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## vs WILLAND ROVERS F.C.

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## THE CHAIRMAN STEVE LEWIS

HELLO everyone and welcome back to the Veho Community Stadium. I'm sure you appreciate what a traumatic week it has been for our club after the terrible road accident involving Jordan Chiedozie on his way back from playing in last Saturday's game at Tavistock.

While Jordan has been in hospital under intensive treatment, those of us at Bashley FC, and particularly Jordan's team-mates, have been trying to come to terms with what he must be going through. It's tragic that he should be badly hurt in such a freak incident - and through absolutely zero fault of his own.

Therefore the decision to play this afternoon's game was far from an easy one. Jordan's team-mates, understandably, asked to postpone the match against Thatcham, which should have been on Tuesday.

Subsequently, on Thursday, our team manager, Dave Lewis asked the players again for their opinions about playing today's game, and they were virtually unanimous in wanting it to go ahead.

I should say how much we appreciate that both the Southern League, and our guests today from Willand Rovers, would have readily agreed to a postponement had we asked.

Also, words cannot adequately describe the way the "football community" has responded to Jordan's situation, and to the wellbeing of our club. "Amazing" and "heart-warming" come to mind, but the response has been well beyond that.

For both the club and our player there have been messages of support from all over the country - Australia and the USA as well. In our own League, Mousehole immediately said they would hold a fundraiser for Jordan at their home game today, Melksham have been wonderfully supportive, and so, too our friends and neighbours from New Milton Town and Brockenhurst.

So again, heartfelt thanks to everyone who has sent goodwill messages to Jordan, our club - and also of course, our astonishingly brave young physio, Reighan Taylor, who was unhurt physically, but severely traumatised through being alongside Jordan at the time of the crash and witnessing the dreadful aftermath.

A heartfelt thankyou also to each of you for coming to the game today, and to everyone who has contributed to the Gofundme page for Jordan's benefit, which has been set up by the players, on behalf of the club. If you would like to contribute, this is the link:

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# LOOKING AHEAD...

THATCHAM TOWN should have been our visitors at the Veho Community Stadium earlier this week, but because of circumstances, which need no explanation, the match has had to be re-arranged for this coming Tuesday (11th, 7.45pm)

While Bash need the three points to climb back towards the top-end play-off zone, Thatcham need the win to climb away from the bottom-end play-offs. They've had a tough season so far but recent results are improving, and last Saturday's 1-0 win against Larkhall will have boosted their confidence

The Berkshire side were furious to be shifted into the travel-heavy Southern League after finishing eighth last season in the Isthmian South Central. Their protests about the mandatory move were in vain, and they have found that not only is there more travelling, but also the overall standard is perhaps higher.

Thatcham got an early warning of that back in August when Bash went to the Mettal Stadium and eased

to a 2-0 win on the back of goals by Scott Bungay and George Ashby. Since then manager Yash Romeo and his team have found it hard to get any rhythm - although they have had some significant successes, those have been entirely at home.

The Kingfishers have yet to win on the road, but back at base they have seen off Malvern (3-0), Bristol Manor (2-1), Evesham (1-0), Willand (4-1) and Shaftesbury (1-0).

The Thatcham club is one of the oldest in the division, having been founded in 1894 and joining the Reading Temperance League. The club were originally known just as Thatcham, with Town being added to its name in 1974. In the early years Thatcham played at The Marsh on Dunston Green, Brownsfield (home of the local Cricket Club) and Station Road, before moving to Lancaster Close in 1949.

The club moved to Waterside Park in 1992/93, currently known as the Mettal Stadium.

