

## WBHC Ladies Match Reports 2005/06 Season

### **Bassett seal North crown !      Wootton Bassett 1st XI 1 - 1 Lansdown** (11 Mar 2006)

Wootton Bassett Ladies' 1-1 draw at home to third-placed Lansdown was enough to clinch the North Division Championship.

Lansdown's strong performance from the start of the game was unnerving but Wootton Bassett regained their composure in a fast, keenly contested match which featured superb play by both sides. Bassett kept the opposition at bay in the first half with a good performance in defence by Laura Brown, Sue Lee, Becky Williams, Sammy Field, Helen Siviter and Tracy Fieldsend, who drove the ball out to the forwards.

Bassett were unlucky not to score early in the second half before Lansdown had their best spell of play to open the scoring. But the hosts hit back and Helen Siviter equalised with a brilliant strike from a short corner 11 minutes before the end of the game.

The crucial goal followed fine interplay by forwards Lisa Turner, Nicky Wills, Vicky Field, Suzanne Montgomery and Nicky Gardner, well supported by captain and player-of-the-match Vicky Blundell and Sue Davies.

Wootton Bassett packed the Lansdown goal area in their quest for victory, and were awarded a penalty flick which was saved spectacularly by the Lansdown goalkeeper in the final minute. But the draw was sufficient, and prompted great celebration.

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### **Gloucester 3rds 2 – 0 Wootton Bassett 2nd XI**

Bassett 2nds were beaten 2-0 by Gloucester 3rd in Severn Two. Numerous chances to score were scotched by the Gloucester defence and the home side were 1-0 up at half-time.

In the second half, Wootton Bassett were unable to capitalise on several short corners, and Gloucester's vigorous attacks yielded a second goal which made victory secure. Bassett's player of the match was Nancy Strickland

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### **Double boost for Bassett: Wootton Bassett 4 – 2 North Wilts (Wiltshire Cup)** (26 Feb 2006)

Bassett Ladies are through to the semi-final of the Wiltshire Shield after defeating North Wilts 4-1 at home on Sunday.

The home side's early pressure on North Wilts was thwarted by the visitors' determined defence. Bassett were eventually awarded a penalty flick which was converted confidently by Field. North Wilts continued to harass and unsettle Bassett, whose further first half chances were quashed.

In the second half, Wootton Bassett dominated play, but were unable to capitalise until a cross from Davies was scrambled home by Suzanne Montgomery. Field's slick conversion of a penalty put the home side 3-0 up, and Helen Siviter added a fourth from a further penalty, with a swift strike from the top of the D.

North Wilts maintained their quest for a goal, and were rewarded near the end of the game.

Players of the match were Siviter and Field. Bassett will play Marlborough in the semi-final.

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### **Cheltenham 2nds 1 - 4 Wootton Bassett 1st XI** (25 Feb 2006)

Wootton Bassett Ladies consolidated their position at the top of the North Division table with a good all-round performance which secured an impressive 4-1 victory at Cheltenham on Saturday.

Cheltenham's goalkeeper thwarted Bassett's chance of an early goal, with a brilliant save on the post. After 15 minutes, Sue Lee's fine ball from defence was crossed by Nicky Wills for Nicky Gardner to slam into goal.

A second soon followed, when Davies' tightly angled cross was neatly converted with a touch from Lisa Turner. Bassett went three up before half-time when Vicky Field converted a penalty, awarded for a distraction on the goal line.

Cheltenham rallied to pull one back in the second half. After vigorous end to end play, an excellent run by player of the match Field ended with Turner scoring the fourth.

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### **Badgers 3 – 0 Wootton Bassett 2nd XI**

Bassett 2nds lost 3-0 to Badgers, away, after an unpromising start and an early goal for the home side, who were 2-0 up by half-time and scored again in the second half. Player of the match was Nancy Strickland.

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**Gap widens in title race: Wootton Bassett 1st XI 2 - 1 Bath Buccaneers.** (4 Feb 2006)

Wootton Bassett Ladies extended their lead to three points at the top of the table when they defeated second-placed Bath Buccaneers 2-1 at home.

