

Royal Wootton Bassett Town F.C.

Lydney Town F.C.

Home Team Squad			Played No.	Sub
1	Curtis	Meare		
2	Dan	Comer		
3	Dale	Richards		
4	Liam	Edmondson		
5	Matt	Cheetham		
6	Stephen	Olphert		
7	Jamie	Richards		
8	Dan	Bailey		
9	Sam	Packer		
10	Steve	Yeardeley		
11	Alione	Diouf		
12	Kias	Bonner-Shea		
14	George	Lance		
15	George	Drewitt		
16	Nathan	Hawkins		
17	Steve	Robertson		
18	Adam	Corcoran		
19	Ryan	Thomas		
20	Martin	Sinclair		
21	Alfie	Presley		
22	Ashton	Gleed		
23	Aaron	Labejja		
24	Conor	Chivers		
25	Ryan	Withers		
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Visitors Team Squad			Played No.	Sub
1	Richard	Thomas		
2	Josh	Davis		
3	Mason	Lewis		
4	James	Morse		
5	Sam	Elliott		
6	Jamie	Addis		
7	Kerry	Hale		
8	Liam	Sheppard		
9	Niall	Halford		
10	Declan	Morley-Lyne		
11	Tom	Maxted		
12	Ryan	Pendry		
14	Pete	Macklin		
15	Tom	Shaw		
16	Tom	Baldwin		
17	Jack	Rutter		
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Dugout Team
 Manager: Rich Hunter
 Head Coach: Derek Hamilton
 Assistant: Chris Green

Dugout Team
 Manager: Mark Lee
 Assistant: Stuart Liddington
 Coach: Stuart Liddington

Match Officials
 Referee:  Liam Beames
 Assist. Ref (Red Flag): Gareth Markey
 Assist. Ref (Yellow Flag): David King

Next Home Games
 Sat 07-Jan-17 v Ludgershall Sports (Wiltshire County League, kick-off 2.00pm)
 Sat 14-Jan-17 v Devizes Town (Wiltshire County League, kick-off 2.00pm)
 Sat 21-Jan-17 v Malmesbuey Vics Dev (Wiltshire County League, kick-off 2.00pm)
 Sat 28-Jan-17 v Woodley United (Hellenic League Supplementary Cup, kick-off 3.00pm)

Non-League Programme of the Year Awards



Royal Wootton Bassett Town F.C.



Uhsport Hellenic Football League
 Season 2016-17

Royal Wootton Bassett Town v
 Lydney Town
 Saturday 31st December 2016
 New Gerard Buxton Ground
 Kick-off 3.00PM



Official Match Day Programme £1.50
 Number: 16-17/20

Club Officials Season 2016-17



(founded 1882)

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Editorial & RWBTFC News

Welcome to Lydney Town

A warm welcome to Lydney Town this afternoon for this UHlsport Hellenic League Premier Division fixture here at the New Gerard Buxton Ground. This is the second of two meetings between the two clubs here in Royal Wootton Bassett in the space of a couple of weeks with Lydney having been our recent Floodlit Cup opponents. We hope all from Lydney enjoy their second visit to the New Gerard Buxton Ground this season and we wish them a safe journey home.

The game in the Floodlit Cup 17 days ago was a very tight affair with extra time being needed to separate the two teams. Eventually it was two Steve Robertson goals that saw us through to the next round where we will meet Bicester Town who defeated Highworth Town in the last round. Bicester play their home games at Ardley this season as part of a ground sharing whilst steps to move back to Bicester are progressed. Other quarter-final matches see Ardley United play hosts to Bracknell Town, Oxford City Nomads travel to Brimscombe & Thrupp and Division One West side Fairford entertain Premier Division Flackwell Heath.

Prior to the recent cup game the two sides met once already in the league back in September when Lydney won by the odd goal in seven. Lewis Thompson, Dale Richards and Dan Bailey scored for us that night. Other than the two encounters this season the two sides have met each other a further 14 times with Lydney having much the better of things, winning 10 games to just 4 for Bassett, 2 games having been drawn. To say Lydney are bit of a bogey side for us would be an understatement. Our league record of just 0.85 league points per game against Lydney is the 7th worst of teams we play in this seasons Premier Division.

The two sides met for the first time back in 2006-7 when Lydney won both games against us by two goals to one, Nathan Hall and Chris Mills scoring our consolation goals. A Scott Ward goal gave us our first point against Lydney in Season 2008-09. The return game was lost 1-0. Our first win came in 2009-10 and it remains our best result ever against Lydney. Goals from Alex Green 2, Sam Collier, Ryan Thomas and Adam Field secured a 5-0 win for Bassett at Rylands Way. The points were shared in the return, Andy Brien and Sam Collier scoring in a 2-2 draw. Sam Collier was again on the score sheet the next time the two sides met in Season 2011-12, Ethan Delaney scoring a second in a 2-0 Bassett win. Lydney won 3-0 in the return at Rylands Way as they did the following season. Our last win prior to the recent Floodlit Cup win against Lydney came back in February 2013 when three goals without reply from Mark Barnes, Liam Edmondson and Taylor Gill secured the three points. Steve Robertson has a good scoring record against Lydney including the two in the recent win. Those goals took his tally to 22 but he is unlikely to be able to carry on his fine recent run today due to picking up an injury against Highworth on Boxing Day.

Lydney currently sit in 11th place with 29 points from their opening 20 league games, having won nine, lost nine and drawn two games.

Highworth Town

Our Boxing Day derby against Highworth was very disappointing in terms of the result but hardly unexpected when you look at the side Highworth were able to put out, with six or seven players who should really be playing at Southern League level. On the day Highworth were the best side I have seen this season and must be in with a chance of still catching Thame, Bracknell and Thatcham at the top of the table although they cannot afford to drop too many more points. Aysa Corrick was a handful all afternoon and scored all four Highworth goals and is now closing in on Andrew Gledhill of Thame at the top of the league goal scoring chart. Whilst Highworth were comfortable winners, with our pitch actually suiting their style of football more than their own pitch at Highworth, the pleasing aspect for me was the fact that the lads did not capitulate and kept going until the end. Not sure that would have happened last season and for me was one of the few positives to take out the game, the other being the fine form of keeper

Editorial & RWBTFC News

Curtis Meare who is having an excellent season since he returned from Thatcham Town. We missed both Steve Yeardley and Sam Packer massively due to suspension but hopefully both will be available again here this afternoon. The crowd on Boxing Day was a healthy 142 although down on last season's attendance for the August Bank Holiday fixture which benefitted from the warmer weather and also a high number of ground-hoppers.

Other Boxing Day Action in the UHlsport Hellenic Premier Division

There were a number of local derbies on Boxing Day with bumper crowds in attendance. Up at Ardley (crowd of 108) the home side were 2-0 winners over Brackley Town Saints. There were a total of 150 spectators to see Bracknell Town continue their push for the title with a 7-0 win over Burnham. Bracknell are just 2 points behind leaders Thame United with a game in hand. Flackwell Heath (89 people in attendance) were 2-1 winners over Highmoor Ibis. Lydney's Treasurer would have been happy with a crowd of 120 for the game against Brimscombe & Thrupp although disappointed with the 1-0 defeat courtesy of a goal from former Bassett player Kyle Pitts. Tuffley Rovers welcomed 149 spectators through the gate for the visit of Longlevens and the home side went home happy following a narrow 1-0 win. The only disappointing crowd was at Oxford City Nomads where league leaders Thame United went home with all three points but only attracted 36 to see them maintain top spot from Bracknell.

Boxing Day

On the subject of Boxing Day games it looks like Malmesbury Vics may have taken the day quite literally as their game against Oldland Abbotonians, which is almost certain to be the subject of further scrutiny by FA and league officials, was abandoned with four minutes to go with the score at 1-1. No fewer than eight red cards were shown during the tempestuous contest, with five Vics players being ordered off as well as assistant boss Allan Webb before an early halt was called. It is not known yet whether the result will stand. It will be interesting to see what eventually emerges from the league and FA officials once they have ascertained the full facts and deliberated on the matter.

Boxing Day also saw Sam Allardyce lose his sense of humour and perspective when he called for FA action against Watford mascot Harry the Hornet after the mascot had dived to the ground and pointed to Wilfred Zaha. Allardyce called this "out of order" and noted that the "Premier League and FA can look at that." Come on Sam I know you still feel hard done by following your England dismissal but Harry the Hornet was just having a laugh and it looks like Zaha saw the funny side to it as well.

Mid-season Review

Today's programme includes a review of the season to date prepared by Press Officer Stuart Smedley. See who he thinks has been the player of the season to date later in the programme. As well as looking at the First Team there are also write-ups on the Reserves, the Ladies team, the girls and youth teams.

Best Wishes and Next Up

As this is our last home game of 2016 may I take this opportunity to wish all of our committee members, helpers, players and spectators a Happy New Year and a prosperous 2017 to one and all. Our next First Team home game is now not until the end of January when Woodley United visit in the Supplementary Cup. Before that there are scheduled to be three home Wiltshire League fixtures for the Reserves against Ludgershall Sports (7th January), Devizes Town Reserves (14th January) and Malmesbury Vics Development (21st January). The Ladies side are also at home on Sunday 15th January when they entertain Bristol Ladies Union.

Enjoy the game and hopefully a win for Royal Wootton Bassett Town against one of our bogey sides in this tough league fixture.

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- 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



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Lydney Town FC • Club History

Although Lydney is one of the main towns of the Forest area the Severnsiders have always led a very nomadic existence. With the town very much a Rugby stronghold the football club has always found it difficult to exist and although the club can trace its roots back to 1911 it never has had a sound base. The club competed in the local leagues until 1952 when they were elected to the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League. In 1969 the club folded due to lack of committee. In 1971 the soccer lovers of the town pulled together and the club re-formed and in 1974 the appointment of Harold Elliott as player/coach saw many players from Lydney Juniors introduced with the resulting effect of promotion to Senior League Division One in 1976. During this period the club switched from Bathurst Park onto the Recreation Ground using the changing facilities at the Cricket Club.



In 1979-80 after twice finishing Runners-Up they finally lifted the Senior League Division One Championship. Applications to the County League were unfruitful so the club turned to the Hellenic League, where the club held its own, but after 4 seasons the huge financial burden of the League forced the club to return to the Senior League. A dispute with the Cricket Club saw the club move back onto Bathurst Park and following this Secretary Roger Sansom, who had been elected in 1975 and who is still secretary to this day, investigated the possibility of building a clubhouse on the Recreation Ground. Unfortunately on the pitch the downward spiral continued and the club found itself back in the NGL. The players thankfully stayed together and they bounced back into the Senior League the following season. Ambitious plans to have our own clubhouse were still in the pipeline and a clubhouse was opened on Lydney Recreation Trust in 1990. In 1995 the club did the double by winning Division Two and the Forest Green Supporters Trophy, a feat they repeated in 1996-97.

In 2003-04 Manager Peter Elliott, who along with Roger Sansom are the longest serving members of the club with 40 plus years service, guided the club to the Final of the League Cup and the Senior Amateur Cup but in 2004 due to work commitments Peter decided to step down. The club turned to Stuart Liddington to take the helm and with Peter being persuaded to assist him they forged a very successful partnership. The addition of Pete Macklin from Cinderford Town, Danny Clarke ex-Oxford United, Matthew Timmins from Whitecroft and the return of Mark Saunders from Australia gave the club a real boost. Pete, Danny and 'Matty' provided the missing link in the goalscoring department scoring over 70 goals between them, Danny leading the way with 32 goals. The Senior League title was secured with 4 games to go and they did the double by lifting the Senior Amateur Cup. The season was complete with the news of acceptance into the County League a prize denied to them some 25 years ago. The clubs County League campaign started in unconvincing fashion with only 4 points from 3 home games but a 20 game unbeaten run saw the club take over as league leaders at the start of 2006, a position they held for the remainder of the season. Scoring goals was very much the key to winning as 87 goals proved, 'Matty' Timmins finishing the leagues leading goal scorer with 28 goals. This success was beyond the clubs wildest dreams and gave the club the opportunity of a return to the Hellenic League after 22 years. A steady start saw the club 12 points behind the leaders in October but a 6 game winning streak at the end of the year saw the club take over as leaders at the start of January. The critical game came in mid-April with fellow title contenders Trowbridge Town visiting 'The Rec'. In front of a crowd of 305 goals from Danny Clarke and Mark Crabbe secured victory and a 5 point cushion. With 3 games to go the Title was won at Malmesbury when Danny Bishop came off the subs bench to score 2 late goals and give the club an unprecedented 3rd title in as many seasons. The squad had certainly exceeded all expectations and can quite easily be classed as the best in the clubs history. Ambitious plans for the required improvements to gain promotion were put forward and accepted by the League allowing the club to play at the highest level in its history.

A steady start was overshadowed by events off the pitch when despite gaining planning permission for erection of floodlights the club became embroiled in a sea of red tape with their landlords. To continue playing in the Premier Division an agreement was reached to use Cinderford Town and Harrow Hill for home games. Despite these off the pitch issues an unbeaten league run of 11 games placed them in the top half of the table. Despite finishing in 10th position the club were unable to satisfy the April deadline imposed by the league and were forced to be relegated back into Division One (West).

With relegation came the inevitable loss of players who wished to play at a higher level of football and the club decided to pin its future hopes on the youth of the town. Mark Lee, who joined the club 8 years ago from County League side Ellwood, took on the role of Player/Manager and despite a tough baptism over the last he is 6th year in charge. The club finished runners-up to Tytherington Rocks in 2014-15 but despite finishing in a promotion position ground development had not been completed by the March 31st deadline and a further season in Division One followed.

Determined that such a situation would not happen again further development work followed to ensure the necessary G grading but disappointingly after all the clubs efforts the club finished in third spot which would not necessarily ensure promotion. As luck would have it circumstances led to the club being offered a place in the Premier Division which they readily accepted but this again meant further development was needed to obtain an F Grading. On the pitch the team held their own in the Premier despite long term injuries to key players Pat Gibbs, Jamie Addis & Jarred Liddington finishing in a respectable 12th position and with the installation of a 2nd stand the club successfully received an F Grade ensuring that they will compete in the Premier Division for the 2016-17 season.

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Back: Alioune Diouf, Dale Richards, Dan Comer, Jamie Richards, Curtis Meare, Nathan Hawkins, Stephen Olphert, Liam Edmondson, Rich Hunter (Manager)
Front: Henry Spalding, Steve Robertson, Dan Bailey, Matt Cheetham, Sam Packer, George Drewitt

Opponents Pen Pics

Lydney Town FC



Richard Thomas Goal Keeper
 Age 27. Played Youth football for Southampton & Bristol City. Studied Sports Business Management at Hartpury College and now lives in Faringdon. Also played for Shortwood United.



Liam Sheppard Defence
 Age 19. New addition to the squad after spending many years at Cheltenham Town. Very skilful full back, comfortable on the ball. His switch to mid-field part way through season was a revelation earning him Managers Player of Year.



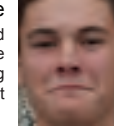
Josh Davis Defence
 Age 22. Played for Cheltenham Town Youth before returning to his home club. Dependable full-back with tireless engine. Despite his tender years this will be his 5th year of Hellenic football.



Ryan Pendrey Defence
 Age 34. Re-joined the club from neighbours Ellwood last season. Spent two years as a YTS with Hereford United. Can play mid-field or defence. Very comfortable on the ball with a good engine



Sam Elliott Defence
 Age 27. Came up through the Junior Ranks and has now been a regular in the heart of the defence. Good in the air and on the ground giving 100% every game. Mr Dependable and excellent club man.



Tom Baldwin Defence
 Age 16. One of the promising players from the successful Lydney Town Youth team. Very skilful defender who despite his age has slotted well into the right back position. One to watch for the future.



Mason Lewis Defence
 Age 19. New addition to the squad coming on loan from Gloucester City. Impressed in pre-season with his marauding runs down the left from full back. Very skilful with an eye for goal.



Niall Halford Defence
 Has recently returned to his home town club after a spell at Shortwood United. Tall and dominant defender but with good ball skills. Can also play up front. Joins his brother Lewis who plays on the wing.



James Morse Midfield
 Age 27. Another who has come through the Junior ranks. Played in his teenage years for the club before moving to Aylburton Rovers. Returned to the club some years ago now and gives the team options in mid-field and defence.



Jamie Addis Midfield
 Age 28. Now in his 4th season at Lydney having joined from Ellwood. Always gives 110% and impresses with his non stop running. Missed a large part of last season due to injury but following operation is now back playing. Club Captain.



Kerry Hale Midfield
 Age 29. 2nd season with the Town after joining from Forest neighbours Broadwell. Imposing mid-fielder, strong, tall and hard working with great ability on the ball. Always gives 100%. Pops up with important goals from time to time.



Jack Rutter Midfield
 Age 25. Previously at Birmingham City Academy, had to retire after criminal assault caused a brain injury. Skilful, strong running midfielder. Current Captain of England Cerebral Palsy team & looking forward to competing at the Rio games.



Peter Macklin Midfield
 Age 33. Experienced midfielder who is equally comfortable up front. Previously played at Cinderford Town, Shortwood United & Hungerford Town before returning to his home club. Man to see if you need any football kit!!!



Tom Maxted Forward
 Age 26. Has joined the club from Coleford United. Strong, fast and skilful who will cause problems to many a defender. Good crosser of the ball.



Harry Williams Forward
 Age 21. Product of the Juniors & Town U'18's. Very tricky going forward with an eye for goal. Has worked his way up from the 3rd team and knocking on 1st team door.



