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EDITORIAL

Good afternoon and welcome back to Rylands Way for this FTL Futbol Hellenic League fixture against **Cirencester United**.

This afternoon we extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters from Cirencester who have made the short journey for the game today and hope they will join us in the bar after the game for some beer and sandwiches. A special welcome in particular to Dave “Bonnie” who returns to his old stomping ground at Rylands Way as manager of today’s opponents. If his side play in the image of their manager they will be very hard working and difficult to break down, as we certainly found out in the match at Cirencester last week. No disrespect to Cirencester, but playing against any side at the bottom end of the table with no wins to their name, you would expect to come away with three points (assuming the ambition for this Club remains Premier Football. Fact - teams gaining promotion from this league do not lose points to sides at the bottom). The fact that we achieved just one point is a major disappointment and is a poor result for a side with promotional ambitions. Let’s hope the side put things right today and in next week’s fixture against Letcombe; nothing less than six points out of six are required to get us back on track.

Looking at what is contained in the programme today; the **From The Archives** series focuses on **Season 1936-7**. Manager Dave Turner in his **From The Dugout** article passes comment on last weeks disappointing result against Cirencester United.

There is a match report on the **Ladies** fixture in the Gloucestershire County League against St Nicholas. The **Youth Section in Focus** includes a roundup of games from Sunday 27th September and Sunday 3rd October. The latter Sunday saw a torrid round of results with just two wins in thirteen fixtures, including a very heavy defeat for the Under 15’s against big rivals Greenmeadow.

Steve Hale focuses on the big local derby in the Zamaretto Premier Division between Chippenham Town and Swindon Supermarine in his **Footy Nut** column and identifies a league even higher in the Pyramid who expects teams to bring forward their own fixtures if they and possible opponents do not have a game. Under 18 Manager **Danny Groom** focuses on recent results and performances for the Under 18 Floodlit side in the Wiltshire County Floodlit League.

The programme features the new September edition of **Touchline**, the Club’s newsletter. The First Team player featured this week in the **Player Profile** is captain **Luke Sharps**.

Next up at Rylands Way are **Letcombe**, a side we tend to do well against, kick-off 3.00pm here at Rylands next Saturday. It would be nice to tell you when the next home Division One West fixture will be after that but unfortunately we do not know. Yes we do still play at Step 6 in the Pyramid and have not rejoined the Wiltshire League.

Thank you for your support today, enjoy the game and heres to seeing Wootton Bassett Town with three more points in the league table by 5pm tonight.

Mark



CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Good afternoon, welcome to you all and to our visitors for this League fixture, Cirencester United. The reverse fixture was in fact only played last Saturday (1-1), but the fixture calendar conspired to mean that both clubs lacked a fixture this weekend and so it made sense to get this game played.

So Sir Alex is once again in the news having criticised referee Alan Wiley for not being fit enough to referee the pace of a Premiership game, and somehow making a link for this to the length of extra time played in the fixture. I will be most interested to see the results of the FA investigation, and whether any action is taken, as I feel sure such comments at our level would be considered disrespectful to the referee, against the FA's Respect campaign, and probably lead to a fine. As with refereeing decisions themselves it is vital for any campaign initiative such as Respect that there is consistency in their review and actions taken. In addition though, cases in the public eye such as this, are important precedents by which others follow, so I wait with interest to see the actions taken.

Putting aside for the moment the Respect question, I can't help but feel that senior professionals in the game should be considered enough in their approach to raise such issues outside of the public glare, but perhaps it is the failure of the governing bodies to take action in the past that causes people to make such comments publicly.

Talking of governing bodies, today also sees England playing a World Cup Qualifier, and yet the game is not only unavailable on terrestrial TV but not even on the traditional TV platform, the only way of seeing this is via the internet. Surely it can't be right that such a game is shown only on a platform that, whilst significantly stabilised and faster than many years back, is not the nations recognised visual communication medium and does still have issues of both access, speed and consistency. Sometime soon the games governing bodies need to recognise that whilst one off fixtures may be highly lucrative, the longer term more effective business plan is to ensure that the public continue to be enthused by the game and support it at all levels, thus ensuring that support transitions from one generation to the next, and the game does not become exclusive and within time marginalised. Even more importantly, ensuring the game is available to the many will inspire our youth, and probably a few of our adults, to play and participate in sport.

Anyway, enough of this idle thought, and back to the game which I hope is a good one, and of course with a Bassett win whether that winning goal comes in the first or last minute!

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 Cirencester Utd to Rylands Way. We hope you enjoy your short stay with us and will all join us in the bar after the game.

After last weeks disappointing result at Cirencester we are in the unusual position of having the chance to put right our poor performance straight away due to this back to back fixtures. You have to take your hat off to Cirencester, after we scored they could have folded but they dug in and ground out a result.

It makes my blood boil when I read that we should be taking points off this team and that team. The reality is that on any given day. Any team in any division can beat another team. (It was only a few weeks ago Burnley beat Man Utd) Cirencester may have had a few lean years but everyone connected with their club works equally as hard as everyone connected with our club.

You have earn your victories in sport and anyone who thinks you only need to turn up to win a game because a team are bottom of a league or from a lower division has probably not played much sport.

As a Management Team Alan, Tucks and myself were very disappointed with last weeks result. Not because Cirencester were near the bottom of the league but because we try to set high standards and we want to win every game we play in. My players were equally disappointed because they to have high standards and last Saturday they fell short of the required standard. But just because we are hurting as a group doesn't mean any team will feel sorry for us and gift us a victory. We have to earn that right.

If we win this afternoon it is because we have worked harder and scored more goals than our opponents. Not because they are in the bottom two and we have just decided to turn up. We should treat every team with the respect they deserve.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all of those players who phoned me at 11-30 on Saturday night. It was emotional.

Dave



OPPONENTS HISTORY

CIRENCESTER UNITED FC • CLUB HISTORY

Cirencester United were formed in 1969 by Reverend Adam Ford. Named "The Herd", the club were initially a youth side; created by Rev. Ford in order to provide talented local footballers with a team in which to play. The side progressed from youth football to compete in the Cirencester and District League, where they would be crowned champions two years in a row.



The Herd's progression continued in the Cheltenham League where quick-fire promotions eventually resulted in entry to the Hellenic Football League in 1987. By this time, the club had also set up a reserve side who followed the success of the 1st team by winning the local leagues. Success in the league was also reflected by cup success, including lifting the Gloucestershire Senior Amateur Cup in the 1989/90 season.

In 1990, the club renamed from "The Herd" to "Cirencester United."

During their time in Hellenic, United have won two Reserve League Division Two championships, firstly in 1995 and later in 2002/3 where the club also won the Reserve Division cup in a double-winning season.

Unfortunately, success in Reserve has thus far not been reflected in First Team honours. Several managers have tried to improve on a record of mere survival, notably Rick Trinder (now Club President) and Ivor Probert (now Chairman). More recently Rich Smith took the managerial reigns and, despite creating a team filled with talented youngsters, United have not been able to make an impact at the business-end of the Hellenic League Table.

In 2003/4 United began a ground-sharing agreement with Cirencester Town F.C., which saw all first team games played at the Town's Corinium Stadium. However, for the 2007/8 season, United reverted back to their spiritual home of the 'Four Acres', only to see it destroyed by fire early in the campaign. The club are currently playing at South Cerney next to the airfield.

Despite a relative lack of success in recent years, United have maintained a commitment to local youngsters, in keeping with Reverend Ford's original vision. Known locally as somewhat of a 'breeding ground' for local talent, many of United's players have gone on to play football at a higher level. Recent United 'graduates' include Ian McSherry - who won the Hellenic League Division One West Player of the Season Award in 2005/6 - and Phil Hall - who scored 31 league goals in 45 appearances between 2006 - 2007. Both players went on to join Cirencester Town.

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LADIES MATCH REPORT

OPPONENTS PEN PICS

Wootton Bassett Town Ladies V St Nicholas Ladies

Rylands Way

The game started at a fast tempo, with both side's looking to play 4 4 2 formations, St Nich's made the better of their early possession going close a couple of times and only Samantha Wood deputising for Leah Blanchard in goal, keeping the score's level. Bassett were struggling to get any real pressure on the St Nich's goal with the away defence holding strong, this was a good platform for their midfield players to link with the strikers at will.

First blood St Nich's a flowing move down the Bassett right left three players out of the game and the rest of the defence scampering to stop the danger, The Bassett defence unable to stop a deep cross to the far post where a St. Nich's player was on hand to head home from six yards

0 – 1 St. Nich's

More pressure from St. Nich's and only some poor finishing and last ditch defending was keeping the score 1-0, with only three minuets before half time St Nich's scored a second goal, coming from a determined run from midfield who first won the ball just inside the Bassett half on the touch line, driving inside beating two soft challenge's to reach the edge of the Bassett box, then firing high into the top corner.

0 -2 St. Nich's half time

Bassett started strongly pushing hard to find a goal to get back into the game. There were plenty of half chances for Bassett but St. Nich's were able to hold onto their 2 goal lead with some good defending, still managing to causing bassett problems at the other end. The second period was very much being played in the St Nich's half of the pitch, with 15 minutes left Bassett managed to get the ball into the net. A snap shot from Yazz Sprat was saved by the St Nich's keeper and a mass scramble started with 3 other shots blocked before Jenna McFadzean poked the ball home from 2 yards

1-2

The goal gave Bassett hope of pinching something from the game, time was running out and with 5 minutes left St Nich's managed to kill the game with a 3rd goal a miscommunication in the Bassett defence led to a 1 on 1 on the Bassett goal, just before that goal Bassett had to rely on Samantha Wood to make a last ditch save, but this only staved off Bassett first defeat of the season the legs had gone from all the hard work.

Full time 1-3 St. Nich's

St Nicholas deserved the win but a very good second half performance from Bassett pushing them all the way

Player of the game Samantha Wood

Team: Samantha Wood, Becky Gammon, Megan James, Charlotte Burke (capt.), Lauren Walker, Amy Longo, Joni Warner, Kate Bonser, Yazz Sprat, Rachel Hawkins, Jenna McFadzean, Gwen Hopkins

Team Profiles Cirencester United FC



Colin Buckingham Goal Keeper
Joins from local club Down Ampney early form looks very promising.



Lee Edgell Defence
Made his debut in a Reserves game against Shrivenham, and immediately promoted to the first team.



Blain Close Defence
Age 17. First full season with Cirencester. Has shown a lot of promise in pre-season games. Can play defence or mid-field.



Paul Patel Defence
Age 29. A player who lists Cricklade amongst his former clubs, has helped tighten a very leaky defence.



Jason Varney Defence
Age 25. Centre back who came to club as a goalkeeper. Filled the centre defence position as an emergency and not looked back.



Simon Offley Defence
Age 29. Centre back and the most consistent performer last season. Pre-season disrupted with work commitments.



David Parker Defence
A fully committed player, progressed from the Reserves team following good performances.



Luke Rodriguez Defence
Age 28. Defender who did very well last season and it is hoped he will be partnered by Simon. Together they make formidable centre backs.