A goal from Nicky Wills, following an accurate cross from Nicky Gardner, gave Bassett an early lead. But Bath's sustained pressure was rewarded with an equaliser before half- time.

Midway through the second half, a goalmouth scramble led to a short range shot by Nicky Wills, who secured the crucial second goal. Joint players of the match were captain Vicky Blundell and Becky Williams.

**Cheltenham 1 - 2 Wootton Bassett 2nd XI**

Bassett 2nd XI played well to win a keenly-contested Severn 2 league game 2-1 at Cheltenham. A fine strike from Natasha Moore yielded the only goal of the first half after some good work by Sammy Jennings and Emma Langdon.

Cheltenham came back strongly in the second half, and levelled the score, but Bassett maintained their form and player of the match Sarah Scarth scored the winning goal after Moore's pass from a short corner.

**Cheltenham v Wootton Bassett 1st XI**

(28 Jan 2006)

Bassett 1sts XI game at Cheltenham on Saturday was cancelled due to an unfit pitch.

**Wootton up to second: Wootton Bassett 2nd XI 2 - 1 Blockley**

Wootton Bassett Ladies 2nds picked up three points against Blockley at home, winning 2-1 to advance to second place in the table.

At the start of the game, Blockley were in second position, one point above Bassett, so both sides were determined to go all out for victory. In difficult conditions, the home side were unlucky to concede a breakaway goal in the fourth minute. Blockley's impressive display of teamwork gave them the advantage in the first half, and they were unlucky not to score again.

Bassett found their form in the second half, and their pressure on the Blockley defence was rewarded when a reverse stick shot by Sue Davies was put into goal by Sammy Jennings. This spurred Wootton Bassett to greater efforts, and they combined well to secure the winning goal, scored by player of the match Vivienne Hayward, from a Victoria Sharpe pass.

**Vigorous attack powers to victory: Wootton Bassett 1sts 7 – 3 Clifton 3rds**

(21 Jan 2006)

Bassett picked up three points in their impressive defeat of Clifton at home on Saturday.

The home side had a shock when bottom of the table Clifton opened the scoring early in the first half. This rallied Wootton Bassett to attack vigorously, and Nicola Gardner equalised after a goalmouth scramble.

Bassett got a second in the 18th minute, when Vicky Field took the ball from Nicky Wills to score from a short corner. A minute later Sue Davies added the third and an excellent solo by Field made it 4-1 within seven minutes. Just before half time Helen Siviter put the home side 5-1 up.

Clifton came back into the game in the second half, but Nicola Gardner stretched the home side's lead still further. Clifton pulled a goal back with a penalty stroke but Bassett restored their five goal advantage through Davies.

**Shipton Oliffe 2 – 3 Wootton Bassett 2nds**

Bassett 2nds won 3-2 at Shipton Oliffe with goals from top scorer Sammy Jennings, Vivienne Hayward and Becky Johnson.

**St Gregorys 1 – 5 Wootton Bassett 2nd XI**

(14 Jan 2006)

Bassett came away with another three points in a convincing performance at St Gregorys.

Despite picking up injuries to key players, a good team performance produced goals for Deb James (2), Sammy Jennings, Victoria Sharpe and Viv Hayward. Player of the match was Nancy Strickland.

**Sue on fire for Bassett: Wootton Bassett 1st XI 3 - 2 City of Bath**

(7 Jan 2006)

Sue Davies blasted a hat-trick as Wootton Bassett Ladies began the new year by defeating current West Clubs North leaders City of Bath 3-2.

Bath scored early but two goals from Davies saw the home side in front at half-time. Their opponents levelled matters but Davies finished a well co-ordinated attack to seal the victory.

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**Sturminster Newton 3 - 3 Wootton Bassett 2nd XI**

The second string drew 3-3 with Sturminster Newton in a friendly in Dorset.

