

Bedfordshire County Football League

Season 2017-18

News Bulletin Number 27

25th February 2018



Noticeboard Reminder

Registration and Transfer Deadline for the 2017-18 Season.

Midnight Thursday 15th March 2018.

Wednesday 21st February 2018

Marston Shelton Rovers claimed their first home win of the season in defeating Kempston Rovers Development 3-0 who are now without a win in their last nine outings of which eight have been lost.

Nick Skolsky heading the Rovers ahead in the 9th minute which was doubled four minutes later with a header from Harry Baker before Wes Burrows completed the evenings scoring in the 22nd minute.

The scheduled Cranfield United v Wootton Blue Cross game postponed due to an unfit surface at Crawley Road.

Brain Buck Travellers Tales

238th game of the season. (Match 12,570) Wednesday 21st February 2018. Marston Shelton Rovers 3 Kempston Rovers Development 0 (Bedfordshire County League Premier Division) (Played at Wootton Blue Cross) (7.50pm (approx) kick off) att 25 approx. As we headed towards Weston Park I noticed one big problem, as with just over 15 minutes before the scheduled 7.30pm kick off, I couldn't see the normally gleaming floodlights in the distance. Worse still, when we arrived at the ground there were lots of players milling around. Once we ascertained that they weren't in the queue for the adjacent fish & chip shop, we finally found out what was going on. They were waiting for the person with a key to unlock the premises! Soon the key man arrived and everything was opened up. The lights came on and the floodlights were switched on. The TV in the bar was switched one, where incidentally it was quite warm. I went to the loo, while the players warmed up and courtesy of the referee, the unflustered as always Brian Humphries, eventually got us underway 20 minutes late. Marston soon

scored, when on 9 minutes the ball was headed home from a corner. Four minutes later they scored again with a carbon copy of the first goal. Then on 22 minutes Marston got their third goal of the evening when a player was put in. He ran on and after rounding the advancing keeper, who had forced him out wide, he crossed the ball to a colleague who slotted home from close range, despite the close attention of two Kempston defenders. At this point a cricket score seemed likely, but very slowly Kempston worked their way into the match. At half time and as I made my way into the bar it looked like Kempston were going to be made to stay outside for their ear bashing, but whilst sipping my coffee I noticed that they had decamped to the dressing rooms after all. The second half was generally much more even. Although Marston were just about still the better side Kempston played much better now. The evenings amusing moment occurred on 63 minutes when the Kempston keeper watched a long range high ball come his way. He was expecting it to go over the bar, but then realised that it hadn't when it suddenly hit him in the chest! By the end although they hadn't really looked like scoring throughout the whole game, Kempston had done enough to warrant a goal on merit.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 21st February 2018.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Shefford Town & Campton First	18	12	3	3	51	17	34	39
2	Flitwick Town First	20	11	3	6	55	45	10	36
3	Ickwell & Old Warden First	21	12	1	8	50	54	-4	36 *
4	Stevington First	19	10	5	4	47	30	17	35
5	Crawley Green Reserves	18	10	4	4	44	31	13	33 *
6	Caldecote First	18	9	6	3	42	34	8	33
7	Wilstead First	18	9	4	5	40	40	0	31
8	AFC Oakley M&DH (Sat) First	19	9	3	7	50	38	12	30
9	Wootton Blue Cross First	18	9	1	8	47	40	7	28
10	AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Firs	17	7	4	6	34	28	6	25
11	Queens Park Crescents First	21	7	2	12	35	52	-17	23
12	Sharnbrook First	16	5	5	6	25	29	-4	20
13	Marston Shelton Rovers First	19	4	7	8	28	31	-3	19
14	Cranfield United First	17	4	6	7	31	34	-3	18
15	Kempston Rovers Development	23	3	3	17	25	61	-36	11 *
16	Renhold United First	20	1	1	18	15	55	-40	1 *

[Table detail](#)

* adjustment made

Thursday 22nd February 2018.

Today Renhold United have given notice to the league that with immediate effect they are to withdraw both of their teams from the league citing lack of commitment from their players being the reason for the withdrawal.

Watson Shield Semi-Final Draw Season 2017-18

Black Swan or BYSL Flitwick Eagles v Kempton Athletic or AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College A.

