

WBHC Ladies Match Reports 2004/05 Season

Hit for six: Exmouth 2nds 6 – 3 Wootton Bassett Ladies 1st xi

(19 March 2005)

Wootton Bassett Ladies lost 6-3 at Exmouth in their penultimate Premier 2 game of the season. The home side opened the scoring, but Bassett retaliated rapidly, and Vicky Field equalised from a short corner. Exmouth scored two quick goals before Bassett increased their tally. Vicky Blundell combined well with Sue Lee and Becky Williams, who took the ball to the top of the circle to score. Exmouth scored again to gain a 4-2 lead by half-time.

Bassett began the second half strongly, and after an impressive run from player-of-the-match Field, Nicky Gardner scored. But Exmouth remained strong and added two more goals.

Wootton Bassett Ladies 2nd XI 1 – 1 Shipton Oliffe

In their final Severn 2 game of the season, Bassett 2nd picked up a valuable point from a well-deserved 1-1 home draw with Shipton Oliffe. The visitors struck in the opening minutes, to take an early lead, and despite strenuous efforts in the first half, Bassett were unable to penetrate the visitors' impressive defence.

But Bassett's constant pressure was rewarded seven minutes from the end of the game when Emma Collison scored the equaliser.

Spirit lives on at Bassett: Wootton Bassett Ladies 1st XI 3 – 2 Bude

(12 March 2005)

Wootton Bassett Ladies seem destined for relegation despite a 3-2 win against fellow Premier Division Two strugglers Bude. Goals inside the first 25 minutes from Nicky Gardener (2) and Vicky Field sealed success.

This weekend they travel to Devon for the penultimate League game of the season, against Exmouth. Their final fixture, versus Paignton, will be played at home on April 2.

Wootton Bassett Ladies 1st XI 1 - 6 Chippenham

(5 March 2005)

A much-changed Wootton Bassett Ladies side crashed to a 6-1 defeat against Chippenham in the West Clubs League Premier Division.

It was a stiff challenge for the home side and the third-placed visitors opened the scoring within five minutes through Julie Lodge. However, Bassett were given hope when Sue Davies equalised after rounding the Chippenham goalkeeper in the 15th minute. Chippenham regained the lead before the interval with a goal from Ali Trigg and extended it further in the second half, with player-of-the-match Trigg going on to complete her hat-trick and Lodge adding her second goal. Jo Armistead was voted Bassett's player of the match.

Wootton Bassett Ladies 2nd XI 8 – 1 Brockworth

Bassett's second team outclassed Brockworth 8-1 at Lime Kiln on Saturday. Bassett opened the scoring through Lisa Turner only for Brockworth to equalise. Bassett led 4-1 at half time and doubled their tally by the final whistle, with four-goal Nicky Gardner leading the way.

Gloucester too strong: Wootton Bassett Ladies 1sts 2 – 3 Gloucester

(26 Feb 2005)

Wootton Bassett Ladies were beaten 3-2 at home in Premier Two against a determined Gloucester side. They had two great chances in a goalless first half, from Nicky Gardner, whose welcome return followed weeks off with injury, and Vicky Field. Gloucester's purposeful start to the second half bore fruit within two minutes, when they scored the first goal, which unnerved the home side. Their control wavered, and Gloucester soon added a second.

Bassett rallied and fought back determinedly to equalise, through player of the match Vicky Blundell and Nicky Gardner. But ten minutes from the end, Gloucester piled on the pressure and were rewarded with the winning goal. Bassett goalkeeper Laura Brown had an excellent game with numerous courageous saves.

Sue Davies, also back after injury, Helen Siviter, Tracy Fieldsend, Becky Williams, Gardner and Field all played well. This weekend they meet Chippenham at home.

Bassett on receiving end: Cheltenham 6 - 1 Wootton Bassett Ladies 1sts (19 Feb 2005)

Wootton Bassett Ladies were on the receiving end from West Clubs Premier Two leaders Cheltenham, who won 6-1. Lisa Turner, a junior, made her debut but her side were three down at half-time, Victoria Coubra pulling one back in the second half.

Field seals comeback: Yeovil 2 - 2 Wootton Bassett Ladies 1sts (29 Jan 2005)

Wootton Bassett Ladies picked up a West Clubs League Premier Division Two point after pegging back a two-goal first-half deficit at Yeovil. A cross into the D from Nicky Wills was struck by Sue Davies, then rebounded to Nicky Gardner, whose shot pulled one back. Then, after a short-corner strike by Becky Williams, Vicky Field took on the goalkeeper and fired in the equaliser.

