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Shortwood United F.C.

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The Cherry Red Records Hellenic Football League Premier Division

Wootton Bassett Town v Shortwood United

Tuesday 27th February 2001 K.O. 7.30p.m.

Good evening and welcome to Rylands Way for tonight's league fixture. This evening we welcome the players, officials and supporters of **Shortwood United** who have made the journey from Nailsworth near Stroud. We hope they enjoy their first visit to the Way and that they will join us in the bar after the game. We also wish them all a safe return journey home.

Earlier this season we traveled to Shortwood and although behind at half-time we gained a 2-1 advantage early in the second half, only to throw the game away and eventually coming home with a 4-2 defeat. Tonight we will be looking to reverse the score line and collect another three league points.

The draw for the County Cup Semi-Finals took place last Tuesday night and we have been paired with **Cricklade Town**. To date we do not know where the game will be played but it will be within the next three weeks.

Last Tuesday we went to **Swindon Supermarine** and with a somewhat depleted side were narrowly beaten 2-1 with **Jon Davis** getting our goal from the penalty spot 6 minutes from time.

Saturday we traveled to **Harrow Hill** in the Forest of Dean and with a side once again depleted by injuries and players unavailable we came away with a creditable 0-0 draw. **Steve House, Simon Jones and Shaun Walsh** moved in from the reserves and **Barry Giles** made his first appearance on the subs bench.

Thanks for your support tonight and hope you see an entertaining game. Saturday sees one of the Junior County Cup Semi-finals here so the home fixture with **Carterton Town** has been postponed.

Next scheduled Premier fixture here is on Saturday 10th March when **Cheltenham Saracens** will be our visitors. K.O. 3.00p.m.

Be sure to watch the local press and we will place posters in the town when the County Cup semi-final will take place.

Best wishes,

Roger

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Dug Out Views

Good evening and welcome to you all.

There are three games for me to comment on, starting with our fixture against the title challengers Brackley at home last week and midweek away at Swindon Supermarine, and then away at Harrow Hill on Saturday.

Brackley last Saturday proved to be the tough fixture I thought it would be, particularly with some key players missing, and for the first 45 minutes it was backs to the wall. Credit to the players though as we slowly worked our way into the game, and in the second half held our own and probably deserved the point. We took the lead 20 minutes into the second half through a PD 'bullet' from all of 5 yards following a corner. Unfortunately, we couldn't quite hold the lead and 15 minutes from time Brackley equalised, and then threatened to nick it.

Away at Swindon Supermarine on Tuesday, further changes were required, and our play reflected this as we appeared a little disjointed. In comparison Supermarine played very much as a team and showed that extra class that League leaders should, taking a two goal lead within 50 minutes. Their movement was particularly good, but again to our credit we battled, and got a consolation goal on the stroke of full time through a Jon Davis penalty.

Lastly, we visited Harrow Hill in the Forest Of Dean on Saturday, once again with a below strength side following a number of players being unavailable. Our youth development program showed it's worth with myself and H as two of the subs! In truth it was a poor game on a difficult pitch. That said, had we been more organised and thoughtful in our approach we had the ability win it, but it wasn't to be a draw being a fair result at the end.

The only disappointing matter of the last few weeks has been the non-availability of some of our playing staff, which has made my job and that of the other senior managers very difficult. Many of the reasons are understandable, but flexibility and club commitment are attributes that are measured through times such as these and considered when making selections in the future.

Thanks again for your vocal support through some difficult games, we certainly all appreciate it.

All the best - Giler

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Chairmans Chat

Good evening and a warm welcome to you all and our visitors from Shortwood.

Regular readers (are there any stupid enough to be!) will know that I have of late been reviewing the season to date. As I mentioned on reviewing the three senior sides, it has been a great season to date, but - and it is an important but - there is still some way to go. We are in the midst of a difficult period of the season, when injuries, availability and general tiredness take their toll and it would be all too easy to relax our desires to continue to progress. We have seen a little of these issues over the last two weeks, with all three sides being impacted by player availability. It is vital then that through this period we all pull together as a club, encouraging each other to maintain our desire for success and development, and so finish the job we have started this season and make this one of our most successful to date. I would ask you all, whether player, official or supporter, to take a moment to reflect on your contribution and part in the club, and to consider whether there is a little something more you could be doing to help yourself and your club colleagues maintain that desire for success. This can be as simple as a word of encouragement or appreciation to a colleague for what they are doing, or keeping a manager informed of your availability or issues. Or perhaps there is a little task you could take on to smooth club operations. These simple things make a big difference and allow us all to pull together to achieve more than we could as individuals. It is now that we need to show flexibility and commitment to each other, and then we can look back on it in May and really enjoy our end of season review, and gain satisfaction from what we have achieved both personally and as a club.