Debbie James put Bassett ahead after 10 minutes, thanks to a great pass from Victoria Sharpe. The home side equalised before half-time, but Sharpe drove the ball past the keeper and Jenny Mumford added a third from an accurate pass from James. However, Sturminster hit back twice for a draw.

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**Swindon 3 - 3 Wootton Bassett 1st XI**

(17 Dec 2005)

Bassett drew 3-3 with Swindon in a friendly at Greendown on Saturday, Vicky Field adding another two goals to her tally this season and Sue Davis also on target.

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**Wootton Bassett 2nd XI 2 - 0 Swindon 2nd XI**

Another derby friendly saw Bassett win the battle of the second teams as they defeated a young Swindon side 2-0.

After a goalless first half, Bassett opened the scoring through Sammy Jennings and Natasha Moore clinched it.

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**Field's double strike: Wootton Bassett 1st XI 3 - 2 Bretteforton**

(14 Dec 2005)

Wootton Bassett stretched their lead of West Clubs North Division by beating Bretteforton 3-2 in a rearranged clash at Lime Kiln on Wednesday evening.

Vicky Field put Bassett in a commanding position with two early goals, but by half-time Bretteforton had fought back to level.

Lisa Turner scored the winning goal mid-way through the second half, touching in Field's cross. The win was marred however when Katy Burnside's finger and knuckle were broken by a rising ball, putting her out of action for the rest of the season.

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**Away win for Bassett: Lydney 0 - 2 Wootton Bassett 1st XI**

(10 Dec 2005)

Despite a below-par performance away against Lydney, Wootton Bassett Ladies, currently top of the table, picked up three valuable points with a 2-0 victory.

The first goal came in the first half, from a goalmouth scramble in which the ball was put away by Sue Davies after determined play by Vicky Field and Nicky Gardner.

Lydney came back strongly in the second half but their attacks were thwarted by Wootton Bassett's strong defence. After a penalty corner cross by Nicky Wells, the second goal was driven in by Gardner to make victory secure.

Player of the Match was Sue Lee, who had an excellent game in defence.

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**Wootton Bassett 2nd XI 3 - 2 Brockworth**

The 2nds were back in winning form for their league game at home against Brockworth, despite the visitor's early goal which sent shock waves through the home side.

Twenty minutes into play, Emma Hayden's cross was passed neatly by Natasha Moore for Sammy Jennings to equalise. Wootton Bassett went ahead when Jennings' accurate pass was put away by Suzanne Montgomery. Jennings scored the third after connecting with an Emma Hayden cross.

Brockworth retaliated strongly and reduced the deficit with a breakaway goal, but Bassett maintained their pressure and secured the points.

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**Bassett ladies go top: Wootton Bassett 1st XI 3 - 0 East Gloucester** (3 Dec 2005)

Wootton Bassett Ladies went top of the North Division after a 3-0 home victory over East Glos.

In a keenly contested first half, in which both sides were tested, Bassett's chances to score were thwarted by the impressive performance of the East Glos goalkeeper.

In the second half, Bassett's close, accurate passing proved more effective than the visitors' long, hard shots. The first goal resulted from a short corner, Becky Williams passing the ball for Vicky Blundell to strike home. Nicky Wills increased the lead within a few minutes, and Wootton Bassett, scenting success, continued their pressure on the East Glos defence.

A ball from defence was picked up by the forwards and Vicky Field slotted in the third goal. Although East Glos rallied, they were unable to break the home defence. The win reflected Bassett's superb teamwork, with tireless effort by the forwards and a strong defence. Players of the Match were Nicky Wills and Katy Burnside.

**Ross on Wye 1 – 0 Wootton Bassett 2nd XI**

Bassett 2nds suffered a disappointing 1-0 defeat in their away game against Ross-on-Wye, where promising chances were unfulfilled.

Sue Davies and Victoria Sharpe were voted Players of the Match.

**Bassett hold the leaders: Lansdown 2nds 1 - 1 Wootton Bassett 1st XI** (26 Nov 2005)

Wootton Bassett Ladies turned in a fine performance to hold the North Division leaders Lansdown 2nd to a 1-1 draw.

