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EDITORIAL

Good afternoon and welcome back to Rylands Way for yet another home cup fixture, this time in the FA Vase. As with the FA Cup the prize money available to clubs like us is very attractive with today's winner picking up some £800. Last season we had a good run in this competition which, whilst certainly helping the financial position, in the end probably cost us promotion. It is a fine balance between having a lucrative cup run and not getting too far behind with the league fixtures. Personally I feel a win today would be very good for the Club, a win in the Floodlit Cup on Tuesday, a cup too far in my opinion (along with the Supplementary Cup), would not be in the best interests of the Club given the fact that you have to reach the final to get any reward and we are already so far behind with our league fixtures.

This afternoon we extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters from Hamble ASSC who have made the long journey from Southampton to Rylands Way for the game today and hope they will join us in the bar after the game for some beer and sandwiches.

Looking at what is contained in the programme today, the featured season in the **From The Archives** series looks back to Season **1976-77** and the first season of the new **Wiltshire County Football League**. This includes an article from The Football Pink of 21st August 1976 which looks at the aims of the Wiltshire FA in establishing the league and touches on some of the associated politics between league/clubs and FA.

There is the usual **From The Dugout** article from Dave who looks back at the game against Purton on Monday and the refreshing attitude of the match official that day. Scoop's **match report** on this game and also the Brockenhurst fixture is included in today's programme.

Steve Hale returns with his usual informed view of the local football scene in **Footy Nut**. Under 18 Manager **Danny Groom** pens his first article for the programme as he looks ahead to the new season. Chairman Paul Harrison this week provides comments on the Eduardo diving incident and the reaction of UEFA in his **Chairman's Chat** column.

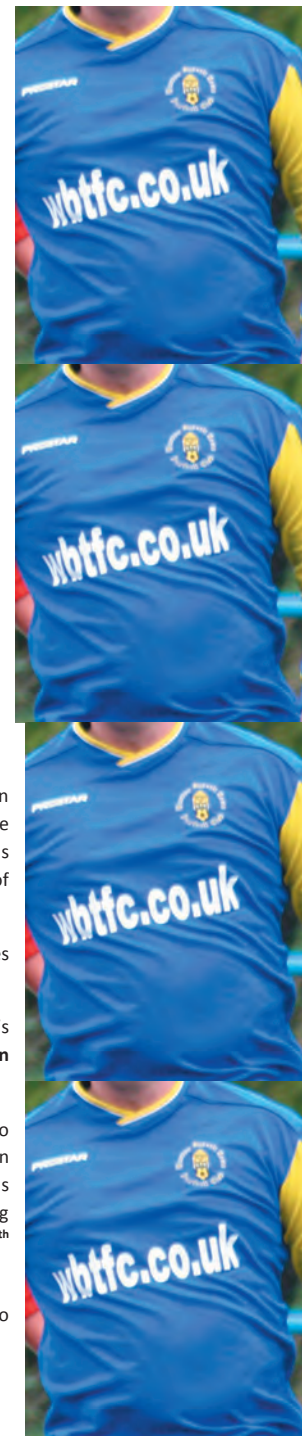
The **Youth Section in Focus** feature looks ahead to the first round of matches tomorrow and the Dutch Exchange in the spring.

The programme as always includes the latest edition of **Touchline**, the Club's newsletter. The First Team player featured this week is young **Liam Edmundson** who was voted man of the match by Scoop against Brockenhurst.

On Tuesday, subject to a replay not being required in the Vase, we travel to Premier Division Ardley in the Floodlit Cup before returning to league action on Saturday. Please note the **change of opponents**, we now play **Cricklade Town** as a result of Tytherington being involved in their County Cup. There is then a long midweek journey to Harrow Hill. The **next home game** is likely to be on **19th September** but does depend on today's result.

Thank you for your support today, I hope you enjoy the game and here's to seeing Wootton Bassett Town into the next round of the competition.

Mark



CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Good afternoon, welcome to you all and to our visitors for this FA Vase fixture, Hamble ASSC.

I write this article just after hearing of the banning of Eduardo for 2 games, following his alleged dive in the fixture against Celtic. This is an interesting development in many ways, and provokes mixed reactions. It can only be applauded that UEFA are attempting to rid the game of what amounts to cheating, but it's questionable that a 2 game ban is sufficient to really punish the individual or the club and make them think again regards their behaviour. Certainly banning for games is more effective than fines that players can pay off all too easily, but does two games really hurt the club and player sufficiently. Five or more certainly might make the club consider action against the player, if only in the form of perhaps seeking to transfer them at the earliest opportunity because of the risk they present to their squad and club performance. However, surely the most effective is punishment at the time of the action. The cheating can have a major influence on the outcome of a key game by denying a non cheating side from success. If it was assessed and punished at the time that negative impact could be felt by the team whose player attempts to cheat. Losing such a key fixture in this way would I suggest drive the club to seek to prevent such instances in the future. Would it not be better to utilise the same technology used by UEFA in reaching this retrospective decision that Eduardo dived actually during the game? This would have held play up for perhaps 1 minute, but prevented a penalty being awarded incorrectly and the player and team to be punished immediately – there's nothing like peer pressure to amend peoples behaviour, and if you've lost out because of a team mates cheating you're going to let him know that.

Arsene Wenger also raised an interesting point, in that once you have opened up the referees decisions to retrospective assessment and action, where does that stop. Do you retrospectively award goals where the ball has been found to cross the line? Surely by doing this it undermines the referee's authority of a game. Perhaps by strengthening the officials ability to make the right decision at the time of the incident by reference to technology, it would impact the player and club at the time when they will feel it the most, i.e. during that actual game. As I said at the opening of this article, an interesting incident and one that will provoke many reactions and comments.

Anyway, back to this match. Here's to a good competitive cup fixture, with open respect between players and officials, and of course here's to 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 Hamble ASSC to Rylands Way for this FA Vase game. We hope you enjoy your short stay with us and will all join us in the bar after the game.

Despite their relegation from the Wessex Premier League to Division One Hamble will be tough opponents. Not only have they started well in their league, they also drew in the FA Cup with Hellenic Premier side Wantage before going out in the replay and we all witnessed how strong the Wessex League is when we lost to bottom of the Premier Division, Brockenhurst last week. We certainly anticipate a very tough game here today.

Once again we are involved in a cup match at the expense of another league game. As much as I enjoy our excursions in the cup competitions it does make it difficult for us in the league. Not only are we playing catch up with everyone else we also have to contend with injuries to a number of our key players.

Ryan Banks (hamstring), Craig Bowden, Adam Field (ankles) and Marcus Hall (foot) are all currently on the injured list. On a positive note these injuries have given another couple of our talented teenagers the chance to shine. Young Sam English and Ryan Thomas did very well on their debuts against Purton on Bank Holiday Monday. That brings the number of teenagers who have player for the first team this year to six and that can only be good for the future of the club.

On a different issue I note we are always very quick to have a go at referees when they make mistakes and to be fair sometimes the criticism is deserved. On Monday the referee had a very interesting game to say the least. So it was very refreshing when he came in at the end of the game and apologised for his performance. That is probably the only time this has happened to me in over 40 years of football. We all make mistakes so well done Ref for your honesty we look forward to seeing you again soon.

Finally I would like to say a big thank you to Cirencester Town for allowing us to use another talented youngster, Rob Dean on Monday. Rob came in and did a great job for us in difficult circumstances. I have watched Rob for a few seasons now at both Swindon Town and Cirencester and he is a very talented player and will be a useful asset to this club.

Enjoy the game and lets see if we can win through to th next round of this financially lucrative competition.

Dave



OPPONENTS HISTORY

Hamble ASSC Football Club started its inaugural season in 1938 as Folland Aircraft FC and had a flurry of successes during the war years when players from Pompey and Saints worked in the factory, winning the **Hampshire Senior Cup** in 1941. 1942 proved to be an exceptional year, winning the **Hampshire League**, **Hampshire Senior Cup** and the **Russell Cotes Cup**.

