

## WBHC Mens Match Reports 2005/06 Season

### Wootton Bassett 1st XI 1 – 3 Devizes A

(4 March 2006)

In losing 3-1 Wootton Bassett put up one of the best performances of the season against league leaders Devizes in Wilts and NE Somerset Division 1 on Saturday.

Devizes started strongly passing the ball around with the confidence befitting their league position. Bassett's defence, marshalled by man of the match Martin Mumford, dealt with a number of early attacks and in turn the home side's counter attacks maintained the pressure on their opponent's goal. Mid way through the first half, good interplay between Mark Tolley, Mark Skivington and Matt Edgar worked the ball into the Devizes circle and Martin Spurling shot strongly, low to the keeper's right for Bassett to take an unexpected lead. The visitors responded almost immediately, wrong-footing the Bassett defence and shooting past the out-stretched Lee Baldry in goal to equalise. Further attacks by both sides followed and Baldry pulled off two sharp saves to keep the score 1-1 at half time.

The visitors continued to press in the second half, forcing several short corners. But Bassett also created good chances to retake the lead, notably a shot on the run into the side netting by Grant Kirkup with the goal keeper beaten. Eventually Devizes broke the deadlock when Paul Vines attempted to block a well-struck shot from another short corner only to see it deflect high into the top of the net by for their second goal. Bassett continued to work hard in defence as the visitors moved the ball from one side of the field to the other and, in the closing stages of the game, they began to tire allowing Devizes break through and score their third goal of the game for 3-1 at the final whistle.

**Goal scorers:** M.Spurling **Man of the match:** L.Baldry, M.Mumford

**W.Bassett 1st XI:** L.Baldry, M.Mumford, M.Tolley (capt), M.Bray, M.Skivington, P.Vines, D.Titcombe, M.Edgar, G.Kirkup, M.Chivers, M.Spurling, K.Barnes, M.Davies.

### Westbury F 1 – 9 Wootton Bassett 2nd XI

As Wootton Bassett 2nd XI continue their preparations for joining the league next season, they scored a significant victory away to a Westbury team from Bristol and NW Somerset Division 4 on Saturday.

A hat-trick from Matt Jakubiec, two goals each from Ian Martin and Callum Black and further goals from Steve Whittingham and James Wright were complemented by a solid performance in defence by Sam Snell and Jack Showering. It was a magnificent team performance and a perfect result was only marred by a well-taken goal from a short corner by Westbury, five minutes from time, that gave Paul Warren no chance in goal for Bassett.

**Goal scorers:** M.Jakubiec (3), I.Martin (2), C.Black (2), J.Wright, S.Whittingham.

**W.Bassett 2ndXI:** P.Warren (capt), J.Showering, T.Wiltshire, D.White, S.Snell, R.Moore, A.Sammon, J.Wright, C.Black, R.Moore, I.Martin, C.Postill, S.Whittingham.

### Bassett stunned by last gasp goal: Wootton Bassett 1st XI 2 – 2 Chippenham A

(4 Feb 2006)

Wootton Bassett dropped valuable points against bottom of the table Chippenham in Wilts & NE Somerset Division 1 at Lime Kiln on Saturday.

The home side got off to a confident start, exerting continuous pressure on their local rivals, but it was the visitors who scored first when they broke away, drove hard towards goal and wrong-footed Lee Baldry with a reverse flick after ten minutes. Bassett continued to press, peppering the Chippenham goal, although Baldry was called upon to palm away a goal-bound effort from a rare attack by the visitors and the scoreline remained 1-0 at half time.

After the break the home side's pressure finally took its toll. Chippenham conceded a short corner which was taken by Mark Tolley and well struck by Martin Spurling forcing a defender to stop it with his foot on the line to prevent a goal. Paul Vines stepped up to take the penalty stroke which he flicked high into the net for Bassett's equaliser.

During the next 20 minutes, several more chances for Bassett went begging until eventually a free hit from 30 metres by Spurling was skilfully deflected into goal by Steve Gardner for 2-1. Despite further pressure, Bassett were unable to extend their lead and then, with four minutes to go, Chippenham stole an equaliser when they broke away and despite a valiant attempt by Baldry to block the shot, he saw the deflection loop up into the air and drop agonisingly just under the cross bar. Bassett now threw everything forward, desperate to regain the lead, but the clock ticked away and Chippenham held on for a draw at the final whistle.

**Goal scorers:** P.Vines, S.Gardner **Man of the match:** P.Vines

**W.Bassett 1st XI:** L.Baldry, M.Mumford, M.Spurling, M.Skivington, P.Vines, M.Tolley (capt), M.Edgar, G.Kirkup, M.Bray, M.Chivers, S.Gardner, A.Sammon, M.Davies

## **Wootton Bassett 2nd XI 2 – 2 Devizes 3rd XI**

Wootton Bassett's young second string found themselves two goals down within the first fifteen minutes in this home fixture against Devizes.

However, gradually the home side tightened their marking and built several good attacking moves, before forcing the visitors to concede a short corner on the half hour. Ali Sammon dragged the ball out to the edge of the circle and it was picked up by Ian Martin and slipped to Mark Turner to hit the ball home from close range for Bassett's first goal.

After the break Bassett again competed well. Their forward line had a number of unsuccessful attempts on goal before a Matt Jakubiec shot rebounded to Neal Sharp to strike home for the equaliser mid-way through the second half. Both sides then had chances to win the game before Devizes conceded a penalty stroke following a short corner by Bassett. Unfortunately Sammon was unable to convert when his stroke hit the post and the score remained 2-2 at the close.

**Goal scorers:** M.Turner, N.Sharp **Man of the match:** J.Showering  
**W.Bassett 2nd XI:** P.Warren, R.Pearce, D.White, S.Snell, J.Showering, R.Cook, M.Turner, P.Sammon, N.Sharp, M.Jakubiec, T.Wiltshire, I.Martin, C.Black, A.Sammon

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## **Gardner digs in for Bassett: Shepton Mallett A 2 – 3 Wootton Bassett 1st XI** (28 Jan 2006)

Wootton Bassett scored an important win against the team two places below them, to remain on course for fourth place in Wilts and NE Somerset Division 1 on Saturday.

