



Bedfordshire Football League
November 2008 Newsletter



Having opened our October 2008 Newsletter with a all our yesterdays article on the Division One campaign from season 1952-53, we this month feature Division Two from the same season, and whilst the top flight showed just two current clubs in membership, the Division Two table goes only one better in the shape of **Campton**, **Clifton** and **Sharnbrook** although we could extend this to five if you accept **Sandy Albions** are now **Sandy FC** and **Woburn Sands** are now **Woburn**.

1952-53 Season
Bedford & District League
Division Two Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Stondon Athletic	28	21	4	3	113	37	46
2 Duloe & Eaton	28	21	3	4	122	49	45
3 Bletsoe	28	18	3	7	93	49	39
4 Campton	28	18	3	7	91	58	39
5 Sandy Albions	28	16	6	6	92	50	38
6 Sharnbrook	28	14	4	10	72	39	32
7 Woburn Sands	28	14	3	11	78	68	31
8 Beds & Herts Regiment	28	13	4	11	96	71	30
9 Carlton United	28	12	3	13	56	65	27
10 Clifton	28	12	2	14	68	85	26
11 Cotton End	28	6	3	19	35	111	15
12 Potton Reserves	28	5	2	21	47	145	12
13 Husbourn Crawley	28	3	4	21	50	118	10
14 Bedford North End	28	3	2	23	32	121	8

Champions **Stondon Athletic** were not to play the following season 1953/54 but reappeared in the top flight of Bedford & District Football in season 1954/55 when they placed 10th of the thirteen clubs and whilst **Kempston Rovers** who finished below them retained their top flight status for season 1955/56 **Athletic** were relegated to the now re-named second tier Division One but were only to finish just one place off the bottom of the league table before they enjoyed better fortunes in season 1956/57 when they finished 4th in what was to turn out to be their last season of Bedford & District League Football.

Runners-up **Duloe & Eaton** were again the following season seeing themselves plying their trade in Division One, finishing in 3rd slot before the 1954/55 seasons

campaign saw them slip two places to end the season in 5th place whilst season 1955/56 was to be their last in Bedford & District League membership when they finished runners-up in the now renamed second tier Division One.

Third Place **Bletsoe** were to remain in The Bedford & District Football League for just another five seasons during which their football was all played in the second tier of the league, season 1953/54 placing 5th before twelve months later they were crowned Division Two champions, but no promotion was forthcoming and season 1955/56 saw them again finish champions of the second tier now renamed Division One, again no promotion was achieved and season 1956/57 saw them finish Division One runners-up before in their final season 1957/58 they regained the Division One Championship title.

The Fourth place finishers of season 1952/53 were current Premier Division Champions **Campton** who were to remain in the second tier of the Bedford & District League for the next five seasons, placing 7th in season 1953/54, 10th in season 1954/55 before climbing up to 3rd in season 1955/56 the first season of the second tier being renamed Division One, but no promotion was gained and twelve months later they slipped to 6th spot before in season 1957/58 it was back up to 3rd slot and at last a promotion into the Premier Division where they finished 5th until ending the decade in season 1959/60 by placing 8th.

In fifth spot in the Division Two table of 1952/53 were **Sandy Albions** who climbed a spot twelve months later to place 4th and gain promotion to the top tier Division One for season 1954/55 obtaining a 5th place finish before in the first ever Bedford & District Football League Premier Division campaign of 1955/56 they went one better to place 4th until the next season saw them end the campaign 5th, season 1957/58 was to see them finish runners-up behind **Stevington** and then leave the league to play in the South Midlands Football League, however their **Reserves** were to take over their Premier Division slot for season 1958/59 to finish 10th before they also left for the playing fields of The South Midlands Football League.

Behind **The Albion** in season 1952/53 were current Premier Division club **Sharnbrook** in sixth place who were then to finish 8th in season 1953/54 and 9th in season 1954/55 and whilst four teams finished below them they were to start the 1955/56 season in Division Two which by now was the third tier of the league, but all was to work out well for them as they lifted the league crown to take up membership back in Division One for season 1956/57 to obtain a 5th place finish but then the name of **Sharnbrook FC** does not appear in the Bedford & District Football League tables until their **Reserves** played in Division Four in season 1963/64.

The Seventh place finishers in the 1952/53 Division Two table were **Woburn Sands** who in the following season were to finish runners-up but then remain in Division Two for season 1954/55 when they placed 7th, season 1955/56 was to see no team bearing the name of **Woburn** compete in the Bedford & District Football League but just twelve months later in season 1956/57 a **Woburn Athletic** placed 3rd in Division One (now the second tier) before **The Athletic** slipped to 12th in season 1957/58 and were relegated from 10th spot in season 1958/59 to end the decade in Division Three for season 1959/60 where they obtained a 6th place finish.