Heres to a good game tonight - Cheers, 'H'

CHERRY RED RECORDS HELLENIC LEAGUE RESERVE DIVISION 2 (WEST)

Two league games to report on since the last programme. **Brackley Town** away a week last Saturday and the home game against **Old Woodstock Town** on Saturday.

At **Brackley** we were looking to repeat our home performance the 5-0 win. However against a stronger Brackley side we had only **Syd Jackson's** goal to show for our first half performance. The second half saw us score a second through **Justin Hyde** and complete another game without defeat making it **16** league & cup games for the season..

Last Saturday saw us entertain **Old Woodstock Town** another side looking to finish in a promotion position. Lying third in the table we looked to be in for a tough game.

The first half finished the game as a contest. After 5 mins **Justin Hyde** was felled in the box and **Mike Byrne** despatched the penalty. 10 mins later the keeper could only stand and watch as **Mike Byrne's** 20 yard free kick screamed past him.. 15mins later a great move and cross from **Hyde** saw **Syd Jackson** clinch his tenth goal of the season and Bassett's third. **Justin Hyde** crowned a personal first half performance with our fourth 3 mins before the half time break.

After the break, another great move by **Hyde** and up popped **Syd Jackson** at the near post to claim his second of the afternoon.

The disappointing thing was that we let Woodstock steal two late goals. Bassett man of the match was **Justin Hyde**.



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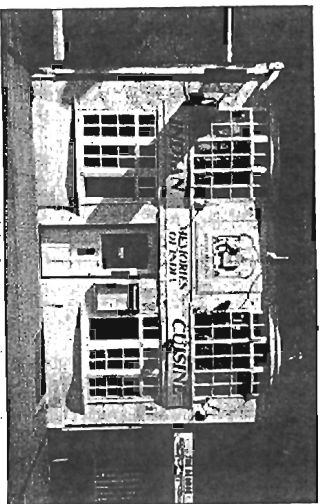


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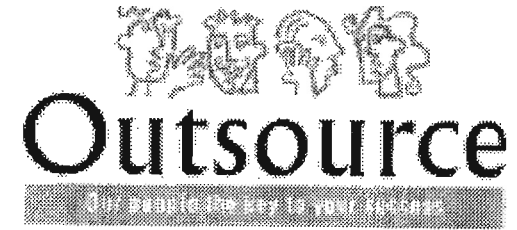
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Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
1 Swindon Supermarine	23	20	1	2	55	16	61	39
2 Didcot Town	23	13	9	1	35	13	48	22
3 Brackley Town	21	15	3	3	44	25	48	19
4 Highworth Town	23	14	1	8	52	33	43	19
5 Yate Town	21	11	4	6	55	26	37	29
6 Carterton Town	19	10	3	6	34	27	33	7
7 Fairford Town	25	9	6	10	32	28	33	4
8 Wootton Bassett Town	24	8	9	7	34	38	33	-4
9 Tuffley Rovers	17	10	2	5	29	22	32	7
10 Abingdon United	19	10	2	7	32	27	32	5
11 Bicester Town	19	8	4	7	29	29	28	0
12 Shortwood United	19	7	6	6	34	30	27	4
13 North Leigh	17	6	5	6	30	30	23	0
14 Cirencester Academy	17	6	2	9	31	30	20	1
15 Harrow Hill	24	4	8	12	23	42	20	-19
16 Cheltenham Saracens	21	5	4	12	21	42	19	-21
17 Almondsbury Town	26	6	1	19	25	47	19	-22
18 Pegasus Juniors	18	5	3	10	28	41	18	-13
19 Wantage Town	23	5	2	16	26	55	17	-29
20 Milton United	23	0	3	20	11	59	3	-48

