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EDITORIAL

Good evening and welcome back to Rylands Way for our penultimate FTL Futbol Hellenic League home fixture against **Launton Sports**. A warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters from Launton who have made the journey from Oxfordshire for the game. We hope they will join us in the bar after the game for some beer and sandwiches.

What a fantastic performance and result that was away at Purton on Saturday. You could tell that the players were really up for this game, helped I understand by comments made by a Purton player on Facebook. We could easily have been four up at the break and even playing against the wind in the second period, we should have scored when Taz was clean through and should then have been awarded a stonewall penalty. The referee was not helped by his linesman with this decision as the linesman should have had a much clearer view but was not up with play. Despite the decision going against us, the referee has to be congratulated on his handling of what was an electric local derby with so much at stake. He could easily have booked ten players but used his common sense and only produced his book when his patience was finally worn down by a couple of persistent offenders. If only all games were handled in this way rather than cards being flashed left right and centre. In the past I have commented on inflated crowd numbers but for once I felt that the top crowd of the day in the whole of the Hellenic League looked higher than the declared 137.

After a great performance on Saturday it is important that we do not take this game lightly tonight. Despite their bottom of the table position Launton have shown great improvement under new management and actually secured their first win of the season on Saturday, defeating Tytherington Rocks. Given how tight the title race is we must be focused on securing another three points tonight. Elsewhere in the programme I have sought to predict the final outcome in Division One West and in doing this it was completely clear that if we are to secure a top three finish we cannot afford to drop many more, if any, points.

In terms of content in this week's programme, Dave looks back at the Purton game in his **From The Dugout** column and thanks a Purton player for doing his team talk for him on Saturday. The **From The Archives** series focuses on the **1905-06 Season**, which saw a runners-up position secured. Unfortunately no-one from that era will still be around to talk about this success. The feature contains the first recorded incident in a match involving Bassett and Trowbridge and may help explain some of the rivalry that exists to this day! Thank you to Scoop for the research for the results and reports for this chapter in the From The Archives series.

The **Youth Section in Focus** features games from last week and also the latest league tables. Special mention must go to the Under 16s who secured their first win of the season on Sunday, defeating Old Town United.

The First Team player featured this week in the **Player Profile** is First Team Manager **Dave Turner**. The **WBTFC Dream Team** feature sees Daves predecessor Paul Burke commit his all time WBTFC XI to paper. Chairman Paul Harrison looks back at the shenanigans at the Football Association last week and the power struggle with the Premier League Chairmen in his **Chairmans Chat column**. Well just one more programme to go now in what has been an eventful season already but which I am sure still has many twists and turns to play out.

Enjoy the game and here is to three more points tonight for that promotion chase.

Best wishes

Mark



CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Good evening, welcome to you all and to our visitors Launton Sports, who deserve a lot of credit to continue to battle through a difficult season for them.

So the FA is left without a Chief Executive following the resignation of Ian Whatmore, after only nine months in charge. I found the debate sparked by his resignation very interesting, and perhaps most of all the comments from David Davies and others of the culture and organisation of our sports governing body being counterproductive to the effective operation of football in England. I have personal experience of working with the FA and Football Foundation and unfortunately I have witnessed circumstances and behaviours that back up Davies comments. It is an unfortunate fact that an organisation that has little or no competition tends to become arrogant, power is treasured by a few with little empowerment, and many working within the organisation are scared to make decisions, all of which sadly leads to inefficiency. I have witnessed this both in corporations that become number one in their market as well as some of sport governing bodies. It is to be hoped that all within the game can take this moment to truly consider the future of football in England, and come together to promote football in the right way going forward, offering an agenda that puts right the financial difficulties the game faces and focuses on increasing participation in the sport at all levels. We need an individual that is capable of creating a vision for football that can bring together the various powerhouses within the game.

Anyway, enough of all that. After Saturdays fine win at Purton, and with no disrespect to our visitors, I am sure the lads will go into this game with the right attitude to ensure another Bassett win.

Cheers 

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FROM THE DUGOUT

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

We all knew last Tuesday was going to be a tough game and it that is exactly how it ended up. Winterbourne were like a dog with a bone, they just would not let go. Although I felt we were the better team from the first ball. All credit to the lads for putting in such a good performance in very difficult circumstances.

It gives me great pleasure to be able to report on a 2-1 away win at Purton on Saturday. The first half performance was one of the beat of the season for me. We played some superb football and crafted two very good goals. In the second half it was more about grit and being able to grind out a result which we did.

Local derbys are always tough and to be honest we have been a little bit short on our performances in previous derbys this season, but on Saturday we were by far the better football side and we thoroughly deserved our win.

My team talk was one of the easiest of the season as James Townsend (Purton) had been kind enough to go on Facebook and tell the whole world that he was going to Do Sam Colliers bad knee and go on to beat the Bassett inbreds. I personally found that disgusting and I know some of their players did as well as they made a point of saying so to me. All credit to them.

Another reason I found his comments so strange is that only two weeks ago the same player was touting himself to me and Bassett as he was so unhappy at Purton. Banter is a great part of the game and a part that I love, but there is no place in the game for that sort of premeditated comment. That is not the sort of player that I would have in my changing room.

Tonight will be another tough game. For some reason we have not performed against some of the teams in the bottom half of the table this season. Tonight we will be looking to put that right and put in a good solid performance from the very first whistle.

Dave



OPPONENTS HISTORY

LAUNTON SPORTS FC • CLUB HISTORY

In the old Lord Jersey records Launton Sports are referred to as just Launton.

Over 100 years past (season 1899/00) the club first reached the final of the Lord Jersey Cup. The club first lifted the Jersey Cup in 1912/13, though this was the first of many cup wins in the Jersey Cup. The next win in was in 1919/20. In 1920/21 Launton shared the Jersey Cup with Steeple Aston after two games which both finished 1-1.

The next season 1921/22 saw the club as finalists in the Jersey cup, though the Jersey Cup was won again in in 1922/23. The clubs' only success in the Oxfordshire Junior Shield came when Launton won the Shield in 1923/24, also winning the Jersey Cup again that season. The Jersey Cup Final was reached by Launton in both 1926/27 and 1927/28, though the club had to wait three seasons before being acclaimed Cup Holders again in 1930/31. Five years later the final was reached in 1935/36 and the cup was won in 1936/37.

With the Lord Jersey League reverting to divisions in the late 1930's, Launton won the Division One Championship in 1939/40. The period after the second world war saw Launton suffer relegation in the Lord Jersey League.

By the early 1950's the club were in the third division, though they did win the Division Three Championship in 1952/53. However later in the decade they were relegated again, having to wait until the 60's to win the championship in 1963/64.



Launton Sports were elected into the Oxfordshire Senior League in 1990/91, achieving early success being acclaimed Division One Champions in 1992/93.

The club remained in the Oxfordshire Senior League until the end of the 2000/01 season, when the club then had a season in limbo.

Launton rejoined the Oxfordshire Senior League at the start of the 2001/02 season and wasted no time in winning their league and lifted the Division One Championship. This was followed by a tremendous Presidents Cup victory in that epic final against Long Crendon.

After finishing third in the Oxfordshire Senior League Premier Division in 2006/7, the club were elected into the Sport Italia Hellenic League Division One West for the first time in the clubs history for the 2007/8 season. Launton Sports played 2008/9 in Division One East the club has been placed back in the West for the forthcoming campaign.



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Back: W.Archer, J.Looker, E.G.Alexander, A.Rouse, C.Edwards, H.Lawrence, F.Barker
 2nd Row: H.Maslin, E.R. Wallis (Hon.Secretary), G.Robinson, W.Jones, W.H.Major, E.Fry, W.Twine, J.Robins
 3rd Row: G.Pinfield, R.Hemmins, H.Boulter, G.Oakley, T.Rodway
 Front: W.Hutchings, F.Leighfield

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Team Profiles Launton Sports FC



Nick Lacey Goal Keeper
 Local lad with a great attitude and ability to match. Looks destined to become one of the leagues' top keepers.



Paul Lisseter Defence
 Versatile defender who never fails to show total commitment and loyalty to the team. Quick, tough tackler.



Stephen Huntley Defence
 Ex Bicester Town player who brings a wealth of experience and mobility to the heart of the teams defence.



John Moore Defence
 Another Launton lad who rarely shirks a challenge and always gives 100% towards the teams cause. Uncompromising, but extremely talented.



Denny Bishop Defence
 Highly talented player who has hopefully seen the back of his injury problems. Could be a big season for Denny with the chance to show his undoubted defensive quality in the Hellenic League.



Matt Gregor Defence
 Classy left sided defender, equally at home with both defensive or offensive roles.



Defence



James Lisseter Defence
 Mr Launton. A born leader who plays with extreme passion and commitment to the cause. A vital cog in the teams defensive formation.



Lee Durrant Defence
 A real team player, equally adapt either defence, midfield or up front . A class act with a real eye for the goal. Not a bad goalie as well.



Midfield



Dan Monk Midfield
 A real scoop as Dan has the vision and workrate second to none. Another player who will undoubtedly enhance the teams performances during the campaign.



Paul Anderson Midfield
 All action player with never ending skill and energy. The lynchpin of any side with his ultra competitive style of play. Always gives and expects 100% effort.



Owen Suter Midfield
 Making a welcome return to the club and looking to produce that impressive form which everyone associates with him. A real capture for Sports.



Andrew Krupowicz Forward
 Recent signing in his first season with Launton. A speedy left winger whose pace and trickery on the ball can only enhance the teams forward line.



Luke Phillips Forward
 Livewire striker whose energy and ability hold the ball is certain to unsettle many a defender



Nick Neal Forward
 A real class act with the ability to turn the best of defenders and will be looking to enhance his goalscoring rate.



Lee Thomas Forward
 Making a welcome to the club after a season absence. A proven goalscorer with that killer instinct in front of goal.



Cleeve Edwards Forward
 The prodical son has returned after a lengthy absence. Brings a touch of real class and character to the forward line. A great bloke both on and off the pitch.



Steve O'Neil Forward
 Another new boy whose ariel ability and exceptional ball control combines to make him a great asset to the team.



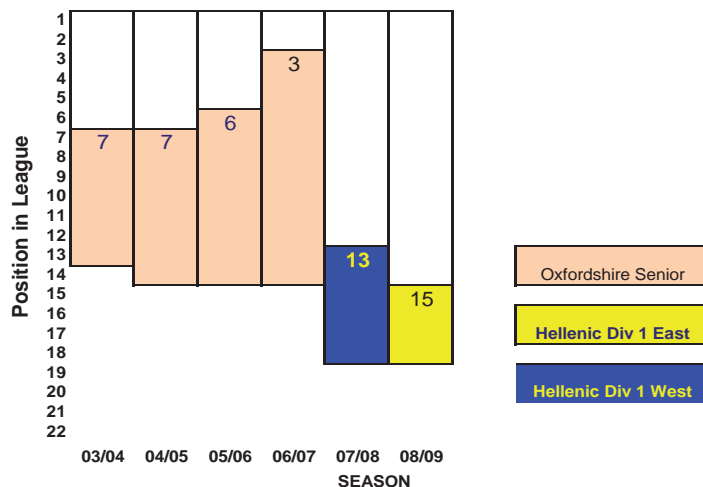
Manager

Having his first taste of the managerial hotseat for the 2009/2010 season. Duncan brings a wealth of talent and experience to the club. Looking to enhance the clubs local ethic plus progression of the youth players.

TODAY'S VISITORS

FROM THE ARCHIVES 1905-06

LAUNTON SPORTS- LAST 6 YEARS



Season	Div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Position
2003/04	OSL	24	8	7	9	45	40	31	7 out of 13
2004/05	OSL	26	11	2	13	58	54	37	7 out of 14
2005/06	OSL	26	12	6	8	59	46	42	6 out of 14
2006/07	OSL	26	16	6	4	68	38	54	3 out of 14
2007/08	1W	34	12	4	18	49	79	40	13 out of 18
2008/09	1E	34	7	5	22	45	91	26	15 out of 18

Current Form (Last Five Games)

Date	Opponents	Result	Scorers
27-Mar-10	Tytherington (H)	W 2 - 1	McGowen, King
13-Mar-10	Winterbourne (A)	L 0 - 7	
6-Mar-10	Lydney Town (H)	L 1 - 2	Green, McGowen
20-Feb-10	Headington Am (H)	L 1 - 4	Sweeney
13-Feb-10	Trowbridge Town (A)	D 2 - 2	Green, McGowen

Record v Wootton Bassett Town - Last 2 Seasons

Season	H/A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Points Ratio
2007/08	H	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	
2007/08	A	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	
2008/09	H	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2008/09	A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	H	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	100.0%
Total	A	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	0.0%
Total		2	1	0	1	2	3	3	50.0%

Nickname	
Secretary	Paul Tulley 01869 322608
Website	www.pitchero.com/clubs/launtonsports
Record Gate	235 v Chinnor
Best Gate - 2008/9	235 v Chinnor
Average Attendance 2008/9	42
Top Scorer - 2008/9	G.Price - 7 Goals

alarmed as a disturbance was feared at the close. So, apparently did Mr. Major [the referee], for when the game ceased he made a bolt for the dressing-room. He was afterwards guarded to the station by members of the Committee and police.

The victory left Bassett three points behind the winners, and four clear of Chippenham Town. Unfortunately for this season, results for the home match against Yeovil and the away contests against Chippenham United and Warminster Town have been difficult to trace.

