

# Royal Wootton Bassett Town F.C.

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Home Team Squad			Played No.	Sub
1	Curtis	Meare		
2	Dan	Comer		
3	Dale	Richards		
4	Adam	Corcoran		
5	Nathan	Hawkins		
6	Stephen	Olphert		
7	Dan	Bailey		
8	Kalum	Youngsam		
9	Steve	Robertson		
10	Sam	Packer		
11	Richie	Carter		
12	Harvey	Scholes		
14	Ryan	Thomas		
15	Tyler	Sheppard		
16	George	Drewitt		
17	Nathan	Gambling		
18	Dane	Moulden		
19	Matt	Cheetham		
20	Jack	Ellis		
21	Luke	Kuczynski		
22	Hugo	Vivash		
23	Callum	Wright		
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Visitors Team Squad			Played No.	Sub
1	Gary	Aulsberry		
2	Michael	Watson		
3	Tom	Nugent		
4	Ebenezer	Opoku-Ware		
5	Jordan	Rowland		
6	Andre	Kelly		
7	Sean	Hanley		
8	Grant	Goodband		
9	Shane	Cooper-Clark		
10	Elliott	Garrington		
11	Dan	Money		
12	Dan	Ridge		
14	George	Lock		
15	Mike	Lowka		
16	Elliott	Amadiou		
17	William	Kyeremeh		
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**Dugout Team**  
 Manager: Paul Braithwaite  
 Assistant: Chris Green

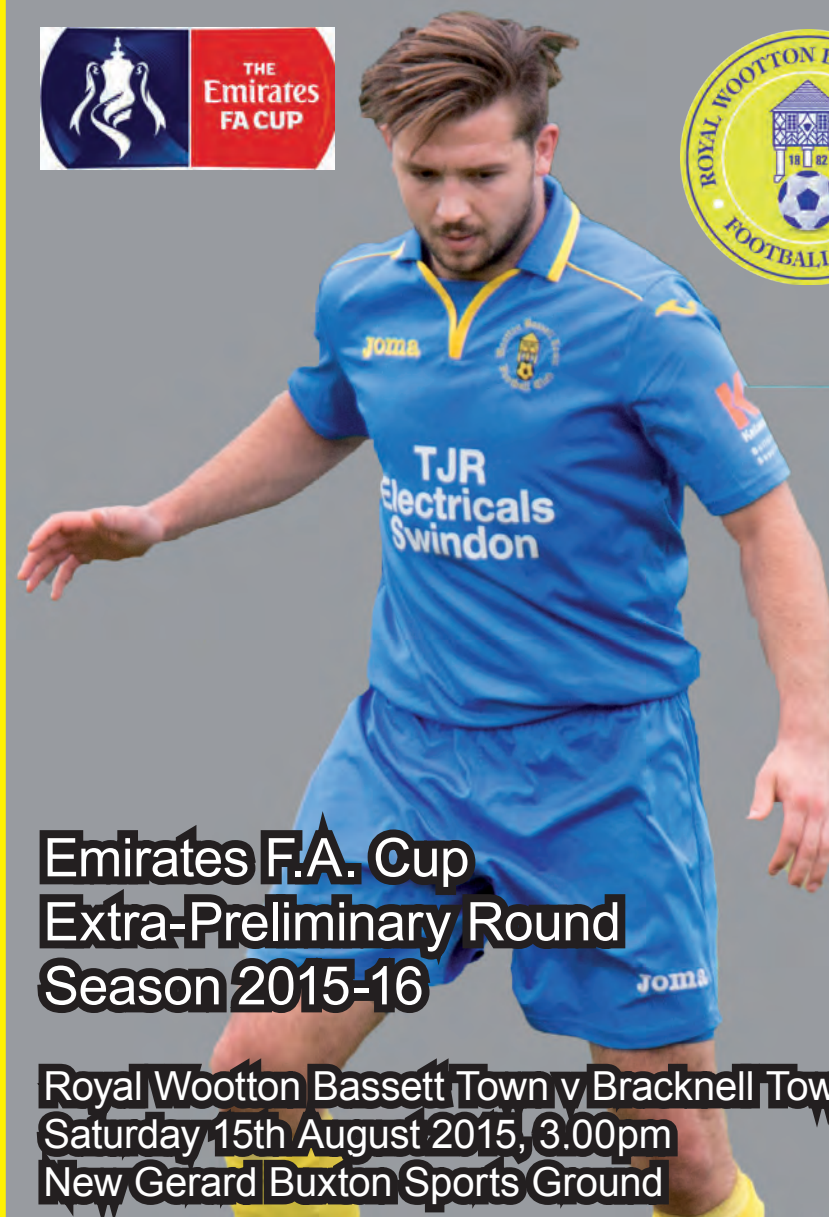
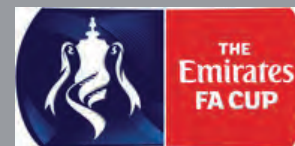
**Dugout Team**  
 Manager: Keith Pennicott-Bowen  
 Assistant:  
 Physio:

**Match Officials**  
 Referee:  James Wassell  
 Assist. Ref (Red Flag): Craig Harper  
 Assist. Ref (Yellow Flag): Travis Rolls

**Next Home Games**  
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 Mon 31-Aug-15 v Highworth Town (UHSport Hellenic League Premier Division 3.00pm)



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 Season 2015-16

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Alex Hornby  
Managing Director

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# Editorial & RWBTFC News

## Welcome to Bracknell Town

A warm welcome to our visitors from Bracknell Town for this afternoon's FA Cup game. The first ever time we met Bracknell Town was in this very competition back in 2007-8 when Bracknell were a Southern League side. Two goals from captain Steve Yeardley that day gave us a memorable 2-1 win. There is a match report from that momentous game in today's programme. However, of the 7 meetings between the two clubs that is our one and only victory. So whilst Bracknell have had the better of things against us we will be hoping we can maintain our 100% FA Cup record against them!

Last season Bracknell Town had their best ever season in the Hellenic Premier League finishing in 9<sup>th</sup> place mainly due to the goal scoring feats of Shane Cooper-Clarke who scored an impressive 36 goals. He has shown loyalty to Bracknell, despite overtures from a number of clubs playing at a higher level, and respect to him for showing that loyalty in a time when many players go chasing the money.

In the two games with us last season it is safe to say that apart from one minute at the end of the away fixture Bracknell had the better of things. At Cirencester Bracknell left with all 3 points following an easy 5-0 win. In the return game at Larges Lane we were 2-0 with 90 minutes on the clock. Steve Yeardley then headed in from a Richie Carter cross to make it 2-1. At that stage in the game, it seemed as though the captain's fifth goal of the season would merely serve as nothing more than a consolation strike. Yet Bassett had other ideas. They instantly forced a corner and, in desperation, filled the box with all eleven players on the pitch, 'keeper Ben Mitchell included. With a third Bracknell goal a certainty should they have been able to clear, the delivery had to be a good one. That it was, with the ball sent to the heart of the congested penalty area where, after a brief scramble, James Skinner emerged to gleefully fire home and steal a point in a game that just minutes earlier appeared as though it would end with Bracknell taking all three.

## First Home Game

By all accounts last week's opening game at the new ground was a resounding success. We certainly attracted the largest crowd in the whole of the UHlsport Hellenic Football League to the New Gerard Buxton Ground. I understand there were one or two Groundhoppers here (we received positive feedback on the Tony Kempster Forum from one of them) but I suspect we may attract even more today for this FA Cup game given that last week was against a Development side.

I know Paul was pleased to pick up a point last week. It is always important to avoid a defeat in that first game so mission accomplished against a side that did very well last season. We had a couple of suspensions on Saturday plus another couple away which you are always going to get at this time of the year. Hopefully we will have a few back for this big FA Cup game.

## New Season

Today's opponents kicked off their season with a home defeat against our much fancied near neighbours Highworth Town. Kidlington won the opening game involving the two pre-season favourites, defeating Thatcham Town by 2 goals to 1. Last season's champions Flackwell Heath carried on where they left off last season with a 3-1 away win at promoted Lydney Town. Biggest winners last Saturday were Brimscombe & Thrupp who won 4-1 at home against another promoted side in Wokingham & Emmbrook. Brimscombe were being tipped for big things this season by the Head of our Youth Section at our pre-season game at Supermarine, I disagreed with him but may have to eat some humble pie if they continue winning games by those scores. It is early days yet but as was said in last week's programme the division looks a lot stronger this season with no obvious weak sides.

# Editorial & RWBTFC News

## Oxford City Nomads

On Wednesday night we visited Oxford City and came away with all 3 points against a side who had won 3-0 on Saturday and who are always tough opponents in midweek, particularly at the start of a season. Goals from substitutes Harvey Scholes and Ryan Thomas secured the points for Bassett. Elsewhere in midweek there were second wins of the season for Highworth Town, Brimscombe & Thrupp, champions Flackwell Heath and Ascot United. At the other end of the table Abingdon United, Tuffley Rovers, Lydney Town and today's opponents Bracknell are yet to get off the mark. It was interesting to see our opponents from Saturday, Brackley Town Saints secured a draw against pre-season favourites Kidlington.

## Youth Section Press Officer sought

Royal Wootton Bassett Town is seeking a 'Youth Section Press Officer' who would be responsible for putting together a weekly round-up of youth section games, which would be published on the website homepage and in our award winning first team matchday programme. Given the results of the Parents' Survey that was carried out towards the end of last season, it was obvious that coverage of the youth section on our website was something that parents wished to see improved. So that we can do this, the club is seeking a volunteer – be they a parent, supporter or even player - to write a weekly round-up of games played by our youth teams at age groups where competitive football is played. For any of our young players perhaps interested in a career in journalism, it would be a great way for them to gain experience. Anybody interested should contact club Press Officer Stuart Smedley via email at [stuart.smedley@wbafc.co.uk](mailto:stuart.smedley@wbafc.co.uk). All that is required are decent English skills, an hour or two on a Sunday or Monday evening and access to the North Wilts League Full Time website.

## Pitch Advertising

Pitch side advertising at the New Gerard Buxton Sports Ground is now available for an initial fee of £200. Renewal fees will be as little as £150 per season. This is a fantastic opportunity to advertise your business at our new ground and also support your local community football club.

For further information about this and other sponsorship opportunities available, please contact Chairman Andy Walduck (07980 730905) or another member of the club's Executive Committee.

## Fixtures

The league has now published fixtures through to the end of the calendar year, which includes a Boxing Day local derby against Highworth Town. These fixtures are included in the centre page. Hopefully the rest of the fixtures to the end of the season will be published in the next week or so along with the Wiltshire Senior Cup draw.

## Programme

Looking at what is included in the programme today the new feature entitled "Reminiscing – The Good Old Days" this week has an interview with the legend that is Steve Thomas. The player profile feature has a focus on Dan Bailey, who also appears on the front cover. The former player featured in the legends page is Dave Jones. There is again a new style quiz to entertain Woody and Becky. The Defunct former opponents feature this week looks at Clyffe Pypard FC.

The next home game sees Ardley United here at New Gerard Buxton Ground when Kevin Brock will bring his Bluefin Challenge Cup winners to our new ground. Last season we defeated Ardley at home and it would be great if we could repeat the feat. Come and cheer the lads on in the first game under lights at the new venue. Enjoy the game.

Mark



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# Senior Honours List



- 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
- 2004/05 Wiltshire Youth Cup Runners-up
- 2009/10 Hellenic League Division 1 West Runners-up
- 2010/11 Wiltshire County FA Floodlit League Champions
- Wiltshire Youth Cup Runners-up
- 2012/13 Hellenic League Division 1 West Runners-up
- Wiltshire County League Junior Cup Runners-up



# From The Dugout

It was great to get the season off to a start with a point against Brackley Town Saints. You always look to avoid a defeat in that first fixture, as a first game loss can quickly undo all of that pre-season optimism, and we achieved that with a reasonable performance on Saturday.

We were not at our best as we seemed to just be a little bit nervous and just sat and did not overdo anything, so it was a bit disappointing from that point of view. But I think, taking everything into account, we have got to be happy with a 1-1 draw. We probably should have won the game based on the number of chances we created, but we just snapped when it mattered most and we weren't really in control in front of goal. We were a bit tense and nothing was relaxed - let's put it that way. It was all a bit rushed. There was a lot to take in with the new ground and all that, but I can't complain because the lads did what they needed to do. We've not lost the game and got the point. On another day, we would have won it.

It would have been great to have played some pre-season games at the new ground before kicking off the league season so that we could acclimatise to our new surroundings but circumstances conspired against us. The pitch itself could also have done with a couple of games to bed it down but I know the lads really appreciated the facilities which have been provided for us and I am sure the club is really going to enjoy its new home. On behalf of the players I would also like to thank the committee and other helpers who did the last minute work on Saturday morning so that everything was ready for the big kick-off.

On Wednesday we went to Oxford City to play another side linked to a more senior side. Playing these games at the start of the season when the squads are still large with everyone thinking they have a chance of holding down a regular first team place is always difficult. However, a good team performance saw us come away with all three points. While the first half was an even affair, we enjoyed the best chance early on as Dale Richards squandered a one-on-one opportunity but half time arrived with no goals to show for our endeavours.

Early in the second half they were awarded a penalty and I thought here we go but breathed a big sigh of relief when the spot kick came crashing back off the bar. Then, shortly after the hour, we introduced Harvey Scholes and he altered the game, taking on the mantle of super-sub, scoring with his first touch of the game. We preserved that lead with a solid defensive effort, and went on to make sure of all three points when Ryan Thomas headed home a second much to the frustration of the hosts, who would finish the game with ten men. A very pleasing night's effort.

Today we play Bracknell Town in a competition all of the players look forward to. There is nothing better than telling your mates at work that you are playing in the FA Cup on Saturday, other than perhaps telling your mates you won in the FA Cup on Saturday. Hopefully our guys will be telling their work colleagues that come Monday. The prize money on offer today is £1,500 but fair play to the committee as they don't put us under extra pressure by going on about the money unlike some other clubs. The prize money would be a bonus but no winnings are budgeted. A win today and the next round would see another winnable tie against Abingdon United or Brimscombe & Thrupp from our league.

Our visitors today have a quality striker in Shane Cooper-Clarke and our centre backs will have to be on their game today if we are to prevent him from finding the net. He scored 4 times against us last season, 2 in both games.

Let's get behind the lads as I note above a good FA Cup run is important to club finances.

*Paul*



# Opponents - History

## Bracknell Town • Club History

Bracknell Town Football Club was formed in 1896 as Old Bracknell Wanderers and changed its name to Bracknell F.C. in 1949.

The club played in the local leagues until joining the Great Western League in 1959. After four seasons in this league, and renaming the club Bracknell Town in 1962, the club was elected to the Surrey Senior League, which they won in 1969-70. The club also won the league cup in 1968-69 and 1969-70.