### LASTEST LEAGUE FORM (BASHLEY)

Nov 16	Bristol MF 2-0 BASHLEY
Nov 26	BASHLEY 3-2 Tavistock
Nov 30	Helston 1-1 BASHLEY
Dec 07	BASHLEY 1-1 Malvern
Dec 21	BASHLEY 1-1 Mousehole
Dec 26	Bemerton 2-1 BASHLEY
Dec 28	BASHLEY 0-1 Larkhall
Jan 04	Yate 3-1 BASHLEY
Jan 14	BASHLEY 0-1 Bishops C
Jan 18	BASHLEY 2-2 Shaftesbury
Jan 25	BASHLEY 2-0 Westbury
Feb 01	Tavistock 1-0 BASHLEY

### CURRENT POSITIONS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	POS
BASHLEY	27	9	8	10	37	39	-2	35	13TH
THATCHAM	25	6	3	16	26	49	-23	18	20TH

### THIS SEASON'S MATCH-UP

AUG 26 **THATCHAM 0-2 BASHLEY**

THERE was a huge contingent of Bash fans who braved the M3 bank holiday traffic chaos to almost outnumber home supporters in the crowd. And the Black and Gold army soon had plenty to cheer, just seven minutes on the clock when Scott Bungay opened the scoring after an opportunist solo run. Thatcham picked up after the interval, but Bashley's

### LASTEST LEAGUE FORM (THATCHAM)

Nov 19	Westbury 2-1 THATCHAM
Nov 30	Bemerton 2-1 THATCHAM
Dec 03	Bishops C 4-4 THATCHAM
Dec 14	Helston 2-2 THATCHAM
Dec 17	THATCHAM 0-2 Cribbs
Dec 21	THATCHAM 3-0 Malvern
Dec 26	THATCHAM 0-0 Didcot
Dec 28	Shaftesbury 2-1 THATCHAM
Jan 11	Mousehole 2-0 THATCHAM
Jan 18	THATCHAM 0-6 Falmouth
Jan 25	Evesham 2-1 THATCHAM
Feb 01	THATCHAM 1-0 Larkhall

### LAST SEASON'S POSITIONS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	POS
BASHLEY	36	11	9	16	45	59	-14	42	15TH
THATCHAM	40	14	8	14	72	62	10	62	8TH

"game management" protected the one-goal lead, and eventually a defensive howler let in George Ashby to seal it with his first Bashley goal.

**BASHLEY** Allan; Bertrand, Walster, Walker, Wooding; Delaney (Arnold 64), Ross, Holmes (Ashby 77), Waterfield; Bungay (S.Bradford 75), Whiteley.  
Subs Not Used: Casey, Lewis.

**Attendance** 188

**Man of the Match** Scott Bungay



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# BASH TO BENEFIT

'Cherries rise will lead to more loans like Mack'

**T**he rise of AFC Bournemouth will only benefit clubs like Bashley who stand to gain from more loan signings like Mack Allan, said Cherries academy manager Sam Gisborne.

With the Premier League side going 11 games unbeaten and pushing for a place in Europe this season (article written before the Liverpool game), Gisborne said it might become even harder to filter academy players up the system.

"You can look at it already and see we've gone and spent our record signing (Evanilson £40.2 million) and made our record sale (Solanke £65 million) this season.

"Naturally we will buy and sell more players (with improvement) but our job in the academy is to make sure our academy players are there and knocking on the door so when they do sell players they can go 'we've got one ready made so don't need to spend another £15-20 million.'

"It's going to get tougher but everyone in the academy would rather the club are going in this direction and we are ready for the challenge to fill that gap.

"Potentially this could work well for clubs like Bashley in that a lot of our players might need a few more loans here and there," said Gisborne.

With a new £32 million training complex and ambitions to improve the academy from Category 2 to Category 1 standard, Gisborne also said hypothetically, "the players that teams like Bashley will be getting from us will be of a higher level anyway because of the increased amount we train and what we do in training."

A rich history of cooperation that once saw club icon Wade Elliott join Bournemouth from Bashley for just £5,000 back in 1999, has only been enhanced this season by Mack Allan's success while on loan to Bashley from Bournemouth.

The 18-year-old keeper - who is the grandson of England's 1966 World Cup winning midfielder Alan Ball - has kept three clean sheets in 26 appearances for the Black and Gold (not including Saturday's trip to Tavistock).