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

Wiltshire County League 1905-06

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	121st R.F.A. (Trowbridge)	22	16	4	2	65	27	36
2	Wootton Bassett Town	22	14	5	3	57	28	33
3	Chippenham Town	22	11	7	4	56	33	29
4	Frome Town	22	11	3	8	40	42	25
5	Devizes Town	22	9	4	9	59	45	22
6	Bradford-on-Avon Town	22	8	5	9	38	40	21
7	Melksham Town	22	8	4	10	35	41	20
8	Yeovil Casuals	22	7	5	10	50	56	19
9	Bath City	22	7	3	12	35	47	17
10	Chippenham United	22	5	6	11	33	50	16
11	Warminster Town	22	6	4	12	37	65	16
12	Trowbridge Town	22	3	4	15	35	61	10

Home Goalscorers

121st R.F.A. (Trowbridge)	L 1 - 4
Bath City	W 2 - 0
Bradford Town	W 2 - 1
Chippenham Town	W 3 - 2
Chippenham United	D 2 - 2
Devizes Town	W 1 - 0
Frome Town	D 1 - 1
Melksham Town	W 4 - 2
Trowbridge Town	W 4 - 1
Warminster Town	W 6 - 0
Yeovil Casuals	

Away Goalscorers

121st R.F.A. (Trowbridge)	L 1 - 2	Jones
Bath City	W 2 - 0	
Bradford Town	W 2 - 1	
Chippenham Town	L 0 - 3	
Chippenham United		
Devizes Town	D 2 - 2	
Frome Town	W 4 - 0	
Melksham Town	D 2 - 2	
Trowbridge Town	W 2 - 1	
Warminster Town		
Yeovil Casuals	W 3 - 2	

Wiltshire Senior Cup

2nd Rnd	21st Brigade R.F.A. (Bulford) (H)	W 8 - 3
3rd Rnd	Swindon Haydon Street Workman's Club (A)	L 0 - 1

A 1-0 defeat □ made worse due to two serious injuries suffered by Bassett players, at Haydon Street Workmen, who would go on to make the final, followed in the County Cup. The game was described in the 22nd February in the Gazette and Herald as follows:

These teams met on the Duke of Edinburgh Ground (Swindon) on Saturday, and were represented as follows: Wootton Bassett: Rouse; Robinson and Hawe; Leighfield, Jones and Hutchings; Rodway, Oakley, Haydon, Looker and Fry. Trafford won the toss and Haydon kicked off before about 1,500 spectators. Rodway got away on the left and made tracks for Phillips; he gave nicely to Haydon who tested Phillips in the first minute with a shot, which the latter did well to clear. Hayward got away, and was getting dangerous when Jones nipped in and robbed him, and Oakley got possession and sent in a hot shot, Powell heading away. Shortly afterwards a most regrettable accident occurred. Rodway sent across a beautiful centre, and Looker, attempting to head past Phillips, colliding with him, retiring with a broken collarbone. Immediately afterwards the Swindonians got away with a rush. Turner forced a corner, which was well taken; Coates headed in, but Rouse cleared and the ball going Thomas, the latter shot hard, striking the upright and going into the net. When the whistle blew for half-time Swindon led by a goal to nil.

The second half opened with Bassett pressing, Oakley striking the cross-bar with a tremendous shot, Tilley eventually clearing. Again Bassett took up the running; Fry raced away on the right and swung the ball across the centre of the goal mouth, Phillips fell on it, Haydon rushed up and also fell, and in the scrum, the latter had his leg broken, and was at once taken to Hospital. The referee gave a free-kick on the goal line against the Haydon Street men, which proved abortive. Bassett was now left with nine men, and they were playing a splendid game, being all over Haydon Street. Once Oakley got clear through, when he was brought heavily to the ground. Haydon Street played the one back game against nine men, and Fry, when placed nicely with an open goal was given offside. The whistle blew for time soon after, and Haydon Street retired winners by one goal to nil. The spectators encroached on the field of play during the whole of the game and could not be got back, though they were several times appealed to by the referee. Such encroachment is a violation of Rule 7, and Wootton Bassett has protested under that rule against the result of the match.

The appeal ultimately failed and Bassett then proceeded to draw 1-1 with Frome. By now, they were seven points behind 121st R.F.A. with three games in hand. It was back to winning ways with a win by the odd goal in five at Yeovil Casuals, but defeat a week later to the side they were chasing, a convincing one at that, with the match finishing in a 4-1 reverse, practically settled the destination of the Championship.

A 4-2 home win over Melksham made sure Bassett kept up with Chippenham in the race for second. Their draw with Frome and loss to near neighbours Chippenham United then guaranteed Bassett the runners-up spot. With this wrapped up, it could have been expected of Bassett that they would take the foot off the pedal in their last two games. This though was not the case. Firstly, Bradford Town, champions a season prior, were beaten 2-1, before Trowbridge Town were defeated by the same score. Both wins came on the road, and the latter match was hugely eventful, through no fault of Bassett, as the report from the May 3rd edition of the Gazette and Herald highlights:

The game was marred by an unpleasant incident. Shortly after the interval the Trowbridge linesman (G. Joles) appealed for a penalty against Wootton Bassett, and though corroborated by the Wootton Bassett linesman and the bulk of the spectators, was promptly ordered off by the referee, a fresh linesman having to be procured. The crowd demonstrated its strong disapproval by hooting the referee, the indignation being increased when, some fifteen minutes before the final whistle blew, a goal scored by Long, which appeared to be legitimate, was disallowed on the plea of offside. The officials of the Trowbridge club became

Saunders pair ends Bassett's slippery slide

Rylands Way, 1st March 2008 v Launton Sports (Won 3-1)

It's been a while, but finally Wootton Bassett Town are moving in the right direction in terms of their league position.

Over a period of 12 league matches, there wasn't any respite as they slipped from 13th to 16th without any small peaks in between.

Their 3-1 win over Launton Sports, coupled with Malmesbury Vics losing and Clanfield's idleness, moved them two spots up to 14th as Paul Burke's try to claw their way back up to mid table and a respectable league position.

And it was a quick start that featured two goals in the first 13 minutes that propelled Bassett to victory over their Oxfordshire opponents.

Captain Steve Yeardley struck first with less than three minutes on the clock. Paul Patel whipped in a free kick from the right side, and Yeardley was there at the far post to head in from 10 yards.

Richie Saunders followed his act ten minutes later, but not after fine build up play between two of the side's youngest members.

Danny Heath set Phil Tearle free down the right, and the forward cut inside his man with ease before delivering a perfectly placed left foot cross. Saunders raced in and stretched himself enough to make connection with the ball and volley home past Danny Clifford, who was beaten well to the ball.

Just as Bassett appeared to be imposing their dominance on the game though, they went and gifted Launton a relatively soft goal. A poor clearance from Heath and slack marking from Jonny Aitkenhead made it easy for Danny Green, who was able to shoot across Sean Purcell into the bottom right corner.

With just over half an hour gone, a fine one-two between John Magani and Tearle opened up the Launton defence as Magani found himself through. However, Clifford parried away his effort from 12 yards and Heath's headed rebound was scrambled away by a defender.

The two goal lead was finally restored four minutes before the break though. Saunders bagged his eighth of the year, but it really is Clifford who should be thanked.

Stu Hemsley sent a poor free kick from the halfway line straight at the keeper, but he couldn't hold onto the ball. Saunders reacted first and pounced on the loose ball to poke home from six yards.

Launton have conceded heavily on their travels, and that trend looked to continue in the second half.

Ten minutes after the restart, Aitkenhead picked out Tearle with a fine ball over the top, which left the latter with only Clifford to beat. However, his low drive from the edge of the area was tipped around the post.

The creator of that chance for Tearle would only last fifteen minutes longer on the pitch. Aitkenhead had received a caution for taking a swipe at the heels of Green in the first half and followed this up by receiving a second yellow for a slightly late challenge.

Despite being at a numerical disadvantage, Bassett held out for the remainder of the game. Their opponents were only able to grind out two chances of note, both from long range, as Matt Jenkins bled over before substitute Paul Anderson forced Purcell to palm away to safety.

The best chance of the final stages fell to the hosts with 15 minutes left. After good work down the left, John Magani picked out Tearle with his cross.

The youngster cut the ball onto his left foot before delicately chipping the ball towards the bottom left corner, however the woodwork prevented Bassett from grabbing a fourth and him from getting on the scoresheet.

Scoop's Man of the Match: Phil Tearle □ had a fine game playing on the right side of the front three. His perfectly placed cross enabled Saunders to net his first and he continued to supply good deliveries throughout the course of the match. His recent string of performances has justified Paul Burke's show of faith in him.

Scoop Rating: 7/10 □ Aside from the goal conceded and the red card for Jonny Aitkenhead, this was a performance that has to have pleased the manager. Bassett finally looked comfortable defending a lead and really could have had more than the three they produced.

PLAYER PROFILE

FROM THE ARCHIVES 1905-06



Personal	
Name:	David J. Turner
Date of Birth:	
Place of Birth:	Swindon
Occupation:	Sales Trainer
Marital Status:	Married
Nickname:	Davo
Football	
Position:	Manager
No. of Seasons at Bassett:	Second season
Previous Clubs:	Pewsey Vale
Make of Boots:	Pumas Kings
Star Player You Play Like:	Batistuta
Footballing Idols:	Bergkamp
Team Supported:	Swindon
Team You Despise Most:	Oxford
Best Ground Ever Played At:	County Ground
Best Player Ever Played With	Tucks
Teammates	
Most Skilful:	Shandy
Hardman:	Alan Blake
Biggest Joker:	Shaun Terry
Biggest Fashion Disaster:	Dave Turner
Most Intelligent:	Stuart Thompson
Thickest:	Shaun Terry
Vainest:	Alan Blake
Least Likely to Score on a Night Out:	Dave Turner
Off the Field	
Hobbies:	Birds of Prey, Football
Car Driven:	Scenic
Favourite Music:	Rock
Favourite Film:	Once were Warriors
Favourite TV Show:	Question of Sport
Favourite Nightspot:	Vadims
Favourite Drink:	Cider
Chinese or Indian?:	Indian
Pub or Club?:	Pub
Beach Resort or City Break?:	City
Blonde or Brunette?:	Ginger
Person in the World You Would Most Like to Meet:	Simon Weston

Dave Turner

The win put Bassett three points clear of 121st R.F.A. (Trowbridge) with both having played ten games. Chippenham Town were by now in third, four points behind with two matches in hand. It was Chippenham, who they were to meet as 1905 became 1906, and in a huge match, Bassett were to come out on top by the odd goal in five.

The 1906 General Election was the focus of the Gazette and Herald for the first couple of weeks of January, but fortunately the Swindon Evening Advertiser picked up the slack. It was not good news for Bassett, however, as they were defeated 2-1 at 121st R.F.A., the soldiers coming out on top by two goals to one in a game that saw the visiting side miss a penalty that would have sealed a point.

January also saw Bassett face the distraction of the County Cup. The second round saw them drawn against 21st R.F.A. Bulford. However, had Chippenham Town been bothered to fulfil their opening round fixture, they would likely have been facing County League opposition. As it was, Bulford were beaten, with the Gazette and Herald describing the game as *little better than a gallop between a race horse and a donkey*. The fact Bassett scored eight suggests this was true, but Bulford's strikeforce had themselves a decent day, netting three times.

Thanks to their involvement in cup action, Bassett had slipped to third, but held a game in hand over Chippenham and 121st R.F.A. The return to league action saw them slip up though, as Devizes held their visitors to a 2-2 draw. The February 15th 1906 edition of the Gazette and Herald carried the following report:

At the time appointed for the match to commence the weather was of the most wretched disposition, but it did not deter some of the Towns most ardent supporters from journeying to Quakers Walk to see the return fixture between the two clubs, even some of the gentler sex. When the teams lined out it was seen Devizes was defending the town end goal. Play commenced in a downpour of rain, a strong wind blowing across the field. Wootton Bassett went off with a rush and for some ten or fifteen minutes kept Devizes on the defensive, Hampton having to clear on more than one occasion. Gradually, however, the Town forced Bassett back, and about half-way through the first half after the ball had been bobbing about in front of goal from one forward to another, Hayward steered it past Rouse. This success and the cheers of its supporters stimulated the Town team, and for the remainder of the half Wootton Bassett was practically penned in its own quarters.

On resuming, the visitors set the pace, their left wing making several dangerous rushes, though on more than one occasion their efforts were spoilt by infringing the offside rule. After about fifteen minutes play, the spectators were treated to one of the quickest exhibitions of goal getting ever seen on the ground. Rushing down, Hampton was defeated, thus putting the teams on level terms. No sooner was the ball kicked off again, when one of the Bassett forwards, getting possession at least twenty yards out, let drive, the ball dropping close by Hamptons right-hand post. He tried to save, but the heavy and sodden ball appeared to slip through his arms, struck the post, and dropped just inside the line, putting Wootton Bassett two up in as many minutes. This seemed to take it out of the Town players for a time, but with a quarter of an hour to play, and in answer to the earnest appeal of their supporters, they resumed the aggressive. On one occasion, the Towns centre got possession and was making tracks for what looked a certain goal; kicking the ball a little too hard, however, Rouse rushed out and managed to clear with scarcely half a yard to spare. Devizes continued to press, and Hillier succeeded in drawing level a few minutes before time, the final whistle blowing with the score 2-2. Rouse, who is quite a young fellow, was frequently applauded for the cool and masterly manner in which he defended his charge.

Season 1905-06 Forty-five Minutes From Broadway

What was going on in the world

Albert Einstein published the Theory of Relativity and made famous the equation $E=MC^2$. Meanwhile William Kellogg was busy inventing his cornflakes. On 18th April a large earthquake hits San Francisco and the four days of fires that follows causes even greater damage. Liverpool are champions of Division One, finishing four points ahead of Preston North End. A new club called Chelsea join Division Two and finish 3rd behind Manchester United. Small Heath change their name to Birmingham and Everton win the FA Cup, defeating Newcastle United 1-0.

Quite simply there was only one direction in which Wootton Bassett Town's fortunes could go following their disastrous 1904-05 campaign. And there seemed to be a slight sense of optimism around the club, which was reflected in the Gazette and Herald's season preview, published in the August 31st 1905 edition of the paper:

Wootton Bassett hopes to take things more seriously next season, and it will need to do so to meet with success; it sent out more teams short of the orthodox number last season than all the rest of the clubs in the League. Players must be loyal to their club and the clubs officers; and the temptation to go and see a match on Swindon Towns ground when their team is due to play a Wilts League match must not be yielded to. If it is, the result will be as disastrous as last year, when the team did nothing. The Club has not so many irons in the fire this season, and with better attention given to those competitions for which the Club is entered, it may do itself credit.

