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EDITORIAL

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

A warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters from Letcombe who have made the journey along the M4 for the game today and hope they will join us in the bar after the game for some beer and sandwiches. A big welcome also to our various Club sponsors who are attending the game here at Rylands today. We thank them for their support, without which we could not function.

After last week's excellent result against a much improved Cirencester United we will be looking to achieve back to back victories to enable us to climb up that league table. At the start of the season most pundits would have put both ourselves and Letcombe as amongst the favourites for a top three finish. The fact that both sides find themselves in mid-table, aside from the local residents having made their usual request to the League for us not to play First Team midweek games under floodlights in September and October, is almost certainly down to both losing their goal scoring machines. In the case of Letcombe, Richard Claydon's move up into the Premier Division has been a big blow, at the equivalent time last season he had already scored 16 league goals. It is a big ask to replace such fire power. In our case, the loss of Shaun Terry has hit our side hard but with Alex Green firing that first hat-trick last week, and with a nice partnership developing with Mitch Wyatt, perhaps by season end, the loss of Shaun will not be as impactful as the loss of Claydon to Letcombe.

Looking at what is contained in the programme today; the **From The Archives** series focuses on the very successful **1958-9 Season** and a Wiltshire League title. Manager Dave Turner in his **From The Dugout** article reports on the loss of two strikers, one who will be missed and would be welcome back at any time, and one who will not.

This week's **Chairman Chat** sees a guest appearance from Head of Senior Section, **Chris Jones** who talks about player strategy within the Senior Section. The **Youth Section in Focus** includes a roundup of games from Sunday 11th October, together with a feature on the two Under 9 sides who provide today's pre-match entertainment. Hopefully all of the players and their parents will be staying on to witness the Hellenic League fixture as we try and bring the Senior and Youth Sections closer together.

Under 18 Manager **Danny Groom** focuses on the recent bruising encounter with Swindon Supermarine in the Under 18 Floodlit League and passes comment on the number of youngsters performing so admirably for the Reserves.

The programme again features the September edition of **Touchline**, the Club's newsletter. The First Team player featured this week in the **Player Profile** is ironically **Adam Field**, one of our departing strikers. With just one more completed player profile and no picture (Ryan beware I will be raiding Facebook for that picture for the North Leigh programme unless I get sent one) this feature may have to be dropped from the programme in the very near future. This is a shame.

Next up at Rylands Way are **Amesbury Town**, in the Under 18 Floodlit League on Thursday night. This is followed by a Reserve fixture against **Abingdon Utd** before the First Team meet **North Leigh** at the end of the month. 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

this week featuring Head of Senior Section
Chris Jones

Welcome to all Players, management and officials of Letcombe F.C. We hope that you enjoy your day at Wootton Bassett today and, as in previous seasons, let's hope for an entertaining game.

I would also like to welcome all our sponsors who have attended today's game. We are very grateful for your continued support; your generosity allows us, especially in this difficult economic time, to finance local football, not just at Senior level but also throughout the Junior Section.

I have over the last few weeks been reading and listening with interest to different people's views over this seasons results and the aspirations of the Club, hopefully we all want the same thing and that is promotion to the Premier League. However over the last two seasons it has become apparent that a firm foundation was needed to build a Seniors Section that would link our fantastic Junior Section.

I believe that we now have the management and playing structure to start taking this Club forward but this is not a quick fix solution and will take time as I was told recently "the only thing consistent about youth is there inconsistency". The average playing age of the team this season is 22 and that is with Tucks and Blakey (sorry guys!). We will make mistakes and create opportunities but, whether this season or next, we will move up the football pyramid when we are ready, and have proved ourselves, but once we are there it will be on a firm foothold to maintain that position.

We have a half time exhibition match this afternoon from the Under 9's. It is my hope that these lads will enjoy themselves and feel part of something good. The question to be asked is how many of these lads will be playing Senior's football in 10 years time?

I hope to see you in the bar after the game, please enjoy!

Chris Jones.



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FROM THE DUGOUT

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

After the previous weeks disappointing result at Cirencester we were able to put right our poor performance last week. Even though Cirencester went ahead with what can only be described as a complete fluke of a goal, I never felt that the result was going to go against us. We dominated the game from start to finish and in my opinion we thoroughly deserved the 4-1 win.

It was great to see Greener get his first Bassett hat trick. He has worked his socks off for the team in previous weeks without getting the rewards he deserves. I'm sure the goals will flow for him now.

Greeners timing couldn't be any better as we have lost two strikers over the last week. Frankie Hunt has decided to try his luck at North Leigh Reserves. A strange decision in my opinion and one I think he will come to regret. While I had no problems with Frankie leaving I can't say that about Adam Field. I would have loved to keep at the club. He is a striker that I rate very highly and he will be hard to replace. I wish him all the best at Pewsey in the Wiltshire County League and I hope that he will come and play for me again at some stage. That is not going to be an option for Frankie because he will never play for me again.

We have put together two very young sides at Bassett this year and the club will really benefit from this over the coming seasons. Simon (Paish) is doing a great job looking after the youngsters in the Reserves and already this season he has given me a number of quality players who have made their first team debuts.

Enjoy the game and cheer the lads on to three more vital points.

Dave



OPPONENTS HISTORY

LETCOMBE FC • CLUB HISTORY

The earliest recorded mention of a football club at Letcombe Regis shows that the village team played in the Wantage section of the North Berks League in season 1910-11. Letcombe remained in the North Berks League without much success until the Club was wound up in the fifties.



Members of the village reformed the Club in 1961, but it was in the eighties that the Club started to taste success. They won the North Berks Cup in 1988, and won the North Berks League Premier Division in 1989-90, going through the entire 22 match programme unbeaten. The War Memorial Cup (for players under 23) and the A G Kingham Cup (for reserve teams) were won in the same season, and the Club joined the Chiltonian League as part of the FA pyramid system.

Letcombe won Division One of the Chiltonian League in their first season and finished fourth in the Premier Division the following year. They successfully applied to join the Hellenic League in 1993, but with a very young side, the Club struggled for the first few years before they began to reap the rewards of their youth policy. Letcombe finished second in Division One East in 2003-4, but were denied promotion because of a lack of floodlights. They were moved to the West division in the following year where they have been in the hunt for honours in recent seasons, finishing third in 2007-8. The Club have also won the Faringdon Thursday Memorial Cup six times in the last ten years.

In spite of offers from larger clubs, most of Letcombe's youngsters have remained loyal to the Club which gave them their first chance in senior football, thus ensuring an excellent team spirit. Letcombe are proud of their outstanding disciplinary record, which has won the Division One fair play trophy five times. They are also proud of having the best administrative record and least number of fines in the Hellenic League in the last eight seasons.

A small band of hard working, dedicated committee men ensure the future of the Club. Des Williams acts as secretary, treasurer and physio, although he has handed over the management role to Alan Gifford this season. Chairman Dennis Stock is also the Club groundsman, spending many hours working on the pitch. Russell Stock looks after fund raising as well as arranging the programmes and refreshments for home matches. Letcombe are renowned for their hospitality and the warm welcome that always awaits visiting teams, officials and spectators.

Letcombe hope to improve their facilities as finances become available, and the pitch was drained seven years ago thanks to a grant from the Football Foundation. With continuing work, it is now one of the best surfaces in the league. Plans have been passed for a new clubhouse, located nearer to the pitch, but the building will not be completed without a major grant or benefactor. Five years ago the Club raised sufficient money to erect a small covered stand with 50 seats, but the dream of being allowed to erect floodlights looks doomed because of strong opposition from a minority of local residents.



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Kitchin Helps Sink Chippenham

A Max Kitchin hat-trick spurred the Under 13 A on to a huge cup victory against Chippenham Town Youth. Chippenham – unbeaten in Division Three - on paper appeared as though they would provide their visitors a tough test, and that proved so as Bassett went into half time ahead by the narrowest of margins, the game being finely poised at 2-1.

However, the floodgates opened in the second half, with Bassett eventually running out 9-3 victors. Whilst Kitchin stole the show, there was one goal each for Lewis Tidy, Jake Denness, Tom Jones, Craig McLaughlin, Kier Miles and Max Passingham.

Contrary to initial scores on the Full Time site, there was cup success for the Under 14s too, who put their recent league form behind them as they ran out 6-0 victors on the road against Lambourn Sports. The goals were shared around between six players – Alex Baker, Jake Griffin, Joe Paish, Daniel Pretlove, Dale Richard and Josh Way. The score line according to the North Wilts site had read that Bassett had conceded an astounding 22 goals at first!

The Under 13 B side were engaged in league action and remain in the bottom three as they went down 3-0 against GESS.

The two Under 9s side racked up a dozen goals between them as both teams continued their fantastic starts to the season.

The A side – away to Penhill Knights – won 6-2, Cameron Bell was the star of the show firing four goals with Harrison Gough and Ryan Welsman-Clarke adding on e a piece. Meanwhile, the B team also notched a half dozen this time without reply against Swindon Supermarine. Their scorers were Benjamin King with four and Joe Mitchell, who netted a brace.

