

# MALMESBURY VICTORIA



**Vs Kidlington Reserves**  
Uhs!port Hellenic League Div 1  
Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> 24  
3:00pm KO

# Welcome from Ant Brown

Good afternoon and welcome to the Flying Monk. I would like to start by welcoming our opponents today. I would also like to welcome our match officials today. We hope you all enjoy your stay and have a safe journey back this evening.



What a nice feeling it is to be able to play two games of football in a week and finally have football back at our home ground.

Last time out we travelled to Tytherington Rocks on Tuesday night. With three lads missing through suspension and us not having played football for a little while. The first 20 minutes was 100mph and very frantic with both teams having chances. For the rest of the game however we controlled the game, had good possession of the ball and created chances. Coming away from there with a 3-0 win and 3 points was important and shows the depth of the squad we have here this year.

Onto today. I'd like to start on today with welcoming Steve Robertson to the club for his home debut today. Robbo is a proven goalscorer at a higher level and when the opportunity came up to sign him I was delighted to be able to.

Last time out against today's opponents we managed to get 3 points however struggled to break them down as they were well organised and posed a threat of there own. So we will be aware of that and will be looking to do all we can to get the 3 points today and continue to try and cement our place in the playoffs.

I hope you all enjoy the game, get behind the team and we will see you in the bar after.

**COYV**

# Uhlsport Hellenic Division One



## UHL Division One Recent Results

Type	Date / Time	Home Team		Away Team	Competition
HL1	08/03/24 19:45	Chipping Sodbury Town	2 - 4	Calne Town	Division One
HL1	05/03/24 19:45	Hartpury University	Postponed P - P	Southam United	Division One
HL1	05/03/24 19:45	Long Crendon	0 - 0	Clanfield 85	Division One
HL1	05/03/24 19:45	Newent Town	3 - 0 (HT 1-0)	Cheltenham Saracens	Division One
HL1	05/03/24 19:45	Shortwood United	4 - 1 (HT 2-1)	Moreton Rangers	Division One
HL1	05/03/24 19:45	Tytherington Rocks	0 - 3	Malmesbury Victoria	Division One
HL1	02/03/24 15:00	Calne Town	Postponed P - P	Tytherington Rocks	Division One
HL1	02/03/24 15:00	Cheltenham Saracens	Postponed P - P	Kidlington Res	Division One
HL1	02/03/24 15:00	Malmesbury Victoria	Postponed P - P	FC Bristol	Division One
HL1	02/03/24 15:00	Stonehouse Town	Postponed P - P	Southam United	Division One

## Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Hartpury University	31	26	3	2	76	81
2	Clanfield 85	30	22	2	6	43	68
3	Malmesbury Victoria	28	20	4	4	42	64
4	Devizes Town	32	17	5	10	32	56
5	Sporting Club Inkberrow	28	16	6	6	36	54
6	FC Bristol	30	17	2	11	19	53
7	Calne Town	30	16	4	10	16	52
8	F C Stratford	27	13	5	9	20	44
9	Abingdon United	31	14	1	16	-2	43
10	Shortwood United	29	12	5	12	4	41
11	Tytherington Rocks	30	13	2	15	-9	41
12	Stonehouse Town	30	10	6	14	-8	36
13	Cheltenham Saracens	31	10	6	15	-15	36
14	Southam United	28	11	2	15	-18	35
15	Newent Town	27	7	6	14	-18	27
16	Long Crendon	34	6	3	25	-50	21
17	Moreton Rangers	31	5	5	21	-64	20
18	Chipping Sodbury Town	32	5	5	22	-68	20
19	Kidlington Res	27	5	4	18	-36	19



Manager: **Ant Brown**  
Assistants: **Jordan Stallard**  
**Tim Bond**  
Physio: **Paul Carson**

## Malmesbury Victoria

- Travis Wood(GK)
- Matt Fusco
- Aaron Stevens
- Lewis Toop
- Andy Baker
- Kyle Pitts ©
- Matt Jones
- Chalmers Phin
- Jack Smith
- Kyle Witt
- Steve Roberston
- Harvey Scholes
- Kyle Parker
- Freddie Lawton
- Kian McNally
- Martin Sinclair



Manager: **James Mapstone**  
Assistant: **Kevin Ashwood**  
Coach: **Lee Rendall, Jon Britton**  
Physio: **Ken Purnell**

## Kidlington Reserves

- Charlie Barnett
- Jake Pritchard
- Harry Firkin
- Ryan Hicks
- Brad Cox
- Will Baker
- Larson Wirdnam Crick
- Luke McCormack
- Ethan Merry
- Charlie Cooke
- Dylan Woodall
- Frankie Cato
- Kyle Moss
- Josh Youngman
- Joe Basham
- Ben Doak
- Noah Aston
- Alex Northover
- Frazer Allen
- Kieran Walters
- Jordon Moore
- Max Youngman
- Max Walker
- Joey Aust
- Jacob Joseph