The season certainly began well with a huge 6-0 home win over Warminster Town, described as *the surprise of the day*. A week later, the lengthy journey to Frome Town was anything but fruitless as Bassett won by four goals to nil. It was three wins out of three following a narrow 1-0 home victory against Devizes Town, who according to the typically partisan Gazette and Herald, which was published in Devizes, were the better team throughout. The games winner came from the penalty spot.

Bassett dropped their first point of the season away to Melksham Town, who held the visitors to a 2-2 draw. They were back to winning ways a week later with a 2-0 win away at Bath City, who at that point had still failed to register a point before Trowbridge Town were beaten 4-1. However, October finished on a losing note as the trip to Chippenham Town ended in a 3-0 defeat. Still, Bassett remained top, three points ahead of Chippenham, who did have two games in hand.

This defeat seemed to sting Bassett as they were only able to muster a point at home to Chippenham United, the game finishing 2-2. However, a week later unbeaten Bradford Town were defeated by the odd goal in three. A three week long period without a fixture then ensued, but when the club returned to action they showed little rust, downing Bath City 2-0 in the eventual return fixture at home. The December 21st edition of the Gazette and Herald carried the following report:

The League leaders entertained Bath City at Wootton Bassett, and although the home team sustained its reputation and was slightly better throughout, the actual fight for supremacy was desperate. Bath was late in arriving, as the result of which the closing stages were dragged out in semi-darkness, though it was fortunate that the winning team was forcing the pace at this juncture. Had a punctual start been made the game would have ended at four o'clock and as the officially appointed referee (Mr. Jones of Swindon) had to leave by a train just afterwards, the fag end of the game was played under the jurisdiction of Mr. E. R. Wallis, the Secretary of the local club, who, however, is also a member of the County association. It was necessary to give a penalty against Bath in the closing moments, such decisions are distasteful under such circumstances, even to the officiating referee. Wootton Bassett scored from the penalty; it gave it the second goal by which (to nil) it won.

	Predicted Pts
Cheltenham Saracens (-29)	52
3-Apr-10 Letcombe (H)	3
10-Apr-10 Cirencester Utd (A)	3
17-Apr-10 Slimbridge (A)	0
Predicted Total	58
Wootton Bassett Town (-23)	52
30-Mar-10 Launton Sports (H)	3
3-Apr-10 Easington Sports (A)	1
10-Apr-10 Slimbridge (H)	3
17-Apr-10 Launton Sports (A)	3
24-Apr-10 Tytherington R (A)	3
Predicted Total	65
Slimbridge (-18)	51
3-Apr-10 Lydney Town (A)	1
5-Apr-10 Trowbridge Town (A)	3
10-Apr-10 W.Bassett Town (A)	0
17-Apr-10 Cheltenham (H)	3
24-Apr-10 North Leigh Res (A)	3
28-Apr-10 Cirencester Utd (A)	3
1-May-10 Headington Amat (H)	3
Predicted Total	67
Purton (-22)	50
30-Mar-10 Lydney Town (A)	1
3-Apr-10 Cricklade Town (A)	0
5-Apr-10 Trowbridge Town (H)	3
10-Apr-10 Letcombe (H)	3
17-Apr-10 Tytherington R (H)	3
24-Apr-10 Lydney Town (H)	3
Predicted Total	63
Headington Amateurs (-23)	46
3-Apr-10 Tytherington R (A)	3
5-Apr-10 Easington Sp (H)	3
10-Apr-10 Cricklade (H)	1
17-Apr-10 Lydney Town (H)	3
24-Apr-10 Trowbridge Town (H)	3
1-May-10 Slimbridge (A)	0
TBA Easington Sp (A)	3
Predicted Total	62
Predicted Final Positions	Predicted Pts
1 Slimbridge	67
2 W.Bassett Town	65
3 Purton	63
4 Headington Amat	62
5 Cheltenham Sara	58

With just two points separating the top four teams and with fifth placed Headington Amateurs still in the mix, never has there been such an exciting title race for many a year. In terms of points lost Slimbridge are in the box seat with just 18 points dropped. Next best are Purton with 22 points dropped followed by both ourselves and Headington Amateurs on 23. Cheltenham, although top of the table at present, have already dropped 29 points and look like they will miss out given the fixtures of the other sides in the title race.

I have sought to do my predictions for each of the five teams remaining fixtures and the only certain thing in doing this is that it will be wrong! Somewhere along the line, someone will slip up somewhere and hopefully it will be the other four sides. The one thing is clear in doing this analysis; we cannot afford to drop many more points if we are to finish in a promotion position. Based on my predictions we will miss out on the title itself (sorry Dave) but will secure that second spot and a promotion place. This is predicated on Purton coming unstuck in the tough away fixture at Lydney tonight and away at Cricklade on Saturday and Bassett securing a win over Slimbridge.

I hope I am right with the predicted top three finish and that at the end of the season we do not come to rue the two dropped points against Cirencester United.

Mark

2-1 to the inbreds!

The Red House, 27th March 2010

So came the cry of the Wootton Bassett Town dressing room after a fantastic victory over near neighbours Purton in an enthralling derby match.

The hosts were certainly riled at the ribbing they received in the immediate aftermath of this pivotal match judging by the way in which a number of their side rushed out of their changing room to confront the Bassett players. But Purton can only have themselves to blame as it was one of their fraternity, defender James Townsend, who ignited the war of words with a message on Facebook in the week regarding how he intended to deal with Bassett frontman Sam Collier that can only be described as childish and pathetic. However, by placing a target on Colliers back, Purton neglected to pay due attention to the visitors talented midfield. And it was stunning first half strikes from two of that quartet, James Turner, who has developed a knack for scoring screamers against the Red House outfit, and Ryan Banks, that proved to be the difference; Johnny Cooles composed finished late on ultimately was academic.

Purton were nowhere near at the races in the opening period, which Bassett dominated. Despite notching twice though, the game could well have been over as a contest by the time referee Whelan blew his whistle for the break as Collier and strike partner Craig Shand both fluffed relatively simple chances.

Turner and Banks did make their mark though. On 26 minutes Banks did brilliantly to keep Matty Bowns switch in play, and after a fortuitous bounce off Michael Lees shin he set off down the left before squaring. Shand brilliantly used his body to shield the ball into the path of Turner, who smashed home into the top right corner from all of 30 yards. It is fair to say he could not have struck the ball any sweeter.

Twelve minutes later the lead was doubled. Banks flicked on a long punt from keeper Stewart Thompson onto Collier. The winger then peeled away from his man and volleyed home from a similar range after a perfectly weighted chest down from his teammate.

The games balance of power shifted in favour of Purton after the restart though, thanks in part to the loss of Jon Holloway at the back for Bassett and the introduction by the hosts of Paul Day, who reignited an anaemic attack.

Still, it could have been three for the visitors almost immediately after plays resumption. Bowns dink over the last man set free Terry Adams, and he rounded the onrushing Johnny Cowley. However in doing so he made it almost impossible to score from an extremely acute angle and instead was forced to cut back for Shand. This allowed the home sides keeper time to scramble back and he was able to produce a fine save from the forwards powerful effort.

On the hour, a dipping long range effort from Coole forced Thompson into action and the keeper did brilliantly to acrobatically tip over off his back foot.

He could do little to prevent the deficit being halved though with eighteen minutes remaining. Scott Campbells corner was not dealt with properly, and the captain Coole danced around two defenders before firing into the back of the net from just inside the area.

The visitors rode their luck as the clock wound down. Day found only the top of the net with just Thompson to beat whilst an injury time corner bounced around the box before a powerful effort was blocked on the line. With a twist of irony, it was Purton midfielder Marcus Hall, who began the season at Rylands Way, that found himself in the wrong place at the wrong time to preserve Bassetts three points.

It would have been harsh for the visitors to have been denied the spoils though as Dave Turners side produced a performance of immense character and determination. Purton on the other hand will have to stew and eat their words.

Scoops Man of the Match: James Turner □ opened the scoring with an unstoppable effort and was superb in the centre of midfield alongside Terry Adams, thwarting Marcus Hall and Johnny Coole from pulling the strings.

Scoop Rating: 8/10 □ although creaking after Coole halved the deficit, the character of this Bassett side was demonstrated by the manner in which they refused to crack. Dominant in the first half, the three points could easily have been in the bag by half time.



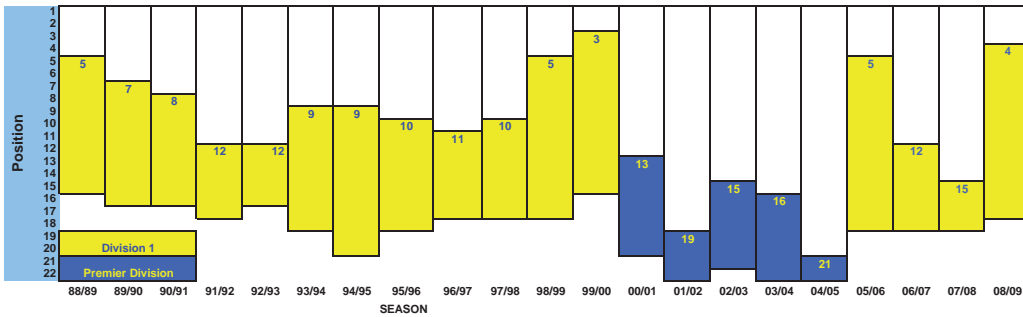
- 1902/03 Wiltshire Senior Cup Runners-up
- 1902/03 Advertiser Cup Runners-up
- 1903/04 Wiltshire Senior Cup Runners-up
- 1905/06 Wiltshire County League Runners-up
- 1930/31 Calne & District League Runners-up
- 1931/32 Calne & District League Champions
- 1933/34 Vale of White Horse Cup Winners
- 1934/35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



BASSETT'S HELLENIC RECORD

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



Season	Div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Position
1988/89	1	28	11	7	10	50	41	40	5 out of 15
1989/90	1	30	13	8	9	52	35	47	7 out of 16
1990/91	1	30	11	8	11	32	36	41	8 out of 16
1991/92	1	32	10	8	14	45	59	38	12 out of 17
1992/93	1	30	8	6	16	40	53	30	12 out of 16
1993/94	1	34	15	8	11	65	57	53	9 out of 18
1994/95	1	38	18	5	15	67	68	59	9 out of 20
1995/96	1	34	12	9	13	50	64	45	10 out of 18
1996/97	1	32	9	8	15	37	50	35	11 out of 17
1997/98	1	32	12	6	14	67	58	42	10 out of 17
1998/99	1	32	17	7	8	64	43	58	5 out of 17
1999/00	1	28	15	7	6	54	32	52	3 out of 15
2000/01	P	38	14	10	14	54	60	52	13 out of 20
2001/02	P	42	11	9	22	39	75	42	19 out of 22
2002/03	P	40	10	10	20	36	70	40	15 out of 21
2003/04	P	42	11	5	26	38	73	38	16 out of 22
2004/05	P	42	6	9	27	30	85	27	21 out of 22
2005/06	1W	34	17	10	7	58	30	61	5 out of 18
2006/07	1W	32	13	5	14	60	59	44	11 out of 18
2007/08	1W	34	11	3	20	43	66	33	15 out of 18
2008/09	1W	32	17	9	6	61	31	60	4 out of 17
2009/10	1W	25	15	7	3	61	31	52	2 out of 16
Total		741	276	164	301	1,103	1,176	989	
		37.2%	22.1%	40.6%					



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



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Gloucestershire County Womens League Division Three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 St Nicholas Ladies	10	10	0	0	64	1	63	30
2 Wootton Bassett Town	10	7	0	3	41	25	16	21
3 Cirencester Town Reserves	13	6	0	7	28	33	-5	18
4 Quedgeley Wanderers Ladies	12	4	1	7	38	38	0	13
5 Gloucester City Reserves	12	5	0	7	29	51	-22	11
6 AEK Boco Reserves	11	1	1	9	16	68	-52	3

Wootton Bassett Town Ladies Fixtures

Season 2009-10

Date	Opponents	H/A	
Sun 06 Sep	Cirencester Town Reserves	H	W 3 - 0 Longo, Bonser, McFadzean
Sun 13 Sep	Gloucester City Reserves	A	W 7 - 4 McFadzean 4, Lyons 2, Bonser
Sun 20 Sep	St Nicholas	H	L 1 - 3 McFadzean
Sun 27 Sep	Quedgeley Wanderers	A	W 5 - 3 Walker 3, Burke, Longo
Sun 04 Oct	Stoke Lane Reserves	H	W/O Awarded to W.Bassett
Sun 11 Oct	AEK Boco Reserves	A	W 6 - 0 Spratt 3, Longo 2, Hawkins
Sun 01 Nov	Cirencester Town Reserves	A	L 0 - 3
Sun 08 Nov	Gloucester City Reserves	H	W 11 - 0 McFadzeon 3, Bonser 2, Hawkins 2, Longo 2, Burke, Warner
Sun 22 Nov	St Nicholas	A	L 0 - 8
Sun 06 Dec	Stoke Lane Reserves	A	W 4 - 2 Longo 2, James, Hawkins
Sun 24 Jan	Quedgeley Wanderers	A	W 5 - 3 Spratt 2, Longo 2, Bonser
Sun 07 Feb	Mitcheldean Ladies (Cup)	H	w/over
Sun 14 Feb	Cirencester Town Reserves	H	W 3 - 1 Bonser, Longo 2
Sun 7 Mar	Cheltenham Spa Ladies (Cup)	A	W 6 - 6, pens Spratt 4, Potter, OG
Sun 21 Mar	Swindon Supermarine (WC)	H	L 1 - 6 McFadzeon
Sun 28 Mar	Forest of Dean Ladies (Cup)	H	
Sun 04 Apr	Gloucester City Reserves	H	
Sun 11 Apr	Quedgeley Wanderers	H	
Sun 18 Apr	AEK Boco Reserves	H	
Sun 02 May	AEK Boco Reserves	H	
Sun 09 May	St Nicholas	H	



WBTFC FIRST TEAM PEN PICS

FOOTBALL PYRAMID 2009/10



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



Liam Edmundson Defence
Another in his second season, featuring in 3& matches in 2008/9. Looking to hold down starting position and great things expected of him 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.