After this success the club entered the Spartan League (later renamed the London Spartan League) and finished runners-up on goal average in 1975-76, in which they also reached the Fifth Round of the FA Vase.

After winning the league in 198-83, they were promoted in 1984 to the Isthmian League Division Two South. They were promoted to Division One as runners-up in 1985-86, finishing third in their highest ever league placing. However, in 1988-89, Bracknell Town was relegated and, following a re-organisation of the Isthmian League, were placed in Division Three in 1991-92.

They returned to the Isthmian League Division Two after winning the league in 1993-94, but after five seasons were relegated back down to Division Three. After another league re-organisation in 2002-03, the club was moved into the Isthmian League Division One South, but moved to the Southern Football League Division One West after two seasons. Bracknell were reprieved from relegation in 2008-09 but were relegated the following season to the Hellenic Football League Premier Division, and subsequently to Division 1 East at the end of the 2011/12 season.

Having won promotion back up at the first attempt, 2013/14 saw the Robins finish thirteenth in the Hellenic Football League Premier Division whilst they were runners up in the 'Bluefin Sports' Hellenic Supplementary Cup.

A managerial change during 2014/15 season saw Keith Pennicott-Bowen take the helm and he steered his side to ninth place in the Hellenic League Premier Division, their highest ever placing as they also broke their record for points and victories in an Hellenic season.



# Defunct Opponents

A look back at former opponents who are no longer competing. Today's featured team is former village side...

## Clyffe Pypard FC

The little village of Clyffe Pypard is just 3.5 miles outside Wootton Bassett and very few will realise that they used to have a football team and that they have played a part in the history of Wootton Bassett Town Football Club.

Whilst we have not traced all the results for games played by Wootton Bassett Town what we can say of those that we have so far traced the record scores by Wootton Bassett Town have come against our little neighbours.

On 25<sup>th</sup> September 1897 Wootton Bassett Town recorded a massive 15-3 win over Clyffe Pypard at the ground of their opponents. That season Wootton Bassett Town were not in any formal league and all games were friendly fixtures with sides arranging home and away games against each other. Later the same year on 4<sup>th</sup> December Wootton Bassett again won against Clyffe Pypard at Wootton Bassett, 5 – 1 the score in this one. We have traced some details of the game and know Priddy 2, Goddard 2 and Beasley scored for Wootton Bassett.

The next season that we have traced the two sides playing against each other is Season 1931-32 when Wootton Bassett secured a 14-0 home win in the Calne & District League. The Football Pink of 23rd April 1932 carried the following report of events:

"The Wootton Bassett Town first eleven, after a rest of three weeks, paid a visit to Chippenham Congregationals last Saturday in a Calne & District League match and received their first league defeat of the season. It was sheer bad luck for the Town who were only beaten by the odd goal in three, brought about largely through the injury to Harry Clarke, the left back who was a passenger for a large part of the game. H.O. Morris scored for the Town who happily will not lose the league championship as a result, this being definitely settled on Tuesday when Clyffe Pypard were the visitors to the Sports Ground. A record crowd witnessed this match and farcical it was for the Town scored 14 goals without a reply from the visitors. The scorers were Titcombe (8), Ogbourne (2), Morris (2), Chequers and Sandell. The Town were three up within six minutes and led by nine at the interval, the remainder being added during the second half, thus making a total of 107 goals for the season. Billy Ogbourne, the captain, had the honour of being the scorer of the Club's 100th goal in league football."

The following season the result between the two sides was even larger with Wootton Bassett running out winners by 16 goals to nil (the record score in any match so far traced).

The Football Pink reported on the game as follows:

"Wootton Bassett Town found their shooting boots and defeated Clyffe Pypard in the Calne & District League by sixteen goals to nil. Seven were scored in the first half and nine after the interval, the scorers being W. Ogbourne (5), W.J. Ogbourne (4), S. Titcombe (3), W. Sandell, F. Selman, H. Clarke and A.S. Beale. Despite their heavy defeat, Clyffe played a sporting game."

The two sides met again in Season 1934-35. In the fixture at Wootton Bassett, the home side won by W 9 – 2 courtesy of goals from Beazley 3, White 2, Perry, Embling, Gleed and Compton. The return fixture saw another 15 goals as Wootton Bassett defeated Clyffe Pypard 11 – 4. Goalscorers for the Town in this one were Embling 4, Gleed 3, Perry 2, Bull and Beazley.

With Wootton Bassett winning the Calne & District League that season and moving on up to bigger and better things these are probably the last league encounters between the two clubs. It has been many years since Clyffe Pypard have had a football team but as noted above they are a part of the history of Wootton Bassett Town FC and it looks like we recorded our best ever win against them and also probably our second best and third best ever wins!

# Opponents Pen Pics

## Bracknell Town FC



**Garry Aulsberry** Goal Keeper  
Tremendous goalkeeper who has it all. Was at Wokingham for a number of years, vastly experienced at this level.



**Adam Kennedy** Defence  
Assured defender who can play left-back or central defence. Reads the game well and always in the right place.



**Grant Goodband** Defence  
A solid defender who loves to tackle and has a committed approach. Can play right-back or centre back.



**Michael Watson** Defence  
Quick and attacking right back who came through our youth system. 'Mikey' is Mr. Consistency, solid every week.



**Andre Kelly** Defence  
Very composed and cultured central defender. Has great positional sense and always leads by example on the pitch.



**Jake White** Defence  
Captain. A very quick player primarily used in defence but can play upfront and wide, a great all-rounder.



**Jordan Rowland** Defence  
Former winger now playing left back. An attack minded player who strikes the ball extremely well, provides plenty of assists



**George Lock** Defence  
Small in stature but extremely strong and brave in the tackle. A young full-back who gives his all.



**Liam Alleyne** Defence  
Re-joined near the end of last season. Can play a multitude of positions but primarily used in defence. Extremely strong.



**Elliott Garrington** Defence  
Attack minded full-back who used to play as a winger. Good tackler and strikes the ball very well.



**Dan Money** Midfield  
Vice-Captain. Very good work-rate and is the side's heartbeat in midfield. Good tackler who covers lots of ground.



**Tom Nugent** Midfield  
Strong as an ox and can play in midfield or defence. Good luck dispossessing him. Good header of the ball.



**Kennie Chamberlain** Midfield  
Attacking midfielder who likes to work spaces. Tidy on the ball and great at retaining possession to keep moves flowing.



**Martin Bradshaw** Midfield  
Quiet and unassuming but a very effective player for us. A direct winger who is both quick and skilful.



**Dan Ridge** Midfield  
Youth team captain last season and strong midfielder. Good in the air, good in the tackle and a good passer.



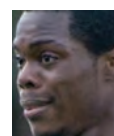
**James King** Midfield  
Good dribbler of the ball and very skilful. Can use both feet and will cause defences problems. Great close control.



**Sean Hanley** Forward  
Lightening quick striker who can also play out wide. Strikes the ball very well and loves taking players on.



**Ebenezer Opoku-Ware** Forward  
Has so many skills and tricks up his sleeve. Exploits spaces on the pitch where he can launch attacks.



**Mike Lokwa** Forward  
New signing who played for AFC Wimbledon U21 side. Big and strong player who can play centrally or out wide.




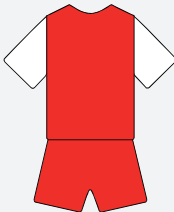
**Shane Cooper-Clark** Forward  
The main man last season with 36 goals. A true striker who scores every type of goal. Great conversion rate.

# Todays Opponents

# Bassett Legend - Dave Jones

## Bracknell Town FC

<b>Formed:</b>	1896
<b>Nickname:</b>	The Robins
<b>Chairman:</b>	Chris Day
<b>Secretary:</b>	Darrell Freeland
<b>Ground:</b>	Larges Lane, Bracknell, RG12 9AN
<b>Tel:</b>	(01344) 412305
<b>Manager:</b>	Keith Pemicott-Bowen
<b>Capacity:</b>	2,500
<b>Seats:</b>	150 Covered 500
<b>Colours:</b>	Red & White Shirts, Red Shorts & Socks
<b>Ground Directions:</b>	Leave M4 at J10, take A329M signposted Wokingham & Bracknell. Follow road for 5 miles, over roundabout, pass Southern industrial estate (Walrose etc.) on right to a 2nd roundabout with traffic lights; take 2nd exit and follow signposts for M3. At next roundabout take 1st exit. At next roundabout take 3rd exit. Church Road dual carriageway. This brings you to another roundabout with Bracknell & Wokingham college on right and Old Manor PH on left, take 5th exit for Ascot - A329. Go down hill on dual carriageway, London Road to next roundabout take 4th exit back up the dual carriageway, London Road, Larges Lane last left turn before reaching roundabout again. Ground 200 yards on right.

Southern League S.West

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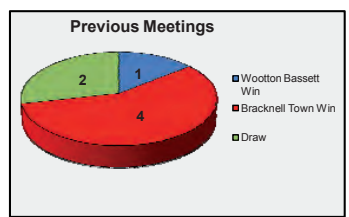
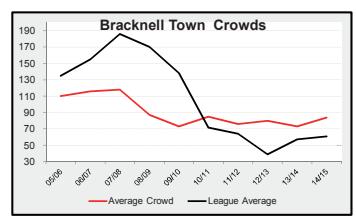
Hellenic Div. One East

### League Performance - Last Ten Seasons

Season	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15
Position in League	19th	19th	20th	21st	22nd	16th	21st	5th	13th	9th
Top Scorer	Not known	M. Anderson 23	Not known	Not known	Not known	H. Swaybey 13	B. Knight 18	S.Cooper-Clark 16	S.Barrett 20	S.Cooper-Clark 40
Average Crowd	110	116	118	87	73	85	76	80	73	84
Total Crowd	2,310	2,436	2,478	1,827	1,541	1,787	1,527	1,040	1,378	1,596
F.A. Cup	Prelim Rnd	Prelim Rnd	Prelim Rnd	1st Qual Rnd	Prelim Rnd	Prelim Rnd	Extra Prelim	1st Qual Rnd	Prelim Rnd	Extra Prelim
F.A. Trophy	1st Qual Rnd	1st Qual Rnd	1st Qual Rnd	1st Qual Rnd	1st Qual Rnd	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
F.A. Vase	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2nd Round	2nd Qual Rnd	2nd Qual Rnd	2nd Qual Rnd	2nd Qual Rnd

Current Form (Last Six Games)		
Date	Opposition	Result
8-Aug-15	v Highworth Town (H)	L 1 - 3
18-Apr-15	v Ascot United (H)	L 1 - 2
11-Apr-15	v Highworth Town (H)	D 0 - 0
6-Apr-15	v Binfield (H)	W 2 - 0
28-Mar-15	v Brimscombe & Thrupp (A)	L 2 - 4

v Wootton Bassett Town (Last Six Games)		
Date	Opposition	Result
18-Oct-14	Bracknell Town 2 Wootton Bassett Town 2	
20-Aug-14	Wootton Bassett Town 0 Bracknell Town 5	
9-Apr-14	Wootton Bassett Town 0 Bracknell Town 1	
10-Aug-13	Bracknell Town 4 Wootton Bassett Town 1	
19-Mar-11	Bracknell Town 3 Wootton Bassett Town 0	
4-Sep-10	Wootton Bassett Town 1 Bracknell Town 1	



Dave "Chogi" Jones was a player from the forces (in this case the army) who joined Wootton Bassett Town during the Mick Byrne/Pete Yeardley era.

First played for the Club in Season 2002-3 and went on to win the Manager's Player of the Season award for his battling performances in midfield.

A player who lived the work hard/play hard ethic and was described by Pete Yeardley in the Pen Pics for the 2003-4 Season as "a real inspiration on and off the field and a great example to the younger players in how not to live your life!!"

Made 28 appearances in that first season, scoring 4 times. He tended to be a favourite with Scoop, featuring heavily as the man-of-the match in the WBTFC match reports. The following season he made a further 14 appearances again netting 4 times. Season 2004-5 saw him make just two further appearances in the Hellenic Premier for the Town.



# Hellenic League Sundry Stats

# Todays Opponents

## Uhlport Hellenic League

### Premier Division Top Scorers Season 2014-15

		Goals
James G	Flackwell Heath	38
Cooper-Clark S	Bracknell Town	34
Burnell D	Flackwell Heath	32
Bohane T	Highworth Town	23
Davies I	Binfield	23
White A	Highmoor Ibis	22
Curtin R	Kidlington	19
Commock S	Highmoor Ibis	18
<b>Robertson S *</b>	<b>Wootton Bassett Town</b>	<b>18</b>
Castle T	Kidlington	17
Joyce L	Oxford City Nomads	17
Romeo Y	Thatcham Town	17
West D	Thame United	17
<b>Bailey D</b>	<b>Wootton Bassett Town</b>	<b>15</b>
Coyle L	Kidlington	15
Odhiamba A	Abingdon United	15
Rapley D	Flackwell Heath	15



\* Includes 6 for Shrivenham

### Premier Division Attendances Season 2014-15

	Lowest	Highest	Average	Total
Binfield	48	182	104	1,979
Bracknell Town	48	206	84	1,596
Thatcham Town	28	215	77	1,314
Flackwell Heath	47	165	76	1,440
Highworth Town	44	159	74	1,331
Newbury	17	325	73	1,318
Ascot United	35	156	71	1,067
Brimscombe & Thrupp	42	95	66	1,252
Thame United	35	89	63	1,190
Highmoor Ibis	23	176	62	1,186
Abingdon United	35	155	60	1,140
Milton United	25	87	59	1,057
Reading Town	30	102	58	1,105
Ardley United	32	82	53	1,005
Shrivenham	6	104	49	827
Kidlington	31	66	45	854
<b>Wootton Bassett Town</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>792</b>
Oxford City Nomads	20	72	43	777
Holyport	10	85	33	624
Cheltenham Saracens	15	35	25	471

