



**Wootton Bassett Town Football Club**  
**(founded 1882)**

Gerard Buxton Sports Ground  
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Swindon, Wilts

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**Weekends Results Round Up**

➤ No games over the xmas period for any teams

**Club News/Requests**

- Congratulations to Joel Swan, Nick Southern, Jamie Wakefield, & Marcus Welsh from our Under9's for being selected for the Swindon & District rep side.
- The club urgently needs secretarial assistance in the control of bookings of pitches for our 3<sup>rd</sup> and youth teams, and also training at the Lime Kiln. This is not an arduous task, with full training and assistance available. If you could help with this then please give 'H' or Carol a call.

## **Managers Mutterings**

Good afternoon and happy new year to you all. We particularly welcome our visitors from Brackley Town, in this top of the table clash.

Our last fixture, sometime back on Dec 16<sup>th</sup>, saw a hard fought encounter on a sticky, heavy pitch against Quarry Nomads, who were strengthened by the inclusion of four first teamers. They proved tough opponents on the day.

To our credit the lads persisted in their beliefs and continued with their passing game even though it led to some heart stopping moments amongst the crowd and on the bench. Once again though a lack of killer instinct in front of goal cost us maximum points but it is only through such tough fixtures that the lads will develop.

For the record Syd Jackson (Yes, him again!) scored our goal. Martin Cooper (Coops) found himself sent off for allowing himself to be punched and kicked whilst on the ground, obviously a new offence!

Plus points were the performances of young Jason Hillier (Keeper), Jonah and Lawrence Smith, all three who through no fault of their own have been unable to gain regular places in the reserves to date, proving yet again the merits of running a third senior side.

The month ahead sees us, weather permitting, playing 4 consecutive Saturdays for the first time this season. Today and next week at home, followed by tough away fixtures at Wantage and Milton. Should we be able to come through this period positively we will be well placed to continue to challenge for league honours, but the players will have to continue to prove their desire to ensure this.

Milky and Sparky !