Frazer Joyce Midfield
Youngster who joins us from Shrivenham. Has immediately held down a First Team place and scored the dramatic winner in the recent away win at Letcombe.



Matt Bown Midfield
Another youngster who has recently joined us from Highworth Town. Strong midfielder player who will be looking to get back to playing in Premier with Bassett.



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.



Ryan Thomas Midfield
Skilful youngster who joins us from Cirences-ter Town Academy. Previously with Swindon Town and son of former Wootton Bassett legend Steve Thomas.



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. Culture- left foot and strong player whom great thing 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.



Andy Philpott Midfield
Signed on loan from Swindon Supermarine. Can play up front or in midfield. Previously with Hungerford, Shrivenham and Purton. Started with two goals against Tytherington.



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.



Phil Tearle Forward
Another product of the Clubs Youth policy who played 30 First Team games last season scoring 8 times including a hat-trick at Letcombe.



Craig Shand Forward
Played for Bassett last season with four goals in seven appearances. Recently re-signed from Cricklade Town. Pacy and skilful striker previously with Hungerford.



Mitch Wyatt Forward
Much travelled striker who has performed to 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 (Blue Square Premier League)					
	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 (Blue Square North)			Conference South (Blue Square South)		
	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 (UniBond League) Premier Division		Southern League (Zamaretto League) Premier Division		Isthmian League (Ryman League) 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 (UniBond League) Division One North	Northern Premier League (UniBond League) Division One South	Southern Football League (Zamaretto League) Division One Midlands	Southern Football League (Zamaretto League) Division One South & West	Isthmian League (Ryman League) Division One South	Isthmian League (Ryman League) 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

Celebration time at Purton as James Turner scores



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FTL FUTBOL Premier Division

Almondsbury Town's quest for the championship crown gathered pace with a 6-0 drubbing of Old Woodstock Town. Dean Griffiths got a hat-trick with Aaron Blakemore, Nick Dunn and Ross Steam completing the scoring. Lowly Bicester Town gave league leaders Reading Town an early shock when Ryan Brooks scored after five minutes, but Aaron Parfitt, Dean Thomas and Graham Smith redressed the balance in the favour of the visitors, keeping them ahead of the Almonds on goal difference. Ascot United put half a dozen past bottom of the table Hook Norton without reply. On target for the Yellamen were John Bennett with a hat-trick, Tim Standing, Sam McIntyre and Andy Lunn. Form team Binfield were overturned by the unpredictable Ardley United, thanks to a four-timer from Troy Bryan. Tim Walsh grabbed a late consolation for the home side. Shortwood United's fading quest for league honours was truly dampened with a defeat at strugglers Carterton. Kevin Lewis and an own goal in the first period were enough to secure a valuable win for the Oxfordshire outfit. Last week's muggers Fairford Town were themselves mugged by Abingdon Town. 2-0 up through a John Hollis pair with five minutes remaining on the clock, the home side were cruising to a comfortable victory but strikes from Liam Barson, Graham Edney and Mark Simms gave the visitors an unlikely victory. Strugglers Malmesbury Victoria were no match for Witney United, losing 3-1 thanks to John McMahon and an Any Odiambo brace with Chris Cox on target for the Vics' consolation. Wantage Town's recent dip in form was halted at Marlow United after a 3-0 victory, thanks to efforts from Sean McKeon and a Tom Austin pair. Oxford City Nomads hit the target three times without reply against Highworth Town courtesy of Ashley Eales, a very dubious Mark Jones penalty and Ian Roper. Pegasus Juniors went ahead through Simon Gwynne in their match against Kidlington but eventually lost after Danny Leggett and Andy White had found the target. Shrivensham were 2-0 down after half an hour against Flackwell Heath, with goals from Lee Thompson and Paul Shone and despite their best efforts were unable to claw back the deficit.

FTL FUTBOL Division One (West)

With only two points separating the top four sides the league title challenge for this division is far from over. Wootton Bassett Town boosted their championship credentials after leap-frogging into second place behind Cheltenham Saracens following a very close winning encounter with fellow title challengers Purton. James Turner and Ryan Banks had given Bassett the initiative with first half strikes but Jonny Coole's second half reply made for a very tense final half hour. High flyers Slimbridge kept up their own title challenge with a 4-1 win over Clanfield. On target for the Swans were Adam Philp, Lewis Wilton, Rob Hine and Ross Langworthy with Craig Mays hitting the net for the visitors. Cricklade Town hammered North Leigh Reserves scoring five without reply. On target for Crick were Adam O'Bree, Arron Maximen, Steve Winchcombe and Reece Gilliver with a pair. Rock bottom Launton Sports rocked Tytherington Rocks with their first league win of the season. Lewis McGowen gave the home side an early lead which was quickly cancelled out by Marcus Taylor but hero of the day Simon King slotted home the winner with 20 minutes to go. Letcombe took the points against strugglers Winterbourne United when Jo Kent scored the only goal of the game from the spot after 10 minutes. Trowbridge Town lost to Lydney Town, shipping three goals in the process courtesy of Niall Halford with a pair and Mark Lee from the spot.

FTL FUTBOL Division One (East)

Leaders Thame United consolidated their position at the top after Aaron Rogers hit the target with the only goal of the game against Chinnor just before the break. Eton Wick were turned over by Henley Town thanks to second half strikes from Danny Paiser and Darren Russell. Holyport were easy winners over Finchampstead, scoring four times without reply courtesy of Dan Rapley with two, Jamie Handscomb and Alan Akerman. Milton United led 3-0 at Kintbury Rangers thanks to Jonny Summers, and a Warren McCabe brace, but only just managed to hang onto the lead after the home side came back with late goals from Paul Thomas and Luke Mason. Lowly Newbury had a fine win over Didcot Town Reserves thanks to pairs from Kalief Madden and Craig Hill. Rodney Siziba was on target for the visitors' consolation. Basement boys Penn & Tylers lost by the odd goal in five to South Kilburn. Scoring for Penn were Ricci Putnam and Roland Knight and for the visitors, Scott Nelmes and Jerome Scarlett with two. Rayners Lane drew 1-1 with the high flying Woodley Town. Jermaine Reyhill gave the home side a half time lead but Lyle Smith hit the target to rescue a point for the visitors late in the game.

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Under 18 Division 1					
	P	W	D	L	PTS
1 FC Chippenham	9	7	1	1	22
2 Liden Community	13	7	1	5	22
3 Shaw	10	5	2	3	17
4 Highworth Town Juniors	12	4	4	4	16
5 Old Town Utd	9	4	2	3	14
6 Castle Combe Colts	12	2	4	6	10
7 Wootton Bassett Town A	10	3	1	6	10
8 Amesbury Sports	11	3	1	7	10

Under 16 Division 1					
	P	W	D	L	PTS
1 Croft Juniors A	12	9	2	1	29
2 FC Abbeymeads	13	8	3	2	27
3 Ferndale Rodbourne	11	8	1	2	25
4 Tetbury Town	9	6	2	1	20
5 AFC Barbury	14	5	3	6	18
6 FC Chippenham	9	5	2	2	17
7 Shaw	13	4	2	7	14
8 Greenmeadow Youth B	12	2	3	7	9
9 Old Town Utd A	13	1	4	8	7
10 Wootton Bassett Town	14	1	0	13	3

Under 14 Division 1					
	P	W	D	L	PTS
1 Wroughton Youth	11	11	0	0	33
2 Wickham Wanderers	9	7	1	1	22
3 Highworth Town Juniors H	11	7	1	3	22
4 Stratton Youth	12	5	2	5	17
5 Liden Community	12	4	1	7	13
6 Croft Juniors A	11	4	0	7	12
7 Wootton Bassett Town	9	2	2	5	8
8 Ferndale Rodbourne	8	2	0	6	6
9 Pewsham Youth	11	1	1	9	4

Under 11 Division 2					
	P	W	D	L	PTS
1 Ferndale Rodbourne B	11	9	1	1	28
2 Marlborough Town Youth	12	9	0	3	27
3 Highworth Town Juniors H	14	7	1	6	22
4 Shaw A	11	7	0	4	21
5 Ramsbury Juniors	11	5	3	3	18
6 Wootton Bassett Town	13	4	2	7	14
7 Croft Juniors	11	4	2	5	14
8 Wanborough Juniors	10	1	0	9	3
9 Ferndale Rodbourne A	9	0	1	8	1

Under 10 Division 3					
	P	W	D	L	PTS
1 Greenmeadow Youth	17	16	0	1	48
2 Ferndale Rodbourne	15	11	3	1	36
3 Highworth Town Juniors J	16	9	1	6	28
4 Ramsbury Juniors	17	8	3	6	27
5 Pewsey Vale	19	7	3	9	24
6 Wanborough Juniors	14	7	2	5	23
7 Purton Youth B	18	6	5	7	23
8 Blunsdon Colts B	17	7	0	10	21
9 Wootton Bassett Town B	17	4	4	9	16
10 Lambourn Sports	16	3	1	12	10
11 Penhill Allstars	18	2	2	14	8

Under 9 Division 4					
	P	W	D	L	PTS
1 Stratton Youth	13	12	0	1	36
2 Shrivensham & Watchfield	14	10	0	4	30
3 Purton Youth B	13	9	1	3	28
4 Tetbury Town FC	12	7	1	4	22
5 Wootton Bassett Town B	13	6	1	6	19
6 Eldene Rangers	11	5	0	6	15
7 Swindon Supermarine	13	2	3	8	9
8 Marlborough Town Youth	12	2	1	9	7
9 Cricklade Youth	13	0	1	12	1

Under 18 Division 2					
	P	W	D	L	PTS
1 Wroughton Youth	9	7	1	1	22
2 Tetbury Town	12	4	5	3	17
3 Sherston	7	5	1	1	16
4 Wootton Bassett Town C	7	5	0	2	15
5 Fairford Youth	10	4	3	3	15
6 Wootton Bassett Town B	10	4	1	5	13
7 Stratton Youth	10	3	2	5	11
8 AFC Marlborough Town	11	2	1	8	7
9 GOAN	6	0	0	6	0

Under 15 Division 1					
	P	W	D	L	PTS
1 Ferndale Rodbourne	12	11	0	1	33
2 Cirencester Town	11	5	1	5	16
3 Highworth Town Juniors H	10	4	3	3	15
4 Bemerton Heath Harlequins	8	4	1	3	13
5 Croft Juniors A	9	3	2	4	11
6 Amesbury Town	7	3	1	3	10
7 Wootton Bassett Town	10	3	1	6	10
8 Tetbury Town FC	11	1	1	9	4

Under 13 Division 1					
	P	W	D	L	PTS
1 Chiseldon	16	12	2	2	38
2 Wootton Bassett Town A	11	9	1	1	28
3 Cirencester Town A	10	9	0	1	27
4 Greenmeadow Youth A	11	6	1	4	19
5 ASC Youth	12	6	0	6	18
6 GESS	11	5	3	3	18
7 Swindon Robins	13	4	2	7	14
8 Liden Community	13	3	0	10	9
9 Wootton Bassett Town B	12	1	3	8	6
10 Purton Youth	15	0	2	13	2

Under 10 Division 2					
	P	W	D	L	PTS
1 Stratton Youth	14	11	1	2	34
2 Wootton Bassett Town A	15	10	3	2	33
3 Wroughton Youth A	15	8	3	4	27
4 Highworth Town Juniors H	14	9	0	5	27
5 Calne FCA	15	7	4	4	24
6 Hungerford Town A	15	6	3	6	21
7 Shrivensham & Watchfield	14	6	1	7	19
8 Croft Juniors A	15	6	1	8	19
9 Lydiard Youth B	16	4	3	9	15
10 Shaw	18	3	3	12	12
11 Old Town Utd	15	1	2	12	5

Under 9 Division 3					
	P	W	D	L	PTS
1 Swindon Rangers B	16	11	3	2	36
2 FC Abbeymeads B	17	10	3	4	33
3 Stratton Juniors B	16	8	2	6	26
4 Wroughton Youth	15	8	0	7	24
5 Ashton Keynes	17	7	2	8	23
6 Wootton Bassett Town A	16	6	2	8	20
7 Liden Community A	15	5	4	6	19
8 Broad Town Colts	17	5	4	8	19
9 Highworth Town Juniors T	16	5	3	8	18
10 Penhill Knights	15	2	3	10	9

Under 16 Girls					
	P	W	D	L	PTS
1 Wootton Bassett Town	11	9	0	2	27
2 Trowbridge Town	9	8	0	1	24
3 Larkhall Athletic	11	4	2	5	14
4 Derry Hill Thunder	12	2	0	10	6
5 FC Chippenham Youth	9	1	2	6	5

Under 13 Girls					
	P	W	D	L	PTS
1 Trowbridge Town	10	8	1	1	25
2 Melksham Town Youth	9	7	2	0	23
3 FC Chippenham Youth	10	4	2	4	14
4 Highworth Town	8	3	2	3	11
5 Wootton Bassett Town	10	3	2	5	11
6 Swindon Spiffries	8	3	0	5	9
7 Lavington Juniors	11	0	1	10	1



Under 16s finally off the mark

The award for performance of the weekend looked destined to go to the first team after their impressive 2-1 derby win over Purton, but the Under 16s, winless and pointless going into the weekend, put in a huge claim for the title with a win by the same score against Old Town United A. Ryan Campbell grabbed both goals for the side, his second coming with just twenty seconds left in the match to seal a dramatic first victory of the season. With five games left, his side could have been forgiven for throwing in the towel, but all season they have shown great character despite suffering defeat after defeat. And they deserved all three points, working hard as ever whilst playing some attractive football.