There was a first win in four games for the Under 10 B side, who edged out Penhill Allstars at Rylands Way by the odd goal in three.

However, at Under 18 level all three teams failed to pick up a point. In Division Two, the C team lost their first game of the season, and were also knocked off their perch at the top of the. A Danny Hale brace was not enough as they were beaten 4-2 at Sherston. The B team went down 3-1 at home to Fairford, with Dominic Gordon scoring Bassett's consolation.

In Division One, the A team fared little better, going down 5-1 at table toppers Liden Community, James Tasker with the consolation goal.

In the Girls League the Under 16's had an excellent 6-2 away win at Larkhall Athletic. Two goals a piece for Megan Tidy and Jessica Roffey and one each for Laura Jeffries and Abi Edwards. The win allowed Wootton Bassett Town to draw level at the top with Trowbridge Town. On a good day for the Girls sides the Under 13's won 4-1 away at Lavington Juniors to move up to 3rd spot in the table.

Youth Section Results					
Sunday 11th October 2009					
U18A	v	Liden Community	A	L 1 - 5	Tasker
U18B	v	Fairford	H	L 1 - 3	Gordon
U18C	v	Sherston	A	L 2 - 4	Hale 2
U14	v	Lambourne Sports (Cup)	A	W 6 - 0	Baker, Griffin, Paish, Pretlove, Richards, Way
U13A	v	Chippenham Town (Cup)	A	W 9 - 2	Kitchin 3, Tidy, Denness, Jones, McLaughlin, Miles, Passingham
U13B	v	GESS (Cup)	A	L 0 - 3	
U10B	v	Penhill Allstars	H	W 2 - 1	
U9A	v	Penhill Knights	A	W 6 - 2	Bell 4, Gough, Welsman-Clarke
U9B	v	Swindon Supermarine	A	W 6 - 0	King 4, Mitchell 2
Girls Weekend 10th/ 11th October 2009					
U16	v	Larkhall Athletic	A	W 6 - 2	Tidy 2, Roffey 2, Jeffries, Edwards
U13	v	Lavington Juniors	A	W 4 - 1	

Team Profiles Letcombe FC



Josh Bourton Goal Keeper
Age 17 - An outstanding prospect. Very brave and has quick reflexes. Spent three seasons with the Wycombe Wanderers Academy. Should prove a great signing.



Paul Sellers Defence
Age 27. A new signing who has played at a higher level in Cheshire. A strong and commanding central defender. Yet another fireman.



Tom Patten Defence
Age 23 - Has great skill, and carries a ferocious shot from dead ball situations. Reads the game well, and is a superb long passer.



Liam Bint Defence
Age 18 - A youngster in his first season at Letcombe. A strong tackler, good in the air, and already showing great potential.



David Richardson Midfield
Age 28 - Happily performs the important but less glamorous task of providing defensive cover in midfield. One realises his importance when he is not playing.



Adam French Midfield
Age 25 - One of the few left footed players at the club. Good close control and passing ability. Likes to support the attack.



Adam Pendell Midfield
Age 29 - Club captain, and players player of the year on many occasions. A strong tackler who leads by example, and expects others to follow.



Peter Horswell Forward
Age 22 - Has amazing pace, and will frighten many defenders this season. Recently returned from travelling. Will hopefully add goal scoring to his other talents.



Lyle Gifford Forward
Age 19 - Has outstanding skill, as his nickname 'gifted' would suggest. We have high expectations of him, having returned from a football scholarship in Mississippi.



Paul Roberts Forward
Age 30 - A former defender, now converted to an attacking role. Difficult to stop in the opposition box, but another fireman with restricted availability.



Bill MacDonald Defence
Age 25 - A commanding centre back who tackles well and is strong in the air. An ideal man marker who gives the opposition no space.



Mark de la Coze Defence
Age 30 - An outstanding man marker, exceptional in the air. In his 15th season at Letcombe, but fire service duties will restrict his availability.



Tom Broad Defence
Age 21 - A versatile youngster who can play anywhere in defence. One of the fittest players in the side. Now available regularly having finished University.



Joe Kent Defender
Age 25 - New to Letcombe, having had Premier Division experience with Abingdon Town. Has impressed greatly, and should prove a terrific addition to the Club.



Harry Trethowan Midfield
Age 19 - A talented youngster who joined from Carterton last season. Much is expected from him this season as he grows in confidence and strength.



Scott Hooper Midfield
Age 26 - Managers player of the year last season. One of the fittest players in the league, as one would expect from a PE teacher.



Mark Denny Forward
Age 20 - A talented youngster. Broke his leg badly last season, but will hopefully be available after Christmas. The future of the Club.



Iain Whatley Forward
Age 28 - Another fireman with restricted availability. Has good pace, and likes to run at defenders in important areas. Will hopefully become a prolific marksman.



Jamie MacDonagh Forward
Age 18 - A new signing who shows great potential. A prolific goal scorer with Carterton Youth last season. Will improve rapidly as he gains experience

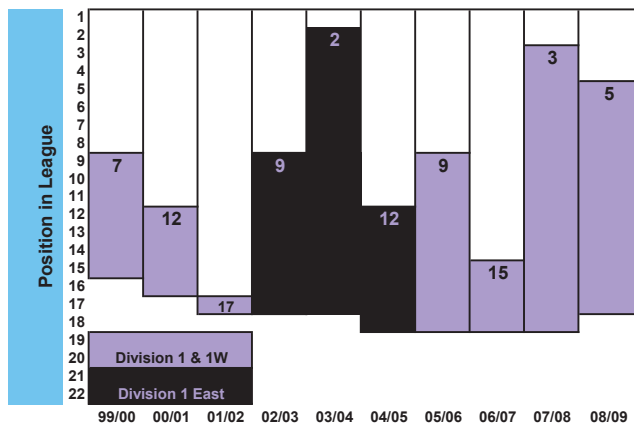


Alan Gifford Manager
Took over the managerial responsibilities this season having been assistant manager for two seasons. His new ideas will hopefully bring further success on the field.

TODAY'S VISITORS

FROM THE ARCHIVES

LETCOMBE - LAST 10 YEARS IN HELLENIC LEAGUE



Season	Div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Position
1999/0	1	28	11	5	12	57	45	38	7 out of 15
2000/1	1W	30	7	9	14	38	61	30	12 out of 16
2001/2	1W	32	3	10	19	42	87	19	17 out of 17
2002/3	1E	32	11	6	15	45	53	39	9 out of 17
2003/4	1E	32	19	10	3	60	27	67	2 out of 17
2004/5	1E	34	11	7	16	53	66	40	12 out of 18
2005/6	1W	34	14	6	14	51	45	48	9 out of 18
2006/7	1W	34	11	6	17	54	63	39	15 out of 18
2007/8	1W	34	20	5	9	83	41	65	3 out of 18
2008/9	1W	32	17	6	9	88	52	57	5 out of 17

Current Form (Last Five Games)

Date	Opponents	Result	Scorers
10-Oct-09	Winterbourne (A)	W 3 - 0	Roberts 2, Cook
3-Oct-09	Lydney (A)	W 4 - 3	Cook 2, Gifford, Tretham
26-Sep-09	Newbury Town (A) BBC	L 2 - 3	Gifford, Hooper
19-Sep-09	Cirencester Utd (H)	W 3 - 2	Pendell 2, Patten
12-Sep-09	Lydney (H)	L 0 - 2	

Record v Wootton Bassett Town - Last 4 Seasons

Season	H/A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Points Ratio
2005/06	H	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	
2005/06	A	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	
2006/07	H	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	
2006/07	A	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	
2007/08	H	1	1	0	0	2	1	3	
2007/08	A	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	
2008/09	H	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	
2008/09	A	1	0	1	0	2	2	1	
Total	H	4	1	0	3	3	7	3	25.0%
Total	A	4	0	1	3	3	6	1	8.3%
Total		8	1	1	6	6	13	4	16.7%

Nickname	Brooksiders
Secretary	Des Williams (01235 764130)
Website	n/a
Record Gate	203 v Old Woodstock (29/8/04)
Best Gate - 2008/9	66 v Pewsey Vale
Average Attendance 2008/9	48
Top Scorer - 2008/9	Richard Claydon - 38 Goals

	Home	Goalscorers
Amesbury	D 1 - 1	G.Taylor
Box Rovers	W 10 - 0	Young 3, G.Taylor 2, Embling 2, Teetgen, Nash, OG
Bromham	W 2 - 1	
Calne Corinthians	D 1 - 1	Young
Malmesbury	W 6 - 1	Young 3, Teetgen 2, G.Taylor
Marlborough Town	W 4 - 0	Young 2, G.Taylor, Findlay
Pewsey Vale	W 4 - 0	G.Taylor 2, Young 2
Roundway Hospital	W 1 - 0	Findlay
Sherston	L 1 - 3	Pewsey
Swindon Victoria	D 1 - 1	Young
Wescott YC	W 6 - 1	Young 3, Nash, Embling, G.Taylor
West Lavington	W 7 - 1	Young 4, Slater, Lawrence, G.Taylor