Bassett got off to a strong start with early pressure resulting in a goal by Steve Gardner from a Matk Skivington cross. Within ten minutes, continued pressure forced Shepton to concede a short corner which was quickly taken by Dale Titcombe for Martin Spurling to strike home for Bassett's second. The visitors continued to dominate the first half and went close to extending their lead on several occasions, but as they pressed further upfield a quick break by the home side saw the Martin Bray and Dave Gardner in the Bassett defence outnumbered and Gardner was left with no option but to stop a goal-bound shot with his foot on the line to concede a penalty shot. However, the Shepton penalty-taker fired wide and the score remained 2-0 at half time.

The home side started the second half with renewed confidence and forced Bassett onto the back foot. This was compounded, when captain Dale Titcombe retired hurt and Shepton wrong-footed the visitors' defence before they had a chance to reorganise. Two quick goals from the home side turned the game, with Bassett struggling to respond and again they conceded a penalty stroke when keeper Lee Baldry brought down a Shepton attacker bearing down on goal. Baldry exonerated himself by saving magnificently low down to his right to keep the scores level.

This seemed to spur Bassett back into action and they went close to scoring before, finally, the ball broke to Steve Gardner in the circle to turn and force the ball past the Shepton keeper for the winning goal. 3-2 to Bassett at the close.

**Goal scorers:** S.Gardner (2), M.Spurling **Man of the match:** M.Edgar & M.Bray  
**W.Bassett 1st XI:** L.Baldry, M.Bray, D.Gardner, S.Snell, M.Edgar, D.Titcombe (capt), M.Skivington, G.Kirkup, M.Chivers, S.Gardner, M.Spurling, M.Davies.

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## **West Wilts E 3 – 2 Wootton Bassett 2nd XI**

West Wilts attacked straight from the start and, before the visitors had settled, took an early lead. There followed an end to end game with Bassett making good use of their young forward line of Ian Martin, Curt Postill and Matt Jakubiec.

However, despite a solid defence from Martin Mumford and some heroic goalkeeping by Paul Warren, the home scored again mid-way through the first period. Then, with a minute to half time Bassett got a break and forced the Wilts defence to clear to the sideline. Steve Whittingham took an early hit before the defence had managed to cover back and Matt Jakubiec slotted his shot home to make it 2-1 at the break.

The second half saw more pressure from Wilts and two goal-line saves by Dave White, before the home side took advantage of a quick break to score their third. Bassett launched another attack with good play from Jack Showering and Postill. Whittingham's shot was saved by the keeper but the ball rebounded to Neal Sharp who threaded the ball past the Wilts defence and the floundering keeper to pull the goal deficit back to one.

With five minutes to go, another Bassett attack left the keeper stranded, but Whittingham's early shot went wide of the open goal and the score remained 3-2 to west wilts at the final whistle.

**Goal scorers:** M.Jakubiec, N.Sharp **Man of the match:** D.White  
**W.Bassett 2nd XI:** P.Warren, R.Pearce, M.Mumford, D.White, R.Cook, I.Martin, M.Jakubiec, N.Sharp, J.Showering, C.Postill, S.Whittingham, C.Black.

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## **Worst defeat of season: Wootton Bassett 1st XI 3 – 9 Bath University A**

(21 Jan 2006)

Wootton Bassett were without four key players against a high flying Bath University side in Wilts and NE Somerset Division 1 and, as a result, suffered their worst defeat of the season on Saturday.

Bassett were on the back foot right from the start and fell victim to the university side's good movement off the ball and quick passing by conceding two early goals. Bath powered two further goals, before Bassett could respond via a Grant Kirkup strike for 4-1. But Bath were rampant, overwhelming the home side defence and seemingly scoring at will, to slot in three more before half time past the unfortunate Lee Baldry to make it 7-1 at the break.

The second half was a different affair. Bassett came out with determination and started to play the ball around with growing confidence. Pete Sammon went close to scoring on several occasions before Steve Gardner took the ball into the D and pulled it back for Kirkup to strike his second of the game. The visitors, however, were not finished and with Bassett pushing higher up the field, caught them on the break to score twice more. Sammon eventually got Bassett's third goal of the game, pushing home Martyn Chivers cross from short range, to make it 9-3 to bath at the close.

**Goal scorers:** G.Kirkup (2), P.Sammon **Man of the Match:** P.Vines

**W.Bassett 1st XI:** L.Baldry, M.Spurling, J.Martin, S.Snell, M.Edgar, P.Vines, G.Kirkup (capt), M.Chivers, S.Gardner, L.Zammit, P.Sammon, J.Wright.

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## **Grant strikes at the death for Bassett: West Wilts B 4 – 5 Wootton Bassett 1st XI**

(14 Jan 2006)

Wootton Bassett made heavy weather of beating West Wilts B, to continue their winning run in Wilts and NE Somerset Division 1 on Saturday.

Bassett got off to good start when, within minutes of the start, Steve Gardner received the ball in the D with his back to goal and deftly reverse flicked it for the first goal. This advantage was wiped out almost immediately, however, when the home side managed to force the ball past keeper Lee Baldry for 1-1.

The visitors' response was swift, Gardner again receiving the ball in the D from a Mark Tolley pass and hitting low to the keeper's right for his second of the game. A scrappy period of play followed and the home side exploited some poor communication in the Bassett defence to score two further goals mid-way through the first period to take the lead, before Dale Titcombe's pass into the D again targeted Gardner with his back to goal. He laid the ball off to Paul Vines running into the area and his first time shot went high into the roof of the net to level the scores at 3-3 at half time.

Soon after the resumption, a Matt Edgar diagonal pass found Martyn Chivers at the far post who pushed the ball home for Bassett's fourth goal to regain the lead. But West Wilts' reponse was instant, with another short range shot levelling the scores again at four all. Bassett should have sealed the game with several good chances that went close, but the home side now pressed hard for the winner and defender Jerry Martin acrobatically stopped a goal-bound shot on the line to deny them. Then, with five minutes to go, Bassett attacked again, forcing a short corner, quickly taken by Titcombe to Grant Kirkup on the edge of the D. His sweetly struck shot dissected the Wilts defence for the winning goal. 5-4 to Bassett at the final whistle.

Captain Mark Tolley was pleased with the result: "Although today's win was less than convincing, it was important that we beat West Wilts to maintain our position at the head off the chasing pack in the table."

**Goal scorers:** S.Gardner (2), P.Vines, M.Chivers, G.Kirkup

**W.Bassett 1st XI:** L.Baldry, M.Spurling, J.Martin, M.Tolley (capt), M.Edgar, D.Titcombe, P.Vines, G.Kirkup, M.Chivers, S.Gardner, M.Bray, L.Zammit.

