached. My mood darkened 6 minutes in when our lads switched off at a corner allowing a short one which got whipped in and we were 1-0 down!....the game ended up with a 2-1 defeat and again showed me that no matter what the results in pre season, they mean absolutely nothing!!

Locally Supermarine started with a great 5-1 win but then slipped to a 3-0 defeat while Chippenham have had a couple of good results. Highworth started with a defeat to Binfield and Malmesbury Vics got off to a great start with a win and a draw but bumped back down with a 5-2 drubbing in midweek. Shrivenham have started very well which again shows pre season means nothing as we beat them 4-1 in pre season yet they have played three games and not conceded and scored a number of goals (and have even cheekily pinched one of my corner routines having watched us use it against them in our game!). Cricklade have started very well with some good wins including beating Letcombe and Purton have done ok and at the time of writing Wootton Bassett haven't played a league game due to Hardwicke's demise and an FA Cup tie taking place with Westbury which thankfully Bassett squeezed through after a replay.

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Denied at the death

Rylands Way, 15th August 2009

Wayne Wheeler's headed goal five minutes from time meant Wootton Bassett Town were unable to book a rematch with 2007 FA Cup conquerors Brockenhurst following a stirring 90 minutes of cup football against Westbury United.

Bassett had fell behind early following a disastrous mix up between 'keeper Stewart Thompson and Sam Collier. Both failed to deal with an innocuous left-wing cross from Matty Smith, gifting Reece Schell the simplest of tap-ins.

However, Dave Turner's side – who endured a barren stretch in front of goal during the preseason – showed fantastic character to come back and eventually take the lead during the second half.

Yet, it ultimately was not to be their day after more generous defending allowed Wheeler to head home unmarked in the heart of the danger area, after Sayeed Ibrahim's long throw had been flicked on.

During the opening period, Bassett were somewhat fortunate to have conceded just once.

Despite Wheeler being reportedly chased by heavyweights Chippenham Town, his strike partner Reece was the bigger threat.

Minutes after opening the scoring, a deft touch from Smith set him in behind the defence, but Thompson parried well at his feet.

Then just before the break, he rolled Luke Sharps with ease before unleashing a well struck effort from 20 yards. But Thompson produced a phenomenal acrobatic save to ensure the ball wound up going over the crossbar.

The hosts were by no means stuck on the back foot in the first half though. A swift moving involving Terry Adams and youngster Steve Groom set free Alex Green, and the former Shrivenham front-man forced Nick Evans to parry uncomfortably.

Then, a half cleared corner afforded a double opportunity to Collier, and he was only denied by a goal-line clearance and then a fantastic point blank save.

Redemption was fully secured for the Supermarine boss' son when he initiated the move, which led to the equalising goal on the hour mark.

His through ball split the Westbury defence, and Green latched onto the ball before slotting underneath the onrushing Evans. Adam Field then provided the final touch from all of six yards.

Lack of concentration from Groom then nearly gifted pacey left winger Tarick Yactou a second for the visitors, but this was just a minor blip in a half which Bassett generally controlled.

And with 69 minutes on the clock, Banks put his side ahead. He raced down the left hand side before delivering a cross for Green, which the forward controlled brilliantly.

His first touch deserved more as his shot was parried away, but the ball fell straight back to him, and Green – finding himself with his back to goal - laid the ball back for Banks, who almost scorched a hole in the net with a thundering first time drive.

With Adams and Marcus Hall pulling the strings in midfield, it looked as though Bassett would do enough to hold on for victory, but they were let down by another lapse in concentration.

Moments earlier to Wheeler's equaliser, Thompson was equal to a Dan Kovacs drive after an Ibrahim throw had not been fully cleared.

They failed to learn their lesson, allowing Wheeler the freedom of the Bassett penalty area and he gave the Bassett netminder little chance.

Scoop's Man of the Match: Terry Adams – along with Marcus Hall, Adams pulled the strings in midfield, linking up brilliantly with both defence and attack and spread the ball around confidently.

Scoop Rating: 7/10 – two mistakes prevented Bassett from advancing, but other than that it was a confident performance. Bassett more than matched their opponents, who have already played two competitive fixtures so far this season.



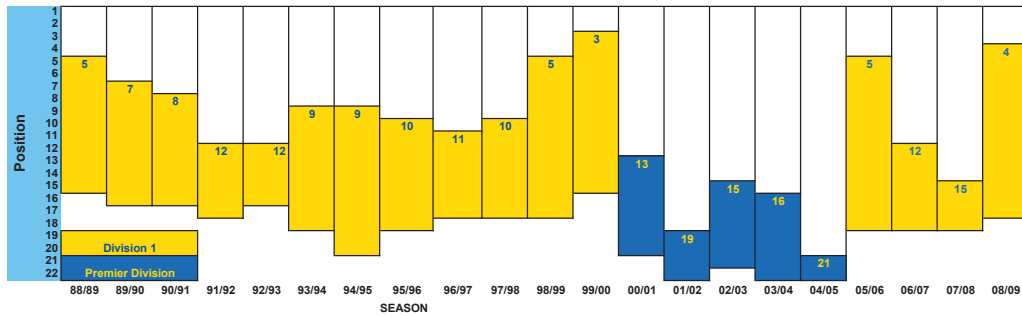
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- 1902/03 Advertiser Cup Runners-up
- 1903/04 Wiltshire Senior Cup Runners-up
- 1905/06 Wiltshire County League Runners-up
- 1930/31 Calne & District League Runners-up
- 1931/32 Calne & District League Champions
- 1933/34 Vale of White Horse Cup Winners
- 1934/35 Calne & District League Champions
- Calne & District League Cup Winners
- 1935/36 Calne & District League Champions
- Calne & District League Cup Runners-up
- 1938/39 Brotherhood Cup Winners
- 1953/54 Vale of White Horse Cup Winners
- 1957/58 Chippenham & District League Division 2 Champions
- 1958/59 Wiltshire League Division 1 Champions
- 1978/79 Wiltshire County League Division 2 Runners-up
- Wiltshire County League Subsidiary Cup Winners
- 1982/83 Wiltshire County League Division 4 Runners-up
- 1983/84 Wiltshire County League Ghia Senior Cup Winners
- 1984/85 Wiltshire County League Division 2 Champions
- Wiltshire County League Ghia Junior Cup Runners-up
- 1987/88 Wiltshire County League Division 1 Champions
- Wiltshire Senior Cup Runners-up
- 1988/89 Wiltshire County League Ghia Junior Cup Runners-up
- 1989/90 Hellenic League Division 1 Cup Winners
- 1993/94 Hellenic League Division 1 Cup Winners
- 1994/95 Hellenic League Division 1 Cup Runners-up
- 1998/99 Wiltshire Senior Cup Winners
- 2000/01 Wiltshire Senior Cup Winners
- Hellenic League Reserves Division 2 West Champions



BASSETT'S HELLENIC RECORD

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WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C. 21 YEARS IN THE HELLENIC LEAGUE