Pat Gibbs Forward
 Age 27. Joined two seasons ago from Senior League Newent Town. Provides non-stop running and eye for goal. Division 1 Golden boot winner in first season. Cruciate injury saw him miss all of last season but is now back in training.



Lewis Halford Forward
 Age 22. Played for Towns U'18's before a spell at neighbours Whitecroft. Returned to the club 2 seasons ago and has been an ever present since. Very fast & tricky midfielder with an eye for goal.



Declan Morley-Lyne Forward
 Age 23. Prolific scorer at U'18 level and Reserves saw him force his way into 1st team contention. Skilful with an excellent shot. Dead ball specialist. Striker issues last season saw Declan come to the fore finishing leading scorer with 28 goals.



Stuart Liddington Asst. Manager
 Age 40. Managed side when Town moved up through the leagues. Managed 3rds & the Reserves before stepping up to assist Mark Lee. Hoping many of his protégés will become 1st teamers of the future.





Mark Lee Manager
 Age 40. 6th season as Manager after joining club as a player from Ellwood. Great thinker on the game and after consolidating Towns position in the Premier Division last season is looking for improvement this time around..

Todays Opponents

Lydney Town F.C.

Formed: 1971
Nickname: The Town
Chairman: Ashley Hancock
Secretary: Roger Sansum

Ground: Lydney Recreation Ground, Swan Road, Lydney GL15 5RU
Tel: 01594 844523
Manager: Mark Lee
Colours: Black & White stripes, Black shorts

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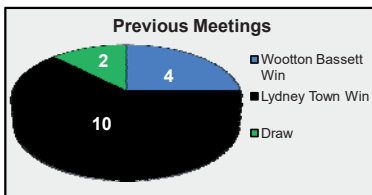
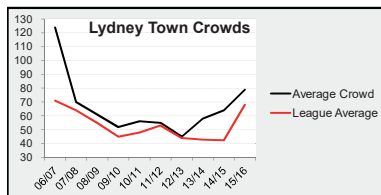
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League Performance - Last Ten Seasons										
Season	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16
Position in League	1st	10th	8th	8th	5th	13th	10th	2nd	3rd	12th
Top Scorer	P.Macklin 37	M.Timmins / P.Macklin 14	M.Timmins 15	M.Timmins 15	M.Timmins 15	J.Liddington 17	J.Liddington 16	R.Kear 32	P.Gibbs 30	D.Morley-Lyne 28
Average Crowd	124	70	61	52	56	55	45	58	64	79
Total Crowd	2,100	1,476	909	786	787	882	668	805	836	1,501
F.A. Cup	n/a	n/a	n/a	Ex Prelim Rnd	Prelim Rnd	Ex Prelim Rnd	n/a	n/a	n/a	Ex Prelim Rnd
F.A. Vase	n/a	n/a	1st Qual Rnd	1st Qual Rnd	1st Round	1st Round	2nd Qual Rnd	2nd Qual Rnd	n/a	2nd Qual Rnd

Current Form (Last Six Games)		
Date	Opponent	Result
26-Dec-16	v Brimscombe & Thrupp (H)	L 0 - 1
17-Dec-16	v Brackley Town Saints (A)	W 5 - 3
14-Dec-16	v Royal Wootton Bassett (A)	L 0 - 2
10-Dec-16	v Flackwell Heath (H)	L 2 - 4
6-Dec-16	v Cribbs (H)	W 3 - 1
26-Nov-16	v Easington Sports (H)	W 4 - 0

v Wootton Bassett Town (Last Six Games)	
Date	Fixture & Result
14-Dec-16	Wootton Bassett Town 2 Lydney Town 0
27-Sep-16	Lydney Town 4 Wootton Bassett Town 3
27-Feb-16	Wootton Bassett Town 1 Lydney Town 2
2-Dec-15	Wootton Bassett Town 1 Lydney Town 2
26-Aug-15	Lydney Town 3 Wootton Bassett Town 2
28-Sep-13	Lydney Town 5 Wootton Bassett Town 2



Wilts U18 Floodlit League

WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB					
SEASON 2016-17 U18TEAM FIXTURES - WILTSHIRE COUNTY FLOODLIT LEAGUE					
Date	Opponents	H/A	Comp	Result	Scorers
Thurs 15-Sep-16	Melksham Town	H	League	L 2 - 5	Miller 2
Thurs 22-Sep-16	Calne Town	H	League	L 2 - 4	Collins, Gillie
Thurs 29-Sep-16	Fairford Town	H	League	W 7 - 1	Miller 4, Sinclair, Holdsworth, OG
Thurs 13-Oct-16	New College Swindon	H	League	W 6 - 3	Miller 4, Kemp, Rawlings
Wed 10-Nov-16	Chippenham Town	A	League	L 1 - 2	Bridges
	20-Nov-16 Bradford Town Youth	H	C.Cup	L 1 - 8	Bridges
	Chippenham Town	H	League		
	Calne Town	A	League		
	Melksham Town	A	League		
	Fairford Town	A	League		
	New College Swindon	A	League		

Season 2016-17

Wiltshire U18 Floodlit League - North Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 Chippenham Town FC	6	5	1	0	23	8	16
2 Melksham Town FC	6	4	1	1	19	9	13
3 Royal Wootton Bassett Town FC	5	2	0	3	18	15	6
4 Calne Town FC	4	1	1	2	8	9	4
5 Fairford Town FC	4	0	1	3	7	25	1
6 New College, Swindon FC	3	0	0	3	4	13	0

Wiltshire U18 Floodlit League - South Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 Salisbury FC	2	2	0	0	8	2	6
2 Bemerton Heath Harlequins FC	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
3 Amesbury Town FC	4	1	1	2	5	8	4
4 Bradford Town Youth FC	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
5 Pewsey Vale FC	3	0	0	3	4	9	0



Old Football Revisited

(as first featured in Season 2013-14)

Inspired by the fantastic books "Got, Not Got" and "The Lost World of Football" by Derrick Hammond and Gary Silke this Season's new feature looks at football related matters from the Editor's long lost youth that are no longer with us. Today it is.....

The Pools



The Football Pools first started over 90 years ago when early in 1923, the Liverpool-based Moores family launched this new and exciting game based on football results. Doing the pools was something all the family could partake in and often families would use birthdays for their numbers, as they no doubt do these days with the lottery, or alternatively use "skill and judgement" to pick those games that would end in draws. For me "skill and judgement" was always the method used and given the lack of winnings over the years I was clearly neither skilful or a particularly good judge of football results! If the man of the house won it would be claimed by them that they did it by skill and judgement (i.e. using my method), if women picked out those vital draws that led to the jackpot the men would say it was down to pure luck.

The idea of the pools was simple. All you had to do was run your eye down the list of Saturday's football matches in the coupon's left hand column and mark with a Biro "X" in the grid of tiny squares those that would result in a draw. Correctly forecast seven or eight in a single line of guesses and you'd be set up for life.

Within months of the pools being introduced by the Moores family hundreds of thousands of fans and even those with little knowledge of the game started filling in their weekly coupons, predicting Saturday afternoon's results in the hope of winning cash prizes. The first jackpot was £2.60 and the stakes were small. Doing the 'pools' spread throughout the depression-addled 1930s and there were those who said the pools were evil. Several attempts to outlaw pools betting failed in Parliament and campaigners' letters were largely ignored by the Home Office, partly because it was lucrative for the government.

The Football League - many of its senior figures rooted in Methodism - was also unhappy that it was not benefiting from the money generated and, in 1936, launched the "Pools War". It began trying to keep the identity of away teams off fixture lists, denying the pools companies the ability to produce coupons in time. The guys running the league thought betting would corrupt football and they feared crowds would be skewed by betting and that players would try to fix matches.



In 1961, Viv Nicholson, a factory worker from Castleford, won £152,000 (equivalent to around £5m today) and promised to "spend, spend, spend". And she did. Most of the money went on luxuries, to the disgust of moralists, but Nicholson stated that she had "no regrets" and that she had enjoyed herself more than had been imaginable. Huge jackpots continued to make the headlines throughout the 1960s, 1970s and 1980 and by the mid 1970's the record pools win had topped £0.5million.

With the advent of the National Lottery it is hard today to imagine how central the pools were to our hopes and dreams of winning a large amount of money in those innocent days of the 1970's and 1980's. The highest ever pools win was £2,924,622 which ironically was won in the very same week in 1994 that the National Lottery came into being.

Listening for the results on the radio or watching them be read out on TV became a Saturday afternoon ritual. More than £3.2bn in winnings has been paid to 61 million people over the years and more than half a million people still play the pools each week, although these days it is mainly in betting shops.



Back in the 1970's and 1980's everyone was in hot pursuit of that "divvie". Tabloid newspapers were full of adverts for proven winning systems invented by mathematical geniuses (see left) who then bizarrely chose to sell them for 20p instead of simply winning the jackpot themselves each week.

On Tuesday the family would study our coupon with one eye on the tipster's choices printed in that morning's paper. All we needed was 8 draws. If it proved to be a jackpot week, that is, with no more than 7 or 8 score draws (which scored 3 points) and maybe a sprinkling of no-score draws (2 points). Providing we invested in a relatively expensive "full perm" we stood a good chance of a

big payout if our 8 draws came up and no other person had the same games. As if predicting the future was not enough we then had to use the family's knowledge of applied factorial equations, writing something incomprehensible (certainly to most young boys of the day like myself) "Perm any 8 from 11, 30 goes per penny x 930 lines = £0.80 new pence". Still don't know what that means. Come Saturday teatime we would wait for the dulcet tones of James Alexander Gordon to finish the results on Sports Report and then end with "and the pools forecast is very good, telephone claims are required for 23½ points". Unfortunately for the Smedley family we never got above 20 points and that new chopper bike to replace the one stolen in Cyprus never materialised.

Today's Opponents - This Season

Results Season 2016-17

Date	Result	League/Cup	Home	Score	Away	Scorers	Att
2-Aug-16	W	Prem	Brimscombe & Thrupp	0	Lydney Town	2 Morley-Lyne, Hale	93
6-Aug-16	L	FA Cup	Lydney Town	0	Team Solent	6	127
13-Aug-16	L	Prem	Binfield	4	Lydney Town	1 Gibbs	49
16-Aug-16	W	Prem	Lydney Town	3	Oxford City Nomads	0 Morley-Lyne, Morse, Maxted	77
20-Aug-16	W	Prem	Lydney Town	4	Burnham	1 Morley-Lyne 3, Morse	60
23-Aug-16	L	Prem	Tuffley Rovers	5	Lydney Town	2 Morley-Lyne, Pendrey	115
29-Aug-16	W	Prem	Longlevens	0	Lydney Town	1 Thomas	70
3-Sep-16	L	Prem	Henley Town	2	Lydney Town	1 Sheppard	30
6-Sep-16	L	Prem	Lydney Town	1	Highworth Town	2 Hale	97
10-Sep-16	W	FA Vase	Chertsey Town	1	Lydney Town	2 L.Halford, Macklin	
17-Sep-16	L	Prem	Lydney Town	2	Bracknell Town	3 L.Halford, Lewis	60
20-Sep-16	W	Prem	Lydney Town	2	Tuffley Rovers	1 Morley-Lyne, Hale	97
24-Sep-16	W	FA Vase	Lydney Town	2	AFC Porchester	0 Morley-Lyne, L.Halford	97
27-Sep-16	W	Prem	Lydney Town	4	Royal W.Bassett T	3 L.Halford 2, N.Halford, Morley-Lyne	77
1-Oct-16	W	Bluefin Cup	Wokingham & Emm	3	Lydney Town	4 Gibbs, Lewis, Sheppard, N.Halford	55
8-Oct-16	W	Prem	Ascot United	0	Lydney Town	2 Gibbs, N.Halford	37
11-Oct-16	W	GFA Cup	Lydney Town	3	Bitton	2 Gibbs 2, L.Halford	71
15-Oct-16	D	Prem	Lydney Town	0	Binfield	0	77
19-Oct-16	L	Prem	Highworth Town	4	Lydney Town	0	71
22-Oct-16	L	FA Vase	Canterbury City	3	Lydney Town	1 Morley-Lyne	
29-Oct-16	W	Bluefin Cup	Chalfont Wasps	1	Lydney Town	2 Addis, Fox	49
1-Nov-16	W	Floodlit Cup	Cirencester Town Dev	2	Lydney Town	3 Addis, N.Halford, Morley-Lyne	48
5-Nov-16	D	Prem	Lydney Town	1	Ardley United	1 Morley-Lyne	87
12-Nov-16	L	Prem	Thame United	5	Lydney Town	1 N.Halford	64
15-Nov-16	W	Prem	Lydney Town	3	Longlevens	1 Morley-Lyne, N.Halford, Maxted	57
26-Nov-16	W	Bluefin Cup	Lydney Town	4	Easington Sports	0 N.Halford, Morgan, Pendrey, Morley-Lyne	47
6-Dec-16	W	GFA Cup	Lydney Town	3	Cribbs	1 Addis, N.Halford, Morley-Lyne	47
10-Dec-16	D	Prem	Lydney Town	2	Flackwell Heath	2 Morley-Lyne	47
14-Dec-16	L	Floodlit Cup	Royal Wootton Bassett	2	Lydney Town	0	37
17-Dec-16	W	Prem	Brackley Town Saints	3	Lydney Town	5 Addis, Elliott, Lewis, Maxted, Sheppard	55
26-Dec-16		Prem	Lydney Town	0	Brimscombe & Thrupp	1	120

Goalscorers	Goals	Strike-Rate
Declan Morley-Lyne	16	59.3%
Niall Halford	10	47.6%
Patrick Gibbs	5	29.4%
Jamie Addis	4	22.2%
Lewis Halford	4	21.1%
Thomas Maxted	3	14.3%
James Morse	3	13.6%
Kerry Hale	3	10.7%
Mason Lewis	3	10.7%
Liam Sheppard	3	10.3%
Ryan Pendrey	2	11.8%
Jacob Morgan	1	33.3%
Liam Fox	1	20.0%
Peter Macklin	1	7.1%
Richard Thomas	1	3.7%
Sam Elliott	1	3.6%





versus



- Royal Wootton Bassett Town and Lydney Town have met each other 16 times with Lydney having much the better of things, winning 10 games to just 4 for Bassett, 2 games having been drawn.
- Our visitors have travelled 53 miles to be here today and whilst this may sound a lot this journey is the 4th shortest that Lydney have to make during the season. Lydney have the longest distance to travel of any club in the league with a grand total of 1,331 miles to all UHlsport Hellenic League grounds, 2,662 for the round-trip to all the grounds. The only other side to travel more than 1,000 miles to get to their games is Tuffley Rovers.
- To say Lydney are bit of a bogey side for us would not be an understatement. Two of those defeats came in cup matches which means our league record is a bit more respectable but at an average of just 0.85 league points per game our record against Lydney is the 7th worst of teams in this seasons Premier Division.
- The two sides met for the first time back in 2006-7 when Lydney won both games against us by two goals to one, Nathan Hall and Chris Mills scoring our consolation goals. A Scott Ward goal gave us our first point against Lydney in Season 2008-09. The return game was lost 1-0.
- Our first win came in 2009-10 and it remains our best result ever against Lydney. Goals from Alex Green 2, Sam Collier, Ryan Thomas and Adam Field secured a 5-0 win for Bassett at Rylands Way. The points were shared in the return, Andy Brien and Sam Collier scoring in a 2-2 draw.
- Sam Collier was again on the score sheet the next time the two sides met in Season 2011-12, Ethan Delaney scoring a second in a 2-0 Bassett win. Lydney won 3-0 in the return at Rylands Way as they did the following season.
- Our last win against Lydney came two weeks ago in the Floodlit Cup when two extra time goals from Steve Robertson saw us through to the next round where we will travel to Bicester Town (who play at Ardley) in the next round..
- Having recently won the last cup game against Lydney it would now seem right that we improve that poor league record.