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## **Six of the best: Swindon A 2 – 6 Wootton Bassett 1st XI**

(7 Jan 2006)

Wootton Bassett pulled off a magnificent victory against local rivals Swindon in Wilts and NE Somerset Division 1 on Saturday.

Swindon made the better start, with several dangerous balls across Bassett's D and took an lead early with a shot from a short corner. Bassett levelled shortly afterwards when Dale Titcombe's free hit found Kyle Barnes whose shot hit the keeper and was expertly forced home from an acute angle by Martin Bray. For the next 20 minutes Swindon looked the most dangerous, with Lee Baldry called on to make several important saves to keep them at bay. Eventually however the pressure paid off when, with Baldry drawn out of position, defender Jerry Martin was unable to keep a Swindon shot from going over the line for 2-1. Swindon maintained the pressure but, somewhat against the run of play, Grant Kirkup beat several defenders to drive into the D and release the ball for Steve Gardner to shoot under the goalie to level the scores on the stroke of half time.

Straight from the restart, Bassett forced a freehit just outside the opponents D. Titcombe struck it well for Barnes to deflect into the net to take the lead for the first time in the game. Bassett now dominated the match and within minutes Kirkup intercepted a Swindon clearance, drove into the D and slipped the ball for Martyn Chivers to sweep it in at the far post for 4-2. Martin Bray continued to trouble the Swindon defence and a further attacking move forced the keeper to trap the ball and concede a penalty flick. Paul Vines stepped up and flicked the ball into the roof of the net for Bassett's fifth goal. With five minutes to go a short corner by Bassett was hit sweetly by Mark Tolley for his first league goal of the season, rounding off a good performance and six of the best for Bassett in this important league fixture.

**Goal scorers:** M.Bray, S.Gardner, K.Barnes, M.Chivers, P.Vines (pen), M.Tolley.

**W.Bassett 1st XI:** L.Baldry, M.Spurling, S.Snell, J.Martin, M.Tolley (capt), M.Edgar, D.Titcombe, P.Vines, M.Skivington, G.Kirkup, K.Barnes, M.Chivers, S.Gardner, M.Bray.

## **Wootton Bassett 2nd XI 1 - 6 Newent A**

Wootton Bassett 2nds were outclassed by Newent in a good-natured game played in a hailstorm at Lime Kiln on Saturday.

Callum Black and Kyle Barnes attacking combination was foiled by the visitors well-drilled defence and, despite Paul Warren's agility in goal, Bassett found themselves two down by half time.

Newent went further ahead after the break before a good move by the home side forced a save which fell to Robin Cook to flick over the prostrate keeper for Bassett's only goal of the match. As the home side tired, Newent's superior passing brought them three more goals late in the game to make it 6-1 at the close.

**Goal scorer:** R.Cook

**W.Bassett 2nd XI:** P.Warren, N.Sharp, J.Showering, R.Pearce (capt), D.Gardner, R.Cook, M.Turner, J.Wright, C.Black, A.Gray, A.Sammon, K.Barnes, M.Jakubiec, P.Sammon

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## **Wootton Bassett 1st XI 3 - 6 Chepstow**

(17 Dec 2005)

Wootton Bassett lost to Chepstow in their traditional, good-natured pre-Christmas friendly fixture at Lime Kiln on Saturday.

Two goals down at half time following a lack-lustre first period, Bassett conceded a further four goals in the second half before hitting back with a powerful strike into the roof of the net from Grant Kirkup. Reinvigorated, the home side continued to press and, from a resulting short corner, Martin Spurling struck the back board for Bassett's second.

The game provided an opportunity for both sides to field younger players from their development squads and Bassett's third goal came in the form of an individual effort from Kyle Barnes - some compensation for his earlier miss from a penalty flick that was well saved by Bassett old boy Eric Best in goal for Chepstow. 6-3 the scoreline to the visitors at the final whistle.

**Goal scorers:** G.Kirkup, M.Spurling, K.Barnes

**W.Bassett 1st XI:** P.Warren, M.Spurling, D.White, S.Snell, J.Showering, R.Cook, D.Titcombe (capt), P.Vines, M.Skivington, M.Edgar, T.Wiltshire, K.Barnes, M.Chivers, G.Kirkup, A.Sammon, M.Davies.

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## **Bassett edged out by leaders: Wootton Bassett 1st XI 0 – 1 City of Bath B**

(10 Dec 2005)

Wootton Bassett put on an impressive performance and were unlucky to lose to league leaders City of Bath in Wilts & NE Somerset Division 1 at Lime Kiln on Saturday.

True to their league form, Bath came out strongly right from the start, pressuring the home side to concede several free hits around their D. This culminated in a short corner after 15 minutes which was well beaten out by goalkeeper Lee Baldry, only for the ball to fall to a Bath striker whose powerful first time shot found the roof of the net to put the visitors in front. Bassett continued to pass the ball round, with Grant Kirkup and Mark Skivington linking down the right to fire several dangerous passes across the Bath goal that just eluded their fellow forwards. The home side forced several short corners but either fired wide or saw goal-bound shots saved by the well-marshalled Bath backline. As the visitors were made to play increasingly deeper, the only threats came when a Bassett move broke down, however on these occasions Martin Bray and Jerry Martin proved solid in defence for Bassett.

In the second half Bassett dominated the play and were unlucky not to score with Martyn Chivers hitting the side netting from a Kyle Barnes pass in the D. In mid-field Dale Titcombe and Mark Tolley now controlled the game but, despite good linking moves down both flanks and numerous free hits around the Bath goal area, Bassett were unable to make the breakthrough and the game finished 1-0 to Bath at the final whistle.

Captain Mark Tolley was disappointed to lose after his team's second half performance. "We were unlucky not to come away with at least a point from this game. But we showed great spirit and good composure. If we'd played like that against most of the other teams in our league, we'd have won easily."

**Man of the match:** M.Bray

**W.Bassett 1st XI:** L.Baldry, J.Martin, M.Bray, M.Skivington, J.Showering, M.Tolley (capt), D.Titcombe, M.Edgar, G.Kirkup, M.Chivers, K.Barnes, M.Davies, S.Gardner.

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## **Back on winning trail: Wootton Bassett 1st XI 4 – 1 North Wilts A**

(3 Dec 2005)

Wootton Bassett beat local rivals North Wilts A 4-1 in Wilts & NE Somerset Division 1 at Lime Kiln on Saturday.

