

WBHC Ladies Match Reports 2006/07 Season

Swindon joy is Bassett's despair: Swindon 4 - 1 Wootton Bassett 1st XI

(17 March 2007)

Swindon Ladies won the Premier Two title and condemned opponents Wootton Bassett to relegation with a 4-1 home victory in their final league game.

From the off Swindon applied all the pressure and came close to opening the scoring within the first few minutes. Eventually they won a short corner which Karen Churms placed perfectly on the post for Gemma Anstey to deflect past Bassett keeper Laura Brown.

Bassett's few attacks in the first half were thwarted by the team with the best defensive record in the league and Swindon increased their lead just before half-time when player of the match Kath Fry battled into the D and laid an unselfish pass back to Anstey who slapped the ball through a wall of defenders.

With a two-goal cushion, Swindon's sat back and allowed Bassett back into the game. Tracy Fieldsend's quick free hit found an unmarked Vicky Field who sliced the ball past Swindon keeper Fran Ronan. Swindon stepped up their game, but Bassett pressed harder and gained a run of short corners, all of which Swindon defended well, Claire Sage making some crucial clearances.

With both team pushing for another goal, gaps emerged at both ends. Kerrie Keene and Clark worked the ball between them to find Fry who set Baker up for Swindon's third. As Bassett's spirits dropped, the home side's play became more expansive and the fourth goal came from a chip over the diving Brown in goal, to end the game 4-1.

Seconds' success: Ross on Wye 2 - 3 Wootton Bassett 2nd XI

Wootton Bassett Ladies 2nds boosted their prospects of promotion to Division One when they scored a 3-2 victory away against Ross-on-Wye in their final league game of the season in Severn Division Two. In a fine team effort, scorers were Natasha Moore, Becky Thomas and Player of the Match Sarah Dance.

Wootton Bassett 3rd XI 0 - 3 Lansdown 3rds

Bassett Ladies 3rd were unlucky to lose 3-0 at home against top of the table Lansdown 3rd, in end-to-end play in Severn Division 3. Carol Lamb was Player of the Match.

Siviter's spot on to hand Bassett win: Exmouth 2nds 2 - 4 Wootton Bassett 1sts

(3 March 2007)

Bassett Ladies picked up a crucial West Clubs Premier Two success with a 4-2 win over Exmouth 2nds.

Bassett went close on several occasions before they were awarded a penalty flick when the ball came off an Exmouth foot. Helen Siviter fired home to give the visitors a narrow lead at half-time.

Early in the second half, a pass from Becky Williams was driven in by Lisa Turner to increase the advantage. Exmouth fought back and levelled the score with two goals in quick succession, but Wootton Bassett's response proved decisive. Another obstruction and penalty flick led to a repeat by Siviter, whose cracking shot hit the backboard to restore the visitors' lead.

Exmouth's further attacks were thwarted and, after a neat interception Becky Williams, Turner scored a brilliant second to seal it.

Wootton Bassett 2nds 2 - 1 Badgers

Bassett's second string defeated Badgers 2-1 in Severn Division Two. The game was a midfield stalemate until Badgers broke through to score the first goal. Before half-time, injury reduced the visitors to 10 players, a factor which upset their balance in the second half.

Bassett's forwards pressurised and Sue Davies equalised. Nicky Gardner, Natasha Moore, Emma Hayden, captain Debbie James, Nancy Strickland and Vivienne Hayward were all in great form, but Badgers' goalkeeper was on top form. She kept them at bay until the closing minutes, when Emma Hayden passed for Zara Salisbury to score.

Shipton Oliffe 3 - 1 Wootton Bassett 3rds

Bassett 3rd XI faced a tough challenge at second-placed Shipton Oliffe in Severn Division Three. The home side's determined onslaught left Bassett 3-0 down in the first 16 minutes, but the visitors rallied impressively. In the second half, they pulled one back when a pass from Becky Johnson was driven home by Abby Iles.