Bedford Albion Reserves or BYSL Barton Rovers v Clifton or Caldecote A or Flitwick Town A.

Games to be played on Saturday 17th March 2018.

Action Round Up Saturday 23rd February 2018

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

With Shefford Town & Campton sitting the afternoon out their lead at the head of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table is now down to just goal difference after Ickwell & Old Warden ran out 3-1 home winners over Marston Shelton Rovers. Lee Threadgold, Ashley Drummond and Conor Green netting the goals against a lone Rovers reply via Gary Russon. Now in third spot just three points adrift of the leading pair are Caldecote who extended their winning away ways up to three games with a 5-1 victory at Queens Park Crescents. Tom Wallace with a brace joined on the scoresheet by an own goal plus strikes from Ricky Aris and Mokbui Ali against a lone Crescents strike from Shahinur Rahman.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 24th February 2018

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Shefford Town & Campton First	17	11	3	3	51	17	34	36
2	Ickwell & Old Warden First	21	12	1	8	53	55	-2	36 *
3	Caldecote First	18	9	6	3	46	35	11	33
4	Flitwick Town First	20	10	3	7	49	45	4	33
5	Crawley Green Reserves	17	10	3	4	47	28	19	32 *
6	Stevington First	18	9	5	4	42	31	11	32
7	AFC Oakley M&DH (Sat) First	19	9	3	7	48	38	10	30
8	AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College First	18	8	4	6	36	29	7	28
9	Wootton Blue Cross First	18	8	2	8	46	43	3	26
10	Wilstead First	17	7	5	5	36	40	-4	26
11	Queens Park Crescents First	20	6	2	12	31	54	-23	20
12	Marston Shelton Rovers First	19	3	7	9	28	34	-6	16
13	Sharnbrook First	15	3	5	7	22	33	-11	14
14	Cranfield United First	16	2	6	8	27	36	-9	12
15	Kempston Rovers Development	23	2	3	18	24	68	-44	8 *
16	Renhold United First [withdrawn 66%]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3 *

[Table detail](#)

* adjustment made

On the same number of points as Caldecote are Flitwick Town who missed the opportunity to climb up into second spot when beaten 2-1 at AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College. Josh Spavins and Taylor Bakogeorge on the home scoresheet against a Town reply from Phil Matthews. However, the biggest win of the day belonged to fifth place Crawley Green Reserves who being just four points behind Shefford Town & Campton and having played the same number of games could well yet be Town's biggest threat to this seasons league crown after they secured a 8-1 home win over Kempston Rovers Development. Nash Bennett with a hat-trick joined on their scoresheet by Temitayo Akerele who netted twice plus Cameron Veazey, Jacob Younger and Tom Barnett who all netted once, the lone Rovers reply coming from Will Barnett.

Just goal difference behind the Green in sixth place are Stevington who took their unbeaten ways up to seven games by winning 4-1 at Sharnbrook. Louis Green, Billy Roberts, Ben Walsh and Thomas McGirl all finding the back of the net against a lone home reply via Richard Ball.

For AFC Oakley M&DH who now hold down seventh spot it was a 3-1 home victory over Cranfield United. Elijah Hukin netting all three goals against a lone United reply from Ali Smith. Whilst Wootton Blue Cross halted their run of three straight home defeats by sharing the spoils in a 3-3 draw with Wilstead. Ryan Smith, Sam Halfpenny and Robbie Odell on the Blue Cross scoresheet against replies via Kieran Brasier twice and Hanvir Thirra once.

Division One supported by O'Neills

With league leaders Totternhoe Reserves sitting the afternoon out Riseley Sports missed the chance to top the league table when they were held to a 0-0 draw at Henlow. Whilst preserving their seasons unbeaten away ways the sole reason they failed to collect all three points can be summed up in two words, Jack Mannion the name of the home goalkeeper who made a series of fine saves to keep them at bay.