The game got off to a poor start for Bassett when, after intercepting several long passes, they allowed a further clearance from the visitors defence through to a North Wilts forward in an advanced position. His pass across the D was met with a well-taken first time strike past goalkeeper Paul Warren into the top corner of the net for 1-0. The home side shrugged off this setback, forcing Wilts to concede a free hit just outside their D. Dale Titcombe feigned to shoot, but slipped the ball to Grant Kirkup who struck a wrong-footing shot just inside the far post to level the scores. Continued pressure from Bassett again brought a mistake in the D and this time it was Martin Spurling who converted to put Bassett in front from the resulting short corner.

The next goal would be important and both sides now pressed to make the breakthrough. Kyle Barnes, Matt Jakubiec and Martyn Chivers combined well in attack for Bassett to cause problems in the Wilts defence. Then, just before the break, Martin Bray played

a slick one-two with Barnes, who took on the last defender and slotted the ball past the keeper, for his debut goal in the 1st XI, to make it 3-1 to Bassett at half time.

In the second period both Bray and Jakubiec went close with flicks from crosses by Mike Davies and Mark Tolley. The home side could not relax however, with North Wilts always threatening on the break and it took two sharp saves low to his left by Warren to prevent the visitors from pulling a goal back. Barnes continued to torment the visitors with direct runs at their defence and finally he linked with Chivers to slip the ball to the far post, for Chivers to shoot into the roof of the net to secure a 4-1 victory for Bassett at the close.

Captain Mark Tolley was pleased with the result. "It was great game, we worked hard and deserved the win. Good to get back to winning ways after several disappointing results."

**Goal scorers:** G.Kirkup, M.Spurling, K.Barnes, M.Chivers    **Man of the match:** K.Barnes  
**W.Bassett 1st XI:** P.Warren, J.Martin, M.Spurling, P.Sammon, M.Skivington, J.Showering, M.Tolley (capt), D.Titcombe, M.Edgar, G.Kirkup, M.Bray, M.Chivers, K.Barnes, M.Davies, M.Jakubiec.

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### **Swindon A v Wootton Bassett 1st XI**      (26 Nov 2005)

This Wilts & NE Somerset Division 1 game was postponed until later in the season due to snow on the pitch at Greendown.

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### **Double by Barnes earns draw: Wootton Bassett 2nd XI 3 - 3 Old Bristolians**

Bassett's second team were eager to resume their winning ways at Lime Kiln on Saturday in a friendly game against Old Bristolians. However, the home side got off to a bad start when the visitors linked well to pass the ball around the Bassett defence and beat keeper Paul Warren with a shot from an acute angle for 1-0 within 5 minutes. Bassett got back on level terms shortly afterwards through Matt Jakubiec, but continued pressure from Bristolians forced mistakes at the back and the home side conceded a second goal for 2-1 at half time.

After the break, Bassett were again caught napping, going 3-1 down. But this only served to spur the home side into action and Jakubiec and Kyle Barnes combined well, allowing Barnes to beat his marker and to round the keeper to pull a goal back. A few minutes later Bassett again had the ball in the back of the net, only for play to be called back for an earlier foul. Unfortunately Bassett were unable to convert the resulting free hit but, undeterred, the home side were now in the ascendancy. Barnes again took on the visitors' defence to score another individual goal to level the scores.

Despite further Bassett pressure and a succession of short corners, they were unable to apply the final blow and the score remained 3-3 at the final whistle.

**Goal scorers:** K.Barnes (2), M.Jakubiec.  
**W.Bassett 2nd XI:** P.Warren, N.Sharp, S.Snell, R.Pearce (capt), I.Martin, M.Turner, A.Gray, A.Sammon, R.Moore, C.Postill, J.Lee, M.Davies, K.Barnes, M.Jakubiec, T.Wiltshire.

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### **Bassett outclassed: Devizes A 7 - 3 Wootton Bassett 1st XI**      (19 Nov 2005)

Wootton Bassett mens 1st XI suffered their second defeat in a row against a Devizes side challenging for honours at the top of Wilts & NE Somerset Division 1 on Saturday.

Bassett got off to a slow start and the first half was dominated by a strong, well organised Devizes team. By the time the foggy conditions lifted slightly at half time, Bassett found themselves 4-0 down, despite the valiant efforts of man of the match Lee Baldry in goal.

The second half saw Bassett come back into the game. They pulled two goals back through top scorers Steve Gardner and Martin Bray, before conceding two more in quick succession. Bray was unlucky not to score a further goal, foiled only by a great save from the Devizes keeper, and had another goal disallowed before Grant Kirkup eventually forced the ball home for Bassett's third. In the final stages of the game, Baldry made another fine stop but the umpire spotted an infringement and the home side converted the penalty flick for 7-3 to Devizes at full time.

**Goal scorers:** S.Gardner, M.Bray, G.Kirkup    **Man of the match:** L.Baldry  
**W.Bassett 1st XI:** L.Baldry, J.Martin, M.Spurling, D.White, M.Skivington, J.Showering, M.Tolley (capt), D.Titcombe, M.Edgar, P.Vines, G.Kirkup, M.Bray, S.Gardner, M.Chivers, P.Sammon

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### **Wootton Bassett 2nd XI 2 – 3 Newport A**

Whilst other matches across the region were postponed due to freezing fog, this game was played out in glorious sunshine at Lime Kiln on Saturday. Both sides fielded teams with a mix of youth and experience, but unfortunately it was Newport that prevailed at the final whistle.

Early on Bassett moved the ball around well down both flanks, but it was the Welsh side that struck the first blow. Undeterred, the young players from Bassett rose to the challenge forcing a short corner that was well struck by Kyle Barnes for the equaliser before half time.

With increasing endeavour, spurred on by the midfield pairing of Ali Sammon and Callum Black, the game became a tight contest. But as Bassett pressed forward, Newport struck twice more to make it 3-1 despite some sterling defence from Ian Martin, who dived to clear a shot off the line, only to see his clearance lifted over his head and into the net.

The experienced players in the Bassett side were not to be out-done. Several good attacks down the right eventually bore fruit when Mike Davies' run into the Newport goal mouth and deft touch past the keeper, gave the lifeline that the Bassett team needed. Unfortunately, Bassett were unable to convert their further efforts on goal and it was the Newport players who returned over the Severn Bridge with the win.

**Goal scorers:** K.Barnes, M.Davies. **Man of the match:** I.Martin

**W.Bassett 2nd XI:** P.Warren, S.Snell, R.Cook (capt), I.Martin, M.Turner. A.Sammon, S.Whittingham, C.Black, C.Postill, J.Lee, M.Davies, K.Barnes, M.Jakubiec, T.Wiltshire.