Lydney Town Honours Table	
League Honours	Hellenic League Division One West Winners 2006-07 Hellenic League Division One West Runners-up 2013-14 Gloucestershire County League Winners 2005—06 Gloucestershire Northern Senior League Winners 1977-78, 1978-79, 1979-80
Cup Honours	Gloucestershire Sen. Challenge North Cup Winners 2004-05 Gloucestershire Sen. Challenge Cup Runners-up 2003-04 Gloucestershire County League Cup Winners 2003-04
Best FA Cup Performance	Preliminary Round 2010-11
Best FA Vase Performance	First Round 1979-80, 2101—1, 2011-12 and 2016-17
Record Attendance	375 v Ellwood, November 2005

HELLENIC LEAGUE SUPPLEMENTARY CUP SPONSORED BY BLUEFIN INSURANCE SEASON 2016-17

First Round		
Abingdon United	v	AFC Aldermaston
Ardley United	v	Woodstock Town
Chalfont Wasps	v	Ascot United
Didcot Town Res	v	Henley Town
Hook Norton	v	Shrivenham
Lynch Pin	v	Kidlington Res
New College Swindon	v	Cheltenham Saracens
Royal Wootton Bassett Town	v	Woodley United
Stokenchurch	v	Oxford City Nomads
Moreton Rangers	v	Faringdon Town
Aston Clinton		Bye
Bicester Town		Bye
Letcombe		Bye
Woodstock Town		Bye
Burnham		Bye
Shortwood United Res		Bye
Cirencester Town Development		Bye
Clanfield		Bye
Fairford Town		Bye
Finchampstead		Bye
Penn & Tylers Green		Bye
Milton Keynes Academy		Bye
Milton United		Bye
Tytherington Rocks		Bye
Purton		Bye
Wokingham & Emmbrook		Bye
Oxford City Development		Bye
Bourton Rovers		Bye
Thame United		Bye
Wantage Town Res		Bye
Rayners Lane		Bye
Tuffley Rovers		Bye



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RWBTFC Fantasy Football League

Previous Meetings

Royal Wootton Bassett Town FC
Fantasy Football Competition - Season 2016-17

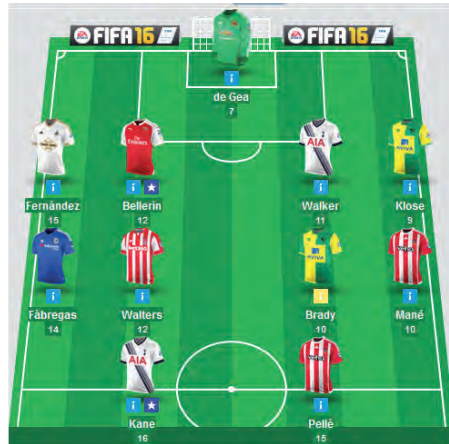
		Week	Total
1 FC Rumour Mill	Tim Hall	41	1,006
2 Tekkerslovakia	Ryan Collins	32	966
3 Pique Boo	Liam Guy	47	966
4 Goffy's Green Army	Harry Gough	59	961
5 Outta Conference FC	Phillip Forster	44	959
6 Show me da Mané	Jacob Hayden	55	958
7 Mony's XI	hugo vivash	39	949
8 Cupid Punts	Michael Case	46	948
9 Dirty Oars	Andrew Guppy	56	948
10 BBFC	Benny Brown	76	935
11 Jose loses the plot	Murcia Guy	55	934
12 RobboRovers 11	Martyn Robinson	68	924
13 Me in Bergkampf	george Fry	33	918
14 The Koeman League	Stuart Smedley	68	916
15 burntboyfc	Ethan Alejandro	73	915
16 Jona8888	luke jones	45	914
17 Boom Xhakalaka	Euan Burke	50	910
18 Don't you Fonte baby	Josh Dimond	96	908
19 Nomis FC	Simon G	51	902
20 Viva Paul Curtis...	SJ Lawro	60	901
21 C-Bomb's	Jack Paish	40	892
22 Gerrard's Slippers	Chris Green	42	882
22 pique blinders	Callum Wright	38	877
24 Max Points	Max Chambers	64	870
25 ZengaBoys	Mari Green	36	869
26 PC's Havin a party	Paul Curtis	37	869
27 Liverpool	Ethan Joe	52	864
28 Who ate all Depays?	Jack Holder	43	863
29 Hangover Rovers	Simon Jones	47	862
30 WestSwindonAthletic	Alex Webb	34	860
31 MurderOnZidaneFloor	Becky Gammon	78	859
32 fantasy true	Carter Selby	63	857
33 Cara's Koalas	Cara Costello	37	856
34 For Fuchs Ake	laura gammon	45	855
35 Merkels Panza Force	Helmut Cheese	37	853
36 Greanteam	Ronald Greaniho	55	850
37 Gillie's Army FC	Ryan Gillie	53	850
38 Greg's Demons	Ian Bull	37	847
39 Jolly Rodgers	James Forsyth	42	847
40 Unbelievaball jeff	Samuel Case	44	847
41 BounceBackAbility FC	Ali Wood	52	844
42 Jules' Jubbeys	Jules Caton	16	839
43 Hannover Hangover	Ben Gerrish	43	832
44 The Binmen	James Evans	66	831
45 Largie's Lads	Scott Large	72	830
46 Inter Row Z	Shelley Gould	42	821
47 Inter minan	Joe topping	23	820
48 Footysavedmybacon	Ken G	40	817
49 Huckinfantastic	Hayley Huckin	55	817
50 Jose Parks The Bus	Jose Moanalot	45	816
51 Mouldy's XI	Dane Moulden	28	806
52 sharp shooters	david attan	29	806
53 No To Acronyms	Scott Smedley	58	802
54 Swagenham&Redbridge	Dave Groom	28	798
55 Crispian Eriksen	James Skinner	33	798
56 Borussia Woking	Mark Smedley	50	796
57 Kids R Utld	Paul Gillie	38	790
58 Crazy's bad boys	Paul Burke	18	789
59 La Torre FC	Alexjandro Stock	42	788
60 Onwards & Upwards	David Mantle	33	787
61 Sticks & John Stones	Ollie Sinclair	77	784
62 I don't Drinkwater 2	Anthony Moore	28	781
63 hello you kante	Rhys Holdsworth	29	776
64 Coey FC	Lisa Coe	42	767
65 Royal rovers	Teresa Andow	58	757
66 Charlie's Angels	Karen Avery	47	753
67 A football team	Emma Skinner	26	743
68 Upton Out FC	Tim Elliott	70	743
69 Barcaloaner	Rockin Robin	43	737
70 Wozza's Wanderers!	Nick Warren	54	730
71 Blue Fiestas	Patrick Costello	19	725
72 Always an Optimist	Keren Brojde	34	722
73 walking tall	Chris Selby	44	719
74 Class on grass	Jayden Handel	24	717
75 Balr Fc	Jack Hargreaves	29	706
76 United We Stand	Simon Jones	28	692
77 SJs Class On Grass	Sam Jackson	32	681
78 Swine town fc	Ben Vines	32	679
79 ASC Youth	joe hockham	26	648
80 The Rockets FC	Ben Wardle	19	580

RWBTFC Fantasy Football League 2015-16 final table (top five)

1. **Andy Guppy** (Dirty Oars) - 2,240 points
2. **Ben Brown** (Benford Rejects) - 2,224 points
3. **Michael Case** (Cupid Punts) - 2,224 points
4. **Scott Large** (Largie's Lads) - 2,129 points
5. **Sam Lawro** (Viva Paul Curtis...) - 2,127 points

RWBTFC Fantasy Football League Hall of Fame

- 2015-16** - Andy Guppy (Dirty Oars)
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)



Season	Date	L/Cup	Opponents	H/A	Result	Goalscorers
2006.07	16-Dec-06	L	Lydney Town	H	L 1 - 2	Hall
2006.07	21-Apr-07	L	Lydney Town	A	L 1 - 2	Mills
2008.09	24-Feb-09	L	Lydney Town	H	D 1 - 1	Ward
2008.09	25-Apr-09	L	Lydney Town	A	L 0 - 1	
2009.10	19-Sep-09	L	Lydney Town	H	W 5 - 0	Green 2, Collier, Field, R.Thomas
2009.10	5-Dec-09	L	Lydney Town	A	D 2 - 2	Brien, Collier
2011.12	03-Sep-11	L	Lydney Town	A	W 2 - 0	Collier, Delaney
2011.12	03-Apr-12	L	Lydney Town	H	L 0 - 3	
2012.13	13-Apr-13	L	Lydney Town	H	L 0 - 3	
2012.13	16-Feb-13	L	Lydney Town	A	W 3 - 0	Barnes, Gill, Edmondson
2013.14	28-Sep-13	LC	Lydney Town	A	L 2 - 5	Roberts 2
2015.16	26-Aug-15	L	Lydney Town	A	L 2 - 3	Robertson, Yeardley
2015.16	2-Dec-16	FL	Lydney Town	H	L 0 - 3	Robertson
2015.16	27-Feb-16	L	Lydney Town	H	L 1 - 2	Robertson
2016.17	27-Sep-16	L	Lydney Town	A	L 3 - 4	Thompson, Bailey, D.Richards
2016.17	14-Dec-16	FL	Lydney Town	H	W 2 - 0	Robertson 2

Robertson shines in extra time to deliver Floodlit Cup victory New Gerard Buxton Ground, 14th December 2016

Finally Royal Wootton Bassett Town got one over Lydney Town. After suffering four straight single goal defeats against their Gloucestershire bogey side, Bassett were able to record a 2-0 victory against them and book their place in the quarter finals of the Floodlit Cup.

It took one hell of a struggle, 120 minutes of closely-fought action and a couple of nail-biting moments to get there though.

However, in the end an extra time brace from the ever-reliable Steve Robertson separated the sides before the game reached a somewhat premature conclusion as a result of the floodlights failing - somewhat ironic given the competition the teams were playing in.

Good job penalties weren't needed in the end.

There was little goalmouth action in the opening period, the only noteworthy moments coming from the full-blooded tackles put in by both teams.

In the second half, Robertson fired straight at the visiting 'keeper when through one-on-one before Lydney's Declan Morley-Lyne saw a free kick strike the post and roll along the goal line.

The game should really have been settled in the closing stages of normal time when Dale Richards found the back of the net, only to see what appeared to be a perfectly legitimate goal ruled out for by an erroneous offside flag.

Extra time was therefore required, and Bassett struck early in the first half, Robertson lobbing the 'keeper after being played through by Richards.

He then grabbed his second after the interval. It came in somewhat scrappy fashion, but they all count. Through on goal again, Robertson unselfishly sought to square to a teammate only to see his attempted pass bounce off a defender. The ball fell straight back to Robertson though, and the forward simply walked it in.

Bassett were arguably grateful they had netted a second and had Lydney beaten as, shortly before full time was due, the floodlights were inadvertently switched off. Light was eventually restored, and the final minute played out. But without that additional cushion, Lydney would arguably have had reason for complaint.

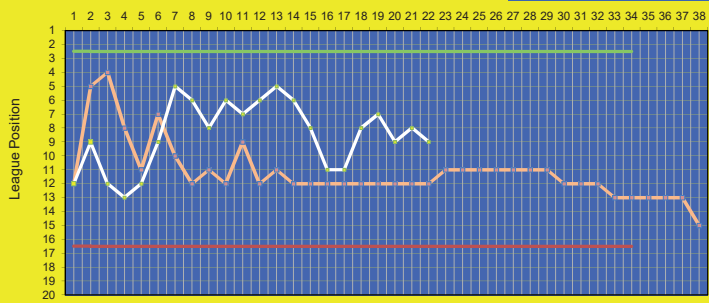
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Wilts Senior Cup History

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Season's Progress 2016-17

Games Played



* Last season comparative Kidlington
 ** Last season comparative Abingdon United

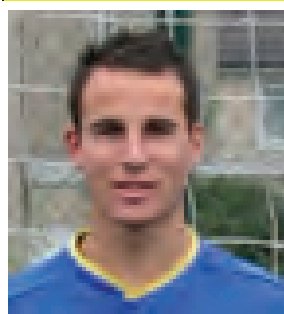
Points Progress v 2015-16

	This	Last	+/-
Henley Town (A) **	3	3	0
Thame United (H)	0	3	(3)
Binfield (H)	0	0	(3)
Brackley Town (H)	3	1	(1)
Highworth Town (A)	1	0	0
Brimscombe & T (H)	3	3	0
Longlevens (A)	0	0	0
Tuffley Rov (A)	0	1	(1)
Flackwell Heath (H)	0	0	(1)
Thatcham Town (A)	3	3	(1)
Lydney Town (A)	0	0	(1)
Oxford City Nomads (H)	3	3	(1)
Burnham (H)*	3	0	2
Bracknell Town (H)	0	3	(1)
Thacham Town (H)	0	0	(1)
Ardley United (A)	0	0	(1)
Brimscombe & T (A)	1	0	0
Highmoor Ibis (H)	3	0	3
Tuffley Rovers (H)	3	1	5
Brackley Town Saints (A)	3	1	7
Henley Town (H) **	3	3	7
Highworth Town (H)	0	0	7

Appearances 2016-17	Starts	As Sub	Total	Goals
1 Dan Comer	26	2	28	0
2 Dan Bailey	22	6	28	5
3 Matt Cheetham	27	0	27	0
4 Stephen Olphert	23	3	26	1
5 Steve Robertson	22	2	24	22
6 Dale Richards	21	3	24	7
7 Steve Yeardeley	18	6	24	4
8 Curtis Meare	23	0	23	0
9 Sam Packer	17	4	21	3
10 Liam Edmondson	17	3	20	1
11 George Drewitt	16	4	20	0
12 Nathan Hawkins	16	3	19	1
13 Jamie Richards	17	0	17	0
14 Henry Spalding	14	1	15	5
15 Alione Diouf	9	6	15	5
16 Lewis Thompson	12	1	13	4
17 Adam Corcoran	6	5	11	1
18 George Lance	3	6	9	0
19 Scott Walduck	1	5	6	0
20 Ryan Thomas	3	2	5	0
21 Jonny Davoile	4	0	4	0
22 Kias Bonner-Shea	0	4	4	1
23 T.J Bohane	3	0	3	1
24 Richard Lancaster	3	0	3	0
25 Ashton Gleed	2	1	3	0
26 Tyler Sheppard	0	3	3	0
27 Bradley Clark	2	0	2	0
28 Ryan Withers	0	2	2	1
29 Gary Eggerton	1	0	1	0
30 Tyrone Connolly	1	0	1	0
31 Aaron Maximen	1	0	1	0
32 Luke Sanders	1	0	1	0
33 Jonny Aitkenhead	0	1	1	0
34 Lee Bowen	0	1	1	0
35 Martin Sinclair	0	1	1	0
36 Lewis Tidy	0	1	1	0
36 Derek Hamilton	0	1	1	0
37 Alfie Presley	0	1	1	0
Own Goals				1

RWBTFC Career Goals

Total	Goals
74	28
122	30
68	1
69	9
83	68
104	10
429	65
65	0
108	13
213	12
83	1
107	2
30	0
15	5
15	5
13	4
145	8
9	0
39	4
64	1
4	0
4	1
3	1
3	0
3	0
47	6
2	0
2	1
4	0
2	0
1	0
1	0
47	7
43	0
7	0
2	0
1	0
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Wiltshire Senior Cup Season Winners

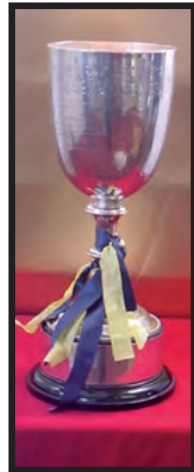
Season	Runners-Up
1886-87	Trowbridge Town
1887-88	Swindon Temperance
1888-89	Swindon Temperance
1889-90	Trowbridge Town
1890-91	Swindon Town Reserves
1891-92	Swindon Town Reserves
1892-93	Trowbridge Town
1893-94	Swindon Wanderers
1894-95	Trowbridge Town
1895-96	Swindon Town Reserves
1895-96	West Swindon
1895-96	West Swindon
1896-97	Trowbridge Town
1897-98	Swindon Victoria
1898-99	Swindon Victoria
1899-00	Devizes Town
1900-01	Chippenham Town
1900-01	Even Swindon United
1901-02	Chippenham Town
1902-03	Swindon Town Reserves
1902-03	Wootton Bassett Town
1903-04	Swindon Town Reserves
1904-05	Melksham Town
1905-06	Salisbury City
1906-07	Swindon Town
1907-08	Devizes Town
1908-09	Devizes Town
1909-10	Salisbury City
1910-11	Warminster Town
1911-12	38th Brigade RFA
1912-13	Salisbury City
1912-13	Salisbury City
1913-14	Caine Town
1913-14	3rd Wilts Regiment
1919-20	Swindon Town
1920-21	Swindon Victoria
1921-22	Trowbridge Town
1922-23	Salisbury City
1923-24	Spencers
1924-25	Chippenham Town
1925-26	Trowbridge Town
1926-27	Chippenham Town
1927-28	Swindon Corinthians
1928-29	Chippenham Town
1929-30	Garrard Athletic
1930-31	Chippenham Town
1931-32	Westbury United
1932-33	Westbury United
1933-34	Trowbridge Town
1934-35	Swindon Corinthians
1935-36	Swindon Corinthians
1936-37	Swindon Victoria
1937-38	Trowbridge Town
1938-39	Purton
1945-46	Salisbury Corinthians
1946-47	Swindon GWR Corinthians
1947-48	Westbury United
1948-49	Purton
1949-50	Devizes Town
1950-51	Purton
1951-52	Westbury United
1952-53	Pinehurst YC
1953-54	Pinehurst YC
1954-55	Purton
1955-56	Swindon Victoria
1956-57	Devizes Town
1957-58	Devizes Town
1958-59	Devizes Town
1959-60	Pinehurst
1960-61	Devizes Town
1961-62	Devizes Town
1962-63	Devizes Town
1963-64	Highworth Town
1964-65	Pinehurst
1965-66	Devizes Town
1966-67	Pinehurst
1967-68	Devizes Town
1968-69	Chippenham Town
1969-70	Melksham Town
1970-71	Devizes Town
1971-72	Devizes Town
1972-73	Highworth Town
1973-74	Devizes Town
1974-75	Chippenham Town
1975-76	Pinehurst
1976-77	Corsham Town
1977-78	Melksham Town
1978-79	Devizes Town
1979-80	Downton FC
1980-81	Downton FC

Wiltshire Senior Cup Season Winners

Season	Runners-Up
1981-82	Avebury
1982-83	Penhill
1983-84	Amesbury Town
1984-85	Caine Town
1985-86	Supermarine
1986-87	Penhill
1987-88	Purton
1988-89	Purton
1989-90	Swindon Athletic
1990-91	Pewsey Vale
1991-92	Wollen Sports
1992-93	Bemerton Heath Harl.
1993-94	Amesbury Town
1994-95	Purton
1995-96	Highworth Town
1996-97	Corsham Town
1997-98	Highworth Town
1998-99	Wootton Bassett Town
1999-00	Pewsey Vale
2000-01	Wootton Bassett Town
2001-02	Malmesbury Victoria
2002-03	Melksham Town
2003-04	Trowbridge Town
2004-05	Corsham Town
2005-06	Corsham Town
2006-07	Corsham Town
2007-08	Melksham Town
2008-09	Highworth Town
2009-10	Caine Town
2010-11	Bemerton Heath Harl.
2011-12	Caine Town
2012-13	Melksham Town
2013-14	Melksham Town
2014-15	Highworth Town
2015-16	Melksham Town