	Away	Goalscorers
Amesbury	W 5 - 1	Young 3, G.Taylor, Embling
Box Rovers	W 3 - 1	OG2, Lawrence
Bromham	L 0 - 1	
Calne Corinthians	W 5 - 2	Findlay 2, Embling, Teetgen, Lawrence
Malmesbury	W 5 - 2	Young 3, Findlay 2
Marlborough Town	W 5 - 1	G.Taylor, Embling, Curtis, Young, OG
Pewsey Vale	W 2 - 1	Young, Findlay
Roundway Hospital	W 11 - 0	Young 4, G.Taylor 2, Embling 2, Findlay 2, Lawrence
Sherston	W 6 - 0	Embling 2, Pewsey 2, G.Taylor, Young
Swindon Victoria	W 4 - 2	Lawrence 2, Young 2
Wescott YC	W 4 - 0	Lawrence 3, Pewsey
West Lavington	W 3 - 2	Teetgen, Embling, Pewsey

Subsidiary Cup

Westcott YC (A)	W 7 - 4	Young 4, Embling 2, Findlay
Swindon Vics (H)	L 1 - 2	Pewsey
Swindon Vics (A)	D 2 - 2	G.Taylor, Pewsey
Westcott YC (H)	W 6 - 2	C.Taylor 3, Young, Embling, Teetgen

Subsidiary Cup North Section

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A
1	Wootton Bassett Town	4	2	1	1	16	10
2	Swindon Victoria	4	2	1	1	9	7
3	Westcott YC	4	1	0	3	10	18

Semi-Final

Bromham (A)	D 2 - 2	
Rep Bromham (H)	L 1 - 2	Teetgen

FA Amateur Cup

Prelim v Melksham Town (A) L 0 - 3

Wilts Senior Cup

1st Round v Warminster T (H) L 3 - 4 OG2, Young

Top Scorers	League	WSC	Sub Cup	Total
Ray Young	34	1	5	40
Granville Taylor	14		1	15
Stan Embling	11		3	14
Bob Findlay	9		1	10
Johnny Lawrence	9			9
Ken Pewsey	5		2	7
Peter Teetgen	5		2	7
Colin Taylor			3	3
Lou Nash	2			2
? Slater	1			1
Frank Curtis	1			1
To identify	2		2	4
Own Goals	4	2		6
	97	3	19	119

Two games v Bromham at end of season to find scorers

Wootton Bassett have had worries regarding injuries and illness of players. The last three matches have had to be played without the regular left back Frank Curtis, including the vital match against Malmesbury, and Frank is still in hospital under observation. It is hoped that he will soon be completely fit and back in the side as he has been one of the clubs best players and is a conscientious club man. This morning there were only four ever presents in the side – goalkeeper Roy Reed, right back David Gillett, centre half Dennis Cook and outside right Granville Taylor. The club through this column wish to thank Mr Robinson who has been in charge of the training sessions at the Commonweal School. They are convinced that he has played an important part in the clubs success, keeping players fit and instilling a fine team spirit. With all eleven away matches played, only two points have been dropped – to Bromham 1-0. The club has not yet held a celebration as stated in the Evening Advertiser, but hope to do so soon.”

Having secured the league title the season ended with a subsidiary cup competition to augment the league fixtures. The teams were divided into four groups with Wootton Bassett Town in the North Section with Swindon Victoria and Westcott YC. Wootton Bassett opened with a 7-4 away win at Westcott, Ray Young scoring four, and followed this with a home draw against Swindon Victoria, Taylor and Pewsey scoring in the 2-2 draw. In the home fixture with Westcott another easy victory was secured by six goals to two. However, Wootton Bassett Town lost the away game to Swindon Victoria 2-1 and must have thought their chances were over. However, a surprise win by Westcott YC over Swindon Victoria saw Wootton Bassett win through to the semi-finals on goal average. In the semi-final they met the only side to defeat them in the league season, Bromham. A 2-2 draw at Rylands Way meant a replay at Bromham and the opponents repeated their victory back in October with a 2-1 win, Pete Teetgen with the consolation goal for Bassett. So there was not to be a double but the club can look back at one of the most successful seasons in its history with pride. This despite all the doom and gloom at the start of the season with the departure of key strikers. Ray Young was a key reason for the success, scoring 40 odd goals in his first season with the club.

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

Wiltshire League Division 1 - 1958-1959

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Wootton Bassett Town	24	19	3	2	97	23	41
2	Swindon Victoria	24	15	3	6	79	40	33
3	Amesbury	24	13	5	6	92	55	31
4	Marlborough Town	24	14	2	8	79	63	30
5	Bromham	24	13	3	8	77	43	29
6	Malmesbury	24	13	2	9	71	58	28
7	Box Rovers	24	11	3	10	79	71	25
8	Wescott YC	24	10	2	12	67	71	22
9	Roundway Hospital	24	9	2	13	46	83	20
10	Pewsey Vale	24	7	3	14	40	65	17
11	Calne Corinthians	24	5	3	16	41	87	13
12	West Lavington	24	4	4	16	46	99	12
13	Sherston	24	4	3	17	39	95	11

Bassett doing it with the kids

Bassett Road, 26th June 2008 v Letcombe (Won 3-1)

A month long stretch of defeats was finally ended by Wootton Bassett Town as they recorded a 3-1 victory over Letcombe to advance to the 3rd round of the Hellenic League Challenge Cup.

And their thanks for this should be paid to a pair of youngsters, who have both been with the club since the age of 10.

Defender Jonny Aitkenhead was the creator of one of the three goals and also featured in a back four that frustrated Letcombe's front line, limiting them to a handful of chances. The other 18 year old who featured more than heavily was forward Phil Tearle – the player who bagged all three of Bassett's goals.

The game kicked to life in the second half after a dull, nondescript first half that featured the referee's whistle basically every other minute, despite it not being an overly physical contest at all.

The closest either side came to breaking the deadlock was 25 minutes in. Letcombe's Simon Tabor played a ball through from the left touchline, which Adam Pendell applied a deft touch to after beating Sean Purcell to the ball six yards out. However, Rich Gee was in the perfect position to slide the ball off the line and away from danger – something the centre back has a knack for doing.

The chances began to appear though after the whistle to begin the second half. Three minutes in Neil Matthews found the bar with a curling left foot shot after neat work by Stu Hemsley and Lee Morse.

Somewhat against the run of play, the hosts took the lead 59 minutes in. Paul Crabtree was disposed of the ball in the middle of the park, allowing David Richardson to send a ball over left back Aitkenhead for Richie Claydon.

The tricky forward forced a parry from Purcell after cutting back onto his left foot before Mark Denny pounced on the loose ball and tapped into an open goal.

This lead lasted all of four minutes though. A superb tackle from Richie Saunders deep in Letcombe's territory set the equaliser up as his resultant through ball set Tearle free to calmly find the top left corner from 15 yards.

His second was then provided by under 18s partner in crime Aitkenhead with 67 minutes gone. The left back showed superb vision: he collected position on the halfway line, and seeing no viable passing options advanced thirty yards into a gaping hole left in the heart of the Letcombe midfield.

After drawing the attentions of a defender – leaving Tearle alone with a single man – he slipped a perfectly weighted pass through that the forward drilled into the bottom corner from 20 yards.

A double substitution from Letcombe then caused a problem or two for Bassett.

Both Tom Broad and Mark Brind came close to equalising before the game was put to bed; the former firing across goal before the latter glanced a header wide.

Eventually, with four minutes remaining, Tearle rounded off his hat trick. And it was perfect route-one stuff for the build up. Purcell produced a drop kick that he seemed disappointed with, but it fortunately fell to Matthews.

He sent a through ball over the top of the defence for Tearle, who had to adjust slightly to the ball, slowing his progress. But he then easily sidestepped Mark de la Coze before looping the ball into the top right corner from just inside the box.

Saunders had the chance to make it four in the dying minutes but his lob sailed over after another Matthews pass set him free.

Scoop's Man of the Match: Phil Tearle – after starting the game quietly for the first 60 minutes, Tearle really turned it on, producing three composed finishes that were the difference in the game. Richie Saunders was once again immense in the centre of midfield, but it was Tearle's finishing qualities that won the game.

Scoop Rating: 7/10 – It wasn't the most exciting game ever, but Bassett defended well and were finally able to produce in front of goal after scoring once in their previous 270 minutes of football. The performance wasn't one that stood out, but more than enough was done to secure a long sought after victory.

