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EDITORIAL

Good afternoon and welcome back to Rylands Way for the visit of **Brockenhurst** in the FA Cup. The two sides met in the same competition two seasons ago and after a draw at Brockenhurst in the first game we lost heavily at home in the replay. Dave and the boys will be looking to avoid a repeat of that defeat today and progress to the next round. The prize money at stake in today's fixture is £1,500, which will no doubt be exciting the Club Treasurer at both clubs!

We extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters from Brockenhurst who have travelled to Rylands Way from Hampshire for the game today and hope they will join us in the bar after the game for some refreshments.

Scoop reports on both encounters against Brockenhurst in Season 2007-8 in the **Match Report** sections of the programme tonight.

Tonight's programme includes the usual regular sections. The **Hellenic Bulletin** again provides details on the forthcoming Groundhop weekend, a round-up of results from last weekend, as well as the upcoming fixtures in the various divisions.

Tonight's featured season in the **From The Archives** series looks back to Season **1977-78** when Wootton Bassett struggled at the foot of the County League.

There is the usual **From The Dugout** article from Dave who this week raises an interesting question around the Respect campaign following an incident in the Slimbridge fixture.

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, includes the first article of the season from the Head of the Ladies Section, Bryan Wood.

Ahead of the kick off of the games for our Youth sides the **Youth Section in Focus** feature tonight includes pictures of our Under 13 through to Under 18 sides. The Purton programme will include pictures of the younger age groups. Reports and league tables will follow once the season is up and running.

Thank you for your support today, I hope you enjoy the game and heres to seeing Wootton Bassett Town in the next round of the most prestigious competition in the country. Should the game result in a draw the replay will be on Tuesday at Brockenhurst resulting in both teams having to postpone league games scheduled on Monday. Please also do not forget should there be a result today there will be the big local derby here at Rylands Way on Monday against high flying Purton.

Mark



CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Good afternoon, welcome to you all and to our visitors in this FA Cup Fixture, Brockenhurst.

I thought I'd start today's article with an apology that the ground surround has not been upgraded or perhaps maintained as we would like across the summer. Funds are of course limited and priority was, rightly I believe, given to the undertaking of pitch renovation works. It's pleasing to report that the senior mens, youth, and ladies sections of the club continue to work together recognising the long term goals of the club and setting priorities accordingly. The work on the pitch is a fine example. It has been jointly funded by the senior mens and youth sections with a view to providing a better surface for all fixtures, and allow more fixtures to be played here at Rylands Way. As I have previously mentioned, we now have a senior Ladies side that will be competing in the Gloucestershire County league, and playing their home fixtures here on Sundays at 2:30 (details of fixtures can be found in this programme). It is also planned for a youth fixture to be played here each Sunday morning, as well as the occasional floodlit game for each of the youth teams. This all goes to reinforce to these players that they are part of the club even if facilities dictate they play all other fixtures at Ballards Ash. So you can appreciate why any expenditure was directed towards the pitch.

Of course the decision over investment in our off pitch facilities is made more difficult by two factors: firstly the planned relocation of the Sports Association, including of course the football club, to the new larger site; and secondly the shocking level of vandalism we sadly experience here. The latest on the relocation is that there has really been no change from that reported at the close of last season, namely that economic conditions have slowed the project and it is likely to be 3-5 years before a successful relocation. As to the vandalism, as an example, it's difficult to know what you can do when it appears someone has actually taken a sledgehammer to the home dugout, maliciously knocking the side wall out leaving the roof unsupported, leaning and bent. Consequently decisions on what to invest in are only taken after careful consideration of the value of doing so given the relocation and vandalism.

Anyway on a more positive note, this fixture of course follows our good win in the replay at Westbury, a game in which both sides had their moments. Having played the better football in both ties, we allowed Westbury long periods of possession and to thus create pressure on us. So the challenge now is for the team to maintain their work rate and play for the 90 minutes. I have no doubt the team will mature and learn to get on top and stay on top, starting with today.

It only remains for me to say let's hear your normal strong vocal support for the team, and here's to a Bassett win.

Cheers - Paul H

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Respect



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FROM THE DUGOUT

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

This will be our fifth game of the season and strangely our third game in the FA Cup. For a large number of our squad this will be their first venture into the FA Cup and I am sure they will enjoy the experience.

If everything goes to plan I am hoping to have Jon Holloway available for today's squad as well as getting Marcus Hall back from a foot injury he picked up in the last round of the competition.

With so many new players in the squad it is interesting times in the changing room at the moment. There are one or two characters coming to the fore already. Sam Collier is definitely the comedian of the group. He has quip for every occasion and he is great for team moral. Mitch Wyatt is the enforcer so I know all fines will be collected this season. Don't be fooled by the size. Greener is the quiet mysterious type we are all still trying to work him out.

I will keep you all informed of any changing room antics as they unfold over the coming season, as well as introducing you to the various new characters over the coming weeks.

I am going to finish with a moan which isn't like me but after an incident at the Slimbridge game I feel I have the moral high ground on this occasion. It is interesting that the league is quite rightly trying to run a respect campaign and out law swearing and bad behaviour which we all support at this club. It has cost me personally when I have stepped out of line.

At Slimbridge an official swore at one of the players and there was nothing anyone could do. Surely this is wrong when we get fines and have to miss games for the same offence. The phrase double standards spring to mind. I feel better now that's of my chest hope you all enjoy the game. Most officials do a great job and I am sure this afternoon will be no exception.

Dave



OPPONENTS HISTORY

Brockenhurst were founded in 1898 and began life by playing on a pitch in close proximity to a well known local beauty spot, Rhinefield Ornamental Drive. The Badgers became founder members of the New Forest League which they won five times as well as the Perkins Charity Cup which was won four times. Prior to the outbreak of the First World War the club moved to play in a field between the Rose and Crown and Snakecatcher public houses. Following the war Brockenhurst played in the Bournemouth League and between 1923 – 26 the Hampshire League Brock finished bottom of the West Division in 1926 with only seven points and were relegated to the Bournemouth League. Another ground move saw Brock play at Fathers Field but in 1931 council houses were built on this land and once again the Badgers were on the move, Black Knoll (opposite the Forest Park) became home. In 1933 the club returned to the New Forest League and won the Perkins Charity Cup. The following season saw Brock win the New Forest League and the Perkins Charity Cup. Two years later saw the Badgers move ground once again with Oberfield in Rhinefield Road hosting the Badgers. 1935 saw Brockenhurst enter the Hampshire League and celebrated with the winning of the New Forest Lads Cup. After the Second World War Brock played at the Tile Barn until they moved to their present ground in Grigg Lane in 1951. Brockenhurst were crowned Hampshire League Division Three Champions in 1960 as well as Bournemouth Senior Cup winners and were promoted to Division 2 of the Hampshire League. The Badgers only lasted two seasons in this division because a runner up spot behind Andover Reserves secured promotion to Division 1 and the season was rounded off with the winning of the Hampshire Intermediate Cup. Unfortunately the 1964-65 season Brock finish one off the bottom and were relegated back to the Second Division. 1971 saw Brock finish on top of the second division and returned to the pinnacle of the county league and a year later the Hampshire Senior Cup final was reached but Alton Town overcame the Badgers with a 1-0 win. With Jim Lawford at the helm Brock won the Hampshire League Division 1 title, finishing one point ahead of the now defunct Sholing Sports. In 1986 Brockenhurst became founder members of the Wessex League and have yet to taste success at this level. The last two season's, under the astute leadership of John Pyatt has seen creditable finishes of 6th and a Wessex League equalling best position of 5th place in 08-09.

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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.