The Under 13 A team recorded another huge win in their quest for the Division One title as they downed Greenmeadow Youth A by the odd goal in three. The goals came from Max Passingham and a Reuben Querzani penalty. Fellow title challengers Cirencester Town A were in action against the B team, and Bassett almost sprung an upset, but were ultimately beaten 3-2. Bradley Carter and Max Reynolds grabbed the goals for the hosts. Defeat, coupled with Liden Community's victory over bottom side Purton, sends the B team back into the bottom two.

Used to being involved in the championship shake-up over the past few years, the Under 14s have this season been limited to playing the role of spoiler. They certainly thrived in that role in holding second placed Wickham Wanderers to a 1-1 draw thanks to Sam Lowkis strike.

The only other team to win on an otherwise mixed weekend for the youth sides were the Under 9 Bs, who triumphed 5-2 at home against basement dwellers Cricklade Youth. Joe Mitchell continued his superb goal scoring form, netting a hat-trick to move him onto 30 goals for the season. Joshua Sheppard and Ben King rounded off the scoring for Bassett. The Under 9 As were on the receiving end of a 5-0 thumping by Liden Community.

Calne FC A edged out the title chasing Under 10 A side, whose indifferent form continues. Euan Burke bagged the visitors only goal as they lost 2-1. Defeat leaves them second in Division Two, a point behind Stratton Youth, who still have a game in hand. Those two sides meet at Rylands Way in two weeks time in an all important game. A 4-2 defeat at Blunsdon Colts B meant the Under 10 B team lost ground on their opponents, who sit just a place above Bassett in Division Three. Declan Cox and Matthew Nicholls were on target for the visitors. It was a similar scenario for the Under 11s who were defeated 3-1 by mid-table rivals Ramsbury Juniors.

All three Under 18s side failed to pick up a point. The C teams Division Two title aspirations took a hammer blow as they were comfortably beaten 6-2 by current leaders Wroughton Youth. Consolation goals were scored by Danny Hale and Ben Hillerby. Bassett still have two games in hand over their rivals, but have seven points to make up. The B team meanwhile were unfortunate to lose by the odd goal in seven at Stratton Youth, whilst in Division One an injury hit A team conceded seven against Highworth Town Juniors, managing three in reply thanks to a Steven Gruar brace and a further strike from Kyle Pitts. The Under 15s picked up three points without kicking a ball after Tetbury Town were unable to raise a side.



Hellenic League

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Referee Details:

Registered Players to 26th March 2010

Division	Registered	Transferred	Total
Premier	1275	105	1380
One West	995	55	1050
One East	1056	44	1100
Reserves	219	19	238
Veterans	512	1	513
TOTALS	4057	224	4281

Transfers Period from 22nd to 26th March

Adam	Bruce	Didcot Town	Wantage Town
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WAITING DATES for Cup Ties

Please advise match date to League Office when resolved

Reading Junior Cup
Newbury Town Res v Barton Rovers

THE FA CUP, VASE AND YOUTH CUP COMPETITIONS - SEASON 2010-2011

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The closing date for entry is Thursday 1 April 2010.

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Roving Reporter visits Oakland Park

Almondsbury Town 6-0 Old Woodstock Town

Joint leaders, Almondsbury Town took on a youthful Old Woodstock Town. It took 13 minutes for the Almonds' greater experience to come through when Ross Stearn worked the ball in from the right before crossing to the unmarked Dean Griffiths to tap it into the net. Four minutes later Stearn sliced through the Woodstock defence but was brought down on the edge of the box by keeper Nathan Silver, who was sent off. Substitute Danny Roberts donned the keeper's jersey and his first action was to pick the ball out of the net after Aaron Blakemore's well struck penalty. On the half hour the Almonds made it three when Ross Stearn, who caused the visitors no end of problems all afternoon, hit a long cross to Dean Griffiths to hit past the keeper. The visitors then held out until the half time break.

The Almonds came out for the second half with all guns blazing and after two minutes some quick one-twos left Nick Dunn to slide in the fourth. From the kick off the Almonds got the ball to Blakemore, whose shot was parried to Dean Griffiths who turned it into the net. Four minutes later it was six when Blakemore broke down the left and crossed for Ross Stearn to hit the ball home. The Almonds tried to increase their tally but a combination of hard fought defending and shots from distance made this an unlikely outcome. In the 77th minute a clash between Old Woodstock's Jayson Mara and Almonds' Mick Whittington saw both sent off. The nine men for Old Woodstock held out to the end and the Almonds halved their goal difference with rivals Reading Town.

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MARCH FIXTURES

Tuesday 30 March			
Premier Division			
Abingdon Tn	v	Kidlington	
Ardley Utd	v	Marlow Utd	
Carterton	v	Flackwell Heath	
Highworth Tn	v	Fairford Tn	
Pegasus Juniors	v	Wantage Tn	
Reading Tn	v	Malmesbury Vics	
Division One West			
Lydney Tn	v	Purton	
Wootton Bassett T	v	Launton Sports	
Division One East			
Henley Tn	v	Milton Utd	
Penn & Tylers Grn	v	Thame Utd	
Wokingham & Em'	v	Eton Wick	BTFC

Res Division One			
Abingdon Utd	v	Carterton	
Wantage Tn	v	Finchampstead	
Res Division Two West			
Cirencester Tn	v	Letcombe	
Clanfield	v	Cricklade Town	
Witney Utd	v	Hook Norton	
Res Division Two East			
Holyport	v	Thame Utd	
Wednesday 31 March			
Bluefin Insurance Brokers Challenge Cup Quarter Final			
Almondsbury Town	v	Oxford City Nom's	
Premier Division			
Shortwood Utd	v	Bicester Tn	
Shrivenham	v	Witney Utd	

APRIL FIXTURES

Thursday 1 April			
A M Print & Copy Floodlit Cup Semi Finals 2nd Leg			
Binfield	v	Reading Tn	
Premier Division			
Ascot Utd	v	Ardley Utd	
Reserve Division One			
Wootton Bassett T	v	Henley Tn	
Saturday 3 April			
Bluefin Insurance Brokers Chall. Cup Quarter Final			
Abingdon Tn	v	Shrivenham	
Slimbridge	v	Woodley Tn	
Premier Division			
Almondsbury Tn	v	Binfield	
Ardley Utd	v	Pegasus Juniors	
Ascot Utd	v	Fairford Tn	
Carterton	v	Wantage Tn	
Flackwell Heath	v	Highworth Tn	
Hook Norton	v	Bicester Tn	
Malmesbury Vic	v	Oxford City Nom	
Old Woodstock Tn	v	Marlow Utd	
Shortwood Utd	v	Kidlington	

Witney Utd	v	Reading Tn	
Division One West			
Cheltenham Sar's	v	Letcombe	
Cricklade Tn	v	Purton	
Easington Sports	v	Wootton Bassett T	
Lydney Tn	v	Cirencester Utd	
Trowbridge Tn	v	North Leigh Res	
Tytherington Rk's	v	Headington Amat	
Division One East			
Chalfont Wasps	v	Milton Utd	
Chinnor	v	Eton Wick	
Didcot Tn Res	v	Henley Tn	
Farnborough Res	v	Newbury	
South Kilburn	v	Holyport	
Thame Utd	v	Kintbury Rang's	
Wokingham & Em	v	Finchampstead	BTFC
Chairman's Reserve Challenge Cup Quarter Final			
Binfield	v	Cheltenham Sar's	
Reserve Division One			
Fairford Tn	v	Henley Tn	
Hungerford Tn	v	Highworth Tn	

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FA CUP

THE ROAD TO £750 FOR WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C.

Date	Round	Opponents	Prize Money
15-Aug-09	Extra Preliminary Round	v Westbury United (H)	D 2 - 2
18-Aug-09	Extra Preliminary Round -Rep	v Westbury United (A)	W 3 - 2 £750
29-Aug-09	Preliminary Round	v Brockenhurst (H)	L 0 - 1
12-Sep-09	First Qualifying Round	v Bishops Cleeve (A)	
26-Sep-09	Second Qualifying Round	v Weymouth (H)	
10-Oct-09	Third Qualifying Round	v Bath City (H)	
24-Oct-09	Fourth Qualifying Round	v AFC Totton (H)	
7-Nov-09	First Round	v Grimsby Town (A)	
28-Nov-09	Second Round	v Forest Green Rovers (H)	
2-Jan-10	Third Round	v Notts County (A)	
23-Jan-10	Fourth Round	v Wigan Athletic (H)	
13-Feb-10	Fifth Round	v Fulham (A)	
6-Mar-10	Quarter Final	v Tottenham Hotspur (H)	
10-Apr-10	Semi-Final	v Portsmouth (Wembley)	
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 Poole Town	H	
16-Jan-10	Fourth Round Proper	v Whitley Bay	A	
6-Feb-10	Fifth Round Proper	v Chertsey Town	A	
27-Feb-10	Sixth Round Proper	v Shildon	A	
27-Mar-10	Semi-final	v Barwell	Two legs	
9-May-10	Final winners	v		

HELLENIC LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP SPONSORED BY BLUEFIN
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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	1 - 5
Cheltenham Sar's	v	Penn & Tylers Green	1 - 0
Cirencester United	v	Pegasus Junior's	0 - 6
Clanfield	v	Cricklade Town	0 - 2
Eton Wick	v	Kintbury Rangers	5 - 0
Fairford Town	v	Hardwicke AFC	w/over
Farnborough Res	v	Chinnor	2 - 0
Finchampstead	v	Highworth Town	3 - 1
Harrow Hill	v	Milton United	1 - 0
Holyport	v	North Leigh Res	w/over
Kidlington	v	Thame United	5 - 1
Letcombe	v	Tytherington Rocks	3 - 2
Marlow United	v	Newbury	3 - 1
Prestwood	v	Oxford City Nomads	0 - 10
Purton	v	Winterbourne United	1 - 1 (4-3 pens)
Reading Town	v	Flackwell Heath	1 - 1 (7-6 pens)
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	3 - 0
Woodley Town	v	Didcot Town Res	3 - 1
Wootton Bassett Town	v	Easington Sports	0 - 1

First Round

Almondsbury Town	v	Cheltenham Sara	4 - 0
Ardley United	v	Harrow Hill	Home win
Ascot United	v	Reading Town	1 - 5
Carterton	v	Woodley Town	1 - 2
Pegasus Juniors	v	Cricklade Town	5 - 0
Eton Wick	v	Headington Amateurs	3 - 1
Finchampstead	v	Slimbridge	4 - 5 aet
Holyport	v	Easington Sports	4 - 1
Kidlington	v	Abingdon Town	0 - 1
Marlow United	v	Farnborough Res	3 - 3 , 4 - 2 pens
Oxford City Nomads	v	Rayners Lane	2 - 0
Purton	v	Fairford	0 - 2
Shortwood United	v	Trowbridge Town	4 - 1
Shrivenham	v	Old Woodstock Town	4 - 2
Wantage Town	v	Wokingham & Emm	7 - 2
Witney United	v	Letcombe	8 - 1

Second Round

Ardley	v	Fairford	3 - 1
Eton Wick	v	Abingdon Town	0 - 3
Holyport	v	Almondsbury Town	1 - 1 , 4-5 pens
Marlow United	v	Slimbridge	1 - 4
Oxford City Nomads	v	Wantage Town	1 - 0
Reading Town	v	Pegasus Juniors	1 - 0
Shortwood United	v	Shrivenham	0 - 2
Witney United	v	Woodley Town	1 - 1, 2-4 pens

Quarter Finals

Abingdon Town	v	Shrivenham
Almondsbury Town	v	Oxford City Nomads
Ardley United	v	Reading Town
Slimbridge	v	Woodley Town



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Wantage Tn	v	Swindon S'Mar	
Wootton Bassett T	v	Ardley Utd	
Reserve Division Two West			
Cirencester Tn	v	Hook Norton	
Clanfield	v	Witney Utd	
Letcombe	v	Old Woodstock Tn	
Shrivenham	v	Easington Sports	
Reserve Division Two East			
Newbury	v	Thame Utd	
Penn & Tylers Grn	v	Holyport	
Rayners Lane	v	Thatcham Tn	
Reading Junior Cup Quarter Final			
Highmore/Ibis	v	Finchampstead	
Monday 5 April			
Premier Division			
Arley Utd	v	Hook Norton	
Almondsbury Tn	v	Shortwood Utd	
Binfield	v	Ascot Utd	
Highworth Tn	v	Malmesbury Vic	
Kidlington	v	Oxford City Nom	
Marlow Utd	v	Flackwell Heath	
Pegasus Juniors	v	Fairford Tn	
Shrivenham	v	Abingdon Tn	
Wantage Tn	v	Reading Tn	
Witney Utd	v	Carterton	
Division One West			
Headington Amat	v	Easington Sports	
Launton Sports	v	Cricklade Tn	
Letcombe	v	Clanfield	
Lydney Tn	v	Slimbridge	
Purton	v	Trowbridge Tn	
Tytherington Rk.s	v	Winterbourne Utd	
Division One East			
Holyport	v	Eton Wick	
Milton Utd	v	Kintbury Rang's	
Newbury	v	Woodley Tn	
Penn & Tylers Grn	v	Rayners Lane	
South Kilburn	v	Wokingham & Em'	
Reserve Division One			
Finchampstead	v	Cheltenham Sar's	
Swindon S'Mar	v	Abingdon Tn	
Wootton Bassett T	v	Hungerford Tn	

Reserve Division Two West			
Cirencester Utd	v	Old Woodstock Tn	
Easington Sports	v	Clanfield	
Hook Norton	v	Letcombe	
Reserve Division Two East			
Chalfont Wasps	v	Newbury	
President's Reserve Division Cup - Quarter Final			
Rayners Lane		Holyport	
Tuesday 6 April			
Reserve Division One			
Kidlington	v	Fairford Tn	
Wantage Tn	v	Highworth Tn	
Reserves Division Two West			
Shrivenham	v	Launton Sports	
Witney Utd	v	Cirencester Tn	
Wednesday 7 April			
Premier Division			
Almondsbury Tn	v	Wantage Tn	
Fairford Tn	v	Malmesbury Vic	
Highworth Tn	v	Oxford City Nom.s	
Hook Norton	v	Flackwell Heath	
Marlow Utd	v	Shrivenham	
Old Woodstock Tn	v	Bicester Tn	
Division One West			
Cricklade Tn	v	Winterbourne Utd	
North Leigh Res	v	Clanfield	
Trowbridge Tn	v	Slimbridge	
Division One East			
Farnborough Res	v	Woodley Tn	
Reserve Division One			
Abingdon Utd	v	Swindon S'Mar	
Finchampstead	v	Henley Tn	
Reserve Division Two West			
Easington Sports	v	Letcombe	
Reserve Division Two East			
Chalfont Wasps	v	Chinnor	
Newbury	v	Thatcham Tn	
Thursday 8 April			
Division One East			
Eton Wick	v	Thame Utd	
Henley Tn	v	Penn & Tylers Grn	
Wokingham & Em'	v	Newbury	BTFC

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TOUCHLINE

WBTFC Newsletter Volume 6, January 2010

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Welcome: Well, with such a prolonged cold snap, preceded by wet pitches, it seems like some time since our teams were out there on the park. And indeed it may well be a few weeks yet before games re-commence in anger. This of course leads to fixture congestion, and spare a thought for the league fixture secretary's who must really be up against it. Of course, it's happened before, and will no doubt do so again, but it is likely to mean a very busy March and April.