PLAYER PROFILE



Personal	
Name:	Adam Field
Date of Birth:	
Place of Birth:	Swindon
Occupation:	Trainee Surveyor
Marital Status:	Single
Nickname:	Fieldy / Crouchy
Football	
Position:	Centre Forward
No. of Seasons at Bassett:	Second Season
Previous Clubs:	Swindon Town, Pewsey Vale
Make of Boots:	Asics
Star Player You Play Like:	Peter Crouch
Footballing Idols:	Dennis Bergkamp
Team Supported:	Swindon
Team You Despise Most:	Man United
Best Ground Ever Played At:	Everton Training Ground
Best Player Ever Played With	
Best Player Ever Played Against	
Teammates	
Most Skilful:	Jimmer
Hardman:	Banksy
Biggest Joker:	Tucks or Sam Collier
Biggest Fashion Disaster:	Oarsey
Most Intelligent:	Stu Thompson
Thickest:	Shaun Terry
Vainest:	Jimmer
Least Likely to Score on a Night Out:	Oarsey - Hes not allowed out!
Off the Field	
Hobbies:	Travelling, music, tennis
Car Driven:	Ford Fiesta
Favourite Music:	Anything - cheese
Favourite Film:	Super Bad
Favourite TV Show:	Soccer AM
Favourite Nightspot:	Azuza
Favourite Drink:	Snakebite
Chinese or Indian?:	Indian
Pub or Club?:	Both
Beach Resort or City Break?:	Beach
Blonde or Brunette?:	Both
Person in the World You Would Most Like to Meet:	Eva Mendes

Adam Field

FROM THE ARCHIVES

enabled Embling to beat goalkeeper Boone to the ball and push it into an empty net. Two minutes later the home team went further ahead when Young scored from 18 yards. Wootton Bassett continued to press and after twenty five minutes they scored their third. Another piece of good work by Embling put Wootton Bassett four up when he scored from a pass by Young. Teetgen scored Wootton Bassett's fifth goal four minutes from half time. Second half scorers were Taylor (2), Young (2) and Nash."

A week later and Wootton Bassett went one goal better with an eleven nil away thrashing of Roundway Hospital, Devizes, Ray Young led the way with four goals and there was two goals each for Granville Taylor, Stan Embling and Bob Findlay, Johnny Lawrence scoring the final goal. A fine end to the first half of the season. When play resumed in the new year there were three more wins, a 5-2 away win at Calne Corinthians being followed by a 6-1 home win over Westcott YC. The month ended with a 6-0 away win at bottom of the table Sherston. In the 6-1 home win over Westcott, the Football Pink noted that ex-Purton forward Ray Young scored his 27th goal of the season.

An important win came on 21st February when Wootton Bassett travelled to second placed Malmesbury and won 5-2 thanks to a Ray Young hat-trick and two from Bob Findlay. The win came despite having Lou Nash sent off. A week later Wootton Bassett won their final away league fixture at Pewsey, Young and Findlay the scorers in a narrow 2-1 win. This made it eleven wins out of twelve on the road, the solitary defeat being that October game at Bromham. A tremendous achievement and the reason why the league title was won. The championship was secured on 7th March following a 1-0 home win over Roundway Hospital, Bob Findlay with the solitary goal. It appears that the Wootton Bassett side suffered some championship nerves as the Football Pink reported numerous missed chances including a missed penalty from Stan Embling described by the Football Pink reporter as a "feeble shot". Embling had been married the previous Saturday so perhaps his thoughts were elsewhere but no doubt he enjoyed the double celebration.

The Football Pink of 14th March 1959 carried the headline "Wootton Bassett are Champions for the First Time" with the following report:

"Out with the laurels and give the big hand to Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire League champions for 1958-59. It must have been a great thrill for Mr Percy Stone when the vital points were gained last Saturday. For nigh on 24 years Percy had been pursuing that elusive championship on behalf of his club. Last season Wootton Bassett could only finish 8th and then lost half backs Brian Turner and Ron Saunders together with forwards Geoff Simpkins, Chris Simpkins and Peter Teetgen during the closed season. Against this, at the beginning of this season, they had gained one newcomer of note, Ray Young, so that Mr Stone when I was discussing his clubs prospects just before the season opened, was rather despondent about his chances. The defence seemed all right he thought, but what his forward line would be like well – a shrug of his shoulders and an expressive wave of hands indicated that their showing was right in the lap of the gods.

How these gods must have smiled – beautiful benign smiles – for that hastily put together experimental forward line was to score 20 goals in their first four games and Ray Young was to net almost half of them and prove to be the very leader the club required.

Up to last Saturday Ray had scored 32 league goals which placed him second in all the league to Malmesbury's Ken Willis who had 35 to his credit. I think we must all have been impressed with the team's great determination to win. They were always chasing success, never waiting for it. They did not forget the niceties either and I landed at Malmesbury the other week to find ten Wootton Bassett players hanging on grimly to an interval lead against a half gale and heard full-back Dave Gillett say "hard luck, insode forward" when a terrific Brian Willis shot hit the Wootton Bassett post instead of going into the net as indeed looked likely.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Season 1958-59 – Against All Odds

What was going on in the world

The season started with The Everley Brothers *All I Have To Do is Dream* topping the charts and ended with Elvis Presley's *A Fool Such as I* at number one. Gordon Gould invents the laser whilst Ruth Handler, co-founder of Mattel, invents the Barbie Doll. Lego bricks first see the light of day and Fidel Castro becomes dictator of Cuba. In the world of football, Wolverhampton Wanderers win the Division 1 title, Jimmy Greaves of Chelsea is the league's top scorer, with a certain Brian Clough the top scorer in Division 2. Nottingham Forest defeat Luton Town 2-1 to win the FA Cup. Manchester United break the British transfer record signing Albert Quixall for £45,000 from Sheffield Wednesday. Swindon Town finish in 15th place in the Third Division, the first season after the two bottom divisions ceased to be regionalised.

Wootton Bassett kicked off the 1958-59 season having lost a number of key players, including captain Ron Saunders, Brian Turner and Geoff Simpkins, mainly to national service, and only secured the services of one new player, Ray Young having joined from Purton. Optimism was low and concern was expressed within the Club as to where the goals would come from. However, the season started well with a 5-1 away win at Amesbury with Young firing a hat-trick on his league debut, Stan Embling and Granville Taylor with the other Wootton Bassett goals. The scheduled game the following week against Pewsey was postponed due to the wedding of Lou Nash. After the week off next up was another away match, this time at Marlborough and once again Wootton Bassett returned with a 5-1 success thanks to goals from Young, Taylor, Embling, Frank Curtis and an own goal. The Football Pink noted that Lou Nash was still on honeymoon but that the side benefitted from having Peter Teetgen available whilst on leave from service in Germany. Regarding the start to the season and the maximum points secured against all odds the Football Pink carried the following report:

“The Wiltshire League limelight is being focussed on Wootton Bassett following their 5-1 success at Marlborough. It was one of equal calibre to their opening 5-1 win at Amesbury. These successes have been all the more remarkable because it is no secret that Wootton Bassett were somewhat despondent at the start of the season as they totalled up the number of players they had lost and set their one and solitary acquisition against that total. Out of adversity is sometimes born success and that would appear to be the case with the Town who are showing enthusiasm and success that is pleasing secretary Percy Stone immensely.”

Wootton Bassett's first home league game of the season saw them win handsomely, 7-1 the score against a West Lavington side who were to struggle all season, four more goals for Ray Young in this one showing what an astute signing he had been. Wootton Bassett followed this up with another away win, two goals from Don Lawrence in the 3-1 win. The first defeat of the season came in the FA Amateur Cup when Wootton Bassett went down 3-0 against Wiltshire Premier League side Melksham Town. This cup defeat seemed to knock Wootton Bassett out of their stride as they then lost their first league game of the season, a 1-0 away defeat at Bromham. Astonishingly this was to be the only away league defeat of the season, the Town winning each and every one of their other away league games as they marched towards the league title. Bromham were to also end Wootton Bassett's interest in the Subsidiary Cup, played to supplement the league fixtures but more on that later. In the league Wootton Bassett led the way from start to finish. The biggest win of the season came at home on a heavy Rylands Way pitch against Box Rovers when Wootton Bassett hit ten goals without reply. The Football Pink of 20th December 1958 described the game as follows:

“Wootton Bassett Town, the Wiltshire League leaders entertained Box Rovers. The game was played under treacherous conditions and it was surprise when the referee allowed it to go on. Wootton Bassett were the first to take their chance when a cross from the right wing



everything from a season review to a day-by-day diary for the crucial eight game run in, covering everything from interviews with players to botched military manoeuvres and misguided train journeys, this collection of writings gives the reader humour, heartbreak, passion so raw, it will leave you wanting more.

Edited by Sunderland writer Malcolm Robinson – author of *From Afghanistan to Temazepam*, he has also enlisted the talents of Barry Hindmarch – ardent Newcastle fan and literary genius and football expert - Robert Nichols – fanzine editor of Middlesbrough's *Fly Me To The Moon*, to combine together bringing a unique stance on one of the most important seasons in years. Also including the musings of Hull City scribe – Ben Sandall and his thoughts on the last day drama, the book really does include all the feeling and all the events for all clubs embedded in the relegation dogfight.

In a tribute to the North East based sitcom – it is inevitable that these authors will be saying ‘*Auf Wiedersehen Lads*’ come the end of the season.

Why advertise this in the Wootton Bassett Town match day programme? Well the reason is the Club received the following message from author Malcolm Robinson:

“I am launching a new football book on Monday which often mentions Wootton Bassett Town FC as well as the town and Wiltshire in general. *Auf Wiedersehen Lads* is mainly a North East based book, however as I am based at RAF Lyneham, the south west community is often included.

I was wondering whether you would be interested in an article for your matchday programme or web site? “

Happy to oblige Malcolm.