Scorers: N.Gardner, V.Field. **Player of the match:** B.Williams

Wootton Bassett Ladies 2nd XI 4 – 2 Ross on Wye

The second team won 4-2 against Ross-on-Wye in Severn Division Two as Sammy Jennings scored twice. Victoria Coubro put Bassett ahead in the 15th minute. Ross on Wye equalised just before half time, but early in the second half, Jennings netted the second. Bassett surged forward again and Sammy Field made it 3-1. Although Ross pulled one back, Jennings made it safe alter in the game.

Scorers: S.Jennings (2), S.Field, V.Coubro **Player of the match:** S.Field

Seven-goal Marjons turn on magic: Wootton Bassett 1sts 3 – 7 Plymouth Marjons (22 Jan 2005)

Wootton Bassett Ladies 1st XI crashed 7-3 at home to Premier Two leaders Plymouth Marjons. The visitors' brilliant performance, with fast, accurate passes, yielded a well-deserved victory. Despite a determined start by the home side, Plymouth scored four goals before Wootton Bassett pulled one back just before half-time from a short corner. Sue Davies drove the ball to Nicky Wills, who passed it swiftly for Nicola Gardner to score.

Plymouth's relentless attack in the second half spurred courageous saves by Wootton Bassett's goalkeeper Laura Brown, who limited the visitors' total to seven. Despite the scoreline, Bassett fought hard and clawed back two goals through Nancy Cradock and Katy Burnside before the close. Helen Siviter was voted player of the match.

Dursley 0 - 4 Wootton Bassett Ladies 2nds

Wootton Bassett Ladies 2nd XI went down 4-0 away to Severn Two leaders Dursley. Bassett dominated play in the first quarter, but failed to score. A good save by the Dursley goalkeeper kept out a penalty flick, and the home side's strong defence kept Bassett at bay.

Dursley scored two goals in the five minutes before half time, and although Sammy Jennings and Polly Long made great efforts to score in the second half, goals eluded them. The final result did not reflect the high standard of play in a closely-fought game. **Player of the match** was Helen Reed.

Wootton Bassett Ladies 1sts 0 – 2 Reading 2nds (15 Jan 2005)

Wootton Bassett Ladies 1sts were beaten 2-0 at home by Reading 2nds in a friendly. In a high-quality encounter, neither side could make the breakthrough in the first half, but midway through the second, Reading opened the scoring. Katy Burnside, Nicola Wills and Vicky Field all came close to equalising, but Reading added a second before the end.

Lansdown 3rds 3 - 2 Wootton Bassett Ladies 2nds

Bassetts second string saw their fightback from two goals down come to nothing as they lost 3-2 at Lansdown 3rd in Severn Division Two. Goals from Sammy Jennings and Vanessa Hayward levelled things up, but a point evaded their grasp when Lansdown scored just before the final whistle to snatch all the points in this Severn 2 league game.

Nicky slays Dragons! Isca Dragons 3 – 4 Wootton Bassett Ladies 1sts (8 Jan 2005)

Bassett staged a stunning comeback from three goals down at Exeter to notch up first West Clubs Women's League Premier Two win of the season. The team, struggling with positional changes and an unfamiliar surface, were 3-0 down early in the second half, when coach Pete Sammon encouraged the team to throw caution to the wind and push forward.

Bassett pulled one back when a clearance from Sue Lee found Nicky Wills in space. Her strong run down the right took her free of the Isca defenders and a good strike was helped into goal by Emma Collison. The goal inspired the team and, ten minutes later they reduced the arrears when a sideline ball from Tracy Fieldsend found Vicky Field, whose acute turn evaded her marker. Field ran unopposed to the top of the D from where her brilliant shot flew past the keeper high into the net.

ISCA's heads were down as Wootton Bassett's morale soared and within two minutes Nicola Gardner equalised after a hard cross from Wills. Isca strove to regain the lead but were kept at bay by a strong Wootton Bassett defence. The visitors created further chances and were rewarded when Wills drove home the winning goal with an impressive reverse stick shot. In the end Bassett were forced to dig deep to hold on to their lead, thanks to two brilliant goal line clearances by Becky Williams.