### **Bassett fail to convert: Wootton Bassett 1st XI 0 – 1 West Wilts C**

(12 Nov 2005)

Wootton Bassett mens 1st XI suffered a frustrating defeat at the hands of wiley West Wilts in this Wilts & NE Somerset Division 1 game at Lime Kiln on Saturday.

After a confident start, Bassett were hit on the break by the visitors with a long ball down the middle to their centre forward who tucked the ball away past the advancing Lee Baldry to take the lead 10 minutes into the game. From then on, the home side dominated the game and had numerous half chances but were unable to convert them into goals. Bassett forced a succession of short corners that were blocked by an experienced and well-drilled West Wilts defence.

As they continued to press for the equaliser, Wilts exploited the gaps in mid-field and it took several last ditch saves from Baldry to keep Bassett in the game. Despite all their pressure, however, the home side were unable to make the break-through and the game ended in defeat for Bassett who now slip one place behind their opponents in the league.

**W.Bassett 1st XI:** L.Baldry, S.Snell, M.Spurling, M.Skivington, J.Showering, M.Tolley (capt), D.Titcombe, M.Edgar, P.Vines, G.Kirkup, M.Bray, S.Gardner

### **Youngsters in great fightback: Wootton Bassett 2nd XI 3 – 3 Marlborough C**

Bassett's young second team put up a superb performance, coming back from two goals down to draw against a vastly experienced Marlborough side in a friendly at Lime Kiln on Saturday.

The visitors experience showed early on, with slick passes across the full width of the pitch opening up the Bassett defence for their first goal. There followed a succession of Marlborough attacks that were only foiled by sharp saves from Paul Warren to keep the home side in the game. Eventually however the Marlborough pressure proved irresistible when the ball was driven into the Bassett D and slipped past the diving Warren for 2-0. At this point the home side's heads could have dropped, but gradually they came back into the game and as their confidence grew, they built several good attacking moves. Finally, just before half time Callum Black's pass found Kyle Barnes on the right. His cross eluded the Marlborough keeper and Matt Jakubiec swept the ball into the empty goal for Bassett's first goal. 2-1 at half time.

In the second half, the visitors came out strongly and Warren was called on to make a further save low to his right before conceding the third goal to go 3-1 down. Bassett again fought back strongly forcing a short corner. The resultant shot was stopped illegally on the line by a Marlborough defender and Ali Sammon converted the penalty with a flick to the keeper's left. With renewed hope, Bassett again pressed forward. Jack Showering moved the ball out from defence to Mark Turner in midfield whose pass found Jukubiec. He drew a defender and tucked the ball to Barnes who slipped it past the on-rushing keeper to level the scores. A good natured and well fought game and an excellent result for this Bassett side. 3-3 at the final whistle.

**Goal scorers:** M.Jakubiec, A.Sammon (pen), K.Barnes.

**W.Bassett 2nd XI:** P.Warren, R.Pearce (capt), N.Sharp, J.Showering, R.Cook, I.Martin, M.Turner. A.Sammon, C.Black, C.Postill, J.Lee, M.Davies, K.Barnes, M.Jakubiec.

### **Depleted Bassett disappoint: City of Bath C 2 - 2 Wootton Bassett 1st XI**

(5 Nov 2005)

Wootton Bassett mens 1st XI were disappointed to come away with a draw against a Bath side lying near the foot of Wilts & NE Somerset Division 1 on Saturday.

With many of their regulars unavailable, Bassett struggled to recreate their form of recent weeks and poor communication in defence resulted in Lee Baldry conceding a soft goal to the home side early on. Bassett's attempts to respond were thwarted by a well-organised Bath defence and the visitors found it difficult to move the ball up to their forward line. Eventually, however, mid-way through the first period the ball found its way to Grant Kirkup to slide the ball past the Bath keeper to bring the scores level. Shortly afterwards however, a Bath 16 yard hit out reached their centre forward who ran through to score their second of the game, to take a 2-1 lead into half time.

In the second period, Bassett pushed forward but were unable to break through, the Bath goalie keeping them in the game on a number of occasions. This inevitably left spaces for Bath to exploit and young defender Sam Snell was called upon to make several crucial interceptions to foil the home side's counter attacks. Finally, with ten minutes to go, a goal-bound shot by Mark Skivington was parried by the keeper and the ball fell to Steve Gardner to level the game with a reverse flick.

Captain Mark Tolley was disappointed: "I was forced to play too many players out of position to cover for those unavailable this week. We know we can play 100% better than this and it will be important for us to raise our game next week."

**Goal Scorers:** S.Gardner, G.Kirkup **Man of the Match:** S.Snell

**W.Bassett 1st XI:** L.Baldry, S.Snell, R.Cook, M.Skivington, J.Showering, M.Tolley (capt), D.Titcombe, M.Edgar, P.Vines, G.Kirkup, M.Bray, S.Gardner, M.Chivers, T.Wiltshire

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### **Kyle's barnstormer: Wootton Bassett 2nd XI 9 – 0 Devizes C**

(29 Oct 2005)

Wootton Bassett 2nds continued their unbeaten run with a storming performance against Devizes on Saturday. Both clubs fielded teams dominated by under-16's and, if the result is any indication, Bassett should enjoy good success when they enter the league next season.

Bassett went into the lead following an early attack that was thwarted by a foul in the D. From the resulting short corner Alistair Sammon's drag out was converted by his father Peter for the first goal. Within minutes Bassett went further ahead with two identical goals by Kyle Barnes from passes into the D by Matt Jakubiec. Jakubiec was unlucky not to score himself when the Devizes goalkeeper made a sharp save. As the ball ran free, Barnes picked it up and drove it powerfully into the back of the net. Two more goals followed before half time: Jakeem Lee dribbled the ball into the visitors D and his cross from the left was forced home by Barnes and, shortly afterwards, Barnes ran onto a pass from Sammon in the right-hand corner, hitting a crisp shot past the keeper from an acute angle.

In the second half, the home side continued to dominate the game. Tom Wiltshire capped an outstanding performance scoring Bassett's seventh goal, before Barnes notched up his sixth of the game from a pass into the D from Sammon. The final goal came when Jakubiec pounced on a loose ball in the opponents D to make it 9-0 to Bassett at the final whistle.

Captain Rupert Pearce was very proud of his young team's performance. "These players are the future of the club and it won't be long before they're knocking on the door of our first team."

