

Bedfordshire County Football League



Season 2010-11

News Bulletin Number 1



Welcome to the first of this seasons league news bulletins, which like season 2009-10 will be issued on a weekly basis once the league season gets underway in an attempt to keep you updated on all that is happening within the Bedfordshire County Football League.

50 Years not out.
Barry Watson



Following his long involvement with the sport, Barry (on the left) was recently presented by the Bedfordshire Football Association with a certificate and engraved cut glass decanter to mark his 50year service to football.

When has a lad Barry went to Bedford Modern School he took advantage of all the sports available, Cricket, Fives, Rowing, Cross Country- left him puffing- and reached the dizzy heights of playing Rugby for the 3rd XV.

However his first love was Association Football, alas not available at the school, a passion he commenced many years before by his father taking him to watch Bedford Town, - The Eagles, plus also a few trips to watch the Hatters at Luton.

After leaving school, he joined W H Allen's and, in 1960, was introduced to Arthur Thompson in the factory. Arthur was then referee's secretary for the Bedford and District Football league. He persuaded him to take up refereeing, which he did almost immediately. His first match being in Jubilee Park for the Bedford League, followed by several matches in the Bedford Youth League, which earned him 2s 6d for under 16 and 3s 6d for under 18 age groups- twelve and a half pence and seventeen and a half pence in today's money.

He then progressed through the Bedford & District League, South Midlands League and Metropolitan League to end up on the Football Combination. In 1980, having reached the ripe old age of 38 he was to retire from senior football. This coincided with a vacancy at the Bedfordshire FA for the Referees Association representative, for which he was nominated and elected. At this time active referees were not permitted to continue officiating whilst holding a position within the County FA, so he had to hang up his boots after 20 enjoyable years. Barry having also been with the North Beds Referees Association, and acted as Auditor for some 48 years. Being elected a Life Vice President of that society some 3 years ago, a position of which he is extremely proud.

In 1983 he was elected to the Bedford & District Football League, and in 1984 took over as Hon General Secretary, Registration Secretary and Treasurer. In 1984, he was elected to a division on the Bedfordshire FA, and as served on various committees, including, Discipline, Referees and Cup Draws and League Sanctions, and was elected Chairman of Discipline. In 1993, he was elected Vice Chairman of The Bedfordshire FA, and at that point was asked to relinquish the position of Hon Secretary of the Bedford & District League as it was seen as a conflict of interest. He however remains as Treasurer, a position he still retains today, along with that of Vice Chairman.

He was to have a short break away from the Bedfordshire FA, whilst retaining his position within the League, but in 2003, he was elected back onto council, and has continued to serve football in the county to the best of his ability ever since, he travels throughout the county watching matches and talking to clubs and officials. Plus attends league meetings at all levels, currently sitting on the United Counties League Joint Liaison committee, along with the Peterborough League and the two Northampton Leagues, which deals with promotions etc from level 7 to 6, and associated problems.

He has also represented the Beds FA at Eastern and Midlands areas, plus on appeals with the Football Association. Whilst also being a follower of the county representative sides at U16, U18 and ladies all over the region.

He is passionate about football and pro-active in working towards maintaining the 11 v 11 adult game.

Barry is also an avid supporter of Tottenham Hotspur, having watched them since 1959, and currently holds a season ticket, following the Spurs all over Europe, as indeed he has given his support to the England team many times on the continent

Pre- Season Friendly Results and Fixtures Round-Up

Saturday 10th July

AFC Turvey 6 Sharnbrook Reserves 1

Saturday 17th July

AFC Turvey 9 Dinamo Flitwick 0
Ashton Clinton 2 Southill Alexander 2
Dunton Reserves 3 Lidlington United Sports 1
Stopsley Park 2 Luton Old Boys 0

Wednesday 21st July

FC Turvey 1 Hobgoblin Old Boys 2
Fulborn Sports 2 Southill Alexander 0

Saturday 24th July

AFC Turvey 3 Stopsley Park 2
Dunton 5 Clifton 1
Caldecote 2 Potton United 1
Royal Oak Kempston 2 Bromham United 1
Shefford Town and Campton FC 4 Arlesey Town Reserves 1
Waltham Abbey Reserves 7 Southill Alexander 2

Tuesday 27th July

Ickwell & Old Warden 2 Stotfold Reserves 1

Wednesday 28th July

Arlesey Town Reserves 3 Lea Sports 4
Mk City Colts 3 Marston Social 4
Sandy Baggers 2 Dunton Reserves 4
Southill Alexander 1 Rushden & Higham 0