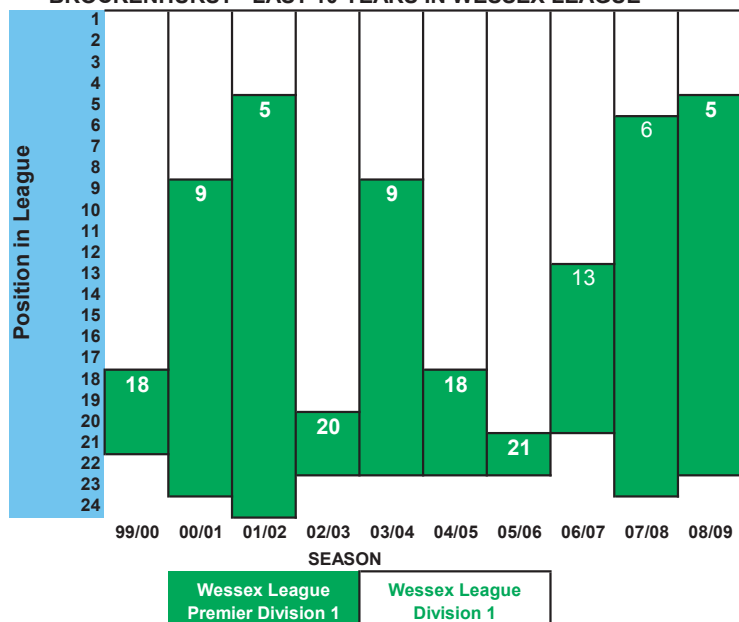
Scoop Rating: 8/10 – Bassett clicked when the moment required them to, and another gutsy FA Cup performance deservedly saw them record a victory. Well worth the 168 mile round trip to watch it!

	MAX FRAMPTON: Experienced goalkeeper who has worn the colours of Christchurch, Hamworthy United, Poole Town, Lymington & New Milton and Gosport Borough. Born Boscombe 22 April 1981. Debut v Bemerton 19 August 2008. 51+1 appearances		LIAM CROOK: Versatile player who, with a great left foot can play anywhere down the left flank. Signed from VTFC in November 2007. Has represented both Southampton and AFC Bournemouth academies. Born Southampton 22 October 1988. Debut v Wimborne Town 24 November 2007. 56+8 appearances 5 goals
	PAUL LIDDON: Signed from Lymington Town in June 2007. Solid fullback who has previously played for Bashley and Hythe & Dibden. Born Southampton 9 February 1981. Debut v Hayling United 11 August 2007. 64+2 appearances 3 goals		CARLO TATE: Previously with Brock 10 years ago but returned in the summer of 2007 after a number of seasons at Lymington Town. Fine reader of the game who goes about his role efficiently. Born Southampton 18 January 1971. Debut v Portsmouth RN, 16 August 1997. 180+14 appearances 9 goals
	DAVE MARDEN: Has returned to full fitness after breaking his leg in November 2008. Another to have signed from Lymington Town. List's BAT and Lymington & New Milton as his former clubs. Born Portsmouth 7 August 1984. Debut v VTFC 25 August .2007. 42 appearances 8 goals		DAVE WAKEFIELD: Stylish midfielder who can also play up front. Signed from Bashley in February 2008, scoring the winner on his debut. Previously with Newport IOW and Havant & Waterlooville. Born Southampton 24 August 1975. Debut v Cowes 26 February 2008. 62 appearances 23 goals
	BEN GRIFFITHS: A crowd favourite after signing from Wimborne Town in August 2007. Was with Portsmouth as a youngster and has Wessex League experience with Christchurch. Born Boscombe 27 November 1981. Debut v Hayling United 11 August 2007. 92+5 appearances 3 goals		FAWZI SAADI: Signed from Bournemouth Poppies in June. Started his career at AFC Bournemouth where he was an unused sub 3 times in 2003/04. Has played non league for Lymington & New Milton and Poole Town. Born Algiers, Algeria 12 January 1985. Debut v Bournemouth 18 August 2009 2 appearances
	SAM CARTER: A June 2009 signing from Hythe & Dibden where he scored 26 goals last season. Has also played for Eastleigh, Southampton and Lymington & New Milton. Born Winchester 8 January 1983. Debut v Bemerton 8 August 2009 4 appearances		DAVE EWEN: Signed in December from New Milton Town where he finished leading goalscorer last season. Big, powerful striker who seen service with Northern League sides Flixton and FC United of Manchester. Born Manchester 27 November 1984. Debut v Alresford Town 20 December 2008. 23 appearances 9 goals
	KEVIN JAMES: Exciting wide player with a considerable amount of flair. Former clubs, Lymington Town and BAT. Born Jamaica 9 September 1975. Debut v Whitchurch United 19 April 2003. 74+21 appearances 14 goals		RICHARD MORSE: Signed from Southern League Andover in the summer of 2008. Was with Fulham as a youngster and has scored goals for Hamble ASSC and Bashley. Born Southampton 5 November 1980. Debut v Reading Town 16 August 2008. 26+19 appearances 4 goals
	JAMES THOMSON: Signed from VT in August 2009, coming off the bench to score on his debut. Born Southampton 14 November 1986. Debut v Moneyfields 22 August 2009. +1 appearance 1 goal		BEN KNELLER: Signed from Alresford Town in July 2007. Previously with Winchester City and VTFC. Always likely to score with his determination and workrate. Born Southampton 17 December 1986. Debut v Hayling United 11 August 2007. 73+17 appearances 36 goals

TODAY'S VISITORS

FROM THE ARCHIVES

BROCKENHURST - LAST 10 YEARS IN WESSEX LEAGUE



Season	Div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Position
1999/00	Prem	40	7	7	26	43	124	28	18 out of 21
2000/01	Prem	44	23	7	14	93	72	76	9 out of 23
2001/02	Prem	44	27	2	15	99	57	83	5 out of 24
2002/03	Prem	42	7	5	30	50	118	26	20 out of 22
2003/04	Prem	42	19	7	16	49	74	64	9 out of 22
2004/05	Prem	42	12	5	25	52	79	41	18 out of 22
2005/06	Prem	42	4	6	32	42	93	18	21 out of 22
2006/07	Prem	38	10	11	17	52	66	41	13 out of 20
2007/08	Prem	44	23	11	10	87	55	80	6 out of 23
2008/09	Prem	42	24	10	8	71	41	82	5 out of 22

Current Form (Last Five Games)

Date	Opponents	Result	Scorers
25-Aug-09	Wimborne Town (H)	L 1 - 6	
22-Aug-09	Moneyfields (H)	L 1 - 4	OG
18-Aug-09	Bournemouth (A)	L 1 - 2	Ewen
11-Aug-09	Petersfield (A)	W 2 - 0	
8-Aug-09	Bemerton H H (H)	L 0 - 1	

Club Information

Nickname	The Badgers
Founded	1898
Best FA Cup Season	3rd Qual 1992-3, 2001-2, 2004-5
Best FA Vase Season	5th Rnd 1974-5
Secretary	Paul Christopher
Record Gate	1,104 v St Albans, 1974, FAC
Top Scorer - 2008/9	Ben Kneller - 14 Goals

	Home	Goalscorers
Amesbury	W 3 - 1	Spires 2, B.Burton
Avon Bradford	D 2 - 2	B.Burton 2
Bemerton	L 1 - 3	Spiers
Bromham	L 0 - 1	
Calne Town	L 0 - 1	
Corsham Town	L 1 - 2	May
Highworth Town	L 2 - 4	Ladd, Thomas
Malmesbury Vics	W 3 - 1	B.Burton 2, Spiers
Park	L 0 - 2	
Pewsey Vale	W 2 - 0	Hatchman, Smith
Purton		
Sanford	L 1 - 3	Spiers
St Josephs	L 0 - 1	
Vickers	L 0 - 1	
Warminster	W 3 - 1	K.Cox, Spiers, Thomas

	Away	Goalscorers
Amesbury	L 0 - 2	
Avon Bradford	L 0 - 1	
Bemerton	W 2 - 1	Keep, K.Cox
Bromham	L 0 - 1	
Calne Town	L 0 - 1	
Corsham Town	W 2 - 0	Spiers, Keep
Highworth Town	D 3 - 3	?
Malmesbury Vics	L 1 - 2	K. Cox
Park	L 1 - 4	Keep
Pewsey Vale	D 0 - 0	
Purton		
Sanford	D 1 - 1	Spiers
St Josephs	L 2 - 3	Keep, Tinsley
Vickers	L 1 - 7	Spiers
Warminster	L 1 - 4	?

