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Action Review From Saturday 7th November 2009

With Riseley Sports withdrawal from the top flight confirmed in mid-week necessitating their seasons record being expunged from the league table, Blunham climbed onto the summit of the table for the first time this season since the opening day after a 2-1 victory at Woburn. Ahead after 25 minutes with a goal from Chris Dunne, they were to see Chris Allen level matters out in the 85th minute, before Andy Smith popped up with their winner in the 89th minute to extend his sides winning away run to four games and take them onto the top of the league table.

Meanwhile, Renhold United were taking their current unbeaten ways to eight games to hold onto second spot, just a point adrift of Blunham, with a 3-1 home win over Sharnbrook. Chris Huckle netting all three goals before Alex Strange hit what was no more than a consolation goal for the visitors 10 minutes from time.

Up into third spot now are Caldecote, after they claimed their first home win of the season by defeating Southill Alexander 4-0. Substitute Paul Standen opening the scoring in the 59th minute before a Russell Kemp header doubled the scoreline four minutes later. It was curtains for the visitors 15 minutes from time, when Paul Lawrence added a third, whilst the scoring was completed by Dave Daniels two minutes from time.

It was not a good day at the office for Biggleswade United Reserves, who now find themselves in fourth slot after being beaten 1-3 at home by Oakley Sports, for whom it was an fourth away win on the bounce. Stuart Kelly opening the scoring 10 minutes into the game, and by half-time the visitors were 3-0 ahead thanks to a brace of goals from Ben Brown, Jack Gabbitas hitting the lone home reply on the hour mark.

Over at Rectory Road, Campton's home game with Wilshamstead was abandoned during the opening half following a serious back injury to Campton player Lee Addington. At the time of the abandonment Campton were leading 1-0 thanks to a goal from Wayne Goldsmith five minutes into the contest.

The day's final top flight encounter taking Ickwell & Old Warden to only their second home win of the season with a 4-1 victory over AFC Kempston Town. Goals from Nick Jones, Steve Thomas, Zak Rowe and Nick Cooper doing the damage against a lone reply from Tom Pitts.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 7th November 2009

14 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Blunham	9	6	1	2	28	17	+11	19
Renhold United	9	5	3	1	21	13	+8	18
Caldecote	10	5	2	3	22	11	+11	17
Biggleswade United Reserves	10	5	1	4	19	19	+0	16
Oakley Sports	8	5	0	3	16	12	+4	15
Campton	9	5	0	4	18	19	-1	15
Ickwell & Old Warden	9	5	0	4	15	20	-5	15
AFC Kempston Town	8	4	0	4	17	12	+5	12
Wilshamstead	7	3	2	2	15	10	+5	11
Sharnbrook	9	3	1	5	14	17	-3	10
Dunton	10	3	1	6	11	17	-6	10
Southill Alexander	7	2	1	4	12	13	-1	7
Woburn	9	2	1	6	12	20	-8	7
Westoning Recreation Club [Saturday]	8	1	1	6	14	34	-20	4

For the seventh week on the bounce we have new leaders of the Division One league table, Marston Social taking over the top slot for the second time this season on goal difference from Leighton United after they run out 4-1 home winners over FC Meppershall. Two goals from Daniel Bullen alongside single strikes from Luke Tompkins and James Kinns only being replied to by a strike from Patrick King.

Leighton United meanwhile, were 4-0 home winners over Henlow. Two goals from Alex Fry plus strikes from Lane Eadie and Kevin Hilton doing the damage to keep them a point ahead of third place Caldecote Reserves who netted a 2-0 home win over Campton Reserves. Jack Boyd with goals on 35 minutes and 55 minutes earning the home side the points.

For morning leaders Flitwick Town, it was a 2-0 defeat at Meltis Albion to drop them to fourth in the standings. Albion taking their current unbeaten ways to six games to climb up into fifth slot thanks to second half strikes from Darren Ashpole and James Pickard.

Making up the top six now are Bedford Sports Athletic, 4-3 away winners at Kempston, Ashley Mead with a hat-trick plus a goal from Ian Asplin outscoring a home brace from Aaron Perrett and a strike from Ricky Prince.

