

MALMESBURY VICTORIA



Vs FC Stratford

UHL Hellenic League Div One

Sat September 16th 2023

3:00pm KO

Welcome from Ant Brown

Good afternoon, firstly I'd like to start by welcoming FC Stratford's players, officials and fans to the flying monk. I hope you have an enjoyable stay and a safe journey back later this evening. I'd also like to welcome our 3 officials this afternoon whom I also hope enjoy their game.



It feels like ages since we've played a league game at home and it's nice to be back. Since then we have been on the road and picked up some good results and also progressed in a cup last weekend. Unfortunately we didn't progress in the floodlit cup on Wednesday where we fell just short on penalties to a very good Longlevens team. It was an entertaining game and I can't fault the lads attitude and application on the night.

Moving on to today where we have FC Stratford who are the only other unbeaten side in the league. We know that they'll be looking to come here and continue that form and utilise the games in hand they have on the rest of the league. Therefore we need all the support we can get from the sidelines as we look to overcome this challenge. Hope everyone enjoys the game and we will see you in the bar after.

Recent Results

Type	Date / Time	Home Team	Away Team
FLC	13/09/23 19:45	Longlevens AFC	Malmesbury Victoria
MCC	09/09/23 15:00	Malmesbury Victoria	Cheltenham Saracens
HL1	06/09/23 19:45	FC Bristol	Malmesbury Victoria
HL1	02/09/23 15:00	Kidlington Res	Malmesbury Victoria

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League games today

Type	Date / Time	Home Team	Away Team	Venue	Competition	Status / Notes
HL1	16/09/23 15:00	Calne Town	VS Sporting Club Inkberrow	Bremhill View. SN11 9EE	Division One	
HL1	16/09/23 15:00	Clanfield 85	VS Hartpury University	Radcot Road. OX18 2ST	Division One	
HL1	16/09/23 15:00	Malmesbury Victoria	VS F C Stratford	The Flying Monk Ground. SN16 9FG	Division One	
HL1	16/09/23 15:00	Newent Town	VS Kidlington Res	Wildsmith Meadow. GL18 1HE	Division One	
HL1	16/09/23 15:00	Shortwood United	VS Long Crendon	Meadowbank Stadium. GL6 0SJ	Division One	
HL1	16/09/23 15:00	Stonehouse Town	VS Abingdon United	Oldends Lane. GL10 2DG	Division One	
HL1	16/09/23 15:00	Tytherington Rocks	VS Southam United	Hardwicke Playing Field. GL12 8UJ	Division One	Postponed

Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Malmesbury Victoria	9	8	1	0	19	25
2	Clanfield 85	8	6	1	1	19	19
3	FC Bristol	11	6	1	4	3	19
4	Shortwood United	9	5	2	2	12	17
5	Southam United	7	5	0	2	5	15
6	Devizes Town	9	5	0	4	4	15
7	F C Stratford	5	4	1	0	8	13
8	Abingdon United	8	4	0	4	0	12
9	Sporting Club Inkberrow	7	3	2	2	8	11
10	Stonehouse Town	8	3	2	3	-2	11
11	Hartpury University	5	3	1	1	10	10
12	Tytherington Rocks	8	3	1	4	1	10
13	Calne Town	8	3	1	4	-1	10
14	Long Crendon	8	3	1	4	-4	10
15	Kidlington Res	8	2	1	5	-8	7
16	Newent Town	8	2	1	5	-11	7
17	Cheltenham Saracens	10	1	1	8	-19	4
18	Moreton Rangers	8	1	0	7	-20	3
19	Chipping Sodbury Town	8	0	1	7	-24	1

MVFC Dev – Wilts Senior League



The Development team were back in action Friday night after a 2 week break. With a full squad to pick from and a new formation the lads seemed up for the game Versus Larkhill. Another tough test with the visitors picking up some solid results already this season. The visitors started strongly controlling the majority of possession, and a quick counter caught our defence short resulting in a well taken goal. Going against the run of play it wasn't long before the Vics were back in it. A looping cross had the Larkhall defence in turmoil and eventually bobbled in off the defender's knee. 2nd half we played the football we wanted, midfield trio of Bobby, Martin and Lewis controlling the play. All 3 of them having an exceptional game. With the game on a knife edge a fine Shakey through ball in the 82nd minute resulted in the ever-lively Tranter to finish calmly into the corner. Vics stood firm for the win. Its great to see the lads improving and a decent crowd supporting from the sidelines. We go again on the 23rd away to Shrivenham. No devs football next week but gives us chance for some work on the training ground. Now over to the 1sts today, a tough test down at the Monk , let's hope their fantastic form continues. #UTV

Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kintbury Rangers FC	8	7	0	1	34	8	26	21
2	Amesbury Town FC	8	6	0	2	27	9	18	18
3	Pewsey Vale FC	7	6	0	1	14	4	10	18
4	Blunsdon FC	8	5	2	1	21	9	12	17
5	Melksham Town FC Res	9	4	2	3	21	18	3	14
6	Royal W Bassett Town FC Dev	8	4	0	4	24	16	8	12
7	Kingsdown FC	7	3	2	2	11	5	6	11
8	Trowbridge Town FC	7	3	2	2	16	12	4	11
9	Larkhall Athletic FC Dev	7	3	2	2	12	12	0	11
10	Calne Town FC Res	8	2	3	3	15	21	-6	9
11	Ludgershall Sports FC	8	3	0	5	9	21	-12	9
12	Wroughton FC	8	2	2	4	15	20	-5	8
13	Malmesbury Victoria FC Dev	8	2	2	4	12	18	-6	8
14	Shrivenham FC	7	2	1	4	11	13	-2	7
15	Shrewton United FC	7	2	1	4	14	26	-12	7
16	Salisbury FC Dev	7	1	0	6	4	27	-23	3
17	Frome Collegians FC	5	0	2	3	5	16	-11	2
18	Odd Down (Bath) FC Dev	5	0	1	4	6	16	-10	1

MVFC YDT – North Wilts Youth League



A very good start from the lads in both League and FA Youth Cup has seen 2 games and 2 wins and the lads thoroughly deserving both results.

On paper, the draw for the FA Youth Cup seemed to be a very tough one but home advantage is always welcome. Starting quickly against a well drilled Frome Town side, it became apparent that the Vics had the upper hand and they executed brilliantly, a brace of goals each for Alex Walker and Louie Gasgoine and we progress to face Supermarine with a 4-0 win.

League started at home v Calne and a similar performance was put in to show some real quality all over the pitch, 3 goals from Mak Sujeewon, Ollie Leonard and Freddie Lawton gave us all the points.

Tomorrow we are off to Weir Field to visit Wroughton Jaguars, a real unknown match this one as the hosts have not played a game yet. Regardless, we will be pushing all the way to continue the great start put on a good display.

All support is very welcome, 10.30ko : Wierfield, Devizes Rd, Wroughton. SN4 0SA

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Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	PTS
1	Highworth Town FC	3	3	0	0	9
2	Malmesbury Vics Devs	1	1	0	0	3
3	Swindon Supermarine Youth White	1	1	0	0	3
4	Calne Town Youth Black	2	1	0	1	3
5	Stratton Youth	0	0	0	0	0
6	Wroughton Youth Jaguars	0	0	0	0	0
7	Devizes Town Youth Battleships	1	0	0	1	0
8	FC Chippenham Youth Barbarians	1	0	0	1	0
9	Wims 11	1	0	0	1	0
10	Durrington FC	2	0	0	2	0



Manager: **Ant Brown**
Assistant: **Jordan Stallard**
Assistant : **Paul Carson**
Physio: **Becca Maynard**

Manager: **Jon Hill**
Assistant: **Ian Weaving**
Physio: **Nico Siuda**

Malmesbury Victoria

- Josh Langley (GK)
- Matt Fusco
- Zac Berry
- Lewis Toop
- Andy Baker
- Kyle Pitts ©
- Matt Jones
- Biagio Mazzotto
- Jack Smith
- Kyle Witt
- Danny Gudger
- George Evatt
- Harvey Scholes
- Kyle Parker
- Dale Richards
- Aaron Stevens
- Martin Sinclair
- Travis Wood (GK)

FC Stratford

- Callum Monaghan
- Cian Hodson
- Sacha Everard
- Ben Cook
- James Kiley
- Josh Kilbride
- Ollie Taylor
- Tom Traverse
- Joe Waterfield
- Joe Sykes
- Dan Atkins
- Dean Poulson
- Gov Hayer
- Harry Cook
- Nick Cox
- Kyle Porter
- James Pomeroy
- Dan Chaundy
- Jude Hill
- Robbie Sone
- Aaron Nurrish

Today's Match Officials	
Referee	Mr Simeon Stoodley
Assistant 1	Mr Gary Stonham
Assistant 2	Mr Mark Niermirski

The Vics Squad 23/24



Manager : **Ant Brown**

Assistant : **Paul Carson**

Coach : **Jordan Stallard**

Physio : **Becca Maynard**

Adam Clatworthy
Keeper



Experienced keeper, played at this level for many years, superb shot stopper.