Subsequently and up to the seventies the club were known as Folland Sports FC and experienced mixed fortunes, drifting between County and local football, collecting along the way minor trophy's on the odd occasion. In 1979/80 fortunes again began to smile on the club as **the Hampshire League div 4 title** and **Hampshire Intermediate Cup** double was achieved. The following season the club won the **Hampshire League div 3** title and for the years that followed consolidation in the second division was the club's main priority. With steady progress more honours were achieved in 1984/5 when the **Southampton Senior Cup** was won in a thrilling final, defeating Awbridge, and played at the Dell. The same season saw the Reserves winning the **Southampton Premier Division title**, which meant that the first team played the reserves in the Reg Mathieson Cup, won narrowly by it's senior side. In 1986/7 the Southampton Senior Cup win was repeated also played at The Dell defeating Sholing Sports FC. The **Reg Mathieson Cup** win was also repeated and promotion to Hampshire League Division One with a creditable third place finish that season was the icing on the cake. The club, however, leap-frogged Division One by successfully applying to join the Wessex League. During the summer of 1987, with a generous donation by the Sports and Social club and a lot of hard work by the club committee and players alike, floodlights and a pitch barrier were installed. This enabled the club to meet the higher standards required by the Wessex League.

In 1991/92 the club went through another metamorphosis re-naming itself Aerostructures S&SC and the team reached the semi-final of the Wessex League Cup, finishing in 9th place in the League, which remains the highest finish to date. The Reserves too were credited with success with a win over Braishfield in the final of the **Southampton Senior Cup**, once again played at The Dell. In 1997/98 season the first and last major honours as Aerostructures S&SC was with a win in the final of the **Jewson Wessex League Cup** over Bemerton Heath Harlequins at Ten Acres by 2 goals to 1.

The club was re-named again as **Hamble ASSC FC** for the 1998/99 season, which it has remained since. The club under this name has not won any honours yet. Mid-table finishes have been the best achievement to date. Dressing room improvements in 2004 saw FA Cup and Vase competitions entered into for the first time in over ten years.

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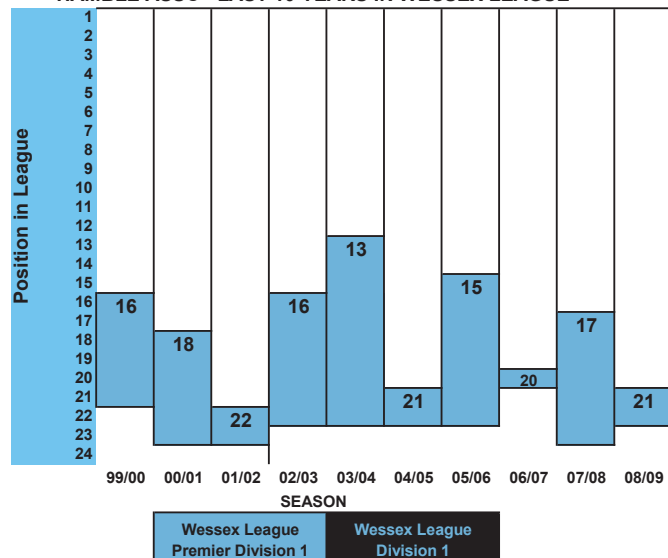
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HAMBLE ASSC - LAST 10 YEARS IN WESSEX LEAGUE



Season	Div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Position
1999/00	Pr	40	7	11	22	44	89	32	16 out of 21
2000/01	Pr	44	10	14	20	39	70	44	18 out of 23
2001/02	Pr	44	4	4	36	33	119	16	22 out of 23
2002/03	Pr	42	13	12	17	58	60	51	16 out of 22
2003/04	Pr	42	16	7	19	51	76	55	13 out of 22
2004/05	Pr	42	6	7	29	36	121	25	21 out of 22
2005/06	Pr	42	14	7	21	50	56	49	15 out of 22
2006/07	Pr	38	5	3	30	24	105	18	20 out of 20
2007/08	Pr	44	11	14	19	47	72	47	17 out of 23
2008/09	Pr	42	5	6	31	30	121	21	21 out of 22

Current Form

Date	Opponents	Result	Scorers
31-Aug-09	United Services (H)	W 1 - 0	Gregory
29-Aug-09	Aldermaston (A)	W 3 - 2	Bull, Rowden, Langdon
25-Aug-09	Hythe & Dibbden (H)	W 3 - 0	West, Rawlins, Wilson
21-Aug-09	Fawley Town (A)	L 2 - 3	West, Rawlins
18-Sep-09	Watange (A) - FAC	L 1 - 4	Pell
15-Aug-09	Wantage (H) - FAC	D 2 - 2	West, Webber
11-Aug-09	Whitchurch Utd (H)	D 0 - 0	
8-Aug-09	Fleet Spurs (A)	W 3 - 2	West, Gregory, Bull

Club Information

Nickname	The Planemakers
Founded	1938
Best FA Cup Season	2006-7 First Qual Rnd
Best FA Vase Season	2005/6, 2006/7, 2007/8 - 1st QR
Secretary	Ward Puddle
Top Scorer - 2008/9	Simon Quirk - 8 Goals

with the important goals. This was to be the last occasion that Wootton Bassett were to taste victory on their travels in Season 1976-77. A narrow 1-0 defeat at Highworth Town followed.

March opened with a narrow 1-2 away defeat to title chasing Malmesbury Vics. In a season that saw a number of defeats by a single goal deficit, Wootton Bassett then lost 1-0 at home against Salisbury Reserves and 1-0 away to Bemerton Athletic in their last away fixture of the season. Wootton Bassett were still left with a large number of home fixtures to complete the season and the hope was that this home advantage would enable the side to move up the table.

Goals from Phil Keep and Graham Reid were not enough to avoid defeat in a five goal encounter with Westbury, the visitors edging it by the one goal following the trend of the season. The run of defeats eventually came to an end when Amesbury visited Rylands Way. In a game where goalkeeper Gordan Baverstock was outstanding, a penalty from Steve Cox was enough to secure a point. The elusive win then followed as Wootton Bassett put bottom of the table Ferndale Athletic to the sword at Rylands, two goals from Tony Spiers and one a piece for Phil Keep and Gary Dixon doing the damage in a 4-2 win. The good run continued the following week when goals from Mick May and Phil Keep secured a 2-0 home success over Bemerton Athletic and was extended with a midweek 3-3 draw at home to St Josephs before high flying Vickers repeated their 2-1 win from earlier in the season, Sammy Rose with the Wootton Bassett consolation goal.

After such a good start to the season Wootton Bassett Town would have been disappointed with the eventual eleventh place finish.

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

Wiltshire County League - Division 1 - 1976-1977

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Park	30	21	4	5	90	24	46
2	Malmesbury Vics	30	21	4	5	73	21	46
3	Vickers	30	20	5	5	67	32	45
4	Amesbury	30	18	8	4	68	21	44
5	St Josephs	30	14	9	7	63	45	37
6	Sanford	30	15	3	12	62	43	33
7	Calne Town [#]	30	11	11	8	42	36	32
8	Highworth Town	30	10	7	13	32	48	27
9	Bemerton Athletic	30	9	8	13	37	40	26
10	Bromham	30	10	6	14	43	39	26
11	Wootton Bassett Town	30	8	8	14	41	48	24
12	Avon Bradford	30	7	10	13	43	59	24
13	Salisbury	30	9	5	16	35	48	23
14	Westbury	30	7	7	16	53	79	21
15	Chippenham Town	30	6	7	17	32	71	19
16	Ferndale Athletic	30	1	4	25	18	117	6

[#] one point deducted

Park, Salisbury Reserves, Sanford, St Josephs, Vickers, Westbury and Wootton Bassett – 16 in all.”