Season	Div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Position
1988/89	1	28	11	7	10	50	41	40	5 out of 15
1989/90	1	30	13	8	9	52	35	47	7 out of 16
1990/91	1	30	11	8	11	32	36	41	8 out of 16
1991/92	1	32	10	8	14	45	59	38	12 out of 17
1992/93	1	30	8	6	16	40	53	30	12 out of 16
1993/94	1	34	15	8	11	65	57	53	9 out of 18
1994/95	1	38	18	5	15	67	68	59	9 out of 20
1995/96	1	34	12	9	13	50	64	45	10 out of 18
1996/97	1	32	9	8	15	37	50	35	11 out of 17
1997/98	1	32	12	6	14	67	58	42	10 out of 17
1998/99	1	32	17	7	8	64	43	58	5 out of 17
1999/00	1	28	15	7	6	54	32	52	3 out of 15
2000/01	P	38	14	10	14	54	60	52	13 out of 20
2001/02	P	42	11	9	22	39	75	42	19 out of 22
2002/03	P	40	10	10	20	36	70	40	15 out of 21
2003/04	P	42	11	5	26	38	73	38	16 out of 22
2004/05	P	42	6	9	27	30	85	27	21 out of 22
2005/06	1W	34	17	10	7	58	30	61	5 out of 18
2006/07	1W	32	13	5	14	60	59	44	11 out of 18
2007/08	1W	34	11	3	20	43	66	33	15 out of 18
2008/09	1W	32	17	9	6	61	30	60	4 out of 17
2009/10	1W	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	15 out of 17
Total		717	261	157	299	1,042	1,146	937	
			36.4%	21.9%	41.7%				

Nickname	Bassett
Record Gate	2,103 v Swindon Town (1991)
Best Gate - 2008/9	104 v Corsham Town
Average Hellenic Attendance 2008/9	71.8 (07/08 = 55.18)
Top Scorer - 2008/9	Shaun Terry - 26 Goals



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Women's football pyramid in England

Premier League (Steps 1 & 2)



Combination Leagues (Step 3)



Regional Leagues (Steps 4 & 5)



County Leagues (Step 6*)



Wootton Bassett Town Ladies Fixtures

Season 2009-10

Date	Opponents	H/A
Sun 06 Sep	Cirencester Town Reserves	H
Sun 13 Sep	Gloucester City Reserves	A
Sun 20 Sep	St Nicholas	H
Sun 27 Sep	Quedgeley Wanderers	A
Sun 04 Oct	Stoke Lane Reserves	H
Sun 11 Oct	AEK Boco Reserves	A
Sun 01 Nov	Cirencester Town Reserves	A
Sun 08 Nov	Gloucester City Reserves	H
Sun 22 Nov	St Nicholas	A
Sun 29 Nov	Quedgeley Wanderers	H
Sun 06 Dec	Stoke Lane Reserves	A
Sun 13 Dec	AEK Boco Reserves	H
Sun 17 Jan	Gloucester City Reserves	H
Sun 24 Jan	Quedgeley Wanderers	A
Sun 07 Feb	AEK Boco Reserves	H
Sun 14 Feb	Cirencester Town Reserves	H
Sun 14 Mar	Stoke Lane Reserves	A
Sun 21 Mar	St Nicholas	H

You may or may not be aware that just like the senior men, womens football in England also has an established pyramid. The top division of The Gloucestershire League which are Ladies Team will be playing sits at Step 6 in the Womens Football Pyramid. Our Ladies will kick-off in Division 3, two steps below this. The pyramid for the Womens game is shown above. Please do not forget that the Ladies kick-off their league season here at Rylands Way on Sunday 6th September here at Rylands Way against Cirencester Town Reserves, kick-off 2.00pm. Come along and cheer on Bryan and his Ladies side as they place their first ever league fixture.

WBTFC FIRST TEAM PEN PICS

FOOTBALL PYRAMID 2009/10



Stewart Thompson Goal Keeper
In his second season with the Club. Made most appearances last season featuring between the posts on 46 occasions, keeping 15 clean sheets.



Chris Oram Defence
Another player in his second season with the Club. Very strong in the air and Mr. reliable., Played 43 times last season and scoring twice.



Steve Groom Defence
Has come through the Youth Section and also a former Cirencester Academy player. Follows his father Danny who starred for the Club in the 1980's.



Liam Edmundson Defence
Another in his second season, featuring in 38 matches in 2008/9. Looking to hold down starting position and great things expected of him this season.



Ryan Banks Midfield
Fast and hard working midfielder player who scored 8 times in 44 appearances last season. One of the most consistent in the team.



James Turner Midfield
Another youngster who is still studying at Cirencester Academy. Made 8 appearances scoring once last season and expected to feature regularly this time round.



Terry Adams Midfield
New signing who has shown already in pre-season what a good signing he is. Former Swindon Town trainee looking to re-establish himself at this level.



Mitch Wyatt Forward
Much travelled striker who has performed for Wantage Town and Highworth Town in the Hellenic Premier. Has also played for Purton and Swindon Supermarine.



Alex Green Forward
Former Shivenham striker with an eye for goal. Shivenham's top scorer in their promotion season and in their first two seasons in the Premier Division.



Dave Turner Manager
In his second season in charge of Wootton Bassett Town and looking to improve on last seasons 4th position finish. Former manager at Pewsey Vale.



Sam English Defence
Youngster in first season with the Club. Looked very promising in pre-season and expected to make a big impact in Division One West this season.



Luke Sharps Defence
Played for Bassett when in Hellenic Premier. Captain last season with 41 appearances. Very experienced at this level having also played for Pewsey and Malmesbury.



Craig Bowden Defence
Cultured player still in his teenage years who has looked more than capable of holding his own at this level in pre-season matches.



Sean Bailey Midfield
Former Cirencester Academy player who played 7 games last season, scoring once. At University in Bournemouth where he has played for Poole Town.



Marcus Hall Midfield
Highly talented midfielder player signed from Purton in the summer. Ran the show at Rylands last season when playing for Purton. Big signing for the season.



Sam Collier Midfield
New signing who has previously played for Swindon Supermarine and Wantage. Cultured left foot and strong player whom great things are expected of this season.



David Millaci Midfield
Youngster who still plays for Bassett U18's looking to make step up into First Team. Great things expected of former Oxford United Academy and Cheltenham Town player.



Adam Field Forward
Classy striker, with great touch and vision. Played 3 times last season before embarking on round the world tour. Big expectations of him in 2009/10.



Sean Terry Forward
Popular bubbly Wootton Bassett lad who was top scorer last season with 26 goals from 30 appearances in a season cut short by injury.



Alan Blake Asst. Manager
Assistant Manager who still hold his own at this level despite being in twilight of his playing days. Eight appearances mainly from bench last season.