However, despite that, your club continues to operate, and I'm delighted to introduce this latest edition of our in house newsletter. We've hopefully covered all areas of club activity, but please do contact if you have any questions regarding club operations. We are though concerned that Touchline does not get distributed to all our members, and the current weather will not help in that, so please do pass copies on should you be aware of that problem and feedback to us so we can ensure better distribution next time. Paul H - Chairman

Senior teams: A very Happy New Year, I hope you all enjoyed the Xmas and New Year festivities and are refreshed and re-energised for the run in to the end of the season. I must take this opportunity to mention some good news. Firstly our congratulations to Kara (our physio) and Ben Gregory on the birth of their baby son, we look forward to Kara's return early in the New Year, and secondly to Amy Tye who has passed her physio exam and is now the youngest physio in the Hellenic league. On the football front the 1st team is sitting in 4th place and has now been unbeaten in 10 games. The next few games will be critical and whilst we will only look at the short term we are hoping that a good Jan and Feb will put us firmly in promotion contention. Certainly morale within the team is high as those who attended the xmas bash with the team dressing in fancy dress (including management) would have seen.

Focussing on the reserves, Simon Paish and Simon Packer have come into senior management and are in a transition period. Their remit is to play and develop a very young team, introducing them to senior football. Although the league position is not good I am delighted with their efforts and I am sure that this will be rewarded in the latter part of the season and into next.

The under 18s floodlit are doing remarkably well considering the age of the team (I am sure we must be the youngest team in the league) and I know that Danny is extremely proud, as we all our, in their performances. The much required refurbishment work has now been started and I have now made the decision that the end of season presentation will be held at Ryland's way this year. This will allow much need income into the Association. As always, please support the senior section, bring along the kids and let them enjoy local football -- it MAY SURPRISE YOU!!!!

Chris Jones -- Section Head of Senior Football

WBSA: Work has commenced on redecorating the interior of the club house, old heating systems have been replaced, and work has started on moving toilets to make room for the bar extension. We hope to have all this complete by end of May this year so please pay a visit when you have some free time to take a look at progress. Our aim is to improve the environment to attract families, but also to add a lick of paint to make a more welcoming environment.



Youth teams: On April 9th 2010 the club will undertake the 22nd Holland Tour when we visit our friends at Gravenzandse SV Football Club, returning on the 14th.



This trip will be the reverse of last years visit to England by the Dutch during which the club played host to 45 youngsters and 15 adults. This year we shall be taking around 40 players between the ages of 12 & 16 along with 14 adults all of whom will be staying with Dutch families. When the idea of the exchange visits between WBTFC & Gravenzandse was realised the prospect of finding host families and organising their trip whilst in the UK is not to be underestimated. On this occasion the club and the parents of the players really excelled. Our Dutch visitors were overwhelmed with the welcome that they received and the hospitality offered to them. My mind goes back to the party that we had at Ryland's Way. We had meetings to sort out things such as the football tournament and some entertainment but Pete's suggestion of the pig roast was inspired, it truly was a great evening. We did such a good job in fixing together a random collection of gazebos and tents that we were later asked if the 'marquee' was for hire.



Next April's trip will undoubtedly be another great success. This won't be down to luck or good fortune but because people such as Pete Yeardley and Chris Kirkland put so much effort into making it what has become one of the highlights of our season. For a small club to arrange for its players to play football abroad year after year is quite a tribute to everyone concerned, but without the support of the players and their families it couldn't happen. For further information about the trip please drop a note to Nigel Deane through our web site: [\(click here\)](#).

Nigel Deane -- Deputy Section Head of Youth Football

Wilts U18 Floodlit League as at 21st March 2010

	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1 Wootton Bassett	14	9	2	3	15	29
2 Pewsey Vale	13	8	2	3	10	26
3 Chippenham Town	11	7	2	2	15	23
4 Bradford Town	11	5	4	2	17	19
5 Bemerton HH	12	5	3	4	15	18
6 Shrewton Utd	15	5	3	7	-16	18
7 Swindon Supermarine FC	10	5	2	3	7	17
8 Amesbury Town	12	2	3	7	-7	9
9 Calne Town	13	2	2	9	-30	8
10 Corsham Town	13	0	5	8	-26	5



Wootton Bassett Town Under 18 Wiltshire County Floodlit League

Date	Opponents	H/A	K-off	
10-Sep-09	Chard Town (FAYC)	H	19:30	L 1 - 2 Paish
17-Sep-09	Melksham Town*	H	19:30	W 2 - 1 Hale, Farr
24-Sep-09	Shrewton Utd	H	19:30	L 0 - 2
1-Oct-09	Pewsey Vale	A	19:30	L 1 - 2 Herbert
8-Oct-09	Swindon Supermarine	A	19:30	W 3 - 2 Hale 2, Shepherd
14-Oct-09	Corsham Town	A	19:30	D 1 - 1 Hale
22-Oct-09	Amesbury Town	H	19:30	W 3 - 0 Shepherd, Bartlett, OG
29-Oct-09	Bemerton Heath H	A	19:30	W 2 - 0 Ali, Ellis
5-Nov-09	Bradford Town	H	19:30	W 2 - 1 Farr, Hale
19-Nov-09	Chippenham Town	H	19:30	D 2 - 2 Bartlett, Farr
16-Dec-09	Shrewton Utd	A	19:30	W 2 - 0 Farr, Hale
28-Jan-10	Amesbury Town	A	19:30	W 4 - 3 Hooper 2, Lever, Farr
4-Feb-10	Calne Town	A	19:30	W 5 - 0 Hooper 2, Ellis 2, Hale
4-Mar-10	Swindon Supermarine	H	19:30	L 1 - 5 Farr
11-Mar-10	Corsham Town	H	19:30	W 5 - 3 Hale 2, Hooper, Smith, Pitts
18-Mar-10	Calne Town	H	19:30	W 6 - 1 Hale 3, Hooper 3
30-Mar-10	Bradford Town	A	19:30	
8-Apr-10	Chippenham Town	A	19:30	
15-Apr-10	Bemerton Heath H	H	19:30	
29-Apr-10	Pewsey Vale	H	19:30	

* Melksham Town subsequently withdrawn from league



RESERVES IN FOCUS

WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

SEASON 2009/10 RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	H/A	Competition	Result	Scorers/Kick-off
Sat 5-Sep-09	Kidlington Res	A	League	D 2 - 2	Millaci, Drewitt
Wed 9-Sep-09	Swindon Supermarine	A	League	L 0 - 5	
Sat 12-Sep-09	Abingdon Town Res	H	League	W 3 - 0	Millaci 2, Mepham
Sat 19-Sep-09	Abingdon Utd Res	A	League	L 0 - 1	
Tue 22-Sep-09	Fairford Res	H	League	L 1 - 2	Dixon
Sat 26-Sep-09	Henley Town Res	A	League	L 1 - 4	Own goal
Sat 3-Oct-09	Wantage Town Res	H	League	W 6 - 1	Tearle 2, Hunt 2, Field, Hawthorne
Sat 10-Oct-09	Binfield Res	A	League	L 1 - 2	Tasker
Tue 20-Oct-09	Highworth Town Res	A	League	L 1 - 3	Green
Sat 24-Oct-09	Abingdon Utd Res	H	League	L 2 - 3	Mepham, Ackrill
Tue 27-Oct-09	Finchampstead Res	H	League	D 1 - 1	Spencer
Sat 7-Nov-09	Carterton Res	A	League	L 1 - 4	Millaci
Sat 21-Nov-09	Ardley Res	A	League	D 3 - 3	L.Smith 2, Spencer
Sat 12-Dec-09	Highworth Town Res	H	League	L 1 - 2	Spencer
Tue 15-Dec-09	Fairford Res	A	League	L 0 - 2	
Sat 23-Jan-10	Rayners Lane	H	Cup	W 4 - 3	Spencer 3, Smith
Sat 6-Feb-10	Hungerford Town Res	A	League	L 1 - 5	Spencer
Sat 13-Feb-10	Cheltenham Saras Res	H	League	L 0 - 1	
Tue 14-Feb-10	Henley Town Res	H	Cup	L 1 - 6	Smith
Sat 27-Feb-10	Cheltenham Saras Res	A	League	D 1 - 1	Turner
Tue 2-Mar-10	Swindon Supermarine	H	League	L 1 - 3	Pitts
Sat 6-Mar-10	Wantage Town Res	A	League	W 3 - 1	Taylor 2, Topping
Sat 13-Mar-10	Carterton Res	H	League	W 2 - 1	Collier 2
Sat 27-Mar-10	Finchampstead Res	A	League	L 1 - 2	
Thur 1-Apr-10	Henley Town Res	H	League		
Sat 3-Apr-10	Ardley Res	H	League		
Mon 5-Apr-10	Hungerford Town Res	H	League		
Sat 10-Apr-10	Abingdon Town Res	A	League		
Tue 13-Apr-10	Binfield Res	H	League		
Sat 24-Apr-10	Kidlington Res	H	League		



CHAIRMAN'S RESERVES CHALLENGE CUP SEASON 2009-10

Preliminary Round	Opponents	Result
Abingdon United	v Easington Sports	4 - 2
Ardley United	v Prestwood	Home win
Cirencester Town	v Abingdon Town	3 - 1
Cirencester United	v Cricklade Town	0 - 6
Swindon Supermarine	v Hook Norton	4 - 1
Thame United	v Finchampstead*	3 - 3

* won on penalties

First Round	Opponents	Result
Abingdon United	v Witney United	2 - 0
Binfield	v Thame United	Home win
Carterton	v Ardley United	0 - 5
Cheltenham Saracens	v Newbury Town	2 - 0
Chinnor	v Launton Sports	1 - 2
Clanfield	v Hungerford Town	1 - 8
Eton Wick	v Highworth Town	1 - 1 pens
Fairford Town	v Old Woodstock Town	2 - 1
Finchampstead	v Ascot United	4 - 1
Henley Town	v Letcombe	6 - 0
Penn & Tylers Green	v Kidlington	3 - 2
Shrivenham	v Wantage Town	3 - 3 pens
Swindon Supermarine	v Cricklade Town	4 - 0
Thatcham Town	v Chalfont Wasps	3 - 1
Wootton Bassett Town	v Rayners Lane	4 - 3
Holyport	v Cirencester Town	0 - 2

Second Round	Opponents	Result
Binfield	v Wantage Town	3 - 3 pens
Fairford Town	v Abingdon United	1 - 3
Finchampstead	v Launton Sports	2 - 0
Cirencester Twn	v Cheltenham Sara	0 - 2
Penn & Tylers Green	v Ardley United	3 - 2
Swindon Supermarine	v Highworth Town	1 - 3
Thatcham Town	v Hungerford Town	2 - 3
Wootton Bassett Town	v Henley Town	1 - 6

Quarter Final	Opponents	Result
Penn & Tylers Green	v Finchampstead	0 - 5
Henley Town	v Hungerford Town	2 - 3
Highworth Town	v Abingdon United	
Binfield	v Cheltenham Saracens	

TOUCHLINE - LATEST ISSUE

Ladies & Girls:

All three Bassett sides have started this season well, with the U13 girls in 3rd place while both the U16 & ladies sides sit 2nd in their respective leagues. With these three sides now looking very stable my attention moves back to getting an U11 or U10 girls team up and running, and I have now targeted late January or early February taster session on Saturday mornings at Ballards Ash. Again 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 www.WBTFC.CO.UK using the "contact us" button on the top right hand side of the club home page or (click here).

I don't believe it:

With so many games now falling foul to the wet weather, how reassuring it was that at least your training is safe on the all weather astro pitch. Well not any more as just the other week when we all got to training to find gates locked and a note on the gate saying training cancelled due to astro being flooded. And so the old saying to be used now is,

It never rains but pours

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

www.wbtfc.co.uk:

I guess with any club which relies on volunteers it's difficult to keep a web site up to date. However WBTFC.co.uk has taken some significant steps forward. The site now holds an extensive club history which is ever expanding as new information comes to light, also recently, links into disabled football through the development page tab as well as the latest team fixtures for all our clubs teams which are updated weekly. I also encourage you to take a look at the "The 'Noughties'" page which makes an interesting read. We have also placed a message board against each age group which is accessible by any web browser or smart phone offering team selection and the latest team / coaching news. All of the above would not be possible without the commitment from Mark, Scott and Stuart Smedley who update and manage the site so regularly, please take a look when you have some free time.