A fine performance by Bassett goalkeeper Laura Brown kept the visitors in contention when she leapt to the left to save a waist high shot early in the game. Bassett had a goal disallowed shortly afterwards, and the score remained 0-0 at half -time.

Vicky Field scored for Wootton Bassett in the second half, and the visitors' defence seemed impregnable, with superb play, especially by Katy Burnside, to quash Lansdown's chances. Despite their efforts, however, Lansdown managed to equalise three minutes from the end.

Sammy Field, who had an excellent game in defence, was voted player of the match.

**Wootton Bassett 2nd XI 2 - 3 Gloucester 3rds**

Bassett 2nds lost 3-2 at home to Gloucester 3rds in Severn 2. After a promising start, Bassett conceded a goal in the 15th minute. Gloucester kept up the pressure and scored again to be two goals up at half-time.

Bassett's tighter teamwork in the second half was rewarded when newcomer Becky Johnston pulled one back. Gloucester retaliated and scored their third goal from open play. Bassett's continued efforts were rewarded when Victoria Sharp scored their second goal from the edge of the D.

Sarah Scarth was voted player of the match.

**Wootton Bassett 3rd XI 3 – 0 Marlborough 3rds**

Bassett 3rds beat Marlborough 3rds 3-0 in a friendly at Lime Kiln. Jenny Mumford scoring all three goals.

Emma Langdon had a superb game in midfield and was voted player of the match.

**Bassett have a Field day against Devizes: Wootton Bassett 1st XI 5 – 0 Devizes** (19 Nov 2005)

Wootton Bassett Ladies had mixed fortunes in their league matches at the weekend, with an impressive victory for the 1sts, and defeat for the 2nds.

The 1sts beat Devizes 5-0, with Vicky Field's first goal, within three minutes of the start, setting the trend in their home game. The visitors retaliated, but were frustrated by Bassett's impenetrable defence in Sue Lee, Laura Brown, Helen Siviter, Tracy Fieldsend, Sammy Field and Becky Williams.

In the 18th minute, Field flicked the ball over the Devizes goalkeeper to secure a 2-0 lead, and a minute later a cross from Nicky Wills was put away by Lisa Turner.

The Bassett forwards continued to pressurise the Devizes defence, with splendid support from captain Vicky Blundell, Becky Williams, Katy Burnside and Suzanne Montgomery. Nicky Gardner's tireless efforts were rewarded just before half-time when her

slick, accurate strike from a short corner made it 4-0.

Player of the match Gardner added the fifth goal, six minutes into the second half, after combining effectively with Field.

### **Hereford 2nds 2 – 0 Wootton Bassett 2nd XI**

Bassett were fortunate not to concede a goal in a lacklustre first half at Hereford.

After beginning the second half in more promising style, with pressure on the Hereford goal, the visitors were caught out by a strong counter-attack from which Hereford scored the first goal. The assault was maintained, and the home side made victory secure with a second goal, shortly before the end of the game.

Sue Davies was voted player of the match.

### **Nicky's on fire to lift Bassett girls: Sidmouth 1 – 4 Wootton Bassett 1st XI** (13 Nov 05)

Wootton Bassett Ladies are through to the second round of the Hockey Association Women's Trophy after an impressive 4-1 win at Sidmouth.

Nicola Gardner opened the scoring as Bassett's positive play paid off, Vicky Field and Vicky Blundell setting up the chance. Blundell chipped in the second goal and, after Katy Burnside had kept the ball in play, Gardner scored her second to put Bassett comfortably in control at half-time.

The visitors maintained their attacking style in the second half, although Sidmouth did pull a goal back. But Gardner completed her hat-trick with a brilliant strike to set up a second-round meeting with Aldershot & Farnham in January.

### **Gloucester 2nds 0 – 0 Wootton Bassett 1st XI** (12 Nov 05)

Bassett drew 0-0 with Gloucester 2nd in their West Club's League North Division clash.

### **Wootton Bassett 2nd XI 5 – 2 Badgers**

There was better news for the second string in their Severn Division Two clash with Badgers.