Step	League/Division					
1	Conference National <i>(Blue Square Premier League)</i>					
	Promoted to League Two of The Football League: <i>Champion and winner of 2nd-5th playoff.</i> Relegated to either Conference North or Conference South: <i>4 clubs.</i>					
2	Conference North <i>(Blue Square North)</i>			Conference South <i>(Blue Square South)</i>		
	Promoted to Conference National: <i>Champions of each division; the winners of a 2nd-5th playoff in each division will also be promoted.</i> Relegated to Step 3 leagues: <i>3 clubs from each division.</i>					
3	Northern Premier League <i>(UniBond League)</i> Premier Division		Southern League <i>(British Gas League)</i> Premier Division		Isthmian League <i>(Ryman League)</i> Premier Division	
	Promoted to Conference North or South: <i>Champion and winner of 2nd-5th playoff for each league.</i> Relegated to Step 4 leagues: <i>4 clubs from each league.</i>					
4	Northern Premier League <i>(UniBond League)</i> Division One North	Northern Premier League <i>(UniBond League)</i> Division One South	Southern Football League <i>(British Gas League)</i> Division One Midlands	Southern Football League <i>(British Gas League)</i> Division One South & West	Isthmian League <i>(Ryman League)</i> Division One South	Isthmian League <i>(Ryman League)</i> Division One North
	Promoted to Step 3 leagues: <i>Champion and winner of 2nd-5th playoff for each league.</i> Relegated to Step 5 leagues determined by NLS Committee: <i>2 clubs from each league.</i>					
5	Combined Counties League Premier Division Eastern Counties League Premier Division Essex Senior League Hellenic League Premier Division Kent League Premier Division Midland Football Alliance Northern Counties East League Premier Division Northern League Division One North West Counties League Division One Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division Sussex County League Division One United Counties League Premier Division Wessex League Premier Division Western League Premier Division					
	Promoted to Step 4 leagues determined by NLS Committee: <i>Total of 12 League champions.</i> Relegated: <i>Arranged according to separate agreements with Step 6 leagues.</i>					
6	Combined Counties League Division One East Midlands Counties League Eastern Counties League Division One Hellenic League Division One East Hellenic League Division One West Midland Combination Premier Division Northern Counties East Division One Northern League Division Two North West Counties League Division Two South West Peninsula League Premier Division Spartan South Midlands League Division One Sussex County League Division Two United Counties League Division One Wessex League Division One West Midlands Regional League Premier Division Western League Division One					
	Promotion and relegation: <i>Arranged according to separate agreements with appropriate leagues.</i>					
7	Anglian Combination Premier Division Bedfordshire Football League Premier Division Brighton Hove and District League Premier Division Cambridgeshire League Premier Division Central Midlands League Supreme Division Cheshire Association Football League Division One Crawley and District League Premier Division Dorset Premier League East Berkshire League Premier Division East Sussex Football League Premier Division Essex and Suffolk Border League Premier Division Essex Olympian Football League Premier Division Gloucestershire County League Hampshire Premier League Hertfordshire County League Premier Division Kent County League Premier Division Leicestershire Senior League Premier Division Liverpool County Premier League Manchester Football League Premier Division Mid Sussex Football League Premier Division Middlesex County Football League Premier Division Midland Combination Division One North Berks Football League Division One Northamptonshire Football Combination Premier Division Northampton Town Football League Premier Division Northern Football Alliance Premier Division Oxfordshire Senior Football League Premier Division Peterborough and District Football League Premier Division Reading Football League Senior Division Somerset County Football League Premier Division South West Peninsula League Division One East South West Peninsula League Division One West Spartan South Midlands League Division Two Staffordshire County Senior Football League Premier Division Suffolk and Ipswich Football League Senior Division Sussex County League Division Three Wealden Football League West Cheshire Amateur Football League Division One West Lancashire Football League Premier Division West Midlands Regional League Division One West Sussex Football League Wiltshire Football League Premier Division Worthing and District Football League Premier Division					
	Promotion and relegation: <i>Arranged according to separate agreements with appropriate leagues.</i> Note: If Step 7 leagues have other divisions below this level, then only the division at Step 7 is considered part of the National League System.					

Wootton Bassett Town are currently at Step 6 in the Football Pyramid. Promotion to the Hellenic Premier would put the Club back up to Step 5.

PICTURE GALLERY



Luke Sharps

PLAYER KIT SPONSORSHIP

Player	Shirt (£25)	Shorts (£15)	Socks (£10)
Stewart Thompson	Whole kit sponsored by Arctic Services - Tel: 01793 848502		
Sam English			
Chris Oram	Whole kit sponsored by Mark Smedley		
Luke Sharps	Whole kit sponsored by John & Kath Fellows		
Steve Groom			
Luke Preston			
Liam Edmundson			
Craig Bowden			
Ryan Banks			
Alex Green			
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Room Chatter

16th August 2009

The FA Cup Sponsored by Eon – Extra Preliminary Round

The Hellenic Stakes on the "Road to Wembley" started on Friday night with Flackwell Heath having home success with a convincing 4-0 victory over Spartan South Midlands side Welwyn Garden City. Goals scored by McLennan, from the spot, added to in play by Cannon, Glynn, Rolfe.

Saturday saw mixed fortunes as would be expected, falling at the first fence were Bicester Town; Binfield; Fairford Town; Abingdon Town; Harrow Hill; Lydney and Marlow United. It was Binfield's first ever FA Cup experience, a 3-5 loss and in their words "The performance was extremely poor; there's no getting around that but we now move on and look forward to our next challenge and every game this season will be a challenge." Marlow's goal came from Andy Nichol but two from Hallen FC in reply ended their hopes. Bicester scored one goal but shipped four against Dunstable Town. Lydney could offer nothing to compete against opponents Totton & Eling's five goals. Harrow Hill conceded one more losing 6-0 away to Lymington. Brading scored the only goal at home to Fairford.

In an all Hellenic clash at Kidlington, Abingdon Town suffered in the last action of the game, when Kiddy's "Big Man", Jimmy Deabill, scored the only goal from the spot leaving Abingdon no chance to reply. Joining Kidlington over the first hurdle and running on to the next are Almondsbury Town; Highworth; Shrivenham; Milton United; Pegasus Juniors; Shortwood and Thame United. Apparently Almondsbury had seven first choice players unavailable but it did not stop them winning 2-0 against Toolstation League Longwell Green Sports. Highworth came back from Bournemouth with more than a stick of rock, a pair in the first half from Steve Robertson saw to that. Shrivenham's trip to Devizes Town saw them accumulate five goals without reply, Pegasus also notched up five at home with opponents Ellesmere Rangers offering one in reply. Milton United's newly formed side have a 100% record so far under their belt. With one win in the league and a 3-0 win at home against Corsham Town in The Cup. Reading put two past Melksham Town without reply. A diving header from Andy Hoskins was the deciding factor in Shortwood United's game against Blackfield & Langley, Manager John Evans commented: "It's a good sign when you can win without playing well". Thame United won their first FA cup game for several seasons defeating Bedford 1-0 at Wallingford. Mark Jones scored for Thame in the 9th minute. Much of the remainder of the game was spent with United defending this narrow lead.

Refusals at the first fence were experienced by, Ardley and Witney; Carterton, Wantage Town; and Wootton Bassett Town. In the All Hellenic League clash Ardley and Witney scored two apiece and will meet again at the Polythene UK Stadium midweek. The same score line featured in Carterton's meeting with Toolstation side Bristol Manor Farm, Wantage Town's away fixture at Hamble and Wootton Bassett's game against Westbury United, all those teams will be continuing the race again on Tuesday evening.

Premier Division

The first Saturday of the FTL Futbol Hellenic Premier Division saw just the one game between newcomers Malmesbury Vics and Ascot United. All the other sides were involved in the Extra Preliminary Round of the FA Cup. Vics crushed Ascot 6-1 with goals from Kev Coles, Alan Webb and two a piece from Adam Smith and Adam Giles. The Yellamen's consolation came courtesy of John Bennett.