The same article then went on to then run the normal preview of the season and the teams taking part. With regard to Wootton Bassett Town it was noted that another individual who was to play a big part in the development of the club, Bob Thomas, was making the transition from player to club official. Thomas had been the key man that summer behind the building of the current stand at Rylands Way. The Football Pink carried the following pre-season write-up on Wootton Bassett:

“Wootton Bassett have a new coach in former player Bob Thomas. He has all his old colleagues signed together with nine new men who include Norman Shears and Steve Smith from Highworth. He will be assisted by Amble Sheen. They have completed their stand and are busy installing training floodlights. The clubhouse with bar attached is also finished and they are now getting businessmen taking a greater interest than in the past.”

Wootton Bassett Town opened the season in the new league with a home fixture against Avon Bradford, winning the match 2-0 thanks to goals from Don Courtney and Graham Reid. The following week Wootton Bassett Town knew that to be champions of the new County League was going to be a tough ask when they suffered a 1-6 home reverse against Park, Norman May scoring the consolation goal. The following week the first away game saw Wootton Bassett win both points courtesy of a 5-1 score at Ferndale Athletic, Alan Turner (2), Mick May, Graham Reid and an own goal doing the damage. Two draws then followed, 1-1 away at St Josephs, Alan Turner scoring, and 2-2 at home to Bromham, Turner and May again on the score sheet. A 1-0 away win at Salisbury Reserves at the beginning of October courtesy of an own goal kept Wootton Bassett Town in 3rd place, an excellent start to the season.

The short unbeaten run came to an abrupt end when Wootton Bassett visited league leaders Amesbury. Bassett lost the game 5-0 and the Football Pink noted that they only had two scoring chances all game, a shot by Gary Dixon in the first half and a header by Alan Turner that skimmed Amesbury's bar in the second half. The following week Wootton Bassett found themselves trailing 2-0 at home to Chippenham Town Reserves but two goals in the last ten minutes from Dave Clark and Alan Turner secured the point, the latter coming just before the final whistle. Another heavy loss this time to eventual champions Park followed, Mick May scoring in a 1-5 defeat.

November opened with a narrow 1-2 defeat at high flying Vickers, Mick May again the Wootton Bassett scorer. The poor run was ended against another leading side, Sanford, the two sides sharing the points following a 1-1 draw, Alan Turner with the Wootton Bassett goal. There then followed a shock 0-4 defeat away at lowly Chippenham Town Reserves in what was probably the most disappointing result of the season. The month ended with Wootton Bassett Town sharing the points with Avon Bradford, Tony Spiers and Alan Turner scoring in a 2-2 draw.

The poor run continued in December which included a 1-0 away defeat at local rivals Calne Town and the New Year did not herald a change in fortunes as Wootton Bassett went down 2-0 away at Bromham. A 3-0 away defeat at Sanford closely followed and the rot had well and truly set in. Indeed it was to be 12th February 1977 before Wootton Bassett were again to taste victory, their first win in eleven games coming courtesy of a 2-0 away win at Westbury, Mick May and Graham Reid

Bassett out with little resistance

Rylands Way, 29th August 2009

Typically the FA Cup has brought out the best of Wootton Bassett Town. Sure, heavy defeats have led to their last two exits, but only after strong displays forced replays. However, this year they departed the competition following an extremely disappointing display against Brockenhurst, who – although a decent side – were nothing compared with the side, which put Bassett out two seasons ago.

A solitary goal – Ben Kneller's 38th minute header – may have only separated the two sides, but Bassett did not register a shot on target all game, and any momentum gained from their big midweek victory against Headington seemed to have vanished once the whistle to begin the game had been sounded.

With the game less than 30 seconds old, Liam Crook was afforded far too much space, duly cut inside from the left wing and advanced the best part of 40 yards before firing low. Luckily though an outstretched Stewart Thompson clung onto the ball with an assured save.

Brockenhurst themselves had seen their previous game finished 6-1, but not in their favour. This though was not apparent as they confidently stroked the ball around, forcing their hosts to chase and see little of the ball.

Thompson had to produce another save to deny Kneller from the edge of the box after a neat flick by Fawzi Saadi set his strike-partner up. This time the Bassett 'keeper failed to hold on, but did brilliantly to tip the ball around the upright.

He could do little though to keep out his header seven minutes before the break. Hesitation when dealing with an innocuous looking clearance gifted the visitors possession in the final third, and a quick switch of play from left to right stretched the Bassett defence further.

The ball fell to the feet of Dave Wakefield, who was allowed too much time on the ball, and his inch perfect cross was nodded in by an unmarked Kneller.

It was the type of goal Bassett have been prone to conceding so far this season, namely sloppy. Throughout, the defence was Bassett's strong point, but one mistake ultimately proved costly.

They were not, however, helped by an impotent attack, which struggled mightily to maintain possession despite Brockenhurst's defence being their weakness. In fact, Bassett's best chance fell to Terry Adams with twelve minutes left of the ninety, but even then his shot failed to find the target, his well struck drive being deflected wide by Dave Marden.

It was with some fortune that Bassett did not trail by more come the final whistle. Minutes after conceding, Saadi beat Thompson, but was denied by a goal-line clearance before the defence stood off Kneller just after the restart, however his powerful 25-yard strike went just wide of the left post.

Defeat meant Bassett failed at the opportunity to set up a second consecutive reunion in the FA Cup – victory would have set up an away trip against former Hellenic opponents Bishops Cleeve, who count former Bassett favourite Ben Gascoyne amongst their ranks.

Scoop's Man of the Match: Liam Edmundson – a commanding performance by the youngster at centre back, forming a solid partnership with Chris Oram.

Scoop Rating: 5/10 – the game lacked the sparkle and edge of an FA Cup tie, and Bassett's disappointing performance highlighted this. The defence was strong, but with little to offer up front, Brockenhurst won reasonably comfortably.

PLAYER PROFILE



Personal	
Name:	Liam Edmundson
Date of Birth:	
Place of Birth:	Swindon
Occupation:	Student and Football Coach
Marital Status:	Single
Nickname:	Tito
Football	
Position:	Defence
No. of Seasons at Bassett:	Second Season
Previous Clubs:	Pewsey Vale, Forest Green Rovers
Make of Boots:	Adidas
Star Player You Play Like:	Shaun Goater
Footballing Idols:	Alan Shearer
Team Supported:	Newcastle
Team You Despise Most:	Sunderland and Man United
Best Ground Ever Played At:	County Ground or The New Lawn
Best Player Ever Played With	Mark Preece
Best Player Ever Played Against	Aliou Cisse
Teammates	
Most Skilful:	Dave Skillaci
Hardman:	Craig Wall
Biggest Joker:	Sam Collier
Biggest Fashion Disaster:	Al Blake
Most Intelligent:	Stu Thompson
Thickest:	James Turner
Vainest:	Paul Fisher
Least Likely to Score on a Night Out:	Sharpy
Off the Field	
Hobbies:	Gym, swimming, tennis, golf, cinema
Car Driven:	Corsa
Favourite Music:	R & B
Favourite Film:	Saving Private Ryan
Favourite TV Show:	Gavin and Stacey
Favourite Nightspot:	Sir dans
Favourite Drink:	Fosters shandy
Chinese or Indian?:	Indian
Pub or Club?:	Club
Beach Resort or City Break?:	Beach
Blonde or Brunette?:	Brunette
Person in the World You Would Most Like to Meet:	Alan Shearer

Liam Edmundson

FROM THE ARCHIVES

at the snap of a finger. And, if it left that league, it could change back again to junior without any change in its ground and amenities over that period. All that is now changed.

The Wiltshire FA and not the leagues grant senior status to clubs and that body designed the new league to cater for clubs whose standards meet their requirements and to whom they have previously granted senior status. That was one part of their dream the FA could make come true. But they were powerless to decide on the allocation of the clubs to the two senior divisions. That was left to the clubs themselves and, when the allocation was made, it was not as the FA would have wished.