Behind **Woburn Sands** in the 1952/53 season Division Two table in eighth spot were the **Beds & Herts Regiment** who the following season were to lift the Division Two Championship to gain promotion to Division One for season 1954/55 where they were to finish runners up then in season 1955/56 become the first ever Bedford & District Football League Premier Division Champions until their last season of Bedford & District League Football twelve months later again saw them claim the runners-up spot for the second time in three seasons.

In ninth spot were **Carlton United** who twelve months later at the end of the 1953/54 were to only finish 13th before obtaining a 6th place finish in season 1954/55 but for season 1955/56 they were to find themselves in Division Two which by now was the third tier in the league system, a 4th place finish was obtained that season until season 1956/57 was to see them emerge Division Two Champions and return to second tier football in season 1957/58 when their Division One campaign ended in 5th spot which was to be followed by the runners-up spot in season 1958/59 to finish the decade in the Premier Division in season 1959/60 obtaining a 7th place finish.

Another of today's member clubs **Clifton** were to finish in tenth spot and it was a downward trend the following season with a 11th place finish until season 1954/55 brought about relegation to the third tier (now Division Two) from a 12th place finish, but their stay in the third tier was just to be for one season when despite finishing only 6th they were promoted back to Division One for season 1957/58 to obtain a 9th placing with the decade finishing in a upward curve placing 4th in season 1958/59 and 3rd in season 1959/60.

The eleventh spot was to be taken by **Cotton End** who made progress twelve months later to place 9th then in season 1954/55 climb upwards again to 3rd spot before in season 1955/56 with the second tier now re-labelled Division One they obtain a 4th place finish but this was the highest they were to get for the remainder of the decade placing 8th in 1956/57, 6th in 1957/58, 10th in 1958/59 and 11th in 1959/60.

Placing just three spots off the bottom of the table in twelfth were **Potton Reserves** who were then to fair even worse twelve months later to finish 14th afterwhich the clubs name does not appear in any Bedford & District League table until season 1956/57 when they were members of the Premier Division obtaining a 6th place finish, this was to be followed by a 3rd placing in season 1957/58, the runners-up spot in season 1958/59 before the Premier Division Championship was claimed in season 1959/60.

Trailing in second from bottom in thirteen spot were **Husbourn Crawley** who were to finish one lower in season 1953/54 to be relegated to Division Three where again they finished bottom a feat they were to repeat in season 1955/56 when the third tier was now relabelled Division Two, which was to signal a end to their Bedford & District League membership.

Occupying bottom spot of the Division Two league table were **Bedford North End** who were then not to play in the next two seasons 1953/54 and 1954/55 but emerge back in the Bedford & District League Premier Division table in season 1955/56 with a 12th place finish, this was followed by two middle-table placings of 7th in season

1956/57 and 9th in season 1957/58 until they climbed up to 3rd spot in season 1958/59 before ending the decade in season 1959/60 with a 9th placing.

Premier Division Supported By Sportsform Round-Up 18th October – 8th November 2008.

Since our October Newsletter the Premier Division has been reduced in numbers following the withdrawal of **Sandy FC** but the league table is still headed by **Campton** by the margin of just having scored more goals than the now second placed **Caldecote** who have enjoyed a good period by winning all four of their league outings which begun on October 18th with a 3-1 away victory at **Campton**.

In third spot now are **Meltis Corinthians** who can stake claim to having the divisions only unbeaten record and with two games in hand on the top two clubs and just five points behind them are now very much serious title candidates.

There were also moves during the period into the top six of the league table for both **Blunham** and **AFC Kempston Town** at the expense of **Oakley Sports** and **Riseley Sports**.

Down at the bottom of the table **Bedford Sports Athletic** still remain on the bottom of the ladder despite coming up with their first win of the season 7-1 away at **Riseley Sports** on November 1st, whilst also taking a downward journey during the period were **Dunton** from eleventh spot to thirteenth whilst **Henlow** have slipped from ninth to eleventh, **Wilshamstead** being the biggest mover the other way up to ninth after starting the period in thirteenth slot.