From among the midweek games, Shortwood United laid down the gauntlet in their championship quest with a last minute winner over the very strong Witney United, Reading Town showed their credentials with a 6-0 drubbing of the hapless Hook Norton and newly promoted Binfield had a surprise victory, scoring the only goal at Highworth Town.

Predicting the outcome of this season's campaign is going to be very difficult but there can be no doubting that the likes of Shortwood United, Witney United and Almondsbury town will be there or thereabouts and then of course there are the dark horses like Ardley United, Highworth Town, Kidlington and Wantage Town to throw into the mix. Maybe one of the new boys on the block will surprise us all! It's going to be a good one; I feel it in my waters!

Clubs and individuals are invited to submit news items of interest for possible inclusion in Boot Room Chatter. Please send your items to Brian King, General Manager, 7 Stoneleigh Drive, Carterton, Oxon, OX18 1EE. Please send contributions by E-mail to: office@hellenicleague.co.uk

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In previous season our programme has carried a travel guide taken from Tony Kempster's web page. Sadly Tony passed away in the summer and we reproduce the following article from the BBC website which sums up what Tony Kempster meant to many in non-league football.

Goodbye Mr Non League

As the world of Non League Football mourns the passing of Tony Kempster, a pioneer of online news for the grassroots game, Caroline Barker remembers a true gentleman and a friend.

By Caroline Barker
BBC Non League Show presenter

"A proper statto" and a "footballing legend". Tony Kempster was, to many, a pioneer for the world of Non League Football, but to me he was so much more; a friend, a confidant of grassroots woes and a smile. I first met Tony two years ago at the start of the very first Non League Show season.

When I say met, I mean like many others, I spoke to him over an email (we'd go onto share a meal or two many league re-structurings later). His work, of course, had well proceeded him and his English football website was a haven for fans who craved all the information they could get. So where did it all begin? Tony didn't just talk the talk, he played non league football and was a referee. His love of football was born out of his dad playing for Ruislip Town in the Hellenic League.

Where it all began

His first football game as a spectator was a far more lofty affair. It was Watford against the then mighty Gateshead in 1959 and he then began following Tottenham home and away in the 1960s.

Student life and then marriage to his lovely wife Anne took over and he became more and more interested in Non League football. The real push, as with many fans, came with the Sky revolution of the 1990s where Tony once and for all turned his back on the professional game. Tony had always dabbled in computers and over a decade ago decided to merge his two passions, Non League football and technology, to create the ultimate destination for information and conversation - his English Football site.

After retiring from his job at Rowntree's (now Nestle), Tony decided to make it his quest to solve a continual bugbear of grassroots fans up and down the country - the annual restructuring of the leagues. With a little more time on his hands, (well as much as his charity work and signalling work on the North York Moors railway would allow) Tony became a regular conversationalist with leagues and the Football Association up and down the country.

For weeks leading up to the end of the season fans from around the world would access his site for his views on who would end up where.

First place for Non League information

It was the information and the attention to detail that set Tony's site apart from other non league portals.

As a rule Tony would aim to get his results up before anyone else and, in an age where Non League Football was barely getting to grips with technology, Tony's site often became the first port of call for fans. Towards the end of last year, Tony's efforts were finally rewarded with a visit to his beloved York City to pick up an accolade from the Football Supporters Federation for Services to Supporters.

The award is given each year to people who have performed an outstanding service to the benefit of football fans. Nothing could have summed Tony up better. He was an innovator, who unlike many of us refused to call himself a non league geek, and in fact he was keen to be seen as a "normal bloke just doing what I enjoy".

From league officials, to our national governing body, to the fans isolated from the news in far flung corners of the world, Tony was far from a "normal bloke". He was nothing short of an inspiration and a gentleman. His wit, generosity and those all important stats will continue to live on in the legacy he created.

A true friend not just to me, but the whole of football.

WBTFC U13's (this seasons Under 14's) are First North Wilts Youth Futsal League Champions

Simon Baker was the driver behind the team, supported by the WBTFC coaching staff of Mark Griffin and Simon Paish. The team initially entered to have some fun through the summer, but the successful U13 squad found themselves towards the top of the league with one crucial game remaining. The league was so close that if Wootton Bassett won the last game they would only win by one point, but if they were to lose then they would finish a respectable third.

Friday 31st July saw the final game against Wickham Oxford, who were towards the bottom of the league, however there were suspicions that the team looked a little different! The game is played over two ten minute half's so it tends to be a frantic 20 minutes. Wickham started very well scoring quite early into the first half; they looked very strong playing some good football. Then Bassett equalised only to concede a second shortly after. With two minutes remaining of the first half Bassett managed to level the score. Half time 2-2.



Under 13's Team Photo after winning Futsal League

The second half commenced and Wootton Bassett were all over Wickham, dominating the second half. Bassett managed to put an additional four goals passed Wickham to clinch the title. Well done lads a good team effort.



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Ground Hop 2009

The August Bank Holiday weekend sees the 10th Annual Ground Hop staged by the FTL FUTBOL Hellenic League take place. Once again this season's 'HOP' is being staged in conjunction with the Welsh Hop, now in its 8th season. The weekend starts in South Wales on Friday evening 28th August with an evening match followed by four matches on Saturday. On Sunday 24th the 'HOP' moves into the Hellenic territory with the matches below staged:

Almondsbury Town	v	Malmesbury Vics	Kick Off - 11AM
Newbury	v	Kintbury Rangers	Kick Off - 2.30PM
Ascot United	v	Old Woodstock Town	Kick Off - 6.15PM

Monday 30th August sees the 'HOP' take in a further three matches:

Chalfont Wasps	v	Penn & Tylers Green	Kick Off - 11.00AM
South Kilburn	v	Rayners Lane	Kick Off - 2.30PM
Flackwell Heath	v	Oxford City Nomads	Kick Off - 6.030PM

Full details and booking forms can be obtained from Chris Berezai, 'HOP Administrator'

45 Walton Street, Long Eaton, Nottingham NG10 1PB e-mail groundhopuk@yahoo.com

Division One West

Cheltenham Saracens took on Cricklade Town and lost by the odd goal in five. On target for the Saras was Nick Jones with a pair and for Cricklade, Sam Reason, Steve Winchcombe and Craig Shand. Clanfield played hosts to Cirencester United and came away with all the points thanks to a second half brace from Kevin Brooks. Easington Sports beat Trowbridge Town 2-0 with second half goals from Steve Howkins and Adam Daley.

Headington Amateurs thrashed Winterbourne United 6-2 courtesy of two goals each from Aftab Hafiz and Luke Cuff and one each from Olly Zaja and Nathan Mackenzie. North Leigh Reserves had a good win over Tytherington Rocks. On target for North Leigh were Ady Holder with a pair and Dom Barnes. Purton were well beaten at home to Slimbridge, thanks to a four-timer from marvellous Marvin Roberts.