Daniel Cooper Midfield
Age 25. Previously played for Fairford, spell out of game means he is slowly regaining full fitness, whilst adding steel in the middle of the park.



Colin Buckingham Midfield
Age 27.



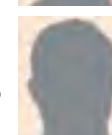
Chris Allen Midfield
Signed in February 2009, from Pewsey Vale where he was skipper. Has made a good start for The Herd.



Mark Lerner Forward
Age 22. Joins from Bourton Rovers, fast lively striker, will score plenty of goals.



Richard Miles Forward
Age 23. Potential top scorer in his first season with Cirencester. Picked up injury pre-season but struck four times in two games prior to injury.



David Legg Forward
Age 28. Plucked from local football, where he as scored for fun.



Jamie Webb Forward
Age 28. Another former Fairford player, lively and quick forward.



David Legg Forward
Age 28. Plucked from local football, where he as scored for fun.



David Griffin Forward
Second season with Cirencester. His pre-season has been dogged by a bad back.



Darren Lucas Asst. Manager
Previously at Fairford, brings a lot of knowledge and can also help out either in defence or upfront.



Dave Tyler Manager
Age 35. Former Fairford, Hungerford, and Wootton Bassett striker. Has worked hard in his short time at the club to bring in Hellenic quality players.

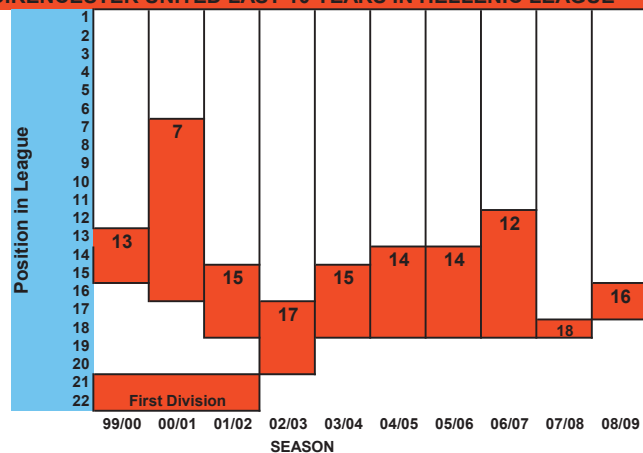


Neil Fishlock Spts. Therapist
A new recruit to the Ciren team. Neil plays an important role in ensuring the well being of the players.

TODAY'S VISITORS

FROM THE ARCHIVES

CIRENCESTER UNITED LAST 10 YEARS IN HELLENIC LEAGUE



Season	Div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Position
1999/00	1	28	10	1	17	38	50	31	13 out of 15
2000/01	1W	30	11	6	13	50	59	39	7 out of 16
2001/02	1W	32	8	4	20	36	69	28	15 out of 17
2002/03	1W	38	9	10	19	49	77	37	17 out of 20
2003/04	1W	34	8	9	17	51	66	33	15 out of 18
2004/05	1W	34	7	11	16	40	63	32	14 out of 18
2005/06	1W	34	11	5	18	50	64	38	14 out of 18
2006/07	1W	34	13	8	13	56	58	47	12 out of 18
2007/08	1W	34	2	1	31	16	128	7	18 out of 18
2008/09	1W	34	4	3	25	34	130	15	16 out of 17

Current Form (Last Five League Games)

Date	Opponents	Result	Scorers
3-Oct-09	W.Bassett Town (H)	D 1 - 1	Allen
26-Sep-09	Headington Amat (H)	L 0 - 5	
19-Sep-09	Letcombe (A)	L 2 - 3	Allen, Hicks
12-Sep-09	Slimbridge (A)	L 1 - 8	Bailey
5-Sep-09	Purton (A)	L 1 - 3	Larner

Record v Wootton Bassett Town - Last 3 Seasons plus this season

Season	H/A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Points Ratio
2006/07	H	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	
2006/07	A	1	0	0	1	2	3	0	
2007/08	H	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	
2007/08	A	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	
2008/09	H	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	
2008/09	A	1	0	0	1	0	8	0	
2009/10	H	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	
Total	H	4	1	1	2	2	6	4	33.3%
Total	A	3	0	0	3	2	13	0	0.0%
Total		7	1	1	5	4	19	4	19.0%

Nickname	The Herd
Secretary	Gordon Varley (01285 657836)
Website	www.cirenutd.ik.com
Record Gate	310 v Malmesbury
Best Gate - 2008/9	310 v Malmesbury
Average Attendance 2008/9	40
Top Scorer 2008/9	R. Miles - 17 Goals

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

Wiltshire League Division 1 - 1936-1937

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Westbury United	26	21	1	4	114	51	43
2	Devizes Town*	26	21	2	3	134	48	42
3	Melksham Town	26	21	0	5	99	43	42
4	RAF Boscombe Down	26	15	2	9	85	57	32
5	Purton	26	13	6	7	75	54	32
6	Spencer Moulton	26	13	3	10	78	82	29
7	Trowbridge Town Res	26	12	4	10	81	76	28
8	Swindon Corinthians	26	9	5	12	69	65	23
9	Swindon Victoria	26	10	1	15	70	66	21
10	Wootton Bassett Town	26	6	5	15	53	77	17
11	F.T.S. Netheravon	26	7	2	17	55	106	16
12	Chippenham Rovers#	25	6	2	17	44	113	14
13	Calne & Harris Utd	26	4	4	18	45	104	12
14	Warminster Town	25	4	1	20	45	105	9

* Two points deducted for playing ineligible players

Final table showed the game as outstanding and to be played the following season

1st Survey Comp Larkhill withdrew from the league

	Home	Goalscorers
Calne & Harris Utd	D 3 - 3	Beazley 2, Clark
Chippenham Rovers	W 6 - 0	Gleed 2, Childs, ???
Devizes Town	L 2 - 4	Perry, Gleed
Melksham Town	L 1 - 5	Gleed
Purton	L 2 - 3	Childs, Beazley
RAF Boscombe Down	W 5 - 1	Beazley 2, Embling, Drury, Perry
Spencer Moulton	L 3 - 4	Embling, Brown, Beazley
Swindon Corinthians	L 2 - 3	Embling, ?
Swindon Victoria	L 2 - 3	Embling, Beazley
FTS Netheravon	D 1 - 1	Smith
Trowbridge Town Res	D 3 - 3	Compton, Beazley, Perry
Warminster Town	W 2 - 0	Drury, Perry
Westbury Utd	L 2 - 9	Embling 2

	Away	Goalscorers
1st Survey Comp Larkhill	W 3 - 1	
Calne & Harris Utd	W 5 - 1	Embling 2, Taylor, Beazley, Drury
Chippenham Rovers	D 3 - 3	Perry, Day, Gleed
Devizes Town	L 0 - 5	
Melksham Town	L 3 - 7	Perry 2, Gleed
Purton	L 0 - 2	
RAF Boscombe Down	L 1 - 2	Gleed
Spencer Moulton	L 0 - 6	
Swindon Corinthians		Played in May 1937
Swindon Victoria	W 2 - 1	Pearce, Gleed
TFS Netheravon	W 2 - 1	Embling, Gleed
Trowbridge Town Res		Played in May 1937
Warminster Town	L 2 - 3	
Westbury Utd	L 1 - 6	Embling

FA Amateur Cup

v Devizes Town L 4 - 8

Wiltshire Senior Cup

1st Rnd	v Chippenham Rovers(A)	W 2 - 1	Perry, Embling
2nd Rnd	v Calne & Harris Utd (H)	W 4 - 0	Gleed, Embling, Beazley, Perry
3rd Rnd	v Trowbridge Town (H)	L 1 - 3	Embling

Wootton Bassett Invitation Cup

v Purton (H) W 4 - 1 Fry 2, Drury, Embling

free kick from near the halfway line and Gleed gave Wootton Bassett the lead, heading the ball past Winter, the Calne goalkeeper. After this, play was of the end to end type, and after eighteen minutes, Matthews should have equalised for the visitors, but he missed the ball as it passed the goalmouth. Angell also missed badly in the next minute. At the other end Winter did well to save from Chequers. The home side were now having the better of the exchanges. After good work by Beazley and Gleed, Embling ran through to put Wootton Bassett further ahead after thirty minutes play. On the resumption Calne & Harris made great efforts to reduce the score, but Wootton Bassett continued to hold out and eventually Beazley and Perry added further goals. Thus Wootton Bassett deserved their four goal lead."

In finding these historic match reports in the year 2009 it is staggering to note that these were actually often published on the day of the game alongside the day's reports from the First Division of the English League. With Wootton Bassett's report alongside those of Arsenal, Everton and Swindon Town, the logistics of how these could be published on a Saturday night in the days before mobile phones and the internet and when public phone boxes were also scarce, is just amazing. One can imagine Percy or whoever quickly leaving after the match to find a public telephone, phone the Swindon Adver offices, insert his coins to submit the report in time for that night's printing. Often reports would be phoned in at half time with then just the final score also printed. This is why goalscorers in certain games are not complete, those having scored in the first half having been published but not those in the second half. The Senior Cup run was to come to an end in Round 3 when the Town met Trowbridge Town, then playing in Division 2 of the Western League, a much higher standard.

The Wiltshire Times of 13th February 1937 carried a match report on the game which was clearly written by someone from the Trowbridge club; even in those days there appear to be a little edge between the two clubs which still existed some seventy years later! Interestingly, even then, the Wootton Bassett Town pitch suffered from problems similar to those currently encountered at Rylands Way. The report contained the following write-up on the game which Trowbridge won 3-1:

"The chief features in this match at Wootton Bassett were the mud and the exceptionally boisterous tactics employed by the home side. Free kicks against the men of Bassett became monotonous, and after the Trowbridge players had had their players powers of endurance tested to the full, it was not surprising that one or two of them also came under the penalising eye of the official. The few hundred spectators had a poor match, but Trowbridge were good winners, after playing the greater part of the match without Miles, who had to retire with a dislocated elbow.

Trowbridge were the first to score through Hunt. Miles was injured some twenty five minutes after the kick-off and did not return. Amidst showers of mud and frequent blasts of the referees whistle, Wootton Bassett strove to equalise, and succeeded before the interval through Embling. Trowbridge played well under the handicap of having Miles off, Sullivan taking up the centre-half position with marked success. Wootton Bassett paid the penalty of rough tactics when Trowbridge had a penalty and Keates gave them the lead. The Trowbridge defence played well under pressure. Just before the end Hunt manoeuvred into a favourable position and shot Trowbridge's third goal, although at one time it looked as though the mud was going to prevent the ball from crossing the line."

The Wootton Bassett side that day was: Waite, Page, Drury, Brown, Clark, Fry, Chequers, Perry, Embling, Gleed and Beazley.

King Cracker Helps Cater for Ciren

Rylands Way, 13th November 2007 v Cirencester Utd (won 2-0)

It certainly wasn't pretty, but ninety minutes and two goals later, Wootton Bassett Town had their fourth set of three points in the bag this season.