Life gets no better for bottom of the table Kempston Hammers Sports, who went down to their fifth consecutive away defeat when beaten 3-2 at AFC Kempston Town Reserves. Town taking their own unbeaten ways to five games via an own goal plus two strikes from Earl Patterson. The Hammers replies both came from Sean Winconek.

Also still struggling down at the bottom of the table are Stevington, beaten 2-1 at Blunham Reserves. Carl Warner hitting both of the home goals against an own goal in reply.

Division One League Table at 7th November 2009

16 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Marston Social	11	7	2	2	26	14	+12	23
Leighton United	12	7	2	3	30	19	+11	23
Caldecote Reserves	11	7	1	3	30	19	+11	22
Flitwick Town	12	7	1	4	21	18	+3	22
Meltis Albion	11	6	2	3	24	17	+7	20
Bedford Sports Athletic	11	5	3	3	27	21	+6	18
Kempston	10	6	0	4	27	24	+3	18
Blunham Reserves	11	5	3	3	19	21	-2	18
AFC Kempston Town Reserves	11	5	2	4	20	22	-2	17
FC Meppershall	11	4	2	5	31	33	-2	14
Sandy	11	4	1	6	23	18	+5	13
Campton Reserves	11	4	0	7	22	28	-6	12
Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	9	3	1	5	22	26	-4	10
Henlow	10	3	1	6	15	28	-13	10
Stevington	12	1	2	9	19	38	-19	5
Kempston Hammers Sports	10	1	1	8	20	30	-10	4

The lone Division Two fixture of the afternoon was to see Arleseay Social Galacticos fail to close the gap on league leaders Potton Wanderers and take over second spot from Bedford Hatters when beaten 2-5 at home by Kempston Royals. Lorenzo Jordan with a hat-trick plus strikes from Liam Boland and Andy Palombella, the Royals hero's, against home replies from James Gentry and James Geekie.

Division Two League Table at 7th November 2009

14 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Potton Wanderers	9	8	1	0	40	9	+31	25
Bedford Hatters	9	6	2	1	34	13	+21	20
Arlesey Social Galacticos	9	6	1	2	21	15	+6	19
Brache Sparta Community Reserves	9	5	3	1	25	12	+13	18
Marston Shelton Rovers	8	5	2	1	26	12	+14	17
Kempston Royals	10	4	1	5	21	30	-9	13
Kings AFC	8	4	0	4	27	21	+6	12
Great Barford	9	3	1	5	19	27	-8	10
Shefford Town	8	3	0	5	13	18	-5	9
Harpur FC	8	2	2	4	19	23	-4	8
Marabese Ceramics	8	2	1	5	8	22	-14	7
Clifton	8	1	3	4	8	15	-7	6
Elstow Abbey 06	9	2	0	7	13	36	-23	6
Shillington [Saturday]	8	0	1	7	10	31	-21	1

In the afternoon's Watson Shield Group games, Dunton Reserves were to run out the biggest winners. 9-1 at Bedford Park Rangers. Steve Spiers netting five goals alongside single strikes from Jon Fediw, Joe Lewis, Tom Buton and Sam Manners, the lone Rangers reply coming via an own goal.

For Stopsley Park, it was a 5-1 home victory over Dinamo Flitwick. Goals from Kenny Ivy, Steve Laird, Nathan Osbourne, Jason Ward and Jamie Felmingham seeing them home against a Dinamo reply from Nick Payne.

Also winning on home soil were Flitwick Town Reserves, 4-2 winners over Clifton Reserves. Chris Bull, Chris Greene, Liam Penwright and Paul Harvey all making it onto the scoresheet. Whilst the day's final game brought about a 2-2 draw between Kempston Athletic and Caldecote A. Sean Betts and Sam Fuller netting the home goals against a brace in reply from Gary Allum.

Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup holders Great Barford were to make their exit this season at only the second hurdle when beaten 3-4 at home by Stopsley Baptist Church. Goals from Surge Ndurum, Daniel Stafford and a Jason Ames penalty failing to save them from defeat.

