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BRITANNIA CUP

FINAL TIE

SHEFFORD TOWN & CAMPTON

Versus

WILSTEAD

Hillgrounds , AFC Kempston Rovers FC

Thursday 18th April 2019 Kick Off 7.30pm

Good Evening, All and welcome to Hillgrounds the home of AFC Kempston Rovers for this evenings final tie in the Bedfordshire County Football League Britannia Cup of season 2018-19 which is contested by the league's Premier Division supported by Sportsform clubs.

The league management committee wishes to place on record it's thanks to AFC Kempston Rovers for their hospitality this evening. Please support the Rovers and use their refreshment and bar facilities during and after this evening's game.

Recent Britannia Cup Final Results

2017-18. Stevington 4 Caldecote 0
2016-17: Caldecote 0 Marston Shelton Rovers 3
2015-16: AFC Oakley M&DH 2 Ampthill Town Reserves 0
2014-15: AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College 1 Wilstead 0
2013-14: Shefford Town & Campton 2 Wilstead 0
2012-13: AFC Biggleswade 0 AFC Oakley Sports 2
2011-12: AFC Oakley Sports M&DH 1 Shefford Town & Campton 0
2010-11: Leighton United 1 Shefford Town & Campton 3
2009-10: Caldecote 4 Woburn 1
2008-09: Caldecote 3 Blunham 1
2007-08: Meltis Corinthians 2 Blunham 1
2006-07: Westoning Recreation Club 3 Oakley Sports 2
2005-06: Caldecote 3 Campton 0
2004-05: Caldecote 0 Campton 3
2003-04: Caldecote 3 Ickwell & Old Warden 2
2002-03: North Park Rangers 1 Elstow Abbey 2.

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History of the Britannia Cup

The Britannia Cup is the oldest of all the Bedfordshire County Football League Cups and was first played for in season 1948-49 when the winners were none other than Shefford Town.

During the first 12 competitions up to the end of the 1950's engraved on the trophy are such names as RAF Henlow and RAF Brampton plus the reserve sides of Kempston Rovers twice and Pottun United.

Also lifting the Cup during this period were Clapham Sports twice, Bletsoe and Bedford North End. Clapham Sports in fact were also joint holders in season 1951-52 with Stevington. Guess in those days, extra time and penalty shoot-outs were unheard of.

The other club to win during this period were current South Midlands League club Langford in season 1949-50.

Of the 10 winners during the 1960's one could argue only one club still exists in the form of 1962-63 season winners Eaton Socon who now ply their trade in the Cambridgeshire County Football League.

However I will accept it being two as the 1965-66 winners Campton are now today's merged Shefford Town & Campton or even three if the newly revamped M&DH Clapham Sports are counted as being the same club as 1966-67 winners Clapham Sports.

Other winners during the 60's being Ampthill Athletic, Bedford Avenue, Diemer & Reynolds, Moggerhanger United, Shefford Town Reserves and double winners Haynes.

During the 1970's Haynes were again amongst the winners winning the Cup for a third time in season 1974-75 plus Moggerhanger United gained their second success in season 1975-76.

Of the other winners just two were still plying their trade in the Bedfordshire County League at the start of the season being Ickwell & Old Warden, Lidlington United now renamed Lidlington United Sports.

The other five no longer in existence namely Everton United, Bedford Park Wanderers, Bedford Young Indians, double winners Queens Athletic and Westoning.

In the 1980's the roll of honour shows of the 10 winners just 1987-88 winners Eaton Socon and the reformed Clapham Sports are still running today. The others have all sadly disappeared being the already mentioned Queens Athletic twice and Bedford Young Indians plus also engraved on the Cup for the first time were the names of Claypot Athletic, St Cuthberts, USACLI, Cotton End and Fairfield Social.

The trend of disappearing clubs improves in the 1990's with only the 1990-91 winners Smith Sports, 1999-200 winners St Cuthberts and 1997-98 winners Blunham no longer running and of course 1992-93 was the "wet winter" when the competition was cancelled to allow the league programme to be completed.

The other winners in the 1990's being Biggleswade United with three winners on the bounce from season 1993-94 onwards, twice winners Caldecote plus Wilshamstead in season 1991-92. For those of you that are attending this evening and are not local Wilshamstead being the posh name for Wilstead.

Since the turn of the century, Caldecote have since claimed another five wins to take their total to a record breaking seven whilst there were also wins in the first 10 years for Elstow Abbey, Campton (now Shefford Town & Campton) and Westoning Recreation Club who were later renamed just Westoning before folding at the end of last season and the also folded Meltis Corinthians in season 2007-08.

In season 2010-11 the Cup was claimed by the now renamed Shefford Town & Campton before 12 months later they were beaten in the 2011-12 final by Oakley Sports who duly defended their crown under their new Oakley Sports M&DH banner in season 2012-13.

Season 2013-14 was to see Shefford Town & Campton regained the Cup with a 2-0 win over a Wilstead side who then duly lost the 2014-15 final by just a single goal to AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College.

Season 2015-16 season seeing the now named AFC Oakley M&DH back in final to defeat Ampthill Town Reserves 2-0. Before in season 2016-17 Marston Shelton Rovers defeated Caldecote 3-0 who then lost against in last seasons final to Stevington 4-0.

Shefford Town & Campton v Wilstead League Action Season 2018-19.

24th November 2018. Wilstead 1 Shefford Town & Campton 2

Goals from Lee Harman and Ryan Lewis against a lone reply from Sean Jones saw Shefford Town & Campton retain their seasons unbeaten away ways in chalking up their seventh win on the bounce to stay six points clear at the head of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform standings.