### Bracknell Town - Results Season 2014-15

Date	Result	League/Cup	Opponent	Score	Scorers	Att	MOM
Sat, 09 August 2014	D	Premier	Bracknell Town	2	Milton United	2	Cooper-Clark 2
Tues, 12 August 2014	L	Premier	Bracknell Town	1	Thame United	2	Whiting
Sat, 16 August 2014	L	FA Cup	Flackwell Heath	4	Bracknell Town	0	White
Wed, 20 August 2014	W	Premier	Wootton Bassett T	0	Bracknell Town	5	Cooper-Clark 2, Cornell, Coupland, Rowland
Sat, 23 August 2014	L	Premier	Bracknell Town	2	Brimscombe & Thr	3	Cooper-Clark, Hobden
Mon, 25th August 2014	W	Premier	Ascot United	0	Bracknell Town	3	Cooper-Clark 3
Sat, 30 August 2014	W	Premier	Bracknell Town	1	Reading Town	0	White
Sat, 06 Sept 2014	L	Premier	Highworth Town	2	Bracknell Town	0	
Sat, 13 Sept 2014	W	Premier	Cheltenham Sara	0	Bracknell Town	2	OG2
Tues, 16 Sept 2014	W	Premier	Bracknell Town	3	Newbury	1	Cooper-Clark 2, Bradshaw
Sat, 20 Sept 2014	L	Premier	Bracknell Town	1	Kidlington	2	Nugent
Wed, 24 Sept 2014	L	Premier	Oxford City Nom	4	Bracknell Town	2	Cooper-Clark 2
Sat, 27 Sept 2014	L	BCC 1	Bracknell Town	2	Headington Am	3	Cooper-Clark, White
Sat, 04 October 2014	L	F.A.V. 2QR	Malmesbury Vics	3	Bracknell Town	2	Cooper-Clark, White
Tues, 14 October 2014	L	Floodlit Cup	Bracknell Town	2	Chinnor	4	Chamberlain, White
Sat, 18 October 2014	D	Premier	Bracknell Town	2	Wootton Bassett T	2	Cooper-Clark 2
Mon, 20 October 2014	L	Premier	Highmoor Ibis	2	Bracknell Town	0	
Sat, 25 October 2014	W	Premier	Abingdon United	1	Bracknell Town	3	Brown, Cooper-Clark, Sensussi
Tues, 28 October 2014	W	Premier	Bracknell Town	3	Holyport	0	Cooper-Clark 2, Chamberlain
Sat, 01 Nov 2014	L	Premier	Kidlington	3	Bracknell Town	1	Cooper-Clark
Tues, 11 Nov 2014	L	B&BST 1	Flackwell Heath	3	Bracknell Town	2	Burns, White
Sat, 15 Nov 2014	W	Premier	Bracknell Town	5	Cheltenham Sara	2	Cooper-Clark 3, King, Whiting
Tues, 18 Nov 2014	W	Premier	Newbury	0	Bracknell Town	2	Cooper-Clark, Whiting
Tues, 25 Nov 2014	L	Premier	Flackwell Heath	3	Bracknell Town	1	OG
Sat, 29 Nov 2014	W	Premier	Ardley United	2	Bracknell Town	3	Drummond-Bayne, White, Whiting
Tues, 02 Dec 2014	W	Premier	Bracknell Town	3	Shrivenham	0	Cooper-Clark 2, Kelly
Sat, 06 Dec 2014	W	Premier	Bracknell Town	4	Thatcham Town	3	Whiting 2, Bradshaw, Cooper-Clark
Sat, 13 Dec 2014	L	Supp Cup 1	Bracknell Town	2	Highmoor Ibis	5	White, Whiting
Sat, 20 Dec 2014	W	Premier	Bracknell Town	3	Oxford City Nom	2	Evanson 2, Chamberlain
Sat, 10 Jan 2015	L	Premier	Thame United	2	Bracknell Town	0	
Fri, 16 Jan 2015	L	RSC 2	Binfield	5	Bracknell Town	0	
Sat, 24 Jan 2015	D	Premier	Shrivenham	1	Bracknell Town	1	Bradshaw
Sat, 07 Feb 2015	L	Premier	Milton United	1	Bracknell Town	0	
Sat, 14 Feb 2015	L	Premier	Bracknell Town	0	Abingdon United	2	White
Sat, 21 Feb 2015	L	Premier	Binfield	3	Bracknell Town	1	Cooper-Clark
Sat, 28 Feb 2015	W	Premier	Bracknell Town	2	Highmoor Ibis	0	Cooper-Clark, Money
Sat, 07 March 2015	W	Premier	Reading Town	0	Bracknell Town	3	Cooper-Clark 2, King
Sat, 14 March 2015	D	Premier	Holyport	1	Bracknell Town	1	Evanson
Tues, 17 March 2015	L	Premier	Bracknell Town	0	Ardley United	1	
Sat, 21 March 2015	L	Premier	Bracknell Town	0	Flackwell Heath	3	
Tues, 24 March 2015	W	Premier	Thatcham Town	1	Bracknell Town	2	Cooper-Clark, White
Sat, 28 March 2015	L	Premier	Brimscombe & Th	4	Bracknell Town	2	Cooper-Clark 2
Mon, 06 April 2015	W	Premier	Bracknell Town	2	Binfield	0	Cooper-Clark, Sensussi
Sat, 11 April 2015	D	Premier	Bracknell Town	0	Highworth Town	0	
Sat, 18 April 2015	L	Premier	Bracknell Town	1	Ascot United	2	Cooper-Clark

### Man of the Match Awards Last Season

Player	Goals	Strike-Rate
Cooper-Clark S	14	36 90.0%
Aulsberry G	8	White J 8 20.5%
Whiting S	6	Whiting S 7 18.9%
Hawtree J	5	Bradshaw M 3 10.3%
White J	2	Chamberlain K 3 9.7%
Rowland J	2	Evanson C 3 30.0%
Sensussi K	1	OwnGoal - 3 150.0%
Alleyne L	1	King J 2 7.7%
Fraser S	1	Sensussi K 2 6.7%
Watson M	1	Brown H 1 6.3%
Bradshaw M	1	Burns L 1 25.0%
Barrett T	1	Cornell A 1 100.0%
		Coupland R 1 12.5%
		Drummond-Bayne S 1 33.3%
		Hobden G 1 100.0%
		Kelly A 1 3.6%
		Money D 1 2.9%
		Nugent T 1 8.3%
		Rowland J 1 3.6%

Shane Cooper-Clark pictured below....



# Previous Meetings

## Bassett Fry Yet Another Big Fish

Rylands Way, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2007

Not content with one upset victory in the FA Cup – a victory against a local rival no less – Wootton Bassett Town produced another to advance to the First Qualifying Round of the world's greatest cup competition. Bracknell Town were the victims this time as the Southern League Division One South & West side went down 2-1.

Bassett were never in awe of their opposition – a team plying their trade two divisions higher – and took the game to them early on, resulting in a 15<sup>th</sup> minute lead. Paul Patel looped a shot over from range on five minutes before Richie Saunders saw a back post header palmed away by Michael Parkin after a pin-point Nathan Perkins corner seven minutes later. With quarter of an hour gone Steve Yeardley went one better, firing in from ten yards after a low, in-swinging Matty Bennett corner was allowed to run across the face of goal to the far post. Bassett were thankful to the frame of the goal in the 21<sup>st</sup> minute as a powerful Billy Matthews header crashed back off the bar after he connected with a Jermaine Lowe corner at the right post. The visitors continued surging forward in search of the equaliser and came close through Neil John, who found the side netting with a low 15-yard drive after Graham Lewis had beat Chris Mills down the left and cut the ball back. Another let off came with half an hour gone: Graham Lewis helped the ball on and John found himself goalside of Yeardley with only Sean Purcell to beat. He went for the lob from 20-yards which ended up inches wide of the left post. A minute later John Magani was gifted a great chance after a woeful backpass from Ian Brookes. However Magani hit a 12-yard effort straight at Parkin despite being one-on-one. The chances continued to flow before the break – John sent a free header at the front post wide from a Lowe corner before Lee Morse forced a fine save from Parkin with a curling 20-yard free kick that was acrobatically tipped over despite it looking as though the ball was headed for the top left corner.

Bracknell – winless in their first four league games – came out firing at the start of the second half as Bassett defender their lead somewhat nervously. The visitors nearly caught the hosts out in the 56<sup>th</sup> minute, outnumbering Bassett three to two, but Jordan Kiffin sent Lewis' through ball straight at Purcell. Two minutes later Chris Mills was caught in possession by Gavin Taylor deep inside the Bassett half and Kiffin fed the ball to Lewis, who fired into the bottom right corner from 12 yards with relative ease to tie things up.

The equaliser didn't incite the dropping of heads from Bassett as they continued to find ways in which to frustrate Bracknell. Thirteen minutes from time Bennett controlled a cross-field ball perfectly before rolling Ross Watson and he set free down the right. From a tight angle he unleashed a powerful effort across goal that had Parkin beat. However it agonisingly flew just past the left post. The game was won eight minutes later with the award of a dubious penalty for an unintentional Watson handball, that appeared to hit the defender's shoulder. Bracknell were livid with the decision, which resulted in Taylor and Joel Havermans going into their book for their protests.

Yeardley couldn't care one bit about whether the decision was a correct one though and dispatched the spot kick coolly into the bottom right corner. Parkin guessed correctly but was beat by the perfectly placed penalty. The next ten minutes were as nerve-wracking as any ever at Rylands Way with Bracknell having two great chances to get back on level terms. Firstly a neat clip over the top of the defence from Damien Smith put John in behind the defence down the right flank. However, instead of advancing further with the ball he went for a long range lob that fell comfortably into Purcell's hands. Then with the final chance of the game Watson curled in a free kick from the left that Smith rose and met with a glancing header at the front post. All it needed was a touch as it sailed across goal but thankfully for Bassett the ball left the field of play without one. Moments earlier Magani had another one-on-one opening go begging with the chance of putting a seal on the game. Good combination play from Neil Dix and Bennett set up the opportunity but Parkin smothered at the forward's feet.

Scoop's Man of the Match: Steve Yeardley – as always the Bassett captain was composed and clinical with his defending, and he showed his great finishing skills too with a real poacher's finish for the first before converting - as ever - from the penalty spot.

Scoop Rating: 10/10 – another fantastic FA Cup display. Bassett were not frightened at the prospect of going up against a team from two divisions higher and really took the game to Bracknell. The defending was solid, the midfield energetic and outstanding both going forward and coming back whilst the front two of Magani and Dennis King (who was replaced by Neil Dix midway through the second half) frustrating for the Robins' defence. A truly complete performance.

# Reminiscing - The Good Old Days

**MS:** When you first started at Bassett you were obviously were very young and being a skilful winger would no doubt have taken a few kickings from the likes of Highworth's Gary Ackling. Did any of the older heads at Bassett take you under their wing and look out for you?

**ST:** Alan "Hamstring" Hamilton thought he was a bit of a hard man and also Geoff Glascoo, he used to pick us before we could drive, great bloke.

**MS:** What is your fondest memory of your time with Wootton Bassett Town?

**ST :** Derby games against Purton when it meant something, when you would get loads of people turn up. Loved all the banter from the Purton fans at the Red House. And calling Rod Carter Pete for 2 years until he told me his name was Rod.

**MS:** Roger Williamson did the first of these articles in the Brackley programme. Just have to ask: do you remember Roger's perm from those early days?

**ST:** Yes, who could forget? It was tighter than pubic hair. Sorry Roger.

**MS:** Over all those years at the club who do you view as the best manager you played under?

**ST:** Pete Clarke - great team spirit when he was manager.

**MS:** Did you ever have a trial for Swindon Town as a youngster or play for Swindon Schools or Wiltshire Schools?

**ST:** No unfortunately not. I got selected for Wiltshire once but got injured on the Saturday and could not play on the Tuesday night and never got picked again.

**MS:** Who were the top players in Swindon when you were at school and did any of them go on to make it as professionals?

**ST:** I played against Paul Rideout when he was at Kingsdown School. He scored 4 - different class.

**MS:** I have a similar story. We were playing Kingsdown in a County Cup game and drawing 1-1 at half time and Mr Tanner said how well I was doing marking him. He then scored 4 in the second half.

**MS:** One of the players from Bassett playing in the same youth side as you was David Alstowe. For me he was a huge talent who I thought would go on to play loads of games for Bassett Town. That did not happen and Dave probably played more games with me at Wootton Bassett Sports than Bassett Town. Why do you think that Dave did not play as many games as you went on to play?

**ST:** I don't know mate you will have to ask Dave that one. Great player though.

**MS:** The game these days has become almost a non contact sport with yellow cards issued left, right and centre. If you were playing today do you think you would score a lot more goals than you did in your day?

**ST:** No. I would get booked and sent off more!

**MS:** Now that we have a Veterans team, are you tempted to get those boots out of the attic and give it another go?

**ST:** Absolutely. Over the last couple of years I have got the urge to have a kick about again although I might ache for a few days after.

**MS:** Finally I ask everyone. Bassett bobble at Rylands Way – fact or just an excuse used by players with poor ball control?

**ST:** Fact - caught me out loads of times.

**MS:** Well it has been great catching up with you and reminiscing with you about the old days. Thank you for your time.

# Reminiscing - The Good Old Days

# RWBTFC First Team Pen Pics

## This week with Steve Thomas

**MS:** According to the Non-League Directory, the annual bible of non-league football, you are down as the person who made the most appearances for the club although Steve Yeardley must be getting close given the number of games we now play in a season in the Premier League. How did it all come about that you came to play for Wootton Bassett Town?

**ST:** *It was down to my best mate and current vice chairman Danny Groom. We went to the same school and he was already playing for Bassett I think. It was a teacher at the school, he had something to do with Bassett and asked Danny did he know of anyone else who might be interested in playing.*

**MS:** How many seasons did you play for the Town and did you leave at any time to play for anyone else? If so, what led you to leave and presumably what then led you to come back?

**ST:** *I think it was for about 14 years continuous at Bassett. I never felt like playing for anyone else, just loved playing for Bassett. I eventually left in 1991 when there was a change in management and there was a bit of money floating about and so called better players turned up for the money so I left with a bit of bad feeling.*

**MS:** Money - the root of all evil in local football. So glad we stopped after a one year experiment the season before last.

**MS:** Despite all those seasons, appearances and the years creeping up on you, unlike the current vice-chairman, you look like you could still play today. What is the secret of looking so young still?

**ST:** *Don't take life too seriously, live for today have a beer at the weekend and moisturise. I use L'oreal for Men.*

**MS:** John Reynolds and my Dad were the managers of the Under 17 team that involved both you and current vice-chairman Danny Groom. You made the final of the Mid Wilts Cup in 1981 against Devizes Saints. This was a game played at Devizes Town and I have the programme from that game at home. Interested to know how many of the Bassett team that day you can name and how many you still see about town?

**ST:** *Tough question Smeds. Wazza (Paul Warren) in goal, Dave Alstowe, Paul Gerrish, Marcus Reynolds, Paul Jevdet, John Dunn, Mike Kent, Andy Newman, Tim Hanks, Danny Groom, Steve Thomas, Morgan Jones, John Greenwell and Gavin Russ. Apologies to the ones I have forgotten - too many beers. See Danny all the time, also Paul Gerrish and work with John Greenwell.*

**MS:** I am impressed those beers haven't done too much damage to the memory as you have given me 13 of the 14 names in that programme. Morgan Jones wasn't listed and the one missing was Andy Hall, who I must say is the only name I didn't recognise when I found the programme. I also have the programme for the following year when you again played, as did Danny and Paul. Others in that team included Gordy Shaw, Malcolm Little, Nigel Matthews and Mark Anderton.