Bottom of the table Cirencester United certainly weren't the best team Bassett have faced all season but they provided a test, albeit a slightly less rigorous one than those posed by the teams Paul Burke wants his side to be around come May.

The victory itself was relatively comfortable with Sean Purcell not once troubled by a shot struck in anger by the opposition. Yet it was far harder penetrating their defence at the other end.

Bassett had a monopoly of chances but only two were converted. The first coming quarter of an hour in: a beautiful strike from Dennis King that screamed into the top right corner after Lee Morse's cross from the deep had first been flicked on by Richie Saunders to Phil Tearle, who saw his header blocked.

King made no mistake as the rebound fell perfectly for him to swing his right boot at and rifle another wonder strike in.

For the following 74 minutes though it was chance after chance after chance falling to waste.

Ten minutes after giving his side the lead, King was presented with another fantastic opportunity after near ground play down the right by Tearle and Saunders opened up the defence. The latter squared first time to the forward but his side-foot effort from 15 yards presented an easy save for Dean Dixon.

On 28 minutes Bennett went past Matthew Garaghty with ease and dinked the ball in with his left foot for an unmarked Saunders. The midfield couldn't do the business though from eight yards, having timed his run a fraction early and headed into the palms of Dixon.

The manner in which Bassett were creating some of their chances was pleasing, as highlighted by that which fell to Bennett six minutes prior to the break. Saunders set a Steve Yeardley header back to the winger, who cut inside his man from the right touchline before firing with his left from 20 yards. But the ball sailed inches over the crossbar.

The Cirencester defence frustrated Bassett early in the second half with the hosts limited to three free kicks that came close. Firstly Nathan Perkins forced a parry from Dixon before Lee Morse and King both narrowly failed to find the target from similar positions – both on the left hand side of the box.

Saves were forced from substitute Lee Stoddart after a quickly taken free kick and then by King, who forced Dixon to tip around his left post after a low 25 yard drive, but a second goal was still not forthcoming.

Finally it came with 90 minutes on the clock. The set up was provided by two substitutes – Stu Hemsley and Chris Mills – with the simplest of finishes provided by Bennett for just his fifth of the year.

Hemsley threaded a perfectly weighted through ball into the left corner, which Mills chased down and cut back across goal from the byline. The ball flew across the face of goal to the far post where Bennett tapped in from six yards after beating 'keeper and marker to the ball.

The win carries Bassett three places up in the standing, which should provide a much needed boost of confidence.

One supplied by a not so pretty, yet efficient, display.

Scoop's Man of the Match: Lee Morse – dictated the flow of the game from his central midfield position, acting as an effective bridge between the back four and the front two. With his calmness and ability to keep the ball at the feet of Bassett team-mates, he forced the visitors to really chase the game for 90 minutes.

Scoop Rating: 6/10 – Bassett were a class above their struggling opponents but this is not really reflected by the scoreline. Whilst the victory was extremely pleasing the performance could still have been improved on. They shouldn't have needed to wait until the last minute of the match to kill the game off.

PLAYER PROFILE



Personal	
Name:	Luke Sharps
Date of Birth:	
Place of Birth:	Swindon
Occupation:	STFC Football Coach
Marital Status:	Married
Nickname:	Sharpy, Shapey
Football	
Position:	Left Back or Centre Back
No. of Seasons at Bassett:	Second Spell & in Second Season
Previous Clubs:	Swindon, Fairford, Malmesbury, Shrivenham, Pewsey Vale
Make of Boots:	Puma
Star Player You Play Like:	Paul McGrath
Footballing Idols:	Paul McGrath
Team Supported:	Swindon Town, Aston Villa & England
Team You Despise Most:	Germany
Best Ground Ever Played At:	Swindon Town
Best Player Ever Played With	Steve McMahon
Best Player Ever Played Against	Scott Parker
Teammates	
Most Skilful:	Ryan Banks!
Hardman:	Me
Biggest Joker:	Sam Collier
Biggest Fashion Disaster:	Marcus Hair Do!
Most Intelligent:	Adam Field
Thickest:	Shaun Terry
Vainest:	Sam Collier
Least Likely to Score on a Night Out:	Oarsey
Off the Field	
	Spend time with the wife & sons Harry & Jack
Hobbies:	Jack
Car Driven:	Peugeot 306
Favourite Music:	Madonna
Favourite Film:	Big Daddy
Favourite TV Show:	X Factor
Favourite Nightspot:	Dont go out anymore
Favourite Drink:	Vodka
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:	Simon Cowell

Luke Sharps

FROM THE ARCHIVES

equalised for the Victoria. The latter went further ahead a few moments later when Page, the Town full back turned a shot from Ellett into his own goal. Play continued fast and the Town were unfortunate not to have equalised before half time. Watts, the Victoria goalkeeper brought off some good saves. Cook scored for the Victoria immediately after the resumption and Beazley reduced the arrears for Wootton Bassett seven minutes from the end. In the final minutes Wootton Bassett pressed hard and were unlucky not to secure at least one point."

Near neighbours Purton were one of the stronger teams in the county during this period and indeed finished the 1936-37 Season in 5th place. In the home fixture, Wootton Bassett Town again ran their opponents close in a five goal match. The Football Pink of 21st November 1936 carried the following match report:

"Wootton Bassett Town lost by an odd goal for the fourth time this season when they entertained Purton last Saturday. Purton won the toss and chose to kick with the wind and sun in their favour. The exchanges were fairly even at the start but Purton took the lead after fifteen minutes, Weaving scoring with a cross shot. Soon afterwards Titcombe, the Purton centre-forward, received a pass in midfield and ran through to score a second goal. Wootton Bassett then took up the running and their efforts were rewarded when Perry sent Childs away on the right and the winger cut in to beat the Purton goalkeeper with the best shot of the match. The Town continued to do well and were unfortunate to lose the services of Gleed, their inside left who was injured about ten minutes from the interval. After the interval Gleed was a passenger on the left wing. Both sides fought hard to gain further success and Pratt eventually headed a third goal for Purton following good work by Barrett. The Town despite their handicap came again and just before the end Beazley cut in from the left to reduce the arrears. Although the match was in the nature of a "local derby", play was clean throughout and Purton could consider themselves fortunate to take full points."

Wootton Bassett Town entered the national F.A. Amateur Cup but went out early on losing 4-8 against fellow Wiltshire League side Devizes Town. The Town had a better run in the Wiltshire Senior Cup. In the First Round they won 2-1 away at Chippenham Rovers thanks to goals from Embling and Perry. This was then followed up with a 2-1 away win at FTS Netheravon in the league. The Football Pink on Boxing Day 1936 reported on this game and the upcoming Second Round Wiltshire Senior Cup tie against Calne & Harris United.

"Following upon their cup victory over Chippenham Rovers (away) the Wootton Bassett Town added to their success by defeating the FTS at Netheravon last Saturday in the Wiltshire League by two goals to one. Although the first half proved goalless and lifeless, the Town fully deserved victory in the second half when play was of a much higher standard. The goals were scored by H. Embling and S. Gleed, the airmen obtaining theirs from the penalty spot. Preace, who was in the Town's team for the second time this season, did useful work on the right wing. Wootton Bassett who are drawn at home to Calne & Harris in the next round of the Wilts Senior Cup are anticipating a close game, and they will need to give of their best if they are to have a place in the next draw."

When they met Calne & Harris the game was not as close as had been anticipated with Wootton Bassett Town winning by four goals to nil. The Football Pink of 9th January 1937 again included a match report on the cup game.

"Calne & Harris United provided the opposition at Wootton Bassett today when the home team met them in the second round of the Wilts Senior Cup. In the first minute, Drury took a

Season 1936-37 – Back for Good

What was going on in the world

Hans von Ohain was granted a patent for the first turbojet engine. Meanwhile patent office clerk Chester Carlson was busy inventing the photocopier. Just as the season was about to end the Hindenberg disaster took place, with the airship being consumed by fire within 34 seconds. The season had hardly finished before Japan invaded China. In the professional game the FA Cup was won by Sunderland who defeated Preston North End in the final 3-1. Manchester City had the double pleasure of winning the English First Division by three points from Charlton Athletic, with Arsenal third, and then seeing local rivals Manchester United finish second bottom and end up relegated. Swindon Town finished 13th in Division Three South.

Despite finishing in fourth place Wootton Bassett Town returned to Senior Football at the start of Season 1936-37 after a break of many years. The Swindon Football Pink in its edition of 29th August 1936 contained a pre-season report headed "Wootton Bassett in Senior Football, Should Do Well in Wilts League". The report ran as follows:

"Enthusiasm runs high at Wootton Bassett for the Town Club is back in Division 1 of the Wiltshire League for the first time since the war and is hopeful of creating a big impression in senior circles. The Town were Wilts Senior Cup finalists in 1902-3 and again the following season but failed to land the trophy, being defeated by Warminster Town and Swindon Town respectively. Last season the side competed in Division 2 of the Wiltshire League and the Calne & District League. They were champions of the latter. This season the side will be led by Fred Perry, with Jeff Fry as vice-captain and the majority of the club's stalwarts will again be available. Newcomers include W.E.H. Webb (formerly of Swindon Victoria), J.E. Clark and L.J. Marchment (Swindon Y.M.C.A.), E.J. Comley, A.W. Newman and W. Hawson, late of Bushton United, E.F.T. Pearce (Winchester City), T.L. Cox, T.F. Ford and R. Barber. In addition Len Chequers, a former player has resigned. The management of the club has been strengthened by Mr. F.W. Leighfield (a former Wiltshire League player) who is chairman, Harold Boulter and Jack Parker, other old players, together with last years officers and committee, Mr P.E. Stone is secretary."

Whilst no name is shown in the Football Pink for the author of this report and others that appeared in this and subsequent seasons, one suspects that it was Percy Stone, secretary of the club, who was the author of the Town reports. The side were to finish 10th out of 14, 1st Survey Company Larkhall having withdrawn from the league part way through the season, wiping out one of Wootton Bassett Town's away wins in the process. The Town had won 3-1 away at Larkhall but this result was struck from the record books when Larkhall withdrew. Wootton Bassett Town ended the season with just six wins in the league, three at home and three away. Six games were narrowly lost by the odd goal and with a little more luck the side could have finished a little higher. Two of the narrow defeats were at home against previous tenants Swindon Victoria and local rivals Purton.

