

Bedfordshire County Football League



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Four Leagues Trophy Win for The Bedfordshire County Football League

Last Wednesday evening under the floodlights at Biggleswade United's Second Meadow ground, The Bedfordshire County Football League netted a 1-0 win over The Peterborough & District Football League to lift them to the top of the Four Leagues Trophy league table. Thus completing a double over their Posh counter-parts and for the fifth consecutive game in all competitions keeping a clean sheet.

Following a goalless opening half, the winning goal was to be netted in the 53rd minute by Flitwick Town's, Dean Warren thanks to some good build-up play from Biggleswade United's, Kai Griffiths- Shilton who had only joined the game as a second half substitute eight minutes earlier.

The league's slender lead only then being preserved 12 minutes later when home goalkeeper Barry Uylatt made a splendid save to keep out an effort from Shane Pitchford plus a poor miss from The Posh's Tommy Treacher, 20 minutes from time that went sailing over the crossbar from close range.

At the other end of the field, Neville Allen with two well executed free kicks so nearly doubled the league's advantage, his first effort seeing visiting goalkeeper Danny Stevens require two grabs to gather in his low drive then just 10 minutes from time Stevens made the save of the game to tip a Allen effort over his crossbar which had goal written all over it from the moment it left Big Nev's boot.

Team. Barry Uylatt, Blunham. Rakesh Gill, Ickwell & Old Warden. Neville Allen, Sharnbrook. Ollie Housden, Oakley Sports. Alex Strange, Sharnbrook. Ian Strange, Sharnbrook. Tony Goodwin, Renhold United. James Mullen, AFC Kempston Town. Jason Allison, Sharnbrook. Dean Warren, Flitwick Town. Paul Jones, Wilshamstead. Substitutes Used. Kai Griffiths-Shilton, Biggleswade United, Daniel Webb, Campton. Ben Flatters, Sharnbrook. Richard Bridgestock, Sharnbrook.

Next Match. Carlsberg FA National Systems Cup 2nd Round
Saturday, November 28th 2009 v Dorset Premier League
At Second Meadow, Biggleswade United FC, Kick Off 2pm

Four League Trophy League Table at November 18th 2009

4 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Bedfordshire County Football League	4	3	0	1	4	2	+2	9
Northampton Town League	3	2	0	1	6	3	+3	6
Peterborough & District Football League	4	1	0	3	4	5	-1	3
Northamptonshire Combination	3	1	0	2	4	8	-4	3

Action Review from Saturday 21st November 2009

Just two Bedfordshire County Football League clubs survived the afternoon to make the hat for Monday's third round draw of The Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy. At Horseshoes Close, Dunton winning 4-2 against Sharnbrook in the day's only all domestic affair. Lawrence Boshier netting twice alongside Nicky Threadgold and Dan Jones against replies from Dan Kelly and Ben Parrott. Whilst, AFC Kempston Town emerged 3-1 home winners over Molten South Midlands League, Cranfield United, Danny Pilgrim with a brace plus Justin Patterson doing the damage.

For our other four clubs, it was the end of the road. Campton in fact not getting out of the garage by forfeiting their home tie against AFC Kempston Rovers when being unable to field a side. Meanwhile, Biggleswade United Reserves were beaten 0-1 on home soil by Molten South Midlands League Caddington. Caldecote going down 3-0 at Hereward Teamwear United Counties League, Potton United and whilst Nick Cooper netted twice for Ickwell & Old Warden at Molten South Midlands League, AFC Dunstable, the home side run in seven goals of their own for a 7-2 victory.

Blunham are now five points clear at the head of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform table after taking their winning ways to six games and ending Renhold United's nine game unbeaten run with a 6-1 win. United thus losing their seasons unbeaten home ways, yet they will perhaps point to a red card for goalkeeper Jack Rashid in the opening half as being the games turning point. Elliot West with a hat-trick plus two goals from Andy Smith and a single strike from Matt Hulatt the Blunham marksmen, against a lone United reply from Karl Anderson.

Oakley Sports, are now up to fourth spot in the table after they made it five away wins on the bounce with a 3-0 victory at bottom of the table Westoning Recreation Club. Gary Chance opening the scoring 20 minutes into the game before second half goals from Ben Brown and Stuart Kelly sealed the points.

In the day's only other top flight action Wilshamstead needed to twice come from behind to take their unbeaten ways to five games with a share of the spoils in a 2-2 home draw against Southill Alexander, who themselves were ending a three game losing run. David Kane shooting the visitors ahead on 20 minutes until Jim Struthers netted the leveller to take the sides in at half-time all square. Three minutes into the new period Richard Lewin restored Alexander's lead only for Paul Jackson to save the day for the home side with a goal 15 minutes from time.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform table at 21st November 2009

14 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Blunham	11	8	1	2	38	19	+19	25
Caldecote	11	6	2	3	24	11	+13	20
Renhold United	11	5	4	2	23	20	+3	19
Oakley Sports	9	6	0	3	19	12	+7	18
Ickwell & Old Warden	10	6	0	4	21	22	-1	18
Biggleswade United Reserves	10	5	1	4	19	19	+0	16
Wilshamstead	9	4	3	2	21	14	+7	15
Campton	10	5	0	5	18	21	-3	15
AFC Kempston Town	8	4	0	4	17	12	+5	12
Sharnbrook	10	3	2	5	15	18	-3	11
Dunton	11	3	1	7	12	21	-9	10
Southill Alexander	9	2	2	5	16	21	-5	8
Woburn	9	2	1	6	12	20	-8	7
Westoning Recreation Club [Saturday]	10	1	1	8	16	41	-25	4

Flitwick Town remain on top of the Division One table two points clear of Leighton United after winning 1-0 at Sandy. Dean Warren netting the vital goal 15 minutes from time. Whilst United were winning 2-0 at Blunham Reserves, goals from Alex Fry and Daryl Smith winning the points.