**MS:** Having made so many appearances for the club you must have played with a number of Bassett legends. Who do you consider to be the best player you played alongside and why?

**ST:** *I honestly could not pick one player. There have been so many good players I have played with however I will try Roger Frost (great at holding the ball up), Kenny Regan (great finisher), Neil Timbrell (the best midfielder in Wiltshire according to him), Paul Harrison (great engine) and my best mate Danny Groom (when we played together we just knew where each other was on the pitch).*

**MS:** When I was a youngster I remember I used to have some great battles with Bobby Henshall. Who did you view as your toughest opponent but one you really enjoyed the battle with?

**ST:** *Joey Macalerion, I think that's how you spell his name. Played for Walcot - always hard but fair.*



**Curtis Meare**

Goal Keeper

Highly rated young goalkeeper who joins from Forest Green Rovers Academy having played a handful of games for Bassett in Season 2013-14.



**Nathan Hawkins**

Defence

A cultured defender previously with Cirencester Town and Fairford. Regular last season who formed a great centre-back partnership with George Drewitt making 44 appearances



**Dane Moulden**

Defence

Dependable full back. Member of our U18's in 2008-09. Still only 24 but brings plenty of Hellenic experience, having featured for Cricklade Town, Fairford Town and Shrivenham.



**Steve Yeardley**

Defence

Bassett lad who starts the season with 373 appearances before this season and 56 goals for the club. Battling midfielder player or defender with tremendous energy and fans' favourite



**Stephen Olphert**

Midfield

Joins from Shrivenham. Previously captained Clanfield where he made over 300 appearances and had reputation as one of Division One West's better players through his all-round game



**Matt Cheatham**

Midfield

Hard tackling and skilful midfielder player who joins us from Division One West Clanfield.



**Richie Carter**

Midfield

Cultured midfielder player. Last season made 46 appearances and will start the season having played 176 times for the club. Player of Year back in Season 2008-9.



**Ryan Thomas**

Midfield

Skilful midfield playmaker previously with Cricklade Town and Highworth Town. Suffered badly with injuries but on his day capable of opening up any defence.



**Kalum Youngsam**

Forward

Speedy youngster with massive potential who is a good finisher. Expected to really grow this season and be a very good player in this division.



**Dan Bailey**

Forward

Strong powerful player who can play in midfield or up front and was our top scorer last season with 18 goals from 46 appearances. Previously with Fairford Town.



**Adam Corcoran**

Defence

This will be his 4th season with Bassett having re-joined the Club from Shrivenham. Previously with Calne Town a player who gives 100% every game.



**George Drewitt**

Defence

Classy defender, product of the Club's Youth Section. Both Manager and Players player of the season in 2014-15 when he made 36 appearances and scored 1 goal.



**Dale Richards**

Defence

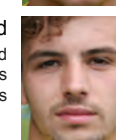
A product of the Club's youth section, a classy defender who made the step-up to adult football in style last season making 45 appearances.



**Daniel Comer**

Defence

Young defender, comfortable at both centre half and right back. Joining from Cirencester Academy and having been selected to represent Wiltshire Under 18s. We have high expectations for Dan.



**Harvey Scholes**

Midfield

Attack minded midfielder player with great technical ability who joins us from New College where he was a regular but now keen to step-up to the Premier.



**Jack Ellis**

Midfield

Pacy player who re-joined the club at the back end of last season from Malmesbury. A product of one of the Club's most successful U18 sides.



**Sam Packer**

Midfield

Returning to the Club from Shrivenham. Hard working and talented midfielder player who played for the Club in season 2010-11 and 2013-14.



**Tyler Sheppard**

Forward

Another product of Bassett's youth section. Former Swindon Town Centre of Excellence player who then joined Yeovil Town. Previously also with Highworth Town and Calne Town.



**Nathan Gambling**

Forward

Strong powerful striker played a crucial part in Bassett's successful 2014-15 campaign, racking up 16 goals, with a hat-trick against local rivals Highworth Town among that tally.



**Steve Robertson**

Forward

Free scoring forward who re-joined the Club from Shrivenham last season. Despite joining part way through the season he netted an impressive 12 times in just 16 games.



## WILTSHIRE COUNTY SENIOR CUP SEASON 2014-15

First Round		
Amesbury Town	4 - 1	FC Chippenham Youth Adults
Highworth Town	5 - 0	New College Swindon
Corsham Town	2 - 0	Supermarine Sports FC
Marlborough Town	0 - 1	Purton (awarded to Marlborough)
Downton	2 - 1	Westbury United
Southbrook	2 - 0	Trowbridge Wanderers
Malmesbury Victoria	2 - 3	<b>Wootton Bassett Town</b>
Wroughton	2 - 1	Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Calne Town	1 - 2	<b>Warminster Town</b>
Shrewton United	3 - 2	Devizes Town
Laverstock & Ford	4 - 0	Pewsey Vale
Ludgershall Sports	1 - 2	<b>Chippenham Park</b>
Trowbridge Town	3 - 1	Wilts Calne Town
Bradford Town	W - L	Vale of Pewsey
Sarum Youth	0 - 2	<b>Mere Town</b>
Melksham Town		Bye

Second Round		
Downton	0 - 5	<b>Highworth Town</b>
Melksham Town	4 - 1	Trowbridge Town
Amesbury Town	3 - 2	Shrewton United
Corsham Town	2 - 1	Chippenham Park
Laverstock & Ford	2 - 0	Marlborough Town
Southbrook FC	1 - 5	<b>Warminster Town</b>
Wroughton	0 - 1	<b>Wootton Bassett Town</b>
Bradford Town	5 - 1	Mere Town

Quarter Finals		
Laverstock & Ford	2 - 0	Corsham Town
Wootton Bassett Town	0 - 2	<b>Bradford Town</b>
Highworth Town	3 - 2	Melksham Town
Warminster Town	1 - 2	<b>Amesbury Town</b>

Semi Finals		
Amesbury	0 - 4	<b>Highworth Town</b>
Bradford Town	4 - 2	Laverstock & Ford

Final		
Bradford Town	1 - 2	<b>Highworth Town</b>

The draw for this Season's Wiltshire Senior Cup has yet to be made.

## Royal Wootton Bassett Town FC • Club History



Wootton Bassett Town formed in 1882 and are one of the oldest Clubs in Wiltshire. Bassett's early success came in the Wiltshire Senior Cup, making the final in both 1902-3 and 1903-4, losing to Warminster 3-1 in a replay before going down 3-0 to Swindon Town the following season. Bassett folded for a period pre World War 1 before re-forming in the Calne & District League. After finishing runners-up in 1930-31 they went one better the following year winning the championship. A short unsuccessful spell in the Swindon & District League saw the team return to the Calne League where they were champions again in 1934-35.

Having won the Calne League for the second time Bassett moved up into Wiltshire League Division 2. Promotion was achieved in the first season and the team remained in the top division until the start of World War II. After the war Bassett recommenced in the County Senior League but struggled. In 1956-57 a reorganisation of football in Wiltshire saw the creation of a Premier Division and Bassett found themselves in the second tier. Season 1958-59 saw the first title secured when Bassett finished top of Division 1. Back in the top tier the highest place finish was 8th in Season 1967-68. Then, following another reorganisation, Bassett found themselves in the Wiltshire Combination where they were to remain until 1976-77 when the current Wiltshire County Football League was formed. The second season in the new league saw Bassett relegated but they were to bounce straight back in 1978-79 when they finished runners-up. Unfortunately momentum could not be maintained and they were immediately relegated to Division 2 where they remained for 5 seasons. A second league title was secured in 1984-85 when Bassett were promoted back to Division 1. This time the team were able to hold their own and after finishing 6th and 4th they then achieved their greatest success in 1987-88 when they won the Division 1 title, elevating the Club into the Hellenic League, where they have remained since.

Throughout their first eleven seasons Bassett kept a steady mid table position. In 1999-2000 they finished 3rd in Division One West and gained promotion to the Hellenic top flight. First season in the Premier resulted in a respectable twelfth position and a County Cup triumph. The next season they made the first round of the FA Vase but just avoided relegation. The next two seasons saw Bassett finish mid table but the following season they were relegated, this after making their first venture into the FA Cup since 1950-51. Bassett missed immediate promotion back to the Premier by one point in 2005-06 and went close again in 2008-09, finishing fourth. Meanwhile Bassett became the first club in Wiltshire to be awarded Charter Community Club status by the FA. Promotion back to the Premier Division was secured at the end of 2009-10 as Bassett finished level on points with champions Slimbridge.

Bassett finished in a credible 15th place in their first season back in the Premier. However, they harshly found themselves demoted back to Division One on a ground grading technicality. They did well to finish in 5th place the following season after such heartbreak. In 2012-13 Bassett were never out the top 3 as they marched towards promotion, finishing 2nd. In addition they reached the FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round for the first time. At the end of the season manager Dave Turner decided to move on after 5 years in charge. The Club were devastated when shortly after the fixture with his new club Shrivenham Dave tragically passed away.

With plans for the club's and Sports Association's new facility finally moving ahead, the first team began a two year ground share with Cirencester Town in 2013-14, a year in which Bassett finished a comfortable 14th in the Hellenic Premier Division. That performance was bettered in 2014-15 under new manager Paul Braithwaite, Bassett's final year playing its games in Cirencester, with an 11th place finish – the club's highest ever in the non-league pyramid – and record points haul in the division. This season sees the club playing at the New Gerard Buxton Sports Ground, which was opened in the summer of 2015 and with the Royal title now included within the club name.



## 2014-15

### THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY FOR WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C.

Date	Round	Opponents	H/A	Result	Prize Money
6-Sep-14	First Round Qualifying	v Cove	A	W 3 - 2	£600
4-Oct-14	Second Round Qualifying	v Abingdon United	H	L 2 - 3	£800
1-Nov-14	First Round Proper	v Farnham Town	A		£900
22-Nov-14	Second Round Proper	v Littlehampton Town	H		£1,200
6-Dec-14	Third Round Proper	v Ashford United	H		£1,500
17-Jan-15	Fourth Round Proper	v Norwich United	H		£2,000
7-Feb-15	Fifth Round Proper	v Ascot United	A		£2,500
28-Feb-15	Sixth Round Proper	v St Austell	A		£4,500
21-Mar-15	Semi-final	v Glossop NE	Two legs		£6,000
9-May-15	Final winners	v North Shields	Wembley		£25,000
<b>Total Prize Money Won</b>					<b>£600</b>

## 2015-16

### THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY FOR WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C.

















Date	Round	Opponents	H/A	Result	Prize Money
5-Sep-15	First Round Qualifying	v Binfield	H		£600
3-Oct-15	Second Round Qualifying	v Ash United or Windsor	A		£800
31-Oct-15	First Round Proper	v			£900
21-Nov-15	Second Round Proper	v			£1,200
12-Dec-15	Third Round Proper	v			£1,500
9-Jan-16	Fourth Round Proper	v			£2,000
30-Jan-16	Fifth Round Proper	v			£2,500
20-Feb-16	Sixth Round Proper	v			£4,500
12-Mar-16	Semi-final	v	Two legs		£6,000
22-May-16	Final winners	v	Wembley		£25,000
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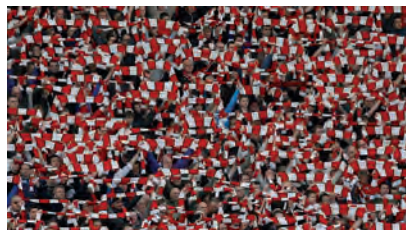
The table below shows the addresses of all the grounds we will be visiting this coming 2015-16 Season. With 5 new teams next season the league has moved West a bit during the summer and added over 100 miles to the travel that needs to be made. The table below includes the postcode to enter into your Sat Nav. A rough estimate of the distance from Wootton Bassett is also shown.

Total away travel = **1,806** miles (2014-15: 1,704 miles)

Average away game travel (return journey) = **95.1** miles (2014-15: 89.7 miles)

Team	Address	Postcode	Distance (Miles)
Abingdon United	 Northcourt Rd Abingdon, Oxfordshire	OX14 1PL	46
Ardley United	 The Playing Fields, Oxford Road, Ardley	OX27 7NZ	52
Ascot United	 Ascot Racecourse, Car Park 10, Winkfield Road, Ascot	SL5 7RA	59
Binfield	 Hill Farm Lane, Binfield	RG42 5NR	56
Bracknell Town	 Bracknell Town FC. Larges Lane, Bracknell	RG12 9AN	56
Brackley Town Saints	 St James Park, Churchill Way, Brackley	NN13 7EJ	58
Brimmscombe & Thrupp	 'The Meadow', London Road Brimmscombe, Stroud	GL5 2SH	27
Flackwell Heath	 Wilks Park, Magpie Lane, Heath End Road, Flackwell H	HP10 9EA	68
Highmoor Ibis	 Palmer Park Stadium Wokingham Road Reading	RG6 1LF	45
Highworth Town	 Elm Recreation Ground, Highworth	SN6 7DD	12
Kidlington	 Yarnton Road, Kidlington	OX5 1AT	43
Longlevens	 Saw Mills End, Corinium Avenue, Gloucester	GL4 3DG	42
Lydney Town	 Lydney Recreation Ground, Swan Road, Lydney	GL15 5RU	53
Milton United	 Potash Lane, Milton Heights	OX13 6AG	40
Oxford City Nomads	 Court Place Farm Stadium, Marsh Lane, Oxford	OX3 0NQ	54
Thame United	 The ASM Stadium, Meadow View Park, Tythrop Way, Thame,	OX9 3RN	64
Thatcham Town	 Waterside Park, Crookham Hill, Thatcham, Berkshire	RG19 4PA	36
Tuffley Rovers	 Glevum Park Lower Tuffley Lane, Tuffley, Gloucester	GL2 5DT	41
Wokingham & Emmbrook	 The Triangle Ground Mill Lane Henley	RG9 4HB	51

# Half Time Quiz Answers



## Answers

1. Neur, Lahm, Boateng, Hummels, Howedes, Kramer, Schweinsteiger, Kroos, Muller, Ozil, Klose. Subs: Schurrle, Mertesacker and Gotze.
2. AEK Larnaca, Alki Larnaca, Anorthis Famagusta, Ermis Aradippou and Nea Salamis.
3. Diego Forlan (Uruguay), Thomas Muller (Germany), Wesley Sneijder (Holland) and David Villa (Spain).
4. Brian Deane (1<sup>st</sup>), Les Ferdinand (10,000<sup>th</sup>) and Alan Shearer (12,000<sup>th</sup>).
5. Manchester United for all 10 seasons.
6. Barnsley, Birmingham, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bolton, Bradford City, Burnley, Cardiff, Charlton, Coventry, Derby, Fulham, Hull, Ipswich, Leeds, Middlesbrough, Notts Forest, Oldham, Portsmouth, QPR, Reading, Sheff Utd, Sheff Wed, Swindon, Wigan, Wimbledon, Wolves.