Saturday 31st July

AFC Kempston Town 2 Warboys 2
AFC Turvey 4 Luton Old Boys 1
Caldecote Reserves 7 Gamlingay 0
Co-Op Sports 2 Bedford Park Rangers 0
Harpenden Town 9 Southill Alexander 2
Knebworth 1 Caldecote 5
Royal Oak Kempston 1 Dinamo Flitwick 0
Shefford Town & Campton XI 0 Dunton 5
Stewartby Village 1 Eastcotts 1
Stopsley Park 4 Dunton Reserves 1
Woburn 0 Bromham United 1
Wootton Blue Cross 2 Bedford Hatters 0

Wednesday 4th August

Arlesey Town Reserves 4 Dunton 2
Clifton Reserves 7 Sandy 2
Ickwell & Old Warden 2 Bedford Sports Athletic 2
Kings AFC 2 Marabese Ceramics 2
Lidlington United Sports 4 Eastcotts 0
Southill Alexander 2 Waltham Forest 3
Shefford Town & Campton Reserves 3 Michael Frankland XI 4

Thursday 5th August

Biggleswade Town 4 Caldecote 2

Saturday 7th August

AFC Kempston Town Reserves v Ashton Clinton Park
AFC Turvey 5 Lidlington United Sports 1
Bromham United 4 Bromham Youth 1
Caldecote Reserves 1 M & DH Oakley 0
Co-Op Sports 5 Clifton 1
Dunton v Baldock Common **Cancelled**
Dunton Reserves 2 Pavenham 3
Eynesbury Rovers 2 Southill Alexander 5
Kings AFC v Dinamo Flitwick **Cancelled**
Sandy Reserves 1 Sharnbrook Reserves 3
Shefford Town & Campton 6 Flitwick Town 2
Stewartby Village 3 Goldington 1
Woburn 2 E&H FC 7
61FC Luton 1 AFC Kempston Town 1

Monday 9th August

Sandy v Baldock Town Reserves

Tuesday 10th August

Caldecote v Langford Reserves
Sandy Reserves v Shefford Town & Campton A
Stopsley Park v Caddington

Wednesday 11th August

Arlesey Town Reserves v Oakley Sports
Bedford Hatters v Goldington FC
Bromham United v Wilshamstead Reserves
Clifton v Great Barford
Kings AFC v AFC Kempston Town Reserves
Woburn v Willen

Thursday 12th August

Sandy Reserves v Marabese Ceramics
Silsoe Park Rangers v Flitwick Town
Stewartby Village v Pottton Town

Saturday 14th August

Bedford Hatters v Sharnbrook
Blunham Reserves v Dunton Reserves
Caldecote v Henlow
Bromham United v Sharnbrook
Co-Op Sports v Dinamo Flitwick
Dunton v Lidlington United Sports
Flitwick Town v Marston Shelton Rovers @ Silsoe
Kempston Royals v Eastcotts
Luton Old Boys v Oakley Sports
Sandy v Marabese Ceramics (East Beds Junior Charity Cup)
Shefford Town & Campton v Letchworth & Baldock
Stewartby Village v Kempston Athletic
Stopsley Park v St Joseph

Sunday 15th August

Bromham United v Bromham Sunday (provisional)

Monday 16th August

Sandy v Embankment

Tuesday 17th August

Dunton v Langford Reserves
Sandy Reserves v Wilshamstead Reserves
Wootton Village v Sharnbrook Reserves

Wednesday 18th August

AFC Turvey v Riseley Sports
Arlesey Town Reserves v Dunstable or Arlesey Social Galacticos
Caldecote Reserves v Great Barford
Clifton Reserves v Pavenham
Kings AFC v Eastcotts
Westoning Recreation Club v Bromham United
Woburn v Flitwick Town

Thursday 19th August

Bromham United v Old Boys FC
Sandy Reserves v Henlow

Saturday 21st August

AFC Turvey v M & DH Oakley
Caldecote Reserves v Paxton
Co-Op Sports v Bromham United
Clifton Reserves v Potton Town
Cottered v Caldecote A
Flitwick Town Reserves v Dinamo Flitwick
Kings AFC v Stewarty Village
Luton Old Boys v Dunton
Sandy v Southill Alexander
Shefford Town & Campton v Offley

Stopsley Park v AFC Kempston Town
Woburn v Sherrington
Wootton Village v Royal Oak Kempston

Monday 23rd August

Sandy v Royston Town Reserves
Woburn v Lidlington United Sports

Tuesday 24th August

Sandy Reserves v Harpur FC
Stewartby Village v Wilshamstead Reserves
Wootton Village v Embankment FC

Wednesday 25th August

Kings AFC v Royal Oak Kempston
Stopsley Park v Oakley

You are strongly advised to check with the home club the venue and kick off time before travelling to any of the above games.