Wiltshire Senior Cup

1st Rnd	Lawn (H)	W 2 - 1	B.Burton, ?
2nd Rnd	West Lavington (A)	W 2 - 0	Rose 2
3rd Rnd	Garrad (H)	D 0 - 0	
3rd Rnd	Garrad (A)	L 0 - 2	

Top Scorers

	League	WSC	Total
Barry Spiers	6		6
Bob Burton	5	1	6
Phil Keep	4		4
Tony Spiers	3		3
Kevin Cox	3		3
Bob Thomas	2		2
Sam Rose		2	2
Ron Tinsley	1		1
Nick May	1		1
Kevin Ladd	1		1
Stephen Hatchman	1		1
Stuart Smith	1		1
To be identified	9	1	10
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	37	4	41

Garrad goalkeeper caught frostbite, however, and it was another incredible save by Comer from Gallagher which denied the visitors an interval lead.”

Comer clearly continued his wonder show in the second half as Bassett held their higher league visitors to a 0-0 draw. Unfortunately they were unable to take advantage in the replay going down to two goals from Bohane and thus the cup run came to an end. Back in the league and the Wootton Bassett Town defence managed a second consecutive shutout when they left fellow relegation strugglers Pewsey with a point following another goalless game. This feat was nearly repeated the following week, Bassett eventually going down to a solitary goal at high-flying Calne Town. The gut wrenching winner came from an 87th minute penalty taken by Mal Baker. The following week they met fellow strugglers Pewsey Vale in the return match at Rylands Way and goals from Stephen Hatchman and Stuart Smith secured two vital points and gave hope of avoiding the drop. This was Hatchman’s first ever goal for the First Team.

Unfortunately Wootton Bassett were unable to build on this victory, a 2-0 defeat at Amesbury being followed by the heaviest defeat of the season, a 7-1 away drubbing on April Fool’s Day at Vickers. Wootton Bassett trailed just one nil at the break but a poor second half would not have helped confidence for the remaining games, Tony Spires scoring the consolation goal. This was followed by a 4-1 midweek defeat at runaway leaders Park, Phil Keep scoring for Bassett as the usually reliable Wootton Bassett defence conceded 11 goals in the space of 5 days. Hopes of survival were revived following a fine 2-1 away win at Bemerton, Phil Keep with a penalty and Kevin Cox with the vital goals, the latter scoring the winner in the 80th minute. However, three heartbreaking 1-0 defeats against Calne Town (H), Avon Bradford (A) and Bromham (H), coupled with a 4-1 away defeat at Warminster ended all hopes of survival as Wootton Bassett Town finished second from bottom in the table, two points adrift of Pewsey Vale and four points below Warminster. The defeat at Warminster came in midweek on 26th April 1978 and saw Wootton Bassett concede two penalties in a game that finally confirmed the Club’s relegation. Neighbours Purton were to finish bottom of the pile some twelve points behind the Town, a season to forget for both clubs.

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

Wiltshire County League - Division 1 - 1977-1978

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Park	30	23	4	3	89	28	50
2	Vickers	30	18	3	9	66	42	39
3	Amesbury	30	15	7	8	60	40	37
4	Corsham Town	30	15	6	9	37	32	36
5	Calne Town	30	15	5	10	44	35	35
6	Sanford [#]	30	14	8	8	52	46	35
7	Highworth Town	30	14	5	11	53	60	33
8	Bemerton	30	13	6	11	44	38	32
9	Avon Bradford	30	12	7	11	48	45	31
10	St Josephs	30	10	10	10	51	56	30
11	Malmesbury Vics	30	11	5	14	59	53	27
12	Bromham	30	9	6	15	36	47	24
13	Warminster	30	7	9	14	52	61	23
14	Pewsey Vale	30	7	7	16	36	56	21
15	Wootton Bassett Town	30	7	5	18	37	56	19
16	Purton	30	2	3	25	28	95	7

[#] one point deducted

Bewildered Bassett Receive FA Cup Battering

Rylands Way, 18th September 2007

Three ties, two major upsets: it was one hell of a cup run, which brought a level of excitement Rylands Way has not seen in years. The run included two of the most satisfying, and arguably best, wins in the history of Wootton Bassett Town. One against local rivals Highworth Town, the other against Southern League Division One side Bracknell Town – a huge scalp. Saturday’s opening tie at Brockenhurst was yet another confidence builder: a 1-1 draw against another side who ply their trade at a higher level. If we could hold them at their place, surely we could get another great result in the replay! And get Maidenhead United, a Conference South side, in the next round – at home! It wasn't to be. The Wessex Premier side left their mark with an emphatic 5-1 victory on the back of four goals inside a six minute spell midway through the first half. It was heartbreaking and gut-wrenching to watch. How could Saturday’s combative display deteriorate into this? The scoring started 19 minutes in: a low free kick from Darren Crook deflected off the four man Bassett wall, wrong-footing Sean Purcell in the process, and ended up in the bottom right corner. Two minutes later the second came. Simon Young mis-hit a free kick from just inside his own half but no Bassett player was able to intercept, leaving Ben Kneller to pick up the loose ball. He played a quick through ball to Crook, who slotted home into the bottom right corner from 12 yards. He didn't stop there, adding a third within a minute. Stu Hemsley was dispossessed in the centre of midfield and Crook found himself on the end of a long punt up field and poked the ball past an oncoming Purcell from 18 yards. The dagger was twisted further into the heart of Bassett with the fourth 25 minutes in. The visitors broke quickly and Kneller rode three challenges in the right corner before laying the ball into the path of defender Young. He, coolly as you like, side-footed the ball past a helpless Purcell from 15 yards. Things went from awful to even worse as Paul Patel was forced off through injury as he tried chasing Kneller down in vain; Richie Saunders coming on as replacement. Bassett searched for at least one goal before the break. In the 39th minute, John Magani worked his magic before pulling the ball back for Dennis King. The Irishman struck hard and low from 12 yards but Rob Vine parried straight back at the forward. The second bite of the cherry was met with a similar result but this time the Hampshire side were able to clear the lines following the save. A 15-yard header from King, after a Scott Large cross, then narrowly avoided the target before Saunders and Large both just failed to find the target after creating chances for themselves.

Immediately after the restart, Bassett reduced the deficit to three as King struck within twenty seconds of the referee’s whistle. A superb tackle 30 yards out was quickly followed by a ferocious strike, which whistled past Vine and swerved into the bottom left corner. It was the type of goal that is meant to win a cup tie, yet this one had a largely academic effect. King appeared to be on a one man mission though to try and salvage something from the game. His flick on just after the hour from a Martin Thompson throw was headed by Hemsley straight at Vine from six yards. Nine minutes later King rolled his man, opening up a shooting lane but he fired with his left foot comfortably at Vine. With 17 minutes remaining the final Brockenhurst goal came. Mark Clothier’s ball across the box was not cleared and substitute Chris Marwood fired home whilst unmarked at the far post.

Still King went at the game with a burning desire. His cross from the right touchline was met by Hemsley at the far post but he headed across goal after rising high above his marker. King then flew into a tackle to try to win the loose ball and was booked for his efforts.

No further chances came to Bassett though. In fact the visitors had a chance at a sixth when Luke Ansell found himself with only Purcell to beat after a Rich Gee slip but Purcell parried at his feet.

It was a terrible end to a superb cup run – a run the players should still feel proud of. It was a treat to be a part of the world’s greatest cup competition for so long. Now matters turn back to the league after the Vase game on Saturday.

Scoop’s Man of the Match: Dennis King – never gave up, chasing down every ball and throwing his body around with little regard for his own health. Scored a cracker of a goal and didn’t deserve to be on the losing side.