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# F.A. Cup

## 2014-15

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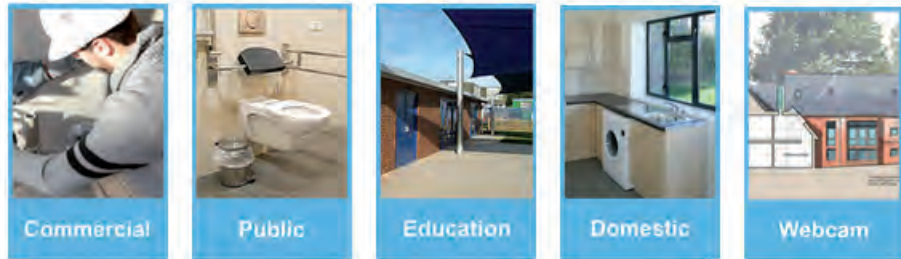
Date	Round	Opponents	H/A	Result	Prize Money
16-Aug-14	Extra Preliminary Round	v Brockenhurst	A	W 3 - 0	£1,500
30-Aug-14	Preliminary Round	v Bradford Town	A	L 1 - 2	£1,925
13-Sep-14	First Qualifying Round	v Poole Town	A		£3,000
27-Sep-14	Second Qualifying Round	v Bath City	A		£4,500
11-Oct-14	Third Qualifying Round	v Shortwood United	H		£7,500
25-Oct-14	Fourth Qualifying Round	v East Thurrock United	A		£12,500
8-Nov-14	First Round	v Hartlepool United	A		£18,000
6-Dec-14	Second Round	v Blyth Spartans	H		£27,000
3-Jan-15	Third Round	v Birmingham City	H		£67,500
24-Jan-15	Fourth Round	v WBA	H		£90,000
14-Feb-15	Fifth Round	v West Ham	H		£180,000
7-Mar-15	Sixth Round	v Aston Villa	A		£360,000
18-Apr-15	Semi-Final	v Liverpool	Wembley		£900,000
30-May-15	Final	v Arsenal	Wembley		£1,800,000
<b>Total Prize Money Won</b>					<b>£1,500</b>

## 2015-16

### THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY FOR WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C.

Date	Round	Opponents	H/A	Result	Prize Money
15-Aug-15	Extra Preliminary Round	v Bracknell Town	H		£1,500
29-Aug-15	Preliminary Round	v Abingdon Utd or Brimscombe & T	A		£1,925
12-Sep-15	First Qualifying Round	v			£3,000
26-Sep-15	Second Qualifying Round	v			£4,500
14-Oct-15	Third Qualifying Round	v			£7,500
24-Oct-15	Fourth Qualifying Round	v			£12,500
7-Nov-15	First Round	v			£18,000
5-Dec-15	Second Round	v			£27,000
9-Jan-16	Third Round	v			£67,500
30-Jan-16	Fourth Round	v			£90,000
20-Feb-16	Fifth Round	v			£180,000
12-Mar-16	Sixth Round	v			£360,000
23-Apr-16	Semi-Final	v	Wembley		£900,000
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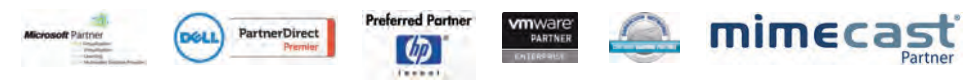
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# Perpetuapress Floodlit Cup

# Half Time Quiz

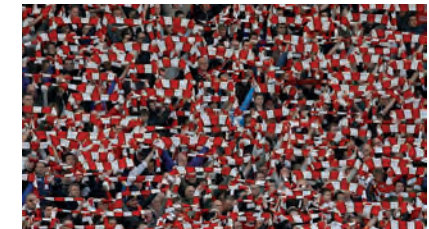
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First Round		
Bracknell Town	v	Rayners Lane
Highmoor-Ibis	v	Binfield
Highworth Town	v	Brackley Town Saints
Lydney Town	v	Shortwood United
Royal Wootton Bassett	v	Fairford Town
Shrivenham	v	Carterton
Thame United	v	Milton United
Thatcham Town	v	Didcot Town
Tuffley Rovers	v	Kidlington



Results of previous meetings are shown below:

Wootton Bassett Town Results Against Bracknell Town						
Season	Date	L/Cup	Opponents	H/A	Result	Goalscorers
2007.08	01-Sep-07	FAC	Bracknell Town	H	W 2 - 1	Yeardley 2
2010.11	04-Sep-10	L	Bracknell Town	A	L 0 - 3	
2010.11	19-Mar-11	L	Bracknell Town	H	D 1 - 1	Green
2013.14	10-Aug-13	L	Bracknell Town	A	L 1 - 4	Ockwell
2013.14	09-Apr-14	L	Bracknell Town	H	L 0 - 1	
2014.15	20-Aug-14	L	Bracknell Town	H	L 0 - 5	
2014.15	18-Oct-14	L	Bracknell Town	A	D 2 - 2	Yeardley, Skinner



1. Name (surnames only) the 14 players to represent World Cup winners Germany in the final of the 2014 tournament (14 points, one for each player)?
2. 5 teams played in Larnaca (Cyprus) in the top division of Cypriot football last season, name 2 of them (2 points, one for each correct team)?
3. In the 2010 World Cup 4 players tied on 5 goals as top scorer in the tournament, one was from Uruguay, one from Germany, one from Holland and one from Spain. Who were they (4 points, one for each player)?
4. Which player scored the first ever goal in the Premiership and which pair who eventually played together at Newcastle together scored the 10,000<sup>th</sup> and 12,000<sup>th</sup> goals (3 points, one for each player)?
5. For each of the last 10 seasons, name the clubs that had the highest average attendance in each season of the Premiership (10 points, one for each season)?
6. 47 teams have played in the Premiership since its inception. Name the 27 teams who have played in the Premiership but will be in the Football League in Season 2015-16 (27 points, one for each team)?

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# Fixtures, Results and Tables Season 2015-16 Uhsport Hellenic League

Hellenic League Premier Season 2015-16	Abingdon Utd	Ardley Utd	Ascot Utd	Binfield	Brackley Town	Bracknell Town	Brimscombe & Thrupp	Flackwell Heath	Highmoor Ibis	Highworth Town	Kidlington	Longlevens	Lydney Town	Milton Utd	Oxford City Nomads	Thame United	Thatcham Town	Tuffley Rovers	Wokingham & E	W.Bassett Town	
Abingdon Utd												0-2			0-3						
Ardley Utd								1-0													
Ascot United		1-1																			
Binfield											2-2										
Brackley Town										1-3											
Bracknell Town													4-2								
Brimscombe & T						3-2													4-1		
Flackwell Heath																					
Highmoor Ibis																					
Highworth Town																		5-0			
Kidlington																	2-1				
Longlevens									0-1												
Lydney Town								1-3													
Milton United																					
Oxford City Nomads																0-1					0-2
Thame United					1-2																
Thatcham Town	6-2																				
Tuffley Rovers			1-2																		
Wokingham & E																					
W.Bassett Town					1-1									0-0							

# Wilts U18 Floodlit League

For the 2015/16 season, Royal Wootton Bassett Town's third senior men's side will be an Under 18s team competing in the Wiltshire Football Youth Floodlit League.

The Under 18s team, which will be managed by Paul Gerrish with Rab McLeod as his assistant, replaces the Development side, whose place in the Wiltshire Football League Premier Division has been taken by the Reserves.

The re-introduction of the Under 18 Senior side marks a return to the Floodlit League, which Bassett withdrew from following the 2011/12 season when they finished as runners-up in the North Division. A year earlier, under the stewardship of Danny Groom, Bassett's Under 18 side comfortably won the competition, while also reaching the Wiltshire Youth Cup final.

This year's Floodlit League contains 12 teams split across two Divisions – North and South – with Bassett playing in the North. The full constitution is as follows:

## North Division

- AFC Corsham
- Calne Town
- Chippenham Town
- New College
- Royal Wootton Bassett Town
- Shrivenham

## South Division

- Amesbury Town
- Bemerton Heath Harlequins
- Bradford Town
- Laverstock and Ford
- Melksham Town
- Pewsey Vale



2015-2016 Season UHLSPORT Hellenic League Premier Division							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Highworth Town	2	2	0	0	8	1	6
2 Brimscombe & Thrupp	2	2	0	0	8	3	6
3 Flackwell Heath	2	2	0	0	6	3	6
4 Ascot United	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
<b>5 Royal Wootton Bassett</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
6 Kidlington	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
7 Binfield	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
8 Thatcham Town	2	1	0	1	7	4	3
9 Oxford City Nomads	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
10 Longlevens AFC	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
11 Thame United	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
12 Highmoor-Ibis	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
13 Brackley Town Saints	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
14 Milton United	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
15 Ardley United	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
16 Wokingham & Emmbrook	2	0	1	1	1	4	1
<b>17 Bracknell Town</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>
18 Lydney Town	2	0	0	2	3	7	0
19 Tuffley Rovers	2	0	0	2	1	7	0
20 Abingdon United	2	0	0	2	2	9	0

Fixtures have yet to be released. In previous seasons, the campaign has started in early September.

# Ladies Section In Focus

## Gloucestershire County Womens League Season 2015-16 Division One Fixtures

Date	Opponents	H/A	Competition
6-Sep-15	Bristol & West	A	League
<b>13-Sep-15</b>	<b>Bristol Ladies Union Dev</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>League</b>
20-Sep-15	Cheltenham Town Dev	A	League
4-Oct-15	Cirencester Town	A	League
25-Oct-15	Dursley Town	A	League
<b>1-Nov-15</b>	<b>Forest of Dean</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>League</b>
8-Nov-15	Longlevens	A	League
<b>22-Nov-15</b>	<b>St Nicholas</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>League</b>
6-Dec-15	AEK Boco	A	League
<b>20-Dec-15</b>	<b>Almondsbury UWE</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>League</b>
10-Jan-16	Almondsbury UWE	A	League
<b>17-Jan-16</b>	<b>Bristol &amp; West</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>League</b>
24-Jan-16	Bristol Ladies Union Dev	A	League
<b>31-Jan-16</b>	<b>Cheltenham Town Dev</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>League</b>
<b>7-Feb-16</b>	<b>Cirencester Town</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>League</b>
<b>21-Feb-16</b>	<b>Dursley Town</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>League</b>
28-Feb-16	Forest of Dean	A	League
<b>6-Mar-16</b>	<b>Longlevens</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>League</b>
13-Mar-16	St Nicholas	A	League
<b>3-Apr-16</b>	<b>AEK Boco</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>League</b>

The ladies have recently started their pre-season training in preparation for the forthcoming season, which they are looking forward to after having finished the previous season so strongly. The ladies are also excited about playing their football at the new Gerard Buxton Sports Ground, which has been a long time in the making.

The Ladies side are looking to build on the success of last season and maybe even push for promotion. The club have now re-signed most of last season's squad along with a few new and experienced players, so the mood is positive around the team. The hard work of pre-season starts now as the team look forward to friendly matches against local rivals Swindon Town Reserves on 16th August and Swindon Spitfires Development on 23rd August.

The ladies start their season away to Bristol & West Ladies on 6th September and are also taking part in a trio of cups including the Gloucestershire Women's League Cup, the Women's FA Cup and the Wiltshire County Women's Cup. The team will be looking to push and further themselves in each of these cups after last season's poor run in cups, and who knows, maybe even bring home their first piece of silverware to the new Gerard Buxton Sports Ground.

The ladies are still on the look-out for more players, especially a goalkeeper, so if you or you know of anyone who would like to join the team, please contact Becky Gammon on 07825 336479. Training currently takes place on a Thursday evening from 6:30-8pm.

## Gloucestershire County Womens League Season 2014-15 Division One League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 AlmondsburyUWE	20	14	1	5	34	21	43
2 Cirencester Town Ladies	20	12	5	3	66	21	41
3 Oldland Abbotonians	20	14	2	4	70	33	44
4 Forest of Dean Ladies	20	11	1	8	52	10	34
<b>5 Wootton Bassett Town</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>33</b>
6 AEK Boco Ladies	20	9	2	9	32	39	29
7 Cheltenham Town Development	20	8	4	8	44	49	25
8 Longlevens Womens FC	20	6	4	10	20	42	22
9 Bristol & West	20	5	4	11	24	37	19
10 Dursley Town	20	2	5	13	27	48	11
11 Cheltenham Spa CS Ladies	20	2	2	16	19	72	8



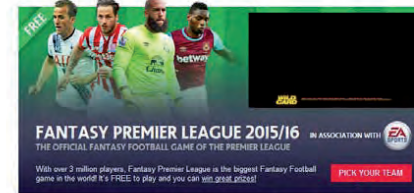
# Fantasy Football

## Royal Wootton Bassett Town FC Fantasy Football Competition - Season 2015-16

		Week	Total
1 Shumps Gooner get ya	Steven Humphrey	57	57
2 Tekkerslovakia	Ryan Collins	52	52
3 FC United of Wood	Ali Wood	51	51
4 MyLittleBony FC	Euan Burke	48	48
5 Viva Paul Curtis...	SJ Lawro	47	47
6 Crazy's Robins	Paul Burke	46	46
7 Coutinho Defence Up	Jacob Hayden	45	45
8 SMG	James Skinner	44	44
8 Jose Fonte Baby	Josh Dimond	44	44
10 Fantasy XI	Reece Holloway	43	43
10 Rigs Warriors	Paul Haworth	43	43
12 The Koeman League	Stuart Smedley	40	40
12 Footysavedmybacon	Ken G	40	40
12 Mein Bergkampf	george Fry	40	40
15 Nottingham Florist	James Evans	39	39
15 Gotta be my year	Becky Gammon	39	39
15 Gillie's Army FC	Ryan Gillie	39	39
15 poops	thomas haworth	39	39
15 Largie's Lads	Scott Large	39	39
20 Stick The Blue Flag	Mark Smedley	38	38
20 Sims United	Simon G	38	38
22 Cupid Punts	Michael Case	37	37
22 High flying	Samuel Case	37	37
22 Holdsworth XI	Rhys Holdsworth	37	37
22 Spiral Tribe FC	joe hockham	37	37
22 Swagenham&Redbridge	Dave Groom	37	37
27 Sticks & John Stones	Ollie Sinclair	36	36
28 Benford Rejects	Benny Brown	35	35
28 Gerrard's Slippers	Chris Green	35	35
30 Winning Fc	Jayden Handel	34	34
30 Inter Minan	Joe topping	34	34
30 Kids R Utd	Paul Gillie	34	34
33 United We Stand	Simon Jones	33	33
33 C-Bomb's	Jack Paish	33	33
35 Pathetic Athletic	Alex Webb	32	32
35 ????????? enough!!!!	luke jones	32	32
35 Swift's bathwater FC	Phillip Forster	32	32
38 Royal rovers	Teresa Andow	31	31
39 BainesONtoast	Oliver Case	29	29
39 Yoyo XI	Scott Smedley	29	29
39 Who Ate All Depays?	JACK HOLDER	29	29
42 Dirty Oars	Andrew Guppy	28	28
42 Square Ball Tel	David Topping	28	28
44 Moves like Agger	Andy Tye	26	26
46 royal woodpecker utd	bryan wood	25	25
47 Wrighty's Warriors	Callum Wright	24	24
47 Le Saux Solid Crew	Ryan Thomas	24	24
47 PC's Havin a Party	Paul Curtis	24	24
50 Monye X1	Hugo Vivash	22	22

### Previous Winners

- 2014/15 – Andy Guppy (Dirty Oars)
- 2013/14 – Michael Case (Cupid Punts)
- 2012/13 – Sam Lawro (Top of the Perch -19)
- 2011/12 – Sam Lawro (19- Top Of Your Perch)
- 2010/11 – Josh Dimond (Liquidation FC)



# The Non-League Paper Article

# Reserves In Focus



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By Joshua Peck

IT'S good to be back isn't it?