**Goal Scorers:** K.Barnes (6), P.Sammon, T.Wiltshire, M.Jakubiec **Man of the Match:** T.Wiltshire

**W.Bassett 2nd XI:** P.Warren, R.Pearce (capt), S.Snell, J.Showering, N.Sharp, A.Sammon, A.Gray, T.Wiltshire, M.Turner, I.Martin, M.Jakubiec, K.Barnes, C.Postill, J.Lee, P.Sammon.

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### **Bassett rampant: Chippenham A 1 – 10 Wootton Bassett 1st XI**

(22 Oct 2005)

Wootton Bassett mens 1st XI overwhelmed local rivals Chippenham in this Wilts and NE Somerset Division 1 fixture on Saturday. And, but for their keeper, the home side would have lost by an even greater margin.

Bassett got off to a good start when Mark Tolley played an early ball out to Martin Bray on the left. Bray's first time cross behind the Chippenham back line was met by Steve Gardner who ran into the D and slipped the ball past the keeper for the first goal. The second followed, when Dale Titcombe's pass into the D was touched on by Gardner to Robin Lovegrove, who dribbled right and hit a powerful shot low to the goalie's right.

The visitors stifled any opposition attacks with Martin Spurling commanding in defence. As a rare Chippenham short corner broke down the ball was cleared by Lovegrove to Bray who ran from half way, dribbled past the keeper and forced the ball into the back of the net. Bassett's next was another quick pass through to Lovegrove to slot in for 4-0 at half time.

After the break, Bassett picked up where they had left off. Paul Vines released Martyn Chivers down the left to cut in and shoot into the body of the outstretched goalie. As the ball slid out it was picked up by Gardner to force the ball home for the fifth goal. As Bassett continued to press for more goals, however, a mix up in defence allowed Chippenham to break free inside the D and shoot past Lee Baldry in goal for 5-1. The rest of the game was all Bassett: Mark Skivington's powerful run down the right and his pinpoint cross was well met by Gardner for a simple conversion. A few minutes later a strong shot from Bray was well saved, he picked up the rebound and fired the ball towards the far post where Gardner controlled it round his legs and flicked it inside the post for his fourth goal of the game.

The next came from a short corner, struck well by Lovegrove, beaten out by the keeper, hit back towards goal by Bray and touched in by Lovegrove. With ten minutes to go, Bray was again in the thick of the action with a defence-splitting pass into the D to Lovegrove, who crossed behind the keeper for Chivers to push into the open goal for Bassett's ninth of the game. Just before the close, Lovegrove made it double figures for the visitors with an individual goal, dribbling into the D and striking powerfully for his fourth of the game. 10-1 at the final whistle.

Captain Mark Tolley commented, "We were impressive today, it was an important win for us and it was a fantastic overall team performance."

**Goal Scorers:** S.Gardner (4), R.Lovegrove (4), M.Bray, M.Chivers. **Man of the Match:** R.Lovegrove

**W.Bassett 1st XI:** L.Baldry, J.Martin, M.Spurling, P.Vines, P.Sammon, D.Kelly, M.Skivington, M.Tolley (capt), D.Titcombe, M.Edgar, G.Kirkup, M.Bray, S.Gardner, M.Chivers, R.Lovegrove

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**Bassett win it at the death: Wootton Bassett 1st XI 3 – 2 Shepton Mallett A** (15 Oct 2005)

Wootton Bassett mens 1st XI secured an important victory against Shepton Mallet in this mid table clash in Wilts and NE Somerset Division 1 clash at Lime Kiln on Saturday.

The home side got off to a good start, dominating the first half with crisp confident passing and probing attacks. Bassett's first goal came from a quick one-two between Mark Skivington and Grant Kirkup who delivered the ball across the face of the goal for Steve Gardner to force home under the keeper. Then, shortly before half time, Gardner and Martin Bray took defenders with them to open up a channel for Dale Titcombe to drive the ball towards the far post and Martyn Chivers swept the ball into the top corner to make it 2-0 at the break.

Shepton Mallett came back strongly after the break and, with Bassett tending to sit back on their lead, the visitors were allowed to play further up the field. They took full advantage, scoring two goals in quick succession to level the score mid-way through the second period. Belatedly, Bassett realised they had a game on their hands and started to fight again, pressuring the Shepton Mallet defence. The last 10 minutes was all Bassett, with the ball rarely getting out of the visitors half. But it took the last strike of the game, with a sweetly struck shot by Mark Skivington from a short corner to secure the victory for Bassett.

Captain Mark Tolley commented, "We deserved to win, but we really made it hard for ourselves and I guess that Shepton will be disappointed not to go away with a draw."

**Goal Scorers:** S.Gardner, M.Chivers, M.Skivington **Man of the Match:** M.Skivington  
**W.Bassett 1st XI:** P.Warren, J.Martin, P.Sammon, D.Kelly, M.Skivington, M.Tolley (capt), D.Titcombe, M.Edgar, G.Kirkup, M.Bray, S.Gardner, M.Chivers, A.Sammon, C.Postill

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**Newport A 1 - 1 Wootton Bassett 2nd XI** (15 Oct 2005)

A young Wootton Bassett 2nd team faced an experienced side at Newport, coming away with a very satisfying 1-1 draw. Whilst the 5 senior players brought structure to their side nothing can be taken away from the intensity of the remaining 8 junior players all of whom were under 18.

The youngsters rose to the occasion and, after going a goal down in the 23rd minute, levelled five minutes later. The move started in their own D with a succession of passes and finished with an exchange between Kyle Barnes and Matt Jakubiec (the scorer) to crack open the Newport goal.

The second half revealed how well this new Bassett team is beginning to gel. Newport put them under considerable pressure in an attempt to break them down, but the visitors soaked it up and were unlucky not to score on the break. David White earnt man of the match with a solid performance in defence.

**Goal Scorers:** M.Jakubiec **Man of the Match:** D.White  
**W.Bassett 2nd XI:** P.Vines (capt), D.White, S.Snell, J.Showering, N.Sharp, R.Cook, M.Turner, S.Whittingham, I.Martin, M.Jakubiec, K.Barnes, R.Moore, J.Lee

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**Lee's heroics in vain as Bassett crash: Bath University 5 – 0 Wootton Bassett 1st XI** (8 Oct 2005)

Following last week's victory Wootton Bassett mens 1st XI were brought back down to earth win a bump in Wilts & NE Somerset Division 1, losing 5-0 to a vastly superior Bath University side.