Wootton have the Edge: Wootton Bassett 3rd XI 1 - 4 Wootton-u-Edge

(17 February 2007)

Wootton Bassett Ladies 3rd lost their rearranged league match 4-1 at home against a strong Wootton-under-Edge side who are fourth in Severn Division 3.

The visitors scored within five minutes of the start, and their hard, accurate passes yielded a second goal after 20 minutes. Bassett had their best play before half-time but were unable to pull one back.

In the second half, Wootton-under-Edge continued to pile on the pressure and scored two further goals. Bassett's teamwork improved and was rewarded with a consolation goal from player of the match Heather Box in the final minute.

The club was unable to marshal a 2nds side, and fielded a 3rd A team in the planned friendly fixture at home against North Wilts. The home side proved their prowess with some excellent teamwork, and won 5-0 with goals from Emma Clifton, Becky Johnson (2), Victoria Sharpe and Caroline Searle. Player of the match was Millie Fairbanks.

Bassett Ladies had a successful weekend with two wins and a draw

(3 February 2007)

Marlborough 2 - 2 Wootton Bassett 1st XI

Bassett made a determined start, and bamboozled Marlborough with their slick, controlled, open play. Marlborough were lucky to score first, from a well-taken short corner, but Lisa Turner soon equalised with a fantastic reverse stick shot. Bassett settled into attacking mode and were rewarded when Vicky Field scored their second goal.

The visitors' strong defence kept Marlborough at bay until a controversial umpiring decision resulted in Marlborough's second goal. Superb play by Wootton Bassett goalkeeper Laura Brown and Lisa Turner, who was recently selected for West of England hockey trials, resulted in their sharing the player of the match title.

Saints gunned down by Bassett's late salvo: Wootton Bassett 2nds 7 - 2 St Gregory's

The 2nds gained an impressive 7-2 home victory over St Gregory's in West Clubs Severn Div 2 after a remarkable goal-fest in the final stages of the match.

Natasha Moore opened the scoring in the first 10 minutes, and 10 minutes later her pass into the circle was driven home by Becky Thomas. Then St Gregory's took Bassett's defence by surprise to pull one back, but the home side piled on the pressure and a Vivienne Hayward pass to Moore yielded a third goal. St Gregory's regained some control to score their second, and the 3-2 tally, with only 10 minutes remaining, provided a quick wake-up call for Wootton Bassett.

Their subsequent all-out offensive was rewarded with a fourth goal from Sue Davies, swiftly followed by one from Hayward. St Gregory's were powerless to stem the volley, and goals from Moore and Heather Box sealed the 7-2 victory. Hayward was unlucky to have other unsuccessful shots on goal. Captain Debbie James provided great encouragement, and Polly Long, Nancy Strickland and Emma Hayden played well in defence. Player of the match was Heather Box.

Lansdown 4ths 1 - 2 Wootton Bassett 3rd XI

Bassett 3rds played well to win 2-1 in their Severn Division 3 game at Lansdown 4ths. Scorers were Abby Iles and Jenny Jones. Player of the Match was Carol Lamb.

Bassett slip out of the trophy: Wootton Bassett 0 - 0 Chippenham

(21 January 2007)

On Sunday, Wootton Bassett's 1st XI's keenly contested home game against Chippenham 1st in the Wiltshire Trophy remained goalless after extra time. The result hinged on penalty flicks which yielded a 3-1 victory for Chippenham. Players of the match were Sue Lee, Emma Langdon and Sammy Field.

Field goal is not enough for Bassett: Wootton Bassett 1st XI 1 - 3 Salisbury (20 January 2007)

Wootton Bassett Ladies 1st XI lost at home in West Clubs Premier Division Two to a strong Salisbury side who are fourth in the table.