Wiltshire Senior Cup List of Cup Winners

Wins	Wins
14	Devizes Town
9	Swindon Town
8	Chippenham Town
8	Melksham Town
8	Trowbridge Town
7	Purton
6	Highworth Town
5	Corsham Town
4	Calne Town (& Harris Utd)
4	Pinehurst
4	Swindon Victoria
4	Westbury United
3	Salisbury City (old club)
3	Swindon Corinthians
3	Warminster Town
3	Amesbury
2	Bemerton Heath Harl.
2	Downton FC
2	Penhill
2	Pewsey Vale
2	Pinehurst YC
2	Swindon Athletic
2	Swindon Town Reserves
2	Wootton Bassett Town
1	38th Brigade RFA
1	3rd Wilts Regiment
1	Avebury
1	Garrard Athletic
1	Malmesbury Vics
1	Salisbury Corinthians
1	Spencers
1	Swindon Supermarine
1	Swindon GWR Corinthians
1	Swindon Wanderers
1	Wollen Sports



Wiltshire Senior Cup

WILTSHIRE COUNTY SENIOR CUP SEASON 2016-17

First Round

Cricklade Town	1 - 4	Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Ludgershall Sports	3 - 2	Warminster Town
Trowbridge Town	3 - 5	Beversbrook
Amesbury Town	3 - 1	Chippenham Park
Chippenham Town	5 - 0	Wroughton
Downton	6 - 0	New College
Laverstock & Ford	3 - 0	Marlborough Town
Pewsey Vale	0 - 8	Salisbury
Swindon Supermarine	8 - 0	Malmesbury Victoria
Westbury United	1 - 0	Wilts Calne Town
Bradford Town	2 - 1	Mere Town
Calne Town	1 - 0	Bromham
Corsham Town	1 - 2	Devizes Town
Highworth Town	W - L	Shrewton United
Royal Wootton Bassett Town	3 - 2	Purton
Melksham Town	Bye	

Second Round

Bradford Town	2 - 0	Royal Wootton Bassett Town
Calne Town	2 - 0	Beversbrook
Downton	3 - 1	Devizes Town
Laverstock & Ford	4 - 1	Melksham Town
Ludgershall Sports	0 - 3	Amesbury Town
Salisbury	3 - 2	Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Swindon Supermarine	2 - 1	Chippenham Town
Westbury United	0 - 2	Highworth Town

Quarter Finals

Highworth Town	2 - 0	Bradford Town
Salisbury	2 - 1	Amesbury Town
Swindon Supermarine	6 - 1	Downton
Calne Town	1 - 0	Laverstock & Ford

Semi Finals

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Final

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RWBTFC First Team Pen Pics



Curtis Meare Goal Keeper
Last season's First Team keeper returns to Bassett after starting the season at Thatcham. Originally joined Bassett from Forest Green Academy.



Richard Lancaster Goal Keeper
RAF lad who helped us out of a crisis at the start of the season and then played so well that he held onto his place. Has played at high level for senior clubs in Welsh football.



Nathan Hawkins Defence
A cultured defender previously with Cirencester Town and Fairford. Regular for the past two seasons having made 88 appearances prior to the start of this season.



George Drewitt Defence
Classy defender, product of the Club's Youth Section who has been First Team regular for 3 seasons. Both Manager and Players player of the season in 2014-15.



Daniel Comer Defence
Young defender, who Joined from Cirencester Academy at the start of last season and made 45 appearances, scoring twice in his first season. Represented Wiltshire at Under 18.



Adam Corcoran Defence
This will be his 5th season with Bassett with over 130 appearances having re-joined the Club from Shrivernham. Previously with Calne Town a player who gives 100% every game.



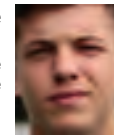
Dale Richards Defence
Product of the Club's youth section, classy defender who made the step-up to adult football in Season 2014-15. 79 appearances and 3 goals to his name ahead of new season.



Liam Edmondson Defence
Another member of our promotion winning side under Dave Turner who re-joins Bassett from Highworth Town. Hard working and committed player who will bring strength to our back four.



Steve Yeardley Defence
Bassett stalwart entering his twelfth season with the club. He has played in every position on the pitch, including 'keeper, though most comfortable playing at full back or central midfield.



Henry Spalding Defence
Joins us from Swindon Supermarine to gain some experience at Hellenic level. Previously with Bristol City before moving to Supermarine. Possesses a sweet left foot.



Matt Cheetham Midfield
Hard tackling, hard working and skilful midfield player who joined from Division One West Clanfield. Managers player of the year last season



Dan Bailey Midfield
Strong powerful player who can play in midfield or up front. Has made 93 appearances and scored 25 goals in past two seasons. Previously with Fairford Town.



Stephen Olphert Midfield
Previously with Shrivernham and Clanfield. Played 42 games last season for the First Team scoring 8 times and is lethal from the penalty spot.



Sam Packer Midfield
Hard working and talented midfield player in his third season with the club. Prior to this season had made 87 appearances scoring 10 times.



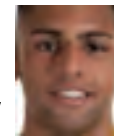
Scott Walduck Midfield
Came up through the Club's Youth Section and has now played over 30 games for the First Team, mainly as a substitute. Will be looking to hold down a regular place this season.



Allione Diouf Forward
An imposing, athletic central midfielder who possesses a great touch. He made a handful of appearances for Chippenham Town and their Western League Division One feeder side Chippenham Park last season.



Lewis Thompson Forward
Player who is on loan from parent club Swindon Supermarine. Previously with Cheltenham Town. Already amongst the goals for Royal Wootton Bassett Town in some very promising early performances.



Josh Shama Forward
Started in Bassett Youth Section before joining Reading Academy. Opted to move to Oxford United in 2013 and has also played in the Cypriot 2nd Division for Nikos & Sokratis Erimis.



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.



Steve Robertson Forward
Free scoring forward who re-joined the Club from Shrivernham in Season 2014-15. Top scorer last season with 30 goals from 38 appearances. Manager of the Swindon Town Ladies side.

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 only to be immediately relegated to Division 2 where they remained for 5 seasons. A second league title was secured in 1984-85 and promotion back to Division 1. This time the team were able to hold their own and in 1987-88 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. 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 groundshare 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 at Cirencester, with an 11th place finish – the club's highest ever in the non-league pyramid – and a record points total. Last season saw the club return home 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, Bassett finished 15th in the Premier Division. With some top summer signings the Club are looking for a much higher finish this season.













The table below shows the addresses of all the grounds we will be visiting this coming **2016-17** Season. This season we have 3 new teams in Burnham, Carterton and Henley. The table below includes the postcode to enter into your Sat Nav. A rough estimate of the distance from Royal Wootton Bassett is also shown. This season we have 74 less miles of travel in total (it could have been 164 more if North Greenford had come into the Hellenic and Cheltenham had not stayed down) but the average journey has increased by just over a mile.

Total away travel = **1,732** miles (2015-16: 1,806 miles)




















Average away game travel (return journey) = **96.2** miles (2015-16: 95.1 miles)

Team	Address	Postcode	Distance (Miles)
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
Brimscombe & Thrupp	 'The Meadow', London Road Brimscombe, Stroud	GL5 2SH	27
Burnham	 Wymers Wood Road, Burnham, Bucks	SL1 8JG	63
Carterton Town	 Community Stadium Kilkeny Lane Carterton	OX18 1DY	29
Flackwell Heath	 Wilks Park, Magpie Lane, Heath End Road, Flackwell H	HP10 9EA	68
Henley Town	 The Triangle Ground Mill Lane Henley	RG9 4HB	51
Highmoor Ibis	 Palmer Park Stadium Wokingham Road Reading	RG6 1LF	45
Highworth Town	 Elm Recreation Ground, Highworth	SN6 7DD	12
Longlevens	 Saw Mills End, Corinium Avenue, Gloucester	GL4 3DG	42
Lydney Town	 Lydney Recreation Ground, Swan Road, Lydney	GL15 5RU	53
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

Half Time Quiz Answers

Lyric Quiz No 20, 2016-17		Artist and Song	
1		As golden days break wondering Chance as love takes a train Summer breeze and brilliant light Only love she sees He controls on love Love sails to a new life	Simple Minds – Promised You a Miracle
2		And I'm floating in a most peculiar way And the stars look very different today For here Am I sitting in a tin can Far above the world Planet Earth is blue And there's nothing I can do	David Bowie – Space Oddity
3		I take it all You squeeze me dry And now today You couldn't even say goodbye I could take you home On the midnight train again I could make an offer you can't refuse	Status Quo – Whatever You Want
4		Mama was cookin' bread She wore a dirty raggedy scarf around her head Always had her stockings low Rolled to her feet just didn't know She wore a sloppy dress Oh no matter how she tried she always looked a mess	The Supremes – I'm Livin in Shame
5		I feel so unsure As I take your hand and lead you to the dance floor As the music dies, something in your eyes Calls to mind the silver screen And all its sad good-byes	George Michael – Careless Whisper
6		A new Royal Family, a wild nobility, we are the family I feel beneath the white There is a redskin suffering From centuries of taming	Adam & The Ants – Kings of the Wild Frontier
7		He wear no shoeshine He got toe jam football He got monkey finger He shoot Coca Cola He say I know you, you know me One thing I can tell you is You got to be free	Beatles – Come Together
8		No, I can't forget this evening Or your face as you were leaving But I guess that's just the way the story goes You always smile but in your eyes your sorrow shows Yes, it shows	Nilsson – Without You
9		Sailin' away on the crest of a wave It's like magic Rollin' and ridin' and slippin' & slidin' It's magic And you, and your sweet desire, You took me, higher and higher	ELO – Living Thing
10		The minute the band begins to swing it He's on his feet to dig it And dance the night away Stop I'm spinning like a top We'll dance until we drop But if I had my way	Tina Charles – I Love to Love

First Team Player Kit Sponsorship

Player	Shirt	Shorts	Socks
Curtis Meare			
Liam Edmondson		Whole kit sponsored by Arctic Services (01793 848502)	
Allione Diouf		Whole kit sponsored by Mark Smedley	
George Drewitt		Whole kit sponsored by Mark Smedley	
Nathan Hawkins		Whole kit sponsored by Gordon Reeves	
Dan Comer		Whole kit sponsored by Dave & Carol Rowe	
Dale Richards		Whole kit sponsored by Dave & Carol Rowe	
Dan Bailey			
Sam Packer		Whole kit sponsored by Paul & Debbie Comer	
Stephen Olphert			
Steve Yeardley		Whole kit sponsored by Paul & Euan Burke	
Matt Cheetham		Whole kit sponsored by Roger Williamson	
Lewis Thompson			
Henry Spalding			
Scott Walduck		Whole kit sponsored by the Walduck Family	
Steve Robertson		Whole kit sponsored by Arctic Services (01793 848502)	
Adam Corcoran			
Tyler Sheppard			
Kara Gregory		Whole kit sponsored by John & Kath Fellows	

Cost = Shirt only (£25), Shorts (£15) and Socks (£10) and for the whole kit £40 (fixed at 2015-16 prices)
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Match Reports

Bassett suffer another festive thrashing New Gerard Buxton Ground, 26th December 2016

Royal Wootton Bassett Town were no match for an Aysa Corrick-inspired Highworth Town as the lively forward racked up all four of his side's goals in a second successive one-sided Christmas encounter between the two rivals.

Corrick pounced twice either side of half time, and were it not for some heroics in the Bassett goal from Curtis Meare then the score would likely have taken a similar proportion to the Christmas horror experienced at The Elms a year ago. That's not to say that a 4-0 defeat is easy to stomach. For it isn't, particularly when local bragging rights are up for grabs.

For all the good form, Rich Hunter's team had shown in winning their previous four league games, they were brought down to earth with a rather un-festive bang. Bassett were simply outplayed and outthought in all departments, the quality of the squad assembled by Highworth manager Jeff Roberts being all too evident.

That said, the visitors took the lead in rather fortuitous circumstances after an exceptionally hard penalty award went against full back Jamie Richards. Kieron Gleed's low cross from the left-hand side was met with a heavy touch by Aaron Ferris, and the ball squirmed up to strike Richards, who had no time to react, on the hand. Bassett's protests were justified, but, despite the delay before he took his kick, Corrick kept his cool and planted his spot kick firmly down the middle.

Corrick was constantly involved in the action. A minute before breaking the deadlock, he had sliced over after being played through by Ferris. His mazy run across the edge of the box then presented an opening for Gleed who blasted a shot into the stanchion.

His contributions weren't all positive though. Midway through the opening period, a late, some would say slightly cynical, foul on Steve Robertson, who was back to defend a corner, forced Bassett's top scorer off with an injury, thus neutering any attacking threat posed by the hosts. Corrick escaped without a yellow, and soon delivered another blow to Bassett. Racing onto a ball in the right corner, he skipped past Liam Edmondson before arrowing a low strike into the bottom left corner from an acute angle.

His hat-trick could have arrived before half time, but a sprawling Meare parried away his half volley from a Fabian McCarthy cross.

There were yet more Meare heroics to come before the break, this time to thwart Chris Taylor, as the 'keeper pulled off an acrobatic save to divert the midfielder's curling thirty-yard free kick around the post when it appeared destined for the top corner.

The half time interval did appear to offer some respite to a forlorn Bassett, and after for the first ten minutes or so of the second period they did match Highworth. However, that proved to be an exceptional period in an otherwise one-sided matchup. Shortly after the hour, the game was well and truly killed off when Bassett were caught out by a short corner routine, and Corrick scored from distance with a powerful 25-yard drive that flew beyond Meare.

His fourth then arrived with 72 minutes on the clock. McCarthy whipped in a cross from the left, which struck the post, and Corrick was on hand to bundle in from close range.

It took until six minutes from time for Bassett to finally register a shot on target. And even then it only brought out a routine save from an otherwise untested Kent Kauppinen, who comfortably handled Kias Bonner-Shea's twenty yard strike.

Kauppinen's opposite number was still being kept busy though, and he pulled off another outstanding save to prevent Gleed from making it five. Play had been effortlessly switched from Ryan Stanners on the right to a wide open Gleed on the left wing. After advancing on goal, he sought to steer the ball beyond Meare. However, the Bassett stopper had closed the angle sufficiently and was able to parry wide.

Buildbase F.A. Vase



RWBTFC F.A. Vase Record

2001-02	QR2	Calne Town	H	W 3 - 2
	R1	St Blazey	H	L 0 - 2
2002-03	QR2	Shortwood United	A	L 1 - 5
2003-04	QR2	Bemerton Heath Harl's	A	L 1 - 4
2004-05	QR1	Wellington	A	L 0 - 4
2005-06	QR1	Christchurch	H	D 1 - 1
	QR1	Christchurch	A	L 0 - 1
2006-07	QR1	Shrewton United	A	D 1 - 1
	QR1	Shrewton United	H	L 2 - 3
2007-08	QR2	Bournemouth	A	L 0 - 12
2008-09	QR1	Buckingham Athletic	A	W 5 - 3
	QR2	Henley Town	A	W 6 - 0
	R1	Kidlington	H	W 3 - 2
	R2	Wimbourne Town	A	L 0 - 4
2009-10	QR1	Hamble ASSC	H	L 2 - 3
2010-11	QR2	Devizes Town	A	W 4 - 0
	R1	Cadbury Heath	A	L 1 - 2
2011-12	QR1	Shortwood United	A	L 0 - 4
2012-13	QR1	GE Hamble	A	L 0 - 6
2013-14	QR2	Odd Down	A	L 0 - 7
2014-15	QR1	Cove	A	W 3 - 2
	QR2	Abingdon United	H	L 2 - 3
2015-16	QR1	Binfield	H	D 1 - 1
	QR1	Binfield	A	W 4 - 3
	QR2	Windsor FC	A	L 1 - 2
2016-17	QR2	Thame Utd	H	L 2 - 4

THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY FOR WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C. 2015-16










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 Windsor	A		£800
31-Oct-15	First Round Proper	v Croydon	H		£900
21-Nov-15	Second Round Proper	v Hartley Wintney	A		£1,200
12-Dec-15	Third Round Proper	v Colliers Wood United	A		£1,500
9-Jan-16	Fourth Round Proper	v Bradford Town	H		£2,000
30-Jan-16	Fifth Round Proper	v Hereford	H		£2,500
20-Feb-16	Sixth Round Proper	v Camberley Town	H		£4,500
12-Mar-16	Semi-final	v Salisbury	Two legs		£6,000
22-May-16	Final	v Morpeth	Wembley		£25,000
Total Prize Money Won					£600

THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY FOR ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C. 2016-17

Date	Round	Opponents	H/A	Result	Prize Money	
					Winner	Loser
10-Sep-16	First Round Qualifying	v Bye			£450	£150
24-Sep-16	Second Round Qualifying	v Thame United	H		£600	£200
22-Oct-16	First Round Proper	v Walton & Hersham	A		£675	£225
12-Nov-16	Second Round Proper	v Glebe	H		£750	£250
3-Dec-16	Third Round Proper	v Croydon	A		£975	£325
7-Jan-17	Fourth Round Proper	v Team Solent	A		£1,500	£500
28-Jan-17	Fifth Round Proper	v			£1,875	£625
18-Feb-17	Sixth Round Proper	v			£3,375	£1,125
11-Mar-17	Semi-final	v	Two legs		£4,500	£1,500
21-May-17	Final	v	Wembley		£25,000	£17,000
Total Prize Money Won					£200	