Long before the final meeting they sensed that the clubs forming last season's Wiltshire Combination were going to be "difficult". These clubs did not want the new league and had asked the Wiltshire FA, without success, to continue with the Combination. It soon became obvious that they were determined that, if the new league were to be forced upon them, they would form the top senior division. And, that is exactly what happened at the allocation meeting when none but Combination clubs were voted in. There was not even a place found for the current Wiltshire Senior Cup winners, Pinehurst, who beat Western League Devizes Town in the final and two of the strongest clubs, Park and Amesbury, on the way to that game. Pinehurst, who won over £300 in sponsorship money in Rothmans Hellenic League, gave up a lot to play their part in getting the new Wiltshire League started and the cold shoulder they received for their trouble was more than they could take. So they went back to their old league.

With Pinehurst gone Garrard – runaway Wiltshire League winners and one of the most exciting teams of the day – felt they should have been included in the top division. But they were not. Therefore, instead of getting all the best clubs in the new league's top division, two of the most desirable have been lost to Wiltshire football. One regrets this and feels that it would have been better for our football had they accepted a place in Division 2 and moved up next season by promotion, as they would undoubtedly would have done. One can also understand, or try to do so, the Combination clubs' point of view. They felt they had remained loyal to Wiltshire football when others had deserted it. All the best clubs in the Wiltshire League had joined them over the past few seasons, some of them only last season, and as a division they already represented the strongest possible combination of clubs playing in the county. Was it fair they argued, that any of their clubs should have to win their way back again in order to make way for others whether they be Devizes, Melksham, Pinehurst or Garrard.

So the die was cast with the Combination clubs getting their way which means that this season will see a re-run of the Combination so far as senior Division 1 is concerned. Then at the end of the coming season, the bottom four will be replaced by the top four from Division 2, without the certainty that some of the promoted four will be stronger than those they replace – as would have been the case had Pinehurst and Garrard swallowed their pride. These two were not the only clubs to resign after entering the league. For various reasons Plessey also resigned from senior Division 2 and Broad Hinton and Park A from the junior divisions. Teams who comprise Senior Division 1 are Amesbury, Avon Bradford, Bemerton, Bromham, Calne, Chippenham Town Reserves, Ferndale, Highworth, Malmesbury Victoria,

Season 1976-77 – Don't Go Breaking My Heart

What was going on in the world

The season started with Elton John and Kiki Dee topping the charts with *Don't Go Breaking My Heart* but soon to be replaced by Abba's *Dancing Queen*. The season ended with Abba again at the top of the hit parade with *Knowing Me, Knowing You*. Top TV programs included *M*A*S*H*, *Charlies Angels* and *Happy Days*. Liverpool were winning Division One by a point from Manchester City. Tottenham Hotspur finish bottom of the table and are relegated along with Sunderland and Stoke. Moving in the other direction are Wolves, Chelsea and Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest. Chelsea's success was marred by their fans behaviour prompting chairman Brian Mears to make the decision to erect iron fences around the ground for the start of the following season. Swindon finish 11th in Division Three. Manchester United denied Liverpool the treble, Liverpool having already won the European Cup following a 3-1 defeat of Borussia Moenchengladbach, by beating them 2-1 in the FA Cup final. In the end of season Home Championship, Scottish fans break both sets of goals and dig up the Wembley turf after a 2-1 win over England.

Season 1976-77 saw yet another fundamental review of football in Wiltshire and the creation of the Wiltshire County Football League, the senior league that exists to this day in the county. The dream of the FA had been to re-unite all the top clubs in the county, including those playing in other leagues such as the Western League and Hellenic League, into one strong division. However, whilst the FA were able to take control of who has "senior status" they were not able to control who played in which division and with the Wiltshire Combination clubs showing unity as to who went in the top division, the dream of having all the top teams in one division unfortunately did not materialise. The Football Pink of 21st August 1976 contains a fascinating article on the birth of the Wiltshire County League and the associated politics that has ultimately very much shaped how the Football Pyramid in this area has developed. Who knows, had all the top Wiltshire sides come into the County League would it have had a higher place in the Football Pyramid and would Wootton Bassett Town have joined the Hellenic League? Given the historical importance of this series event a large extract of the article from the Football Pink under the heading "Wilts FA's Dream Set To Become A Reality" is reproduced below:

"The launching of the brand new Wiltshire County League reaches its final stage next Saturday when the clubs make a start with their fixtures. With it comes the fulfilment of a pipe-dream of the Wiltshire FA for one big united county league. Like most dreams when they materialise, circumstances shape them slightly differently than the original conjectured image. The FA wanted to see all the strongest senior clubs in the county forming the top division of their proposed league with the next best in a second division and with promotion and relegation between them to keep everybody on their toes.

In order to make sure it was the best clubs they instituted a rigorous examination of their strengths and amenities before issuing them with the label "senior" which would let them enter the senior divisions of the new league. Prior to that a club gained senior status simply by managing to get itself voted into a senior league. In other words, it was the league – there were three of senior status in the county – that was the deciding factor, not the club's facilities. Thus, on a vote at a league AGM a club's status could turn from junior to senior as

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SPORTSXWORDS-WHO AM I©

1. I am a Jamaican international who was born in Dulwich in 1980
2. Started in non league with Dulwich Hamlet before playing over 50 games up front for Barnet
3. Moved to Gillingham but career stalled whilst I served a 5 month prison sentence
4. A near £1m move to Forest followed in 2003
5. A loan at Leeds didn't work out but I impressed at Watford, leading to a permanent move
6. My goals helped Watford into the Premiership but I missed most of that season in the top flight due to injury
7. Signed for Wigan for around £3m
8. Quickly loaned out to Hull and even more quickly to Middlesboro after a reported bust-up with Dean Windass
9. Due back in court in October 2009 on an assault charge

Turner thunderbolt overshadowed by penalty madness

Rylands Way, 31st August 2009

Local derbies are generally never short of controversy, and that was certainly the case when Wootton Bassett Town locked horns for the first time this season with near neighbours Purton.

However, the two sides were not to blame for the game's major talking points. Instead responsibility lay with referee Ashman, who awarded three penalties – one debatable, the other two downright farcical.

This trio of incidents overshadowed what should be the game's memorable moment, namely James Turner's 27th minute strike, which gave the hosts the lead.

Frankie Hunt's corner was punched away by Jonny Cowley but only as far as an unmarked Turner lurking on the edge of the box. And with one ferocious swing of his right boot he found the bottom left corner from thirty yards.

Bassett had not really enjoyed the best of starts but were on the verge of being able to go into the break two goals to the good when Adam Field proved slightly too quick for James Townsend after chasing down what seemed to be a lost cause, and was upended by the burly defender.

Luke Sharps stepped up to the plate to take the spot kick, but went for far too much power and absolutely no placement, blasting the ball straight at a thankful Cowley.

The penalty sandwiched two brilliant saves from Stewart Thompson, who has been in fabulous form throughout the start of the season. Firstly, he parried at the feet of Warren Fuller after the prolific forward latched onto a ball over the top. Then on the stroke of the half time whistle, he acrobatically leapt across goal to tip a clever free kick from Johnny Coole around the post.

He was eventually beaten by Fuller just thirty seconds after the restart, following a dreadful decision which resulted in Steve Groom being penalised for trying to shepherd the ball out of play.

The Bassett defender was under pressure from Ashley Gooch, so put his body in between the diminutive winger and the ball. As a result the midfielder ran into him and after falling to the floor a penalty was awarded.

Fuller sent Thompson the wrong way to equalise and then put the visitors ahead on the hour, coolly slotting home after Tom Cadden's through ball split the home defence.

The lead failed to last though. With 17 minutes left, it was the visitors turn to be on the receiving end of an extremely harsh decision. Hunt delivered a teasing cross from the right, which evaded all in the penalty box.

At the far post Sam English and Paul Blagden both went up to win the header, and the Purton player's momentum took him into English. Jon Holloway showed little sympathy though and confidently placed the ball into the bottom left corner, giving Cowley no chance.