This has been his first foray in men's senior football earning him a one-year professional contract with his parent club Bournemouth.

"All the feedback we've had has been really positive so we are really pleased with how he's doing there," Gisborne said of Allan's success.

**"Bashley have always been a club we think of and value and we are grateful for their support,"**

Asked if Allan's Bashley performances had helped in Bournemouth's decision to take him on under pro terms, Gisborne replied, "It would have definitely

done him some benefit, but obviously it's also the attitude he brings back to training and how he trains that is a credit to Mack more than anything.

"The Bashley experience has just shown us that he can cope with that level and even the level above because of how he's performed."

Going forward Gisborne shied from predicting how far Allan could go.

"The progression he's made has been unbelievable but I say this with every boy, ultimately where they end up is down to them.

"We will do as much as we can and he will put in as much effort as he can, and his performances at Bashley will stand him in good stead, but I'd never like to put a label on where they end up because it's down to the effort he puts in."

On Allan's future at Bashley and whether he might be recalled before the end of the season - what with a Mark Travers heading out on loan to Middlesbrough - Gisborne also couldn't commit.

"All the while he's playing there and enjoying it, I would say there's little reason to call him back, but I am genuinely not sure."

Despite this Gisborne said the reawakening of a special relationship between both clubs would only lead to more opportunities.

"Whenever a player goes to a club and plays it always strengthens our relationship with that club because we know we can trust them, that's what we want, we want our kids to go out and play," said Gisborne.

"So yes, I don't see why not," he said of more such deals. "It definitely wouldn't have harmed the relationship put it that way.

"It shows the trust in the football pyramid that pro clubs have in clubs like Bashley. The level in the English game is at such a great point that we know we trust Mack is getting really good experience there and Bashley know that the programme they are running is trustworthy of a Premier League Cat 2 academy player coming into their system.

"Bashley have always been a club we think of and value and we are grateful for their support," added Gisborne.

Such opportunities of "week in week out men's football" he said were a "no brainer" because leagues like Bashley's offered a rawness that "academies just couldn't replicate".

"There's nothing like playing for three points in a real live league, and nothing that we can create that replicates it apart from probably the FA Youth Cup.

"Our U21 games are played in front of 75 people with less pressure of getting three points whereas with this (Bashley) we've got fans who have paid entry and expect to see their team win irrelevant of the fact this kid is 17 and never played in a men's game before.

"Exposure to that pressure is massive for the boys. I think it gives them the confidence to know that they can cope with the pressure and move up to the next league. I'm sure Mack is now is thinking 'Ok great, I can do this level, what's next?'"

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## PITCHING IN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE SOUTH TABLE 2024/25



POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	YATE TOWN	28	18	6	4	44	22	+22	60
2	EXMOUTH TOWN	28	16	6	6	46	25	+21	54
3	EVESHAM UNITED	28	16	5	7	43	28	+15	53
4	MOUSEHOLE AFC	28	13	7	8	56	37	+19	46
5	BISHOPS CLEEVE	26	13	5	8	45	24	+21	44
6	BRISTOL MANOR FARM	27	11	10	6	56	36	+20	43
7	BEMERTON HEATH	26	12	6	8	51	44	+7	42
8	MALVERN TOWN	28	11	8	9	60	48	+12	41
9	MELKSHAM TOWN	27	11	8	8	47	35	+12	41
10	DIDCOT TOWN	27	10	8	9	39	45	-6	38
11	FALMOUTH TOWN	25	11	3	11	42	41	+1	36
12	WESTBURY UNITED	26	10	5	11	39	34	+5	35
13	<b>BASHLEY</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>35</b>
14	HELSTON ATHLETIC	26	9	7	10	43	50	-7	34
15	BIDEFORD	26	9	7	10	32	40	-8	34
16	WILLAND ROVERS	27	8	9	10	36	35	+1	33
17	LARKHALL ATHLETIC	28	9	5	14	36	50	-14	32
18	SHAFTESBURY	28	8	5	15	35	56	-21	29
19	TAVISTOCK	26	7	5	14	31	41	-10	26
20	THATCHAM TOWN	25	6	3	16	26	49	-23	21
21	CRIBBS	27	6	3	18	22	59	-37	21
22	CINDERFORD TOWN	26	5	5	16	29	57	-28	20



## FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

### SATURDAY 08TH FEBRUARY 2025

Bashley	v	Willand Rovers
Bideford AFC	v	Malvern Town
Bishops Cleeve	v	Westbury United
Bristol Manor Farm	v	Thatcham Town
Didcot Town	v	Tavistock AFC
Evesham United	v	Melksham Town
Helston Athletic	v	Bemerton Heath
Larkhall Athletic	v	Cribbs
Mousehole	v	Cinderford Town
Shaftesbury	v	Exmouth Town
Yate Town	v	Falmouth Town AFC

### TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2025

Bristol Manor Farm	v	Bemerton Heath
Cribbs	v	Willand Rovers
Falmouth Town AFC	v	Westbury United

Mousehole v Helston Athletic

### WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2025

Tavistock AFC v Bideford AFC

### SATURDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2025

Bemerton Heath	v	Bristol Manor Farm
Cinderford Town	v	Bishops Cleeve
Cribbs	v	Bideford AFC
Exmouth Town	v	<b>Bashley</b>
Falmouth Town AFC	v	Helston Athletic
Malvern Town	v	Evesham United
Melksham Town	v	Larkhall Athletic
Tavistock AFC	v	Mousehole
Thatcham Town	v	Yate Town
Westbury United	v	Didcot Town
Willand Rovers	v	Shaftesbury

### TUESDAY 18TH FEB 25 19:45

Didcot Town	v	<b>Bashley</b>
Shaftesbury	v	Cribbs
Thatcham Town	v	Westbury United