Half Time Quiz - Name That Tune

Lyric Quiz No 20, 2016-17

1		As golden days break wondering Chance as love takes a train Summer breeze and brilliant light Only love she sees He controls on love Love sails to a new life
2		And I'm floating in a most peculiar way And the stars look very different today For here Am I sitting in a tin can Far above the world Planet Earth is blue And there's nothing I can do
3		I take it all You squeeze me dry And now today You couldn't even say goodbye I could take you home On the midnight train again I could make an offer you can't refuse
4		Mama was cookin' bread She wore a dirty raggedy scarf around her head Always had her stockings low Rolled to her feet just didn't know She wore a sloppy dress Oh no matter how she tried she always looked a mess
5		I feel so unsure As I take your hand and lead you to the dance floor As the music dies, something in your eyes Calls to mind the silver screen And all its sad good-byes
6		A new Royal Family, a wild nobility, we are the family I feel beneath the white There is a redskin suffering From centuries of taming
7		He wear no shoeshine He got toe jam football He got monkey finger He shoot Coca Cola He say I know you, you know me One thing I can tell you is You got to be free
8		No, I can't forget this evening Or your face as you were leaving But I guess that's just the way the story goes You always smile but in your eyes your sorrow shows Yes, it shows
9		Sailin' away on the crest of a wave It's like magic Rollin' and ridin' and slippin' & slidin' It's magic And you, and your sweet desire, You took me, higher and higher
10		The minute the band begins to swing it He's on his feet to dig it And dance the night away Stop I'm spinning like a top We'll dance until we drop But if I had my way



2008-09 v Buckingham Athletic



2015-16 v Binfield



2012-13 v GE Hamble

Fixtures, Results and Tables Season 2016-17 Uhsport Hellenic League Premier Division

Ladies Section In Focus

Gloucestershire County Womens League Season 2016-17 Division One Fixtures

Date	Opponents	H/A	Competition	Result	Scorers
11-Sep-16	Bristol & West Ladies	H	GCWFL	D 1 - 1	Jefferies
18-Sep-16	AEK Boco	A	FA Cup	L 1 - 3	Coe (AET)
2-Oct-16	Cotswold Rangers	A	GPM Cup	W 20 - 0	Gammon 5, Gulliver 3, Coe 2, Egerton 2, Wood 2, Costello, Curtis, Dent, Huckin, Jefferies, OG
9-Oct-16	Longwell Green Sports	A	GPM Cup	W 9 - 0	Gammon 4, Coe 2, Edwards, Egerton, Wood
23-Oct-16	FC Chippenham	H	Wilts Cup	L 1 - 2	Holland
30-Oct-16	Longlevens Womens	A	GCWFL	W 4 - 0	Gammon 2, Wood, Everton
6-Nov-16	St Nicholas Reserves	H	GCWFL	L 1 - 6	Holland
20-Nov-16	Dursley Town Ladies	A	GCWFL	W 4 - 0	Holland 2, Coe 2
27-Nov-16	Forest of Dean Ladies	A	GCWFL	W 5 - 1	Huckin 2, Gammon, Coe, Baker
4-Dec-16	AEK Boco Development	A	GCWFL	W 7 - 0	Huckin 3, Coe 2, Gammon, Gulliver
11-Dec-16	AEK Boco Development	H	GPM Cup	Won - game awarded to RWBTFC	
18-Dec-16	Almondsbury UWE	H	GCWFL	W 3 - 2	Huckin 3
8-Jan-17	Bristol & West Ladies	A	GCWFL		
15-Jan-17	Bristol Ladies Union	H	GCWFL		
22-Jan-17	Cirencester Town Ladies	A	GCWFL		
29-Jan-17	Dursley Town Ladies	H	GCWFL		
12-Feb-17	Longlevens Womens	H	GCWFL		
19-Feb-17	St Nicholas Reserves	A	GCWFL		
5-Mar-17	Abbeymead Rovers	H	GCWFL		
12-Mar-17	Almondsbury UWE	A	GCWFL		
19-Mar-17	Cirencester Town Ladies	H	GCWFL		
26-Mar-17	Abbeymead Rovers	A	GCWFL		
9-Apr-17	Bristol Ladies Union	A	GCWFL		
16-Apr-16	Forest of Dean Ladies	H	GCWFL		
TBA	AEK Boco Development	H	GCWFL		
TBA	Forest of Dean Ladies	A	GPM Cup SF		

Gloucestershire County Womens League Season 2016-17 Division One League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 St Nicholas Ladies Reserves	10	9	1	0	58	10	28
2 Forest of Dean Ladies	10	6	1	3	25	17	19
3 Almondsbury UWE	10	5	2	3	25	17	17
4 AEK Boco Development	9	5	2	2	25	24	17
5 Royal Wootton Bassett Ladies	7	5	1	1	25	10	16
6 Longlevens Womens FC	10	4	1	5	19	26	13
7 Bristol & West Ladies	9	2	4	3	22	18	10
8 Dursley Town Ladies	10	2	3	5	21	38	9
9 Abbeymead Rovers	8	1	2	5	16	31	5
10 Bristol Ladies Union	6	0	3	3	3	10	3
11 Cirencester Town Ladies	9	0	0	9	8	46	0

2016-2017 Season

UHSport Hellenic League Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Thame United	22	16	4	2	80	31	52
2 Bracknell Town	21	16	2	3	74	24	50
3 Flackwell Heath	23	15	3	5	60	26	48
4 Thatcham Town	23	14	3	6	67	37	45
5 Highworth Town	23	14	3	6	59	38	45
6 Ardley United	22	11	4	7	51	39	37
7 Binfield	24	11	3	10	43	35	36
8 Tuffley Rovers	22	10	4	8	40	36	34
9 Royal Wootton Bassett	22	11	2	9	45	38	32
10 Brimscombe & Thrupp	19	9	3	7	35	29	30
11 Lydney Town	20	9	2	9	37	40	29
12 Longlevens AFC	23	8	3	12	46	49	27
13 Ascot United	24	7	3	14	41	56	24
14 Highmoor-Ibis	19	6	3	10	30	43	21
15 Brackley Town Saints	20	5	2	13	22	63	17
16 Oxford City Nomads	22	3	5	14	26	54	14
17 Henley Town	22	3	3	16	28	69	12
18 Burnham	23	3	0	20	25	102	9

3 points deducted for playing ineligible player

Ladies Section In Focus

Gloucestershire Womens League - Gordon Perrett Memorial Cup SEASON 2016-17

First Round			
Abbeymead Rovers	1	-	0 Bristol Ladies Union
Bourton Rovers Ladies	1	-	13 Longwell Green Ladies
Bradley Stoke Ladies	W	-	L Port of Bristol Ladies
Chipping Sodbury Town	5	-	1 Mitcheldean Ladies
Cotswold Rangers	0	-	20 Royal Wootton Bassett Town
Longlevens (4-3 on pens)	3	-	3 Frampton Rangers Ladies
AEK Boco Development	Bye		
Almondsbury UWE	Bye		
Bishops Cleeve	Bye		
Bristol & West Ladies	Bye		
Cheltenham Spa CS Ladies	Bye		
Cirencester Town Ladies	Bye		
Dursley Town Ladies	Bye		
Forest of Dean Lafies	Bye		
St Nicholas Ladies Res	Bye		
Stoke Lane Ladies	Bye		

Second Round			
Forest of Dean Ladies	W	-	L Cheltenham Spa CS Ladies
Cirencester Town Ladies	6	-	0 Bishops Cleeve
Longwell Green Ladies	0	-	9 Royal Wootton Bassett Town
Stoke Lane Ladies	1	-	8 AEK Boco Development
St Nicholas Ladies Res	8	-	2 Bristol & West Ladies
Longlevens	2	-	0 Dursley Town Ladies
Abbeymead Rovers	2	-	2 Almondsbury UWE (4-5 pens)
Bradley Stoke Ladies	0	-	10 Chipping Sodbury Town

Quarter Finals			
Forest of Dean Ladies	W	-	L Cirencester Town Ladies
Royal Wootton Bassett Town	W	-	L AEK Boco Development
St Nicholas Ladies Res	3	-	0 Longlevens
Almondsbury UWE	1	-	0 Chipping Sodbury Town

Semi Finals			
Forest of Dean Ladies	v		Royal Wootton Bassett Town
St Nicholas Ladies Res	v		Almondsbury UWE

Final			
	v		

Premier Division Statistics

UHlsport Hellenic League Premier Division Top Goalscorers (all games) Season 2016-17

		Goals	Apps	Strike-Rate
1	Andrew Gledhill	31	22	140.9%
2	Adam Cornell	29	30	96.7%
3	Lynton Goss	28	25	112.0%
4	Aysa Corrick	25	29	86.2%
5	TJ Bohane	23	23	100.0%
6	Liam Ferdinand	23	25	92.0%
7	Shane Cooper-Clark	22	23	95.7%
8	Stephen Robertson	22	24	91.7%
9	Asley Edenborough	20	20	100.0%
10	Shaun O'Connor	19	22	86.4%
11	Bradley Martin	17	27	63.0%
12	Oliver Pitt	17	31	54.8%
13	James Tennant	16	26	61.5%
14	Declan Morley_Lyne	16	27	59.3%
15	Daniel West	16	27	59.3%
36	Dale Richards	7	24	29.2%
52	Alione Diouf	5	15	33.3%
52	Henry Spalding	5	15	33.3%
52	Dan Bailey	5	28	17.9%
65	Lewis Thompson	4	13	30.8%
65	Steve Yeardeley	4	24	16.7%

2015-2016 Season

UHLSPORT Hellenic League

Most Prolific Goalscorers

	Goals scored per game
1	Thame United 3.64
2	Bracknell Town 3.52
3	Thatcham Town 2.91
4	Flackwell Heath 2.61
5	Highworth Town 2.57
6	Ardley United 2.32
7	Royal Wootton Bassett 2.05
8	Longlevens AFC 2.00
9	Lydney Town 1.85
10	Brimscombe & Thrupp 1.84
11	Tuffley Rovers 1.82
12	Binfield 1.79
13	Ascot United 1.71
14	Highmoor-Ibis 1.58
15	Henley Town 1.27
16	Oxford City Nomads 1.18
17	Brackley Town Saints 1.10
18	Burnham 1.09

Meanest Defences

	Goals conceded per game
1	Flackwell Heath 1.13
2	Bracknell Town 1.14
3	Thame United 1.41
4	Binfield 1.46
5	Brimscombe & Thrupp 1.53
6	Thatcham Town 1.61
7	Tuffley Rovers 1.64
8	Highworth Town 1.65
9	Royal Wootton Bassett 1.73
10	Ardley United 1.77
11	Lydney Town 2.00
12	Longlevens AFC 2.13
13	Highmoor-Ibis 2.26
14	Ascot United 2.33
15	Oxford City Nomads 2.45
16	Henley Town 3.14
17	Brackley Town Saints 3.15
18	Burnham 4.43

Division One West & East

Reserves In Focus

2016-2017 Season

UHLSPORT Hellenic League Division One West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Hook Norton	16	14	0	2	49	19	42
2 Fairford Town	14	11	1	2	73	9	34
3 Cirencester Town Dev'	19	10	3	6	53	32	33
4 Abingdon United	14	10	0	4	41	16	30
5 Easington Sports	15	9	3	3	38	17	30
6 Purton	18	8	5	5	38	30	29
7 Clanfield 85'	16	6	4	6	28	20	22
8 Shrivenham	13	7	1	5	23	18	22
9 Milton United	16	6	3	7	40	30	21
10 Shortwood United Res'	15	6	3	6	32	24	21
11 North Leigh	16	6	3	7	34	41	21
12 Letcombe	15	5	2	8	25	33	17
13 Cheltenham Saracens	19	3	3	13	17	115	12
14 New College Swindon	13	3	2	8	18	37	11
15 Tytherington Rocks	17	1	5	11	11	34	8
16 Woodstock Town	16	1	2	13	13	58	5

2016-2017 Season

UHLSPORT Hellenic League Division One East

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Penn & Tylers Green	15	11	3	1	55	13	36
2 Woodley United	12	10	0	2	25	10	30
3 AFC Aldermaston	17	9	0	8	39	31	27
4 Chalfont Wasps	16	7	4	5	27	24	25
5 Headington Amateur's	11	8	0	3	38	18	24
6 Finchampstead	16	8	0	8	28	26	24
7 Bicester Town	14	7	2	5	26	21	23
8 Rayners Lane	16	7	2	7	26	30	23
9 Chinnor	13	5	3	5	17	25	18
10 Didcot Town Res'	13	5	2	6	31	28	17
11 Sandhurst Town	12	5	2	5	20	21	17
12 Wokingham & Emmb'k	16	4	4	8	27	33	16
13 Holyport	13	3	0	10	25	34	9
14 Wantage Town Res'	16	0	0	16	14	84	0

Division One West

Games over the Christmas period are renowned for a few shocks and it was no different on Boxing Day in Division One West. Second in the table Fairford Town travelled to lowly Letcombe no doubt fully expecting to gain all three points but were surprised by the home side who secured all three points courtesy of a solitary strike from Gavin Jones in the second half. This defeat coupled with a 3-0 away win for leaders Hook Norton away at Easington Sports opened up an eight point gap at the top of the table although Fairford do still have two games in hand. Third placed Cirencester Town Development drew 1-1 away at rejuvenated Cheltenham Saracens. There were further Boxing Day shocks as fourth placed Abingdon United lost 2-1 away at Milton United and Purton lost 4-0 at home to struggling New College Swindon. Shortwood United Reserves were comfortable 6-1 home winners over Tytherington Rocks whilst North Leigh and Clanfield shared the points after a 1-1 draw.

New Year's Eve sees Fairford Town travel to near neighbours Purton looking to bounce straight back after their surprise Boxing Day defeat.

Division One East

As in the West there was also a shock in the East as second placed Woodley United lost for only the second time this season at home to mid-table Didcot Town Reserves. The 3-1 defeat brought to an end a five game unbeaten run. In the end the damage was not as bad as it could have been as league leaders Penn & Tylers Green also dropped points, drawing 1-1 away at Chalfont Wasps to open up a six point gap at the top. However, Woodley United have three games in hand and must be confident of closing the gap despite the loss on Boxing Day. Rayners Lane had a useful 3-0 away win at Chinnor, whilst Finchampstead were 2-1 home winners over Wokingham & Emmbrook. Sandhurst Town won 2-1 at home to Holyport to move above Wokingham & Emmbrook in the table. Wantage Town reserves still remain without a point after their sixteenth league fixture, the latest defeat being at the hands of AFC Aldermaston who hit four without reply to move into third place in the table.

The big game on New Year's Eve sees Woodley United travel to leaders Penn & Tylers Green.

WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

SEASON 2016-17 RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES - WILTSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE

Date	Opponents	H/A	Comp	Result	Scorers
Sat	20-Aug-16 Corsham Town Res	A	League	D 0 - 0	
Tue	23-Aug-16 Cricklade Town	A	League	L 3 - 4	Terry 3
Sat	27-Aug-16 Pewsey Vale Devel't	A	League	W 3 - 0	Clark 3
Tue	30-Aug-16 Beversbrook	H	League	D 4 - 4	Labeija, Terry, Sinclair, Wernham
Sat	03-Sep-16 Devizes Town Res	A	League	D 3 - 3	Shepherd 2, Labeija
Sat	10-Sep-16 Bromham	H	League	W 4 - 0	Tidy 2, Clark, Labeija
Wed	14-Sep-16 Wilts Calne Town	H	League	W 3 - 1	Sinclair, Terry, Large
Sat	17-Sep-16 Shrewton United	A	League	L 0 - 1	
Wed	21-Sep-16 Malmesbury Vics Dev	A	League	W 6 - 2	Matthews 2, Walduck 2, Labetta, Murphy
Sat	24-Sep-16 Ludgershall Sports	A	League	D 0 - 0	
Sat	01-Oct-16 Trowbridge Town	A	League	D 2 - 2	Groom, Matthews
Wed	05-Oct-16 Cricklade Town	H	League	W 3 - 2	Terry 2, Labetta
Sat	15-Oct-16 Wroughton	A	League	L 1 - 7	Clark
Sat	22-Oct-16 Shrewton United	H	League	L 2 - 3	Shepherd, Tidy
Sat	29-Oct-16 Marlborough Town	H	League	L 0 - 2	
Sat	05-Nov-16 Beversbrook	A	League	W 3 - 2	Covey, Guppy, Walduck
Sat	12-Nov-16 Melksham Town Res	H	League	L 2 - 4	Terry 2
Sat	19-Nov-16 Bromham	A	League	L 2 - 6	Shepherd, Tidy
Sat	26-Nov-16 Marlborough Town	A	League	D 2 - 2	Walduck, Wernham
Sat	03-Dec-16 Pewsey Vale Devel't	H	League	W 5 - 1	Sanderson 2, Shepherd 2, Bolton
Sat	17-Dec-16 Corsham Town Res	H	League	L 2 - 7	Thomas 2
Sat	07-Jan-17 Ludgershall Sports	H	League		
Sat	14-Jan-17 Devizes Town Res	H	League		
Sat	21-Jan-17 Malmesbury Vics Dev	H	League		
Wed	25-Jan-17 Melksham Town Res	A	League		
	Devizes Town Res	H	Cup		
	Trowbridge Town	H	League		
	Wilts Calne Town	A	League		
	Wroughton	H	League		

Wiltshire County Football League

Premier Division Season 2016-17

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 Wroughton FC	16	14	1	1	55	17	43
2 Shrewton Utd FC	17	13	2	2	67	22	41
3 Cricklade Town FC	19	13	1	5	79	41	40
4 Marlborough Town FC	19	13	1	5	66	34	40
5 Melksham Town FC Res	18	12	3	3	60	34	39
6 Ludgershall Sports FC	16	8	4	4	41	34	28
7 Royal Wootton Bassett Town FC Res	21	7	6	8	50	53	27
8 Trowbridge Town FC	14	6	3	5	28	28	21
9 Wilts Calne Town FC	17	6	3	8	41	42	21
10 Corsham Town FC Res	16	6	3	7	29	33	21
11 Bromham FC	15	4	3	8	22	50	15
12 Malmesbury Victoria FC Development	18	4	2	12	34	71	14
13 Beversbrook FC	16	4	1	11	42	60	13
14 Devizes Town FC Res	16	2	1	13	28	50	7
15 Pewsey Vale FC Development	20	0	0	20	22	95	0



Local football as reported by the

Swindon Advertiser

Cricklade Town regain their poise with Vale victory

CRICKLADE Town overcame a stuttering first half display to return to winning ways in the Wiltshire Senior League Premier Division last weekend.