Division One (West)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
1 Gloucester United	18	15	2	1	63	10	47	53
2 Ardley United	20	15	1	4	59	25	46	34
3 Bishops Cleeve	16	12	1	3	37	23	37	14
4 Headington Amateurs	21	11	4	6	40	34	37	6
5 Letcombe FC	15	6	6	3	27	19	24	8
6 Kidlington	19	6	5	8	29	33	23	-4
7 Witney Academy	17	7	2	8	26	39	23	-13
8 Cirencester United	16	6	3	7	23	28	21	-5
9 Clanfield FC	18	6	3	9	32	42	21	-10
10 Middle Barton	18	4	7	7	21	26	19	-5
11 Easington Sports	14	6	0	8	24	37	18	-13
12 Purton FC	18	4	6	8	30	44	18	-14
13 Old Woodstock Town	22	4	6	12	29	46	18	-17
14 Malmesbury Victoria	13	5	2	6	27	30	17	-3
15 Worcester Coll OB	20	3	2	15	21	44	11	-23
16 Ross Town*	11	2	2	7	14	22	5	-8

* 3 Pts Deducted

Reserve Div Two (West)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
1 Wootton Bassett Town	15	11	4	0	36	11	37	25
2 Almondsbury Town	12	8	2	2	33	12	26	21
3 Old Woodstock Town	13	8	1	4	33	22	25	11
4 Brackley Town FC	14	7	2	5	34	26	23	8
5 Kidlington FC	12	5	3	4	25	17	18	8
6 Middle Barton FC	15	5	2	8	16	24	17	-8
7 Easington Sports	10	4	2	4	18	16	14	2
8 Milton United FC	12	3	5	4	20	21	14	-1
9 Quarry Nomads	11	2	4	5	14	23	10	-9
10 Wantage Town FC	13	2	3	8	19	41	9	-22
11 Clanfield FC	15	2	3	10	12	35	9	-23
12 Letcombe FC	8	2	1	5	11	23	7	-12

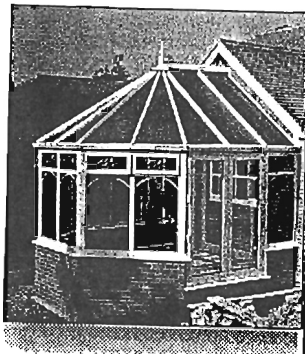


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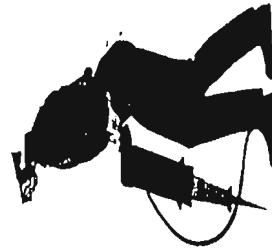
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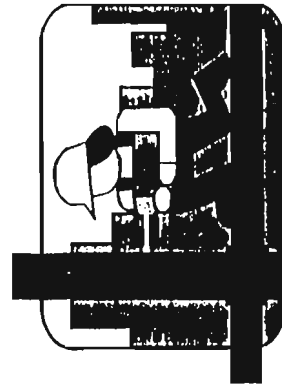


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Mark SUMPTER Goalkeeper Signed at the end of last season from Tuffley Rovers. Ex Salisbury City and Gloucester City.

Martin PEARCE Goalkeeper Joined last season, Former Forest Green Youth keeper.

Matt GREEN Defender "Mishy" joined this season, younger brother of Mike. Previously at Forest Green Yth.

Kris PRITLOVE Defender Signed from local football, already adapted well.

Jon EMBLING Defender Second season since signing from Forest Green Res. Great left foot.

Adam PAUL Defencer Attracting attention since joining in the summer. Ex Gloucester City Res.

Phil WARD Defender Spent summer at Witney Town but now back at Shortwood. Ex Forest Green Rovers.

Paul DAVIES Defender Second season after moving from Forest Green Res. University limits appearances.

Sam JONES Utility Consistent player signed from Forest Green Res.

Lee Driver DICKENSON Midfield New Captain and in his second season after making step up from local football.

Mike GREEN Midfield Second season since signing from Forest Green Res. Skilful playmaker.

Matt WILLIFORD Midfield Graduated from the reserves and has adapted well at this level.

Andy BOOT Midfield Third season, skilful player and has a sweet left foot.

Olly McILVENNA Midfield First season since moving from Forest Green Youth.

Rich EVANS Striker Second season since signing from Forest Green Rovers where he made one conference appearance.

Steve WALKER Striker Second spell, previously with forest Green Youth.

Lloyd VANSON Striker Second season having played a number of games with Cheltenham Saracens. Previously with Fairford Town.

John EVANS Manager Second season in charge. Managed Forest Green in the Dr Martens League at reserve and youth levels. Was player coach when Shortwood won Hellenic League in the 90's. As a player served Cheltenham, Forest Green, Gloucester and Trowbridge Town.

Roger SMITH Assistant Manager Returned to the club with John Evans. Great record in local football.