The Football Pink of 10th October 1936 carried the following report on the 2-3 defeat against Swindon Victoria:

"Swindon Victoria met Wootton Bassett this afternoon in a Wilts League match. After two minutes the Town from a corner placed by Charles Embling took the lead. The same player might have put the Town further ahead in the next few moments when he shot into the hands of Watts, the Victoria goalkeeper. Play continued even but at the end of sixteen minutes Ellett

For the third time in a month we never had a fixture (FA Cup twice which we are out of and FA Trophy which we have a bye in) and oddly the league don't re-arrange games, the club has to do it themselves and two teams didn't want to play us!! Last week I watched Swindon Town at home to Wycombe Wanderers but this weekend just gone I took the opportunity to watch the local derby between Chippenham Town and Swindon Supermarine at Hardenhuish Park. Although struggling and having cut the budget Supermarine took the game to Chippenham in the early stages and took the lead when Ashley Edenborough stole in from the right past a static Chippenham back four and volleyed home. Then halfway through the half former Chippenham player Alan Griffin for some reason kicked out at Chippenham goalkeeper Chris Snoddy as he had taken a cross. It seemed strange as a nicer and more unassuming lad you couldn't wish to meet in "Snods", all of a sudden all hell broke loose and a 20 man brawl ensued. The sight of the referee running around blowing his whistle for what seemed like an eternity was an amusing sight as it did little to stop this tangle of bodies as the players grappled, punched and wrestled each other for all their worth!! When things died down the referee stood for some time with his assistants on the pitch holding court as to who the culprits were. To be honest with you, I had a great view from behind the goal and there were that many involved and that many guilty I thought the game would be abandoned as there was no way you could just pick out one or two.....however that's what the referee did and he sent off the original culprit Alan Griffin along with Danny Allen from Supermarine and Shaun Lamb from Chippenham. I'm not sure what directives the officials have in these circumstances but how he only punished these three I just don't know, perhaps his constant whistling rattled not only his own ear-drums but his eyesight as well. This then turned the game into a bit of a lottery as Supermarine went with a 4-3-1 formation against Chippenhams 3-4-2 and for the rest of the game it became a training ground lesson of "Attack versus Defence". All credit to Supermarine for being organised and disciplined defensively as they managed to hold out for the rest of the game to record a much needed victory though Chippenham lacked creativeness to break them down. It was a lesson on how if you can be organised and committed you can defend against the odds and with my "coaching head" on I found it all very interesting though I don't think the Chippenham supporters were quite so intrigued by what they saw!

In the last week I also managed to get out and watch Highworth Town v Shortwood and was impressed with how organised Shortwood were. It was a close game but Highworth lacked any cutting edge in the final third and I have to admit to being disappointed by them as I was when we played them in pre season. Shortwood I don't think were playing at their best but they were dogged and kept going and managed to take the lead late on. Highworth to their credit changed the formation and equalised with about ten minutes to go but as is the case in football, a team is often at their most vulnerable when they have just scored and this proved the case to Highworth's cost as Shortwood went straight up the Highworth end and grabbed the winner. On the pitch that evening were two Matty Bennett's and in the first half Highworth's (former Bassett player) at times caused the defenders all sorts of problems with his pace and direct running. However for all his good work there was often no end product and in the second half I actually forgot he was out there he faded that much. Shortwood's version however really caught my eye though not just because his head shined off the floodlights as he sports the same hairstyle as myself...or lack of it!...He was neat, tidy and sharp and caused problems for Highworth with his intelligent running and with the experienced Andy Hoskins up top and with dominant centre half Ashley Thomas at the back they look a good outfit.

Comeback of the week had to be at the Sports Centre, Cricklade as at half time they were 5-1 down but by the end of the game they had drawn level with a former FGR Youth player of mine Reece Gilliver bagging two goals. Along with Reece the twin brothers Dane and Kyle Moulden both again former FGR Youth players of mine also play at Cricklade and I often share some banter with them and how they are doing, good lads the pair of them and I hope they go on to better themselves rather than just playing at Cricklade.

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Wyatt strike not enough

29th Regiment Army Base, 3rd October 2009

A Mitchell Wyatt goal was not enough for Wootton Bassett Town, as their stuttering start to the season continued with a 1-1 draw at struggling Cirencester United.

Playing against a stiff breeze in the first half, Bassett failed to produce much, meaning the game went into half time deadlocked.

In the second period, the gusting wind should have ensured Dave Turner's side stamped their authority on a game they were expected to win. However, Cirencester – under the guidance of former Bassett midfielder Dave Tyler – were in no mood to surrender, limiting their visitors to just the one goal, which was duly cancelled out late on.

Despite the conditions, gaining just a point against such opponents was extremely disappointing for a team hoping to be challenging for promotion come May.

No disrespect to Cirencester, who are a side that will no doubt encapsulate the battling tendencies of their manager once his mark has been fully made, but scoring just a single goal against a side who prior to the game had shipped a league high forty is arguably inexcusable.

With Cirencester visiting Rylands Way next weekend, Bassett have a fantastic chance to make amends for the disappointing result earned from this encounter, and it is important they do so to muster some momentum as the mid-point of the season approaches.

With Letcombe – another team who aren't yet living up last year's achievements - due to pay a visit in two weeks time it is an imperative.

Playing catch-up is always tricky, but the task is made even harder when valuable, necessary points are not being picked up.

And to pick them up, what is required is a ruthless streak that is seemingly lacking.

Pictured below is Mitch Wyatt, scorer of the goal at Cirencester United last week.



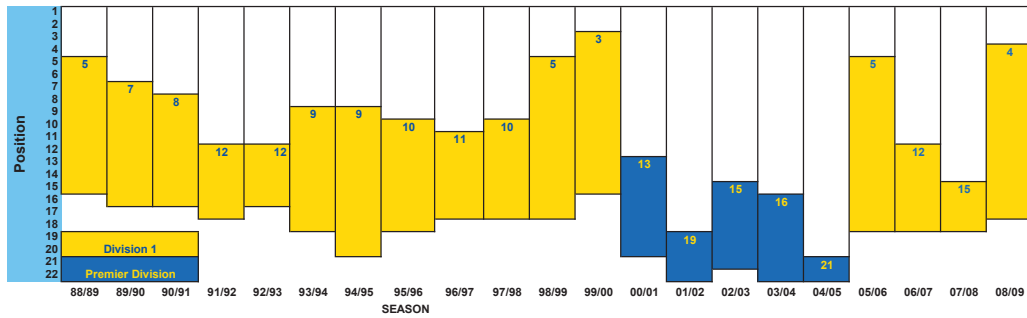
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- 1931/32 Calne & District League Champions
- 1933/34 Vale of White Horse Cup Winners
- 1934/35 Calne & District League Champions
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- 1935/36 Calne & District League Champions
- Calne & District League 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

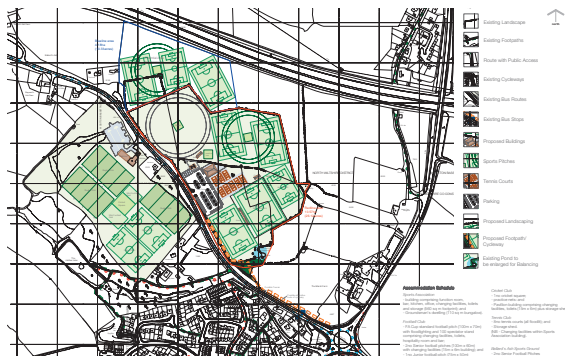
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WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C. 21 YEARS IN THE HELLENIC LEAGUE



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	7	3	2	2	17	8	11	10 out of 17
Total		723	264	159	300	1,059	1,152	948	
			36.5%	22.0%	41.5%				

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



**THE FUTURES BRIGHT
KEEP THE FAITH....**

Wootton Bassett Town Ladies Fixtures

Season 2009-10

Date	Opponents	H/A
Sun 06 Sep	Cirencester Town Reserves	H W 3 - 0 Longo, Bonser, McFadzean
Sun 13 Sep	Gloucester City Reserves	A W 7 - 4 McFadzean 4, Lyons 2, Bonser
Sun 20 Sep	St Nicholas	H L 1 - 3 McFadzean
Sun 27 Sep	Quedgeley Wanderers	A W 5 - 3 Walker 3, Burke, Longo
Sun 04 Oct	Stoke Lane Reserves	H P - P
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

Gloucestershire County Womens Football League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Nicholas Ladies	5	5	0	0	35	1	15
Wootton Bassett Town	4	3	0	1	16	10	9
Cirencester Town Reserves	4	2	0	2	8	12	6
AEK Boco Reserves	4	2	0	2	10	21	6
Quedgeley Wanderers Ladies	4	1	0	3	6	15	3
Gloucester City Reserves	4	1	0	3	10	22	3
Stoke Lane Reserves	3	0	0	3	1	5	0

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.



Frankie Hunt Midfield
Recent signing who has played for Swindon Town and Forest Green Rovers youth sides and Pewsey Vale. Scored first for club in FA Vase game.



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.



Jon Holloway Midfield
Tough tackling playing who has played at higher level for Swindon Town, Gloucester City, Bath City, Worcester City, Forest Green Rovers, Redditch United and Merthyr Tydfil.



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 Shrivensham striker with an eye for goal. Shrivensham's top scorer in their promotion season and in their first two seasons in the Premier Division.



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.



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;</i> <i>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 Wealdside 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



Teams come out v Brockenhurst

PLAYER KIT SPONSORSHIP

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

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Carlsberg sponsored FA VASE 1st Round

In the FA Vase there were mixed fortunes for Hellenic League sides. Against Toolstation League sides, Almondsbury Town overcame the challenge of Melksham Town, with all the goals coming in the second half. Ballinger put Melksham into the lead after 57 minutes but goals from Paul Chenoworth, Matt Williams and Dean Maynard settled it for the Almonds. Longwell Green Sports put paid to Wantage Town's hopes with two second half goals after Sean McKeon had given the Alfredian Park outfit an early lead. Kidlington surprisingly lost to Bradford Town despite Danny Leggett's 2nd half effort and Carterton won away at Westbury United, thanks to Mike Duerden's first half goal. Against Sydenhams Wessex opposition, Ardley United lost by the only goal to Moneyfields but Shortwood United were comfortable 3-1 winners over previous Vase winners, Winchester City, courtesy of James Singh, Joe Macklin and Andy Hoskins. In the all-Hellenic encounter between Shrivenham and Flackwell Heath, strikes from Heathen's Paul Shone and Riccardo Cannon separated the sides.

FTL FUTBOL Premier Division

In the Premier Division, Abingdon Town cruised to a 3-0 victory over basement outfit, Hook Norton courtesy of Dean Moss and a pair from Alex Mott. Bicester Town lost out to Pegasus Juniors despite Nigel Emsden's very early effort. Ben Price and a Chris Mortlock brace made up the deficit and all before half time. Binfield opened their new stand and took all three points in their clash with Witney United. A well rehearsed set piece move provided the first after 23 minutes when Jermaine Gumbs netted after the first shot had been blocked. The second goal saw the Witney defence stand still as James Suarez headed home. The reality was that the home keeper did not have a save to make throughout. Almost all of the game was a mixture of a battle in midfield and watching the ball high in the air. Fairford Town were no match for Oxford City Nomads, going down to goals from Jermaine Ferreira, Pete Nagy and Mark Jones. Malmesbury Victoria lost at home to league leaders, Reading Town; a goal in each half from Mike Buck and Danny Williams securing the points for Reading. Finally, Marlow United narrowly overcame Old Woodstock Town thanks to Leigh Mason's third minute effort.