Unsurprisingly – given what had happened, the game finished with a whimper, rather than a bang.

A melee ensued with ten minutes left after Jamie Richards hacked down Hunt, but somehow no red cards were produced.

From the resulting free kick debutant Rob Dean flashed a 15-yard effort over, before – with five minutes to go – Ryan Thomas intercepted a throw in intended for Cowley, rounded the stranded 'keeper but saw his tight-angled left-foot effort blocked.

The grandstand finish such a scoreline would usually produce had been well and truly prevented.

Scoop's Man of the Match: Chris Oram – both him and Purton's James Townsend were figures of force at the back. Oram in particular helped keep goal happy opposition in check.

Scoop Rating: 5/10 – Bassett will rue not coming away from this game with all three points, but they were not helped by the penalty decision which allowed Purton to equalise.



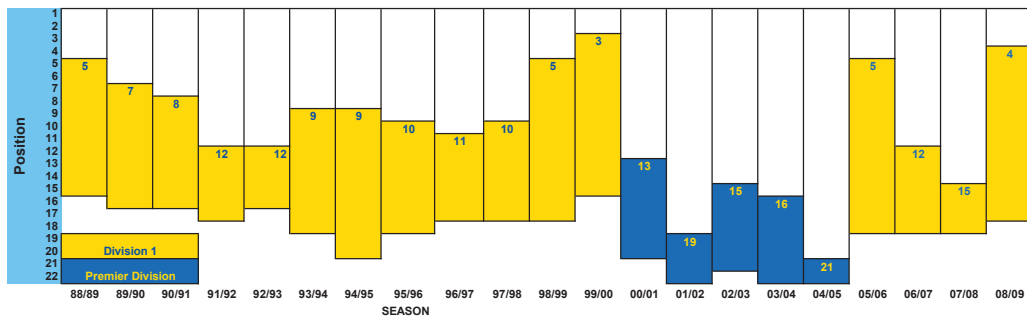
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- 1903/04 Wiltshire Senior Cup Runners-up
- 1905/06 Wiltshire County League Runners-up
- 1930/31 Calne & District League Runners-up
- 1931/32 Calne & District League Champions
- 1933/34 Vale of White Horse Cup Winners
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- 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	3	1	1	1	8	5	4	13 out of 17
Total		719	262	158	299	1,050	1,149	941	
			36.4%	22.0%	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



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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

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 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.



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.

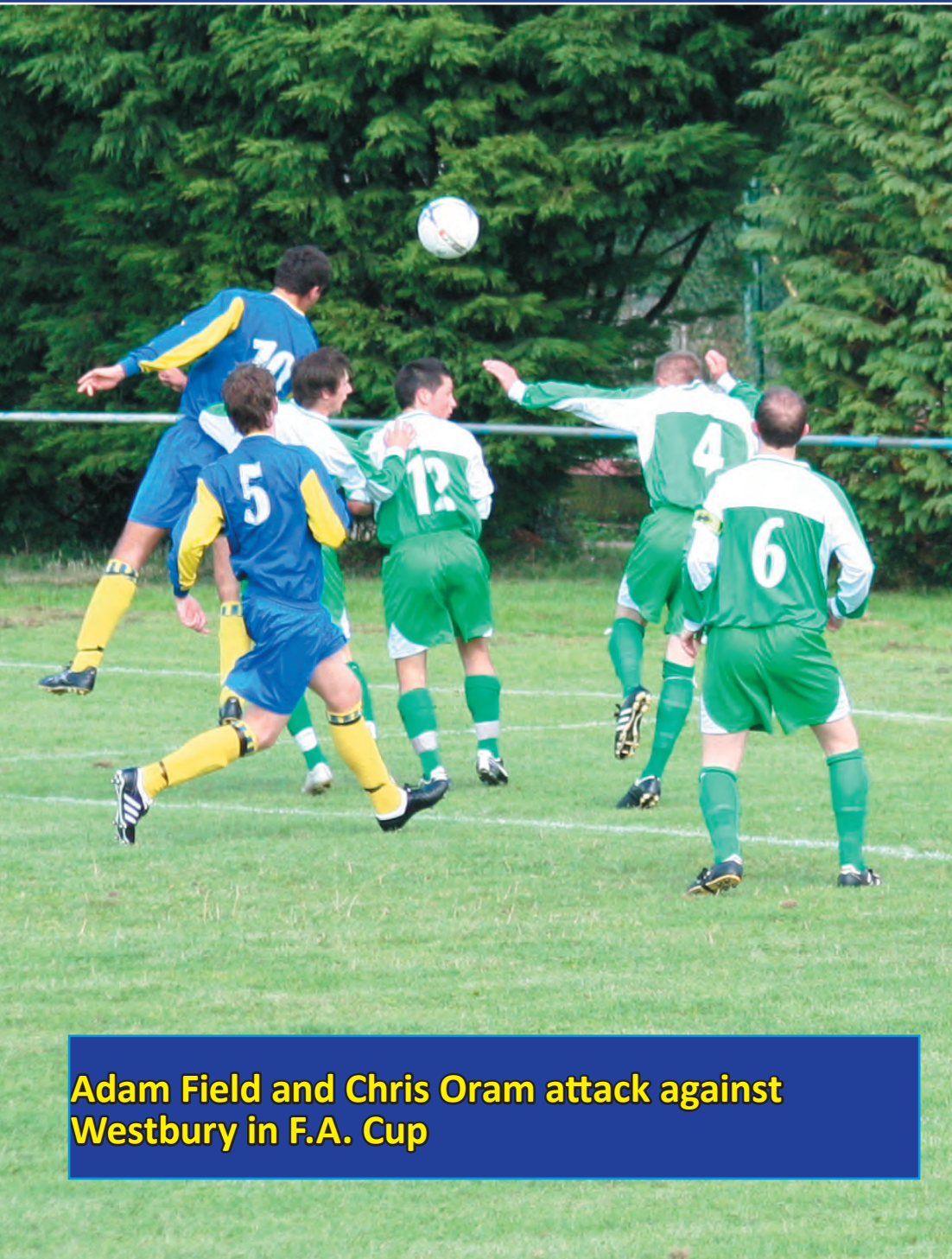


Alan Blake Asst. Manager
Assistant Manager who still hold his own at this level despite being in twilight of his playing days. Eight appearances mainly from bench last season.

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>					
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



Adam Field and Chris Oram attack against Westbury in F.A. Cup

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Room Chatter

31st August 2009

E.On sponsored FA Cup Preliminary Rd

In the E.On sponsored FA Cup, Almondsbury Town took on higher league opposition in Cinderford Town and came away with a 2-1 win thanks to second half goals from Simon Heal and Matt Williams. Former Hellenic side Bishops Cleeve turned Reading Town over by 3-1. Reading's consolation was scored by James Clark.

Calne Town of the Toolstation Western Premier Division lost out to Shrivenham by the only goal after Rory Sproule hit the back of the net early in the first half.

Pegasus Juniors hosted Willenhall Town of the Unibond League and drew 2-2 a-piece. Chris Mortlock put Peggy in front with two first half goals but Willenhall clawed them back to earn a Tuesday evening replay.

Thame United overcame Wootton Blue Cross of the Eagle Bitter United Counties League with a goal in each half from Mark Jones.

Hellenic League old boys, North Leigh scraped past Milton United 2-1. Anthony Alleyne gave Milton an early lead but Taylor and Holt made the game safe for North Leigh with strikes either side of half-time.

In the matches against Sydenham Wessex League opposition, Shortwood United crushed Romsey Town 5-1 thanks to Alex Allard and Matt Green with two each and Andy Hoskins.

Totton & Eling were comprehensively beaten at home by Kidlington, thanks to a Jimmy Deabill pair, Mark Baker and Ryan Lovegrove.

Wantage Town hammered Newport (Isle of Wight) 5-0 with Richard Claydon and Richard Guy getting two-a-piece and Gary Swann making up the scoreline.