For details of how to buy the book either contact Malcolm by email at malcolmrobinson2000@yahoo.co.uk or go to the following website www.a-w-lads.co.uk

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Green hat-trick downs Ciren

Rylands Way, 10th October 2009

Wootton Bassett Town avenged last week's disappointing draw with Cirencester United, defeating them 4-1 in the return fixture at Rylands Way thanks to a hat-trick from Alex Green.

Bassett did make hard work of their win though, falling behind to a 20th minute strike, which was to be the only goal of the opening half, from Darren Lucas.

However, with the onset of the second half, Dave Turner's side began to play some confident football and the goals soon followed.

Green knotted the scores up six minutes after the restart, and put his side ahead in the 65th minute. His hat-trick was completed with just under twenty minutes to go before Sam Collier netted his fourth goal of the season in the dying stages to put added gloss on the scoreline.

The victory did not see Bassett climb a place in the table, but a win of next week's visitors Letcombe will see them rise at least one rung up the league ladder.



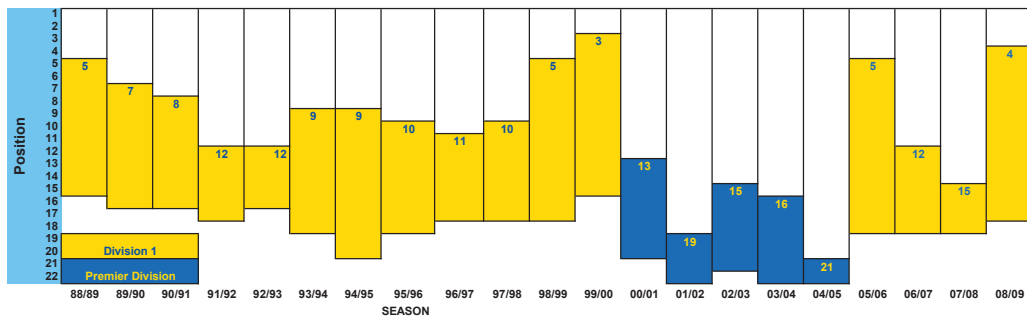
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- 1930/31 Calne & District League Runners-up
- 1931/32 Calne & District League Champions
- 1933/34 Vale of White Horse Cup Winners
- 1934/35 Calne & District League Champions
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- 1935/36 Calne & District 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
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- Wiltshire Senior Cup Runners-up
- 1988/89 Wiltshire County League Ghia Junior Cup Runners-up
- 1989/90 Hellenic League Division 1 Cup Winners
- 1993/94 Hellenic League Division 1 Cup Winners
- 1994/95 Hellenic League Division 1 Cup Runners-up
- 1998/99 Wiltshire Senior Cup Winners
- 2000/01 Wiltshire Senior Cup Winners
- Hellenic League Reserves Division 2 West Champions



BASSETT'S HELLENIC RECORD

LADIES SECTION IN FOCUS

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



Season	Div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Position
1988/89	1	28	11	7	10	50	41	40	5 out of 15
1989/90	1	30	13	8	9	52	35	47	7 out of 16
1990/91	1	30	11	8	11	32	36	41	8 out of 16
1991/92	1	32	10	8	14	45	59	38	12 out of 17
1992/93	1	30	8	6	16	40	53	30	12 out of 16
1993/94	1	34	15	8	11	65	57	53	9 out of 18
1994/95	1	38	18	5	15	67	68	59	9 out of 20
1995/96	1	34	12	9	13	50	64	45	10 out of 18
1996/97	1	32	9	8	15	37	50	35	11 out of 17
1997/98	1	32	12	6	14	67	58	42	10 out of 17
1998/99	1	32	17	7	8	64	43	58	5 out of 17
1999/00	1	28	15	7	6	54	32	52	3 out of 15
2000/01	P	38	14	10	14	54	60	52	13 out of 20
2001/02	P	42	11	9	22	39	75	42	19 out of 22
2002/03	P	40	10	10	20	36	70	40	15 out of 21
2003/04	P	42	11	5	26	38	73	38	16 out of 22
2004/05	P	42	6	9	27	30	85	27	21 out of 22
2005/06	1W	34	17	10	7	58	30	61	5 out of 18
2006/07	1W	32	13	5	14	60	59	44	11 out of 18
2007/08	1W	34	11	3	20	43	66	33	15 out of 18
2008/09	1W	32	17	9	6	61	30	60	4 out of 17
2009/10	1W	8	4	2	2	21	9	14	10 out of 17
Total		724	265	159	300	1,063	1,153	951	
			36.6%	22.0%	41.4%				

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
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Wootton Bassett Town Ladies Fixtures

Season 2009-10

Date	Opponents	H/A	Score	Notes
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	W/O	Awarded to W. Bassett
Sun 11 Oct	AEK Boco Reserves	A	W 6 - 0	
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		

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
St Nicholas Ladies	5	5	0	0	35	1	34	15
Wootton Bassett Town	6	5	0	1	22	10	12	15
Cirencester Town Reserves	5	3	0	2	8	12	-4	9
Gloucester City Reserves	5	2	0	3	13	24	-11	6
AEK Boco Reserves	5	2	0	3	10	27	-17	6
Quedgeley Wanderers Ladies	5	1	0	4	8	18	-10	3
Stoke Lane Reserves	5	0	0	5	1	5	-4	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 player 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 Wearside 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

Alex Green and Luke Sharps



PLAYER KIT SPONSORSHIP

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

11th October 2009

FTL FUTBOL Premier Division

In the Premier Division Abingdon Town were at home to Fairford Town and lost 1-0. Flackwell Heath's impressive start continued with a 4-1 win over newly promoted Binfield. Heathen's scorers were Riccardo Cannon with two, Adam Davis and Paul Gilbert with Justin McClurg netting a late consolation for the Moles. Highworth Town's recent good form continued with a 5-0 thrashing of Marlow United. The impressive Matt Bennett bagged a pair and Paul Cooper and Dan Hilder followed up with one each with an own goal making the total. Basement outfit Hook Norton faced new boys Ascot United and were comprehensively beaten after going into an early lead through Pete Moulder. The Yellamen's sharp shooters were Rich Mills and Andy Lunn with two-a-piece, Shaun McIntyre and Jonny Bennett. Old Woodstock Town hosted the highly rated Almondsbury Town and fell to a last ditch effort from Dean Maynard. Ali Gibb opened the scoring for the Almonds, with Ben Thomas equalizing soon after for Woodstock. With league leaders, Reading Town without a game as Bicester Town struggled with both on and off field problems. This allowed Shortwood United an opportunity to close the gap at the top against Ardley United and they squeezed through this fixture with a first half Ross Casey effort. Shrivenham and Kidlington fought out a goalless draw and finally Witney United were mugged in the final minute by Wantage Town. The Blanketmen went ahead with a 2nd half Dean Smith goal only to lose out to late strikes from Rich Guy and Richard Claydon.

The Roving Reporter reports on Witney United 1-2 Wantage Town

Wantage Town are having their best start to the season for a while and today visited Witney United. It was the visitors who had most of the attacking play for the first 20 minutes or so but the nearest they came to scoring was when Richie Barrett had to make a double save from Gavin Jones. The Blanketmen's first opportunity came soon after when a free header from John McMahon only just went over the bar. The rest of the half saw both sides struggle to control the ball and play at times became very scrappy.

Half Time: 0 - 0

The second half saw both keepers saving well from half chances but in the 64th minute a free kick for the Blanketmen out on the right was pushed forward to Dean Smith, who slung a long high ball into the penalty area. The flight of the ball beat everybody including keeper Darryl Simms, who, despite back-peddling, could not prevent the ball from dropping into the roof of the net. The home side looked as though they would hang on to their lead and take all the points but in the 89th minute, a cross from Matty Horsell saw Richie Guy rise to head home the equaliser. Three minutes into added time, a Wantage throw-in was pushed into the area and keeper Richie Barrett rushed out to claim the ball but was beaten to it by Richard Claydon who stabbed the ball home for the Wantage winner.

The 'Alfredians' are now showing real form and should challenge well for the league title.

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

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Wootton Bassett Under 9 B



Team line-up

Top row, left to right: Rodney Ferguson, Nick Mann, Ashley Mills, Jake Ball, Josh Sheppard, Rob Mitchell

Bottom row, left to right: Alex Harper, Joe Mitchell, Ben King, Daniel Slade, Nicky Price

The management team of **Rob Mitchell** and **Rodney Ferguson** both love the game just as much as they first did when they were 'under 9'. Hopefully that enthusiasm is rubbing off on the lads, as they all seem to be playing football as it should be

played - with a huge smile on their faces! Win or lose, if the boys have enjoyed the game, it's a successful one.

Team Bio

Daniel Slade. Our keeper with lightening reflexes! Expect to see Daniel darting off his line to claim anything in HIS penalty box! Commands his area just like Peter Schmeichel used to do, including moaning at his defenders at times! Josh Sheppard. Tough, no nonsense defender! Has Josh ever lost a 50-50 challenge? I can't recall a time! You might liken Josh to John Terry, but I'm not sure John is as brave.