### Today's Match Officials










Referee	<b>Mr Mark Pratten</b>
Assistant 1	<b>Mr Peter Darby</b>
Assistant 2	<b>Mr Alan Berrow</b>



# The Vics Squad 23/24



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

<p><b>Adam Clatworthy</b> Keeper</p>  <p>Experienced keeper, played at this level for many years, superb shot stopper.</p> <p>Sponsored By <b>BECOME A SPONSOR</b></p>	<p><b>Josh Langley</b> Keeper</p>  <p>Lang is a local lad who has played at a higher level, and you can see why. Excellent commanding keeper.</p> <p>Sponsored By <b>TQ. BARBERSHOP</b></p>	<p><b>Travis Wood</b> Keeper</p>  <p>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.</p> <p>Sponsored By <b>BLADDAIR CATERING</b></p>	<p><b>Kyle Pitts</b> Defender – Captain</p>  <p>Pittsy is a commanding, experienced leader at centre back. Came to the Vics last season and has taken on the armband this year.</p> <p>Sponsored By <b>Colin Pitts</b></p>
<p><b>Ben Patey</b> Defender</p>  <p>Patey has been with the club a few seasons now. Young defender with great potential. Great energy across the pitch.</p> <p>Sponsored By <b>BECOME A SPONSOR</b></p>	<p><b>Aaron Stevens</b> Defender</p>  <p>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.</p> <p>Sponsored By <b>BECOME A SPONSOR</b></p>	<p><b>Andy Baker</b> Defender</p>  <p>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.</p> <p>Sponsored By <b>innov.</b> talking your language</p>	<p><b>Zac Berry</b> Defender</p>  <p>Zac came to the club last season from Hartpury. A young left back full of potential. Strong, quick and fit lad.</p> <p>Sponsored By <b>Cecily Developments</b></p>
<p><b>Matt Fusco</b> Defender</p>  <p>Fusco, been back with the club a few seasons now and recently converted to right back. One of the best touches around this level.</p> <p>Sponsored By </p>	<p><b>Dale Richards</b> Defender</p>  <p>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.</p> <p>Sponsored By <b>PGA Philip Gurnhill Accountants</b></p>	<p><b>Lewis Toop</b> Defender / Midfielder</p>  <p>Toop came to the club last season and has played a variety of positions. Set piece specialist who loves a tackle.</p> <p>Sponsored By <b>DAVID HORTON Contractors Limited</b> <b>LDM ELECTRICAL</b></p>	<p><b>George Evat</b> Midfielder</p>  <p>George is a homegrown lad who has huge potential for a young lad. A tricky midfielder with excellent feet.</p> <p>Sponsored By <b>Carr's Smart Choice Ltd</b></p>

<p><b>Biagio Mazzotta</b> 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    Alma Property Management Ltd</p>	<p><b>Matty Jones</b> Attacker</p>  <p>Matty joined last season from Fairford town. Massive part of the squad on and off the pitch. Loves a long throw.</p> <p>Sponsored By  </p>	<p><b>Harvey Scholes</b> 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><b>Kyle Witt</b> 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  <b>Charlie Reid</b></p>
<p><b>Danny Gudger</b> 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><b>Aidan Bennett</b> Attacker</p> <p>Aidan joins on a dual sign with Cirencester Town, a talented and potent striker who has been on the managers radar for a long time now. Slots in perfectly with the lads around him.</p> <p>Sponsored By  </p>	<p><b>Jack Smith</b> 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><b>Chalmers Phin</b> Attacker</p>  <p>Chalmers returns to the Vics from a short stay with Brimmy, last season's top goal scorer slots into the front line just fine.</p> <p>Sponsored By  </p>

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## KIDLINGTON FC - HISTORY

Kidlington FC was founded in 1909 and played local village football where rivalry was so keen that players had to prove they were residents of the village for whom they played. In 1945, Kidlington moved from village football to play in the Oxford City Junior League, with a good deal of success. By 1951 the Oxfordshire Senior League was entered, where stronger competition was provided by the likes of Witney Town, Morris Motors, Pressed Steel and Thame United.

In 1953 The Hellenic League was formed and the Oxon Senior League lost some of its stronger clubs to the new league. Kidlington won the Senior League that season and joined the new league in 1954. Early days in the Hellenic League showed quite clearly the difference in standard. Kidlington however, maintained a Premier Division place for a time, but spent most of the 60's in Division One. The 70's started with 'The Greens' winning the County Intermediate Cup. In 1976-77 a squad of good young players produced what was Kidlington's best ever run in an FA competition. The team played every round bar one away from home and reached the last 16 in the FA Vase, eventually bowing out to Gosport Borough. The nucleus of this side eventually gained promotion back to the Premier Division in 1979-80.