Witney United defeated New Milton Town 3-1 with strikes from John McMahon and Ben Thompson with a pair and finally, Wootton Bassett Town lost to Brockenhurst after a Kneller strike late in the second half.

Premier Division

In the FTL Futbol Hellenic Premier Division, Ardley United took on new boys Malmesbury Vics and had to settle for a draw. Adam Garner put Ardley into a first half lead but Phil Corcoran saved a point for the Vics with a goal in the second period.

Bicester Town took on Fairford Town with both sides looking for their first league win of the season and after a thrilling 3-2 scoreline, it was Fairford who took the honours. On target for Fairford were Jacques Tertois, Craig Curtis and Colin Curtis and for Bicester, Michael Spaul scored a double.

Carterton faced new boys Binfield and were 2-0 victors thanks to strikes from Chris Blakely and Jed Riddy.

Marlow United stretched Hook Norton's abysmal run to five straight defeats with a 5-0 hammering. Marlow's sharp shooters were Ollie Flint, Chris Paget and Lee Dixon with a hat-trick.

Finally, Oxford City Nomads hosted the resurgent Abingdon Town and shared the points after an entertaining 3-3 score. Jason Thomas, Chris Perkins and Graham Edney were on target for Abingdon and for the Nomads, James Knight, Mark James and a last minute effort from Ben Moses made up the scoring.

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

The road to Wembley started last weekend with the usual mixed bag of results around the leagues and I'm sure with the current economic climate many a chairman will be piling the pressure on their managers to get through a few rounds and get some much needed funds into the clubs coffers!! However and I can say this seeing as my team went out on Saturday (undeservedly so I will say!) it allows teams to concentrate on the league (tongue in cheek!).

In the Premier Division of the Hellenic Reading Town have got off to a flying start having won 4 and drawn 1 of their first 5 games and only conceded 1 goal so far. Surprisingly Witney haven't started great but didn't last season but came strong towards the end but as much as I respect Lyner I do think they needed to have got off to a better start despite some tough games played if they really want to win the league this season, though I won't write them off yet. Almondsbury have started quite well and had a good FA cup win over Cinderford also last weekend and locally Shrivenham have started well but a blow for them has been the loss of striker Blaine Fitzgerald to Calne as he had started the season with them after his summer move from Purton on fire. Malmesbury Vics in the division for the first time have got off to a steady start having won 2 drawn 3 and lost 2 and recorded a very good midweek victory over rivals Highworth Town whereby there were a few Vics players that have played previously for Highworth so I'd imagine there were some celebrations down at the Flying Monk Ground on Tuesday night.

In Division One Slimbridge have started off where they left off from their previous spell in the Hellenic and top the table comfortably. It will be interesting to see what happens if they win it and go up and how they fair next season as to me it still leaves an uncomfortable taste about the way they took their promotion to the Southern League and then pulled out which stitched up North Leigh just a couple of seasons ago. Purton have also carried on from last season and sit second and Chris Pethick has done a steady job at the Red House since taking over from Alan Clark 2-3 seasons ago. Can they maintain, we will just have to see but in Warren Fuller and the wily "Mutts" (Justin Miller) they have a clever forward line and if Warren can curb his temper and stay suspension free they could push Slimbridge.

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This weekend the Youth Section gets going with fixtures in the North Wilts & District League. The boys' sides will once again all be playing in the North Wilts & District League whilst the Girls sides will be playing in the Wiltshire County Women's & Girls League.

In terms of the North Wilts & District League fixtures the Under 18A side open up against Ferndale Rodbourne away from home. The Under 18B side open with an away fixture at Marlborough Town whilst the Under 18C side are at home against Wroughton Youth. Derek Edgington's Under 16 side having been promoted to the top division and have an opening day visit to FC Abbey Meads. Adi Amos' Under 15 side kick-off with a tricky away fixture against Cirencester Town. Meanwhile Andy Amos and his Under 14's open up with an away fixture against Highworth Town.

The Club will field two sides at Under 13, both of whom will be in the top division as a result of the "B" side winning their league last season. Dave Terry's "A" side kick-off against one of the top sides, Chisledon whilst the "B" side do not have a game on the opening day but in midweek host Greenmeadow Youth A. Chris Smith's Under 11 side embark on their first season of the full size game in Division Two of the North Wilts and District League. They open up with a trip to Ferndale Rodbourne A, not the easiest place to visit to open your season.

The Club will again be running two sides at Under 10. Former First Team Manager Paul Burke will be hoping his cup winning side will also achieve league honours this season and win Division Two of the Under 10 league. The A side open up with two home fixtures against Highworth Town Juniors and Lydiard Youth. The B are without a game on the opening day. There are two sides also at Under 9 with Nigel Simmons in charge of the A side who will compete in Division Three. They open up with a home game against Wroughton Youth. The B side will compete in Division Four. Rob Mitchell's side travel to Liden Community for their first fixture. Martin Young is in charge of the Under 8 side who kick-off away to Highworth Town in the West Division.

The highlight of the season for the Youth Section is expected to be the return leg of the exchange with our Dutch friends from s'Gravenzandse in the spring. This follows the successful visit from the Dutch party earlier this year. April has firmly been established on the WBTFC youth section programme as the month for the club's annual visit to our friends in Holland. These visits not only

enhance the football education of those travelling (players and managers) but in addition will offer the opportunity for social development and confidence building to the players, as some of them travel overseas for the first time without their parents. Thanks to the experienced organisational skills of "veteran" Chris Kirkland (pictured right with Jan van der Deijl from s'Gravenzandse), who has been involved in 20 previous trips, the children can expect a hectic football schedule. The tour will be a mixture of both playing against and visiting different levels and standards of the Dutch Football League.



E.ON FA Cup Report from the Roving Reporter Bishops Cleeve 3-1 Reading Town

The cup tie between Bishops Cleeve formerly of the Hellenic League and Reading Town proved to be a game of two halves.

Reading with the wind behind them pressed the home side for most of the first half. Long balls over the tip or good passing, especially from midfielder, Scott Rees, kept the pressure on the Cleeve defence. Reading could have scored three goals in a seven minute spell but they did manage to convert the fourth chance when James Clark beat the defence to a long ball before hitting it past the Cleeve keeper.

Bishops Cleeve reacted and gradually worked their way back into the game and equalised almost on half-time from the penalty spot. Richard Mansell was brought down on the edge of the area and he converted the penalty kick himself.

The second half saw the Southern League side on top as the wind strengthened and clearances were becoming shorter and shorter. In one of the first attacks, Ben Gascoigne worked the ball into the area before crossing for James Bertesi to hit it in for the lead.

Cleeve got their third goal on the hour when John Routledge rifled a cross into the area where it struck Mike Buck's leg and diverted in for an own goal.

Reading tried but couldn't get back into the game now dominated by Bishops Cleeve.

Division One West

In the FTL Futbol Hellenic Division One West Clanfield won a thrilling 3-2 encounter with Winterbourne Utd. Mark Odom and Adam Webb put Clanfield into a first half lead but Ian Pace and Jimmy Potts levelled the scoring and it fell to Mark Odom to score his second of the afternoon to snatch a late winner for Clanfield. Easington Sports had the unenviable task of facing current league leaders and form horses, Slimbridge. They held out for the first half but an own goal and an Ed Ward strike was enough for Slimbridge to take all the points. Headington Amateurs took a first half lead through Marlon James but a second half Jamie Allen hat-trick secured the points for Cheltenham Saras. Lydney Town hit new boys, North Leigh Reserves for six thanks to pairs from Matty Timmins, Dan Bishop and Jared Livington. All the goals came in the second period; it must have been a good half time talk! Purton had a hard-fought victory over bottom club Launton Sports. Warren Fuller scored twice in the first half for Purton and Launton's Nathan Hunt evened up the scores with strikes either side of half time and so it was left to old stager, Justin Miller to score with a magnificent goal late in the game to take the points for Purton. Finally, Tytherington Rocks were overturned by Letcombe 4-2. Steve Thompson gave the Rocks an early lead, but Lyle Gifford and Pete Horswell scored two each for Letcombe before Danny Thorpe was able to pull one back for the Rocks.