Sue Davies scored twice in a 5-2 triumph. Viv Hayward, Sammy Field and Emma Hayden were also on target.

### **Wootton Bassett 3rd XI 1 - 2 Swindon 2nds**

The third team lost 2-1 to Swindon 2nd in a friendly, Jenny Mumford on target.

### **Late blow dents fine Bassett record: Bath Buccs 2nds 3 – 2 Wootton Bassett 1st XI** (5 Nov 2005)

Wootton Bassett Ladies 1sts were unlucky to sustain their first defeat of the season in a top-of-the-table clash at Bath Buccaneers.

An early ball from Becky Williams in midfield provided a promising chance for Lisa Turner, but her strike was thwarted when the ball hit the goalkeeper's pads. Bath gained a series of penalty corners but were denied conversion by the superb play of Helen Siviter and Sue Lee, in defence. Katy Burnside was unlucky as a Bath dummy led to their first goal.

Bassett retaliated, slick passing from Nancy Strickland and Lisa Turner leading to Vicky Field's equaliser with an impressive shot which gave the goalkeeper no chance. Bath scored again from a penalty corner to gain a 2-1 lead at half-time.

Bassett came out strongly in the second half. Vicky Blundell drove the ball to Nattie Moore, whose speedy pass was struck confidently into goal by player of the match Nicky Wills. Play was evenly matched until three minutes from time, when a lucky deflection gave Bath the points.

### **Wootton Bassett 2nd XI 6 – 2 Cheltenham 3rds**

Bassett 2nds picked up three valuable points in their 6-2 home defeat of Cheltenham.

After skilled interplay by Victoria Sharpe and Nicky Gardner, Vivienne Hayward opened the scoring within five minutes. Cheltenham's vigorous response yielded two goals before Gardner levelled the score with her first goal this season.

Sammy Jennings maintained her reputation as the club's top scorer, by adding two further goals. There was a short delay after the

Cheltenham goalkeeper retired injured, and another team member took her place. The visitors, reduced to 10 players, conceded two more goals, from Sue Davies and Suzanne Montgomery, on her debut.

After an impressive team performance, goalkeeper Gemma Lowndes was voted player of the match.

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### **Melksham 0 – 7 Wootton Bassett 1st XI** (29 Oct 2005)

Wootton Bassett Ladies dominated play in their friendly at Melksham, winning 7-0.

They were three goals up by half-time. Melksham's efforts to stem the Bassett onslaught proved fruitless, and the visitors' slick teamwork added four more goals in the second half. The scorers were Vicky Field (2), Lisa Turner, Helen Siviter, Kate Burnside, Vicky Blundell, Nicky Wills.

Sammy Field's excellent performance in defence gained the player of the match award.

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### **Six of the best: Cirencester 0 – 6 Wootton Bassett 1st XI** (22 Oct 2005)

Wootton Bassett scored a decisive 6-0 victory at Cirencester in a friendly. They started strongly and quashed the hosts early chances with strong defensive play by Tracy Fieldsend and star player Sammy Field.

Bassett's first goal, from Lisa Turner, followed a goalmouth scramble. The visitors settled, and were awarded a series of penalty corners from which Vicky Blundell scored the second, and Helen Siviter added a third goal before half-time.

Turner scored again after the break following swift passes between Vicky Field and Blundell. Kate Burnside added the fifth and a solo effort by Field sealed the result.

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### **Wootton Bassett 2nds 3 – 1 Marlborough 2nds**

Meanwhile, Bassett Ladies 2nd beat the Marlborough second string after both teams had made a promising start in their friendly at Bassett.

Player of the match Vivienne Hayward put the home side ahead after ten minutes, but Marlborough retaliated with an early equaliser. Jenny Jones put Bassett 2-1 up from a goal mouth melee before half-time.

Bassett had most of the play after the break, and a brilliant strike by Sue Davies secured the victory.