The game started at a fast pace, with both defences tested and Salisbury opened the scoring after 30 minutes. Three minutes into the second half, Wootton Bassett were awarded a short corner which was taken by Helen Siviter. Her shot rebounded off the Salisbury goalkeeper, but Vicky Field pounced on the ball and slotted it home to equalise. Salisbury scored a second goal, and Wootton Bassett's strenuous efforts to level the score were thwarted when the visitors packed their goal area and denied any chances. Despite a good performance by the home side, Salisbury sealed victory with a third goal.

Wootton Bassett 2nd XI 6 - 0 Gloucester 4ths

Bassett 2nds picked up three valuable points when they outclassed Gloucester to win 6-0 at home in Severn Division Two.

The home side dominated play from the start and scored three goals in each half. A hat-trick by player of the match Sue Davies and a goal each from Nicky Gardner, Heather Box and Becky Thomas completed the tally in a slick team performance.

Painswick 2 – 0 Wootton Bassett 3rd XI

Bassett Ladies 3rds were defeated 2-0 by Painswick in their Severn Division 3 away game. Painswick took the lead before half-time and scored again in the second half. Julia Campbell was player of the match.

League and Trophy gloom for Bassett Ladies

(13 January 2007)

Lydney 3 – 2 Wootton Bassett 1st XI

Bassett went out of the All-England Trophy when they lost 3-2 at Lydney on Sunday.

Lydney sneaked the ball over the line to score in the first few minutes, and scored a second goal from a goalmouth scramble against the run of play. However, after this, they continued to pressurise and their third goal, just before half-time, followed slick, swift passes which split Bassett's defence.

In the second half, Bassett came back strongly, throwing players forward to press Lydney's defence. Katie Cox put a long ball down the left to Vicky Field, who attacked the D and slipped the ball to Suzanne Montgomery, who swept it past the Lydney goalkeeper.

Bassett's sustained pressure resulted in a second excellent goal, scored by Field in a fine individual performance. With the score at 3-2 Bassett strove to equalise, and were disappointed when Nicky Gardner's shot went wide in the final minute.

Chippenham 1 – 0 Wootton Bassett 1st XI

In their first Premier 2 game of the year on Saturday, away to Chippenham, Bassett showed great promise in the first 15 minutes, but failed to capitalise on well-earned penalty corners, and were unsettled by several injuries. Chippenham scored the only goal of the game midway through the first half.

In the second half, Chippenham's attacks were thwarted by Laura Brown, Sammy Field Tracy Fieldsend, Sue Lee and player of the match Helen Siviter.

Wootton Bassett 2nd XI 1 – 1 Cirencester

Bassett 2nds drew at home against Cirencester in their first Severn 2 game of 2007. After a goalless first half in which chances were denied, Cirencester took control and scored through Julie Carter 20 minutes into the second half. However, Bassett were not outclassed and were rewarded for their patience, when a reverse stick shot from Nicky Gardner was slotted home by Sue Davies to yield a well-deserved draw.

Frome 0 – 4 Wootton Bassett 3rd XI

Bassett 3rds played well to secure a 4-0 victory against Frome, away, in a friendly on Saturday. Abby Iles and Jenny Jones scored two goals each, and Laura Howells was player of the match.

Ladies recover from early setbacks: Isca Dragons 2 - 2 Wootton Bassett 1st XI (9 December 2006)

Wootton Bassett Ladies dominated from the start of their away game against Isca Dragons, in Premier 2, and spent the first 15 minutes in attack before Isca scored against the run of play. A subsequent scuffle in Bassett's defence caused confusion from which Isca seized the initiative to score a second goal.

Vicky Field was unlucky not to pull one back when her persistent efforts were thwarted by Isca's excellent goalkeeper. Bassett piled on the pressure in the second half. After a fine run, Helen Siviter passed the ball left to Katy Cox, who scored from the top of the circle.