Scoop Rating: 3/10 – it’s hard to explain how things went so far downhill after Saturday’s performance. After the first two goals went in, heads dropped instantly and it all spiralled out of control from there. Two upsets in three ties though is an accomplishment to be proud of.

PLAYER PROFILE



Personal	
Name:	Ryan Banks
Date of Birth:	
Place of Birth:	Marlborough
Occupation:	Floor fitter
Marital Status:	Single - engaged
Nickname:	Banksy
Football	
Position:	Anywhere except in goals
No. of Seasons at Bassett:	2nd year
Previous Clubs:	Marlborough, Hungerford, Pewsey
Make of Boots:	Any
Star Player You Play Like:	Nobby Stiles
Footballing Idols:	Jimmy Bullard
Team Supported:	Spurs
Team You Despise Most:	Manchester United
Best Ground Ever Played At:	Wootton Bassett
Best Player Ever Played With	Stu Thompson
Best Player Ever Played Against	
Teammates	
Most Skilful:	Stu Thompson
Hardman:	Me
Biggest Joker:	Sam Collier
Biggest Fashion Disaster:	Oarsy - Grey Espadrilles
Most Intelligent:	
Thickest:	Shaun Terry
Vainest:	Shaun Terry
Least Likely to Score on a Night Out:	Liam Edmundson
Off the Field	
Hobbies:	Football
Car Driven:	Seat Leon FR
Favourite Music:	Any but not R'n'B
Favourite Film:	Scarface
Favourite TV Show:	Inbetweeners
Favourite Nightspot:	Any
Favourite Drink:	Morgan Spice Rum
Chinese or Indian?:	Both
Pub or Club?:	Pub then Club
Beach Resort or City Break?:	Beach
Blonde or Brunette?:	Both
Person in the World You Would Most Like to Meet:	Eva Mendes

Ryan Banks

FROM THE ARCHIVES

other goal with a twenty five yard shot which goalkeeper Terry Vickers thought was going outside.”

This win seemed to inspire the struggling side as they repeated the 3-1 win the following week at home against Warminster, Kevin Cox, Barry Spires and Bob Thomas with the important goals. Unfortunately the winning run was to be short lived and game to an end in the return home fixture with Highworth Town. Finding themselves 4-0 down, two late goals from Kevin Ladd and Bob Thomas restored some respectability to the score line.

In a season of struggle two results in November demonstrated that the team on their day were capable of beating the best but often found themselves losing by the odd goal. On Saturday 12th November Wootton Bassett travelled to one of the top sides, Corsham Town. Corsham were to finish the season in 4th place but goals from Barry Spires and Phil Keep gave Wootton Bassett Town a fine 2-0 win. This excellent victory was bettered the following week when Wootton Bassett entertained Amesbury, a side who eventually finished 3rd in the league, and defeated them 3-1 thanks to two goals from Barry Spires and one from Bob Burton.

The bad weather arrived in December and Wootton Bassett’s Wiltshire Senior Cup First Round game against Lawn was twice postponed. The game was eventually staged on Christmas Eve and Wootton Bassett Town made it safely through to the next round with a 2-1 win, Burton again amongst the scorers. Corsham Town visited Rylands Way on New Years Eve but unfortunately Wootton Bassett were not able to achieve a double, going down 2-1 with youngster Nick May scoring the consolation goal.

The New Year kicked off with the Second Round of the Wiltshire Senior Cup and two Sam Rose goals secured a fine 2-0 away win over West Lavington. On the same day the Football Pink noted that the author of this book was scoring in the Borough League for Highworth Town in a 3-3 draw with Walcot Boys Club.

Back in the league Wootton Bassett went down to a solitary goal at St Josephs, once again Wootton Bassett failing to secure points against a fellow side in the bottom half of the table. Contrast that with the fine point secured against a strong Sanford side the following week, Barry Spires netting in a 1-1 draw.

In the 3rd Round of the Wiltshire Senior Cup Wootton Bassett were matched with high-flying Hellenic League Division 1 side Garrads Athletic. Garrads were to secure promotion to the Premier Division of the Hellenic League that season but Wootton Bassett were to take them to a replay with goalkeeper Paul Comer the star of the show. Under the headline “Garrads find Comer in Top Form” the Football Pink carried the following report from the first half of the game:

“It was almost a case of Paul Comer versus Garrad in the quarter final of the Wiltshire Senior Cup at Wootton Bassett today. The Bassett goalkeeper was in brilliant form as the smooth moving Garrad outfit set up an incessant series of attacks. Twice Comer denied O’Brien with spectacular saves from efforts that had goal written all over them. Then it was the turn of Bohane to hold his head in total disbelief as the Bassett goalkeeper pulled yet another superb save right out of the top drawer. Bassett were generally far too busy in defence to worry whether the

Season 1977-78 – What Becomes of the Broken Hearted

What was going on in the world

The season kicked off with Brotherhood of Man at the top of the pop charts with Angelo and the death of rock legend Elvis Presley. The film Star Wars was the big box office smash. The season ended with Night Fever by the Bee Gees from the film Saturday Night Fever as the top song that the Wootton Bassett Town players were dancing along to in the discos and Sex Pistol Sid Vicious was also busy recording his cover version of Frank Sinatra's My Way which makes the top 10 after the season ends. Elsewhere Louise Brown the first test tube baby is born. In the world of football, Bobby Robson's Ipswich Town win the FA Cup beating Arsenal in the final and Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest win the top division in England along with the League Cup. Swindon Town finish in 10th place in the Third Division, a one place improvement on the previous season. Argentina's military junta play host to the World Cup where Ally MacLeod's Tartan Army travel to South America as the home nations only representatives. Argentina meet Holland in the final after a incredible 6-0 win over Peru which denies Brazil a final place on goal difference. In the final Argentina win 3-1 in extra time courtesy of two goals from Mario Kempes and Ossie Ardilles is revealed to the British Public before he heads for "Tottingham" and then Swindon.

Season 1977-78 was not a good one for Wootton Bassett Town Football Club with the season ending with relegation to the second level of senior football in the county for the first time. The season started with two tough home fixtures against the sides who would finish the season in first and second place in the table. The first game saw Wootton Bassett Town go down 1-0 at home against Vickers. A week later visitors Park left Rylands Way with both points after a 2-0 win. The first point of the season came in midweek when the Town shared six goals with big rivals Highworth Town. This was followed with a narrow 3-2 away defeat at St Josephs, Phil Keep and Ron Tinsley with the Bassett goals. The poor start to the season continued when Sanford visited and won 3-1, Tony Spiers with the Wootton Bassett consolation goal. The depressing run then continued with a 1-0 defeat at Bromham, a result that Wootton Bassett would repeat in the league on seven occasions.

October opened with a home game against Salisbury side Bemerton and, whilst Wootton Bassett did manage to score through Tony Spiers, they went down 3-1 to remain in deep trouble with little more than a month gone. It was another defeat from a visit to Malmesbury, Kevin Cox scoring the solitary goal in a 2-1 defeat. Wootton Bassett were to finally break the poor run with a point at Avon Bradford, new signing Bob Burton scoring both goals in a 2-2 draw. It could have been so much better but for a penalty conceded late in the game. Burton was to fire a brace again the following week when Wootton Bassett registered that elusive win with a fine 3-1 victory at home against Malmesbury Vics. As the Football Pink reported on Saturday 29th October 1977 reported Wootton Bassett Town were not the only side on a poor run of form.

"Malmesbury Vics poor run which has taken them into the relegation zone in Division 1 continued with a 3-1 defeat at Wootton Bassett. An own goal by Seth Glascoo gave the Vics the lead but then they ran into Wootton Bassett's new signing Bob Burton who scored two goals. He also got two in his debut appearance as substitute the week before. Burton has thus scored four goals in one hour and twenty minutes play for Wootton Bassett. Barry Spiers scored Wootton Bassett's

WBTFC & Disabled Football

WBTFC is committed in driving the awareness of football within the Community therefore seeks to offer playing opportunities for all. Even though WBTFC is one of the largest football clubs in the area and an FA Charter Standard Community Club, on occasions the club needs to build partnerships with other local clubs to support specific activities, opportunities or special needs that the club alone cannot yet deliver. WBTFC can now offer a formal link into "Football for the Disabled" which is driven by the Wiltshire County Football Association and supported by Swindon Town's Football in The Community scheme.