January's Joke:

A full back with a reputation for being a really hard man on the pitch was sent off during a match. Returning to the changing room, he had a terrible leg.

It was covered in cuts and bruises and had a massive gash from the top of the thigh to the knee. He had no idea whose it was!

Club development:

The club will be taking a further step forward in 2010, for the first time WBTFC have formally entered into agreements with local schools to provide football coaching as part of the Wiltshire Council School Sports Partnership (SSP) as well as the WCFA School Club Link. Delivery will be run and managed on the back of, what is becoming a very successful, Community Football program. I can also communicate changes within the Wilts County FA Football Development team, Barry Stephens has decided to take early retirement and has been replaced by Miss Emma Small who is now the Football Development manager. Also, Kirsty Brammer has decided to move to "England Hockey" and has been replaced by Mr Stephen Neale as the County Development Manager. We are looking forward to working closely with Emma and Stephen as we move forward.

The WCFA have been driving Age Appropriate coaching, WBTFC very much support this new style, to date we have had very positive feedback from those who have attended. If you would like to find out more [click here](#) or take a look at the WCFA web site. www.wiltshirefa.com I can confirm that last quarter's objectives have been completed bar the completion of the development plan update, at the time of writing this article this has now been completed and issued. Our objectives for the next quarter consist of: 1) Complete the football development update 2) Draft Managers Booklet, 3) Complete the link between Community Football and local schools 4) Arrange meetings with the new appointments at WCFA.

Andy Walduck – Club Development Officer



Relocation Update:

The relocation of our Sports Association from Rylands Way to land opposite Ballards Ash continues to be frustrated by the economic climate. However it is a case of when rather than if, and with the prospect of 3 full size pitches and 2 mini-pitches at the new site it will allow our development plans for the club to continue and most importantly bring us all playing together on one site. It is hoped that as the economy and housing market continue to recover that progress on the relocation will re-start by the end of 2010.

Andy Walduck, WBTFC Relocation Rep

Sponsor Focus:

C.S Building Services Ltd has been supporting WBTFC for many years in fact one of the partners, Steve Twine, has played for our club. Steve is a local lad and is also known for his support of the Town's Cricket Club, but he finds the time, through the winter, to watch 1st team football and is one of our top 3 club sponsors. WBTFC would like to take this opportunity to formally thank C.S Building Services for their continued support.

C.S Building Services focus on both large projects such as extensions or loft conversions, and home improvements, or smaller projects like garage conversions, building internal walls, groundwork and preparation, carpentry and joinery. C.S Building Services are a local business so please ask Steve for a quote for your building works.

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What's On? "Weather Permitting!"

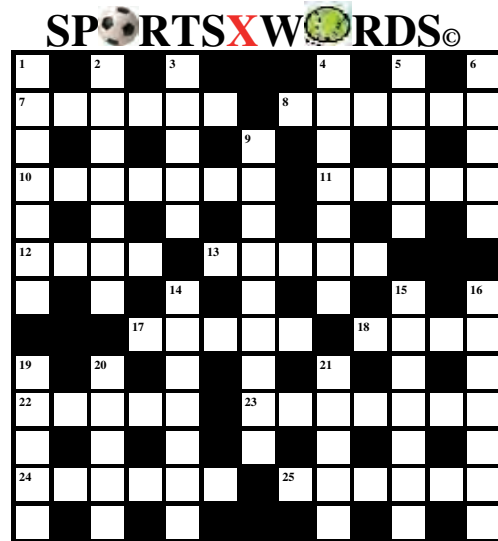
First team home games

Sat 16 th Jan	Cheltenham Saracens	15:00
Sat 20 th Feb	Cricklade Town	15:00
Sat 27 th Feb	Launton Sports	15:00
Sat 6 th Mar	Clanfield	15:00
Tue 16 th Mar	Trowbridge Town	19:30



"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 Astro turf, Holiday club will be run in the Feb half term. Please call Matt to book your space before you look to attend (07859 794621)



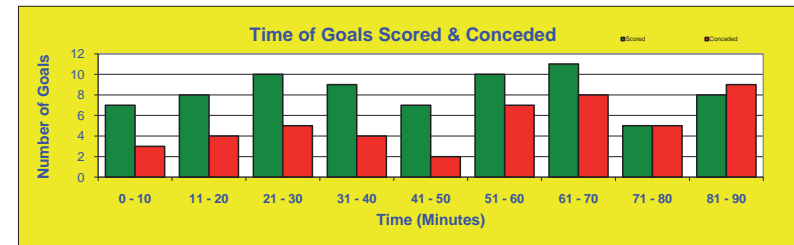
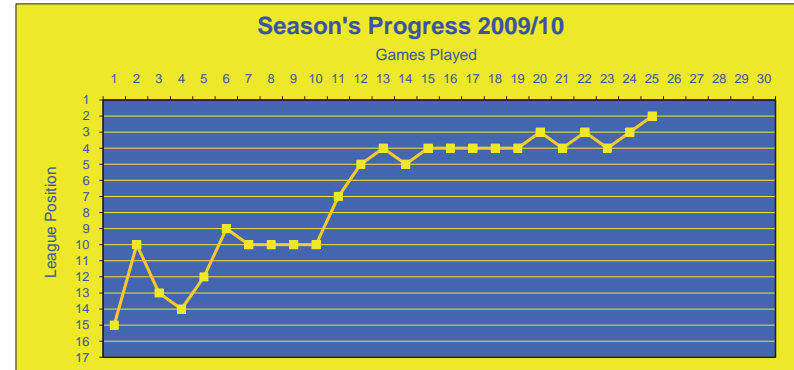
ACROSS

- 7 Comedy of ____, twice Champion Hurdle winner in the early 70s golden era (6)
- 8 The Italian version of our sweeper (6)
- 10 Consecutive Premier League winner in 2004-5 & 2005-6 (7)
- 11 Manny ____, bearded rampaging full back of West Germany's 78 & 82 World Cup squads (5)
- 12 Ex Millwall Chairman Paphitis or Arsenal flyer Walcott (4)
- 13 Soccer's Mills or Wallace (5)
- 17 Liverpool's Swiss international defender (5)
- 18 Chelsea hero now at West Ham (4)
- 22 Argentina's veteran defender Roberto or Liverpool's Spanish youngster Daniel (5)
- 23 Ghana's keeper, understudy at Birmingham and now Wigan (7)
- 24 German World Cup winner who played up front for Liverpool & Fulham (6)
- 25 American racing series which has spawned a year upon year computer game (6)

DOWN

- 1 City's big money defensive signing (7)
- 2 Current holder of the record consecutive Premier League appearances and counting (7)
- 3 French ferry port town who play in Ligue 2 (5)
- 4 Ancelotti's assistant (7)
- 5 Awarded an MBE for his Northern Ireland scoring exploits (5)
- 6 Vettel became F1's youngest GP winner at this circuit in 2008 (5)
- 9 Big Cliff, from the good old days of darts! (9)
- 14 Red Bull's F1 engine supplier in 2009 (7)
- 15 Daniel ____, Uruguayan striker at Cagliari, Napoli, Roma and Juve in the 90s (7)
- 16 Bristol City's goalscorer signed from Crewe in 2008 (7)
- 19 French Premier League midfielder whose girlfriend is tennis' Tatiana Golovin (5)
- 20 Doncaster and Newmarket have these (5)
- 21 Athletic who are Scottish League football's newest addition (5)

WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB STATS PAGE



Appearances 2009/10	Starts	As Sub	Total	Goals
1 James Turner	31	1	32	2
2 Sam Collier	30	2	32	15
3 Ryan Banks	31		31	8
4 Liam Edmondson	28	2	30	1
5 Stewart Thompson	29		29	-
6 Terry Adams	23	4	27	6
7 Chris Oram	26		26	3
8 Craig Bowden	18	3	21	-
9 Alex Green	18		18	9
10 Steve Groom	17	1	18	-
11 Luke Sharps	16	2	18	-
12 Ryan Thomas	3	15	18	1
13 Craig Shand	10	2	12	5
14 Mitch Wyatt	7	5	12	4
15 Jon Holloway	7	4	11	3
16 Adam Field	6	5	11	4
17 Andrew Philpott	6	5	11	4
18 Matt Bown	10	5	10	2
19 Fraser Joyce	7	3	10	1
20 Sam Mepham	5	4	9	-
21 Marcus Hall	7	1	7	-
22 Frankie Hunt	5	1	6	1
23 Alan Blake	3	3	6	-
24 Kevin Scott	4		4	-
25 Andy Brien	4		4	1
26 Liam Byfield	1	2	3	-
27 Sean Bailey	2	2	1	7
28 Aaron Legister	2	2	-	-
29 Sam English	1	1	2	-
30 James Guthrie	1	1	2	-
31 David Millaci		2	2	-
32 Kyle Pitts		2	2	-
33 Lee Smith		2	2	-
34 Max Etheridge		2	2	-
35 Rob Dean	1		1	-
36 James Tasker	1		1	-
37 Gavin Thomas	1		1	1
38 George Drewitt	1		1	-
39 Alan Hawthorne	1		1	-
40 Shaun Wimble	1		1	-
41 Chris Doyle		1	1	-
42 Phil Tearle		1	1	1
43 Craig Kelly		1	1	-
Own Goals				2

Last Season	
Total	Goals
8	1
-	-
44	8
38	-
46	-
-	-
43	2
-	-
-	-
7	4
-	-
1	-
3	-
-	-
-	-
1	-
4	-
-	-
7	1
-	-
-	-
2	-
-	-
-	-
4	-
1	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
19	1
-	-



FIXTURES & RESULTS SEASON 2009/10 FTL FUTBOL HELLENIC LEAGUE DIVISION ONE WEST

Cheltenham Saracens	Cheltenham Saracens	Chen Utd	Clanfield	Cricklade Town	Easington Sports	Harrow Hill	Head'tn Amats	Launton Sports	Letcombe	Lydney Town	North Leigh	Purton	Slimbrid	Trowbr Town	Tyth'n Rocks	Wint'rb	Wootton Bassett
		14-0	2-1	2-3	5-1		0-1	12-0	03-Apr	1-1	1-1	2-0	2-2	4-3	2-0	2-2	0-1
	10-Apr		1-2	14-Apr	0-1	1-1	0-5	3-1	2-4	0-5	1-1	0-11	28-Apr	20-Apr	0-4	17-Apr	1-1
		2-0		24-Apr	1-3		2-0	5-0	2-0	4-0	0-4	1-4	0-5	2-2	0-2	3-2	0-3
		7-0	17-Apr		0-2		3-0	8-0	29-Apr	01-May	5-0	03-Apr	0-3	2-3	1-3	07-Apr	1-0
		24-Apr	2-1	0-2		4-1	TBA	13-Apr	4-2	3-4	20-Apr	0-1	0-2	2-0	10-Apr	0-5	03-Apr
		8-1	4-1	10-Apr	05-Apr	5-1		5-0	3-2	17-Apr	2-0	2-2	4-3	24-Apr	2-2	2-9	1-3
		TBA	0-3	05-Apr	0-3		1-4		24-Apr	1-2	0-3	0-9	1-4	1-3	2-1	1-4	17-Apr
		3-2	05-Apr	1-2	4-0		2-2	5-0		0-2	1-2	3-4	0-0	1-0	4-1	1-0	1-2
		03-Apr	0-1	3-1	0-2	2-0	0-2	5-0	3-4		6-0	30-Mar	05-Apr	13-Apr	0-3	2-0	2-2
		2-2	07-Apr	3-2	1-3		0-2	10-Apr	1-1	1-2		2-3	24-Apr	0-0	3-0	01-May	1-3
		3-1	2-1	2-1	2-3		4-4	3-2	10-Apr	24-Apr	2-1		0-4	05-Apr	17-Apr	4-2	1-2
		8-1	4-1	2-0	0-1		01-May	3-0	1-0	4-0	0-0	2-2		2-1	1-1	2-0	2-0
		4-1	2-0	27-Apr	17-Apr		0-2	2-2	2-4	0-3	03-Apr	2-3	07-Apr		4-4	2-1	1-4
		6-0	3-1	21-Apr	0-1	3-1	03-Apr	3-1	2-4	1-1	0-1	1-1	1-1	1-0		05-Apr	24-Apr
		8-0	1-2	5-0	1-3		0-1	7-0	0-3	0-3	4-3	0-5	0-3	10-Apr	13-Apr		0-1
		4-1	1-1	1-2	3-2		6-1	30-Mar	2-2	5-0	4-2	2-2	10-Apr	2-2	4-1	4-2	0-1

LEAGUE TABLES



Hellenic League

FTL Futbol Hellenic Division One West Table

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1. Cheltenham Saracens	27	15	7	5	80	37	+43	52
2. Wootton Bassett Town	25	15	7	3	61	31	+30	52
3. Slimbridge	23	15	6	2	58	15	+43	51
4. Purton	24	15	5	4	75	39	+36	50
5. Headington Amateurs	23	14	4	5	63	37	+26	46
6. Letcombe	25	12	4	9	53	39	+14	40
7. Easington Sports	22	13	0	9	36	36	+0	39
8. Lydney Town	23	11	3	9	44	36	+8	36
9. Clanfield	26	10	2	14	40	51	-11	32
10. Tytherington Rocks	23	8	7	8	40	34	+6	31
11. Cricklade Town	19	9	1	9	45	35	+10	28
12. North Leigh Reserves	24	6	6	12	35	49	-14	24
13. Trowbridge Town	21	5	5	11	35	45	-10	20
14. Winterbourne United	24	6	1	17	46	54	-8	19
15. Cirencester United	22	1	3	18	17	104	-87	6
16. Launton Sports	23	1	1	21	13	99	-86	4

FTL Futbol Hellenic Reserve Division One Table

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1. Hungerford Town	24	20	2	2	72	35	+37	62
2. Highworth Town	22	16	3	3	59	26	+33	51
3. Finchampstead	18	12	1	5	46	27	+19	37
4. Fairford Town	24	10	3	11	50	50	+0	33
5. Henley Town	20	9	4	7	41	34	+7	31
6. Wantage Town	20	9	1	10	47	43	+4	28
7. Abingdon United	20	9	1	10	34	43	-9	28
8. Ardley United	23	7	7	9	39	51	-12	28
9. Binfield	22	9	1	12	38	56	-18	28
10. Carterton	24	8	3	13	46	61	-15	27
11. Kidlington	20	7	4	9	43	37	+6	25
12. Swindon Supermarine	20	7	2	11	32	41	-9	23
13. Cheltenham Saracens	23	7	2	14	37	55	-18	23
14. Abingdon Town	20	5	6	9	31	39	-8	21
15. Wootton Bassett Town	22	4	4	14	32	49	-17	16



Back in business

Rylands Way, 23rd March 2010

It may not have come as a result of a vintage Wootton Bassett Town performance, but the significance of their 4-2 triumph over struggling Winterbourne United should not be downplayed.