For some today will be your first competitive match of the season. For others, it could well be your third or fourth!

With no international tournament this summer, the regular season makes a welcome return, although it couldn't have just been me that has been enthralled by England's Ashes victory! Pre-season is done and dusted, and the first week of competitive action certainly didn't disappoint – apologies to those who have had to wait in the Evo-Stik NPL leagues.

Bradley Bubb lit up the opening weekend in Vanarama National League South with his strike from the halfway line for Oxford City against Chelmsford, that is an early contender for goal of the season.

It was a strike that we've all tried in Sunday League. Bubb shot straight from kick-off, just after City went behind, leaving Claret's keeper Ashley Timms scrambling as the ball hit the underside of the bar on its way in.

And while some will say it had a stroke of luck about it, Oxford captain Darren Pond revealed it was a move that had been planned in training.

Pond said: "It was funny actually because our goalkeeping coach said to me about shooting from the halfway line.

"I told him I can't kick it that far, so I had to tell Brad to do it and he couldn't have hit it any better to be fair."

It's not just wonder goals that got The NLP's reporters tapping their keyboards after the first weekend.

AFC Fylde have transfer listed forward Richie Allen after his sending off in the Coasters' opening day defeat at Solihull Moors.

The club's all-time leading scorer deliberately handled to give the hosts a penalty and the lead, leading to the popular forward being put up for transfer.

Fylde manager Dave CHallinor commented: "Richie is a fans' favourite, has undoubted ability and on his day is a match winner but like many players of quality, has his flaws.

"He's had countless opportunities and warnings and unfortunately he's failed to heed these and this has begun to effect other players in the dressing room.

"Our dressing room is close knit and it is our responsibility as a management team to keep the harmony in there. He'll be a loss on the pitch but no one is bigger or more important than the club."

And for Scott Rendell, the season is already over with the Woking striker being ruled out for the rest of the campaign after suffering a knee injury in the Cards' opening day defeat at Tranmere Rovers.

So there is plenty to talk about, even so early in the season. Long may it continue!

## WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB SEASON 2015-16 RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES - WILTSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Date	Opponents	H/A	Comp	Result	Scorers
Sat 15-Aug-15	Ludgershall Sports	A	League		
Tue 18-Aug-15	Wroughton	A	League		
Sat 22-Aug-15	Melksham Town Res	A	League		
Tue 25-Aug-15	Chippenham Park Dev	A	League		
Sat 29-Aug-15	Trowbridge Wanderers	A	League		
	Andover New Street Sw	A	League		
	<b>Andover New Street Sw</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>League</b>		
	<b>Chippenham Park Dev</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>League</b>		
	Corsham Town Res	A	League		
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	Devizes Town Res	A	League		
	<b>Devizes Town Res</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>League</b>		
	<b>Ludgershall Sports</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>League</b>		
	Malmesbury Vics	A	League		
	<b>Malmesbury Vics</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>League</b>		
	Marlborough Town	A	League		
	<b>Marlborough Town</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>League</b>		
	<b>Melksham Town Res</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>League</b>		
	Sarum Youth	A	League		
	<b>Sarum Youth</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>League</b>		
	Shrewton United	A	League		
	<b>Shrewton United</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>League</b>		
	Trowbridge Town	A	League		
	<b>Trowbridge Town</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>League</b>		
	<b>Trowbridge Wanderers</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>League</b>		
	Vale of Pewsey	A	League		
	<b>Vale of Pewsey</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>League</b>		
	Wilts Calne Town	A	League		
	<b>Wilts Calne Town</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>League</b>		
	<b>Wroughton</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>League</b>		

### 2014-2015 Season UHLSPORT Hellenic League Division Two (West) - Final Table

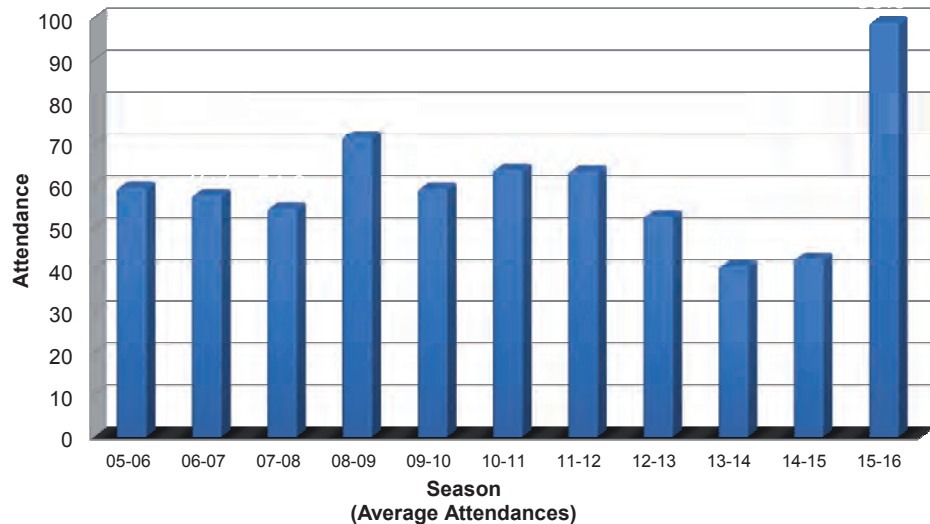
	P	W	D	L	v	F	A	Pts
1 Oxford City Nomads 'Dev'	22	18	0	3	1	88	29	54
2 Kidlington Reserves	22	16	1	5	0	70	42	49
3 Abingdon United Reserves	22	15	0	7	0	84	47	45
4 Old Woodstock Town Res*	22	13	2	6	1	49	39	41
5 Brimscombe & Thrupp Res	22	12	2	8	0	64	49	38
6 Fairford Town Reserves	22	10	5	7	0	45	37	35
7 Highworth Town Reserves	22	10	4	8	0	51	42	34
<b>8 Wootton Bassett Town Res</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>27</b>
9 Clanford Reserves	22	5	2	15	0	26	68	17
10 Hook Norton Reserves	22	3	7	12	0	28	51	16
11 Letcombe Reserves	22	5	0	17	0	29	88	15
12 Shrivenham Reserves	22	2	1	19	0	27	84	7

\* Old Woodstock Res v Oxford City Nomads match void

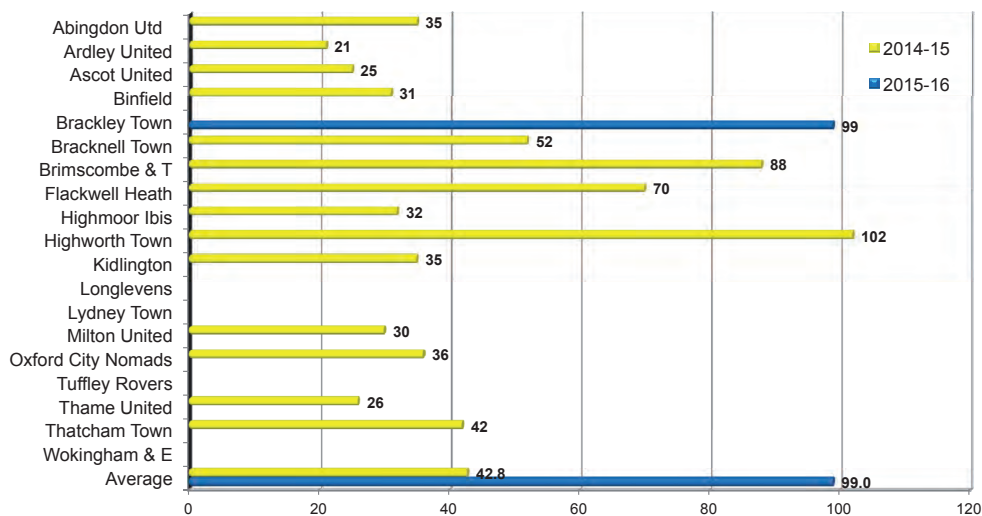
### Wiltshire County League Premier Division Final League Table - Season 2014-15

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 Malmesbury Victoria FC	32	25	4	3	112	48	79
2 Melksham Town FC Res	32	20	9	3	85	27	69
3 Trowbridge Town FC	32	23	1	8	84	46	67
4 Ludgershall Sports FC	32	20	5	7	83	47	65
5 Trowbridge Wanderers FC	32	19	4	9	63	36	61
6 Wroughton FC	32	18	6	8	85	63	60
7 FC Chippenham Youth	32	17	5	10	76	36	56
8 Southbrook FC	32	14	4	14	74	68	46
9 Shrewton Utd FC	32	14	3	15	74	77	45
10 Devizes Town FC Res	32	13	5	14	63	67	43
11 Corsham Town FC Res	32	9	7	16	55	63	33
12 Wilts Calne Town FC	32	8	5	19	56	86	29
13 Sarum Youth FC	32	6	9	17	48	93	27
14 Westbury Utd FC Res	32	8	1	23	59	86	25
15 Marlborough Town FC	32	6	5	21	42	74	23
<b>16 Wootton Bassett Town FC Dev</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>22</b>
17 Vale of Pewsey FC	32	6	2	24	47	113	19

## WBTFC Average Home League Attendances - Last 10 Years plus current season



## WBTFC Attendances - Season 2015-16 (and comparison to 2014-15)



### Early Sacking

Folland Sports, a side we have played in both the FA Cup and FA Vase (having changed their name from Hamble ASSC and GE Hamble) have made the news in the last fortnight having sacked their manager after just 3 months in charge and before a ball has been kicked in anger. Jay Keating (40) joined the Planemakers from Dorchester Town reserves (another club we have played in the FA Cup) following the departure of last season's management duo of Danny Bowers and Dave Lewis. Keating had intended to give youngsters a chance at Wessex Premier Division level (Step 5). However, Folland officials became concerned that his signings were too inexperienced.

### Non-League Day

Following the record-breaking event last year, Non-League Day will return for a sixth consecutive season on Saturday 10th October 2015. With England playing on that Saturday during the international break, the October date provides a perfect opportunity for non-league clubs to think of new and exciting ways to attract fans through their gates. Once again, the organisers of Non-League day will be partnering with Prostate Cancer UK in an effort to raise funds for, and awareness of, an illness that affects thousands of men in Britain every year.

### Swindon Supermarine – Young Stars



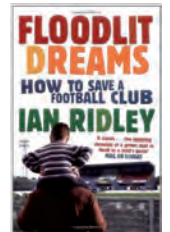
Our recent friendly against Swindon Supermarine saw a player who, along with rugby star Jonny May, was in my Swindon & District Rep team at Under 9. The player's name was Bradley Grey. Grey went on to play for Leyton Orient (one game in the Football League Trophy against Southend), St Albans City, Grays Athletic, AFC Hornchurch, Dulwich Hamlet, Salisbury City, Forest Green Rovers and Hungerford Town before joining Hungerford. He was one of a number of Swindon Supermarine players who showed us why they are playing at a higher level.

### Farnborough

One of the drivers who sometimes takes members of our team at work to Heathrow is a big Farnborough Town fan, as is one of my members of staff. If there is one club who seems to have more trials and tribulations than my own team QPR it is Farnborough. At the time of writing it is not clear whether they will actually be allowed to start the season. The Hampshire club are currently locked in discussions with the Ryman League management committee over details of a £30,000 bond which has been imposed to ensure that Farnborough fulfil their Premier Division fixtures this season given complications over their CVA. The inevitable uncertainty this is causing is making it very hard for Farnborough to attract players for the new season and I wouldn't be surprised if they do not make it, which would be a big shame.

### Wiltshire Senior Cup

It will be interesting to see if Salisbury FC are included in the Wiltshire Senior Cup given that they will be playing at Wessex Premier Division (Step 5) this coming season. Managed by Steve Claridge and with journalist Ian Ridley also involved, Salisbury will be looking to climb back up through the leagues back to the Vanarama National League. For all those interested in Non-League football I can thoroughly recommend Ridley's book called "Floodlit Dreams – How to Save a Football Club" which is about his time as Chairman of Weymouth when Steve Claridge was again involved.



Who knows we could be welcoming Messrs Claridge and Ridley to the New Gerard Buxton Ground later in the year. I have made enquiries about when the draw for the County competition will be made and as in previous years it may be a couple of weeks before we know who we will be playing in this prestigious competition.

### Today's FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round

Last week I let you know the teams I follow in Non-League football and a few are in action in today's FA Cup Preliminary Round. Woking based Knaphill are at home to some team called Highworth Town. The other Woking based side Westfield also have UHlsport Hellenic League opposition as they travel to Binfield. The other side I follow involved in FA Cup action are Loughborough University who are at home against Barrow Town from the East Midlands Counties League.

Other games of interest today include Shrivenham's trip to Farnborough to play Cove, a side we beat in last season's Vase but who were a very good side and went on to do very well in the Combined Counties League last season. I would expect Cove should easily dispense with Shrivenham but who knows in one-off cup ties.

For me the slightly disappointing thing with the draw this season is that a lot of sides are playing teams from their own leagues. An idea for the future could be for the FA to keep sides in the same league away from each other in the Extra Preliminary and Preliminary Rounds, I am sure most clubs would like to play against someone from another league. Anyone else agree with this idea?

# Boot Room Chatter



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9th August 2015

## Welcome to the 2015-2016 Season

The first thing that I have to say is a big thank you to everyone that has taken part in the preparations this summer.

So now the new season is upon us. The first and most striking change for all of us is the move to the FA led Full Time computer management system. This summer it has been adopted in preference to our traditional Football Mitoo program. The journey (and it is a journey) to full implementation of Full Time is being led by our Webmaster Pat Horsman. Like all software programs there will be good and not so good points. We just need to focus on the good points.