# GAME BY GAME | 2024/25

DATE	KO	OPPONENTS	H/A	COMP	SCORE	ATT	LINE-UP						SUBS					
Sat 03 Aug 24	15:00	Paulton Rovers	A	FAC EP	2-1	156	Casey	Bertrand	Bertie	Walker	Webber	Waterfield	Ross	Williams	Delaney	Whiteley	Bungay 1	Goad / Wooding / Ashby / Arnold / Duell-Merritt / Bradford
Sat 17 Aug 24	15:00	Cinderford Town	A	LGE	2-1	144	Allan	Bertrand	Prestel	Walker	Bertie	Wagstaffe	Ross	Wooding	Delaney	Whiteley 1	Bungay	Casey / Arnold / Williams / Waterfield / Duell-Merritt
Sat 24 Aug 24	15:00	Yate Town	H	LGE	1-2	319	Allan	Bertrand	Prestel	Walker	Wooding	Waterfield	Ross	Holmes	Delaney	Whiteley 1	Bungay	Ashby / Arnold / Williams / McFarlane / Goad
Mon 26 Aug 24	15:00	Thatcham Town	A	LGE	0-2	188	Allan	Bertrand	Walster	Walker	Wooding	Waterfield	Ross	Holmes	Delaney	Whiteley	Bungay 1	Ashby 1 / Arnold / Bradford / Casey / Lewis
Sat 31 Aug 24	15:00	Falmouth Town AFC	H	LGE	2-1	401	Allan	Bertrand	Walster	Walker	Wooding	Waterfield	Ross	Holmes	Delaney 1	Arnold	Bungay 1	Ashby / Williams / S Bradford / D Bradford / Goad
Sat 07 Sep 24	15:00	Mousehole	H	FAT 1Q	1(7)-1(6)	234	Mack	Bertrand	Prestel	Walker	Wooding	Waterfield	Ross	Holmes	Delaney	Arnold	Bungay 1	Ashby / Stock / Goad / Williams / Whiteley
Tue 10 Sep 24	19:45	Portsmouth	H	SHSC 2	3-1	288	Goad	Bertrand	Prestel	Walker 1	Wooding	Waterfield	Stock	Holmes	Delaney	Whiteley 2	Bungay	D. Bradford / S. Bradford / McFarlane / Williams
Sat 14 Sep 24	15:00	Shaftesbury	A	LGE	2-2	141	Allan	Bertrand	Gadsby	Williams	Wooding	Waterfield 1	Ross	Holmes	Delaney 1	Whiteley	Bungay	Ashby / Goad / Walster / Arnold / Chipangura
Wed 17 Sep 24	19:45	Mousehole	A	FAT 1Q	4-0	118	Goad	Power	Walster	Walker	Wooding	Waterfield	S Bradford	Holmes	Arnold	Whiteley	Bungay	D Bradford / Lewis
Sat 28 Sep 24	15:00	Didcot Town	H	LGE	2-1	356	Allan	Bertrand	Gadsby	Walker	Wooding	Waterfield	Ross	Holmes	Delaney 1	Whiteley	Chipangura	Ashby / Arnold / Goad / Wagstaffe / Bungay
Tue 01 Oct 24	19:45	Melksham Town	H	LGE	2-2	281	Allan	Bertrand	Gadsby	Walker	Wooding	Waterfield	Ross	Holmes 1	Delaney	Whiteley 1	Bungay	Wagstaffe / Williams / Chipangura / Arnold / Ashby
Sat 05 Oct 24	15:00	Cribbs	A	LGE	1-0	96	Allan	Bertrand	Gadsby	Walster	Wooding	Waterfield	Ross	Holmes	Delaney	Whiteley	Williams	Wagstaffe / Ashby / Chipangura / Goad / Arnold
Wed 09 Oct 24	19:45	Larkhall Athletic	A	LGE	1-1	135	Allan	Bertrand	Gadsby	Walster	Wooding	Waterfield	Ross	Holmes	Delaney	Whiteley 1	Williams	Goad / Prestel / Wagstaffe / Chipangura / Arnold
Sat 12 Oct 24	15:00	Evesham United	H	LGE	2-3	389	Allan	Bertrand	Gadsby	Walster	Wooding	Waterfield	Ross 1	Holmes	Delaney 1	Whiteley	Wagstaffe	Williams / Chipangura / Ashby / Prestel / Arnold
Sat 19 Oct 24	15:00	Falmouth Town AFC	A	LGE	0-3	436	McGhan	Bertrand	Gadsby	Walker 2	Wooding	Waterfield	Ross	Holmes	Speechley-Price	Whiteley	Arnold 1	Goad / Walster / S. Bradford / Chipangura / Wagstaffe
Tue 22 Oct 24	19:45	Westbury United	A	LGE	2-2	247	Allan	Bertrand	Gadsby	Walker	Wooding	Waterfield	Ross	Holmes	Speechley-Price	Whiteley 1	Arnold	Goad / Walster / Wagstaffe / Delaney 1 / Chipangura
Tue 29 Oct 24	19:45	Exmouth Town	H	LGE	0-4	375	Allan	Power	Gadsby	Walker	Wooding	Waterfield	Ross	Holmes	Speechley-Price	Whiteley	Delaney	Goad / Walster / Williams / Arnold / Chipangura