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Richard STEVENS Goalkeeper Previous club Marlborough Town. Second season with the club and was voted player of the year last season.

Paul DAVIS Defender Paul is a very strong defender and good in the air. But for a brief spell with Western League Pewsey vale has played all his senior soccer with Bassett.

Paul HARPER Defender Missed one game last season. Excellent passer of the ball and the "deadball" specialist.

Lee MARSHALL Defender Signed from Cricklade Town last summer. Solid defender who hates to lose. Settled well into the side.

Bryan WOOD Defence/Midfield A recent signing from Purton. A solid player who adds balance on the left side. Featured in the Rep side last season.

Ben PARSONS Defence/Midfield Previous clubs include Highworth Tn ans Supermarine. Second spell at the club. Will balanced left sided player and a welcome addition to the squad.

Richard MERCHANT Midfield Powerful player signed from Fairford Town. Third season with the club and Captain.

Micky GOODWIN Forward Well balanced player who adds stability and skill to the side. Previously with Swindon Supermarine and won Championship Medal with Supermarine. Skilful player who brings other forwards into the play..

Lee STODDART Forward Top scorer last season and is proving a handful this term. Attracting attention from Western and Dr martens sides. Could easily play at a higher level. 17 goals already this season.

Jon DAVIS Midfield One of the younger players who has yet to realise his potential. Strong in the tackle and has recently established himself back in the side after a spell in the reserves.

Nathan HALL Midfield/Attack Signed from Swindon Supermarine and has settled well into the side. Gives 100% effort and adds pace to the attack.

Andy BRIEN Midfield Previous club Larkhall in the Western League. Lots of ability and pace and a useful addition to the squad. Missed three month through suspension but is raring to get back into action.

Paul PATEL Midfield Signed from Highworth Town having spent a short time at Bassett. Hard working and tenacious left sided player who has settled well into the side.

Jeremy NEWTON Midfield Attack Been with the club all his playing days. Had a spell at Gloucester City last season. Two great feet and can dazzle any defender on his day.

Barry GILES Manager Second season in charge at the Way after building a good reserve side. Honest manager who looks for his players to give the same. Has done a great job in the Premier Division this season and is looking to build next season.

Last Weekends Club Results

- **Firsts** drew 0-0 away at Harrow Hill
- **Reserves**, won 5-2 at home to Old Woodstock Town
- **'A' Team** sadly lost a cup semi-final 1-2, their first defeat of the season
- **U18's** didn't play
- **U16's** lost 0-10 against Knowsley from Liverpool in a friendly
- **U15's** lost 2-8 home to Swindon Vultures
- **U14's** had a good win away at Croft 3-1,
- **U13's** didn't play
- **U12's** won 4-1 away in a friendly with Stratton Juniors
- **U11's won 2-0 away at Sherston in a friendly**
- **U10's** drew 3-3 at Shrivenham in a friendly
- **U9's** won 3-0 at home to Stratton Youth (Ciren)
- **U8/7's** lost 0-1 Saturday in a friendly at Wroughton, on Sunday the A team drew 2-2 away at Stratton Youth (Ciren) & B team won 9-0

Club News/Requests

- The club has the beginning of a web site now which can be found at www.wbafc.co.uk Please tak the opportunity to review the growing site and let us have any comments you may have.
- The club urgently needs secretarial assistance in the control of bookings of pitches for our 3rd and youth teams, and also training at the Lime Kiln. This is not an arduous task, with full training and assistance available, but is arduous when being done in conjunction with other tasks as it currently is by Carol Brady. If you could help with this then please give 'H' or Carol a call, or run the risk of losing our Youth Section Secretary and having to limit our youth team activities.

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Boot Room Chatter

24 February 2001

International Almonds

Recent signings for Almondsbury Town has given the team a distinct International flavour with James Hoyt a former Fijian International joining the 'Almonds' from near neighbours Mangotsfield and Sergio Copes, originally from Portugal, were he played professional football being plucked out of local football in Bristol!

Marine Running on Empty

Following their 1-0 defeat at Swindon Supermarine last Saturday Fairford Town secretary Bill Beach and many supporters were devastated to find that the 'Bitter' was on ration and they couldn't even drown their sorrows after such a narrow defeat by the division leaders. After one pint of 'Bitter' they were told there was no more, just like 'Oliver Twist'. Bill lodged a complaint with 'Marine' Chairman Steve Moore; Steve shared the disappointment, as he is a 'Bitter' drinker as well. Such situations are wholly unacceptable and no doubt the appropriate action will be taken at a suitable time in the future.