Division One East

In the FTL Futbol Hellenic Division One East Chalfont Wasps hammered new boys, Didcot Town Reserves by 5-1. Liam O'Neill and Kieran Webb with two each and Dan Sleet had all scored before Adam Bruce replied with a penalty late in the game. Eton Wick lost a close encounter with Finchampstead by 2-1. Matt Bell opened up for the Wick but Dean Thomas and Ben Knight sealed the victory for the Finches. Farnborough Reserves took on whipping boys, Prestwood and duly won with strikes from Ollie Buckingham and a Dan Bowden pair. High flying Henley Town won 2-1 over Woodley United. After going down to an early own goal it was left to Diak John and a Mark Bartley penalty to bring the points Henley's way. Penn & Tylers Green were easily beaten by Chinnor. Chinnor scored through Gary Marshall, Adam Stallwood and Ryan Davis without reply. Holyport extended their lead in the league with a 4-1 win at Rayners Lane. Lewis Driver with two, Jamie Handscomb and Dan Ripley were the Holyport sharp shooters whilst Dan Church scored Lane's consolation. Finally, Wokingham & Emmbrook had a comfortable win over South Kilburn with goals coming either side of the half-time break through James Wise and Alex Louis.



Hellenic League

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Registrations & Transfers

Registration numbers have risen to **2235 by 3pm** Friday 28th August An increase of nearly 200. Four transfers have been processed during the past week, bringing the total to 15 thus far.

F' name	Surname	From	To
Nathan	Hunt	Bicester Town	Launton Spt's
Jamie	Hammond	Shortwood U	Cheltenham Sar's
Stuart	Braun	Chinnor	Thame Utd
Darren	Moore	Flackwell Hth	Binfield

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.

MARK DENNY

Many Hellenic followers will recall that following a horrific injury, when Mark suffered a compound fracture of the tibia and fibula last January, in a match against Hardwicke AFC that required emergency transfer to hospital by helicopter. A number of clubs have enquired about his welfare, hence this update.
 Mark is making excellent progress. He has returned to work, and has started rehabilitation exercise. He is able to walk normally, but still limps when he attempts to run. He has decided not to have another operation to remove the plate and screws from his leg. He has even completed a signing on form for 2009/10, and is hopeful that he may be able to play again before the end of the season. He is remarkably cheerful considering the seriousness of the injury.
 Mark has asked, through the medium of the Hellenic Web Site and BRC to pass on his thanks to all those well-wishers who contacted him immediately after the injury and have enquired about his progress in recent months. He looks forward to being able to renew friendly rivalries in the, hopefully, not too distant future.



FA CUP

THE ROAD TO £750 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)	L 0 - 1
12-Sep-09	First Qualifying Round	v Bishops Cleeve (A)	
26-Sep-09	Second Qualifying Round	v	
10-Oct-09	Third Qualifying Round	v	
24-Oct-09	Fourth Qualifying Round	v	
7-Nov-09	First Round	v	
28-Nov-09	Second Round	v	
2-Jan-10	Third Round	v	
23-Jan-10	Fourth Round	v	
13-Feb-10	Fifth Round	v	
6-Mar-10	Quarter Final	v	
10-Apr-10	Semi-Final	v	
15-May-10	Final	v	

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 League

FIXTURES

Saturday 5 September	
FA Vase 1st Qualifying Rd	
Amesbury Town	v Milton United
Blackford & Langley	v Harrow Hill
Binfield	v New Milton Town
Calne 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
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
Pegasus Juniors	v Ardley United
Shortwood United	v Binfield
Wantage Town	v Oxford City Nom
Division One West	
Harrow Hill	v Launton Sports
Headington Amat	v Purton
Letcombe	v Lydney Town
North Leigh Res	v Cheltenham Sar's
Trowbridge Town	v Clanfield
Tytherington Rocks	v Wootton Bassett T
Winterbourne Utd	v Easington Sports
Division One East	
Eton Wick	v Thame United
Farnborough Res	v Milton United
Finchampstead	v Didcot Town Res
Kintbury Rangers	v Penn & Tylers Grn
Newbury	v Chalfont Wasps
Prestwood	v Holyport
Rayners Lane	v Wokingham & Emmb
South Kilburn	v Henley Town

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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 U18 Floodlit Team start their season with a FA Youth Cup match against Chard Town FC on Thursday 10th Sept. I've replaced Ken Turner this season with the remit from Chris Jones on player development as the number one priority rather than results with a view to producing future First Team players. This was highlighted in the recent Bank Holiday match against Purton and saw three lads who were brought to the club by me to play for Chris three seasons ago feature namely Steve Groom, Ryan Thomas and Sam English which is tremendous and proof that this strategy will work given time.

I've also been tasked with bridging the gap between Sunday youth and senior football and with three Bassett sides playing at Under 18 level this year in the local North Wilts League there should be no shortage of available players from this age group and the plan is to select a squad primarily from this pool of players (dependant on availability and ability) and to avoid a repeat of using players for the floodlit team who were playing for other clubs at the weekend wherever possible.

With only a few players remaining from last year's squad and a new manager in place there will be many new faces and the inevitable settling in period that accompanies any change will be evident early on. However the signs are encouraging with all teams having had successful seasons in the North Wilts league last year with Simon and Dan's lads getting Runners Up at U17/18 Level, Innes's lads reaching the U16's Cup Semi Final and my own lads winning their 6th consecutive title (Under 16 Division Two) and reaching their 6th Cup Final despite playing a year above themselves and it will be interesting to see how the lads do this season at this level against probably stronger and better opposition. I'd love to win every game but being a realist this will probably not happen but what I will be doing is concentrating on getting the lads to play football the right way irrespective of the result and hope that those of you who follow the team will support me and the lads in this.

On a personal level I joined the club as a 16 year old in 1980 and played for the U17/18 team for two seasons as well as playing for the senior sides for many years. I have always thoroughly enjoyed my time whilst at Bassett as it is a well run club with great people involved and to be asked to manage the U18's is an honour and hopefully I can continue to play a major part in the future success of the club and create some great memories for all involved.

Danny



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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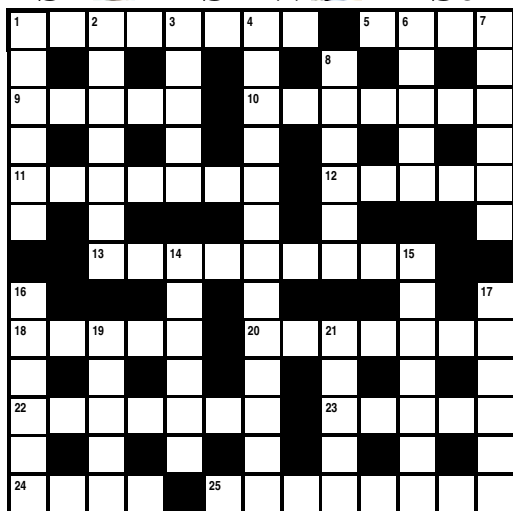
What's On?