2008-2009 Season **Bedfordshire Football League** **Premier Division supported by Sportsform**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Campton	9	7	1	1	30	12	22
2 Caldecote	9	7	1	1	26	8	22
3 Meltis Corinthians	7	5	2	0	24	9	17
4 Blunham	8	5	1	2	27	12	16
AFC Kempston							
5 Town	8	4	1	3	20	17	13
6 Renhold United	9	3	3	3	16	15	12
7 Riseley Sports	8	4	0	4	19	26	12
8 Oakley Sports	8	2	4	2	22	19	10
9 Wilshamstead	9	3	1	5	16	20	10
Ickwell & Old							
10 Warden	8	2	3	3	24	26	9
11 Henlow	9	2	2	5	13	19	8
12 Sharnbrook	10	2	1	7	13	25	7
13 Dunton	9	2	1	6	11	25	7
							4
14 Bedford SA	9	1	1	7	11	39	

Division One Round-Up 18th October – 8th November 2008

Just like in the Premier Division Supported By Sportsform table the leadership of the division remains unchanged with **Flitwick Town** still heading the way but now by a increased margin of four points from **Meltis Albion** who have climbed their way up from fourth, **Town** collecting seven of the nine points on offer during the period whilst **The Albion** have played just twice, winning at both **Kempston** and **Royal Oak Kempston**.

But the biggest upward move of the period belongs to **Campton Reserves** who have jumped from ninth to now hold down the third slot after wins over **Caldecote Reserves**, **Sandy Reserves** and **Royal Oak Kempston** plus a share of the points in a 2-2 draw at **Elstow Abbey**.

Down at the bottom of the table, **Sandy Reserves** still remain rooted to the bottom slot and looking for their opening win of the campaign but its been a good period for **Woburn** who with wins over **Royal Oak Kempston**, 8-1 at home and 5-2 away at **Marston Social** have now climbed from fourteenth to sit in tenth place.

Social themselves making a big move the other way dropping from seventh to twelfth having lost all of their three outings.

Bedfordshire Football League **Division One**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Flitwick Town	9	7	1	1	26	11	22
2 Meltis Albion	8	6	0	2	37	7	18
3 Campton Reserves	10	5	3	2	23	20	18
4 Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	8	5	1	2	21	11	16
5 AFC Kempston Town Reserves	9	4	3	2	20	12	15
6 Westoning Recreation Club	8	4	1	3	19	14	13
7 Stevington	8	4	1	3	25	22	13
8 Kempston	8	4	0	4	17	18	12
9 Kempston Hammers Sports	7	3	1	3	18	11	10
10 Woburn	8	3	1	4	25	26	10
11 Elstow Abbey	8	2	3	3	20	26	9
12 Marston Social	9	1	5	3	21	27	8
13 Caldecote Reserves	7	2	1	4	11	17	7
14 Royal Oak Kempston	10	1	1	8	12	34	4
15 Sandy Reserves	9	0	2	7	11	50	2

Division Two Round-Up 18th October – 8th November 2008

The Division Two story more or less follows the pattern of the Premier Division where the division is now reduced in number by one side following the withdrawal of **Woburn Reserves** who at the time of their departure had played just four games losing them all one of which was against **Blunham Reserves** who after **Woburn's** record was expunged from the league table now find their leadership at the head of the table is down to just two points despite them winning their two games during the period both 3-0 at home over **Mulberry Bush** and **Clifton**.

Blunham's lead being now over **Meppershall Jurassic** who have lifted themselves from fifth to second following wins over **Lidlington United Sports**, **Potton Wanderers** and **Marabese Ceramics**.

Previous second placers **Great Barford** slipping to third after drawing against both **Meltis Corinthians Reserves** and **Blue Chip** before returning to winning ways with a 3-1 home win over **Oakley Sports Reserves** to maintain their seasons unbeaten tag.

Taking a slip out of the top six are **Clifton** down from third to seventh and **Kings AFC** down from sixth to tenth to be replaced by **Marston Shelton Rovers** up to fifth from seventh spot and **Marabese Ceramics** into sixth place from thirteenth.

Down at the bottom, **Lidlington United Sports** now find themselves on the bottom ladder and still looking for their first win of the season whilst **Mulberry Bush** have dropped from ninth to thirteenth.

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Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Blunham Reserves	7	6	1	0	21	7	19
2 Meppershall Jurassic	8	5	2	1	27	24	17
3 Great Barford	8	4	4	0	31	11	16
4 Meltis Corinthians Reserves	10	4	3	3	22	23	15
5 Marston Shelton Rovers	9	4	1	4	20	30	13
6 Marabese Ceramics	7	3	1	3	17	12	10
8 Clifton	8	3	1	4	16	19	10
8 Blue Chip	8	2	3	3	22	17	9
9 Oakley Sports Reserves	8	3	0	5	16	20	9
10 Kings AFC	6	2	2	2	15	13	8
11 Saffron	5	2	2	1	7	6	8
12 Potton Wanderers	6	2	0	4	18	19	6
13 Mulberry Bush	7	1	1	5	16	24	4
14 Lidlington United Sports	7	0	1	6	8	31	1

Division Three Round-Up 18th October – 8th November 2008

The Division Three title race is now beginning to take shape and whilst the top four sides all remain in the same order at the end of the period as they did at the start, the position of second place **Leighton United** and fourth place **Westoning Recreation Club Reserves** has strengthen over the other two sides **Marsh Leys** and **Three Tuns Galacticos**.