Luke Alford's side suffered a 3-2 defeat at the hands of title rivals Wroughton last weekend and despite a Ben Carter hat-trick, they led by just a single goal halfway into their trip to struggling Pewsey Vale Development, who have lost every one of their games so far this season.

However, Cricklade finished off the job emphatically, with Carter notching again to take his tally for the afternoon to four while Gio Wrona's hat-trick and Bradley Clark's effort rounded off an 8-2 triumph.

"We were 3-2 up at half-time on Saturday and we'd given away two sloppy goals, which is something that we've done a bit too much recently," said Cricklade manager Alford.

"We've got Ben Carter up front and we weren't playing to his strengths, so we got them in at half-time and told the lads that we needed to do things a bit differently.

"It was just about changing the tactics a little bit and the second half was a walkover.

"We just lost to Wroughton and we think they'll probably go on and win the league but we'll keep going and see what we can do.

"They've been together for a little while whereas it's our first season and we've not done too badly at all."

Elsewhere, Wroughton moved two points clear at the top of the table with a 3-1 victory at Malmesbury Victoria Development – their ninth win on the spin.

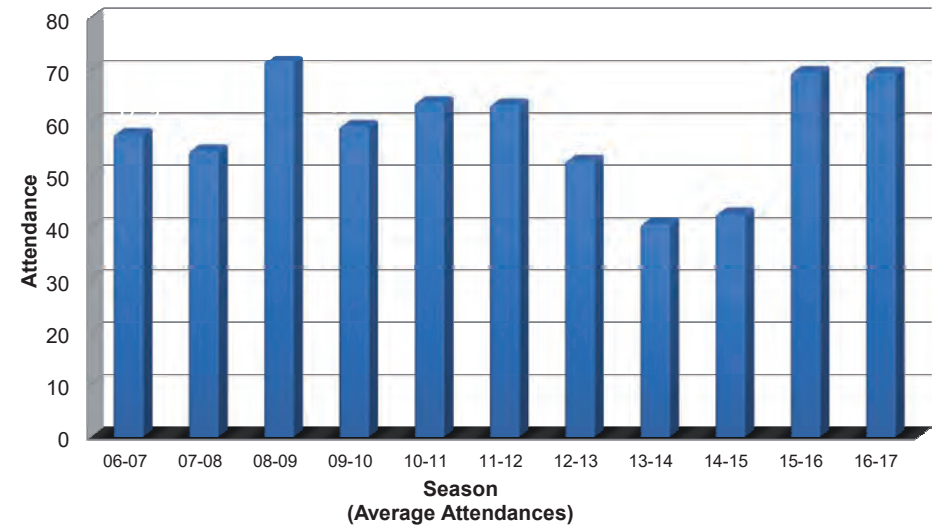
Marlborough Town have dropped down to fourth in the table after they suffered a heavy 5-2 defeat at Ludgershall Sports while Corsham Town Reserves put seven goals past Royal Wootton Bassett Town Reserves.

A brace from Bassett's Ryan Thomas cancelled out Adam Mitchell's effort in the first period but the Corsham man went on to complete his hat-trick in the second period, notching once from the penalty spot, with Aaron Masson and Josh Bright also weighing in with braces as the visitors ran out 7-2 winners.

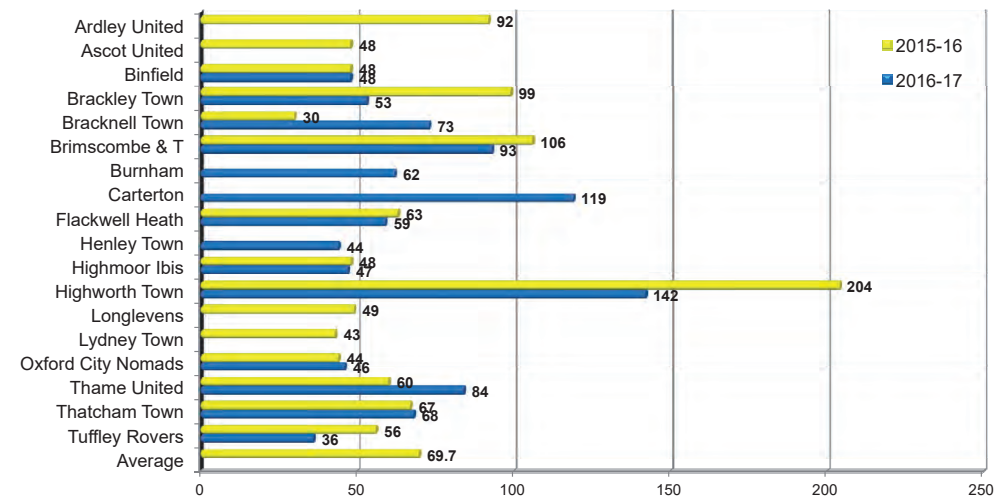
Trowbridge Town were hammered 7-0 at Shrewton United but there was better news for Wilts Calne Town, who won 4-1 down the road at Beversbrook, Nathan Davis scoring twice from the spot while Eddie Summers and Rory Davis also netted.

Devizes Town Reserves claimed only their second victory of the season with a 2-0 win over Bromham.

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



WBTFC Attendances - Season 2016-17 (and comparison to 2015-16)



RWBTFC Hellenic League Record

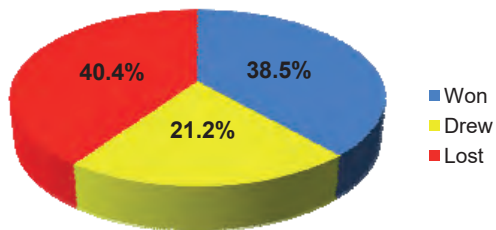
WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C. 28 YEARS IN THE HELLENIC LEAGUE

22nd	21st	20th	19th	18th	17th	16th	15th	14th	13th	12th	11th	10th	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th	3rd	2nd	1st	
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 Yeardley	Mark Vaughan 14											
2002/03	P	40	10	10	20	36	70	40	15 out of 21	Pete Yeardley	Geoff Swatton 9											
2003/04	P	42	11	5	26	38	73	38	16 out of 22	Pete Yeardley	Geoff Swatton 16											
2004/05	P	42	6	9	27	30	85	27	21 out of 22	Pete Yeardley /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 Yeardley 11											
2007/08	1W	34	11	3	20	43	66	36	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	69	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	38	12	5	21	50	86	41	15 out of 20	Paul Braithwaite	Steve Robertson 30											
2016/17	P	22	11	2	9	45	38	29	9 out of 19	P.Braithwaite/R.Hunter	Steve Robertson 20											
Total		988	380	209	399	1,540	1,620	1,343														
Won:Drew:Lost Ratio			38.5%	21.2%	40.4%					Division 1	Premier Division											

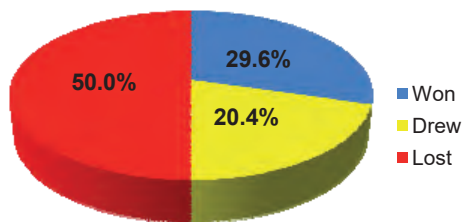
Division	Games	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst	Pts	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	29.6%	20.4%	50.0%
Premier Division	382	113	78	191	473	714	411	29.6%	20.4%	50.0%	
Division 1 West	226	116	44	66	444	310	392	51.3%	19.5%	29.2%	
Division 1	380	151	87	142	623	596	540	39.7%	22.9%	37.4%	

Nickname	Bassett
Record Gate	2,103 v Swindon Town (1991)
Best Gate - 2015/16	204 v Highworth Town
Average Hellenic Attendance 2015/16	69.7 (14/15 = 42.8)
Top Scorer - 2015/16	Steve Robertson - 30 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)



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THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY FOR WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C. 2015-16

Date	Round	Opponents	H/A	Result	Prize Money
15-Aug-15	Extra Preliminary Round	v Bracknell Town	H	L 0-2	£1,500
29-Aug-15	Preliminary Round	v Brimscombe & Thrupp	A		£1,925
12-Sep-15	First Qualifying Round	v Shortwood United	A		£3,000
26-Sep-15	Second Qualifying Round	v Oxford City	A		£4,500
14-Oct-15	Third Qualifying Round	v Bogner Regis Town	A		£7,500
24-Oct-15	Fourth Qualifying Round	v Wealdstone Town	A		£12,500
7-Nov-15	First Round	v Colchester United	H		£18,000
5-Dec-15	Second Round	v Altrincham	H		£27,000
9-Jan-16	Third Round	v Charlton Athletic	H		£67,500
30-Jan-16	Fourth Round	v Tottenham	H		£90,000
20-Feb-16	Fifth Round	v Crystal Palace	H		£180,000
12-Mar-16	Sixth Round	v Reading	A		£360,000
23-Apr-16	Semi-Final	v Watford	Wembley		£900,000
21-May-16	Final	v Manchester United	Wembley		£1,800,000
				Total Prize Money Won	£NII



THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY FOR ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C. 2016-17

Date	Round	Opponents	H/A	Result	Prize Money
6-Aug-16	Extra Preliminary Round	v Andover Town	A	L 2-5	£1,500
20-Aug-16	Preliminary Round	v Spelthorne Sports	A		£1,925
3-Sep-16	First Qualifying Round	v Farnborough	H		£3,000
17-Sep-16	Second Qualifying Round	v Swindon Supermarine	A		£4,500
1-Oct-16	Third Qualifying Round	v Welling United	A		£7,500
15-Oct-16	Fourth Qualifying Round	v Whitehawk	H		£12,500
5-Nov-16	First Round	v Stourbridge	H		£18,000
3-Dec-16	Second Round	v Northampton	H		£27,000
7-Jan-17	Third Round	v Wycombe	A		£67,500
28-Jan-17	Fourth Round				£90,000
18-Feb-17	Fifth Round				£180,000
11-Mar-17	Sixth Round				£360,000
22-Apr-17	Semi-Final		Wembley		£900,000
	Final		Wembley		£1,800,000
				Total Prize Money Won	£NII

RWBTFC F.A. Cup Record

1938-39	Pr	Wiltshire Mental Hospital	A	L 0-6
1939-40	Pr	Frome Town (War)	A	P - P
1946-47	EPr	Dilton Rovers	H	W 5-1
	Pr	Swindon GWR Corinthians	A	L 1-5
1947-48	EPr	Pewsey Vale	H	L 0-2
1948-49	EPr	Swindon BR Corinthians	A	L 3-6
1949-50	EPr	Warminster Town	H	L 4-5
1950-51	EPr	Spencer Moulton	H	W 2-1
	Pr	Devizes Town	A	L 0-4
2004-05	Pr	Exmouth	A	L 2-3
2007-08	EPr	Highworth Town	A	D 0-0
	EPr	Highworth Town	H	W 2-1
	Pr	Bracknell Town	H	W 2-1
	QR1	Brockenhurst	A	D 1-1
	QR1	Brockenhurst	H	L 1-5
2008-09	EPr	Flackwell Heath	A	D 1-1
	EPr	Flackwell Heath	H	L 1-6
2009-10	EPr	Westbury United	H	D 2-2
	EPr	Westbury United	A	W 3-2
	Pr	Brockenhurst	H	L 0-1
2010-11	EPr	Bradford Town	A	D 1-1
	EPr	Bradford Town (W4-3 pens)	H	D 3-3
	Pr	Almondsbury UWE	A	W 1-0
	QR1	Hamble ASSC	A	D 1-1
	QR1	Hamble ASSC	H	L 0-2
2011-12	EPr	Radstock Town	A	L 1-2
2012-13	EPr	Calne Town	H	W 4-2
	Pr	Hamworthy United	H	W 1-0
	QR1	Highworth Town	H	W 3-1
	QR2	Dorchester Town	A	L 0-4
2013-14	EPr	Totton & Eling	H	L 0-2
2014-15	EPr	Brockenhurst	A	W 3-0
	Pr	Bradford Town	A	L 1-2
2015-16	EPr	Bracknell Town	H	L 0-2
2016-17	EPr	Andover Town	A	L 2-5

RWBTFC Hellenic League Record

Wootton Bassett Town - Head to Head in Hellenic League Fixtures

	Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Against	Points	Ratio
North Leigh Reserves	4	4	0	0	16	6	12	3.00
Worcester College OB	4	4	0	0	11	2	12	3.00
The Herd	4	4	0	0	11	3	12	3.00
Middle Barton	2	2	0	0	5	2	6	3.00
Burnham	1	1	0	0	5	1	3	3.00
Watlington Town	4	3	1	0	11	4	10	2.50
Newbury	4	3	1	0	9	4	10	2.50
Wokingham & Emmb'rk	4	3	1	0	6	3	10	2.50
Shrivenham	6	4	2	0	11	5	14	2.33
Abingdon Town	4	3	0	1	12	4	9	2.25
Launton Sports	4	3	0	1	11	3	9	2.25
Banbury United Reserves	4	3	0	1	14	7	9	2.25
New College Swindon	4	3	0	1	13	8	9	2.25
Yarnton	14	10	1	3	32	15	31	2.21
Bicester Town	10	7	0	3	16	9	21	2.10
Letcombe	26	16	5	5	45	30	53	2.04
Cianfield	38	23	8	7	81	38	77	2.03
Ross Town	12	7	3	2	26	9	24	2.00
Brackley Saints	4	2	2	0	8	3	8	2.00
Brimcombe & Thrupp	12	7	2	3	17	11	23	1.92
Winterbourne United	12	7	2	3	25	23	23	1.92
Cirencester United	30	16	9	5	70	35	57	1.90
Easington Sports	36	20	8	8	79	42	68	1.89
Almondsbury Town	10	5	3	2	12	9	18	1.80
Tytherington Rocks	14	8	1	5	21	18	25	1.79
Headington Amateurs	24	12	6	6	53	35	42	1.75
Holyport	4	2	1	1	10	4	7	1.75
Harrow Hill	10	5	2	3	11	10	17	1.70
Gloucester United	6	3	1	2	9	8	10	1.67
Cheltenham Saracens	42	20	8	14	62	63	68	1.62
Oxford City Nomads	13	6	2	5	27	21	20	1.54
Hook Norton	12	5	3	4	16	14	18	1.50
Thatcham Town	6	3	0	3	8	9	9	1.50
Swindon Supermarine	6	3	0	3	6	5	9	1.50
Rayners Lane	4	2	0	2	5	5	6	1.50
Cirencester Town Dev	2	1	0	1	2	1	3	1.50
Forest Green Rov Res	2	1	0	1	5	3	3	1.50
Purton	38	15	10	13	54	48	55	1.45
Malmesbury Victoria	12	4	5	3	18	14	17	1.42
Henley Town	10	4	2	4	13	9	14	1.40
Lambourn Sports	16	6	4	6	25	24	22	1.38
Cricklade Town	14	5	3	6	21	20	18	1.29
Bishops Cleeve	24	8	6	10	39	48	30	1.25
Carterton Town	24	8	6	10	35	37	30	1.25
Trowbridge Town	12	4	3	5	33	22	15	1.25
Viking Sports	4	1	2	1	5	3	5	1.25
Chipping Norton Town	14	4	5	5	20	22	17	1.21
Pegasus Juniors	22	7	5	10	32	42	26	1.18
Reading Town	6	2	1	3	13	13	7	1.17
Abingdon United	16	4	6	6	21	28	18	1.13
Highworth Town	32	11	2	19	40	66	35	1.09
Shortwood United	12	4	1	7	17	24	13	1.08
Old Woodstock Town	14	4	3	7	23	23	15	1.07
Kidlington	32	9	7	16	45	64	34	1.06
Milton United	20	5	5	10	26	48	20	1.00
Didcot Town	14	4	2	8	17	30	14	1.00
Cirencester Town	6	1	3	2	7	8	6	1.00
Cheltenham Town Res	4	1	1	2	6	8	4	1.00
Longlevens	3	1	0	2	6	5	3	1.00
Tuffey Rovers	18	3	8	7	23	34	17	0.94
Fairford Town	14	3	4	7	12	27	13	0.93
Wallingford Town	12	3	2	7	17	28	11	0.92
Ascot United	8	2	1	5	11	17	7	0.88
Lydney Town	13	3	2	8	21	23	11	0.85
Yate Town	6	1	2	3	6	12	5	0.83
Pewsey Vale	14	2	5	7	16	22	11	0.79
Thame United	9	1	4	4	10	17	7	0.78
Ardley United	25	4	7	14	27	53	19	0.76
Witney United	4	1	0	3	5	8	3	0.75
Hungerford Town	4	1	0	3	5	13	3	0.75
Highmoor Ibis	7	1	2	4	8	21	5	0.71
Wantage Town	18	4	0	14	18	43	12	0.67
Flackwell Heath	9	1	3	5	7	24	6	0.67
North Leigh	16	2	4	10	10	37	10	0.63
Hallen	8	0	5	3	9	18	5	0.63
Bracknell Town	9	1	2	6	6	26	5	0.56
Brackley Town	8	1	1	6	8	21	4	0.50
Cirencester Academy	6	1	0	5	6	14	3	0.50
Almondsbury Picksons	2	0	1	1	2	3	1	0.50
Binfield	9	1	1	7	7	26	4	0.44
Simbridge	8	1	0	7	4	17	3	0.38
Southall Town	6	0	1	5	2	16	1	0.17
Endsleigh	2	0	0	2	2	5	0	0.00
Hardwicke	2	0	0	2	0	3	0	0.00
Wollen Sports	2	0	0	2	1	6	0	0.00
Cinderford Town	2	0	0	2	0	6	0	0.00
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Local football as reported by the

Swindon Advertiser

Royal Wootton Bassett and Highworth Town gear up for derby showdown



ALL eyes will turn to the Gerard Buxton Sports Ground as Royal Wootton Bassett Town welcome local rivals Highworth Town on Boxing Day.