The first one is the automation of Results collection after games.

As an impact of this almost all of the information that our weekly Bulletin contained is now available on Full Time within fifteen minutes of the match ending. Brian Kirk currently produces the Bulletin, and I am sure he will be asking clubs about future requirements.

We welcome a new Referees Officer in Peter Cobby to the League. I am sure that you will join me in wishing him every success in the role.

Looking at the playing strength of our clubs, it will be a clever person that can forecast the actual winners before the season starts. I believed that our Premier Division has not looked more competitive for many seasons.

On the house-keeping front: -

- Our League Development Plan for this season is almost complete. I am hopeful that it will gain the support of The FA in terms of finance.
- There will be four regional meetings for clubs over the next two months. These will be held on a much more informal basis than the major all club's meetings. We hope that you enjoy these. It will be a chance to bring ideas to the table.

Personally I am looking forward to a great season for us all, with some continued strong performances in the FA competitions.

Have a great season everyone.

*Bob Dalling*  
Chairman

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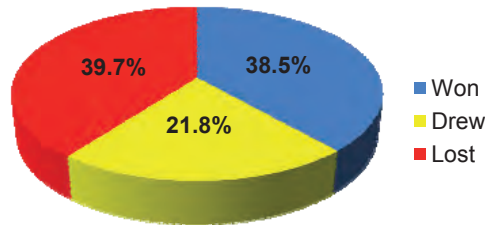


## WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C. 27 YEARS IN THE HELLENIC LEAGUE

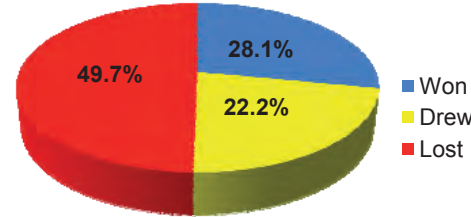
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Season	Div	Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst	Pts	Position	Manager	Top Scorer										
1988/89	1	28	11	7	10	50	41	40	5 out of 15	Mick Woolford	Damon York										
1989/90	1	30	13	8	9	52	35	47	7 out of 16	Mick Woolford	Damon York 25										
1990/91	1	30	11	8	11	32	36	41	8 out of 16	Mick Woolford	Damon York										
1991/92	1	32	10	8	14	45	59	38	12 out of 17	Mick Woolford	Not known										
1992/93	1	30	8	6	16	40	53	30	12 out of 16	Mick Woolford	Scott Vincent										
1993/94	1	34	15	8	11	65	57	53	9 out of 18	Mick Woolford	Scott Vincent										
1994/95	1	38	18	5	15	67	68	59	9 out of 20	Mick Woolford	Scott Vincent/Darren Jell										
1995/96	1	34	12	9	13	50	64	45	10 out of 18	Kevin Maloney	Scott Vincent										
1996/97	1	32	9	8	15	37	50	35	11 out of 17	Kevin Maloney	Ian Curtis/Gary Ashford 8										
1997/98	1	32	12	6	14	67	58	42	10 out of 17	Dave Warren	Lee Stoddart/Peter Dearlove 10										
1998/99	1	32	17	7	8	64	43	58	5 out of 17	Dave Warren	Lee Stoddart 17										
1999/00	1	28	15	7	6	54	32	52	3 out of 15	Barry Giles	Lee Stoddart										
2000/01	P	38	14	10	14	54	60	52	13 out of 20	Barry Giles	Lee Stoddart 25										
2001/02	P	42	11	9	22	39	75	42	19 out of 22	Pete Yearley	Mark Vaughan 14										
2002/03	P	40	10	10	20	36	70	40	15 out of 21	Pete Yearley	Geoff Swatton 9										
2003/04	P	42	11	5	26	38	73	38	16 out of 22	Pete Yearley	Geoff Swatton 16										
2004/05	P	42	6	27	30	85	27	21	21 out of 22	Pete Yearley/Chris Jones	Matty Bennett 10										
2005/06	1W	34	17	10	7	58	30	61	5 out of 18	Paul Burke	Matty Bennett 12										
2006/07	1W	34	14	5	15	64	62	47	11 out of 18	Paul Burke	Matty Bennett/Steve Yearley 11										
2007/08	1W	34	11	3	20	43	66	33	15 out of 18	Paul Burke	Richie Saunders 12										
2008/09	1W	32	17	9	6	61	31	60	4 out of 17	Dave Turner	Shaun Terry 26										
2009/10	1W	30	20	7	3	74	34	67	2 out of 16	Dave Turner	Sam Collier 22										
2010/11	P	42	13	7	22	55	87	46	15 out of 22	Dave Turner	Sam Collier 26										
2011/12	1W	32	15	7	10	69	47	52	5 out of 17	Dave Turner	Matt Bown 18										
2012/13	1W	30	22	3	5	75	40	66	2 out of 16	Dave Turner	Mark Barnes 32										
2013/14	P	38	11	12	15	60	60	45	14 out of 20	Jeff Roberts	Levi Cox 14										
2014/15	P	38	14	9	15	66	80	51	11 out of 20	Paul Braithwaite	Dan Bailey 18										
2015/16	P	2	1	1	0	3	1	4	12 out of 20	Paul Braithwaite	Stephen Olphert, Ryan Thomas, Harvey Scholes 1										
<b>Total</b>		<b>930</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>1,448</b>	<b>1,497</b>	<b>1,271</b>		<b>Division 1</b>	<b>Premier Division</b>										
<b>Won:Drew:Lost Ratio</b>		<b>38.5%</b>	<b>21.8%</b>	<b>39.7%</b>																	

Nickname	Bassett
Record Gate	2,103 v Swindon Town (1991)
Best Gate - 2014/15	102 v Highworth Town
Average Hellenic Attendance 2014/15	42.8 (13/14 = 40.7)
Top Scorer - 2014/15	Dan Bailey - 18 Goals
Record Known Win	16 - 0 v Clyffe Pypard (1933/34)
Record Known Defeat	1 - 16 v Warminster T (3/11/1945)

% of Games Won, Drawn & Lost in Hellenic League (Total)



% of Games Won, Drawn & Lost in Hellenic League (Premier Division)



## Hellenic League

### Match Reports

#### PREMIER DIVISION

For the first time in six years, Thame United secured three points on the opening day of the season as they defeated Milton United 1-0 with a Henry Owen header on 48<sup>th</sup> minutes. Honours and points were deservedly shared in an entertaining game between Binfield and Ardley Utd. Both goals coming in the second half with Binfield taking the lead through Jemel Johnson on the 49<sup>th</sup> minute. Ardley equalised when Luke Ingram outpaced the Binfield back line to put the ball wide of Silver and into the net. Threadbare Ascot United produced a gutsy second half comeback to win 2-1 at Tuffley Rovers on Saturday. Trailing to Brett James' early goal for the hosts and seemingly willing in the Gloucestershire heat, Jamie West's equaliser sparked the comeback before Steve Deverall's dramatic 94<sup>th</sup> minute winner direct from a corner. Kidlington took a two goal lead through Tommy Castle and Lewis Coyle in the first half. Thatcham replied late in the 84<sup>th</sup> minute with a Marc Thompson goal. Highworth Town opened their league season with a comfortable 3-1 win with TJ Bohane converting two penalties and Callum Parsons scoring the other. Kurtis Sharkey for a consolation goal for Bracknell. Brimscombe started their league campaign with a resounding win over newly promoted Wokingham & Embrook with goals from Ben Snook, Christian Turner, Chris Greenhough and Ben Deakin. Wokingham & Embrooks only goal came from Jake Butler. Royal Wootton Bassett and Brackley Saints shared the points in a 1-1 draw with goals coming from Steve Olphert for RWB and Henry Jackson for BS. Oxford City started their season with a resounding 3-0 away to Abingdon Utd with goals from Connor Harris (2), and Brian Barney. A goal 70<sup>th</sup> minute from Aston Robinson game Highmoor-Ibis a 1-0 away to newly promoted Longlevens AFC. Newly promoted Lydney Town lost 3-1 at home to last season's Champions Flackwell Heath. Lydney scored first through Declan Morley-Lyne but goals from Bryan Taylor, Chris Hurst and Seb Bowerman gave the champions the win.

#### DIVISION ONE WEST

Fairford Town kicked off the new season with a hard-fought 2-1 away win against Shrivenham. The Reds raced into a 2-0 (Tom Ballard and own goal), against the run of play Shrivenham scored through Tom Pedder. Cheltenham Saracens won 4-1 at home to Letcombe. Cheltenham Saracens took the lead through a Sam Hill.. Cheltenham went further ahead on the half hour through Paul Holmes. Cheltenham increased their lead a minute later when Archie Haskayne's mishit shot bobbling inside the post. Letcombe pulled a goal back almost immediately through Tom Stone, but Cheltenham made the game safe after 70 minutes with a goal from Jack Skienar to make the score 4-1. Purton started their season with a well-deserved 5-0 win at home to North Leigh Utd with goals from Ben Carter (2), Marcus Hall, David Coleman and Jamie Shepard. Cheltenham Saracens won 4-0 away to Letcombe with goals from Sam Hill, Paul Holmes, Archie Haskayne and Jack Skienar. Tom Stone replied with a goal in the 70th minute. Cirencester Town Dev shared a 3-3 draw with Easington Sports. Towns goals coming from Charlie Buse (2) and Robbie Maggs. Easingtons goals from Durrell Livous (2) Craig Pearman. Hook Norton scored a late goal through Luke Thorton to secure their away win against New College Swindon. Henry Rose scoring for Easington and Jack Lowers equalising for New College. Goal from Cook for Clanfield 85 in the 90<sup>th</sup> minute earned them a point against Shortwood in 2-2 draw.

#### DIVISION ONE EAST

Bicester Town and Finchampstead shared the points in a 0-0 draw. Rayners Lane won 4-1 away to Didcot Town with goals from Ivan Petrov, Charnpal Flora, Kojo Agyeman and Jordy Muiyibiny. Didcot replied through Tom Hoskins. Old Woodstock came from behind to win with goals from Callum Green and Charlie Dunmall after Woodley Utd look the lead through Jordan Goddard. Lee Thompson scored a hat trick to give Penn & Tylers Green a 3-1 win at home to Holyport. Holyport scored through Ryan Tye. Wantage won 1-0 away to Henley Town with a goal from Adam Cashin-Murray. Headington Amateur went in at haltime 2-0 with goals from Drew Dowler and Atab Hafiz at Chinnor. D Pool replied for Chinnor midway in the second half. Fred Tripp and Stephan Bignell (2) gave Chalfont Wasps a 3-1 win at Reading Town. Reading replied through Levi Lawrence.

# Boot Room Chatter



## Hellenic League



### FIXTURES

**UHLSPORT Hellenic League matches kick-off at 3.00 pm on Saturday and 7.45 pm midweek, unless stated otherwise. For "outside" cup competitions, if not shown, check with home club if in doubt.**

<b>Saturday 15 August</b>	
<b>The Emirates FA Cup Extra Preliminary Rd</b>	
Abingdon United	v Brimscombe & Thrupp
AFC Hayes	v Flackwell Heath
Ardley United	v Tuffley Rovers
Ascot United	v Kidlington
Binfield	v Westfields
Cheltenham Saracens	v Winterbourne United
Chinnor	v Hartley Wintney
Cove	v Shrivenham
Highmoor Ibis	v Thatcham Town
Holyport	v Milton United
Hook Norton	v Frimley Green
Knaphill	v Highworth Town
Reading Town	v Chertsey Town
Thame United	v Farnham Town
Royal Wootton Bassett	v Bracknell Town
<b>Premier Division</b>	
Brackley Town Saints	v Lydney Town
Wokingham & Emmb	v Longlevens AFC
<b>Division One West</b>	
Easington Sports	v Purton
Letcombe	v Cirencester Town Dev
North Leigh	v Fairford Town
Shortwood United	v Carterton
Tytherington Rocks	v New College Swindon
<b>Division One East</b>	
Chalfont Wasps	v Bicester Town
Headington Amateurs	v Finchampstead
Old Woodstock Town	v Henley Town
Rayners Lane	v Woodley United
Wantage Town	v Penn & Tylers Green
<b>Monday 17 August</b>	
Binfield	v Abingdon United
<b>Tuesday 18 August</b>	
<b>Premier Division</b>	
Flackwell Heath	v Brackley Town Saints
Highworth Town	v Thame United
Kidlington	v Ascot United

Longlevens AFC	v Lydney Town
Milton United	v Highmoor Ibis
Thatcham Town	v Bracknell Town
Tuffley Rovers	v Brimscombe & Thrupp
Wokingham & Emmb	v Oxford City Nomads
<b>Wednesday 20 August</b>	
<b>Premier Division</b>	
Royal Wootton Bassett	v Ardley United
<b>Saturday 22 August</b>	
<b>Premier Division</b>	
Abingdon United	v Tuffley Rovers
Ascot United	v Highworth Town
Brackley Town Saints	v Highmoor Ibis
Bracknell Town	v Ardley United
Brimscombe & Thrupp	v Kidlington
Flackwell Heath	v Royal Wootton Bassett
Longlevens AFC	v Binfield
Lydney Town	v Milton United
Oxford City Nomads	v Thatcham Town
Wokingham & Emmb	v Thame United
<b>Division One West</b>	
Cheltenham Saracens	v Carterton
Clanfield	v Tytherington Rocks
Easington Sports	v Shrivenham
Fairford Town	v Hook Norton
Letcombe	v North Leigh
New College Swindon	v Purton
Shortwood United	v Cirencester Town Dev
<b>Division One East</b>	
Bicester Town	v Rayners Lane
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Chinnor	v Wantage Town
Didcot Town	v Finchampstead
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# Match Reports

## Honours even as Bassett celebrate homecoming

New Gerard Buxton Sports Ground, 8<sup>th</sup> August 2015

It was a game that will be remembered more for the occasion than the actual contest – a 1-1 draw between two evenly-matched teams, both of whom lacked a real cutting edge on the day. However, Royal Wootton Bassett Town's meeting with Brackley Town Saints was one of great importance in this club's history.

The town Sports Association's relocation, and thus that of the football club, has been a long, long time in the making. Over a decade has passed since plans were first laid to deliver a facility befitting the 21<sup>st</sup> century. And although the first pieces of earth were shifted on the 22 acre site 15 months ago, it was never going to feel real, nor was that sense of being home going to be aroused after two years' exile in Cirencester, until the first ball had finally been kicked in anger. At just after 3pm on this day – Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup> 2015 – those dreams, those plans, those feelings were at long last realised.