It did not start well with the visitors going a goal down in the first minute, when Bath intercepted Bassett's first attack, turned their defence and dribbled through to slide the ball past Lee Baldry in goal. Throughout the first half Bassett were constantly on the defensive against the strong accurate passing, good stick control and thrusting attacks by Bath. Baldry made several good saves but by half time the score was 4-0 to the home side.

In the second half Bassett countered, forcing a succession of short corners, bringing good saves from the Bath goalkeeper and twice hitting the post. However, another strong attack from Bath resulted in their fifth goal 15 minutes into the period, before another good move by Bassett put Martin Bray through on goal. He rounded the keeper and flicked the ball towards the open goal from the angle, only to see a Bath defender fling himself full length to deflect the ball round the post. In the final minutes of the game, Bath again attacked. A full blooded shot was parried by Baldry, fired back in, again saved, only to be picked up by a Bath forward who's flick was finally beaten away by the heroic Baldry to keep the score 5-0 at the final whistle.

Despite the scoreline Mark Tolley was pleased with his team's performance. "Bath are a very good side, but we played well, restricting them to one goal in the second half and showing why we deserve to be playing in this division".

**Man of the Match:** L.Baldry  
**W.Bassett 1st XI:** L.Baldry, M.Spurling, R.Cook, M.Skivington, M.Tolley (capt), D.Titcombe, P.Vines, M.Edgar, G.Kirkup, M.Bray, S.Gardner, A.Sammon, M.Turner, C.Postill, K.Barnes.

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**Gardner treble fires Bassett: Wootton Bassett 1st XI 5 – 4 West Wilts B** (1 Oct 2005)

Wootton Bassett mens 1st XI chalked up their first win in this Wilts and NE Somerset Division 1 clash at Lime Kiln on Saturday, although the scoreline did not reflect their dominance of this game.

The home side got off to a good start, but it was West Wilts who scored first. Bassett responded almost immediately with quick one touch passes between Bray and Kirkup for Steve Gardner to convert with a first time shot low to the keeper's right to level score. The game then settled into a pattern of strong attacking moves from Bassett and all their forwards went close, but failed to score. It took a great strike by Martin Spurling from a short corner to make it 2-1 by half time.

After the break Bassett picked up where they had left off, with numerous runs into the opponents box and two further goals by Gardner to complete his hat-trick. Martyn Chivers then added a further goal to make it 5-1 mid-way through the half. The home side continued to press and, with the visitors throwing caution to the wind, both sides went all out on the attack. Unfortunately, with Bassett missing chances, this allowed West Wilts to score 3 goals in quick succession to pull the score back to 5-4.

Bassett hung on, running out winners at full time. In a game they should have won by a large margin, they will take some important lessons from this match about finishing and maintaining concentration at this level.

**Goal Scorers:** S.Gardner (3), M.Spurling, M.Chivers **Man of the Match:** S.Gardner  
**W.Bassett 1st XI:** L.Baldry, J.Martin, M.Spurling, R.Cook, M.Skivington, M.Tolley (capt), D.Titcombe, P.Vines, M.Edgar, G.Kirkup, M.Bray, S.Gardner, M.Chivers, S.Whittingham

**Chard 3rds 2 - 2 Wootton Bassett 2nd XI** (1 Oct 2005)

A young Wootton Bassett 2nd team travelled to Chard last weekend and might consider themselves unlucky to have come away with a draw against an older, more experienced side.

The team played very well, with some good passing moves in attack and solid defence by the older members of the team. Opportunities went begging for both sides in the first half and the scored remained 0-0 at the break

In the second half, Bassett pressed forward with good passing out from defence by Sam Snell to Tom Wiltshire who dribbled the ball into the D for 12 year old Jakeem Lee to sweep the ball into the net for his first goal for the club. Chard drew level a few minutes later before Lee was again put through to touch the ball past the keeper for his second goal of the game. The home side now pressed hard and despite a remarkable save, high to his left, from Paul Warren, Bassett were unable to keep out a well-struck equaliser with 5 minutes to go.

**Goal Scorers:** J.Lee (2) **Man of the Match:** J.Lee  
**W.Bassett 2nd XI:** P.Warren, D.Gardner, R.Pearce (capt), S.Snell, J.Showering, N.Sharp, T.Wiltshire, A.Sammon, R.Moore, J.Lee, M.Jakubiec

**Bassett Lose First League Game: City of Bath 3 – 2 Wootton Bassett 1st XI** (24 Sept 2005)

Wootton Bassett mens 1st XI put up a strong performance but could not quite match a more experienced City of Bath side in their first match in the Wilts and NE Somerset Division 1.

After a few early skirmishes and some good defence by Martin Spurling and Dave Gardner, Bassett gradually adapted to the increased pace of their new league but were unable to convert a succession of short corners. Keeper Lee Baldry made several important saves as the home side fought back with some probing attacks, before Martin Bray finished off a slick passing move, started on half way, involving Steve Gardner and Mark Skivington, to give the visitors a 1-0 lead mid-way through the first half. This spurred Bath to be more determined on the attack and despite excellent goalkeeping by Baldry, Bassett conceded an equaliser just before the break.

The second half saw Bath come out strongly and they went into the lead from a disputed short corner soon after the resumption. Both teams fought hard to secure the next goal and unfortunately it fell to the home side when a quick break and sharp finish beat Baldry low to his left. Bassett still pressed and with 10 minutes to go a powerful strike into the D by Dale Titcombe was deftly deflected into the back of the net by Martyn Chivers, making it 3-2 to Bath at the close.

Captain Dale Titcombe was very pleased with the team's performance. "Every member of the team played well and put in 100% effort. Today we met one of the stronger teams in our league and we did well to hold them, especially when you consider they were playing two leagues above us last season."

**Goal Scorers:** M.Bray, M.Chivers **Man of the Match:** L.Baldry  
**W.Bassett 1st XI:** L.Baldry, D.Gardner, M.Spurling, R.Cook, M.Skivington, D.Titcombe (capt), P.Vines, M.Edgar, G.Kirkup, M.Bray, S.Gardner, M.Chivers, A.Sammon, C.Postill

## **Wootton Bassett 2nd XI 4 – 3 Westbury**

(24 Sept 2005)

A youthful Wootton Bassett 2nd XI secured a satisfying victory over Westbury at Lime Kiln on Saturday. With some good performances from the six under-16 players in the side, all bodes well for the future of hockey in Wootton Bassett.