Sat 02 Nov 24	15:00	Willand Rovers	A	LGE	0-1	176	Allan	Power	Walster	Walker	Wooding	Waterfield	Bertrand	Holmes	Speechley-Price	Whiteley	Delaney 1	Bertie / Gadsby / Williams / Arnold / Chipangura
Sat 09 Nov 24	15:00	Bideford AFC	H	LGE	3-2	336	Allan	Bertrand	Flooks	Walster	Williams 1	Waterfield	Power	Holmes	Speechley-Price	Ross	Delaney 1	Bertie/ Bungay 1 / Wooding / Arnold/ Gadsby
Tue 12 Nov 24	19:45	Aldershot Town FC	H	SHSC 3	0-7	268	Goad	Webber	Gadsby	Walker	Bertie	Wagstaffe	Wooding	Waterfield	Delaney	Chipangura	Williams	Speechley-Price / Power / Bertrand / Bradford / Bungay
Sat 16 Nov 24	15:00	Bristol Manor Farm	A	LGE	2-0	283	Allan	Bertrand	Flooks	Walster	Bertie	Waterfield	Wagstaffe	Ross	Speechley-Price	Delaney	Williams	Gadsby / Webber / Whiteley / Bungay / Arnold
Tue 26 Nov 24	19:45	Tavistock AFC	H	LGE	3-2	206	Allan	Bertrand	Bertie	Walker	Walster	Waterfield	Wooding 1	Holmes	Delaney	Whiteley	Bungay 1	Williams / Speechley-Price / Arnold / Wagstaffe 1 / Flooks
Sat 30 Nov 24	15:00	Helston Athletic	A	LGE	1-1	109	Allan	Bertrand	Bertie	Walker	Walster	Wooding	Ross	Holmes	Delaney	Whiteley	Bungay 1	Waterfield / Wagstaffe / Williams / Speechley-Price / Arnold
Sat 07 Dec 24	15:00	Malvern Town	H	LGE	1-1	225	Allan	Bertrand	Walster	Flooks	Bertie	Wagstaffe	Ross 1	Wooding	Delaney	Whiteley	Bungay	Ashby / Goad / Williams / Webber / Arnold
Sat 21 Dec 24	15:00	Mousehole	H	LGE	1-1	283	Allan	Baughan	Walster	Walker 1	Bertrand	Waterfield	Arnold	Ross	Delaney	Whiteley	Williams	Webber / Bertie / Wooding / Wagstaffe
Thu 26 Dec 24	15:00	Bemerton Heath H	A	LGE	1-2	209	Allan	Baughan	Walster	Walker †	Bertrand	Waterfield	Arnold	Ross	Holmes	Whiteley 1	Williams	Bertie / Webber / S. Bradford / Wooding / Wagstaffe
Sat 28 Dec 24	15:00	Larkhall Athletic	H	LGE	0-1	382	Allan	Bertrand	Walster	Walker	Webber	Waterfield	Wooding	Ross	Delaney	Wagstaffe	Williams	Baughan / Bertie / Bungay / Arnold / Holmes
Sat 04 Jan 25	15:00	Yate Town	A	LGE	3-1	318	Allan	Bertrand	Walster	Walker	Webber	Samadi 1	Ross	Holmes	Delaney	Arnold	Bungay	Elwick / Wooding / Baughan / Bradford / Williams
Sat 11 Jan 25	15:00	Didcot Town	A	LGE	P-P													
Tue 14 Jan 25	19:45	Bishops Cleeve	H	LGE	0-1	221	Allan	Baughan	Edmondson	Walker	Walster	Samadi	Ross	Holmes	Delaney	Chiedozie	Bungay	Webber / Bertie / Wooding / Williams / Arnold
Sat 18 Jan 25	15:00	Shaftesbury	H	LGE	2-2	351	Allan	Baughan	Edmondson	Walker	Walster	Samadi 1	Ross	Wooding	Delaney	Chiedozie	Bungay 1	Waterfield / Holmes / Arnold / Webber / Speechley-Price
Sat 25 Jan 25	15:00	Westbury United	H	LGE	2-0	263	Allan	Baughan	Edmondson	Walker	Walster	Waterfield 1	Samadi 1	Ross	Speechley-Price	Holmes	Chiedozie	Arnold / Wooding / Bailey / Williams / Webber
Sat 01 Feb 25	15:00	Tavistock AFC	A	LGE	1-0	114	Allan	Baughan	Edmondson	Bertrand	Walster	Waterfield	Wooding	Ross	Speechley-Price	Holmes	Chiedozie	Samadi / Whiteley / Arnold / Williams/ Bailey
Tue 04 Feb 25	19:45	Thatcham Town	H	LGE	P-P													
Sat 08 Feb 25	15:00	Willand Rovers	H	LGE														
Sat 15 Feb 25	15:00	Exmouth Town	A	LGE														
Sat 22 Feb 25	15:00	Bideford AFC	A	LGE														
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Sat 12 Apr 25	15:00	Cribbs	H	LGE														
Sat 19 Apr 25	15:00	Melksham Town	A	LGE														
Mon 21 Apr 25	15:00	Bemerton Heath H	H	LGE														
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TAVISTOCK.....1  
**BASHLEY.....0**