WBTFC's current approach to disabled football will be to drive agreed objectives through our football development plan which will embrace football for the disabled by offering usage of facilities, improving awareness through advertising within our own web site and local schools partnerships programs. Our short to medium term focus will be:

1. Establish links / partnerships with local disabled football community;
2. Establish links with Special Need Units (SNU) with main stream schools;
3. Provide access for disabled football supporters which is focused on our pending new facilities.

Within the Wiltshire community there are a number of football programmes and clubs that cater football for the disabled they are:

- The Mitchell McCarthy Ability Counts Soccer Centre
- Adults ability counts
- SEN Coaching Programme & Festival
- Swindon Rockets (Powerchair Football)
- Swindon Leopards Ability Counts FC
- Salisbury City Tigers (Adult Learning Disability Team)
- Deaf Swindon FC
- Visually Impaired Football

If you would like to know more about football for the disabled please go to <http://www.stfc-fitc.co.uk>, or if you wish to seek some advice please use the details below to make contact.

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PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Badgers Forced into Early Hole, but Dig Deep for Replay

Grigg Lane, 15th September 2007 v Brockenhurst Drew 1-1

Wootton Bassett Town's name remained in the FA Cup hat after they held Wessex Premier side Brockenhurst to a 1-1 draw.

If it wasn't for some near misses and a dubious equaliser from the hosts though a replay would not have been needed as Bassett had enough chances to put the game to bed before half time.

The first chance fell to the hosts three minutes in when Ben Kneller headed wide a Dave Adams corner from eight yards.

The Brockenhurst defence were then caught napping as Matty Bennett intercepted the ball from a throw in down the right before squaring inside to John Magani, who hit wide from 20 yards. Bennett would be instrumental in setting up Magani for his goal in the 16th minute as Bassett stunned their opposition with a quick start. The winger was picked out with a perfect crossfield pass from Nathan Perkins. Bennett then made his way past two defenders before letting loose with an effort from the edge of the area, which was blocked. The rebound fell only as far as Magani though, and he struck home with a low, first time effort for his first of the year. Sean Purcell was forced into action just before the half hour as he made a good diving stop from a low Luke Ansell effort after Carlo Tate's cross was half cleared. The 'keeper then almost turned provider for a Bassett second as his long punt upfield cleared everyone bar Rob Vine in the host's goal. Bennett ran onto the loose ball and attempted a lob from the edge of the box after Vine had slipped but the ball carried just wide of the mark. Two great chances then fell to Bassett in the final five minutes of the first half. Firstly, Bennett cut in from the right before weaving his way past three before setting to Dennis King, who found himself in an excellent position. However, the Irishman fired inches wide of the left post after taking a touch and letting loose. Magani then breached the host's backline and powered down the right flank. King, in support, was once again in superb position with Brockenhurst stretched, but instead of pulling the ball back from a tight angle, Magani went for a shot which was blocked and cleared.

An inspired double substitution at half time for the hosts shifted the momentum in the second half as Jimmy Anderson and Mark Clothier spiced things up. The two nearly combined for the equaliser in the 50th minute when a perfectly placed through ball from Anderson set Clothier through. The winger rounded Purcell before shooting from 12 yards but Rich Gee hustled back to clear off the line. However, Clothier tied things up three minutes later with a fortunate goal. His long cross from the right touchline sailed over Purcell and onto the inside of the left post. Steve Yeardley then tried in vain to head off the line but a waved flag from the assistant referee signalled the ball had crossed the line. Just before the hour King nearly headed Bassett back in front but guided a Perkins free kick from the right corner just over. However, it seemed as if the goal had took the sting out of Bassett's tail, and if any team were going to go on to win the match, then it wouldn't have been Bassett. With 66 minutes gone Steve Marwood tested Purcell out with a low free kick from just outside the box, which the 'keeper was able to get down to and save. Six minutes later Gee was once again on hand to save Bassett, clearing off the line for the second time. Kneller set Darren Crook – who only just beat the offside trap – through after Bassett had given the ball away cheaply high up the field. Crook bore down on goal before rounding Purcell and he sent a left footed effort towards the back of the net. Gee, though, lunged at the ball and hacked clear. Bennett and Magani, who had both been relatively quiet throughout the second half, had a chance to open up the Brockenhurst defence one final time in the final ten minutes. However, after picking up the ball just inside their opponent's half with space to run, Magani went for a hopeful long range effort instead of slipping through Bennett, who had just made a darting run past marker Simon Young. The chances then dried up for both sides as both defence's dug in, forcing another 90 minutes of FA Cup action to be played at Rylands Way.

Scoop's Man of the Match: Rich Gee – made two game saving goal-line clearances to preserve the draw in the second half during a spell when Bassett were under heavy pressure.

Scoop Rating: 8/10 – Bassett had the chance to take at least a two goal cushion into the half time interval after an impressive first half display, but failed to do so. They were a bit lucky to survive the second half onslaught from Brockenhurst, but put in another battling FA Cup display against another team from a higher level.

SENIOR HONOURS LIST



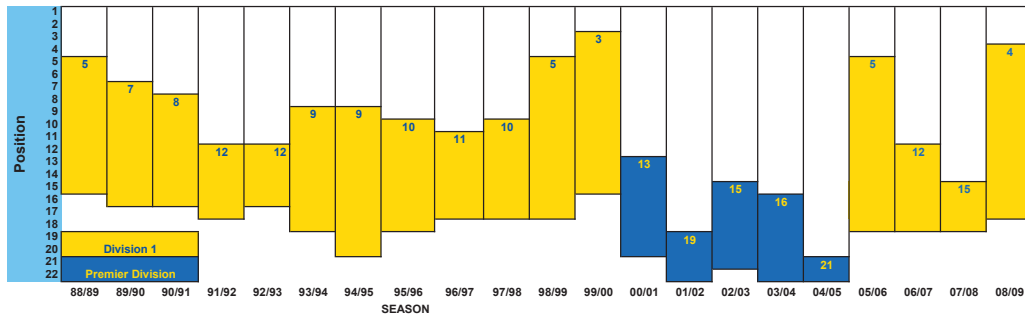
1902/03	Wiltshire Senior Cup Runners-up
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1903/04	Wiltshire Senior Cup Runners-up
1905/06	Wiltshire County League Runners-up
1930/31	Calne & District League Runners-up
1931/32	Calne & District League Champions
1933/34	Vale of White Horse Cup Winners
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

LADIES SECTION IN FOCUS

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	2	1	0	1	6	3	3	10 out of 17
Total		718	262	157	299	1,048	1,147	940	
			36.5%	21.9%	41.6%				

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



A senior ladies team has come about from girls wanting to continue playing for Wootton Bassett, the majority having started played for the club from the age of 11. The squad so far stands at 16, with 3 of the players now having work commitments on Sunday's. And so the search continues to recruit more players for the coming season.

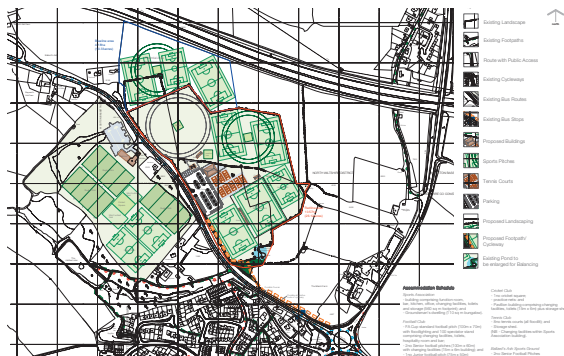
We played our first game together last Sunday at Rylands a friendly against Swindon Spitfires Res. With some players still on holiday a squad of 12 managed an impressive display and very much deserved the 7-0 victory. A fine debut hatrick from Lauren Walker got us off to a good start, another fine debut from Amy Longo who scored twice the second a long range effort from 20 yards wide on the right hand side capping a fine solo run.