The Roving Reporter reports on the Carlsberg sponsored FA Vase Shortwood 3 - 1 Winchester City

Saturday's Vase tie saw Shortwood United play Wessex Leaguers and former Vase winners, Winchester City. The 1st half saw the home side kick against a strong wind and with only two minutes on the clock Harry Etheridge put a 20 yard weighted pass between Winchester's central defenders for James Singh to latch onto and hit past the keeper for Wood's opener. The home side controlled most of the first half and despite the wind at their backs it was half an hour before Winchester managed a shot. It was a surprise, when, three minutes before the break, Shane Flocks worked his way in from the left and hit a ball past Wood keeper Richard Thomas into the far corner of the net for the equaliser. The 2nd half saw Winchester getting more into the game but after 12 minutes, Matt Collins broke from the halfway line, raced down the left and was tripped as he entered the penalty area by Winchester's Connor McCarthy. Joe Macklin converted the resulting penalty to restore the lead for the Wood. The game opened up now but Shortwood looked the more dangerous and in the 79th minute a cross from Matt Collins was pulled back by Alex Allard for Andy Hoskins to volley in to give the home side a comfortable win at the end of the day.

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Grim Weekend of Results

Youth Section Round-up – Weekend 2nd & 3rd October 2009

Last weekend saw a grim weekend of results for the Wootton Bassett Youth Section with just two victories out of thirteen games. The top performers were the Under 10A side who maintained their 100% record at the top of the table with a 2-0 win over nearest rivals Shrivenham & Watchfield. For once it was not the prolific duo of Bunce and

Youth Section Results					
Sunday 4th October 2009					
U18A	v	Brunei Boys	H	W 7 - 0	Gruar 4, Paish 2, Smith
U18B	v	Sherston	H	L 1 - 5	
U18C	v	Stratton Youth	H	P - P	
U16	v	Greenmeadow Youth B	H	L 0 - 2	
U15	v	Greenmeadow Youth A	H	L 1 - 7	
U14	v	Stratton Youth	H	L 0 - 1	
U13A	v	GESS	H	D 2 - 2	
U13B	v	Liden Community	A	L 1 - 2	Bates
U11	v	Marlborough Town	H	L 2 - 3	Geigerhilk, Hoad
U10A	v	Shrivenham & Watchf'd	H	W 2 - 0	Bridges, Wright
U10B	v	Wanborough Juniors	A	L 0 - 7	
U9A	v	Stratton Juniors B	H	L 1 - 4	Robinson
U9B	v	Stratton Youth	H	L 4 - 9	Mitchell 2, King 2
Girls Weekend 3rd/ 4th October 2009					
U13	v	Trowbridge Town	H	L 0 - 2	

Burke who did the damage, with Callum Bridges and Jordan Wright scoring the important goals. The only other winners over the weekend were the Under 18A side who registered their first points of the season with a 7-0 home win over Brunel Boys. Steven Gruar led the way with four goals, Jack Paish bagged a brace and James Smith completed the scoring. The Under 18B side went down 5-1 at home to Sherston, whilst the Under 18C game against Stratton Youth was postponed. The Under 16's poor start to the season continued with a 2-0 home defeat to Greenmeadow Youth B and the side remain without a point.

Over the years Wootton Bassett Town v Greenmeadow Youth was the top fixture in the age group for this season's Under 15's but the fall from grace of this Wootton Bassett side has been dramatic this season. Finding themselves 5-0 down at the break, Wootton Bassett eventually went down 7-1. The bubble has clearly burst for a side that has been Wootton Bassett's most successful in recent seasons. Another side having a bad start to the season are the Under 14's who went down by a solitary goal at home to Stratton Youth.

The Under 13A side continued their solid start to the season, sharing four goals with GESS. The Under 13B side lost narrowly to Liden Community, Martin Bates with the consolation goal. The Under 11 side also lost by the odd goal, going down 2-3 against Marlborough Town, Johann Geigerhilk and Oliver Hoad with the Wootton Bassett goals. The Under 10B side lost heavily at Wanborough Juniors, 7-0 the score in this one. The Under 9A lost top spot going down 1-4 against Stratton Juniors B, Archie Robinson with the consolation goal. whilst the B side shipped 9 goals against Stratton Youth scoring just four in reply through Joe Mitchell (2) and Ben King (2) and also slipped off top spot in the process.

The Under 13 Girl's side lost 2-0 at home to Trowbridge Town in the only game played in the Girls League.

Note

Apologies for the lack of goal scorers in reports above, this is due to Managers not submitting team sheets to FA.com.

Good Day in the Cups

Youth Section Round-up – Weekend 26th & 27th September 2009

There were no cup casualties this weekend for any of the three youth sides engaged in knockout action this past weekend. The result of the weekend went to the Under 18s C side, who knocked out current Division One pacesetters Old Town United by five goals to three, despite being away from home. Sam Farr led the way with a brace, whilst Robbie Ali, Brad Hooper and Joe Shepherd contributed a goal each. They will travel to Castle Combe Colts – another first division side - in the next round.

Wootton Bassett Town A booked a tricky home tie against Amesbury Sports with a fine 6-2 at Brunel Boys. A Steve Guar hat-trick helped them on their way, with George Bartlett, Sean Gray and Jack Paish ensuring they reached a half dozen goals in the game – their first victory of the season. Joining them in the first round proper are Bassett B, who received a preliminary round bye, and they have a daunting task in front of them, meeting reigning Under 16 Cup champions FC Chippenham at home.

The other side to advance, were the Under 15s, who were awarded their tie against Shaw A. In the first round proper they will play host to Greenmeadow Youth B.

In league action, the Under 13 B side recorded their first point of the year, drawing 2-2 at home to Swindon Robins thanks to a Harry McBurnie brace. The A team on the other hand dropped their first points of the season, losing a seven goal thriller 4-3 against pacesetters Cirencester Town A. Bassett's marksmen were Oliver Lowkis, Craig McLaughlin and Max Passingham.

The Under 10 A team continued their strong start to the season, recording their fourth win in a row against Shaw. Zach Bunce moved into double figures by netting a hat-trick, while Euan Burke grabbed the other to put him three behind his team in the top scorers chart. The B team were unfortunate to lose by a solitary goal at home to Ramsbury Juniors.

The Under 9 A team remain unbeaten and top Division Three after a Joe Morley strike proved enough to seal victory away to Swindon Rangers B. Meanwhile the B team got revenge against Shrivvenham & Watchfield, who knocked them out of the cup last week, by winning by the odd goal in three on their travels. Joe Mitchell grabbed both Bassett goals to ensure they remain one of only two undefeated side in Division Four.

In the Wiltshire County Girls League the Under 16s thrashed FC Chippenham Youth 6-1, two goals a piece for Megan Tidy and Jessica Roffey and one each for Vicky Gee and Laura Jeffries. Elsewhere the Under 13s got their second point in as many games, holding current leaders Melksham Town Youth to a 0-0 draw, which was made all the more impressive given Bassett were the away side.

Youth Section Results					
Sunday 27th September 2009					
U18A	v	Brunel Boys (Cup)	A	W 6 - 2	Gruar 3, Bartlett, Gray, Paish
U18C	v	Old Town Utd (Cup)	A	W 5 - 3	Farr 2, Ali, Hooper, Shepherd
U15	v	Shaw (Cup)	H	W/o	Awarded to W. Bassett
U13A	v	Cirencester Utd	A	L 3 - 4	Lowkis, McLaughlin, Passingham
U13B	v	Robins	H	D 2 - 2	McBurnie 2
U10A	v	Shaw	A	W 4 - 0	Bunce 3, Burke
U10B	v	Ramsbury	H	L 0 - 1	
U9A	v	Swindon Rangers B	A	W 1 - 0	Morley
U9B	v	Shrivvenham & Watchf'd	A	W 2 - 1	Mitchell 2
Girls Weekend 26th/ 27th September 2009					
U16	v	FC Chippenham		W 6 - 1	Tidy 2, Roffey 2, Gee, Jeffries
U13	v	Melksham Town	A	D 0 - 0	



Hellenic League

The Bluefin Insurance Brokers Challenge Cup

In the three matches played for the Bluefin Insurance Brokers Challenge Cup, South Kilburn lost out to Rayners Lane by 3-1, Ascot United narrowly defeated Launton Sports, thanks to the only goal scored by Simon Knight and Harrow Hill had a welcome victory over Milton United thanks to Jodie Taylor's second half strike.

FTL FUTBOL Division One West

Division One West saw Cirencester United share the points with Wootton Bassett Town. Mitch Wyatt put Bassett into a 2nd half lead but Chris Allen's late equaliser saved the game for Ciren. Cricklade Town and Cheltenham Sar's finally drew their match after sharing ten goals! Saracens rushed into a 5-1 half time lead thanks to an Ian Thurcombe pair and efforts from Joe Tustain, Jamie Hammond and Marcus Finch, Cricklade's Sam Reason making up the total. Saving the game for Cricklade were Reece Gilmour with a pair, Craig Shand and Ian Ross. Lydney Town lost an exciting encounter with Letcombe, going down 3-4. Jonny Kear with a pair and Mark Lee hit the target for Lydney, but a brace from Lyle Gifford and one each from Callum Cook and Harry Trethowan secured the result for Letcombe. North Leigh Reserves surprisingly held league leaders, Slimbridge to a goalless draw. Trowbridge Town lost to Headington Amateurs, thanks to Aaron Barrett's second half brace. Tytherington Rocks were eventual winners over Clanfield, with all the goals coming in the second period. In a three minute whirlwind Dan Thorpe, James Hicks and James Willott had put the result beyond doubt before Clanfield's James Williams was able to reply. Winterbourne United were on the end of a 5-0 thrashing by Purton thanks to Jonny Coole, Mark Brereton, the well-travelled Paul Day and a Tom Cadden brace.

FTL FUTBOL Division One East

In Division One East, Didcot Town Reserves lost narrowly to Newbury by 2-3. An own goal and Dean O'Regan had given Newbury a first half lead, but Jamie Newport and Harry Halls evened up the scores for the Railwaymen before Tom McLean settled the outcome for Newbury. Eton Wick and Chinnor shared the points after a goalless draw. Farnborough Reserves were too strong for Chalfont Wasps, winning 5-2. On target for Farnborough were Alex Frostick, Nick Ciardini, Jourdain Coleman and Owen Price with two and for the Wasps, Barry Brosnan and Anton Jean-Baptiste. Henley Town defeated Finchampstead with second half goals from Sam Whiting and Lorenzo Medford with a brace. Tom Joyce's second half hat-trick for Kintbury Rangers was enough to overhaul Prestwood's first half lead scored by Dan Gray. Penn & Tylers Green lost narrowly to Woodley Town after an entertaining game. Woodley raced into a 2-0 half time lead thanks to Craig Hiscock and Luke Williams, Dean Munday pulled one back before Carl Davies settled it for Woodley. Roland Knight's late reply was too little to rescue the game for Penn. Thame United held league leaders Wokingham & Emmbrook to a goalless draw.

Bulletin Board Holidays

Farnborough FC – Match Sec Vince Williams 23 Sept - 10 Oct, all fixture matters to Steve Duly.

Amendments to Handbook Details:

Almondsbury Town – Program Editor Therapist, John Haile has left the club.