Division One supported by O'Neills League Table at 24th February 2018

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Totternhoe Reserves	19	15	2	2	80	28	52	47
2	Riseley Sports First	20	14	4	2	54	23	31	46
3	Wixams First	20	13	1	6	52	35	17	40
4	AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Rese	18	12	2	4	55	33	22	38
5	Lea Sports PSG (Saturday) First	19	11	2	6	47	43	4	35
6	Flitwick Town Reserves	21	10	3	8	47	43	4	33
7	Sandy First	20	9	2	9	59	48	11	29
8	Cranfield United Reserves	17	8	4	5	37	29	8	28
9	Henlow First	21	7	4	10	46	45	1	25
10	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	21	7	2	12	59	48	11	23
11	Biggleswade Reserves	21	6	5	10	41	48	-7	23
12	Cople & Bedford SA First	17	4	4	9	36	50	-14	15 *
13	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	23	3	1	19	29	95	-66	10
14	Meltis Albion First	21	2	0	19	23	97	-74	6

[Table detail](#)

* adjustment made

The biggest win of the day was to go the way of Cranfield United Reserves who netted a 4-1 home victory over Lea Sports PSG who were duly losing for the first time in eight league outings, the last five of which had be won. Ben Martin with a brace joined on the United scoresheet by Joe Bygraves and Andre Anderson against a lone PSG reply via Joe Hennem.

Enjoying life on the road for the third consecutive game were Biggleswade FC Reserves the 3-0 winners at Flitwick Town Reserves thanks to a brace of goals from Gianni Battezzati and a single strike from John Veal. Also winning on the road were AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves who won 2-1 at Cople & Bedford SA. Elliot West from the penalty spot plus Charlie Corcoran netting the vital goals against a lone home reply from Gary Canzano.

The clash between the bottom two sides was to go the way of home side and second from bottom of the table The 61FC Luton Reserves who beat Meltis Albion 3-1. Kane Dempsey netting twice and Kieran Archer once against a lone Albion strike from Fabio Esposito.

Division Two

Like in the top two divisions the league leaders in this case Henlow Reserves were sitting the afternoon out and their lead at the head of the division is now down to just a single point after Bedford Albion netted win number five on the bounce with a 3-0 home victory over Houghton Athletic. Matt Phelan, Adam Lewis and Antony Foreman netting the goals. Whilst third place Wilstead Reserves were gifted three points when Westoning failed to raise a side to travel to meet them at Jubilee Playing Fields.

Elsewhere, Atletico Europa were to suffer their seventh consecutive away defeat when beaten 1-0 at Elstow Abbey who with a goal from Mark Allen just before half-time were returning to winning ways for the first time in five home outings.

The lone away winners of the day were Caldecote Reserves who are now unbeaten in their last seven outings after winning 3-2 at CS Rovers. Adam Legate, Josh Wilson and Nick Thomas on their scoresheet against a brace in reply from Rovers Daniel Bhatti. Whilst for Luton Leagrave AFC and Sundon Park Rovers it was a share of the spoils from a 3-3 draw. Lewis Bloomfield with a home hat-trick seeing his goals cancelled out by a brace from Ethan Tenn and a strike from George Norton for the Rovers.

Division Two League Table at 24th February 2018

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Henlow Reserves	15	11	2	2	58	30	28	35
2	Bedford Albion First	15	11	1	3	44	21	23	34
3	Wilstead Reserves	14	10	1	3	42	27	15	31
4	Marston Shelton Rovers Reserves	16	9	2	5	40	42	-2	26 *
5	Caldecote Reserves	17	7	4	6	39	28	11	25
6	Houghton Athletic First	15	7	3	5	26	24	2	24
7	Elstow Abbey First	16	7	3	6	27	26	1	24
8	CS Rovers First	19	7	1	11	48	61	-13	22
9	Westoning First	17	5	4	8	41	42	-1	18 *
10	Atletico Europa First	17	5	3	9	37	46	-9	18
11	AFC Oakley M&DH (Sat) Reserves	17	5	2	10	22	40	-18	16 *
12	Sundon Park Rovers First	17	2	7	8	30	48	-18	13
13	Luton Leagrave AFC First	19	3	3	13	38	57	-19	12
14	Wixams Wanderers [withdrawn 57%]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1 *
15	Renhold United Res [withdrawn 69%]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3 *

Division Three

There is no change at the head of the Division Three standings following wins for the top two sides. Kempston Athletic staying four points clear after extending their unbeaten ways up to 11 games in chalking up home win number six on the bounce in beating Lidlinton United Sports 2-1. Craig Damon and Luke Mongiovi on the Athletic scoresheet against a United

reply via Tom Staples. Whilst second place Harlington who have played one game fewer than the Athletic took their unbeaten ways up to 12 games with a 1-0 home victory over Shefford Town & Campton A thanks to a strike from Dan McMillan.