This boosted the visitors' morale and determination. After slick moves up the field, Suzanne Montgomery passed the ball across the circle, where it was deflected by Nicky Giles and was slotted neatly into goal by Lisa Turner. In the last ten minutes, Bassett strove to score a winning goal, and although this was denied, they were pleased with the draw, and the well earned point which maintained their league position. Helen Siviter was player of the match.

Cheltenham 2 - 0 Wootton Bassett 2nd XI

Bassett 2nds failed to match previous form in their Severn 2 away game against Cheltenham and lost 2-0. Polly Long was player of the match.

Cheltenham CS 2nds 0 - 3 Wootton Bassett 3rd XI

Bassett 3rds gave the best performance of their first season in Severn 3 when they defeated Cheltenham CS 2nd 3-0, away. Tegan Buchanan scored in the first half, and player of the match Heather Box added two more in the second half.

Late comeback is not enough: Yate & S.Glos 4 - 3 Wootton Bassett 1st XI (25 November 2006)

Wootton Bassett ladies dominated the early stages of their away game in Premier 2, against top of the table Yate & South Glos, but lost 4-3.

Yate went ahead through a quick breakaway goal, and within minutes a questionable decision gave the home side a penalty stroke which led to their second goal. Yate's third came from a deflected shot past goalkeeper Laura Brown to put the home side 3-0 up before half-time.

This unnerved Wootton Bassett, who conceded a fourth goal from a strong shot at the top of the circle but, after a great run, Lisa Turner crossed the circle and scored the visitors' first goal from a smart reverse stick shot. Bassett then attacked in waves, and were rewarded when Steph Wheeler scored their second.

Their sustained pressure worried Yate and forced defensive errors from which Bassett were awarded another penalty corner. Helen Sivister neatly slotted the ball past the Yate keeper to complete the scoreline.

2nds top the league: Newent 2 - 3 Wootton Bassett 2nd XI

Bassett 2nd XI gained three points to maintain their position as league leaders in Severn 2 when they defeated Newent 3-2 away.

Debbie James opened the scoring from a short corner but Newent equalised early in the second half. Sue Davies redressed the balance by slamming in a superb goal, but Newent levelled the score again, before Emma Langdon crossed the ball slickly to Becky Thomas who scored the winner.

Lansdown 3rds 5 - 0 Wootton Bassett 3rd XI

Bassett 3rd XI were outclassed 5-0 by top of the table Lansdown, away, in Severn 3.

Wootton Bassett Ladies had a mixed bag of results in their league matches (4 November 2006)

The first team went down 5-2 against Marlborough with Vicky Field and Lisa Turner getting the goals for Bassett. However, the second team won 1-0 against the previously undefeated St Gregorys with Becky Thomas scoring the only goal of the game. The thirds lost 3-1 against East Glos - Abi Iles scoring

Ladies hit for six: Bude 6 - 0 Wootton Bassett 1st XI (14 October 2006)

Bassett faced strong opposition in Bude in this West Clubs Premier Division Two fixture.

In the first half, Bude's swift, skilful play yielded three goals from penalty corners and in the second Bude added three more, two of which were penalty flicks. The visitors were unlucky not to score from Sue Lee's penalty corner strike and from Vicky Field's promising shot from a Nicky Wills' cross.

Wootton Bassett 2nd XI 1 - 1 Gloucester 3rds

Bassett's second team clawed their way back from a goal down to draw with Gloucester 3rds in West Club's Severn Division Two. With just 10 minutes on the clock Bassett went a goal down but retaliated strongly and were rewarded with an equaliser just before half time when Captain Debbie James fired a shot from just inside the D and the ball was touched over the line by Suzanne Montgomery.

In the second half, both teams battled strongly in end-to-end play, and Wootton Bassett goalkeeper Gemma Vinton's excellent saves kept the score level.

Lansdown 4ths 0 - 0 Wootton Bassett 3rd XI

There were no goals in Bassett's third team clash against Lansdown.