Division One East

Chalfont Wasps lost by the odd goal in five to Kintbury Rangers. On target for the Wasps were Dan Moakes and Liam O'Neill and for the rangers, Mike Booroff, Dave Livings and Luke Mason. Farnborough Reserves won comfortably by 4-1 over Chinnor. Henley Town thrashed Prestwood by 6-0 a Riccardo Riccio pair and singles from Marcus Richardson, Lorenzo Medford, Sam Whiting and Graham Toomey. Newbury lost at home to Holyport thanks to two second half stikes from Arron Lennon and Jamie Handscomb. Penn & Tylers Green hosted Finchampstead and were well beaten by 4-0. Rayners Lane lost at home to Eton Wick by 3-1. Wick's sharp shooters were Anthony Moran with two and Deon Flint. The Lane replied through Tom Farrell. South Kilburn overcame Didcot Town Reserves with goals from Dane Boothe with two and Curtis Roberts, without reply. Wokingham & Emmbrook won by the odd goal in five against Woodley Town. The Satsumas goals courtesy of Shaun Wanklyn, Will Day and Chris Byrne, with Craig Hiscock and Paul Illsley replying for the Town.

Ex Pros sign on at Henley

Two former professional footballers have signed Hellenic League forms for Henley Town. Former Northern Ireland International Barry Hunter, who played centre back for Coleraine, Wrexham. Reading and Rushden & Diamonds has signed as player/coach. Striker Marcus Richardson plied his trade at Hartlepool United, Lincoln City, Yeovil Town. Cambridge United and Farnborough Town

REGISTRATION FORMS

All faxed Registration Forms MUST be followed by submission of the 'Hard Copy' to the League Office within 5 days. Failure to submit hard copy will render the player ineligible and could lead to point's deduction and fine.

Any registration form received, either by fax or hard copy that is incorrect will be returned for amendment and the player will not be registered until the correct form is returned. Common errors are: Date of Birth and Mother's Maiden Name missing. Please confirm that any maiden name listed is a surname, if there is likely to be doubt please indicate the name has been verified. Forms will be returned if the name listed appears to be a first name



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Bulletin Board

Holiday's & Non-Availability

Finchampstead – Match Secretary: Richard Whitchurch-Bennett - 10th to 29th September Contact is Club Secretary - Nick Markham.

Henley Town – Secretary: Tony Kingston 20th to 31st August. Contact is Chairman & Match Secretary Andy Bryan, E-mails to Mike Trendall, miketrend@yahoo.com

Hook Norton - Secretary: 1st to 14th Sept. Contact is: MIKE BARLOW (Chairman)

Kidlington - Match Secretary Steve Harris 15th August - 1st September inclusive. Contact during this period is Secretary David Platt.

Old Woodstock Town –Secretary – Louise Jordon Also 3rd to 6th & 19th to 27th Sept Contact Club Chairman - Ted Saxton

Rayners Lane – Match Sec – Richard Mitchell 7th to 22nd August – Main contact is Tony Pratt. E-mail contact via Paul Leslie, Manager, e-mail paulcfc620@yahoo.co.uk

Witney United: - Reserve Sec Gary Walter 21 Aug to 5th Sept. Contact for Reserve's is Ady Bircher

Wootton Bassett Town - Secretary – Rod Carter 5th to 20th August Contact Chairman, Paul Harrison

Amendments to Handbook Details:

Club Details

Cirencester Town: - ALL 'HOME' Cirencester Town Reserve matches will Kick Off at 2PM.

Rayners Lane – New Chairman appointed: - Martin Noblett, 07956 277961 (M) martin.het@tiscali.co.uk

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Registrations & Transfers

Registration numbers have risen to **1888 by 3pm** Friday 14th August. Another FIVE Transfers have been completed since Monday last.

F' name	Surname	Trans' From	Trans' To
Peter	Vaughan	Easington Spts	Hook Norton
Paul	Fisher	Wootton Bass T	Cricklade Tn
Rory	Sproule	Highworth Town	Shrivenham
Dean	O'Regan	Hungerford Tn	Newbury
Daniel	Bishop	Clanfield	Highworth

A further reminder for clubs regarding FAXED Registrations. They are only acceptable as late registrations and MUST be supported by a hard copy registration form within FIVE DAYS of the FAX submission. The best method is to use the Web Site Electronic Template and save the postage.

Player Parental Agreement Forms

Completed Forms must be sent to the League Office to support the Registration Form. If not received within FIVE DAYS of Registration the 'Temporary Registration' will cease and will render the player ineligible and could lead to point's deduction and fine



FA CUP

THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY FOR WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C.

Date	Round	Opponents	Prize Money
15-Aug-09	Extra Preliminary Round	v Westbury United (H)	D 2 - 2
18-Aug-09	Extra Preliminary Round -Rep	v Westbury United (A)	W 3 - 2 £750
29-Aug-09	Preliminary Round	v Brockenhurst (H)	£1,500
12-Sep-09	First Qualifying Round	v	£3,000
26-Sep-09	Second Qualifying Round	v	£4,500
10-Oct-09	Third Qualifying Round	v	£7,500
24-Oct-09	Fourth Qualifying Round	v	£12,500
7-Nov-09	First Round	v	£18,000
28-Nov-09	Second Round	v	£27,000
2-Jan-10	Third Round	v	£67,500
23-Jan-10	Fourth Round	v	£90,000
13-Feb-10	Fifth Round	v	£180,000
6-Mar-10	Quarter Final	v	£360,000
10-Apr-10	Semi-Final	v	£900,000
15-May-10	Final	v	£1,800,000

FA VASE

THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY FOR WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C.

Date	Round	Opponents	Result	Prize Money
5-Sep-09	First Round Qualifying	v Hamble ASSC	H	£800
19-Sep-09	Second Round Qualifying	v		£900
3-Oct-09	First Round Proper	v		£1,000
14-Nov-09	Second Round Proper	v		£1,200
5-Dec-09	Third Round Proper	v		£1,300
16-Jan-10	Fourth Round Proper	v		£1,500
6-Feb-10	Fifth Round Proper	v		£2,000
27-Feb-10	Sixth Round Proper	v		£5,000
27-Mar-10	Semi-final	v		£7,000
9-May-10	Final winners	v		£20,000

Preliminary Round

Abingdon Town	v	Malmesbury Victoria
Ascot United	v	Launton Sports
Bicester Town	v	Trowbridge Town
Binfield	v	Slimbridge
Chalfont Wasps	v	Headington Amat's
Cheltenham Sar's	v	Penn & Tylers Green
Cirencester United	v	Pegasus Junior's
Clanfield	v	Cricklade Town
Eton Wick	v	Kintbury Rangers
Fairford Town	v	Hardwicke AFC
Farnborough Res	v	Chinnor
Finchampstead	v	Highworth Town
Harrow Hill	v	Milton United
Holyport	v	North Leigh Res
Kidlington	v	Thame United
Letcombe	v	Tytherington Rocks
Marlow United	v	Newbury
Prestwood	v	Oxford City Nomads
Purton	v	Winterbourne United
Reading Town	v	Flackwell Heath
Shrivenham	v	Henley Town
South Kilburn	v	Rayners Lane
Wantage Town	v	Lydney Town
Wokingham & Emmbrook	v	Hook Norton
Woodley Town	v	Didcot Town Res
Wootton Bassett Town	v	Easington Sports

HELLENIC LEAGUE FLOODLIT CUP - SPONSORED BY AM PRINT & COPY SEASON 2009-10

Preliminary Round

Almondsbury Town	v	Harrow Hill
Ardley United	v	Wootton Bassett Town
Bicester Town	v	Slimbridge
Didcot Town Res	v	Holyport
Malmesbury Victoria	v	Thatcham Town
Reading Town	v	Oxford City Nomads



