



Bedfordshire Football League
April 2009 Newsletter



The month of March has seen the Bedfordshire Football League Representative side in action on three occasions, twice in the recently revamped Four Leagues Trophy and once in The FA Carlsberg National League System Cup.

The action begun on Tuesday March 17th when under the floodlights at Weston Park, home of United Counties League Club Wootton Blue Cross we were beat 1-0 by The Northamptonshire Football Combination in our opening tie of six to be played over the next season and half in The Four Leagues Trophy.

Whilst perhaps an home defeat to start any competition on paper looks a bad result this was the sides first outing together against a visiting side who had already played two games together over the past twenty-one days and perhaps their goal just eight minutes from time took away what would have been a deserved share of the spoils but certainly it put some spirit and heart into the side ahead of the trip to Sussex in The FA Carlsberg National League System Cup in four days time.

The trip to Haasocks FC for the meeting with The Mid-Sussex League was to see manager Kevin Hallett forced to make four changes from the mid-week line up at Wootton , the biggest loss perhaps expected to be that of Meltis Corinthians goalkeeper Shabaz Hussain but such was the spirit in the squad Shabs agreed to travel with the team and act as Kevin's number two on the day a position he now holds on an official basis such was the grand job he did or was it Shabs pushing himself forward after seeing the display of his replacement Caldecote's Luke Kiteley which made him realise getting back in the team was not going to be a easy option.

The game its self was a total success with a 4-0 win being achieved, Caldecote's Leeroy Odd slotting us ahead on seventeen minutes before Meltis Corinthians, Dean Warren doubled the scoreline five minutes from the half-time break.

The second period turned out to be little more than a stroll in the south coast sunshine with Warren killing the game off has a contest with a third goal twelve minutes into the second period before another goal from Odd late on just put the seal on a very fine performance.



The Bedfordshire Football League facing the camera ahead of their 4-0 win

Back Row, Tim Gill, Ollie Housden, Dean Warren, Neville Allen, Tom McGhee, Rakesh Gill, David Pugh, Alex Woolston

Front Row, Leeroy Odd, Nicky Threadgold, Moby Hussain, Luke Kiteley, Barry Morris and Jason Allision.

Other Preliminary Round Results

Nottinghamshire Senior League, 1 Teesside Football League 0
Cumberland County League, 4 Yorkshire Old Boys League 5
Midland Football Combination, 1 West Yorkshire Football League 0
Isle Of Man League 1 Manchester League 0
Wearside League 1 Cambridgeshire County League 2
Northamptonshire Combination, 2 Peterborough & District League 1
Brighton Hove & District League, 0 Dorset Premier League 3
Guernsey Senior County League, 6 Kent County League 0
Jersey Football Combination, 2 Sparten South Midlands League 0
Northampton Town League, 2 Hampshire Premier League 1

Still to be played on Wednesday 15th April, Reading Football League v Middlesex County League.

Byes Given into Round One to,

Anglian Combination, Amateur Football Combination, Birmingham & District Amateur League, Cheshire Football League, Essex Olympian League, Essex & Suffolk Border League, Gloucestershire County League, Hertfordshire Senior County League, Humber Premier Division, Lancashire Amateur League, Lancashire & Cheshire Amateur League, Liverpool County Premier League, Northern Football Alliance, Somerset County League, Sussex County League (Div 3) West Cheshire League, West Riding County Amateur League, Wiltshire Football League, Worthing & District League,

Exemption until Round One

The holders, Southern Amateur League.

Following on from the trip to Sussex the team were back in action ten days later on Tuesday 31st March when travelling to Ramsey FC to face The Peterborough & District League in the second of our Four Leagues Trophy games.

With manager Kevin Hallett away on business in Wigan, his now number two Shabz Hussain took over the controls on the touchline but the team on the park was the same eleven who had done the business in Sussex, the only changes coming on the bench where Barry Morris and David Pugh had been joined by Wilshamstead, Travis Joseph and Paul Jones plus Meltis Corinthians, Ben Flatters, an injured Moby Hussain being the only missing man.

The game in effect was wrapped up with two goals from Nicky Threadgold and Neville Allen inside the closing ten minutes of the first period to take us 2-0 up before The Posh goal arrived right on the final whistle to see the game end 2-1 in our favour.

Are You Ready Its Cup Final Time Of The Year

Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup Final

Great Barford v Potton Wanderers, Tuesday 21st April 2009

The Hollow. Potton United, Kick Off 7.45pm

East Beds Charity Cup Final

Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves v Dunton Reserves or Gamlingay

Friday 25th April 2009

Forde Park, Langford FC Kick Off 7.45pm

Bedfordshire Football League Watson Shield Final

Leighton United v Three Tuns Galacticos

Friday 1st May 2009

Second Meadow, Biggleswade United Football Club, Kick Off 7.45pm

Bedfordshire Football League Jubilee Cup Final

Great Barford v Meppershall Jurassic

Saturday 2nd May 2009.

Harvey Close, Caldecote FC, Kick Off 3.00pm

Bedfordshire Football League Centenary Cup Final

Woburn v Royal Oak Kempston

Monday 4th May 2009

Second Meadow, Biggleswade United Football Club, Kick Off 3.00pm

Bedfordshire Football League Britannia Cup Final

Caldecote v Renhold United

Saturday 9th May 2009

Second Meadow, Biggleswade United Football Club, Kick Off 3.00pm

Please note this line-up is subject to an appeal by Blunham FC with The Bedfordshire Football Association after being removed from the competition by The Bedfordshire Football League having been found to have made infringements to Britannia Cup rules in their Semi-Final line up when they beat Renhold United 4-0.

This now draws to a close our seasons Newsletters for the 2008-09 season, but once the season has finished work will start on our usual seasons review for each of our four divisions copies of which will be up on line in the downloads section of our website www.bedfordshirefootballleague.co.uk upon completion.