Newell Gets the Taste

Hellenic League referee Andy Newell of Yate was officiating as an Assistant Referee on the Newport County v Mangotsfield cup fixture in the 'Dr Martens' last Monday evening. During the 2nd half Andy replaced the match referee who suffered an injury. On a nice flat pitch Andy was in his element and kept up with play very well, played good advantage for the second Newport goal, The down side being that every Mangotsfield was on his back for 43 minutes after refusing the award of a penalty, what team doesn't complain. This is the second time that Andy has taken control from an injured colleague and he wants MORE. The rumour, that he gave the Referee a good kicking at half-time, are as yet unfounded.

Southall Town Pushing Hard

Last Saturday's 3-1 win over Englefield Green Rovers saw Southall Town move into 3rd place in the Cherry Red Records Division One (East), with games in hand over 2nd placed Finchampstead a promotion position is a strong possibility for the league's newest club. With the use of facilities at Yeading FC available for another season there is everything to play for over the next ten weeks.

Town Looking Ahead

Henley Town are planning for an end of season push for promotion to the Premier Division, they have signed two very experienced players to help out later in the season should the need arrive for cover. Former joint Reading FC manager Mick Gooding, now at Southend FC, has signed for the 'Town'. Gary Kingston son of club secretary Tony Kingston and a former professional at Swansea has also signed on to help out towards the seasons end, Gary also lists Chesham and Basingstoke as former clubs.

Witney Academy Soldier On

Several comments reached me during the past week that Witney Academy had pulled out of Division One (West) following problems with particular individuals involved with Witney Town FC. I am assured there is not a problem with Witney Academy's continuance as a member of the Hellenic League. The club, who are striving to provide a good standard of football for players within the Witney area who do not want the travel associated with the Southern League. It is expected that Bob Hayden will return as club secretary as well as physio, although there are some problems regarding Paul O'Hare's' position as manager due to ongoing selection problems involving Brian Hughes the Witney Town manager.

Clubs and individuals are invited to submit news items of interest for possible inclusion in Boot Room Chatter and the Non-League Paper. Please send your items to Brian King, General Secretary, 83 Queens Road, Carterton, Oxon. OX18 3YF, fax them to 01993 212738 or E-mail to king_brian@ukgateway.net

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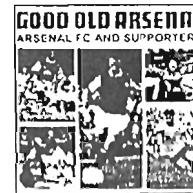
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After an initial difficult start to the season, the children have grown in confidence, and are now showing good signs of improvement. For the majority of the children, this is their first year playing football for a team on a regular basis. They have all been extremely enthusiastic and eager to play and learn. To date, whenever I have selected any child to play in a game, they have always turned up, and put in 100% effort. A record I am proud of, and keen to maintain.

The squad consists of 26 regular players, made up of boys and girls aged between 5 and 8 from the local area. Currently we have 7 under 7's, and 19 under 8's. We now have three girls playing regularly, and this always spurns on the opposition teams (the vast majority do not have any girls in their teams, and to date we have only played one game where the opposition had any girls playing for them). Our matches are played at Rylands Way, on Sunday morning, and we train on Wednesday at Lime Kiln, and in the School Gym. Summer training will be at Ballards Ash. Although the main focus of mini-soccer is fair play, and the FA have had some success in making the game more accessible and 'child-friendly', it's also nice to win games and build confidence. To date we have won 7, lost 7, and drawn 1. We lost 5 of the first 6 games, so we have improved greatly as the season has progressed. The standard of football in this age group is extremely high, and most of the teams we have played have performed admirably. The spirit and behavior of the children, parents, spectators and managers has made it all worthwhile and have given the matches a 'fun and friendly' atmosphere.

My goal for this season is to build on the confidence already gained, and improve on the skills and enthusiasm of all the players.



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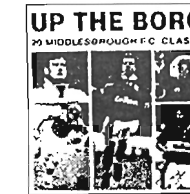
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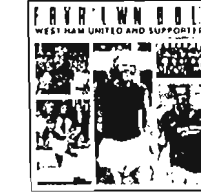
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17th Feb	Brackley Town	A	2-0 (Jackson, Hyde)
24th Feb	OLD WOODSTOCK TOWN	H	5-2 (Jackson 2, Byrne 2, Hyde)
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