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Josh Langley
Keeper



Lang is a local lad who has played at a higher level, and you can see why. Excellent commanding keeper.

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Travis Wood
Keeper



Trav re-joins the Vics this season after a couple of seasons the other side of the bridge. A great addition with brilliant distribution and shot stopping.

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Kyle Pitts
Defender – Captain

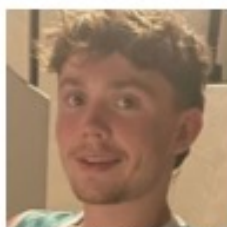


Pittsy is a commanding, experienced leader at centre back. Came to the Vics last season and has taken on the armband this year.

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Colin Pitts

Ben Patey
Defender



Patey has been with the club a few seasons now. Young defender with great potential. Great energy across the pitch.

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Aaron Stevens
Defender



Az re-joined the Vics after a spell at Chipping Sodbury. He's a strong centre back who's good in the air and loves a challenge.

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Andy Baker
Defender



Bakes is coach, club captain, fines master and key member of the squad. A brilliant attitude on and off the pitch and a consistent performer.

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Zac Berry
Defender



Zac came to the club last season from Hartpury. A young left back full of potential. Strong, quick and fit lad.

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Matt Fusco
Defender



Fusco, been back with the club a few seasons now and recently converted to right back. One of the best touches around this level.

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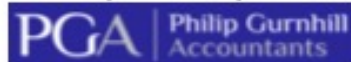


Dale Richards
Defender



Dale joined last season from Wootton Bassett. He is a ball playing defender who has an eye for goal. When he strikes it, it stays struck.

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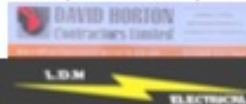


Lewis Toop
Defender / Midfielder

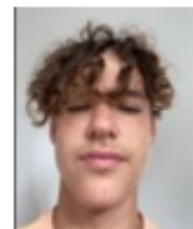


Toop came to the club last season and has played a variety of positions. Set piece specialist who loves a tackle.

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George Evat
Midfielder



George is a homegrown lad who has huge potential for a young lad. A tricky midfielder with excellent feet.

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<p>Biagio Mazzotta- Midfield</p>  <p>Biag joined the club last season from Fairford. A centre midfielder who rarely gives the ball away, keeps us ticking.</p> <p>Sponsored By</p> 	<p>Martin Sinclair Midfield</p>  <p>Martin has been with the club for a few seasons and has made the step up from the development. Good on the ball and in the air.</p> <p>Sponsored By</p> 	<p>Harvey Scholes Midfield</p>  <p>Scholesy is a new addition this season. Previously at Wantage. Scholesy loves getting on the ball and has an excellent range of passing.</p> <p>Sponsored By</p> 	<p>Kyle Witt Attacker</p>  <p>Kyle is a local lad who has shown brilliant commitment to the club. Tricky winger with an eye for goal.</p> <p>Sponsored By</p> <p>Charlie Reid</p>
<p>Danny Gudger Attacker</p>  <p>Gudger recently joined from Fairford town. A winger with an excellent eye for goal. A huge summer addition.</p> <p>Sponsored By</p> 	<p>Matty Jones Attacker</p>  <p>Matty joined last season from Fariford town. Massive part of the squad on and off the pitch. Loves a long throw.</p> <p>Sponsored By</p> 	<p>Jack Smith Attacker</p>  <p>Smithy was new to the club last season. Quality at holding the ball up and has an excellent touch. A key part of the squad.</p> <p>Sponsored By</p> 	<p>Jasper Marsh Attacker</p>  <p>Jasp is a new addition this year. He has impressed in preseason. He's a presence up front, has a decent touch and holds the ball up well.</p> <p>Sponsored By</p> 

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History of Malmesbury Victoria FC

The Club was originally formed in 1898, and was known as Malmesbury Town, then Malmesbury United. Then in the 1960's, amalgamated with a successful Swindon Club known as Swindon Victoria. The Club has played in various locations in and around the Town before eventually settling on the present site, known as The Flying Monk Ground. The ground was previously owned by the pub known as The Flying Monk.