Dave Jones, Club Sec is Acting Program Editor

Sylvia Durham is now Club Therapist

Chalfont Wasps – New 1st Team Manager

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Winterbourne United – Change of Colours to:
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Amendments: **List Two**

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Amendments:



Hellenic League

FIXTURES

Saturday 10 October			
Premier Division			
Abingdon Tn	v	Fairford Tn	
Flackwell Heath	v	Binfield	
Highworth Town		Marlow United	
Hook Norton	v	Ascot Utd	
Old Woodstock Tn	v	Almondsbury Tn	
Oxford City Nom	v	Carterton	
Reading Tn	v	Bicester Tn	
Shortwood Utd	v	Ardley Utd	
Shrivenham	v	Kidlington	
Witney Utd	v	Wantage Tn	
Division One West			
Cheltenham Sar's	v	Slimbridge	
Clanfield	v	North Leigh Res	
Easington Sports	v	Lydney Tn	
Headington Amat's	v	Harrow Hill	
Tytherington Rocks	v	Launton Sports	
Winterbourne Utd	v	Letcombe	
Wootton Bassett Tn		Cirencester Utd	
Division One East			
Chinnor	v	Chalfont Wasps	
Finchampstead	v	Thame Utd	
Holyport	v	Penn & Tylers Grn	
Kintbury Rangers		Rayners Lane	
Milton Utd	v	Eton Wick	
Newbury	v	Henley Tn	
Prestwood	v	Wokingham & Emm	
Woodley Tn	v	Farnborough Res	
Wiltshire Senior Cup 1st Rd			
Devies Tn	v	Cricklade Tn	
Malmesbury Vic	v	Wroughton	
Purton	v	New College S'don	
Trowbridge Tn	v	Amesbury Tn	
London Senior Cup 1st Rd			
South Kilburn	v	Clapton F.C.	
Chairman's Reserve Challenge Cup Prelim' Rd			
Cirencester Tn	v	Abingdon Tn	
Hellenic League Presidents Cup Group A			

Eton Wick	v	Thatcham Tn	
Hellenic League Presidents Cup Group B			
Letcombe	v	Ascot Utd	
Hellenic League Presidents Cup Group C			
Thame Utd	v	Clanfield	
Hellenic League Presidents Cup Group D			
Chalfont Wasps	v	Old Woodstock Tn	
Launton Sports	v	Holyport	
Penn & Tylers Grn	v	Hook Norton	
Reserve Div' One			
Ardley Utd	v	Highworth Tn	
Binfield	v	Wootton Bassett Tn	
Carterton		Kidlington	
Fairford Tn	v	Finchampstead	
Henley Tn	v	Swindon S'marine	
Hungerford Tn	v	Abingdon Utd	
Wantage Tn	v	Cheltenham Sar's	
Reserve Div' Two West			
Cirencester Utd	v	Witney Utd	
Cricklade Tn	v	Shrivenham	
Middlesex Intermediate Cup – 1st Round			
Rayners Lane Res		Hounslow Wand's	
Monday 12 October			
Premier Division			
Binfield	v	Bicester Tn	
Tuesday 13 October			
Premier Division			
Ardley Utd	v	Witney Utd	
Fairford Tn	v	Shortwood Utd	
Flackwell Heath	v	Abingdon Tn	
Kidlington	v	Old Woodstock Tn	
Malmesbury Vic	v	Shrivenham	
Reading Tn	v	Carterton	
Wantage Tn	v	Pegasus Juniors	
Reserve Div' One			
Abingdon Tn	v	Ardley Utd	
Wednesday 14 October			
Premier Division			
Almondsbury Tn	v	Highworth Tn	

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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 Weymouth (H)	
10-Oct-09	Third Qualifying Round	v Bath City (H)	
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 L 2 - 3	
19-Sep-09	Second Round Qualifying	v Milton United	H	
3-Oct-09	First Round Proper	v Utd Services Portsmouth	A	
14-Nov-09	Second Round Proper	v		
5-Dec-09	Third Round Proper	v		
16-Jan-10	Fourth Round Proper	v		
6-Feb-10	Fifth Round Proper	v		
27-Feb-10	Sixth Round Proper	v		
27-Mar-10	Semi-final	v		
9-May-10	Final winners	v		

Preliminary Round

Abingdon Town	v	Malmesbury Victoria	1 - 0
Ascot United	v	Launton Sports	1 - 0
Bicester Town	v	Trowbridge Town	0 - 2
Binfield	v	Slimbridge	1 - 6
Chalfont Wasps	v	Headington Amat's	
Cheltenham Sar's	v	Penn & Tylers Green	
Cirencester United	v	Pegasus Junior's	
Clanfield	v	Cricklade Town	0 - 2
Eton Wick	v	Kintbury Rangers	
Fairford Town	v	Hardwicke AFC	w/over
Farnborough Res	v	Chinnor	2 - 0
Finchampstead	v	Highworth Town	
Harrow Hill	v	Milton United	1 - 0
Holyport	v	North Leigh Res	w/over
Kidlington	v	Thame United	5 - 1
Letcombe	v	Tytherington Rocks	
Marlow United	v	Newbury	
Prestwood	v	Oxford City Nomads	
Purton	v	Winterbourne United	1 - 1 (4-3 pens)
Reading Town	v	Flackwell Heath	
Shrivenham	v	Henley Town	2 - 2 (4-2 pens)
South Kilburn	v	Rayners Lane	1 - 3
Wantage Town	v	Lydney Town	1 - 0
Wokingham & Emmbrook	v	Hook Norton	
Woodley Town	v	Didcot Town Res	
Wootton Bassett Town	v	Easington Sports	0 - 1

First Round

Almondsbury Town	v	Cheltenham Sara or Penn & Tylers
Ardley United	v	Harrow Hill
Ascot United	v	Reading Town or Flackwell Heath
Carterton	v	Woodley Town or Didcot Res
Cirencester Utd or Pegasus J	v	Cricklade Town
Eton Wick or Kintbury Rangers	v	Chalfont Wasps or Headington Amat
Finchampstead or Highworth T	v	Slimbridge
Holyport	v	Easington Sports
Kidlington	v	Abingdon Town
Marlow United or Newbury	v	Farnborough Res
Prestwood or Oxford City	v	Rayners Lane
Purton	v	Fairford
Shortwood United	v	Trowbridge Town
Shrivenham	v	Old Woodstock Town
Wantage Town	v	Wokingham & Emm or Hook Norton
Witney United	v	Letcombe or Tytherington Rocks



Hellenic League

Ascot Utd	v	Marlow Utd	
Oxford City Nom	v	Hook Norton	
Oxfordshire Veterans Cup 1st Rd			
Witney Royals	v	Chinnor	Clan'
Veterans Premier Division			
Ducklington	v	Oxford City	Witney
Shrivenham	v	Wantage Tn	Shriv
Vet's Division One West			
Carterton	v	Old Hooky	Carter'
Chipping Norton	v	Brize Norton	C Nort'
Vet's Division One East			
Milton Utd	v	OCC Veterans	Milton
Stonesfield	v	Abingdon Tn	Ardley
Watlington	v	Goring Utd	Abing'
Saturday 17 October			
Premier Division			
Abingdon Tn	v	Oxford City Nom	
Ardley Utd	v	Ascot Utd	
Bicester Tn	v	Almondsbury Tn	
Binfield	v	Malmesbury Vic	
Fairford Tn	v	Witney Utd	
Highworth Tn	v	Flackwell Heath	
Hook Norton	v	Wantage Tn	
Kidlington	v	Shortwood Utd	
Marlow Utd	v	Carterton	
Reading Tn	v	Pegasus Juniors	
Shrivenham	v	Old Woodstock Tn	
Division One West			
Cirencester Utd	v	Clanfield	
Launton Sports	v	Purton	
Lydney Tn	v	Cricklade Tn	
Slimbridge	v	Easington Sports	
Trowbridge Tn	v	Cheltenham Sar's	
Wootton Bassett Tn	v	Letcombe	
Division One East			
Chalfont Wasps	v	Holyport	
Eton Wick	v	Didcot Tn Res	
Farnborough Res	v	South Kilburn	
Kintbury Rangers	v	Henley Tn	
Prestwood	v	Finchampstead	
Rayners Lane	v	Newbury	
Thame Utd	v	Penn & Tylers Grn	

Wokingham & Emm'	v	Chinnor	
Woodley Tn	v	Milton Utd	
Gloucestershire Challenge Trophy 2nd Rd			
Hanham Athletic		Harrow Hill	
Tytherington Rocks	v	R'an Glass St Geo	
Winterbourne Utd	v	Kingswood AFC	
Hellenic League Presidents Cup Group B			
Cricklade Tn	v	Witney Utd	
Newbury	v	Letcombe	
Hellenic League Presidents Cup Group C			
Easington Sports	v	Shrivenham	
Hellenic League Presidents Cup Group D			
Penn & Tylers Grn	v	Old Woodstock Tn	
Reserve Div' One			
Cheltenham Sar's	v	Hungerford Tn	
Finchampstead	v	Swindon S'marine	
Wantage Tn	v	Binfield	
Reserve Division Two East			
Ascot Utd	v	Eton Wick	
Chinnor	v	Thatcham Tn	
Thame Utd		Chalfont Wasps	
Oxfordshire Intermediate Cup 1st Rd			
Carterton Res	v	Adderbury Park Res	
Clanfield Res	v	NewTn Henley	
Henley Tn Res	v	Banbury Utd Res	
Slade Farm Utd	v	Kidlington Res	
Maidenhead Norfolkians Cup 1st Rd			
Holyport Res	v	Windsor Great Park	
Monday 19 October			
Reserve Div' One			
Binfield	v	Henley Tn	
Tuesday 20 October			
Bluefin Insurance Brokers Chall' Cup Prelim' Rd			
Cirencester Utd	v	Pegasus Juniors	@ Peg'
Reading Tn	v	Flackwell Heath	
Gloucestershire Challenge Trophy 2nd Rd			
Shortwood Utd		Brim's & Thrupp	
Reserve Div' One			
Abingdon Tn	v	Carterton	
Ardley Utd	v	Finchampstead	
Fairford Tn	v	Cheltenham Sar's	
Highworth Tn	v	Wootton Bassett Tn	

TOUCHLINE

WBTFC Newsletter Volume 5, October 2009

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Welcome: Welcome to the fifth edition of our clubs newsletter. Well, as always it hardly seems like we had a break between seasons, with so much working needing to take place during the close season, including the six-a-side tournament, AGM, investment in the pitch at Rylands Way, and preparations for the season ahead.

I'm delighted to see reported to you below the continued development of your club. We will be operating some 20 teams this season, and I'm particularly pleased that we are able to hold more matches at Rylands Way helping to engender club togetherness. It is frustrating that the economic climate has delayed the relocation, and delays the day we all seek when all our teams will play at the same location. Here's to a successful season for all.