Nick Mann. Nick is what you might call a 'clever defender'. Rarely caught out of position, and seems to always have time on the ball and never seems hurried. We oldies might liken Nick to Alan Hansen.

Ashley Mills. Tall and strong defensive midfielder. Can turn defence to attack in one pass. When called upon to play in goal he has a drop kick that Premiership goalies would be proud. With his long passing ability, he could be likened to Becks - without the ever-changing hairstyles!

Jake Ball. A midfielder who just can't be knocked off the ball. Shields the ball like no other in the team buying time for his team-mates to join an attack. Watch out for Jake's late runs at corners too. A battling midfielder in the style of Michael Essien.

Alex Harper. You wouldn't think to see him play, that Alex had hardly kicked a ball before this season. Our most improved player has added some real energy to the midfield. Javier Mascherano might come to mind when watching Alex as he doesn't give the opposition any time on the ball.

Nicky Price. A real live-wire midfielder. What you might call a box-to-box player, one minute defending his goal, the next helping the attack. Plays the same way as Sean Wright Phillips, buzzing about all over the pitch.

Ben King. A midfielder who has many parts to his game. Can tackle, pass and score, but really comes into his own when dribbling; you think you know how to stop him but you just can't! Ben's been known to dribble round each and every opposition player - then go back for another go. Think Cristiano Ronaldo but without the arrogance!

Joe Mitchell. Striker. What a start to the season Joe has had! Topped the league's goal-scoring chart from day one (when he scored 6 on the season opener!) A great striker of the ball with either foot that belies his small stature, and now that he has added a biting tackle to his great dribbling ability, no defender is safe. His pace and finishing remind you of a young Michael Owen.

Rob and Rodney would also like to thank the club, the senior players and officials for today's match. Their sponsors, **WGS Power & Lighting**, and **High Motive** deserve a mention, as do the parents who have all supported us all throughout the season.

Wootton Bassett Under 9 "A"



Team line-up

Top row, left to right: Ralph Welsman. Ryan Welsman-Clarke. Cameron Bell. Harrison Gough. Matt Catheline. Cade Simmons. Nigel Simmons
Bottom row, left to right: Hadley Bridgman. Joe Morley. Matthew Wheeler. Archie Robinson. George Jarmolinski

The management team of Nigel Simmons and Ralph Welsman is a very new one, last year as being parents on the sidelines, standing in the rain to being offered the chance via the club to take charge of a great bunch of lads this year; many of whom had negligible playing experience. They take the very firm view that football is a

game, a game to be played, and enjoyed for the games sake; and it's for the lads to take on all the best ethos of a friendly fun team. Playing for each other, the team, the club, their parents, and even their coaches Nigel and Ralph. We both hope that you enjoy taking a look at the future of football today, for today is the first time for many boys of having been to any senior match, we hope one of many, and with their new season tickets provided by the club, we hope they will come with their team mates to many more games in the future.

Team Bio

Matthew Wheeler. Our top notch keeper, with many airmiles under his belt coming far and wide to play for the club. Scouted by Ralph, he is the valued apex to the team. A character in the Bruce Grobbelar way, hopefully without the gambling.

Cade Simmons. Defender with a fearsome tackle, going in where the sun rarely shines. A real braveheart. Think Vidic, think Cade. A canny knack for goals too.

George Jarmolinski. Defender with the vision, strength and ability to go beyond the box. A shot to rival many attackers. We have paired up the boys with current England players – George, in the Rio Ferdinand mould.

Ryan Welsman-Clarke. Defensive midfielder. A real engine to the team with red bull in his veins, the Rhino takes all comers with guard dog tenacity one moment to a top passer the next. Gareth Barry is his paired England player

Matthew Catheline. Defensive midfielder. A find from the summer. A left footer with fleet of foot and a match winning throw of Usain Bolt believability, Matt is one of the lads to come fresh to the team with no previous experience. A find for the future. Ashley Cole is his matched England player.

Hadley Bridgman. Midfielder in the Paul Scholes manner. This fearsome lad has come from the keepers position to be a real surprise package this season. Another left footer this integral member to the squad has cemented his place in the lineup.

Cameron Bell. Midfield. The most senior member of the squad, Cam has led the line by example, and his surging runs in the Frank Lampard manner sends alarm bells ringing amongst opposition managers.

Harrison Gough. The most junior member of the team, Harry has taken the centre forward role in his stride. He plays for the team, and never tires in supporting the front line. One to watch. England player match – Peter Crouch

Joe Morley. Forward. This Joe Cole bag of tricks, with an on field presence larger than his smile, will play many a game for Basset and beyond. His goal celebrations gave rise to an exotic lineage in his family line, but he is pure Bassett. Honest, hard working and a friend to all.

Archie Robinson. His growing match awareness has come on leaps and bounds with every game. Now a lad to be aware of with the ball at his feet. An Aaron Lennon style of player who takes the right wing as his own.

Nigel and Ralph would like to thank the club, the senior players and officials for today's match. A special word for their sponsors **Quattro Group** and **High Motive** and to all the parents who trust us to build a great team of lads.



Hellenic League

FTL FUTBOL Division One West

Division One West side Cheltenham Sara's had the unenviable challenge of facing league leaders Slimbridge and managed a creditable draw. Jamie Hammond grabbed both goals for Saracens with marvellous Marvin Roberts claiming the strikes for Slimbridge. Clanfield hosted local rivals North Leigh and were trounced 4-0 with goals coming from Lee Keyes, Robbie Wyatt, Matt Wilton and an own goal. Easington Sports were at home to Lydney Town and lost an entertaining encounter by the odd goal in seven. Steve Howkins and Craig Robinson gave 'Sports' a half time lead, but Town's Matt Timmins with two, new signing Pete Macklin and Ricky Elliott had the game won before Matt Keenan found the net again for Sports. Headington Amateurs entertained strugglers, Harrow Hill and won in a canter thanks to a Luke Cuff hat-trick and an Aaron Barrett pair. This was after Paul Manns had given the Hill an early lead. Tytherington Rocks overcame the challenge from basement club Launton Sports with all the goals coming in the first period. John Moore's consolation for Sports nestled between Dan Thorpe's hat-trick for the Rock. Jimmy Potts has moved on from Winterbourne United who were hoping to erase memories of last week's 5-0 drubbing but Letcombe added to their woes with goals from Callum Cook and two from Paul Roberts. Finally Wootton Bassett Town went behind to lowly Cirencester United thanks to a Darren Lucas 1st half effort but finding the net in the 2nd period to claim the points for Bassett were Alex Green with a hat-trick and Sam Collier.

FTL FUTBOL Division One East

Chinnor were at home to Chalfont Wasps and ran out comfortable 4 – 2 winners thanks to pairs from Gary Marshall and Ryan Davis. Tom Seddon and Fred Trip scored Wasps' consolation efforts. Finchampstead faced the very strong Thame United and went down to a goal in each half from Stuart Barr and Ben Connolly. High flyers Holyport took on lowly Penn & Tylers Green and had to be satisfied with a point after a goalless encounter. Kintbury Rangers entertained Rayners Lane and were soon down to goals from Glenn Donnelly and George Wells. A 2nd half goal from Paul Thomas gave them some hope but Rob Parillon's last minute effort sealed a 3 – 1 victory for the Lane. Milton United welcomed Eton Wick to the Heights and helped themselves to all the points after a five goal thriller. On target for the Heights outfit were Ryan Williams, Adam Drake and Lee Riddell and for the Wick, Matt Bell and Dion Grant. Newbury hosted 2nd placed Henley Town and did well to secure a point after being down to an own goal and a first half Lorenzo Medford effort. Leading the 2nd half recovery was Dean O'Regan who grabbed both goals. Basement club Prestwood faced league leaders Wokingham & Emmbrook and despite taking an early lead through new signing Kieran Webb, succumbed to a Richard Bland pair and a single from Darren Thorne. League new boys Woodley Town continued their good start to the season beating Farnborough by the odd goal in five. Dan Bowden and Jourdain Coleman gave Farnborough an early lead but Luke Williams and Jamie Fairchild with two sealed the victory.



Hellenic League

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Injury Update from Letcombe

There have been a number of clubs asking about the progress of the injured Letcombe trio of players.

MARK DENNY trained with the club for the first time last Tuesday following his very serious broken leg last January. He was in good spirits and looked remarkably fit considering his long absence from the game. He joined in the 'friendly' game at the end of training, and is hopeful that he will be able to play competitively again early in the New Year.

SIMON TABOR is now able to put some weight on the leg he broke two months ago at North Leigh. He is still using crutches to walk, but has been told to start weight bearing on the injured leg. He is also in good spirits, and is very grateful for the wonderful financial support from North Leigh. Letcombe are also holding a club disco for him on October 17th. He is hoping to make a return before the end of the season, but this seems rather optimistic.

JOSH BOURTON is still suffering from the dislocated finger he suffered a month ago at Slimbridge. Doctors have told him that only the dislocation should have been bandaged rather than the whole finger and that the damaged tendons have not yet mended. He will be missing for at least another month. Having used four different keepers in the four games since his injury Letcombe hope that he will soon be on the road to recovery.