Having failed to win three straight home games against weaker opposition, Bassetts promotion prospects looked as though they were fading fast. But in arresting that slump, and with a few favours thrown in from the teams surrounding them in the quest for a spot in the Hellenic Premier Division, Dave Turners side are back on track for an elusive top three finish.

Not only that, but the long awaited victory provides a much needed confidence boost heading into a tricky spell that sees Bassett face fellow title chasers Purton and Slimbridge, with a visit from basement side Launton Sports sandwiching those games.

Sam Collier was the main goal getter on the night, bagging another brace, but it was two goals in quick succession midway through the second half that sealed the three points for the hosts on a testing evening.

Craig Shand provided the first of those, neatly sidestepping Dafyd Jones to tap home after reacting quickest to a spill from the visiting keeper before Terry Adams wrapped things up with a sublime 25 yard drive that nestled in the bottom right corner.

Despite a dominant start to the match, the first minute saw Winterbourne having to clear off the line after a perfectly delivered corner, Bassett went behind just after the half hour mark when slack defending once again was the teams undoing.

Mark Brookers long throw was not dealt with properly, the clearance falling straight back to him, and he was able to deliver an inch perfect cross from the left that James Maidstone smartly volleyed home after easily losing the attentions of his marker.

This seemed to take the wind out of Bassetts sails and it appeared as though they would be heading into the break a goal down against a team who had created just the one chance in the opening half and played some of the most uninspiring football seen at Rylands Way for many a year.

However, Sam Collier, a man who has been on a mission since moving up front, had other ideas. He was denied two minutes before half time when, after neat interplay between Adams and Ryan Banks, he was able to roll his marker but could only hit straight at Jones from ten yards.

Yet his effort under a minute later was unstoppable. He was somewhat fortunate to see the ball fall at his feet after a poorly hit free kick from Bown was sliced in his direction by a visiting defender.

But Bassetts top marksman still had plenty of work to do. After making his marker look silly once again and cutting inside onto his weaker right foot he curled the ball into the top right corner, leaving Jones no chance whatsoever.

After surviving a scare shortly after the restart when Jimmy Potts broke loose and cut back for Dale Emery, who could only fire over, Collier put the hosts ahead. Following patient build up play around the Winterbourne area, Adams produced an exquisite reverse pass that the forward latched onto having narrowly beat the offside trap. He then coolly rounded Jones before tapping in.

Seemingly in the ascendancy once more, wasteful play saw the deficit eradicated just before the hour. Guilty of overplaying in midfield, the home side were caught out by a quick break. And after Jon Holloways sliced clearance fell straight to an unmarked Potts there was only ever going to be one outcome as he raced through to score.

It seemed as though Bassett were yet again on course to underwhelm, and luck seemed to have departed them in the 66th minute when twice the visitors were able to hack the ball off the line after another troublesome Bown corner.

But three minutes later they had the lead once more. James Turner's fizzing shot from the edge of the area could only be parried, allowing Shand to jump in and score. Moments later Adams made it four with his long-range strike, a strike more than worthy of sealing the points.

There was a late scare when Potts was afforded too much space, but his powerful shot from a tight angle was parried wide by Stewart Thompson, who, apart from having to twice pick the ball out of his net, was seldom tested throughout the match.

Scoops Man of the Match: Craig Bowden □ a phenomenal performance from the youngster at right back. Committed in the tackle, Bowden won virtually every ball he went for on the night and was composed as ever on the ball, linking up well with Matty Bown.

Scoop Rating: 6/10 □ not the performance of the season, but it was enough to clinch a much needed three points. The conditions on the evening were less than ideal, leading to the match not being one for the purists.

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

Preliminary Round

Almondsbury Town	v	Harrow Hill	4 - 1
Ardley United	v	Wootton Bassett Town	2 - 1
Bicester Town	v	Slimbridge	1 - 4
Didcot Town Res	v	Holyport	0 - 5
Malmesbury Victoria	v	Thatcham Town	1 - 4
Reading Town	v	Oxford City Nomads	3 - 1

First Round

Abingdon Town	v	Wantage Town	2 - 5
Abingdon United	v	Cheltenham Saracens	3 - 1
Almondsbury Town	v	Marlow United	4 - 3
Ascot United	v	Highworth Town	1 - 2
Binfield	v	Lydney Town	3 - 1
Fairford Town	v	Ardley United	2 - 3
Henley Town	v	Hook Norton	2 - 0
Holyport	v	Flackwell Heath	3 - 2
Hungerford Town	v	Shortwood United	0 - 4
Milton United	v	Clanfield	2 - 1
North Leigh	v	Old Woodstock Town	1 - 2
Pegasus Juniors	v	Thatcham Town	Home win
Reading Town*	v	Shrivenham	0 - 0
Slimbridge	v	Kidlington*	0 - 0
Thame United	v	Swindon Supermarine	6 - 0
Witney United	v	Carterton	4 - 3

* won on penalties

Second Round

Milton	v	Witney	0 - 3
Henley Town	v	Pegasus Juniors	2 - 1
Highworth Town	v	Shortwood	0 - 1
Holyport	v	Binfield	0 - 1
Kidlington	v	Almondsbury Town	12 - 0
Reading Town	v	Abingdon United	6 - 0
Wantage Town	v	Thame United	5 - 1
Old Woodstock Town	v	Ardley United	3 - 2

Quarter Finals

Kidlington	v	Binfield	0 - 2
Old Woodstock Town	v	Witney United	0 - 3
Reading Town	v	Henley Town	1 - 0
Shortwood United	v	Wantage Town	1 - 0

Semi-Finals (Two legs)

Binfield	v	Reading Town	0 - 1/
Witney United	v	Shortwood United	0 - 2/

WBTFC DREAM TEAM

this week selected by Paul Burke

Mark Ayres or Jon Haines

	Steve Yeardley (pictured)	
Mitch Johns	Steve Ackrill	Paul Burke (capt & pen taker)
Jeremy Newton	Tony Vines	Ben Gascoyne (pictured)
Roger Frost	Damon York	Scott Vincent

Subs:

Bryan Wood (pictured)	Steve Thomas	Paul Harrison's Knee Bandage
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Manager - The one and only Mick Woolford in his match day Brogues

Player Assistant Manager - Paul Burke

Minibus Driver - Alan Blythe

Water Bottle Carrier - Bryan Wood (pictured)

Team Bum Lickers - Barry Giles and Paul Harrison

Motivation Coach - Roger "Half empty" Williamson

Chairman - Mark Smedley



WILTSHIRE SENIOR CUP



WILTSHIRE SENIOR COUNTY CUP SEASON 2009-10

First Round

Pewsey Vale	v	Shrewton United	2 - 7
Purton	v	New College	3 - 0
Devizes Town	v	Cricklade Town	4 - 3
Corsham Town	v	Westside FC	10 - 1
Malmesbury Vics	v	Wroughton	3 - 1
Trowbridge Town	v	Amesbury Town	1 - 0
Downton	v	KC's	2 - 0
Calne Town	v	FC Chippenham Youth	3 - 2
Marlborough Town	v	Westbury United	2 - 1

Second Round

Malmesbury Vics	v	Devizes Town	2 - 1
Marlborough Town	v	Highworth Town	0 - 4
Melksham Town	v	Trowbridge Town	2 - 1
Purton	v	Lavestock & Ford	3 - 4
Shrewton	v	Wootton Bassett Town	4 - 3
Calne Town*	v	Bradford Town	2 - 2
Bemerton Heath Harlequins	v	Downton	4 - 1 aet
Warminster Town	v	Corsham Town	1 - 2

* won on penalties

Quarter Finals

Laverstock & Ford	v	Highworth Town	3 - 2 aet
Corsham Town	v	Bemerton Heath Harl	2 - 3 aet
Malmesbury Vics	v	Melksham Town	1 - 3
Shrewton	v	Calne Town	0 - 3

Semi-Finals

Melksham Town	v	Laverstock & Ford	1 - 5
Bemerton Heath Harl	v	Calne Town	

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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	Thompson	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	Mephram	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)	Mephram		
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)	Mephram	
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	Mephram	Blake	
17-Oct	Letcombe	H	D2-2	78	Thompson	Bowden	Edmondson	Adams	Blake	Collier	Turner	Hall	Green	Wyatt	Banks (1)	R.Thomas	Mephram	Pitts	
24-Oct	Trowbridge Town	A	W4-1	68	Thompson	Groom	Edmondson	Adams	Oram	Collier (1)	Turner	Hall	Green	Bowden	Banks (2)	Tearle (1)	Smith		
31-Oct	North Leigh Res	H	W4-2	52	Thompson	Groom	Edmondson	Adams	Oram (1)	Collier	Turner	Holloway (1)	Green (1)	Bailey (1)	Banks	Wyatt	Smith	Pitts	
7-Nov	Easington Sports	H	W3-2	43	Thompson	Groom	Edmondson(1)	Adams (1)	Blake	Collier	Turner	Wimble	Green (1)	Bowden	Banks	Wyatt	Thomas		
14-Nov	Shrewton (CC2)	A	L3-4	42	Thompson	Groom	Edmondson	Adams (1)	Mephram	Collier	Turner	Wyatt (1)	Green (1)	Philpott	Banks	Doyle	Thomas		
21-Nov	Tytherington Rocks	H	W4-1	48	Thompson	Groom	Edmondson	Adams	Oram	Collier (2)	Turner	Brien	Mephram	Philpott (2)	Banks	Thomas			
28-Nov	Headington Amateurs	A	W3-2	28	Thompson	Groom	Edmondson	Adams	Mephram	Collier	Turner	Brien	Holloway	Philpott	Banks	Thomas	Shand (2)		
5-Dec	Lydney Town	A	D2-2	37	Thompson	Bowden	Edmondson	Adams	Oram	Collier (1)	Turner	Brien (1)	Mephram	Shand	Banks	Thomas			
12-Dec	Cheltenham Saracens	A	W1-0	25	Thompson	Bowden	Edmondson	Adams	Oram	Collier	Bailey	Brien	Bown (1)	Shand	Banks	Etheridge			
30-Jan	Winterbourne United	A	W1-0	35	Thompson	Groom	Sharps	Philpott	Oram	Joyce	Turner	Edmondson	Bown (1)	Shand	Banks	Thomas			
2-Feb	Cheltenham Saracens	H	D1-1	46	Thompson	Holloway	Edmondson	Philpott	Oram	Collier	Turner	Joyce	Bown	Shand (1)	Banks	Thomas	Guthrie	Sharps	
6-Feb	Letcombe	A	W2-1	60	Thompson	Bowden	Sharps	Edmondson	Oram (1)	Collier	Turner	Joyce (1)	Bown	Shand	Banks	Thomas	Philpott		
13-Feb	North Leigh Res	A	W3-1	22	Thompson	Bowden	Sharps	Edmondson	Oram	Collier (2)	Turner	Joyce	Thomas	Shand (1)	Banks	Adams	Byfield		
17-Feb	Clanfield	A	W3-0	46	Thompson	Bowden	Holloway(1)	Edmondson	Oram	Collier (2)	Turner	Joyce	Bown	Shand	Banks	Adams	Byfield	Thomas	
20-Feb	Cricklade Town	H	L1-2	81	Thompson	Groom	Sharps	Edmondson	Oram	Collier	Turner	Joyce	Bown	Byfield	Banks	Adams	Philpott (1)	Thomas	
6-Mar	Clanfield	H	D1-1	40	Thompson	Philpott (1)	Sharps	Edmondson	Oram	Collier	Turner	Joyce	Bown	Legister	Banks	Adams	Shand		
16-Mar	Trowbridge Town	H	D2-2	52	Thompson	Bowden	Sharps	Edmondson	Holloway	Collier (1)	Turner	Adams (1)	Bown	Legister	Banks	Shand	Philpott	Joyce	
23-Mar	Winterbourne United	H	W4-2	52	Thompson	Bowden	Holloway	Edmondson	Oram	Collier(2)	Turner	Adams (1)	Bown	Shand (1)	Banks	Joyce	Philpott		
27-Mar	Purton	A	W2-1	137	Thompson	Bowden	Holloway	Edmondson	Oram	Collier	Turner(1)	Adams	Bown	Shand	Banks(1)	Sharps	Philpott	Joyce	
30-Mar	Launton Sports	H																	
3-Apr	Easington Sports	A																	
10-Apr	Slimbridge	H																	
17-Apr	Launton Sports	A																	
24-Apr	Tytherington Rocks	A																	

AC - FA Cup, F/L - Floodlight Cup, FAV - FA Vase, CC - County Cup, BIBCC - Challenge Cup, SC - Supplementary Cup

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