On the coaching side am very much in debt to Andy Sharp, who has agreed to come on board and help the ladies team, and has delivered lots of quality training sessions already. On the match day side my wife Fiona and youngest daughter Sophie have agreed to give up spare time for the ladies team looking after the paper work of match day secretary and changing rooms, along with Greg Pillsworth who has come back to the club to be assistant manager. I am also very grateful to the support and help already received from the committee to get this ladies team started.

And looking forward to the season ahead.

Woody

Charlotte Burke one of the leading players of the Ladies Team



**THE FUTURES BRIGHT
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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.



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.



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.



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.



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.



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.



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.



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.



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.



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.



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.



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.



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.



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.



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.



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.



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



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.



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.



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>					
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	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.

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WBTFC First Team



Alex Green



Mitch Wyatt

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Premier Division

Abingdon Town's faulty opening to the season was rectified with a 4-0 drubbing of new boys, Ascot United thanks to strikes from Jason Thomas, Lance Williams, Ben Green and Luke Brandon. The clash of the day saw Ardley United lose at home by the only goal to Almondsbury Town's Kane Ingram early in the first half. Carterton entertained a very strong Reading Town outfit and lost by the only goal scored late in the game by Graham Lewis. Malmesbury Vics were unable to overcome a lacklustre Bicester Town side and settled for a 1-1 draw. Phil Corcoran put the Vics ahead in the first half but Alex Feaver rescued a point for Bicester late in the second period. Marlow United were hoping to kick-start their league campaign with a good result against Fairford Town and duly won 2-1 thanks to Ollie Flint and John Mason. Dan Bailey replied for Fairford. Highworth Town were looking for their first points of the league season at Old Woodstock Town and came away with a 2-1 win through Paul Cooper and Alex Rudd. Danny Wise's late reply was too little too late. Oxford City Nomads took on early form horses, Shrivenham and drew 2-2 Kieran Lewis scored first for the Nomads only to see Taylor Gill and Rory Sproule reply for Shrivvy. Ben Hepburn rescued a point with a late equaliser. A Chris Mortlock pair and one from Jamie Cuss were enough to give Pegasus Juniors their first league win of the season against newcomers, Binfield. Millward scored Binfield's consolation. Shortwood United were looking for a third league win in a row against Flackwell Heath and dominated the game but Pete Maklins second half goal was not enough to rescue the match after first half strikes from Riccardo Cannon and Brad Gilbert for the Heathens. Wantage Town hosted Hook Norton whose early miserable form continued with an 8-0 drubbing. On target for Wantage were Sean McKeon with a hat-trick, Jack Daley, Ellis Langford, Matt Horsell, Liam McCullough and Liam Stone. Finally, the much fancied Witney United took on high flyers, Kidlington and came away with a creditable 3-1 scoreline thanks to Andy Younie and a Ben Thompson pair. Dan Leggatt was Kidlington's sharp shooter.

Division One West

Cirencester United entertained North Leigh Reserves and settled for a draw. Tom Speers gave Ciren a late lead with an own goal but made amends by scoring the equaliser in the last minute. Early form horses, Cricklade Town were at home to Easington Sports and lost 2-0 through second half strikes from Ricky Smith and Lee Harris. Launton Sports wretched opening to the league campaign continued at home to Trowbridge Town with a 3-1 reverse. A Paul Gittens goal and a Tom Beryyman pair were enough to see off the sports despite Dan Scourfield's early opener for Launton. Lydney Town's shaky start to the season continued with a 2-0 home defeat to Headington Amateur. On target for the As were Luke Cuff and Shaun Jacobs. Purton hosted Cheltenham Saracens and did a good demolition job with five goals from Tom Cadden, Ashley Gooch and a Jonny Coole hat-trick. Joe Tustain was the Saras scorer. Slimbridge's early good form was extended at the expense of Wootton Bassett Town thanks to an own goal and a first half Steve Badham goal. Finally, Tytherington Rocks took all the points at home to Harrow Hill with goals from Marcus Taylor, James Hicks and Mark Greenland. Luke Mayo scored the Hill's consolation.

Division One East

Henley Town entertained Chalfont Wasps by hammering them 5-0. Henley's heroes were Marcus Richardson with two, George Friel and Dan Givens. An own goal made up the total. High flyers, Holyport took on Chinnor who have yet to take a point, and gave them a lesson in scoring with a 6-2 victory. Tim Rantle got both of Chinnor's goals but pairs from Jamie Handscomb and Lewis Driver and singles from Lee Jerrum and Arron Lennon secured the points. The revamped Milton United were hosts to Finchampstead and won 3-0 through first half strikes from Tom Gooding, Matt Drake and Liam Thorne. Eton Wick's great start to the season was knocked at Newbury after very late goals from Lee Vincent, Dean O'Regan and Kalief Madden. Penn & Tylers Green lost to new boys, Didcot Town Reserves thanks to strikes from James Newport, Jefferson Harriott and Adam Spurratt. Rayners Lane took on Farnborough Res and shared the points with a 3-3 draw. On target for the Lane were Nick Barrs, Paul Leslie and Ryan Upton and for Farnborough, Chris Wateridge with two and Louis Wilson. South Kilburn's excellent start to the league season continued with a 3-1 victory over Kintbury Rangers. Scoring for Kilburn were Dain Boothe with a pair and Abdi Yassin. Tommy Chapman replied late in the game for the Rangers. Thame United's solid opening phase continued with a 2-0 win over Woodley Town thanks to first half efforts from Luke Ricketts and Mark Jones. Finally, current early leaders, Wokingham & Emmbrook overcame the lacklustre Prestwood by a solitary effort from Richard Bland.



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 Bottom Row: Under 13A, Under 13B



Hellenic League

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. A change of fixture has been needed due to the inability of Almondsbury Town to arrange to play their FA CUP tie on 30th August as part of the Ground Hop:

Cricklade Town	v	Cirencester United	Kick Off 11.00AM
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

Bulletin Board

Holiday's & Non-Availability

Finchampstead – Match Secretary: Richard Whitchurch-Bennett - 10th to 29th September
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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.

Program & Press Officer – Simon Dickens
 28th August - Sunday 6th September. Contact is Secretary David Platt.

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

Wantage Town – Secretary: - John Culley will be away from 24th August to 7th September – contact is Club Chairman Tony Woodward.

Witney United: - Reserve Sec Gary Walter 21 Aug to 5th Sept. Contact for Reserve's is Ady Bircher 01189 474130 (H) 07842 913900 (M)

Amendments to Handbook Details:

Ascot United – Program Editor: - Michael Cecil 07768 263243 michael.cecil@ascotunited.net

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

Marlow United – Change of Registered Colours Shirt, Navy, Royal Blue and White, Shorts & Socks, Royal Blue

Prestwood – Secretary: - Paul Bradley has resigned. **Chairman Guy Stansbury** is Acting Secretary pending new appointment.

Slimbridge: - Secretary Doug Reeves has resigned. Detail of replacement is awaited.

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Match Assessors

Additions:

Registrations & Transfers

Registration numbers have risen to **2039** by 3pm Friday 21st August. Only one transfer has been processed during the past week.

F' name	Surname	From	To
Alan	Akerman	Flackwell Hth	Holyport

Reminder for clubs; - FAXED REGISTRATION

These are only acceptable as late registrations and **MUST** be supported by a hard copy registration form within FIVE DAYS of the FAX submission or the registration is suspended and may cause disciplinary action to be initiated. The best method is to use the Web Site Electronic Template and save the postage.