Of the eight all Bedfordshire County Football League affairs, there were just two shock results. Division Four, M&DH Oakley winning 3-1 at Division Three outfit Riseley Sports Reserves. Goals from Daniel Lupton, Adian Emms and Ben Johnson taking them into the hat for Monday's draw against a home reply from James Parker.

Whilst Division Three, Westoning Recreation Club Reserves were 5-4 extra time winners over Division Two Clifton. Liam Boyle on the mark twice alongside goals from Greg Douglas, Alex Barnwell and Andrew Morris against Clifton replies via a Tom Allen hat-trick and Mark Gearing.

In the other all Bedfordshire County Football League clashes, Brache Sparta Community Reserves were the biggest winners, 9-0 at home over Eastcotts. Both Richard Anderson and Bilal Choudhury claiming hat-tricks alongside single strikes from Glen Collins, Aiden Fletcher and Mark Taylor.

For Marabese Ceramics, it was a 6-0 home win over Thurleigh. A brace from Nick Hooley plus an own goal and strikes from Gary Bottazzi, James Tizard and Petino D'Angelo doing the damage.

Also hitting six were Potton Wanderers, 6-2 home winners over Sundon Park Rangers. Sam Worthington with a hat-trick plus goals from Danny Fox, Ricky Aris and Antony Schurek only being replied to by Matt Conway and Lawrence Mapp.

Going nap were Shillington, 5-3 away winners at Sandy Reserves. Sam Larsen netting three times and Lewis Osbourne twice against home replies from Steve Jakes, Charlie Seward and Kevin Fage.

In the remaining two all Bedfordshire County League affairs, it was the visitors who were to come out on top. Kings AFC, with two goals from Danny Cain plus strikes from Michael Whelan and Rowan Hazelwood winning 4-0 at Elstow Abbey. Whilst a brace of goals from Carl Townsend plus strikes from Stuart Kester and Dan Luke took Renhold Village to a 4-3 win at Wilshamstead Reserves, for whom Mark Kelly netted twice and Glen Tumulty once.

The day's overall top scorers however were Bedford Hatters, with a 15-1 home win over Luton District & South Beds League side LB Galaxy. Richard Cook netting five times, Scott Alleyne four times, plus Aaron Izzard and Rob Hewitt both claimed braces alongside single strikes from Simon Pixley and Daniel De Feo.

Also knocking out Luton District & South Beds League opposition were both Harpur FC and Marston Shelton Rovers. Rovers with braces of goals from Xenon Paul and Lewis Hay plus single strikes from Aaron Franks, Lee Dudley and Sean McFarland winning 7-3 at Luton Leagrave Reserves. Whilst Harpur FC were 5-4 home winners over Co-Op Sports, Cameron Browne with a brace plus strikes from Jordan Kumar, Justin Dear and Carl Catchpole seeing them home.

For Lidlington United Sports, it was a 0-1 home defeat at the hands of North Bucks League, Heath Panthers United, but Queens Park Crescents were to take the leagues revenge with a 3-2 away win over Heath Panthers United Reserves, thanks to two goals from Ayaz Hussain and a strike from Husnain Rahman.

In the day's final game, Sharnbrook Reserves despite a goal from Richard Bridgestock, were beaten 4-1 away at Luton District & South Beds League, Christians in Sport Reserves.

Preview for Saturday 14th November 2009

Action this weekend sees Premier Division supported by Sportsform league leaders Blunham, look to maintain top spot when they go into home Moggerhanger Playing Fields action seeking their fifth win on the bounce against Dunton. The visitors travelling having lost their last four games to drop into the bottom four of the league standings.

For second place Renhold United, who trail the leaders by just a single point, it is a quick return game with Sharnbrook at Lodge Road. United having beaten their hosts 3-1 last weekend on home soil travelling looking to take their unbeaten ways to nine games.

Any slip up by United could see both Caldecote and Biggleswade United Reserves climb above them come the days final whistle, but both clubs however face tough looking fixtures on paper to obtain the required three points. Caldecote in home Harvey Close action seeking to take their unbeaten ways to six games against sixth place Campton. Whilst United face an away encounter at Hillgrounds against AFC Kempston Town.