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18.ALPAI 20.MUSTARD 22.TWISTON 23.IRONS 24.EVRA 25.ISAKSSON

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1.PODIUM 2.READING 3.GAYLE 4.ANDREWSYMONDS 6.ITALY 7.NETZER 8.BRIDGE
14.TOYOTA 15.DRAGONS 16.CASTLE 17.ODDS ON 19.PRIOR 21.SPINK



Hellenic League

Tuesday 25 August		
Premier Division		
Bicester Town	v	Wantage Town
Fairford Town	v	Ardley United
Flackwell Heath	v	Witney United
Highworth Town	v	Ascot United
Kidlington	v	Marlow United
Malmesbury Vic	v	Abingdon Town
Pegasus Juniors	v	Carterton
Reading Town	v	Oxford City Nomads
Shortwood United	v	Old Woodstock Tn
Division One West		
Launton Sports	v	Clanfield
North Leigh Res	v	Easington Sports
Wootton Bassett Tn	v	Headington Amat
Division One East		
Chalfont Wasps	v	Finchampstead
Chinnor	v	Newbury
Didcot Town Res	v	Kintbury Rangers
Holyport	v	Henley Town
Prestwood	v	Woodley Town
Rayners Lane	v	Penn & Tylers Grn
Thame United	v	South Kilburn
Wednesday 26 August		
Premier Division		
Almondsbury Tn	v	Shrivenham
Division One West		
Cheltenham Sara	v	Tytherington Rocks
Cirencester United	v	Lydney Town
Harrow Hill	v	Winterbourne Utd
Letcombe	v	Purton
Slimbridge	v	Trowbridge Town
Division One East		
Eton Wick	v	Farnborough Res
Saturday 29 August		
F.A. Cup Preliminary Rd		
Lydney T or Totton&E	v	Kidlington / Abingdon Tn
Premier Division		
Ardley U or Witney U	v	Reading Town
Bicester Town	v	Fairford Town
Carterton	v	Shortwood Utd

Marlow United	v	Hook Norton	
Oxford City Nom	v	Highworth Town	
Pegasus Juniors	v	Kidlington / Abingdon Tn	
Shrivenham	v	Binfield	
Wantage Town	v	Flackwell Heath	
Division One West			
Clanfield	v	Winterbourne Utd	
Cricklade Town	v	Slimbridge	
Easington Sports	v	Cirencester Utd	
Harrow Hill	v	Wootton Bassett Tn	
Headington Amat	v	Cheltenham Sara	
Lydney Town	v	North Leigh Res	
Purton	v	Launton Sports	
Tytherington Rocks	v	Letcombe	
Division One East			
Chalfont Wasps	v	Didcot Town Res	
Eton Wick	v	Finchampstead	
Farnborough Res	v	Prestwood	
Henley Town	v	Woodley United	
Penn & Tylers Grn	v	Milton United	
Rayners Lane	v	Holyport	
Thame United	v	Chinnor	
Wokingham & Emmb	v	South Kilburn	
Sunday 30 August			
Premier Division			
Almondsbury Town	v	Malmesbury Vic	11AM
Ascot United	v	Old Woodstock T	6.15
Division One East			
Newbury	v	Kintbury Rangers	2.30
Monday 31 August			
Premier Division			
Abingdon Town	v	Witney United	
Ardley United	v	Bicester Town	
Binfield	v	Marlow United	
Carterton	v	Shrivenham	
Fairford Town	v	Pegasus Juniors	
Flackwell Heath	v	Oxford City Nom	6.00
Kidlington	v	Hook Norton	
Division One West			
Cirencester United	v	Cricklade Town	

TOUCHLINE

WBTFC Newsletter Volume 4, June 2009

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Welcome: Wow, what a busy few months it has been, with the exchange visit with SVGravezande, our annual tour to Holland, the clubs end of season awards and the annual six a side tournament. Oh yes, and County Ground cup final appearances for 4 of our youth teams. I think it's fair to say that all these activities served to round the season off well. And so, having had the briefest of moments to draw breath we prepare for another season, and again with excitement and trepidation at what we hope to achieve. Chris, Pete and Bryan, update below on plans for their sections. At a club level the bringing of Community Soccer under the WBTFC offers great opportunity for broadening our offering to the community. We also hope this year to work with the Sports Association and other clubs to allow Ryland's Way to be used for more matches, and to improve the look and feel of the clubhouse. There will be more on the seasons objectives in September, in the meantime enjoy the Summer. Paul H - Chairman

Senior teams: Not sure if we have had much of a break but amazingly the new season is nearly upon us. Pre-season training starts on Tuesday June 30th and the new season starts w/c 10th August. After knocking on the door of promotion last season we are very optimistic for the coming season, I am sure we will see new faces coming into the senior section and we wish them all well. Danny Groom has agreed to manage the Under 18s with Ken Turner working alongside myself on specific projects; Mike Hartley and Dave Turner will manage the Reserves and 1st Team respectively. The closed season has continued with good integration from senior players attending the junior presentation days and a great effort from all senior members at the annual 6-a-side which was good fun (even though I smelt like a burger for 2 days after). Rod and Steve have worked like trojans in maintaining the pitch and for the 1st time we have spent £2k to ensure that more matches can be played with the aim that Ryland's can be enjoyed by all age groups, I have also requested two junior teams to play a half time mini game at the friendlies against Supermarine and Swindon Town. I hope our junior lads attend our preseason games as the support is very welcome. I will up date you on pre season at the next Touchline but any one who feels they would like to come and assist please come and ask I will always find things for you to do.

Chris Jones – Section Head of Senior Football

Rob Woodhouse:

All at the club were hit hard by the sudden and untimely death late May of Rob Woodhouse, manager of our under 9b side. It was clear from the attendance and touching eulogy's at Rob's funeral that he is a great loss to the Wootton Bassett community, and all at the club would like to pay tribute to Rob and the work he put into ensuring so many young people could enjoy sport and scouting. He will be sadly missed, and we are discussing the most appropriate way for the club to remember Rob on an ongoing basis. In the meantime our heartfelt thoughts go out to Rob's family.

Youth teams: Although we are approaching mid summer you may well think that football has been put to one side for a well earned break. No such luck!!! This is well and truly the time of year for a never ending round of meetings, AGMs, training courses etc as we gear up for next season "Good job we do this for fun!" Two events of significance took place over the past month or so, the first being our end of season youth awards. Thanks must be extended to all the senior managers and players who gave up their time to present individual honours to all age groups. I would also like to extend my gratitude to those players and parents who attended thus offering support and recognition to all the registered players representing the club over the past season. Secondly in early June we held our 9th annual six a side tournament. Although entry numbers were down this year, and we also did not have our customary heat wave, the event was another great success. In my opinion this event really does unify all sections of the club culminating with the sight of both the past and present chairmen of the club dressed like "yellow gnomes" whilst acting as car park stewards! **Many thanks** must be extended to all those managers, players and yes, **PARENTS** too! who offered their services at some point over the weekend. Special tribute must be paid to Gill Gascoigne and Erk for organising the whole event. Following the excellent Claire Smedley in the role as Youth secretary is not an easy task, but I believe Gill has grown from strength to strength and the section is indebted for her valued contribution. Regarding the "sixes" some debate was raised regarding the inclusion of centre of excellence players by some clubs. This is something that as a club we will look at for next year. My personal opinion is that the professional clubs must issue clear and concise instruction to their registered players to avoid confusion. In all my years in football (too many to count now!) this has always happened and I see no wrong in youngsters aged 8 to 14 being denied the opportunity of playing summer tournaments with their mates without "pressure to perform". After all it was only some 6 years ago that Theo Walcott played in a six a side tournament in Newbury and I can imagine the joy (and tales!!) some of his opponents now reflect on. Obviously these are my personal views, and as a club we will now seek council and guidance prior to formatting next year's event (that should keep the lawyers happy!!!) Enjoy the remaining summer months in preparation to another season ahead with the wind, mud, rain etc...don't you just love it? I should mention that photos of all our awards, sixes etc are now available on the www.wbtfc.co.uk website. Thanks to our Youth section clubman of the year TED QUEZANI for his photo services throughout the year.