Bassett started well but several promising attacks proved fruitless and in the end goalkeeper Liz Archer had to make some brilliant saves to keep Bassett in the game.

Salisbury 8 – 0 Wootton Bassett Ladies 1st XI

(7 October 2006)

Bassett Ladies suffered a disappointing 8-0 defeat after a promising start at Salisbury in Premier Division 2. They had a goal disallowed when the ball was judged not to have crossed the line, and were 3-0 down by half-time.

Bassett's valiant efforts to redress the balance were thwarted by Salisbury, who continued to score at regular intervals. Becky Williams was player of the match.

Gloucester 4th XI 0 – 8 Wootton Bassett Ladies 2nd XI

By contrast, Bassett 2nd won 8-0 at Gloucester 4th in West Clubs Division Two. Viv Hayward set the tone by scoring a hat-trick in the first half.

Two goals from Sue Davies and one from Natasha Moore put Wootton Bassett six up by half-time. Jenny Mumford added two goals in the second half, to increase Wootton Bassett's tally to eight.

Two out of three for Bassett sides: Wootton Bassett 1st XI 1 - 0 Chippenham

(30th Sept 06)

Wootton Bassett Ladies had a good weekend with two league victories and a draw. The 1sts, at home to Chippenham in Premier 2, had the edge in a goalless first half.

Bassett goalkeeper Laura Brown made a crucial save soon after half-time, and they scored the all-important winning goal 10 minutes from the end of the match when the ball was driven from the back via Nicky Gibbs, up the line to Nicola Gardner, whose pass found Katie Cox well-placed to slot in the winning goal. Lisa Turner was voted player of the match.

Cirencester 1 - 1 Wootton Bassett 2nd XI

A strong Cirencester side provided stiff opposition for Wootton Bassett 2nd in their Severn Division 2 away game. In the first 20 minutes of a hard-fought first half, Bassett soaked up the pressure. Then came a break down the left wing by Suzanne Montgomery, whose slick pass across the D was swept in by Natasha Moore at the far post, to put the visitors 1-0 up at half-time.

Cirencester resumed their attacking form in the second half and eventually equalised. This was an excellent overall effort by Bassett, whose player of the match was Nancy Strickland.

Wootton Bassett 3rd XI 5 - 0 Painswick

Bassett 3rd, in their first-ever game in Severn Division 3, gained an impressive 5-0 home victory against Painswick.

Bassett went ahead when player of the match Abi Isles converted from a narrow angle. The home side's direct, well positioned play yielded four further goals, through Heather Box, J Mumford (2) and Rachael Fairbanks.

Bassett begin with a bang: ISCA Dragons 1 - 4 Wootton Bassett 1st XI

(23rd Sept 06)

Newly-promoted Wootton Bassett Ladies 1st XI, apprehensive at the prospect of their first match in Premier Division 2, banished their worries by taking control early against ISCA Dragons, and going on to win 4-1.

Early chances were denied to Nicky Gardner and Vicky Field, who combined well in the forward line, but Bassett kept possession and were rewarded in the 25th minute, when a pass from Katy Cox was slotted in by Lisa Turner.

Bassett dominated the second half, and after a fine run, Gardner passed the ball to Field who made it 2-0. Two minutes later, Field scored again after a cross from Gibbs. Fine saves by ISCA's goalkeeper kept the score down until a corner yielded Bassett's fourth goal from Gibbs. The Dragons rallied, and scored a consolation goal just before the final whistle.

Wootton Bassett 2nd XI 5 - 1 Cheltenham

Bassett 2nds had a superb 5-1 victory at home against Cheltenham in Severn Division 2. Player of the Match Natasha Moore scored a hat-trick in the first half, to give Wootton Bassett a 3-0 lead

Cheltenham scored a consolation goal from a penalty flick early in the second half, but the home side forged further ahead with goals from Sue Davies and excellent young player Becky Thomas.