AM Print & Copy Floodlit Cup

The draw for the 2nd Round of the AM Print & Copy Hellenic Floodlit Cup was made on Friday

Henley Town	v	Pegasus Juniors
Highworth Town	v	Shortwood United
Holyport	v	Binfield
Kidlington	v	Almondsbury Town
Milton United	v	Witney United
Old Woodstock Town	v	Ardley United
Reading Town	v	Abingdon United
Wantage Town	v	Thame United

Registrations

Another busy week for Registrations with a further 93 players being registered taking the number of registered players to 3287. Plus a further 68 transfers have been effected including Nine in the past week.

Registered Players 2009 – 2010

Division	Registered	Transferred	Total
Premier	1028	29	1057
One West	805	22	827
One East	856	14	870
Reserves	164	3	167
Veterans	434		434
TOTALS	3287	68	3355

Transfers

Player	From	To
Scott	Bursill	Finchampstead
Craig	Wood	North Leigh
Paul	Self	Thatcham Town
Chris	Zoldan	Carterton
Paul	Thomas	Newbury
Kieran	Webb	Chalfont Wasps
Dominic	White	Old Woodstock Tn
Jacob	Davis	Chinnor
Daniel	Monk	Launton Sports
		Ardley United

Goalkeeping Merry-go-round

One West club Letcombe have used five different goalkeepers in five consecutive matches. Is this a record?

Teenager Josh Bourton was the Letcombe 1st choice keeper this season, but dislocated a finger on 5th September at Slimbridge. First choice keeper last season Steven Vaux has decided to play North Berks football as an outfield player this season, but with his club having a free Saturday, Letcombe hastily signed him on to play in goal the following match on 12th September at home to Lydney Town.

Stuart Game, Letcombe first choice keeper for many years, but having recently married, and with a baby daughter did not want to play regularly this season but he agreed to help out for one match, and played in the home game against Cirencester United on September 19th. With no other keeper available, defender Tom Patten played in goal in the B & B Intermediate Cup at Newbury a week later and were hoping that Bourton would be fit for the visit to Lydney, but was told his return would be at least another month, the Club signed Wantage school teacher Simon Byrne to make it five different goalkeepers in five weeks. Byrne played in the victory at Winterbourne on October 10th, and will hopefully continue to deputise in the coming weeks.



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
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 AFC Totton (H)	
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 Eastbourne United	A	
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



FIXTURES

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 Norfolkiens 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
Wednesday 21 October		
Gloucestershire Challenge Trophy 2nd Rd		
Almondsbury Town		Berkeley Town
Cheltenham Saras		Cirencester Tn Dev'
Res Division One		
Swindon S'marine	v	Wantage Tn

TOUCHLINE

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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 respectfully, 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 1mixed 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 team started their October fixtures with a thrilling 3-2 away win against Supermarine in a match that saw football prevail over some questionable tactics employed by the home team management which quite rightly left them with only 9 men on the pitch at the final whistle.

As early as the 4th minute Robbie Ali was crudely hacked down to bring in the first yellow of the night and it seemed to set the scene for the rest of the game with Ali being seemingly targeted with some horrendous challenges. Despite this he still managed to make a huge contribution in the first half by setting up a goal for Danny Hale and hitting the post himself with a great effort until his match finished after 55 minutes due to injury resulting in him spending time on crutches this week.

We went ahead through Joe Shepherd before Supermarine equalised and then restored our lead through 15yr old Danny Hale to lead 2-1 at halftime. The second half saw Supermarine start to play more football and they equalised midway through the half through a great strike and the game looked like it would end all square before a superb individual effort from Danny Hale five minutes from time ensured we got all three points. Picking up the ball just inside Supermarine's half Hale accelerated away from two Supermarine defenders to coolly chip the keeper for his second of the night and his third in 5 games to leave us in mid table at the time of writing.

I also took the time on last Saturday to watch Simon's reserve side at Binfield and it was pleasing to see the U18's Kyle Pitts, Jack Paish and James Tasker perform really well at this level which can only be a good thing as it shows the younger squad members what can be achieved through hard work and effort.

Wootton Bassett Town Under 18 Wiltshire County Floodlit League

Date	Opponents	H/A	K-off		
10/09/2009	Chard Town (FAYC)	H	19:30	L 1 - 2	Paish
17/09/2009	Melksham Town	H	19:30	W 2 - 1	Hale, Farr
24/09/2009	Shrewton Utd	H	19:30	L 0 - 2	
01/10/2009	Pewsey Vale	A	19:30	L 1 - 2	Herbert
08/10/2009	Swindon Supermarine	A	19:30	W 3 - 2	Hale 2, Shepherd
14/10/2009	Corsham Town	A	19:30		
22/10/2009	Amesbury Town	H	19:30		
29/10/2009	Bemerton Heath H	A	19:30		
05/11/2009	Bradford Town	H	19:30		
11/11/2009	Calne Town	A	19:30		
19/11/2009	Chippenham Town	H	19:30		
03/12/2009	Corsham Town	H	19:30		
10/12/2009	Swindon Supermarine	H	19:30		
16/12/2009	Shrewton Utd	A	19:30		
14/01/2010	Pewsey Vale	H	19:30		
20/01/2010	Melksham Town	A	19:30		
28/01/2010	Amesbury Town	A	19:30		
01/02/2010	Chippenham Town	A	19:30		
11/02/2010	Bemerton Heath H	H	19:30		
18/02/2010	Calne Town	H	19:30		
23/02/2010	Bradford Town	A	19:30		



League Table	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1 Bradford Town	4	4	0	0	10	12
2 Pewsey Vale	5	3	1	1	3	10
3 Chippenham Town	4	3	0	1	5	9
4 Bemerton HH	4	2	1	1	8	7
5 Swindon Supermarine FC	5	2	1	2	3	7
6 Melksham Town	4	2	0	2	3	6
7 Wootton Bassett	4	2	0	2	-1	6
8 Shrewton Utd	5	2	0	3	-8	6
9 Calne Town	4	1	0	3	-7	3
10 Amesbury Town	4	0	2	2	-4	2
11 Corsham Town	5	0	1	4	-12	1



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, Mephram
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	L 1 - 2	Tasker
Tue	20-Oct-09 Highworth Town Res	A	League		
Sat	24-Oct-09 Abingdon Utd Res	H	League		
Tue	27-Oct-09 Finchampstead Res	H	League		
Sat	7-Nov-09 Carterton Res	A	League		
Sat	14-Nov-09 Cheltenham Saras Res	A	League		
Sat	21-Nov-09 Arden Res	A	League		
Sat	5-Dec-09 Hungerford Town Res	H	League		
Sat	12-Dec-09 Highworth Town Res	H	League		
Tue	15-Dec-09 Fairford Res	A	League		
Sat	2-Jan-10 Swindon Supermarine	H	League		
Sat	9-Jan-10 Binfield Res	H	League		
Sat	30-Jan-10 Kidlington Res	H	League		
TBA	Ardley Res	H	League		
TBA	Carterton Res	H	League		
TBA	Cheltenham Saras Res	H	League		
TBA	Henley Town Res	H	League		
TBA	Abingdon Town Res	A	League		
TBA	Finchampstead Res	A	League		
TBA	Hungerford Town Res	A	League		
TBA	Wantage Town Res	A	League		
TBA	Rayners Lane	H	Cup		

Reserve Team		Apps	Goals
Appearances - Season 2009-10			
	1 Kyle Pitts	8	
	2 Allan Hawthorne	7	1
	3 Matthew Brunton	6	
	4 Sam Mephram	6	1
	5 Tyron Connelly	6	
	6 Kevin Ackrill	6	
	7 Steven Pleass	5	
	8 Kevin Scott	5	
	9 Phil Tearle	5	2
	10 Kris Worley	4	
	11 Dan Atkin	4	
	12 Craig Kelly	4	
	13 Jack Paish	4	
	14 George Drewitt	3	1
	15 David Millaci	3	3
	16 Daniel Jones	3	
	17 Sam Lawro	3	
	18 Dean Wason	3	
	19 Sam Jackson	2	
	20 Craig Dixon	2	1
	21 James Smith	2	
	22 James Tasker	2	1
	23 Simon Randlesome	2	
	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
	32 Lee Smith	1	
	33 Ryan Thomas	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?