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



SPORTSWORDS



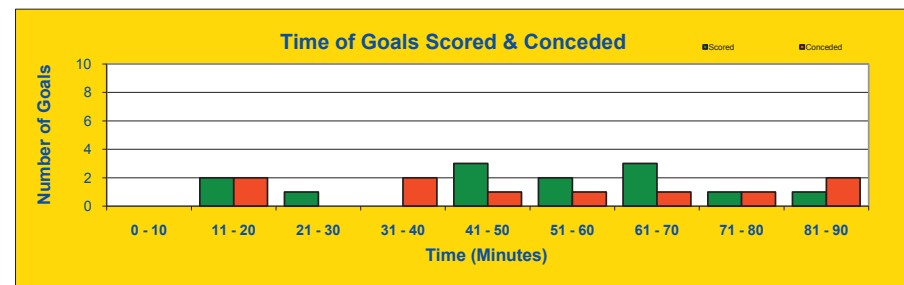
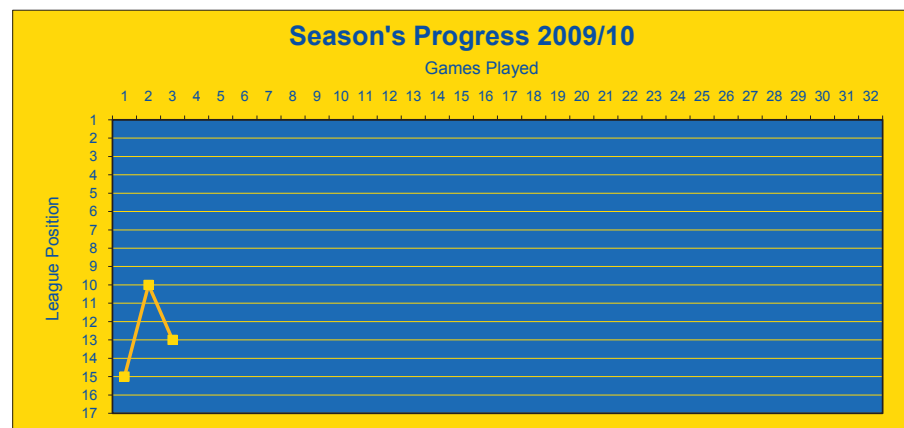
ACROSS

- 1 Watford's Road (8)
- 5 Rugby Union club swamped by controversy in recent months (4)
- 9 Keeper out of retirement with Pompey this season (5)
- 10 Jim _____, Leics Aussie allrounder currently in contract row (7)
- 11 Former Dundee Utd and Rangers full back who had 4 years at Everton from 1998 (7)
- 12 Sacked by QPR to become Shearer's assistant (5)
- 13 Golden oldie of Turnberry (3,6)
- 18 Minehead trainer who has won Champion Hurdle and Queen Mother Champion Chase (5)
- 20 Wolves and Scotland striker guilty of 'that' miss (7)
- 22 Traditionally the first major handicap of the flat season (7)
- 23 Number of times Man Utd have won Europe's major trophy (5)
- 24 England full back who was most expensive player in British football when moving from Leicester to Derby in 1972 (4)
- 25 Welsh club who beat Motherwell in Europa Cup first leg tie (8)

DOWN

- 1 City of sometime Serie A club Venezia (6)
- 2 Over 300 appearances for WBA this century (7)
- 3 Jose Manuel more commonly known as Pepe (5)
- 4 The _____, jumps handicap run over 4m 4f (5,8)
- 6 Steve _____, Blackburn's most expensive player when signed from Barnsley in 1991 (5)
- 7 Aussie batting legend who fell out with Boycott on TMS (6)
- 8 The _____ of Sheffield Utd (6)
- 14 Dinamo team beaten by Celtic (6)
- 15 Cup semi finals are often played on these grounds (7)
- 16 Liverpool and Eire midfielder who had a spell as Southend boss (6)
- 17 Swapped for Jan Kromkamp by Liverpool with Villareal (6)
- 19 England's best ever goalkeeper? (5)
- 21 _____ John, former Watford chairman (5)

WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB STATS PAGE



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

FIXTURES & RESULTS SEASON 2009/10

FTL FUTBOL HELLENIC LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE WEST

Cheltenham Saracens	Chelten'm Saracens	Ciren Utd	Clanfield	Cricklade Town	Easington Sports	Harrow Hill	Head'tn Amats	Launton Sports	Letcombe	Lydney Town	North Leigh	Purton	Slimbrid	Trowbr Town	Tyth'n Rocks	Winterb	Wootton Bassett
			2 - 3			24-Oct				1 - 1			10-Oct		2 - 0		03-Oct
Cirencester Utd						1 - 1				0 - 5	1 - 1		24-Oct			3 - 2	
Clanfield	3 - 4	2 - 0									10-Oct						12-Sep
Cricklade Town	03-Oct	7 - 0			0 - 2		3 - 0	05-Sep		10-Oct		24-Oct	0 - 2	2 - 0			16-Sep
Easington Sports	05-Sep					19-Sep											
Harrow Hill			2 - 1					12-Sep			17-Oct	12-Sep			19-Sep	2 - 9	
Headington Amateurs	1 - 3		4 - 1			10-Oct		5 - 0				12-Sep				6 - 2	
Launton Sports			0 - 3		0 - 3	26-Sep					0 - 3			1 - 3			
Letcombe		19-Sep		1 - 2	4 - 0			24-Oct	03-Oct	12-Sep						17-Oct	
Lydney Town			17-Oct			2 - 0	0 - 2				6 - 0	3 - 4					
North Leigh Res	12-Sep								1 - 1					19-Sep	0 - 3		
Purton	5 - 1	05-Sep			1 - 3		24-Oct	3 - 2			2 - 1		0 - 4		3 - 0		
Slimbridge															17-Oct		
Trowbridge Town	17-Oct		12-Sep		17-Oct		03-Oct							2 - 1	1 - 1	2 - 0	2 - 0
Tytherington Rocks	26-Sep	6 - 0				3 - 1		10-Oct	2 - 4	24-Oct	05-Sep	03-Oct		05-Sep		2 - 1	18-Aug
Winterbourne Utd		24-Oct		19-Sep					10-Oct		05-Sep	03-Oct					
Wootton Bassett Town					26-Sep		6 - 1		17-Oct			2 - 2					

LEAGUE TABLES

2009-2010 Season

FTL FUTBOL Hellenic League

Division One (West)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Slimbridge	7	6	1	0	16	2	19
2 Purton	7	5	1	1	19	15	16
3 Easington Sports	7	5	0	2	12	8	15
4 Cricklade Town	5	4	0	1	15	5	12
5 Headington Amateurs	7	4	0	3	19	15	12
6 Lydney Town	6	3	1	2	14	6	10
7 Tytherington Rocks	7	3	1	3	15	11	10
8 Cheltenham Saracens	6	3	1	2	13	13	10
9 Clanfield	6	3	0	3	13	12	9
10 North Leigh Reserves	7	2	2	3	10	13	8
11 Letcombe	5	2	1	2	13	9	7
12 Trowbridge Town	5	2	0	3	8	9	6
13 Wootton Bassett Town	3	1	1	1	8	5	4
14 Winterbourne United	5	1	0	4	14	15	3
15 Cirencester United	6	0	2	4	2	22	2
16 Harrow Hill	5	0	1	4	4	18	1
17 Launton Sports	6	0	0	6	3	20	0

Sydenhams Wessex League Division 1

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Farnborough North End	7	5	1	1	24	9	16
2 Fawley	5	5	0	0	22	9	15
3 Hamble ASSC	6	4	1	1	12	6	13
4 Petersfield Town	6	4	1	1	14	10	13
5 United Services Portsmouth	7	4	0	3	15	15	12
6 Whitchurch United	6	3	2	1	17	9	11
7 AFC Portchester	7	3	2	2	13	11	11
8 Verwood Town	8	3	1	4	11	12	10
9 Tadley Calleva	7	2	3	2	10	8	9
10 Stockbridge	6	2	2	2	11	14	8
11 East Cowes Victoria	7	2	2	3	7	12	8
12 Horndean	5	2	1	2	11	7	7
13 Warminster Town	4	2	1	1	10	7	7
14 Downton	5	2	1	2	13	11	7
15 Andover New Street	6	1	4	1	15	18	7
16 Fleet Spurs	7	2	0	5	14	16	6
17 Amesbury Town	6	2	0	4	7	12	6
18 Ringwood Town	5	1	2	2	8	10	5
19 Shaftesbury	6	1	2	3	12	26	5
20 Hythe & Dibden	6	0	2	4	6	18	2
21 AFC Aldermaston	6	0	0	6	6	18	0