There have been ups and downs over the past few years, but in 1999/2000 the Club was extremely successful with both Saturday sides winning their respective Leagues for the first time since 1974. The first team won the Wiltshire Premier League to clinch promotion to the Hellenic League, with the reserves winning the equivalent Junior Division to gain promotion to the Premier Division.

During their first season in the Hellenic League the first team acquitted themselves well to finish 4th in the League. Since then things have been much harder to finish in the top half of the league, but in 2001/2002 the Club did win the Wiltshire Senior Cup. 2004/2005 saw the Club decide to start an Under 18's team in the Wiltshire Floodlit League.

The Club has made huge steps to improve the facilities, in the summer of 2004 the giant step of installing floodlights was completed and the summer of 2005 saw the complete refurbishment of the Clubhouse.

In the 2006/07 season, we were unlucky not to get promotion into the Hellenic Premier League, finishing in fourth place. The following season 2007/08, we had a poor start, and half way through, after a change of management finished the season in 15th place.

The 2008/09 season saw the Club finish in the runners-up spot in Division 1 West, and with it came promotion to the Hellenic Premier Division, this being the Club's highest level of football in its history. However, the Club was relegated at the end of 2009/10 as the ground had not reached the required standard to continue in that division.

After dropping down and asking local legend, Wayne Kibble to run the senior sides and return a focus to local players, the club saw great success in the Wilts premier league, ending in being champions in 2014/15 season and gaining promotion to the Western League for 2016/17 season and finishing in a very respectable 9th position. Following a mid-table finish in 2017/18, League re-structuring has seen the club return to the Hellenic League in the 1 West Division where we look forward to renewing old friendships and making new ones.

The Club is in the early discussion stages to move to a new ground close to the present one, but high enough not to have to worry about flooding.

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Club History

FC Stratford - originally known as Stratford Town A, joined the Midland Combination League ahead of the 2009/10 season.

A strong first season in Division Three led to a fifth-placed finish out of sixteen sides. FC also just missed out on a Challenge Urn final spot following an agonising 6:5 defeat to Blackwood over two legs.

FC would however suffer second season syndrome in 2010/11, finishing a lowly tenth out of fourteen sides.

Despite a poor league season, FC were to go one better in the Challenge Urn by reaching the Final against Aston at Pilkington XXX. An even final finishing 2:2 was decided by penalties. FC secured the Challenge Urn with a 4-1 penalty shoot-out victory.



Ash Wilkes
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At the end of the 2010/11 season, Division Three of the Midland Combination was disbanded and sides were placed into Division Two.

Stratford Town A also changed their name to FC Stratford.

Over the next couple of seasons, FC achieved mid-table finishes in Division Two.



However, the 2013/14 season proved a real challenge for FC. Manager Pete Stephens struggled to field a side most weeks culminating in the club finishing fourteenth in the sixteen side league.

During the Summer of 2014, the Midland Combination joined forces with the Midland Alliance to form the Midland Football League (MFL). FC remained in the lowest division, Division Three.

The 2014/15 season proved to be much like the previous one. Each week continued to be a struggle and FC finished twelfth of fifteen teams.

However, the following season saw the tide begin to turn for FC. A strong start saw the club become one of the favourites for promotion. Unfortunately a mid-season blip saw FC lose touch but nevertheless, FC finished a well-placed fourth.

In the cup competitions, FC were to experience semi-final heartache twice: a 2:0 defeat in

the Coventry Evening Telegraph Cup against Woodlands WMC, and a 3:0 defeat in the Smedley Crooke Memorial Charity Cup against Chelmsley Town.

Overall, the season had seen FC make really good progress and had certainly been their best so far.

The 2016/17 season saw Pete Stephens move 'upstairs' with the appointment of former Alcester Town Manager, Dave Poulson as boss.

With Division Three now containing some strong teams, FC had their work cut out to match their previous season. After a good start, FC finished sixth out of fourteen teams.



Dave Poulson

FC did enjoy another good cup run though, this time reaching the Les James Challenge Cup Final at Walsall's Bescot Stadium, following a semi-final penalty shoot-out victory over local rivals Redditch Borough. Unfortunately, FC were swiftly removed from the competition after inadvertently fielding a cup-tied player.

Dave Poulson's new signings helped FC get the 2017/18 season off to a flyer. Despite a dip in form, FC finished third in a tough league won by GNP Sports.

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