The two Hellenic League Premier Division sides are currently separated by 10 points, with Rich Hunter's Bassett in eighth, while Jeff Roberts' Worthians are fifth.

The home team will go into this festive derby clash well-rested as their last game was a 2-0 win over Lydney Town in the Hellenic Floodlit Cup on December 14.

Meanwhile, Roberts' side were last in action on Tuesday night as they bowed out of the Floodlit Cup following a 2-0 defeat at Bicester Town.

Hunter, whose first game in charge of Bassett was in a 3-3 draw against Highworth on August Bank Holiday Monday, believes the rest for his players could be both a blessing and a curse.

"The players will certainly be fully rested. The break has given a few niggles an extra couple of days to recover," said Hunter. "The lack of competitive football means the sharpness goes, but the fitness should still be there.

"No matter how much training you do, you can never recreate the competitive situation you get in matches.

"We'll just take it as any other league game. The players know the importance of Highworth as a local derby.

"They've had a good run of things recently but so have we, so we're both going into the game high in form and full of confidence.

"We see it as a winnable game but we know we need to be at our best to win it."

Highworth manager Roberts was slightly more confident ahead of the fixture, which could see his side move up to third if results go in their favour.

"Between Highworth and Bassett, it has always been quite competitive. We look to win every game," he said.

"We are both on good runs. The playing surface there will suit us a lot better with the squad we have got.

"We have been playing really well. We are shutting sides down and playing quickly, so we are looking very lively.

"It has come at a good time. The work-rate is far superior, especially off of the ball which is good.

"I think they'll be more worried about us than we are about them."

Final Score: Royal Wootton Bassett Town 0 Highworth Town 4 (see elsewhere for match report).

HELLENIC LEAGUE FLOODLIT CUP SPONSORED BY PERPETUA PRINT SEASON 2016-17

First Round		
Abingdon United	1 - 2	Fairford Town
AFC Aldermaston	0 - 3	Clanfield' 85
Didcot Town Res	0 - 2	Hook Norton
North Leigh	2 - 1	Milton United
Rayners Lane	2 - 0	New College Swindon
Sandhurst Town (awarded)	2 - 3	Woodley United
Shrivenham	1 - 1	Cirencester Town Dev (3-4 pens)
Wantage Town Res	1 - 0	Tytherington Rocks

Second Round		
Ardley United	4 - 2	Binfield
Ascot United	1 - 0	Thame United
Bicester Town	1 - 0	Longlevens
Burnham	0 - 2	Bracknell Town
Chinnor	0 - 2	Brimscombe & Thrupp
Henley Town	3 - 3	North Leigh
Holyport	0 - 6	Fairford Town
Hook Norton	3 - 2	Clanfield 85
Oxford City Nomads	2 - 1	Brackley Town Saints
Rayners Lane	0 - 2	Flackwell Heath
Tuffley Rovers	0 - 3	Thatcham Town
Wantage Town Res	2 - 7	Highmoor Ibis
Cirencester Town Development	2 - 3	Lydney Town
Royal Wootton Bassett Town	5 - 1	Sandhurst Town
Shortwood United Res	1 - 3	Highworth Town
Cheltenham Saracens	1 - 7	Kidlington Res

Third Round		
Bracknell Town	3 - 1	Hook Norton
Ascot United	0 - 1	Brimscombe & Thrupp
Fairford Town	2 - 1	Henley Town
Royal Wootton Bassett Town	2 - 0	Lydney Town
Kidlington Reserves	0 - 4	Oxford City Nomads
Bicester Town	2 - 0	Highworth Town
Thatcham Town	0 - 3	Flackwell Heath
Ardley United	4 - 1	Highmoor Ibis

Quarter Finals		
Ardley United	v	Bracknell Town
Bicester Town	v	Royal Wootton Bassett Town
Brimscombe & Thrupp	v	Oxford City Nomads
Fairford Town	v	Flackwell Heath

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Football Pyramid 2016-17

Step	League/Division					
1	National League (24 clubs) (Vanarama National)					
	Promoted to League Two of The Football League: <i>Champion and winner of 2nd-5th playoff.</i> Relegated to either National League North or National League South: <i>4 clubs.</i>					
2	National League North (22 clubs) (Vanarama National North)			National League South (22 clubs) (Vanarama National South)		
	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) (Evo-stick League) Premier Division		Southern League (24 clubs) (Evo-stick League) Premier Division		Isthmian League (24 clubs) (Ryman League) 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 (Evo-stick League) Division One North	Northern Premier League (Evo-stick League) Division One South	Southern Football League (Evo-stick League) Division One Central	Southern Football League (Evo-stick League) Division One South & West	Isthmian League (Ryman League) Division One South	Isthmian League (Ryman League) 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 Hellenic League Premier Division 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 Hellenic League - Division One East Hellenic League - Division One West 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					

Bluefin Hellenic Challenge Cup

HELLENIC LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP SPONSORED BY BLUEFIN SEASON 2016-17

First Round		
Abingdon United	1 - 3	Ardley United
Aston Clinton	1 - 7	Didcot Town
Bicester Town	1 - 5	North Leigh
Bourton Rovers	2 - 0	Letcombe
Brackley Town Saints	4 - 0	Woodstock Town
Burnham	2 - 5	Bracknell Town
Chafont Wasps	1 - 1	Wantage Town
Chalvey Sports	4 - 1	Kidlington
Chinnor (6-4 pens)	0 - 0	Shortwood United
Cirencester Town	2 - 3	Sandhurst Town
Clanfield	2 - 3	New College Swindon
Fairford Town	1 - 2	Highworth Town
Faringdon Town	0 - 4	Thame United
Headington Amateurs	2 - 1	Finchampstead
Highmoor Ibis (5-4 pens)	1 - 1	Penn & Tylers Green
Holyport	6 - 0	Cheltenham Saracens
Hook Norton	2 - 4	Rayners Lane
Longlevens	10 - 2	Stokenchurch
Lynch Pin	2 - 1	AFC Aldermaston
Milton Keynes Academy	1 - 3	Binfield
Milton United	0 - 1	Easington Sports
Moreton Rangers	3 - 1	Tytherington Rocks
Oxford City Nomads	2 - 0	Purton
Oxford City Development	5 - 0	Henley Town
Tokyngham Harvest (w/drawn)	L - W	Royal Wootton Bassett Town
Tuffley Rovers	W - L	Carterton
Wokingham & Emmbrook	3 - 4	Lydney Town
Woodley United	1 - 1	Shrivenham (1-3 on pens)
Ascot United		Bye
Brimscombe & Thrupp		Bye
Flackwell Heath		Bye
Thatcham Town		Bye

Second Round		
Ardley United	1 - 1	Flackwell Heath (8-9 on pens)
Ascot	1 - 2	Highmoor Ibis
Binfield	7 - 3	Oxford City Development
Bourton Rovers	1 - 4	Brackley Town Saints
Bracknell Town	4 - 3	Shrivenham
Chafont Wasps	1 - 2	Lydney Town
Chinnor	2 - 1	Didcot Town Res
Easington Sports	2 - 0	Thame United
Headington Amateurs	5 - 2	Lynch Pin
Highworth Town	2 - 0	Oxford City Nomads
Holyport	4 - 1	North Leigh
Longlevens	3 - 2	Rayners Lane
New College	1 - 1	Chalvey Sports (2 - 4 pens)
Royal Wootton Bassett Town	2 - 3	Sandhurst Town
Thatcham Town	3 - 0	Moreton Rangers
Tuffley Rovers	0 - 2	Brimscombe & Thrupp

Third Round		
Binfield	v	Sandhurst Town
Brackley Town Saints	v	Holyport
Brimscombe & Thrupp	v	Chalvey Sports
Chinnor	3 - 4	Headington Amateurs
Highmoor Ibis	v	Highworth Town
Longlevens	v	Bracknell Town
Lydney Town	4 - 0	Easington Sports
Thatcham Town	v	Flackwell Heath



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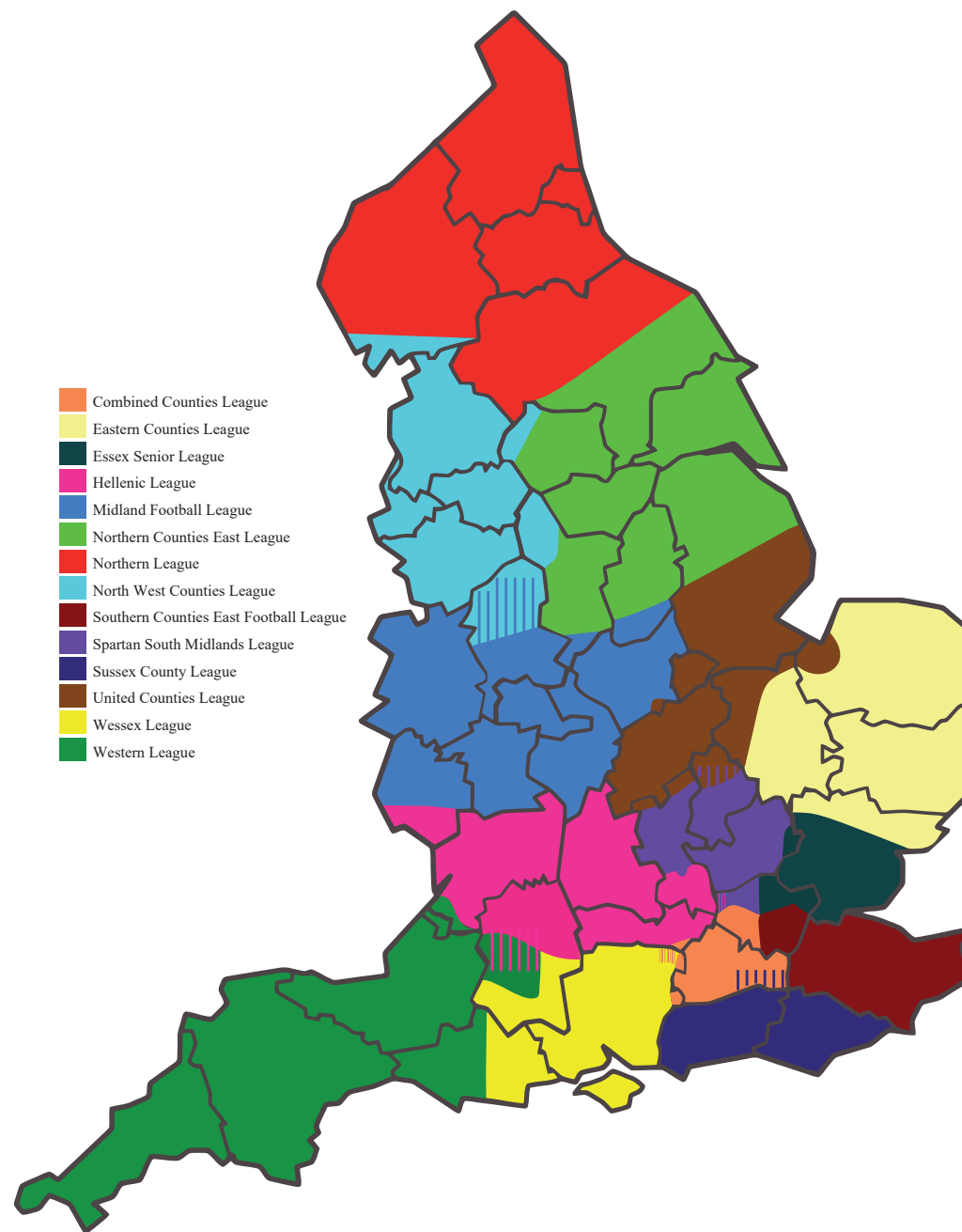
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Mid-season Review

From a rough start emerge many positives

After a tumultuous start to the campaign, Royal Wootton Bassett Town's season has settled down into a rather positive one on numerous fronts. And, in different ways, teams in all three sections – Senior, Ladies and Girls and Youth – are enjoying success, with silverware square in the sights of some. While that will hopefully arrive after winter turns to spring and summer comes into view, there's plenty to celebrate from the opening half of the season.

Senior Section

At first team level, Bassett's performance has exceeded expectations, especially after the departure of Paul Braithwaite as manager and a handful of vaunted summer signings after just four games. The way new boss Rich Hunter and the loyal players who remained with Bassett responded to the adversity they faced has been exemplary. And the eighth-place position they find themselves in at Christmas is well deserved and a just reward for how they have performed.

There have been plenty of league highlights along the way – a stunning August Bank Holiday comeback to draw 3-3 away at rivals Highworth Town, a convincing 3-1 victory at last season's runners-up Thatcham Town and a hard-fought 2-0 home victory against Tuffley Rovers being arguably the top three so far. Admittedly there have been some disappointments – the 3-2 home loss against Hellenic League Division One East side Sandhurst Town being the lowest point. However, the frequency with which these have occurred has been heavily outnumbered by positive, tactically astute displays.

At the heart of their performances has been a reinvigorated team spirit. Yet there have been individuals who have particularly stood out. Steve Robertson has again exceeded twenty goals, Dale Richards has blossomed into a dangerous attacking threat, Sam Packer has controlled games from the centre of midfield, while Curtis Meare – Player of the Year so far in the opinion of this article's author - has turned in a number of high quality performances between the sticks. The young attacking duo of Henry Spalding – now since moved to Southern League Premier Division Cirencester Town – and Lewis Thompson have also made strong impressions.

The test will now be to avoid the awful collapse the team suffered at the turn of 2016, which culminated in a miserable eleven game winless run to end the season. There's been little evidence that will re-occur, and it would be great to see the team write a piece of history and become the first Bassett side to finish in the top half of the Hellenic Premier Division. Into the quarter finals of the Floodlit Cup and in the lottery that is the Supplementary Cup, there's also cup glory to aim for.

A couple of heavy defeats notwithstanding, the Reserves – again under the guidance of Dave Terry and Danny Groom – have had a positive few months in the Wiltshire League Premier Division. They have been particularly competitive against the division's top sides, as evidenced by their 3-2 October victory against Cricklade Town and 2-2 draw away at then-leaders Marlborough Town in November. Good weather has meant they have played 21 of their 28 league games, and so they will likely slip from their current seventh place. But they are well on course to exceeding the 35 points they recorded in 2015-16.

Cup commitments early in the campaign meant that Becky Gammon's Ladies side have been playing catch-up against their rivals in Gloucestershire County Women's League Division One. But they haven't allowed any pressure that could have created to negatively affect their performances. They have reeled off four straight convincing wins in the league, and, though sitting fifth, are just three points off second place Forest of Dean Ladies with three games in hand. A cup final is within sight too, and they will take on Forest of Dean in the semi-finals of the Gordon Perrett Memorial Cup.

League success is the main aim though. St Nicholas Reserves may be favourites to take that crown, but should Bassett finish runners-up they will be hoping that will be enough for promotion to the South West Women's Football League.

Step 3 & 4 - Southern League

2016-2017 Season Evo-Stick Southern League Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Leamington	26	17	6	3	47	15	57
2 Hitchin Town	27	15	7	5	45	25	52
3 Merthyr Town	27	13	10	4	52	23	49
4 Chippenham Town	25	14	7	4	54	34	49
5 Slough Town	23	15	4	4	42	22	49
6 Frome Town	27	13	7	7	45	38	46
7 Redditch Utd	28	12	6	10	40	41	42
8 Banbury Utd	25	12	5	8	41	23	41
9 Chesham Utd	22	11	6	5	42	21	39
10 Kettering Town	26	10	7	9	46	35	37
11 Dunstable Town	26	11	3	12	30	33	36
12 Biggleswade Town	24	9	8	7	43	32	35
13 St. Ives Town	26	9	7	10	29	42	34
14 King's Lynn Town	23	7	10	6	32	33	31
15 Dorchester Town	27	8	7	12	35	45	31
16 Basingstoke Town	26	9	4	13	30	40	31
17 Stratford Town	26	6	12	8	37	40	30
18 Weymouth	21	6	8	7	27	26	26
19 Kings Langley	26	6	7	13	39	49	25
20 Cirencester Town	28	6	6	16	34	63	24
21 St. Neots Town	25	6	4	15	34	62	22
22 Hayes & Yeading Utd	24	5	6	13	24	47	21
23 Cambridge City	26	4	7	15	24	45	19
24 Cinderford Town	26	3	2	21	26	64	11

2016-2017 Season Evo-Stick Southern League Division One South & West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Hereford	22	19	3	0	62	16	60
2 Tiverton Town	23	15	5	3	54	27	50
3 Evesham Utd	23	15	3	5	57	27	48
4 Mangotsfield Utd	21	14	1	6	39	30	43
5 Salisbury	23	13	2	8	60	37	41
6 Swindon Supermarine	23	11	6	6	46	32	39
7 Taunton Town	19	12	3	4	47	19	36
8 Shortwood Utd	21	11	3	7	36	34	36
9 Bideford	24	10	5	9	40	33	35
10 Didcot Town	23	9	6	8	43	40	33
11 North Leigh	19	9	4	6	40	33	31
12 Winchester City	20	10	1	9	39	36	31
13 Wimborne Town	20	9	3	8	38	38	30
14 Bishops Cleeve	21	8	3	10	32	42	27
15 Larkhall Athletic	22	6	8	8	33	33	26
16 Slimbridge	22	5	6	11	24	43	21
17 Yate Town	22	6	2	14	25	46	20
18 Paulton Rovers	22	5	3	14	26	39	18
19 Barnstaple Town	22	5	2	15	18	34	17
20 AFC Totton	24	4	5	15	24	55	17
21 Wantage Town	23	1	6	16	19	63	9
22 Bridgwater Town	21	1	4	16	15	60	7

Premier Division

Chippenham Town were hit by a late leveller as their Premier Division clash away at Cirencester Town finished 3-3. The Bluebirds recovered from going behind early on to lead as the clock ticked past the 90-minute mark, however, there was a sting in the tail as former Chippenham striker Alan Griffin struck in stoppage time to deny his old club victory.