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### **Four wins on the trot for ladies: Wootton Bassett 1st XI 3 - 0 Cheltenham** (15 Oct 2005)

Wootton Bassett Ladies secured their fourth successive North Division victory when they defeated Cheltenham 3-0 at home.

The visitors opened strongly and looked threatening in the first 15 minutes. This galvanised the home side into action, and Bassett players combined effectively with short accurate passes which tested Cheltenham's defence. After numerous chances, Nicola Gardner's shot was struck home by Vicky Field in the 29th minute.

In the second half, Cheltenham's slender chances were quashed by Bassett's solid defence. Fifteen minutes into the second half, Gardner put Bassett 2-0 up. Just before the final whistle, Lisa Turner scored the third after the ball rebounded from a short corner.

### **Blockley 3 – 1 Wootton Bassett 2nd XI**

In a top-of-the-table clash, Bassett 2nd opened the scoring against Blockley with a well-worked goal from Natasha Moore. Blockley retaliated strongly and equalised before half-time.

Bassett maintained their attack in the second half, but were caught on the break by the home side who scored two more goals to secure victory. Bassett goalkeeper Catherine Smith was voted player of the match.

### **Wansdyke Warriors 0 – 4 Wootton Bassett 3rd XI**

Bassett's newly-formed 3rd XI won a friendly game 4 -0 against Wansdyke Warriors on Saturday, with two goals from Jenny Mumford and two from Jenny Jones. Player of the match was Emma Langdon.

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### **Field treble fires Bassett: Clifton 1 - 6 Wootton Bassett 1st XI**

(8 Oct 2005)

Wootton Bassett Ladies continued their unbeaten run to remain top of the North Division with a sweeping 6-1 victory at Clifton.

The goalfest began when Nicky Gardner's clean strike was deflected in at the far post by Vicky Field. Bassett continued to dominate play, and piled on the pressure with excellent work in midfield from player of the match Becky Williams. Their second goal came from a penalty corner slip and an excellent deflection by Helen Siviter. Field scored again from Katy Burnside's drive into the D and Gardner scored their fourth with a swift strike.

With Bassett firmly in control, an interchange of passes between Gardner and Field tore the Clifton defence apart, and led to Gardner's second goal. Field completed her hat-trick when a free hit from Vicky Blundell was deflected off her stick to fool the goalkeeper. Clifton managed a consolation goal towards the end of the game.

### **Wootton Bassett 2nd XI 5 - 2 Shipton Oliffe**

Bassett 2nds maintained their leadership of Severn 2 with a 5-2 victory at home against Shipton Oliffe. Player of the match Sammy Jennings, who scored the first goal after nine minutes, completed a hat-trick before half-time.

In the second half, the visitors pulled one back but Wootton Bassett kept up the pressure and Jennings played superbly to add two more goals before Shipton Oliffe fought back to score their second.

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### **Nicola on target in Bassett club's clean sweep: Bretforton 1 - 2 Wootton Bassett 1st XI** (1 Oct 2005)

Wootton Bassett Ladies teams completed a clean sweep of wins at the weekend. The first team led the way, defeating Bretforton 2-1 in West Clubs North. After a goalless first half, Bassett fell behind to a deflected shot. Undaunted, Nicola Gardner's smart reverse stick shot brought them level and she added a second to clinch victory.

### **Wootton Bassett 2nd XI 5 - 2 St Gregorys 2nds**

The second string were 5-2 winners over St Gregorys in Severn Division Two. Sammy Jennings and Natasha Moore put the home side in command in the first half. After the break, they moved further ahead, Jennings and Sue Davies, who combined well with Moore, Victoria Sharpe, Polly Lang and newcomer Suzanne Montgomery, the scorers. Davies added a fifth before St Gregorys pulled two back by the final whistle.

### **Marlborough 3rd XI 0 - 1 Wootton Bassett 3rd XI**

Jenny Mumford's excellent strike gave the third string a 1-0 friendly victory over Marlborough 3rds.