Moments later, Bassett were inches away from marking their homecoming in perfect style only to be denied by the woodwork when Callum Wright, having stole a march on his marker, steered Dan Comer's dangerous right wing free kick onto the bar. Soon they found themselves in arrears as Brackley's Henry Jackson earned himself the distinction of being the first player to score at the ground in the game's tenth minute. Seizing on a Kalum Youngsam pass that lacked weight, the visitors quickly switched the direction of play and, outpacing Wright and centre half partner Nathan Hawkins, Jackson raced onto the ball played over the top, poked beyond onrushing 'keeper Curtis Meare and slotted home from a tight angle. Certainly this wasn't how things had been scripted and Bassett's response was a relatively disjointed one. A theme of the day was the slow, sandy pitch, which resulted in possession being turned over a number of times. Such an occurrence presented Tyler Sheppard a half chance midway through the period as he intercepted an underhit pass thirty yards from goal and sent a speculative shot wide of the mark. Sam Packer and Dan Bailey then both brought Daniel Farrell into action, but neither was able to stretch the visiting stopper as he comfortably dealt with a pair of low strikes after driving runs from the creative midfielders. A frustrating first half then ended with Bassett again coming close following a probing Comer delivery. The right back whipped in another good cross two minutes before the break, which Bailey, at the far post, nodded down for Steve Olphert. The summer signing from Shrivenham shuffled the ball onto Sheppard, who snatched at a shot on the turn, skewing wide from ten yards.

That inability to strike back nearly came back to haunt the hosts shortly after the restart when Ellis Minott unleashed a towering left footed strike from 25 yards which threatened to double the Saints' lead. However, to Bassett's relief, his shot sailed just over. Within minutes the scores were then level. Youngsam and Comer linked up well down the right before the ball was worked inside for Packer, who, with his back to goal, sought to turn his man only to be felled in the box. From the spot, Olphert confidently picked out the bottom left corner with Farrell, guessing correctly, unable to keep it out. Back on level terms, Bassett began to seize the initiative, Sheppard coming closest when he snatched at another chance with a shot on the turn from the edge of the area on the hour. That spell in the ascendancy did not last though. And, on a baking August afternoon, weary legs served to create an open ending to the contest. Jackson almost had a second for the Saints when he shimmied past Wright and Dale Richards before delivering a cross from the right which floated over Meare and crashed off the left post. His teammate Matthew Johnson then twisted his way into the box before firing a low, angled strike that Meare swatted away. While both good chances for Brackley, it was Bassett who almost stole the points in the dying seconds. A rushed clearance from Farrell fell straight to Ryan Thomas, who threaded a through ball to Packer. One-on-one, the midfielder, rather than shoot, opted to attempt to round the 'keeper, but a heavy touch put paid to any hopes of delivering a dramatic late winner. Victory would have delivered the perfect end to a historic afternoon. However, a positive result to kick off the club's new era was something to be content with. And it won't dampen that great feeling of finally being home.

**Man of the Match: Dan Comer** – a quality display from the young full back on his debut. From advanced positions he delivered a handful of deliveries that caused problems for the Brackley defence, while he performed his defensive duties astutely and without error.

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Step	League/Division					
1	National League (24 clubs) ( <i>Vanarama National</i> )					
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2	National League North (22 clubs) ( <i>Vanarama National North</i> )			National League South (22 clubs) ( <i>Vanarama National South</i> )		
	Promoted to National League: <i>Champions of each division; the winners of a 2nd-5th playoff in each division will also be promoted.</i> Relegated to Step 3 leagues: <i>3 clubs from each division.</i>					
3	Northern Prem. League (24 clubs) ( <i>Evo-stick League</i> ) Premier Division		Southern League (24 clubs) ( <i>Evo-stick League</i> ) Premier Division		Isthmian League (24 clubs) ( <i>Ryman League</i> ) Premier Division	
	Promoted to National League North or South: <i>Champion and winner of 2nd-5th playoff for each league.</i> Relegated to Step 4 leagues: <i>4 clubs from each league.</i>					
4	Northern Premier League ( <i>Evo-stick League</i> ) Division One North	Northern Premier League ( <i>Evo-stick League</i> ) Division One South	Southern Football League ( <i>Evo-stick League</i> ) Division One Central	Southern Football League ( <i>Evo-stick League</i> ) Division One South & West	Isthmian League ( <i>Ryman League</i> ) Division One South	Isthmian League ( <i>Ryman League</i> ) Division One North
	*All divisions of 22 clubs except Isthmian League divisions which have 24 teams in each 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   <b>Hellenic League Premier Division</b>   Southern Counties East League Premier Division   Midland League Premier Division   Northern Counties East League Premier Division   Northern League Division One   North West Counties League Premier   Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division   Southern Combination League Premier 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.</i> Clubs must have applied to the Football Association for promotion to Step Four for the 2016/17 season by 31 December 2015, must then pass ground grading requirements and must finish in the top two places in their league to be eligible for promotion. If there are more clubs applying for promotion than places available, priority is given to champion clubs of the respective leagues. Relegated: <i>Arranged according to separate agreements with Step 6 leagues, as approved by the FA.</i>					
6	Combined Counties League - Division One   East Midlands Counties League   Eastern Counties League - Division One   <b>Hellenic League - Division One East</b>   <b>Hellenic League - Division One West</b>   Kent Invicta League   Midland League - Division One   Northern Counties East - Division One   Northern League - Division Two   North West Counties League - Division One   Southern Combination League - Division One   South West Peninsula League - Premier Division   Spartan South Midlands League - Division One   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   Cambridgeshire League - Premier Division   Central Midlands League - North Division   Central Midlands League - South Division   Cheshire League - Premier Division   Dorset Premier League   Essex Olympian League - Premier Division   Essex & Suffolk Border League - Premier Division   Gloucestershire County League   Hampshire Premier League - Senior Division   Hertfordshire Senior County League - Premier Division   Humber Premier League - Premier Division   Leicestershire Senior League - Premier Division   Liverpool County Premier League - Premier Division   Manchester League - Premier Division   Middlesex County League - Premier Division   Midland League - Division Two   Northern Alliance - Premier Division   Nottinghamshire Senior League - Premier Division   Peterborough and District League - Premier Division   Sheffield and Hallamshire County Senior League - Premier Division   Somerset County League - Premier Division   South West Peninsula League - Division One East   South West Peninsula League - Division One West   Staffordshire County Senior League - Premier Division   Suffolk and Ipswich League - Senior Division   Wearside Football League   West Cheshire Amateur League - Division One   West Lancashire League - Premier Division   West Yorkshire League - Premier Division   Wiltshire Football League					
	Promotion and relegation: <i>Arranged according to separate agreements with appropriate leagues.</i>					
7A	Northamptonshire Combination League - Premier Division   Oxfordshire Senior Football League - Premier Division   Thames Valley League - Premier Division   Teesside Football League   West Midlands (Regional) League - Division One   York Football League - Premier Division					
7B	Bedfordshire County Football League - Premier Division   Kent County League - Premier Division   Spartan South Midlands League - Division Two   Surrey Elite Intermediate League   West Riding County Amateur League - Premier Division					

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# Player Profile - Dan Bailey

# Pyramid Levels Steps 5 & 6

## Dan Bailey (midfield or striker)



An attacking midfielder, Bailey made an outstanding impression in his first season with Bassett as he finished top scorer with 19 goals in 46 appearances. Creative, hard-working and a sublime striker of the ball, he was arguably the pick of Bassett's attacking players as the team recorded their best ever Hellenic League Premier Division finish in 2014/15.

More than anything it was the quality of his goals that stood out. Bailey's second for the club in an FA Vase victory against Cove showed what he was capable of as

he twisted his way left and right to find space before curling a spectacular left-footed shot into the top corner from 30 yards. He is also a danger from set pieces as well, as demonstrated by his first league goal when he curled in a free kick against in a 5-1 victory against Cheltenham Saracens and the opener he drove him in a thrashing with the same scoreline away at Highworth Town, and his inventiveness helped create numerous goals for others.

While his performances were consistently high throughout the season, his play was at its highest during Bassett's strong finish to the campaign, scoring six goals in the final six games, including a hat-trick against Holyport.

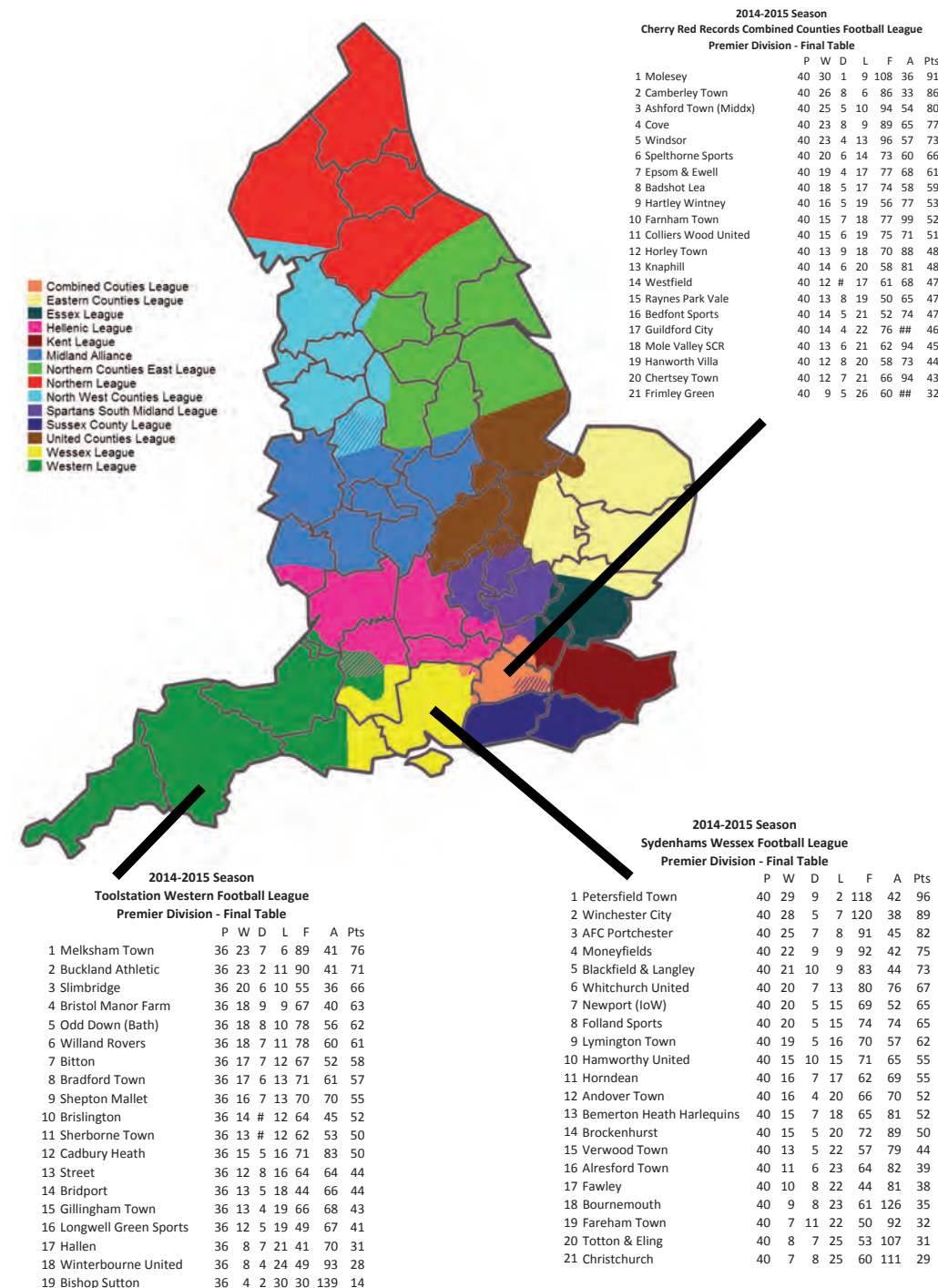
Bailey joined from Fairford Town, where he played for five seasons. And it was there he developed his goal scoring prowess, finishing as the Reds' top scorer in 2012/13.

He first appeared for the Cinder Lane club in 2009/10, making 47 starts and scoring three goals as Fairford finished third from bottom in the Hellenic League Premier Division. While his team struggled across the next two seasons, Bailey excelled, scoring six times in 49 games in 2010/11 before netting 12 goals in 53 appearances a year later, his performances earning him the Manager's Player of the Year award.

Bailey remained with Fairford after their relegation to Division One West and helped guide the side to fourth place, scoring 16 times in 40 games. He posted double figure goals for the third successive season in 2013/14, notching 13 in 35 games as the Reds again came up agonisingly short of a promotion spot.



**2014/15:** 46 appearances, 19 goals



# Royal Wootton Bassett Town F.C. Season 2015-16 First Team Line-ups, Results and Fixtures

Date	Opponents	H/A	Result	Crowd	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15
Sat 8-Aug	Brackley Saints	H	D 1 - 1	99	Meare	Comer	Richards	Wright	Hawkins	Packer	Olphert (1)	Bailey	Youngsam	Sheppard	Carter	Thomas	Scholes	Moulden
Wed 12-Aug	Oxford City Nomads	A	W 2 - 0	72	Meare	Comer	Richards	Moulden	Hawkins	Packer	Olphert	Bailey	Youngsam	Corcoran	Carter	Thomas (1)	Scholes (1)	Cheetham
Sat 15-Aug	Bracknell (FAC EP)	H																
Wed 20-Aug	Ardley United	H																
Sat 22-Aug	Flackwell Heath	A																
Wed 26-Aug	Lydney Town	A																
Sat 29-Aug	Abingdon Utd or Brimscombe (FACP)	A																
Mon 31-Aug	Highworth Town	H																
Sat 5-Sep	Binfield (FAV 1st QR)	A																
Wed 9-Sep	Fairford Town (F/L1)	H																
Sat 12-Sep	Tuffley Rovers	H																
Wed 16-Sep	Highmoor Ibis	H																
Sat 19-Sep	Abingdon United	A																
Mon 21-Sep	Binfield	A																
Sat 26-Sep	Wokingham & Emmbrook	H																
Tue 29-Sep	Tuffley Rovers	A																
Sat 03-Oct	Ash Utd or Windsor (FAV 2ndQR)	A																
Sat 10-Oct	Wilts Senior Cup																	
Sat 17-Oct	Abingdon United	H																
Wed 20-Oct	Longlevens	A																
Sat 24-Oct	Flackwell Heath	H																
Mon 26-Oct	Highmoor Ibis	A																
Sat 31-Oct	Thame United	H																
Tue 10-Nov	Brimscombe & Thrupp	A																
Sat 14-Nov	Thatcham Town	A																
Sat 21-Nov	Milton United	H																
Sat 28-Nov	Bracknell Town	H																
Tue 9-Dec	Kidlington	H																
Sat 12-Dec	Ascot United	H																
Sat 19-Dec	Brackley Saints	A																
Sat 26-Dec	Highworth Town	A																
Sat 2-Jan	Brimscombe & Thrupp	H																
	Ardley United	A																
	Ascot United	A																
	Binfield	H																
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