Tony Lee had given Cirencester the lead after just three minutes but James Guthrie restored parity for Mark Collier's side before the break. Lee struck again just a minute after the restart to put the home side in control once more but the Bluebirds came roaring back with two goals in five minutes from Andy Sandell and David Pratt to lead with a quarter-of-an-hour to go. However, Mark Collier's troops could not hold on and former favourite Griffin came back to haunt his old side in time added on.

South & West Division One West

Swindon Supermarine were also denied a Boxing Day victory as North Leigh snatched a stoppage time equaliser in a Christmas cracker of a contest in Southern League Division One South & West that ended 3-3.

Marine edged a thrilling first half at the Webbwood Stadium to lead 3-2 and looked on course to finish with all three points, only for Roger James to earn the visitors a share of the spoils at the death. North Leigh were first on the scoresheet in a pulsating first half as George Seacole broke the deadlock with just over a quarter-of-an-hour on the clock.

Marine began to up their game and threatened the visitors' goal at regular intervals, although had to wait until eight minutes before the break to draw level. Josh Parsons was the man to get the goal and once the hosts had evened up the scores, the floodgates soon opened for them. Parsons got his second of the game with a stunning volley to put Marine ahead and Webb's troops looked like heading into the break with a two-goal cushion when Connor Thompson slotted home to make it 3-1.

However, former Marine man Bradley Gray gave North Leigh a lifeline in stoppage time at the end of the first half to cut the deficit to one goal. The home side shaded the second period but were unable to fashion out another gilt-edged chance to put the game to bed and were made to pay at the death when James pounced for North Leigh to ensure the contest finished all-square.

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Non-League Paper's David Preece on Christmas games

CHRISTMAS is an inconvenience. You can add birthday's to that list while you're at it too. It was always a day for other people to enjoy. Not for footballers. Not for me. Christmas stopped being enjoyable in 1992, when, as a youth team player at Sunderland, the four lads who lived the closest had to come in on Christmas Day to be on duty for the first team who were training that morning to prepare for their upcoming game. So when everyone else was opening their presents, filling their face with chocolate and turkey, there we were. Me, and three other youth team players huddled in the boot room like four naughty little elves. Cleaning boots, tidying up muddy training gear down to the laundry, and mopping the corridors of Roker Park. Happy bloody Christmas. Then the year after when I'd made it into the first team squad, we were given the luxury of the morning at home but came in for training later that afternoon so the players with kids could spend the morning with them. This is the transitional period into your football life. It feels like a punishment at the time but once you get in the starting eleven, you realise it's just a necessity. People talk of having to make sacrifices to become a footballer but in truth, it's small one. The chance to become a footballer can pass you by so quickly. You can handle missing out on a glorified Sunday dinner and a few sherris once a year. No problem. I've always found it weird that the old line about getting suspended for Boxing Day and New Year's games so that you can enjoy yourself gets trotted out every year. That fact that it's even a thing just baffles me but it does happen. Everyone jokes about pulling and injury or getting that yellow card that activates a ban. I've actually played with lads who are so specific about it, they have gone out of their way to ask the club secretary the possible permutations should certain "incidents" happen – just out of interest of course. For most of us it was hard enough trying to get into the side, never mind picking and choosing when you did and didn't play. There were times we were given the day off. The manager obviously thinking that a day relaxing with our families was more beneficial to us than training ahead of a packed schedule. I was never comfortable doing that though. If that Boxing Day game didn't go to plan then I think you're leaving yourself open to "What ifs". I can understand managers thinking it will give his/her players a lift mentally, and rest can be just as important as work. But I couldn't work like that. If there's a chance to work and improve, then you have to take it. No stone left unturned. Birthdays have always been a write-off for me too. I'm aware that I sound a misery here, but my birthday is August 26. Right at the beginning of the season which is always dry. I didn't want all that hard work in pre-season to go to waste so I put a ban on all birthday celebrations. I mean, what's the point of celebrating if you're in the middle of a period of abstinence? Exactly.

I did celebrate my 30th birthday but that was more of a forced celebration. I say "celebration" – it wasn't really one in the classic sense. More of a fuss made over me than an actual party. I was playing in Denmark at the time and it is tradition that should you not be married by the time you turn 30, your friends take handfuls of pepper and throw it over you. Then they present you with a six foot, home-made pepper mill. That's right. A six foot pepper mill. Like something that had been made on Blue Peter after they'd been out on a three day bender. And just in case you're wondering, having pepper thrown at you by 20 people is not only as bad as you think, it's worse. I'm not sure what Denmark have against unmarried 30-year-old men but it's a witch hunt if you ask me.

The only senior side who are likely experiencing any feelings of frustration are the Under 18 Floodlit League team. That's not because of performances though. Instead, their issue will be that they have only been able to play five games, the North Division they play in having been hit by the withdrawal of two teams. That handful of matches has yielded two wins and three defeats.

Girls Section

One of the major successes has been the re-establishment of Girls sides. Three teams have been established at Under 16, 11 and 10 levels, all of which are going strong. The elder of the three currently sit second in the Wiltshire County Women's and Girls League and it is hoped the performances of their players should see some of them come into contention for the senior Ladies side before the end of the campaign.

Youth Section

It's been a cracking start to the season for the club's youth teams in their first year playing at the New Gerard Buxton Sports Ground. Of the nine sides playing competitive football in the North Wilts League, five are in contention for league or cup honours, and it's hoped they'll continue to shine after the winter break.

Both Under 13 teams have starred. The Blues have advanced to the quarter finals of the Wiltshire County Cup, while in the league they have suffered just one defeat in their first seven games and are vying for a top two Division One finish. In Division Four the free-scoring Yellows are absolutely flying, with eight wins from their first nine games and a six-point advantage. Division One champions last season, the Under 14 Blues are again fighting for the title. League and County Cup engagements have meant they have only played four games so far. But all of those have been won, and should they triumph in their games in hand, they will have sole possession of top spot. They are also into the League Cup semi-finals, and will be aiming to go one better than last season when they were knocked out at that stage.

Also vying for a league crown are the Under 12 Yellows. They sit top of Division Three, a point ahead of Wroughton Youth Blue, who do hold a game in hand, and five ahead of Lydiard Millicent Juniors, who have four games to catch up on.

Elsewhere, the Under 18s are third in Division Two at the moment, three points off leaders Ashton Keynes Youth having played one game fewer. It's unfortunate that their division has recently seen two sides withdraw, thus reducing the number of games they are scheduled to play. The Under 16 Yellows have been much improved this season, and are on course for a top half finish in Division Three after recording only two league wins last season. Promoted from Division Two, the going has been tough for the Under 15 Blues in Division One. From eight games so far, they have recorded a single point. They have had a good cup run though, making it to the quarter-finals of the League Cup before being eliminated. The Under 14 Yellows also find themselves in the bottom half of the table. Yet, their position in the Division Three table doesn't really give an accurate reflection of how competitive they have been. Of their nine losses in twelve league games, five have been by just a single goal margin.

Meanwhile, the Under 12 Yellows will be hoping to move up into a mid-table position come the end of the season in Division Four. In their first season of competitive action, they have recorded three wins from ten league games. All nine sides playing Development football have been in frequent action too, with the opportunity to play on the AGP pitch yielding many benefits from that perspective.

All in all, after a quality beginning to the campaign, the foundations are in place for a successful second half of the 2016-17 season!



Royal Wootton Bassett Town F.C. Season 2016-17 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
Wed 03-Aug	Carterton	H	L 2 - 3	119	Eggleton	Yearley	J.Richards	Comer	Cheetham	Davoile	Bailey (2)	Olphert	Bohane	Maximen	Clark	Corcoran	D.Richards	Diouf
Sat 06-Aug	Andover Town (FAC EP)	A	L 2 - 5	96	Sanders	Yearley	J.Richards	Comer	Cheetham	Davoile	Bailey	Olphert	Bohane	Diouf (2)	Clark	Corcoran	D.Richards	
Sat 13-Aug	Henley Town	A	W 3 - 1	52	Yearley	D.Richards	Edmondson	Drewitt	Cheetham	Davoile	Bailey	Olphert	Bohane (1)	Diouf	Packer (1)	Robertson (1)	Aitkenhead	Sheppard
Wed 17-Aug	Thame United	H	L 0 - 3	84	Connolly	D.Richards	Edmondson	Drewitt	Cheetham	Davoile	Bailey	Olphert	Robertson	Yearley	Packer	Spalding	Bowen	Comer
Sat 20-Aug	Binfield	H	L 0 - 1	48	Lancaster	J.Richards	Edmondson	Drewitt	Cheetham	Comer	Bailey	Olphert	Diouf	Yearley	Spalding	Hawkins	Sheppard	Tidy
Sat 27-Aug	Brackley Town Saints	H	W 3 - 0	53	Lancaster	J.Richards	Edmondson	Drewitt	Cheetham	Comer	Bailey	Spalding (1)	Diouf (1)	Yearley	Packer	Robertson (1)	Olphert	Walduck
Mon 29-Aug	Highworth Town	A	D 3 - 3	197	Lancaster	J.Richards	Edmondson	Drewitt	Cheetham	Comer	Bailey	Spalding	Robertson (2)	Yearley	Packer (1)	Diouf	Olphert	Walduck
Wed 07-Sep	Brimscombe & Thrupp	H	W 2 - 0	93	Meare	J.Richards	Edmondson	Drewitt	Cheetham	Comer	Thompson	Spalding	Robertson (1)	Olphert	Packer	Yearley (1)	Bailey	D.Richards
Sat 10-Sep	Longlevens	A	W 4 - 1	25	Meare	J.Richards	Edmondson	Hawkins	Olphert	Comer	Bailey	Spalding (1)	Robertson (1)	Yearley	Thompson (2)	Packer		
Tue 13-Sep	Tuffley Rovers	A	L 1 - 3	76	Meare	D.Richards	Corcoran	Drewitt	Cheetham	Comer	Thompson	Spalding	Robertson (1)	Olphert	Packer	Bailey		
Sat 17-Sep	Flackwell Heath	H	L 0 - 1	59	Meare	J.Richards	Edmondson	Hawkins	Cheetham	Comer	Bailey	Spalding	Robertson	Olphert	Packer	Drewitt	Thompson	Yearley
Tue 20-Sep	Thatcham Town	A	W 3 - 1	90	Meare	J.Richards	D.Richards (1)	Hawkins	Cheetham	Comer	Thompson	Spalding (1)	Diouf	Olphert	Drewitt	Bailey	Walduck	Sinclair
Sat 24-Sep	Thame Utd (FAV2QR)	H	L 2 - 4	62	Meare	J.Richards	D.Richards	Hawkins	Cheetham	Comer	Thompson	Diouf	Robertson (1)	Packer	Drewitt	Bailey	Yearley (1)	Corcoran
Tue 27-Sep	Lydney Town	A	L 3 - 4	77	Meare	J.Richards	D.Richards (1)	Hawkins	Cheetham	Comer	Thompson (1)	Spalding	Yearley	Bailey (1)	Drewitt	Diouf	Corcoran	
Sat 01-Oct	Oxford City Nomads	H	W 4 - 0	46	Meare	J.Richards	D.Richards (1)	Hawkins (1)	Cheetham	Comer	Thompson	Bailey	Robertson (2)	Olphert	Drewitt	Diouf	Packer	Walduck
Sat 08-Oct	Burnham	H	W 5 - 1	62	Meare	J.Richards	D.Richards (1)	Hawkins	Cheetham	Comer	Thompson (1)	Spalding (1)	Robertson (1)	Olphert (1)	Drewitt	Packer	Diouf	Yearley
Wed 12-Oct	Purton (WSC1)	H	W 3 - 2	49	Meare	Walduck	D.Richards	Hawkins	Cheetham	Edmondson	Yearley (1)	Bailey	Robertson (1)	Diouf (1)	Packer	Comer	Lance	Olphert
Sat 15-Oct	Bracknell Town	H	L 0 - 6	73	Meare	Yearley	D.Richards	Hawkins	Cheetham	Comer	Thompson	Spalding	Robertson	Olphert	Drewitt	Edmondson	Bailey	Packer
Wed 19-Oct	Thatcham Town	H	L 0 - 3	68	Meare	Edmondson	D.Richards	Hawkins	Cheetham	Comer	Thompson	Spalding	Robertson	Olphert	Lance	Drewitt	Bailey	Yearley
Sat 22-Oct	Ardley United	A	L 1 - 2	56	Meare	Edmondson	D.Richards	Yearley (1)	Cheetham	Comer	Bailey	Thomas	Robertson	Olphert	Drewitt	Corcoran	Hawkins	Presley
Tue 25-Oct	Brimscombe & Thrupp	A	D 1 - 1	57	Meare	Corcoran	D.Richards	Hawkins	Cheetham	Comer	Bailey (1)	Thomas	Yearley	Olphert	Packer	Lance	Sheppard	
Sat 05-Nov	Highmoor Ibis	H	W 3 - 2	47	Meare	Corcoran	D.Richards (1)	Hawkins	Cheetham	Comer	Bailey	Spalding (1)	Robertson (1)	Olphert	Yearley	Diouf	Thomas	
Wed 09-Nov	Sandhurst Town (FLC2)	H	W 5 - 1	35	Meare	Corcoran (1)	D.Richards (1)	Drewitt	Diouf (1)	Comer	Bailey	Spalding	Robertson	Gleed	Packer (1)	Edmondson (1)	Thomas	Lance
Sat 19-Nov	Tuffley Rovers	H	W 2 - 0	36	Meare	Corcoran	Edmondson	Yearley	Cheetham	Comer	Bailey (1)	Thomas	Robertson (1)	Olphert	Packer	Lance	Drewitt	
Sat 26-Nov	Sandhurst Town (BICC2)	H	L 2 - 3	34	Meare	Edmondson	D.Richards	Hawkins	Gleed	Comer	Bailey	Lance	Robertson (2)	Olphert	Packer	Yearley		
Sat 03-Dec	Brackley Town Saints	A	W 3 - 1	60	Meare	Edmondson	D.Richards	Yearley	Cheetham	Comer	Bailey	J.Richards	Robertson (2)	Olphert	Packer	Booner-Shea (1)	Hawkins	Lance
Wed 07-Dec	Bradford Town (WSC2)	A	L 0 - 2	49	Meare	Edmondson	D.Richards	Hawkins	Cheetham	Comer	Bailey	J.Richards	Robertson	Olphert	Packer	Bonner-Shea	Drewitt	Walduck
Sat 10-Dec	Henley Town	H	W 4 - 0	44	Meare	Edmondson	D.Richards (1)	Yearley	Cheetham	Comer	Bailey	Lance	Robertson (2)	Corcoran	Packer	Bonner-Shea	Gleed	Withers (1)
Wed 14-Dec	Lydney Town (FLC3)	H	W 2 - 0	37	Meare	Hawkins	D.Richards	Yearley	Cheetham	Comer	Thompson	J.Richards	Robertson (2)	Olphert	Packer	Bailey	Edmondson	Hamilton
Mon 26-Dec	Highworth Town	H	L 0 - 4	142	Meare	Edmondson	D.Richards	Hawkins	Cheetham	Drewitt	Thompson	J.Richards	Robertson	Olphert	Diouf	Bonner-Shea	Withers	Lance
Sat 31-Dec	Lydney Town	H																
Sat 07-Jan	Ascot United	A																
Sat 14-Jan	Highmoor Ibis	A																
Sat 28-Jan	Woodley Utd (SC1)	H																
Sat 04-Feb	Ascot United	H																
Sat 11-Feb	Ardley United	H																
Sat 18-Feb	Binfield	A																
Sat 25-Feb	Longlevens	H																
Sat 04-Mar	Flackwell Heath	A																
Sat 11-Mar	Thame United	A																
Sat 18-Mar	Bracknell Town	A																
Sat 25-Mar	Burnham	A																
Sat 01-Apr	Oxford City Nomads	A																
	TBA	Bicester Town (FLQF)	A															

FAC - FA Cup, FLC - Floodlight Cup, FAV - FA Vase, WSC - County Cup, BICC - Challenge Cup, SC - Supplementary Cup

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