23rd February 2019. Shefford Town & Campton 7 Wilstead 2

Wilstead were to suffer their fifth away league defeat on the spin when beaten 7-2 at table topping Shefford Town & Campton. Henry Snee, Sam King, Adam Spoors, Ryan Lewis, George Renney, Mitchell Foley and Ross Hankins all finding the back of the net for the Town against a brace in reply from Luke Pursey.

2018-19 Season Britannia Cup

1st Round

Cranfield United 3 AFC Oakley M&DH 0

Flitwick Town 5 Stevington 0

Ickwell & Old Warden 1 Queens Park Crescents 4.

Riseley Sports 1 AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College 1. (4-5 on pens)

Wilstead 2 Caldecote 2. (8-7 on pens)

Wootton Blue Cross 0 Marston Shelton Rovers 4

Byes: Crawley Green Reserves and **Shefford Town & Campton.**

Stevington's defence of the Britannia Cup was to falter at the first hurdle with a 5-2 defeat away at Flitwick Town. Braces from Philip Matthews and Florin Filimon plus a strike from Ben Lee-Phillips bringing up the Town nap hand to do the damage against a brace in reply from Kieran Souter. Whilst last season's beaten finalists Caldecote were also to fall at the first hurdle when beaten 8-7 in a penalty shoot-out at Wilstead after 90 minutes play had saw the sides deadlocked at 2-2. Paul Jones and Leigh Reynolds netting for the home side against Caldecote replies via Jack Miller and Harry Lovely.

Perhaps the shock result of the day came at Weston Park where hosts Wootton Blue Cross were beaten 4-0 by Marston Shelton Rovers. Nick Skolsky with a brace plus goals from Harry Murray and Harry Baker taking the Rovers to victory. Whilst for Cranfield United it was a 3-0 home win over AFC Oakley M&DH. Luis Adrien netting twice and Delroy Phillips once.

Joining these sides in round two will be AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College who claimed a 5-4 penalty shoot-out win at Riseley Sports after 90 minutes had seen the sides level at 1-1. Mike Stephenson netting for the Town and Josh Poole replying for the home side.

The final name into the hat for the Quarter-final draw will be that of Queens Park Crescents after they ran out 4-1 winners at Ickwell & Old Warden. Dominic Pallella with a brace joined on their scoresheet by single goals from Fabio Sattar and Mohammed Raheem Jabbar against a lone home reply from Ben Luke.

2nd Round

AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College 4 Queens Park Crescents 4 (5-4 on pens)

Cranfield United 1 Crawley Green Reserves 1. (1-3 on pens)

Flitwick Town 0 Shefford Town & Campton 4

Marston Shelton Rovers 1 Wilstead 1 (4-5 on pens)

On February 2nd the weather saw a postponement to the ties Cranfield United v Crawley Green Reserves, Flitwick Town v Shefford Town & Campton and Marston Shelton Rovers v Wilstead. Whilst AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College became the first club to claim a Semi-final spot with a 5-4 home penalty shoot-out win over Queens Park Crescents after 90 minutes play had saw the sides deadlocked at 4-4. Thomas Vandenberg with a brace including one from the penalty spot plus Andy Jones and Jonny Richens netting for the home side against Crescents replies via Shahiur Rahman twice plus single strikes from Chisom Amadi and Anish Khinda.

These games being rearranged for March 2nd when Shefford Town and Campton eased their way into the last four of this seasons Britannia Cup with a 4-0 away victory at Flitwick Town. Ahead in the 10th minute with a strike from Jack Renney they were to double their lead seven minutes from the break via Henry Snee before Snee completed his hat-trick with second half goals on the hourmark and 15 minutes from time. They will now face a Semi-Final tie against Queens Park Crescents.

Joining them in the last four and meeting each other will be Crawley Green Reserves and Wilstead after they both emerged penalty shoot-out winners on the road. The Green after 90 minutes play at Cranfield United had seen the sides deadlocked at 1-1 winning the spot kick competition 3-1. Charisma Agyemng for the United and Jamie Hunter for the Green netting inside normal time. Whilst over at Weston Park hosts Marston Shelton Rovers and Wilstead were also deadlocked 1-1 at 90 minutes, Nick Skolsky for the Rovers and Luke Pursey for the visitors on the scoresheet before Wilstead won the shoot-out .

Semi-Finals

Crawley Green Reserves 2 Wilstead 2. (4-5 on pens)

Shefford Town & Campton 2 AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College 0.

Shefford Town & Campton made their way into this seasons final with a 2-0 home win over AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College thanks to goals from George Renney and Henry Snee. They wil now face Wilstead in the final after they emerged the 5-4 penalty shoot-out winners at Crawley Green Reserves after 90 minutes play had seen the sides deadlocked at 2-2. James Hunter and Rob Newman on the Green scoresheet against Wilstead replies via Tom Stonehouse and Joe Sullivan.

In the event of tonight's final being level after 90 minutes play the tie will be settled by a penalty shoot-out.

TODAYS TEAMS

SHEFFORD TOWN & CAMPTON

BLUE & WHITE

WILSTEAD

TBA

Henry Snee			Dale Clegg
Ross Earl			Ryan Davenport
Billy George Cook			Sam Evans
Ross Harkins			Phillip Johnson
Reece Lewis			Paul Jones
Ryan Lewis			Stefan Jones
Bradley Lusty			Luke Pursey
George Renney			Thomas Stonehouse
Jake Renney			Joe Sullivan
Adam Spoors			Ranvir Thiara
Sam King			Shaun Winconek
Matthew Allen			Josh Plumb
Nathan Aulsberry			Leigh Reynolds
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