Whiteley was fit to make the bench here, and likewise utility player Harvey Bertrand - originally scheduled to be a sub, but who took the place of Samadi.

And Bashley made a strong start, going on to dominate the first half. Jordan Chiedozie and Mitch Speechley-Price up front caused plenty of problems, with help from a midfield where Luke Holmes was again calling the tune.

With almost half-an-hour gone nothing had been seen of the home side in attack and keeper Aaron Dearing made a terrific stop from Dan Walster to prevent Bash taking the half-time lead they would have deserved.

The second half started the same way as the first, with Bash seeking the breakthrough their dominance deserved - inside a minute Lewis Waterfield hit a fierce cross-shot which only just cleared the far post.

But suddenly, with their first effort on target, three minute into the half, Tavistock took a surprise lead. Liam Prynn had a shot blocked, but the ball broke kindly for new signing Tyler Elliott to mark his return to the club from Helston.

Brett Williams came on as a sub and twice went close to an equaliser, first hitting a shot which Dearing held - and soon afterwards firing a powerful effort which brought a great lunging block by Symons.

And that was it - a decent display, but hugely-disappointing result for a Bash team which deserved more on the day.

**BASHLEY** Allan; Baughan, Walster, Edmondson; Bertrand (Arnold 62), Waterfield, Ross, Holmes, Wooding; Speechley-Price (Williams 72), Chiedozie (Bailey 77). Subs Not Used: Samadi, Whiteley.

Attendance 114

Man of the Match Luke Holmes

**AFTER THEIR TERRIFIC 10-MAN WIN AGAINST WESTBURY A WEEK EARLIER, BASHLEY HAD HIGH HOPES SUCH A MEMORABLE PERFORMANCE WOULD KICK-START A RISE BACK UP THE TABLE.**

But relegation-haunted Tavistock, "The Lambs", were not up for being "slaughtered", and although Bashley looked the more likely winners for most of the game, all three points stayed in Devon.

The pre-match team news was not great. Skipper Steve Walker was missing through suspension. His style - and too often purely his "reputation" - has led to a string of yellow cards this season, topped off by what most in the Bashley camp considered was the harsh red he saw against Westbury.

So Walks had to sit this one out - plus the next four - and is clearly a huge loss. Another significant pre-match blow came when Kyran Samadi, who had been feeling ill on the journey, decided after the warm-up he was not well enough to play.

The young winger, on loan from Dorchester, has done well since he came, scoring three goals in four games - particularly helpful with Conor Whiteley out injured and Scott Bungay away on trial at Stoke City.

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Lucas Goad (GK)  
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Rob Flooks  
Steve Walker (C)  
Josh Bertie  
Luke Delaney  
Lewis Ross  
Lewis Waterfield  
Charlie Wagstaffe  
Charlie Wooding  
George Ashby  
Brett Williams  
Conor Whiteley  
Jamie Arnold  
Scott Bungay  
Harvey Bertrand  
Mitchell-Carlton Speechley-Price  
Luke Holmes  
Dan Walster  
Callum Baughan  
Jamie Power  
Tyler Edmondson  
Jordan Chiedozie  
Kyran Samadi

**Manager | David Steele**

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Josh Searle  
Aidan Whitfield  
Ross Edwards  
Jamie Richards  
Ryan Guppy  
River Allen  
Ash Hewitt  
Jack Kennell  
Harley Sneap  
Gene Price  
Dougie Camilo  
Jake Miller  
Harvey Dorothy  
Fin Rooke  
Jacob Wellington  
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Referee Tom Farlow  
Assistant Referee Stephen Liddiard  
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