Paul H - Chairman

Senior teams: The season is now in full swing and we have seen some changes as Both Danny Groom and Simon Paish join the Management team as Under 18s Floodlit and Reserves respectively, and Bryan Wood heading up the Ladies Section. I am sure that you will join me in wishing them good success in the future. The appointment of Simon and Danny should also send a signal through to the junior section that when opportunities are available we are now looking internally within our club, this mirrors the strategy of the senior section in youth player development. We now have two managers who are aware of the junior players coming through and we have already seen some good young Bassett players being given their playing chance. We have also seen some player changes in the first team and whilst I wish all players that have not returned this year the very best of luck. I would especially like to thank Steve Yeardley (Dip) for his loyalty to this club over the last years, Dip came through the youth section and into seniors and has shown what can be achieved not just in playing terms but in the character of the person, I hope it won't be long before we see him in the Blue and Yellow again. The Strategy is now firmly based on Youth and whilst there are strong links between the two sections I would encourage more Youth and Junior players to watch the home games this season. We are already seeing the results of money spent on the pitch in the close season, with the Under 13s and Ladies now to regularly play their home fixtures at Rylands Way on a Sunday.

Have a good Season and hope to see you all soon

Chris Jones – Section Head of Senior Football

WBSA: WBSA Bar will now be open from mid-day through the afternoon on both Saturdays and Sundays. So why not come along and use the facility and enjoy an alcoholic or soft drink and perhaps watch Sky TV where we will be showing all the top featured sporting events. Supporters of our youth and ladies games played at Rylands Way can now get refreshments before and after the games.



Youth teams: This quarter I'm going to focus on the transition of Community Soccer into Community Football, what's in the name I hear you say, well, actually quite a lot. Community Soccer has been running for many years and was the brain child of Chris Kirkland. We have many players today in our youth teams who started their football under Chris, and play a good standard of football. So you can see how important this feed is to our club, feeding our youth teams is so important to our success. Ian Turner, who has been running Community Soccer for many years, has stood down, and Matt Laurence will be managing the transition to Community Football. The change is quite important for our club, Community Football will now be fully & formally supported by our club with objectives, but the goal remains the same to ensure all participants have some fun. With objectives comes control, with defined exit routes for boys and girls should they wish to pursue football going forward. Our agreed objectives are: 1) To provide coaching and development opportunities for Children of all abilities within Wootton Bassett and the surrounding community. 2) To create a player feed into the lower tiers of our youth section. 3) To allow new coaching staff to come through the ranks. 4) To create a Saturday skill school. 5) Commence with Fun weeks, under the banner of WBTFC. 6) Look to obtain new scheme funding from the County FA. 7) To provide a minimum of 1 mixed U8 team PA. Community Football was launched through the summer with Matt and his team with some good results, Matt has been advertising in all the local schools as he looks to grow Community Football back to the level we used to see when Chris was in charge. I can also report that Community Football will be supplying football coaching into four of our local junior schools as well as Wootton Bassett Senior School, this will commence in January 2010. This is the first time WBTFC have been able to offer such coaching within our local community.

This coaching program will be run and supported in conjunction with the County FA and Wiltshire Council. Community Football has just moved back to the normal Monday night spot at the Astro pitch, so if you have a boy or girl between school years 1-7 who would enjoy football then please contact Matt on 07859 794621.



Pete Yeardeley – Section Head of Youth Football

The U18 floodlit side have completed their September fixtures and although the results show only one win out of the first 4 games the performance level and attitude and effort has been first class. Looking back in more detail at the four games played we have competed right until the 90th minute in all games and apart from the Shrewton game both of our other losses have been to very late goals to physically stronger sides. As I said in my notes in the Hamble match programme before the season started I'd love to win every game but being a realist this will probably not happen against probably stronger and better opposition which has proved to be the case but what has pleased me is that the lads are trying to play football the right way. To put this into context in our last game against Pewsey which we narrowly lost 2-1 two of their players have played first team football for Devizes Town and Cirencester Town this season so this is an indication of the quality that we will have to face at times. In contrast to this our squad was made up of 8 U'16 3 U'17 and 3 U'18 players and although we probably did not deserve to win the game we were unlucky not to get a point suffering a very late goal after our keeper had gone off injured

Without wishing to make any excuses at all the hard grounds have not helped on the injury front and as a result of this and work commitments for some of the older lads I haven't yet played anything like a settled side and it is a testament to all that have been involved that we have put in some pleasing performances and I'm looking forward to the time when nearly all are available for selection to see what we are capable of then.

As a reminder the squad is completely made up of lads who are signed to play for Wootton Bassett teams principally the three U18 sides that play in the North Wilts Sunday League in order to develop them individually and collectively so that they are able to progress into the reserves and first team ultimately. This has already started to take shape with some of the lads featuring in the floodlit side already having appeared for the reserve team this year and not looking out of their depth at all which is tremendous and I feel that a good link between Simon (Paish) and myself has been established so that this can keep moving forward.

In finishing I'd like to congratulate 5 players who are members of the U18 floodlit and my Under 18C North Wilts side on their selection for the Wiltshire County U'16 Representative side trials namely Tom Glass, Joe Shepherd, Robbie Ali, Danny Hale and Brad Hooper and hope that they all go a step further and make the final squad.

By the time you read these notes these trials will have taken place and we will have also played our fixture against Supermarine FC run by last season's U18 manager, Ken Turner who I'm sure will be looking for revenge and three points. However as you would expect from a Bassett side we will do everything we can to make sure the three points come to Rylands Way and I'll let you know the results as soon as I can.

Cheers
Danny



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

Date	Opponents	H/A	Competition	Result	Scorers/Kick-off
Sat	5-Sep-09 Kidlington Res	A	League	D 2 - 2	Millaci, Drewitt
Wed	9-Sep-09 Swindon Supermarine	A	League	L 0 - 5	
Sat	12-Sep-09 Abingdon Town Res	H	League	W 3 - 0	Millaci 2, Mepham
Sat	19-Sep-09 Abingdon Utd Res	A	League	L 0 - 1	
Tue	22-Sep-09 Fairford Res	H	League	L 1 - 2	Dixon
Sat	26-Sep-09 Henley Town Res	A	League	L 1 - 4	Own goal
Sat	3-Oct-09 Wantage Town Res	H	League	W 6 - 1	Tearle 2, Hunt 2, Field, Hawthorne
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		

Reserve Team

Appearances - Season 2009-10

	Apps	Goals
1 Kyle Pitts	7	
2 Matthew Brunton	6	
3 Sam Mepham	6	1
4 Allan Hawthorne	6	1
5 Tyron Connelly	5	
6 Steven Pleass	5	
7 Kevin Scott	5	
8 Kevin Ackrill	5	
9 Kris Worley	4	
10 Dan Atkin	4	
11 Phil Tearle (pictured)	4	2
12 George Drewitt	3	1
13 Craig Kelly	3	
14 David Millaci	3	3
15 Daniel Jones	3	
16 Sam Lawro	3	
17 Jack Paish	3	
18 Dean Wason	3	
19 Sam Jackson	2	
20 Craig Dixon	2	1
21 James Smith	2	
22 James Tasker	1	
23 Simon Randlesome	1	
24 Dan Jones	1	
25 Sam Collier	1	
26 Mitch Wyatt	1	
27 Ian Thompson	1	
28 Craig Bowden	1	
29 Sean Gray	1	
30 Frankie Hunt	1	2
31 Adam Field	1	1



Ladies & Girls: The season has now started for the ladies & girl's teams, I am very glad to say Terry Mathews agreed to run the U13 girls team this season. They started away at Highworth where they earned a 2-2 draw, having gone behind 2-0 they came back to draw, Bassett goals came from Amy Mathews & Chloe Willis. Having coached with Terry last season I know he is looking to keep the enjoyment for the girls, with a winning result a bonus. The U16 girls also started their season and had a short trip to Derry Hill playing at the Bowood sports ground, the team put in a solid display were they had a comfortable 8-0 won Bassett scorers M Tidy (3), J Roffey (2), A Edwards, V Gee, L Woodridge. The new ladies team this season playing in the Gloucestershire county league, have started well with two wins from two games, the first game home to Cirencester Town res. A tight 3-0 win, goals from Amy Longo, Katie Bonser and Jenna Mcfadzean. The second game away at Gloucester City res. A goal thriller a 4-7 win Bassett goals Jenna Mcfadzean 4, Alyson Lyons 2 and Katie Bonser. The worry is the squad is still small with a lot of players finishing the game with knock's, not that the game was a dirty game with only 3 free kick's all game. As section head for the Ladies & girls the next step is to try starting an U11 girls team, this season will be used to develop into playing some friendly's at the end of season ,where it could lead to playing in the U12 Wiltshire league next season. So anyone interested in helping run a team or could help put the word out about girls football for school years 5 & 6 can contact me via the club website WBTFC.CO.UK using the contact us button

Bryan Wood "Woody" – Section Head of Ladies & Girls

FA Junior Football Organiser Course:

Are you 14 – 18 years of age and want to learn new skills that will enable you to assist with football coaching and the running of a football team at our club, or local school? WBTFC are looking for boys and girls who would be interested in attend a Junior Football Organisers (JFO) training program. The FA JFO course is designed to support young people aged 14 to 18 with the skills to lead groups of young people aged between 6 and 11 years in safe football activities under the supervision of an FA qualified coach. The JFO course is a stepping-stone towards enrolling on the FA Level 1 Certificate in Coaching Football course that is open to people aged 16+. If you are interested please contact your WBTFC coach or drop an email to our Club Development Officer at CDO@wbtfc.co.uk, the first 6 will be given priority.

Rob Woodhouse Tribute Game:

Two matches were played on Fri 18th Sept, when members of the two teams Rob coached, including the North Wilts Youth and Minor League (NWYML) and Wootton Bassett Town Football Club's under 9B team, and his former Sunday league men's team, called Spartak Woodshaw, at 7pm and 8pm respectively. Paul Burke, who organised the matches hopes to have raised over £1000 for local charities, the support was good for both games. Paul wanted to thank the 40 parents, involved in the NWYML team, who helped donate raffle prizes and organise the football match and post event which will take place in the club bar. The aim will be to run the same event next year.

Club development: I'm pleased to report that Wootton Bassett Town Football Club has been awarded the Wiltshire County FA Community Club award for 2009. The award was presented at the end of July at the Wiltshire County FA (WCFA) annual Charter Standard In Service day. The day was split into two sessions, the first session offering football coaching, with the second session focused on WCFA communication and annual club development awards. WBTFC were not only awarded a certificate of achievement but £300 in grant funding along with two boxes of small sided football equipment. This is a great achievement for our club, recognising the hard work and achievements in not only in obtaining Charter Standard Community Club status back in December 2008, but the ongoing commitment from everyone at the club to keep our club development moving forward. Our key achievements to date include the successful Holland Exchange with 's-Gravendanzse SV back in May this year, the introduction of a new ladies football team who will play in the Gloucestershire County Women's Football League in the 2009/10 season, we can also include the introduction of our quarterly newsletter and the creation of Community Football which will become the feeder for our U8's boys and girls teams, amongst the achievements. Finally, the club would not be moving forward without the commitment from our coaching staff and volunteer base who make the club what it is today, we are very grateful to all. Our objectives for the next quarter consist of: 1) Complete the football development update 2) Establish the FDO activities, 3) Complete the link between Community Football and local schools 4) Attend and the disability workshop 5) Undertake a review of the registration documentation for the 2010/11 season.