Pete Yeardeley – Section Head of Youth Football

The Under 18 Floodlit side are under new management for Season 2009/10 with former Wootton Bassett Town legend Danny Groom (pictured below) taking over the reins from Ken Turner.

The Under 18 team will again compete in the Wiltshire County Floodlit League which sees 11 teams entered for Season 2009/10. Highworth Town and Devizes Town have not entered sides this time around but for the first time teams from Swindon Supermarine and Bradford Town have joined the league. Wootton Bassett Town kick-off their fixtures with a home tie in the FA Youth Cup against Chard Town on Thursday 10th September. The league programme then kicks off the following week with a home game against Melksham Town. The full list of fixtures are shown below:

Wootton Bassett Town Under 18 Wiltshire County Floodlit League

Date	Oppenents	H/A	K-off
10/09/2009	Chard Town (FAYC)	H	19:30
17/09/2009	Melksham Town	H	19:30
24/09/2009	Shrewton Utd	H	19:30
01/10/2009	Pewsey Vale	A	19:30
08/10/2009	Swindon Supermarine	A	19:30
14/10/2009	Corsham Town	A	19:30
22/10/2009	Amesbury Town	H	19:30
29/10/2009	Bemerton Heath H	A	19:30
05/11/2009	Bradford Town	H	19:30
11/11/2009	Calne Town	A	19:30
19/11/2009	Chippenham Town	H	19:30
03/12/2009	Corsham Town	H	19:30
10/12/2009	Swindon Supermarine	H	19:30
16/12/2009	Shrewton Utd	A	19:30
14/01/2010	Pewsey Vale	H	19:30
20/01/2010	Melksham Town	A	19:30
28/01/2010	Amesbury Town	A	19:30
01/02/2010	Chippenham Town	A	19:30
11/02/2010	Bemerton Heath H	H	19:30
18/02/2010	Calne Town	H	19:30
23/02/2010	Bradford Town	A	19:30



WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB SEASON 2009/10 RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	H/A	Competition	K.O.	Result
Sat	5-Sep-09 Kidlington Res	A	League		
Wed	9-Sep-09 Swindon Supermarine	A	League		
Sat	12-Sep-09 Abingdon Town Res	H	League		
Sat	19-Sep-09 Abingdon Utd Res	A	League		
Tue	22-Sep-09 Fairford Res	H	League		
Sat	26-Sep-09 Henley Town Res	A	League		
Sat	3-Oct-09 Wantage Town Res	H	League		
Sat	10-Oct-09 Binfield Res	A	League		
Tue	20-Oct-09 Highworth Town Res	A	League		
Sat	24-Oct-09 Abingdon Utd Res	H	League		
Tue	27-Oct-09 Finchampstead Res	A	League		

Despite finishing second bottom of the league last season the Reserves remain in the top division which is good news in terms of fixtures. This season the team will be managed by Simon Paish who will be tasked with bleeding youngsters who will be good enough to make the step up into First Team football in due course. After two seasons where multiple players have been used in the Reserve Team and very few players have moved between the First Team and Reserve Team the Club are confident that under Simon's stewardship this will change and a more integrated Senior Section will be achieved. As with the First Team, the Reserves have plenty of fixtures to kick-off the season as can be seen from the fixture list above.

This season fixtures for the Reserves will be published on a month by month basis as the League attempts to avoid the big gaps between fixtures that have occurred in recent seasons.

CHAIRMAN'S RESERVES CHALLENGE CUP SEASON 2009-10

Preliminary Round

Abingdon United	v	Easington Sports
Ardley United	v	Prestwood
Cirencester Town	v	Abingdon Town
Cirencester United	v	Cricklade Town
Swindon Supermarine	v	Hook Norton
Thame United	v	Finchampstead

Wootton Bassett Town along with 25 other clubs have a bye into the First Round

Woman's & Girls: Both teams played in the Wilts women's and girls league, at U15 in 11 a side and finished fourth from top and have showed good progress under the stewardship of Mark and Johnny. The girls have taken well to Johnny and his ideas in training. The girls have won their division fair play award and credit to both teams in how they represented themselves and the club this past season. The U12 finished the season in 6th place in the mid table position having managed to make the championship league after the first round of games, thus playing all the top half of teams a second time. Both girls teams are actively looking for new players to add to their small playing squads. The aim now is to increase not just the number of girls playing for the club, but add to the managing/coaching staff, it is hoped by developing both areas we can have many more teams at different age groups. A ladies senior team will be running next season that will give the girls a chance to carry on playing for the club when adults. Not something that can happen over night without volunteers, so any one looking to start a girl's team, can contact me through the club website using the contact us link on the right side of the home page.

Bryan Wood "Woody" – Section Head of Woman's & Girls

Respect & Let's Kick Racism Out of Football:

With the new 2009/10 season fast approaching it's a good time to send out a reminder about the respect campaign, please check out the online video at www.thefa.com/Leagues/Respect.aspx Also there is drive around kicking out racism at all levels of the game, supported by the PFA. This is specifically focused at grassroots and amateur levels to tackle racial abuse and harassment in parks football, please find the time to look at www.kickitout.org/1.php

Club development: I assumed that through the closed season the workload would drop off a touch, but as Pete has already commented on, this has not the case and we are as busy as ever behind the scenes. You have seen already that Bryan Wood "Woody" has taken the role as Section Head of Woman's and Girls football, we wish him every success in his new role. This will offer dedicated focus on an area which needs to grow with our club. For some time we have been looking to fulfil the role of Football Development officer, we have decided to share the responsibilities around the club with activities being coordinated through Pete. Our links into local schools have matured with formal links which will be established through the summer, meetings will continue to flush out the detail. A formal partnership has now been established with Community Football, this will help drive both U8 boys and girls into the youth sections of the club. Football should be for all, this includes the disabled, WBTF will be looking to formulate a formal relationship through WCFA and STFC which we will offer support through raising awareness of Football for the Disabled in our local community. Football development comes in many forms, and for me to see mixed English and Dutch youth teams playing football on a Sunday afternoon tops it for me. What a great exchange program, I have seen some, but not all, of the thanks and the praise which has been fourth coming. I would like to thank Pete and Nigel and all other members of the club who made this a success, and would also like to say "thank you" to all the WBTFC parents who hosted Dutch players. Our objectives for the next quarter consist of: 1) Launch Community Football, 2) Establish the FDO activities, 3) Look at the introduction of U20 / U17 / U18 teams, 4) Complete the web site development, messages boards & links into Disabled football, 5) Host Woman's & Girls football meeting, agree objectives, 6) Commence with the re work of the development plan for the 2009/10 season.