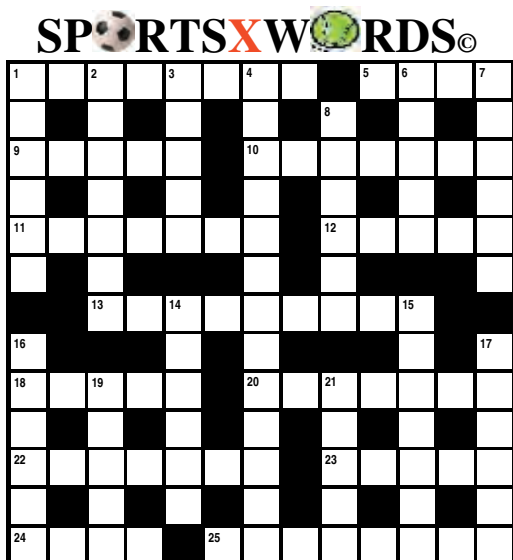
First team home games
26th Sept Easington Sports
17th Oct Letcombe



"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 Astroturf
(Please call Matt before you look to attend (07859 794621)





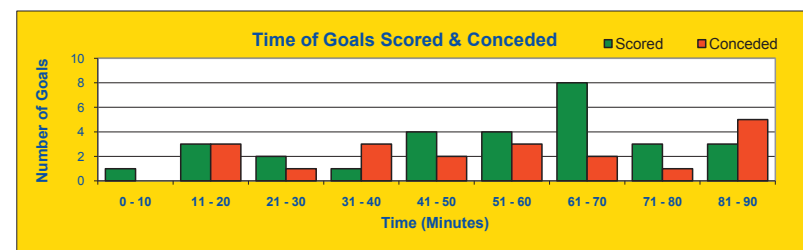
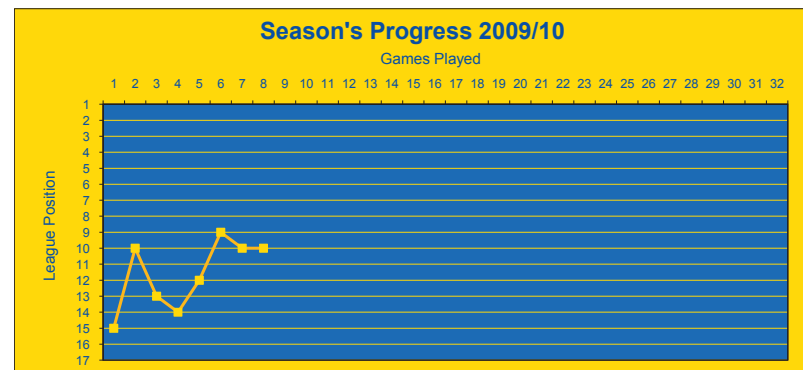
ACROSS

- 1 The ____ of Northampton Town (8)
- 5 Reigning Welsh Premier champions (4)
- 9 Colin ____, defender whose first 'appearance' for Liverpool was on the bench in 1978 European C (5)
- 10 Keeper who has gone from Derby to QPR to Forest (3,4)
- 11 Hertfordshire's Southern League Town once managed by Kerry Dixon (7)
- 12 Beaten by 'The Count' in 2009 BDO World Darts Final (1'4)
- 13 Israeli who was first £1m plus foreign signing by an English club in 1990 (9)
- 18 Soccer's Alexandra (5)
- 20 Leeds' Michalik or Celtic's Moravcik (7)
- 22 Rovers' midfielder who captained Wolves aged just 21 (7)
- 23 Ace kicker Paul Thorburn's club (5)
- 24 Trailing Hirvonen in the WRC (4)
- 25 Real's Dutch midfielder now at Inter (8)

DOWN

- 1 From AS Cannes to Arsenal in 2003 (6)
- 2 From Rochdale to Derby via West Ham (7)
- 3 Fergal ____, jockey allowed to ride in USA after 'plea bargain' to stopping Bond City (5)
- 4 Coventry full back who won a UEFA Cup and was a semi finalist in a World Cup, European Cha and European Cup (6,7)
- 6 Defunct speedway outfit, Cradley ____ (5)
- 7 Bath's England flanker in drugs rumpus (6)
- 8 Signed by Leeds from Eintracht Frankfurt in 1995 to score wonder goals! (6)
- 14 6 Scottish titles and 1 French between 1989 and 1996 (6)
- 15 England midfielder with cousin Jamie and Uncle Harry (7)
- 16 Scottish international midfielder boss of Bradford City (6)
- 17 South Africa's cricket coach, Mickey ____ (6)
- 19 Onetime Australian Rugby Union boss, ____ Jones (5)
- 21 Rovers' McCarthy (5)

WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB STATS PAGE



	Appearances 2009/10	Starts	As Sub	Total	Goals
1 James Turner	13	1		14	1
2 Sam Collier	12	2		14	4
3 Alex Green	13			13	6
4 Chris Oram	12			12	1
5 Ryan Banks	12			12	4
6 Terry Adams	11			11	2
7 Liam Edmondson	9	2		11	-
8 Adam Field	6	5		11	4
9 Luke Sharps	10			10	-
10 Stewart Thompson	10			10	-
11 Steve Groom	9	1		10	-
12 Craig Bowden	7	3		10	-
13 Mitch Wyatt	5	3		8	3
14 Frankie Hunt	5	1		6	1
15 Ryan Thomas	2	4		6	1
16 Marcus Hall	5			5	-
17 Kevin Scott	4			4	-
18 Sam Mepham	1	3		4	-
19 Alan Blake	1	3		4	-
20 Jon Holloway		4		4	1
21 Sam English	1	1		2	-
22 David Millaci		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	-
30 Craig Kelly		1		1	-

Last Season	
Total	Goals
8	1
-	-
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43	2
44	8
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38	-
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WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C. SEASON 2009-10 FIRST TEAM FIXTURES, RESULTS, TEAMS & SCORERS

Date	Opponents	H/A	R	Crowd	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15
15-Aug	Westbury United (FAC - Ex Prelim)	H	D2-2	64	Thompson	Groom	Sharps	Adams	Oram	Collier	Turner	Hall	Green	Field (1)	Banks (1)	Wyatt	Millaci	Bowden
18-Aug	Westbury United (FAC - Ex Prelim Replay)	A	W3-2	70	Thompson	Groom	Sharps	Adams	Oram	Collier	Turner	Hall	Green (1)	Field (1)	Banks	Wyatt (1)	Millaci	Edmondson
22-Aug	Slimbridge	A	L0-2	59	Thompson	Groom	Sharps	Adams	Oram	Collier	Turner	Hunt	Green	Field	Banks	Wyatt	Bowden	
25-Aug	Headington Amateurs	H	W 6-1	57	Thompson	Bowden	Sharps	Adams(2)	Oram(1)	Collier	Turner	Hunt	Green	Wyatt (1)	Banks(2)	Field	Holloway	Edmondson
29-Aug	Brockenhurst (FAC - Prelim)	H	L0-1	70	Thompson	Groom	Edmondson	Adams	Oram	Bowden	Turner	Hunt	Green	Wyatt	Banks	Field	Holloway	Collier
31-Aug	Purton	H	D2-2	120	Thompson	Groom	Sharps	Dean	Oram	Collier	Turner(1)	Hunt	Green	Field	Banks	R.Thomas	Holloway(1)	English
5-Sep	Hamble ASSC (FAV - QR1)	H	L2-3	68	Thompson	Groom	Sharps	Edmondson	Oram	Collier	Turner	Hall	Green	Field(1)	Bowden	R.Thomas	Holloway	Hunt(1)
8-Sep	Ardley United (F/L)	A	L1-2	46	Scott	Tasker	Bowden	Edmondson	Mepham	Collier	G.Thomas(1)	Drewitt	English	Blake	Hawthorne	Turner	Kelly	
12-Sep	Cricklade Town	A	L0-1	62	Thompson	Groom	Sharps	Adams	Oram	Collier	Turner	Edmondson	Green	Field	Banks	R.Thomas	Bowden	
16-Sep	Harrow Hill	A	W3-1	34	Scott	Bowden	Sharps	Adams	Oram	Hunt	Turner	Edmondson	Green	Guthrie	Banks (1)	Collier(2)	Mepham	
19-Sep	Lydney	H	W5-0	48	Scott	Bowden	Sharps	Adams	Oram	Collier (1)	Turner	Edmondson	Green (2)	R.Thomas (1)	Banks	Groom	Field (1)	Mepham
26-Sep	Easington Sports (BIBCC Prelim)	H	L0-1	49	Scott	Groom	Thomas	Adams	Oram	Collier	Turner	Edmondson	Green	Wyatt	Banks	Field	Blake	
3-Oct	Cirencester United	A	D1-1	26	Thompson	Groom	Sharps	Adams	Edmondson	Collier	Turner	Hall	Green	Wyatt (1)	Banks	R.Thomas	Etheridge	Blake
10-Oct	Cirencester United	H	W4-1	34	Thompson	Bowden	Edmondson	Adams	Oram	Collier (1)	Turner	Hall	Green (3)	Wyatt	Banks	Field	Mepham	Blake
17-Oct	Letcombe	H																
24-Oct	Trowbridge Town	A																
31-Oct	North Leigh Res	H																
7-Nov	Easington Sports	H																
14-Nov	Shrewton (CC2)	A																
21-Nov	Tytherington Rocks	H																
28-Nov	TBA																	
5-Dec	Lydney Town	A																
12-Dec	Cheltenham Saracens	A																
19-Dec	Clanfield	H																
26-Dec	Trowbridge Town	H																
2-Jan	Purton	A																
9-Jan	Launton Sports	A																
16-Jan	Cheltenham Saracens	H																
23-Jan	TBA																	
30-Jan	Winterbourne United	A																
TBA	Cricklade Town	H																
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FAC - FA Cup, F/L - Floodlight Cup, FAV - FA Vase, CC - County Cup, BIBCC - Challenge Cup, SC - Supplementary Cup