Team: Laura Brown, Helen Siviter, Sue Lee, Becky Williams, Tracy Fieldsend, Nicky Wills, Sue Davies, Vicky Blundell, Vicky Field, Nicola Gardner, Emma Collison, Sammy Field. Player of the match: Vicky Blundell

Bassett's second string outclassed: Wootton Bassett Ladies 2nds 1-7 City of Oxford

Bassett were outclassed by Oxford in this friendly before the restart of the league fixtures against Lansdown next weekend. Oxford put their stamp on the game when they scored the first goal within five minutes. Their swift, accurate passes and excellent ball control ensuring a 3-0 lead by half time.

Oxford scored a fourth early in the second half, but Wootton Bassett rallied to attack, and were rewarded with a goal from Vivienne Hayward after twenty minutes. Further efforts to break down the Oxford defence were thwarted and Sammy Jennings was especially unlucky not to score. Oxford's relentless pressure, however, yielded three more goals before the final whistle.

Late goal denies Bassett victory : Paignton 1-1 Wootton Bassett Ladies 1sts (11 Dec 2004)

Wootton Bassett Ladies picked up a point with a 1-1 draw in their last Premier 2 game of the year at Paignton. Both teams began tentatively, and had chances in a goalless first half, when much of the action was in midfield. Promising attacks were mounted by Nicky Gardner and Vicky Field, but a shot on goal was cleared skilfully by the Paignton goalkeeper.

The pace of play increased after half time. Player of the match Emma Collison worked tirelessly on the left of midfield, and her fine attacking runs linked well with the forwards. Wootton Bassett failed to capitalise on a number of chances, shaving the goalpost and shooting wide before Gardner scored a well-deserved goal. Bassett continued to dominate play, and created further chances, but hopes of victory were dashed when Paignton equalised with less than five minutes to go.

Wootton Bassett Ladies 2nds 1-0 East Glos 2nds

Bassett 2nd scored an impressive 1-0 home victory in Severn 2 against East Glos 2nd. A stunning strike by Victoria Coubro, within 30 seconds of the start, yielded the only goal of the game. This boosted the confidence of the home side, who maintained their dominance.

The young East Glos side proved no match for Wootton Bassett's experience and skilful teamwork. The home forward line combined well in their efforts to increase the lead, but the visitors held out. Coubro, who joined the club only recently, was voted player of the match.

Emma's goal is all in vain: Bude 3 – 1 Wootton Bassett Ladies 1sts (27 Nov 2004)

The long journey to Cornwall proved fruitless for Wootton Bassett Ladies as they went down 3-1 to Bude in Premier 2. Bude took an early lead, with a chance goal off the post. Then early in the second half, they added another goal to consolidate their position.

Bassett rallied and after a good display of teamwork, Emma Collison pulled one back. The Bassett forward line pushed forward, but their efforts were denied, and a determined Bude side snatched a third goal.

Wootton Bassett Ladies 2nds 1 – 3 St Gregorys

After starting strongly, Bassett conceded in the eighth minute, when St Gregorys scored from a goalmouth scramble. Spurred on, the visitors piled on the pressure and increased their lead within six minutes, but Bassett responded positively with their best play of the game and were rewarded in the 24th minute, when Lisa Turner scored.

In the second half, Bassett failed to maintain their earlier attacking style, although they thwarted St Gregorys chances until the final minutes of the game, when the visitors added a third. Player of the match was newcomer Victoria Coubro.

Falcone swoop beats Bassett: Chippenham 1 - 0 Wootton Bassett Ladies 1st XI (20 Nov 2004)

Wootton Bassett Ladies 1st were beaten by a late goal in their local derby away against Chippenham 1st in Premier Division 2. The home side thwarted Wootton Bassett's numerous chances to score from corners in a goalless first half.

Bassett withstood Chippenham's pressure in the second half, and short, accurate passes spurred the visitors' bid for victory. However, their attacks proved fruitless, and the chance of a point eluded them when Sabina Falcone scored the winning goal five minutes from the end. Superb play by goalkeeper Laura Brown kept Bassett's hopes alive, and Sue Davies, Sue Lee, Tracy Fieldsend, Becky Williams, Nicky Gardner, Nicky Wills. Kerry Simpson and captain Vicky Blundell had fine games.

Brockworth 1 – 1 Wootton Bassett Ladies 2nd XI

A determined Bassett 2nd picked up a point in Division 2 of the Severn League, when they drew 1-1 with Brockworth, away. Brockworth took an early lead from a short corner, but Bassett were rewarded in the second half, when Sammy Jennings scored the equaliser.