Andy Walduck – Club Development Officer

Community Soccer has a new

look: With WBTFC now supporting football in the Community I'm please to announce the creation of Community Football which will replace what was Community Soccer, a small change in the name, but big differences behind the scenes. Community Football will now provide feeds into our youth section as well as offer presence into local schools and will be supported by the football club. It's going to be a great combination going forward. Our launch date is scheduled for July please watch out for our communication.

I began working for Community Soccer aged 15 as an assistant coach on the holiday courses and Monday night sessions at Noremarsch School and the Lime Kiln Leisure Centre, it was my first experience as a coach and started me off on my eventual career path. I progressed to taking my own groups as one of the senior coaches until I was 20. I also worked alongside Andy Amos with a very successful Wootton Bassett Town F.C. youth side winning a number of competitions including becoming the first ever Wootton Bassett Town team to win the County Cup. After leaving WBTFC in November 2006 to pursue other avenues, I'm very happy to be returning back to the Community Team and to Wootton Bassett Town F.C. and to be able to again give something back to the community in which I grew up and have been a part of.

Matt Laurence - Head Coach Community Football

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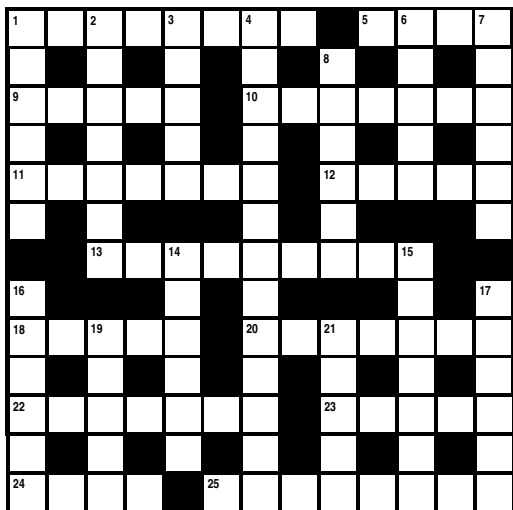
What's On?

1 st Team Pre season Home games			
Tues	14/7	Rylands Way	19:30 Carterton Town
Sat	18/7	Rylands Way	11:00 Supermarine
Sat	25/7	Rylands Way	11:00 Melksham
Sat	1/8	Rylands Way	10:30 Wroughton
Tues	4/8	Rylands Way	19:30 Swindon Town

Community Football Launch - July Date TBA



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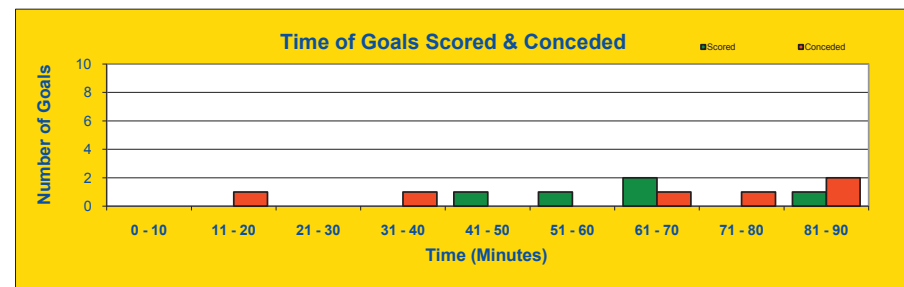
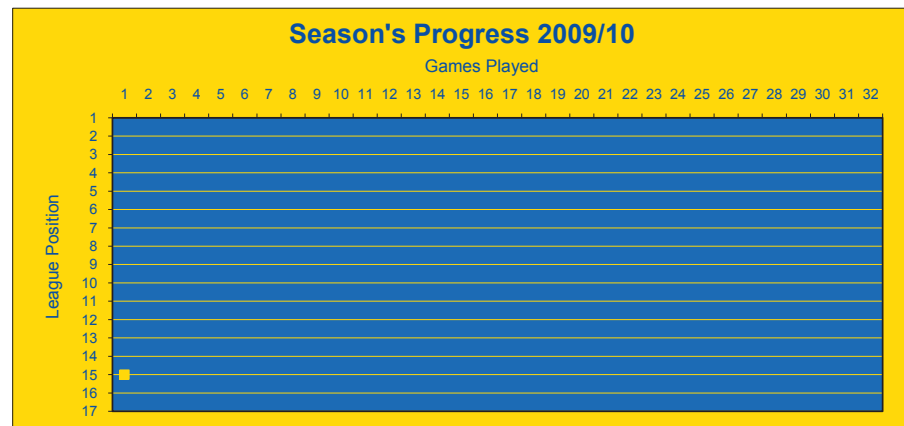
ACROSS

- 1 Goalkeeper Jose Luis Chilavert scored eight goals for this country (8)
- 5 Footballer ___ Dublin (4)
- 9 Abou ____, injury plagued French utility man at Arsenal (5)
- 10 Ian ____, cult Rangers' midfielder of the 90s now on their coaching staff (7)
- 11 Serie A club that Roy Hodgson managed 2001-2 (7)
- 12 Recently became Wolves' record signing (5)
- 13 Beat AFC Telford in Conf North play off final last season (9)
- 18 Villa's Turk Ozalan wore this name on his shirt (5)
- 20 Durham & England's one day 'Colonel' (7)
- 22 Jumps trainer Nigel ___ Davies (7)
- 23 The ___ of West Ham United (5)
- 24 Man Utd's tenacious full back with over 20 siblings! (4)
- 25 Displaced by Joe Hart at Man City before moving to PSV (8)

DOWN

- 1 All racers want to get on to this (6)
- 2 Beaten by Burnley in the play-off semi (7)
- 3 West Indies' (reluctant?) skipper (5)
- 4 Aussie all-rounder sent home after yet another transgression (6,7)
- 6 World champs but Confederation Cup chumps (5)
- 7 Gunter ____, imperious midfielder for West Germany and Real in the 70s (6)
- 8 Expensive full back from Chelsea to City (6)
- 14 Big buck F1 outfit with Trulli and Glock the drivers (6)
- 15 Rugby League's Catalans _____ (7)
- 16 S African cricket's lager sponsor (6)
- 17 Anything shorter than even money (4,2)
- 19 Averages over 45 yet the jury is out on this keeper (5)
- 21 Came off the bench to star in goal for Villa in 82 European Cup Final (5)

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Appearances 2009/10	Starts	As Sub	Total	Goals	Total	Goals
1 Stewart Thompson	3		3	-	46	-
2 Ryan Banks	3		3	1	44	8
3 Chris Oram	3		3	-	43	2
4 Luke Sharps	3		3	-	41	-
5 James Turner	3		3	-	8	1
6 Sam Collier	3		3	-	-	-
7 Steve Groom	3		3	-	-	-
8 Terry Adams	3		3	-	-	-
9 Alex Green	3		3	1	-	-
10 Adam Field	3		3	2	3	-
11 Mitch Wyatt		3	3	1	-	-
12 Marcus Hall	2		2	-	-	-
13 David Millaci		2	2	-	-	-
14 Craig Bowden		2	2	-	-	-
15 Frankie Hunt	1		1	-	-	-
16 Liam Edmundson		1	1	-	38	-