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### **Turner's treble inspires Bassett: Wootton Bassett 1sts 4 - 0 Lydney**

(24 Sept 2005)

Wootton Bassett Ladies started the season well by winning both their league matches. The firsts, who were demoted at the end of last season, faced an unknown quantity at home against newly-promoted Lydney in the North Division.

The home side started strongly and soon created problems for the Lydney defence. Within 15 minutes, a shot by Lisa Turner struck the post, but she went on to open the scoring, and Helen Siviter scored the second goal from a penalty corner.

Lydney's goalkeeper was in form to quell Wootton Bassett's chances, but Turner scored again to give the home side a 3-0 half-time lead.

Lydney rallied in the second half, but were frustrated by Bassett's short, accurate passes, and Laura Brown's sterling performance in goal. Sue Lee, Siviter and Tracy Fieldsend fed the forwards with long passes, and from one of these Turner scored the fourth for her hat-trick.

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### **Brockworh 1 - 6 Wootton Bassett**

Bassett 2nd took an early lead at Brockworth when Victoria Sharpe swept the ball into the back of the net.

Brockworth soon equalised, but Bassett regained the lead before half-time, with Sue Davies' accurate strike. In the second half, Sharpe completed her hat-trick and Sammy Jenning found the net twice.

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### **Wootton Bassett 1sts 3 – 3 Sturminster Newton**

(17 Sept 2005)

In their final pre-season warm up game, Bassett drew 3-3 with Sturminster Newton. Nicky Wills scored in the first half, but they trailed 2-1 before Lisa Turner scored twice in the second period.

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### **FRIENDS REUNITED ON TOUR**

(10 Sept 2005)

A chance meeting with a former player at the West of England Championships four years ago led to Wootton Bassett Ladies trip to Guernsey last week.

Jayne Carter invited Bassett to take a team to her present club on the Channel Island as soon as their new artificial pitch and clubhouse were complete.

Bassett lost their first game against Amazons, Sue Lee scoring in a 2-1 defeat. But the tourists did win their second clash, 5-3 against the Vixens. Victoria Sharpe scored four times, with Lee on the scoresheet again.

In the final game, against Guernsey Veterans, Carter played for Bassett and scored the first goal before Lee, Ann Webb and Zara Salisbury fired them to a 4-1 victory.

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### **BASSETT GET PICK ME UP**

(3 Sept 2005)

WOOTTON Bassett Hockey Club warmed up for the new season with their open day on Sunday. More than 40 people turned up to the event at Wootton Bassett School, which was aimed at recruiting new players. Wootton Bassett, who boast men's, ladies and youth teams, recruited 15 new members on the day.

Club treasurer Stephanie Wheeler was delighted with the turn-out, saying: "It was a fantastic day. We were very pleased with the turn-out we had. "The weather was good and everybody that came out played some hockey. "I'd like to also thank the sponsors of the ladies team, Dauntsey Vale Windows and Conservatories, for all their support this year."

Wootton Bassett Ladies, meanwhile, started the new season well, with two friendly games which resulted in a win for the second string and a draw for the newly formed third team.

The 2nd XI ran out 5-4 winners against North Wilts, and that after finding themselves 4-2 down at half-time. Bassett rallied well in the second half to secure victory, Natasha Walklett and Sam Jennings netting two goals apiece and Vivienne Hayward completing the tally. Lisa Turner and Steph Wheeler shared the player-of-the-match honours for Bassett.

Wootton Bassett Ladies 3rd, meanwhile, drew 2-2 with North Wilts' second string. The occasion of Bassett fielding a women's third team was an achievement in itself and to emerge with a draw added icing to the cake. Jenny Mumford scored to put Bassett ahead at half-time. A youthful North Wilts side fought back well in the second half, and they took a 2-1 lead. Bassett were not to be denied, though, and Mumford was on hand to knock in her second to level matters. Newcomer Sarah Dance was voted player of the match.

This weekend, 12 Wootton Bassett Ladies players will travel with friends to the Channel Islands, for the Guernsey Ladies Hockey Club Invitation Tournament. There they will reunite with former Wootton Bassett player Jayne Filer, who is now a Guernsey resident.

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