Bassett got off to a good start and attacked strongly, forcing their opposition to concede a foul. The home side were unable to convert the resultant short corner but, as the ball broke loose, Curt Postill picked it up and dribbled back into the D before slotting past the Westbury keeper to give Bassett an early lead. Westbury responded, wrong-footing the defence, to force the ball low to Paul Warren's right for an equaliser before Bassett regained the lead when Pete Sammon intercepted on the 16 yard line and slipped the ball to Tom Wiltshire for him to score at the near post. The visitors again fought back with a goal from a short corner to make the half time score 2-2.

In the second half, following another Bassett attack, the ball broke free in the D to Sammon, whose first time strike flew past the keeper for 3-2. Confidence boosted, the home side again attacked forcing another short corner which Mark Tolley converted with a powerful drag flick, before Westbury came back near the end, breaking through to score a consolation goal to make it 4-3 at the final whistle.

**Goal Scorers:** C.Postill, T.Wiltshire, P.Sammon, M.Tolley

**W.Bassett 2nd XI:** P.Warren, J.Martin, D.White, A.Gray, J.Showering, D.Kelly, M.Tolley, P.Sammon (capt), C.Postill, M.Turner, M.Edgar, T.Wiltshire, A.Sammon, J.Lee

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## **Matt Finish For First Team: Wootton Bassett 1sts 4 - 0 Stroud**

(17 Sept 2005)

Wootton Bassett mens 1st XI continued their successful sequence of pre-season games with a confidence boosting win over Stroud at Lime Kiln on Saturday. In a repeat of last season's final game that decided the league title, Bassett again emerged winners.

The game started well for Bassett, putting Stroud on the back foot from the start. The makeshift front line of Jack Showering and Matt Edgar caused problems for their defence and their goal keeper made a few good saves before the breakthrough came. Edgar forced his way into the D and from an acute angle put the ball past the keeper. This gave the Bassett team a welcome boost, forcing half a dozen penalty corners in the first half, all of which were defended well by Stroud. Stroud did not hold back and spurred a few attacks. One of which was well saved by Lee Baldry and his follow up pushed the ball out of the D to clear the danger. Just before half time Bassett won a free hit outside the D. Dale Titcombe fired in the ball to the Martyn Chivers who got in front of his defender and slotted the ball into the back of the net for a 2-0 lead at the break.

The second half started like the first. Edgar again intercepted a 16yd hit out and ran at the defence, dribbling past two of them. As the ball ran into the D, he nicked it from the on-rushing keeper and slid the ball into the goal on the reverse stick for Bassett's third. There followed an over-the-top goal celebration for which he was fined in the bar after the game!

Bassett were now cruising, although Stroud didn't sit back. They had several good breaks, missing two open goals after skipping past Baldry. The home side kept up the pressure, however, and some good runs and passing by Alistair Sammon, Grant Kirkup and Mark Skivington created more chances that weren't converted. Finally Mark Tolley picked up the ball on the 20yd line and ran toward the D. The defenders backed off so he went for goal, anticipating a rebound off the keeper, only to beat the Stroud keeper at the near post, for Bassett to run out 4-0 winners at the close.

**Goal Scorers:** M.Edgar (2), M.Chivers, M.Tolley

**W.Bassett 1st XI:** L.Baldry, N.Sharp, M.Spurling, M.Skivington, D.Titcombe, M.Tolley (capt), P.Vines, G.Kirkup, M.Edgar, M.Chivers, A.Sammon, J.Showering

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## **Bassett 2nd XI Up and Running: Wootton Bassett 2nds 1 – 1 Swindon B**

(17 Sept 2005)

Wootton Bassett's newly formed mens 2nd XI played their first game of the season against Swindon B at Lime Kiln on Saturday morning.

The game started well with Swindon putting the pressure on the Wootton Bassett back line. The home side comprised a number of more experienced players together with rising stars from the youth squad. Sam Snell, making his debut, had a solid game in defence and good running and passing from young strikers Tom Wiltshire, Curt Postill and Mark Turner produced some good hockey against their local rivals as the game progressed.

Swindon made the first opening, breaking through with superior numbers, they slotted the ball home past Paul Warren at his far post. Bassett didn't lose heart and kept probing for an opening. A few shots were well saved by the Swindon keeper to keep them into the game, with Alistair Sammon and Jack Showering playing well on the left. Slick passing and movement kept Swindon on the back foot, but half time came with the score still 1-0.

A few words from Dale Titcombe during the break and a revived Bassett side came out strongly. Good passing and movement finally created the chance for Postill to slot the ball home to level the score. Further well-timed tackles from Rupert Pearce, Sam Snell and Robin Cook kept the visitors at bay for a well deserved draw against an organised Swindon side.

**Goal Scorer:** C.Postill

**W.Bassett 2nd XI:** P.Warren, R.Pearce, S.Snell, M.Skivington, R.Cook, D.Titcombe (capt), P.Sammon, G.Kirkup, K.Postill, M.Turner, T.Wiltshire, A.Sammon, J.Showering

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**Bassett Warm Up With Impressive Win: Wootton Bassett 1sts 7 - 1 Witney**

(10 Sept 2005)

Following their success last year, newly promoted Wootton Bassett mens 1st XI warmed up for their first season in Wiltshire and NE Somerset Division 1 with an impressive win over Witney at Lime Kiln on Saturday.

The home side got off to a good start, passing the ball well across the back and midfield to open up the opposition for penetrating runs from the forward line. Crisp finishing from crosses into the D provided Martin Bray with a first half hat-trick before a Witney eventually managed a reply. From the restart, Bassett produced some slick interchanges down the right culminating in a goal from Steve Gardner to make the half time score 4-1.

As the game progressed the sultry conditions (and early season fitness!) were having an impact on both sides, but Bassett maintained the pressure on the visitors after the break, striking three more goals from Gardner, Martyn Chivers and Matt Edgar to run out 7-1 winners at the close.

Mark Tolley was very pleased with the team's performance, "an excellent preparation for the season and good to see some of our pre-season training being put into practice." Next Saturday both mens teams are playing further pre-season games at Lime Kiln, 1pm pushback at Lime Kiln. The 1st XI plays Stroud in a re-run of the final (deciding) game of last season. The first league game of the season is on 24 Sept against City of Bath.

**Goal scorers:** M.Bray 3, S.Gardner 2, M.Chivers, M.Edgar

**W.Bassett 1st XI:** Best, D.Gardner, Sharp, Titcombe, Tolley (Capt.), Skivington, Vines, Edgar, Chivers, Bray, S.Gardner, Sammon.

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