All of which could be good news for fifth place Oakley Sports, who face a visit from second from the bottom of the table Woburn, who last tasted the smell of victory some six league outings ago.

The days other top flight action coming on The Green, where Ickwell & Old Warden seek their third win on the bounce when Southill Alexander losers of their last two games come calling and at Jubilee Playing Fields, where Wilshamstead will be expecting to extend their unbeaten ways to four games when they host bottom of the table Westoning Recreation Club.

Despite just three points covering the leading five sides in the Division One table, it will perhaps be a major surprise if we have a ninth different leader of the league table in as many weeks come Saturday evening, as you would expect current table toppers Marston Social to be good enough to collect the full three points when they travel to Cutler Hammer to face bottom of the table Kempston Hammers Sports.

Yet their lead is one of goal difference only from Leighton United who go into home Stanbridge Road action against fifth place and unbeaten in their last five outings Meltis Albion.

For third place, Caldecote Reserves its a trip on the road to Mowsbury Park to face FC Meppershall. Whilst fourth place Flitwick Town will be looking to return to winning ways when in home Steppingley Road action against Blunham Reserves.

Other action in this section comes at Cople Playing Fields, where Bedford Sports Athletic will start favourites for the three points when they host a Henlow side without a win in their last five outings, but the other two encounters are far more difficult to call. Campton Reserves hosting Kempston at Rectory Road, whilst Sandy hit the road for a meeting with Stevington.

In Division Two, it's a clash of the top two clubs at Miller Road, where second place Bedford Hatters face a visit from league leaders Potton Wanderers. The Wanderers travelling five points clear at the head of the standings still with a seasons 100% away record and unbeaten status in this game number ten of the season.

For third place Arlesey Social Galacticos, it's a home Arlesey Recreation Ground encounter with Kings AFC, who will be no easy pushovers having won four of their last five league outings. Whilst fourth place Brache Sparta Community Reserves head to Hillgrounds to face Kempston Royals.

Over at Marston Playing Fields, Marston Shelton Rovers host Harpur FC looking to take their unbeaten ways to seven games. Whilst at Groveside, its local derby action between Marabese Ceramics and Clifton.

The days other action in this Division coming at Greenfields, where bottom of the table Shillington go into home action against Great Barford looking for their first league win of the season.Plus second from bottom of the table Elstow Abbey venture to face Shefford Town looking to end a sequence of five straight away league defeats against a Town side that has won it's last two home games.

In Division Three, the unbeaten league leaders Queens Park Crescent head to Gold Street, firm favourites for the full three points against their hosts RIseley Sports Reserves who currently sit on the bottom of the league table, and with second place Dunton Reserves sitting the afternoon out, Lidlington United Sports would jump above them in the league standings should they come up with the three points from their visit to Bedford Road Recreation Ground and their meeting with Sandy Reserves,

Other action in this Division takes Wilshamstead Reserves on the road to the Luton Regional Sports Centre, seeking their third league win on the bounce against hosts Stopsley Park, who will enter the game unbeaten in their last four outings. Whilst Greenfield Road is the venue for Westoning Recreation Club Reserves game with Caldecote A, the home side looking for their third win on the bounce.

In Division Four, just a point covers the leading three sides, all three of them this weekend facing trips on the road. League leaders Sundon Park Rangers heading to Hillgrounds to face an Eastcotts side that has lost just once on home soil this season in its five outings. Whilst second place Sharnbrook Reserves make their way to Whiston Crescent, to defend their seasons unbeaten away record against hosts Clifton Reserves, who themselves are still unbeaten on home soil this campaign.

For third place M&DH Oakley, the destination is Hinksley Recreation Ground, where they will be hosted by Dinamo Flitwick. Other action in this Division is due at Mowsbury Park, where bottom of the table Bedford Park Rangers are due a visit from Flitwick Town Reserves and in Hillgrounds which is the venue for Kempston Athletic home clash with Stewartby Village.

The day's final action coming via a Watson Shield Group Six match at Renhold Playing Fields, where Renhold Village host local rivals Thurleigh.