Hellenic League

FIXTURES

Saturday 29 August			
FA Cup Preliminary Rd			
Brimsdown Rovers		Flackwell Heath	
Saturday 29 August			
FA Cup Preliminary Rd			
Almondsbury Town		Cinderford Town	
Bishops Cleeve		Reading Town	
Calne Town		Shrivenham	
North Leigh		Milton United	
Pegasus Junior's		Willenhall Town	
Shortwood United		Romsey Town	
Thame United		Wootton Blue Cross	
Totton & Eling		Kidlington	
Wantage Town		Newport IW	
Witney United		New Milton Town	
Wootton Bassett Tn		Brockenhurst	
Premier Division			
Ardley United	v	Malmesbury Vic's	
Bicester Town	v	Fairford Town	
Carterton	v	Binfield	
Marlow United	v	Hook Norton	
Oxford City Nom	v	Abingdon Town	
Division One West			
Clanfield	v	Winterbourne Utd	
Easington Sports		Slimbridge	
Headington Amat	v	Cheltenham Sara	
Lydney Town	v	North Leigh Res	
Purton	v	Launton Sports	
Trowbridge Town	v	Harrow Hill	
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	Chinnor	
Rayners Lane	v	Holyport	
Wokingham & Emmb	v	South Kilburn	

Sunday 30 August			
FA Cup Preliminary Rd			
Highworth Town		Bemerton Heath Har'	
Premier Division			
Ascot United	v	Old Woodstock T	6.15
Division One West			
Cricklade Town		Cirencester United	11AM
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			
Headington Amat	v	Clanfield	
Launton Sports	v	Easington Sports	
Lydney Town	v	Harrow Hill	
North Leigh Res	v	Letcombe	
Slimbridge	v	Tytherington Rk's	
Trowbridge Town	v	Winterbourne Utd	
Wootton Bassett Tn	v	Purton	
Division One East			
Chalfont Wasps	v	Penn & Tylers Grn	11AM
Chinnor	v	Finchampstead	
Didcot Town Res	v	Thame United	
Eton Wick	v	Wokingham & Em	
Farnborough Res	v	Henley Town	
Milton United	v	Woodley United	
South Kilburn	v	Rayners Lane	2.30
Tuesday 1 September			
Premier Division			
Malmesbury Vic		Highworth Town	
Old Woodstock Tn	v	Wantage Town	
Reading Town	v	Ascot United	
Shortwood United	v	Almondsbury Tn	

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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
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

CUPS - SEASON 2009/10

HELLENIC LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP SPONSORED BY BLUEFIN
SEASON 2009-10

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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HELLENIC BULLETIN



Hellenic League

Division One East			
Holyport	v	Kintbury Rangers	
Saturday 5 September			
FA Vase 1st Qualifying Rd			
Amesbury Town	v	Milton United	
Blackford & Langley	v	Harrow Hill	
Binfield	v	New Milton Town	
Caine Town	v	Ardley United	
Clanfield	v	Carterton	
Flackwell Heath	v	Romsey Town	
Henley Town	v	Abingdon Town	
Holyport	v	Brading Town	
Laverstock & Ford	v	Lydney Town	
Malmesbury Vic	v	Hook Norton	
Melksham Town	v	Marlow United	
Sandhurst Town	v	Highworth Town	
Wootton Bassett Tn	v	Hamble ASSC	
Premier Division			
Almondsbury Tn	v	Kidlington	
Ascot United	v	Pegasus Juniors	
Oxford City Nom	v	Shortwood Utd	
Reading Town	v	Wantage Town	
Shrivenham	v	Fairford Town	
Witney United	v	Old Woodstock Tn	
Division One West			
Cricklade Town	v	Launton Sports	
Easington Sports	v	Cheltenham Sar's	
Purton	v	Cirencester United	
Slimbridge	v	Letcombe	
Tytherington Rocks	v	Trowbridge Tn	
Winterbourne Utd	v	North Leigh Res	
Division One East			
Chinnor	v	Rayners Lane	
Kintbury Rangers	v	Farnborough Res	
Penn & Tylers Grn	v	Eton Wick	
Prestwood	v	Newbury	
South Kilburn	v	Finchampstead	
Wokingham & Emmb	v	Chalfont Wasps	
Woodley Town	v	Didcot Town Res	
Presidents Reserve Cup Group A			
Cirencester Utd	v	Chinnor	
Eton Wick	v	Cirencester Town	
Presidents Reserve Cup Group B			
Newbury	v	Cricklade Town	
Presidents Reserve Cup Group C			
Thame United	v	Shrivenham	
Presidents Reserve Cup Group D			
Launton Sports	v	Hook Norton	
Old Woodstock Tn	v	Holyport	
Reserve Division One			
Abingdon Town	v	Henley Town	
Cheltenham Sar's	v	Binfield	
Fairford Town	v	Ardley United	
Highworth Town	v	Finchampstead	
Hungerford Tn	v	Carterton	

Kidlington	v	Wootton Bassett T	
Swindon S'marine	v	Abingdon United	
Wantage Town	v	Milton United	
Monday 7 September			
Reserve Division One			
Binfield	v	Ardley United	
Milton United	v	Cheltenham Sar's	
Tuesday 8 September			
Hellenic League Floodlit Cup Preliminary Rd			
Ardley United	v	Wootton Bassett T	
Bicester Town	v	Slimbridge	
Didcot Town Res	v	Holyport	
Malmesbury Vic	v	Thatcham Town	
Reading Town	v	Oxford City Nom	
Reserve Division One			
Abingdon United	v	Henley Town	
Carterton	v	Wantage Town	
Highworth Town	v	Fairford Town	
Hungerford Town	v	Finchampstead	
Kidlington	v	Abingdon Town	
Wednesday 9 September			
Hellenic League Floodlit Cup Preliminary Rd			
Almondsbury Tn	v	Harrow Hill	
Premier Division			
Shrivenham	v	Binfield	
Reserve Division One			
Swindon S'marine	v	Wootton Bassett T	
Saturday 12 September			
FA Cup 1st Qualifying Rd			
Premier Division			
Abingdon Town	v	Almondsbury Tn	
Ascot United	v	Shrivenham	
Bicester Town	v	Flackwell Heath	
Fairford Town	v	Old Woodstock Tn	
Highworth Town	v	Witney United	
Hook Norton	v	Carterton	
Kidlington	v	Reading Town	
Marlow United	v	Malmesbury Vic	
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Division One West			
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TOUCHLINE

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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	Opponents	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 the fair play award in their division a great achievement. The U12 also 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, WBTFC 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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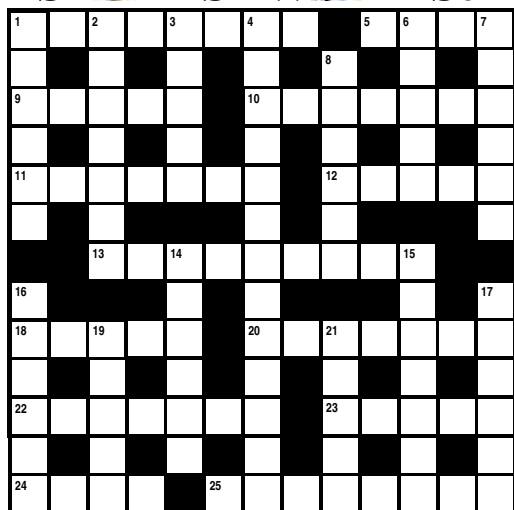


What's On?