The 80's were pretty uneventful and saw Kidlington return to Division One of the Hellenic League. The early 90's were steady. In season 1994-95, Martin Bakers Reserve side did the League and Cup double bringing some long awaited silverware back to the club, and an upturn in the first team fortunes occurred after Karl Grossmann was appointed manager, achieving top 6 finishes in four successive seasons.

The new millennium saw a major overhaul of the committee and a new Chairman in Geoff Talboys. In 2004-05, under the guidance of ex-player Kevin Walton, the first team finished in third place and achieved promotion back into the Hellenic Premier Division. With promotion came a struggle with the considerable difference in the standard of football and the team finished in a relegation position. However a national non-league restructure saved us.

In 2007/08, First Team silverware arrived for the first time in over 30 years when we won the Floodlit Trophy under manager Paul Lee. There were additional honours that season with the Reserves winning Reserve Division One for a second consecutive season, the Youth team winning the Oxfordshire U18 Youth Cup, and Kidlington Veterans retaining their Veteran League crown.

In 2009-10 came a new Chairman, Lloyd Wray, and a new management team. Ex-player Gordon Geary was recruited to look after 1st team affairs and Barry Hiles to run the Reserve team.

Season 2010-11 saw the club achieve its most successful season ever, finishing seventh in the Premier Division, and a superb effort by all saw us play a very strong Oxford United team at the Kassam Stadium in the Final of the Oxfordshire Senior Cup, where unfortunately we lost. We did win some silverware though, beating Purton 3-0 in the final of the Supplementary Cup.

In December of season 2011-12 Gordon and Barry resigned and two senior players Danny Leggett and Christian Perkins stepped forward to guide the club through until the end of the season with the club just maintaining its Hellenic Premier Division status.

For season 2013-14 the club installed Martin Wilkinson as First Team manager and finished sixth in the league, making club history. They also reached the Senior Cup Final again, but lost to Ardley United.

Season 2014-15 saw the team finish in our highest ever league position of fourth.



Season 2015-16 was a dream come true for everyone at KFC, with Wilkinson and his team of Paul Harwood, Julian McCalmon and Jermaine McSporran, leading our 1st team to the Hellenic League Premier Division title and promotion to the Southern League. We also had our best ever run in the FA Vase where we reached the last eight and had a very healthy run in the FA Cup, losing eventually to Conference side Gloucester City.

Season 2016--17, was our first at level 4 of the football pyramid in the Evo-Stik League South Division One Central but, due to work commitments, Wilkinson resigned after a month. Jermaine McSporran took over as Caretaker Manager until the club appointed Julian McCalmon as our new Manager, with McSporran and Paul Harwood as his assistants. The new manager and the team had a good season at this higher level and eventually finished in mid-table. Our reserves with Nick East as Manager, had a great season winning the Reserve Challenge Cup and finishing as runners up in the Hellenic League Division 2 West.

Due to the geographical implications from promotion/relegation, for season 2017-18 we were transferred across to the South West Division. Our reserve team achieved senior status with promotion to UHlsport Hellenic Division One West and were also re-branded as the "Development Team "

For season 2018-19, McCalmon resigned and Ady Fuller was appointed as First Team Manager. He had to form a completely new squad ahead of the season, and due to another F.A. national restructure we transferred back to South Division One Central. After a poor start the manager resigned in mid-October and we re-instated Julian McCalmon with Joe Davies & Elliot Osborne-Ricketts as his assistants. We avoided relegation on the last day of the season.

McCalmon resigned again in January 2020 and was replaced by Ben Sadler, assisted by Paul Braithwaite. The pair led Wantage Town to promotion as Hellenic League Champions in 2019. After two seasons severely disrupted by Covid-19, 2021/22 proved challenging. A horrific injury list meant we struggled to establish a settled squad and we spent much of the season with the threat of relegation hanging over us. It is great credit to the management and players that we survived, finally finishing in 17th position.

Season 2022-23, led by joint managers Ben Sadler and Paul Braithwaite and assisted by Mark Massingham, we achieved our highest ever league finish, finally ending up in 10th position after pressing for a play off place for much of the campaign.

Braithwaite has decided to manage elsewhere this season and Ben has moved to a community role within the club. Last year's Assistant, Mark Massingham has stepped up to manage the team and will be assisted by Aidan Hawtin. Player recruitment has been encouraging and we are all looking forward to an enjoyable and successful season.

The Reserve team were moved from the Hellenic League to the Spartan South Midlands League for the 2021/22 season and had a difficult time, eventually just managing to avoid relegation. We have been moved back to the Hellenic League this season and are optimistic of being competitive with a more settled squad under the management of Nick East and Matt Stowell.. Disappointingly both resigned at the end of September and Brad Chalmers was appointed as the new manager. Brad has had two stints as a player at Kidlington and was a great asset to the club on both occasions.

Brad is continuing this season with the assistance of Josh Dutton-Black and Kristian Thomas and will be looking to build upon the improvement shown since he took over.



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