The biggest winners of the day were Stevington Reserves who won 6-1 at AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College A. Liam Donovan leading the way with a hat-trick to go alongside single strikes from Regan Scott, Tony Riley and Fabio Cammanro against a lone reply via Giovanni Moscartio. Whilst just a goal behind them were Black Swan the 5-0 winners at bottom of the table White Eagles. Ben Smith with a brace joined on their scoresheet by Joe Grossi, Callum Greene and Levi Yearwood to bring up the nap hand.

For Sandy Reserves it was home win number three on the bounce with a 4-0 victory over Bedford Albion Reserves. Matt Johnson with a hat-trick plus a strike from Aaron Seldon doing the damage. Also winning on home soil were Flitwick Town A who ended a run of three straight defeats by beating Wootton Village 1-0. Luke Snapes the Town goalscorer.

Division Three League Table at 24th February 2018

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston Athletic First	20	15	3	2	79	41	38	48
2	Harlington First	19	14	2	3	72	35	37	44
3	Clifton First	19	12	5	2	65	36	29	41
4	Black Swan (Luton)	18	12	0	6	66	27	39	36
5	Caldecote 'A'	17	10	5	2	52	37	15	35
6	Lidlington United Sports Club First	20	10	1	9	45	39	6	31
7	Sandy Reserves	22	9	1	12	53	62	-9	28
8	Bedford Albion Reserves	18	7	6	5	42	31	11	26 *
9	Shefford Town & Campton 'A'	18	8	1	9	44	39	5	25
10	AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College 'A'	20	6	5	9	40	67	-27	23
11	Flitwick Town 'A'	19	7	2	10	44	47	-3	22 *
12	Stevington Reserves	20	6	2	12	44	59	-15	18 *
13	Wootton Village First	22	5	1	16	29	62	-33	16
14	Dinamo Flitwick First	21	4	2	15	38	95	-57	14
15	White Eagles First	23	5	0	18	50	86	-36	12 *

[Table detail](#)

* adjustment made

Watson Shield Second Round

Clifton will now face a Quarter-final home tie against Flitwick Town A after beating Caldecote A 3-2. Dylan Donaldson with a brace plus Josh Adams netting the goals against Caldecote replies via James Whitmore and Jim Fuller.

The Next 7 Days

Saturday 3rd March 2018

Premier Division supported by Sportsform.

Crawley Green Reserves v Queens Park Crescents

Flitwick Town v AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College

Wilstead v Marston Shelton Rovers

Britannia Cup Quarter-Finals.

Caldecote v Ickwell & Old Warden

Cranfield United v Shefford Town & Campton

Stevington v AFC Oakley M&DH

Wootton Blue Cross v Sharnbrook.

Division One supported by O'Neills

Biggleswade FC Reserves v Shefford Town & Campton Reserves

Flitwick Town Reserves v Cople & Bedford SA

The 61 FC Luton Reserves v Lea Sports PSG

Wixams v Cranfield United Reserves

Centenary Cup Quarter-Finals.

Meltis Albion v AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves

Riseley Sports v Henlow.

Totternhoe Reserves v Sandy

Division Two

Elstow Abbey v CS Rovers

Henlow Reserves v Marston Shelton Rovers Reserves

Houghton Athletic v Caldecote Reserves

Jubilee Cup Quarter-Finals.

AFC Oakley M&DH Reserves v Wilstead Reserves

Bedford Albion v Westoning

Renhold United Reserves v Henlow Reserves . **Away Walkover**

Sundon Park Rovers v Atletico Europa

Division Three

Caldecote A v Sandy Reserves

Shefford Town & Campton A v Dinamo Flitwick

Stevington Reserves v Lidlinton United Sports

Watson Shield Quarter Finals.

Bedford Albion Reserves v BYSL Barton Rovers

Black Swan v BYSL Flitwick Eagles

Clifton v Flitwick Town A

Kempston Athletic v AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College A