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





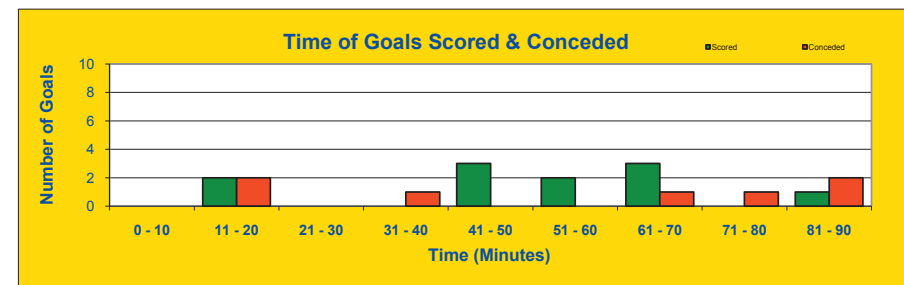
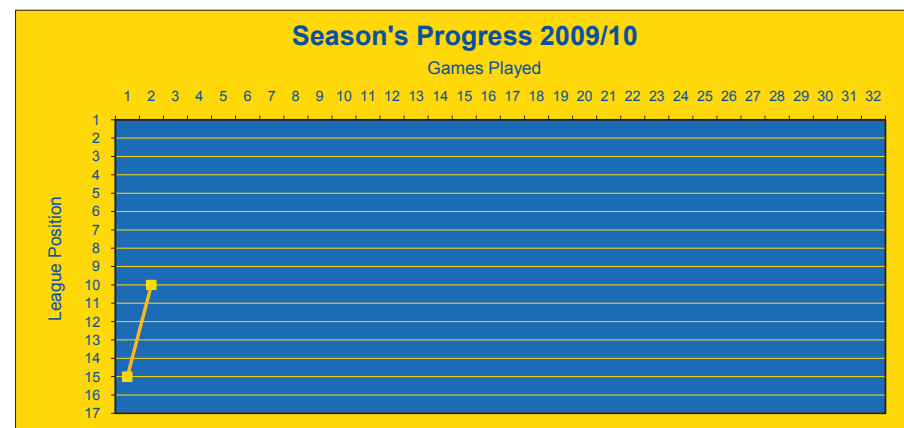
ACROSS

- 1 Won League Of Ireland Premier in 2005 (4,4)
- 5 ___ Bates, Shrewsbury player & manager who was Lou Macari's longtime assistant (4)
- 9 Armstrong or Klusener (5)
- 10 Wales & Lions defensive coach (7)
- 11 Much travelled Nigerian striker now at Forest from Bristol City (7)
- 12 Hubert ____, golf's two time Major winner who hopefully has won his battle against cancer (5)
- 13 French defender from United to Arsenal (9)
- 18 Golfer Ben or wrestler Hulk (5)
- 20 Wilf ____, British speed skater who courted Olympic controversy (1'6)
- 22 William ____, French centre back who had a brief nightmare spell at Man Utd in mid 90s (7)
- 23 Trevor ____, Samoan hooker who became cult figure at Wasps (5)
- 24 ___ Faye, Stoke's Senegalese international (4)
- 25 Juve utility man who attempted suicide in the aftermath of the match rigging scandal (8)

DOWN

- 1 9 Irish caps and over 100 games in goal for both Barnsley and Hibs (6)
- 2 Current Scottish champions (7)
- 3 Sale Sharks back with one Lions cap on the NZ tour (5)
- 4 Wrexham's ground (3,10)
- 6 Irish left back now with Carlisle having made his name with Leeds (5)
- 7 Monaco GP circuit's famous Square (6)
- 8 ___ Yorke (6)
- 14 American who 'won' the 2006 Tour for Phonak but then failed a drugs test (6)
- 15 This Toon left back became Bolton's then record signing in 1997 (7)
- 16 Striker recently returned to Cardiff from Sunderland (6)
- 17 Zagreb, Moscow or Bucharest (6)
- 19 Former Wales manager who bossed Weymouth for a short spell last season (5)
- 21 Leicester scrum half on the Lions tour to S Africa (5)

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

FIXTURES & RESULTS SEASON 2009/10

FTL FUTBOL HELLENIC LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE WEST

Wootton Bassett	Winterb	Tychn Rocks	Trowbr Town	Slimbrid	Purton	North Leigh	Lydney Town	Letcombe	Launton Sports	Head'tn Amats	Harrow Hill	Easington Sports	Cricklade Town	Clanfield	Ciren Utd	Cheltenham Saracens	Wootton Bassett
		2 - 0		10-Oct			1 - 1				24-Oct		2 - 3				03-Oct
				24-Oct		1 - 1	0 - 5				1 - 1			17-Oct	2 - 0	3 - 4	03-Oct
	29-Aug					10-Oct			05-Sep	3 - 0	19-Sep			2 - 1	30-Aug	03-Oct	24-Oct
			2 - 0	29-Aug	24-Oct		10-Oct		12-Sep			0 - 2		2 - 1		29-Aug	24-Oct
						17-Oct			5 - 0		10-Oct			0 - 3		29-Aug	16-Sep
	2 - 9	19-Sep			12-Sep	0 - 3					26-Sep	31-Aug	1 - 2	0 - 3	19-Sep		16-Sep
	6 - 2		1 - 3		3 - 4		12-Sep		24-Oct	0 - 2	31-Aug	4 - 0	17-Oct		19-Sep		
	17-Oct										31-Aug	1 - 3					
		0 - 3				29-Aug		03-Oct		24-Oct						12-Sep	
		3 - 0	19-Sep					31-Aug	29-Aug			17-Oct			05-Sep	17-Oct	
				0 - 4		2 - 1			19-Sep	03-Oct						17-Oct	
	2 - 0	31-Aug	2 - 1			03-Oct		05-Sep	10-Oct		3 - 1			12-Sep	24-Oct		
	31-Aug				2 - 3		24-Oct			03-Oct			19-Sep				
			05-Sep		03-Oct	05-Sep		29-Aug									
						05-Sep		10-Oct		6 - 1		12-Sep					
					31-Aug			17-Oct									

LEAGUE TABLES

2009-2010 Season
FTL FUTBOL Hellenic League
Division One (West)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Slimbridge	5	5	0	0	13	1	15
2 Purton	5	4	0	1	14	11	12
3 Easington Sports	5	4	0	1	9	6	12
4 Tytherington Rocks	5	3	0	2	12	6	9
5 Headington Amateurs	5	3	0	2	14	11	9
6 Cricklade Town	4	3	0	1	8	5	9
7 North Leigh Reserves	5	2	1	2	9	6	7
8 Cheltenham Saracens	5	2	1	2	10	12	7
9 Clanfield	4	2	0	2	9	6	6
10 Lydney Town	4	1	1	2	6	6	4
11 Wootton Bassett Town	2	1	0	1	6	3	3
12 Letcombe	3	1	0	2	8	6	3
13 Winterbourne United	3	1	0	2	11	10	3
14 Trowbridge Town	4	1	0	3	6	8	3
15 Cirencester United	5	0	2	3	2	15	2
16 Harrow Hill	4	0	1	3	4	16	1
17 Launton Sports	4	0	0	4	1	14	0

The Sydenhams Wessex League Premier Division Table

POS	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1 Poole Town	4	4	0	0	10	12
2 Bemerton Heath Harlequins	5	4	0	1	3	12
3 Wimborne Town	5	3	1	1	10	10
4 Moneyfields	5	3	1	1	5	10
5 Fareham Town	5	3	1	1	4	10
6 Bournemouth	3	3	0	0	4	9
7 Lymington Town	3	2	1	0	3	7
8 Totton & Eling	3	2	1	0	2	7
9 Christchurch	4	2	1	1	0	7
10 Alton Town	4	1	2	1	0	5
11 Alresford Town	4	1	2	1	-1	5
12 Blackfield & Langley	4	1	1	2	1	4
13 Brading Town	2	1	1	0	1	4
14 Cowes Sports	4	1	1	2	-3	4
15 Hayling United	5	1	1	3	-8	4
16 Hamworthy United	3	1	0	2	1	3
17 Romsey Town	5	0	3	2	-2	3
18 Winchester City	4	0	2	2	-3	2
19 Laverstock & Ford	4	0	1	3	-3	1
20 Newport (IOW)	3	0	1	2	-4	1
21 New Milton Town	5	0	1	4	-10	1
22 Brockenhurst	4	0	0	4	-10	0