Club suffers double loss: Winchmore 3 - 1 Wootton Bassett Ladies 1st XI (14 Nov 2004)

Wootton Bassett bowed out of the Hockey Association Women's Trophy with a 3-1 second-round defeat at Winchmore (Enfield). A deflection gave the hosts their first goal and they were two up by half-time. Undeterred, Bassett opened the second half strongly, which yielded a well deserved goal for Nicky Wills before Winchmore sealed it.

Gloucester 2 – 1 Wootton Bassett Ladies 1st XI (13 Nov 2004)

On Saturday, Bassett slipped 2-1 to Gloucester in Premier Two. Bassett took a well-deserved lead after a series of neat moves took the ball the length of the pitch and Nicola Gardner slotted in. Gloucester rallied and equalised before half-time. And, as Bassett suffered through injuries, they grabbed the winner midway through the second half.

Wootton Bassett Ladies 2nd XI 1 – 4 Bretforton 2nd XI

Wootton Bassett Ladies 1st XI suffered a double defeat losing to league and cup opposition in the same weekend. The second team also suffered a defeat, captain Vivienne Hayward scoring the only goal in a 4-1 Severn Division Two defeat against Bretforton 2nds.

Swindon have the edge: Wootton Bassett Ladies 1st XI 3 - 5 Swindon (30 October 2004)

Wootton Bassett Ladies 1st went down to a 5-3 defeat at home against Swindon in a Premier 2 derby. After 15 minutes of equal play, Wootton Bassett scored first, when a cross from Sue Davies was slotted in by Emma Collison. Swindon soon equalised, and went on to control play with swift, accurate passes. They broke through the Wootton Bassett defence and added two more goals to secure a 3-1 lead.

In the second half, the home side tightened their defence, with Laura Brown, Sue Lee, Sarah Scarth and Tracy Fieldsend combining to foil Swindon's chances, but the visitors played well and increased their tally to five. Wootton Bassett mounted a determined attack and were rewarded when the ball was passed from Collison via Nicola Gardner to Nancy Cradock, who scored their second goal. Near the end, a pass from Davies was driven into goal by Gardner.

Captain Vicky Blundell inspired the home team throughout, and Collison was voted player of the match.

Salisbury 4 – 2 Wootton Bassett 2nd XI

Wootton Bassett 2nd could field only ten players in a friendly away to Salisbury and lost 4-2. The home side opened the scoring, but Wootton Bassett rallied to attack, and went ahead with two quick goals from Jenny Mumford. Salisbury scored again near the end of the first half, to make it 2-2. In the second half, Wootton Bassett's impressive efforts failed to thwart attacks by Salisbury's re-formed side, who scored twice more to secure victory.

Catherine Smith, Polly Long and Lisa Turner were jointly voted players of the match

Bassett are denied by late strike: Oxford City 2 – 1 Wootton Bassett Ladies 1st XI (23 October 2004)

Wootton Bassett Ladies 1st XI lost 2-1 away to Oxford City in a friendly encounter on Saturday. Oxford started strongly and scored early in the first half from a short corner deflected past the keeper. Bassett rallied strongly and were unlucky not to equalise before half-time.

After the interval Bassett drew level when Nicky Wills' shot was saved but Kerry Simpson followed in to pressure the Oxford goalkeeper and Nicky Gardner slotted the ball into the corner of the goal. Oxford snatched victory late on as Wootton Bassett conceded an untidy second goal.

Plymouth Marjons 4 - 1 Wootton Bassett Ladies 1sts (9 October 2004)

After a fast and furious start, Plymouth stretched the Wootton Bassett defence and were rewarded with an early goal.

Wootton Bassett retaliated and a good combination of Nicky Wills and Sue Davies, penetrated the Plymouth defence. Wills' deflected shot was slotted neatly into goal by Davies. Wootton Bassett were unlucky to concede another goal before half-time, despite some excellent saves by goalkeeper Laura Brown.

Plymouth increased their pressure in the second half, and eventually scored a third goal. Almost on the final whistle, Plymouth were awarded a penalty corner which they converted.

Wootton Bassett Ladies 2nd 0 – 1 Dursley Ladies 2nd

Dursley scored their winning goal early in their league game at Wootton Bassett. Although the home side dominated subsequent play, and were awarded numerous short corners, they were unable to capitalise on chances.

A penalty flick was saved by Dursley's excellent goalkeeper, and despite all Bassett's efforts, an equaliser was out of reach.