However it is still **Marsh Leys** who head the table but their lead is now down to just two points over **Leighton United** who have a game in hand over them after **Marsh Leys** went down to only their second defeat of the season 5-4 at **Renhold Village** on November 1st following wins over **Three Tuns Galacticos** and **Sandy A**, meanwhile **United** after a surprise 1-1 home draw with **Wilshamstead Reserves** recovered to net wins over **Riseley Sports Reserves** and **Kempston Athletic**, while **Westoning Recreation Club Reserves** after losing at Meppershall AFC then got back to winning ways with home wins over **Caldecote A** and **Sandy A**.

Dropping out of the top six are **Stewartby Village** down from fifth to seventh to be replaced by **Meppershall AFC** who have jumped from tenth to sixth just one place behind **Renhold Village** who started the period in sixth slot.

Down at the bottom of the table **Kempston Athletic** still remain without a win after nine outings and are already trailing **Caldecote A** and **Riseley Sports Reserves** by some four points despite both of these sides having only played six games each.

Season 2008-09 **Bedfordshire Football League** **Division Three**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Marsh Leys	9	7	0	2	48	23	21
2 Leighton United	8	6	1	1	44	9	19
3 Three Tuns Galacticos	9	5	3	1	25	14	18
4 Westoning Recreation Club Res	8	5	1	2	27	18	16
5 Renhold Village	8	4	2	2	30	24	14
6 Meppershall AFC	6	3	2	1	21	11	11
7 Stewartby Village	8	3	1	4	20	29	10
8 Flitwick Town Reserves	9	2	2	5	10	17	8
9 Wilshamstead Reserves	7	1	4	2	14	18	7
10 Sandy A	7	1	3	3	10	22	6
11 Dunton Reserves	7	1	3	3	12	28	6
12 Riseley Sports Reserves	6	1	2	3	16	18	5
13 Caldecote A	6	1	2	3	14	19	5
14 Kempston Athletic	9	0	1	8	9	50	1

Bedfordshire Football League 2008-09 Season Britannia Cup 1st Round Draw

Campton v AFC Kempston Town, Bedford Sports Athletic v Ickwell & Old Warden, Henlow v Wilshamstead, Caldecote v Dunton, Meltis Corinthians v Oakley Sports, Renhold United v Sharnbrook, **Byes**, Blunham and Riseley Sports

Bedfordshire Football League 2008-09 Season Centenary Cup 1st Round Draw

Woburn v Kempston, Westoning Recreation Club v Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves, Marston Social v Kempston Hammers Sports, Royal Oak Kempston v Sandy Reserves, Flitwick Town v AFC Kempston Town Reserves, Meltis Albion v Stevington, Campton Reserves v Caldecote Reserves, **Byes**, Elstow Abbey

Bedfordshire Football League 2008-09 Season Jubilee Cup 1st Round Draw

Great Barford v Marston Shelton Rovers, Saffron v Lidlington United Sports, Blunham Reserves v Meltis Corinthians Reserves, Blue Chip v Kings AFC, Mulberry Bush v Oakley Sports Reserves, Meppershall Jurassic v Potton Wanderers, **Byes**, Clifton and Marabese Ceramics,

Bedfordshire Football League 2008-09 Season Watson Shield 1st Round Draw

Wilshamstead Reserves v Renhold Village, Dunton Reserves v Riseley Sports Reserves, Caldecote A v Leighton United, Meppershall AFC v Westoning Recreation Club Reserves, Sandy A v Marsh Leys, Kempston Athletic v Stewartby Village, **Byes**, Flitwick Town Reserves and Three Tuns Galacticos,

All ties to be played over the opening weekends of January 2009.

Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup 2008-09 Season 3rd Round Draw

Marsh Leys v AFC Kempston Town Reserves, Kempston Hammers Sports v Potton Wanderers, Great Barford or Meppershall Jurassic v Leighton United, Flitwick Town v USL Galacticos, Blunham Reserves v Farley Boys, Kings AFC v Elstow Abbey or Riseley Sports Reserves, Caldecote A v Meppershall AFC, Marabese Ceramics v Stevington,

Ties to be played on Saturday 10th January 2009.