Andy Walduck – Club Development Officer

Sponsor Focus: WBTFC have are very fortunate to have sponsorship for our U18 floodlit team this year through Griffin and Weston, our gratitude goes out to them specifically in these hard financial times. At Griffin and Weston, they pride themselves in building sustainable partnerships with main contractors and clients alike. Our projects include direct contracts to clients, sub contract to main contracts and sub sub contract to leading M&E Services Engineers throughout the UK. It is our aim to provide a flexible pro-active approach to each project. We encourage our engineers to keep an open mind about design details, work closely with the project team and discuss and develop workable solutions.



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What's On?

First team home games
26th Sept Easington Sports
17th Oct Letcombe

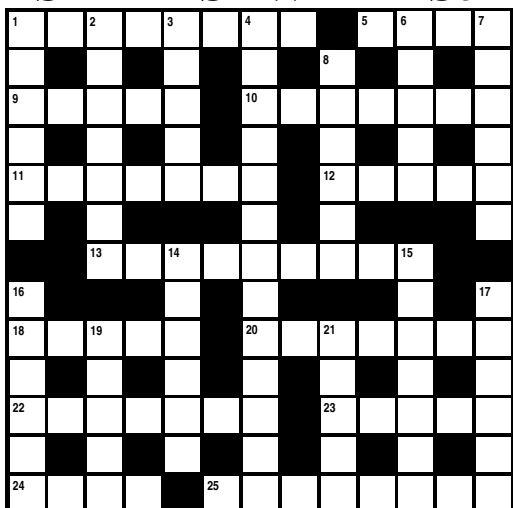


"Monday night"

5pm – 6pm: Reception & Year 1 – Lime Kiln Sports Hall.
6pm - 7pm: Years 2 – Year 4 - Lime Kiln Sports Hall.
Years 5 -Year 7 – W.B. School Astrotruf
(Please call Matt before you look to attend (07859 794621)



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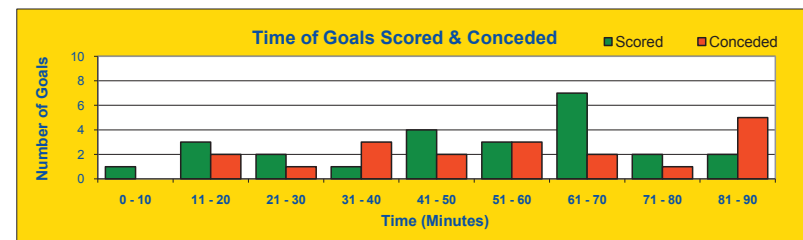
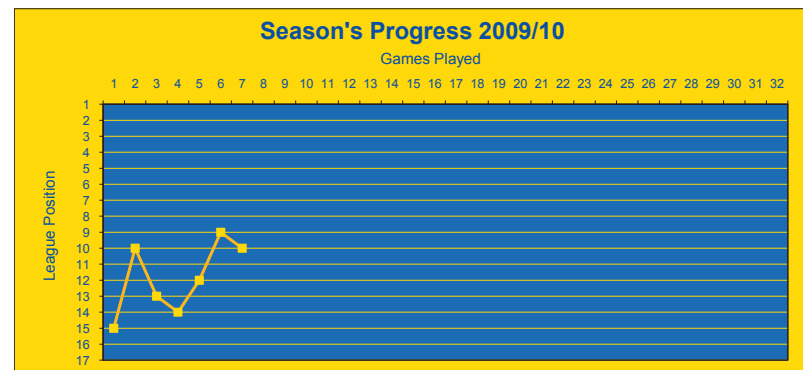
ACROSS

- 1 Chelsea's surprising close season signing from Boro (8)
- 5 From the Premiership chumps to the Premiership Champs! (4)
- 9 Cardiff's Gyepes or former Eagle Kiraly (5)
- 10 Defeated Aberdeen's Europa League conquerors in the next round (7)
- 11 Omonia and Apoel are teams from this Cypriot City (7)
- 12 Liverpool's Argentinian full back (5)
- 13 Retired on final stage of Tour of Ireland (9)
- 18 Ex Man City keeper whose last international appearance was 1988 European Championship semi final (5)
- 20 Over 500 games for City, Oldham and Bury (7)
- 22 City's young striker loaned out to Sporting Lisbon as a result of their striker purchase policy (7)
- 23 Leeds' Grayson or Desert Orchid's Sherwood (5)
- 24 Soccer's Whelan or Cantwell (4)
- 25 Alonso or Verdasco (8)

DOWN

- 1 Sacked by Fulham in acrimonious circumstances having guided them to the Premier League (6)
- 2 Olympic heroines, Romero and Adlington (7)
- 3 Signed as a centre forward, Cloughie won European Cups with him at centre half (5)
- 4 Tenacious midfielder that Steve Bruce went back to Wigan for (3,10)
- 6 Quincy ____, dual gold 400m runner at Barcelona's Olympics (5)
- 7 Jon Stead scored the last ever league goal on this Park (6)
- 8 Sven's last international team before Div 2! (6)
- 14 Scored Villa's pen against Rapid Vienna (6)
- 15 Sky Sports or 5 Live summariser of the wild hair (7)
- 16 Has returned to Dinamo Zagreb after spells at Liverpool and Panathanaikos (6)
- 17 Bradford City's Brazilian of the late 90s, or Brazil's 1986 World Cup skipper (6)
- 19 Ivory Coast centre back at Bolton and now WBA (5)
- 21 Both centre backs, Jon played for Huddersfield while Paul played for Coventry and Stoke (5)

WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB STATS PAGE



	Appearances 2009/10	Starts	As Sub	Total	Goals
1 James Turner	12	1	1	13	1
2 Sam Collier	11	2	2	13	3
3 Alex Green	12			12	3
4 Chris Oram	11			11	1
5 Ryan Banks	11			11	4
6 Luke Sharps	10			10	-
7 Terry Adams	10			10	2
8 Steve Groom	9	1	1	10	-
9 Liam Edmundson	8	2	2	10	-
10 Adam Field	6	4	4	10	4
11 Stewart Thompson	9			9	-
12 Craig Bowden	6	3	3	9	-
13 Mitch Wyatt	4	3	3	7	3
14 Frankie Hunt	5	1	1	6	1
15 Ryan Thomas	2	4	4	6	1
16 Kevin Scott	4			4	-
17 Marcus Hall	4			4	-
18 Jon Holloway		4	4	4	1
19 Sam Mephram	1	2	2	3	-
20 Alan Blake	1	2	2	3	-
21 Sam English	1	1	1	2	-
22 David Millaci		2	2	2	-
23 Rob Dean	1			1	-
24 James Tasker	1			1	-
25 Gavin Thomas	1			1	1
26 George Drewitt	1			1	-
27 James Guthrie	1			1	-
28 Alan Hawthorne	1			1	-
29 Max Etheridge		1	1	1	-
30 Craig Kelly		1	1	1	-

Last Season	
Total	Goals
8	1
-	-
-	-
-	-
43	2
44	8
41	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
38	-
3	-
46	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
1	-
-	-
1	-
1	-
8	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
2	-
-	-
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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
Cheltenham Saracens					2 - 3		24-Oct				1 - 1			10-Oct		2 - 0		1 - 1
Cirencester Utd				17-Oct			1 - 1	0 - 5			0 - 5	1 - 1					3 - 2	1 - 0
Clanfield	3 - 4		2 - 0									10-Oct	1 - 4	24-Oct				
Cricklade Town	5 - 5		7 - 0			0 - 2		3 - 0	8 - 0									
Easington Sports	0 - 2			2 - 1			4 - 1				10-Oct		24-Oct	0 - 2	2 - 0			
Harrow Hill				4 - 1			10-Oct		4 - 1			23-Jan		0 - 3			2 - 9	1 - 3
Headington Amateurs	1 - 3			0 - 3					5 - 0				2 - 2			2 - 2	6 - 2	
Launton Sports						0 - 3					0 - 2	0 - 3	17-Oct	1 - 3				
Letcombe					1 - 2	4 - 0	2 - 0	0 - 2	24-Oct	3 - 4		6 - 0	3 - 4		0 - 0			
Lydney Town					17-Oct			24-Oct		1 - 1						0 - 3		
North Leigh Res	3 - 5																	
Purton	5 - 1		3 - 1			1 - 3			3 - 2			2 - 1						
Slimbridge						17-Oct			3 - 0			0 - 0						
Trowbridge Town		17-Oct		2 - 0				0 - 2										
Tytherington Rocks	0 - 0		6 - 0	3 - 1			3 - 1		10-Oct	2 - 4	24-Oct	4 - 3			1 - 0			
Winterbourne Utd			24-Oct		5 - 0	1 - 3				10-Oct								
Wootton Bassett Town			10-Oct					6 - 1		17-Oct	5 - 0		2 - 2					

LEAGUE TABLES

2009-2010 Season

FTL FUTBOL Hellenic League

Division One (West)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Slimbridge	11	9	2	0	28	3	29
2 Purton	11	8	2	1	33	19	26
3 Easington Sports	10	7	0	3	19	12	21
4 Headington Amateurs	11	6	2	3	30	19	20
5 Cricklade Town	9	6	1	2	29	15	19
6 Tytherington Rocks	11	5	3	3	21	14	18
7 Cheltenham Saracens	10	5	3	2	25	21	18
8 Lydney Town	9	4	1	4	19	15	13
9 Letcombe	9	4	1	4	20	17	13
10 Wootton Bassett Town	7	3	2	2	17	8	11
11 Trowbridge Town	9	3	1	5	10	12	10
12 North Leigh Reserves	11	2	4	5	16	22	10
13 Winterbourne United	9	3	0	6	24	26	9
14 Clanfield	9	3	0	6	15	21	9
15 Harrow Hill	8	1	1	6	10	26	4
16 Cirencester United	11	0	3	8	7	42	3
17 Launton Sports	9	0	0	9	4	35	0



2009-2010 Season

FTL FUTBOL Hellenic League

Reserve Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Henley Town Reserves	7	6	1	0	22	10	19
2 Hungerford Town Reserves	6	5	1	0	14	3	16
3 Fairford Town Reserves	5	3	1	1	14	5	10
4 Highworth Town Reserves	5	3	1	1	11	7	10
5 Binfield Reserves	5	3	0	2	10	11	9
6 Abingdon Town Reserves	5	3	0	2	6	7	9
7 Ardley United Reserves	6	3	0	3	15	17	9
8 Kidlington Reserves	6	2	2	2	9	9	8
9 Cheltenham Saracens Res	5	2	1	2	12	9	7
10 Wootton Bassett Town Res	7	2	1	4	13	15	7
11 Swindon Supermarine Res	6	2	0	4	11	13	6
12 Abingdon United Reserves	5	2	0	3	6	9	6
13 Finchampstead Reserves	5	1	0	4	7	14	3
14 Wantage Town Reserves	5	1	0	4	9	17	3
15 Carterton Reserves	6	0	0	6	5	18	0