Up into third spot now are Caldecote Reserves, 3-2 home winners over Marston Social, who drop into fifth place in the standings as a result of the defeat. Goals from Jack Boyd and Joe Stevens in the opening half taking the home side into a 2-0 lead before Social's Stuart Robertson struck early in the second period to reduce the deficit. Boyd however was to add a third home goal before Robertson netted his own second of the afternoon just two minutes from time. Caldecote now winners of their

last four home games, whilst The Social have now been beaten in their last three trips on the road.

Jumping above The Social into fourth spot in the league table are Kempston, 4-3 home winners over FC Meppershall. Josh Anderson twice plus Rob Mirto and Marcus Nelson on the scoresheet for the home side against a brace in reply from Jason Nice and a goal from Craig Damon for the visitors.

Elsewhere, Meltis Albion continued their promotion push in taking their unbeaten home ways to seven games with a 1-0 victory over Bedford Sports Athletic, Michael Butler netting the all important goal just 12 minutes into the game.



Meltis Albion FC

AFC Kempston Town Reserves however, were to have their unbeaten five game run ended when beaten 3-1 at Stevington. Gavin White, Aaron Fletcher and Andy Carlin netting the home goals against a lone reply from Earl Patterson.

For Henlow, it was a first home win in four outings with a 3-2 victory Campton Reserves, who were going down to their fourth consecutive away defeat. Joe Fallano with a brace plus Jake Rennie doing the damage against a brace in reply from Andrew Hayday.

The day's other game in this section between Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves and Kempston Hammers now being subject to a Beds FA inquiry after being abandoned five minutes from time with the home side leading 2-1 thanks to goals from Lee Threadgold and Lee Tetley.

Division One League Table at 21st November 2009

16 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Flitwick Town	14	9	1	4	26	20	+6	28
Leighton United	13	8	2	3	32	19	+13	26
Caldecote Reserves	12	8	1	3	33	21	+12	25
Kempston	12	8	0	4	38	30	+8	24
Marston Social	13	7	2	4	31	23	+8	23
Meltis Albion	12	7	2	3	25	17	+8	23
Bedford Sports Athletic	13	5	3	5	28	25	+3	18
Blunham Reserves	13	5	3	5	21	27	-6	18
AFC Kempston Town Reserves	12	5	2	5	21	25	-4	17
Henlow	12	5	1	6	21	31	-10	16
FC Meppershall	12	4	2	6	34	37	-3	14
Sandy	13	4	1	8	26	24	+2	13
Campton Reserves	13	4	0	9	27	38	-11	12
Stevington	14	3	2	9	27	42	-15	11
Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	9	3	1	5	22	26	-4	10
Kempston Hammers Sports	11	2	1	8	26	33	-7	7

Saturday, 05 September 2009: FC Meppershall v AFC Kempston Town Reserves - Away Win was awarded

With an outbreak of Swine flu amongst the players of league leaders Potton Wanderers causing their game at Brache Sparta Community Reserves to be postponed, Bedford Hatters took full advantage to climb back onto the top of the Division Two table with a 4-0 home win over Kempston Royals. Two goals from Dean Waghorn and strikes from Michael Fry and Scott Alleyne doing the damage.

The day's biggest winners however were third place Marston Shelton Rovers, who retained their seasons unbeaten ways and extended their current unbeaten run to nine games with a 9-0 home rout over bottom of the table Shillington. Xennon Paul bagging four goals alongside strikes from Chris Patrickson, Aaron Franks, Rob Moore, Antony Henman and Sean McFarland.

Meanwhile, fourth place Arlesey Social Galacticos held onto their season's unbeaten away record with a 3-3 draw at local rivals Clifton. Adam Millard netting twice plus James Gentry once against a home brace in reply from Tom Allen and a goal from Alex Fisher.

The point lifting Clifton out of the bottom two of the league table at the expense of Elstow Abbey, who were beaten 2-0 at home by Marabese Ceramics, Denver Donaldson and Colin Standley netting the vital goals.

For Shefford Town, it was a first away win of the season 4-1 at Harpur FC. Dean Pinkerton and Steve Waller netting in the opening half before in the second period Pinkerton helped himself to another alongside a strike from Simon Longman against a lone home reply from Tom Hibbert.

The day's final game in this section seeing Kings AFC take their home winning run to three games with a 6-2 victory over Great Barford. Ollie Plestead with a hat-trick, one coming from the penalty spot plus Ryan Kelly, Rowan Hazelwood and Saul Cuttell on the scoresheet for the winners against replies from Chris Cooper and Daniel Stafford.

Division Two League Table at 21st November 2009

14 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Bedford Hatters	11	8	2	1	42	16	+26	26
Potton Wanderers	10	8	1	1	43	13	+30	25
Marston Shelton Rovers	10	7	2	1	41	12	+29	23
Arlesey Social Galacticos	11	6	3	2	26	20	+6	21
Brache Sparta Community Reserves	9	5	3	1	25	12	+13	18
Kings AFC	10	5	1	4	35	25	+10	16
Shefford Town	10	4	1	5	19	21	-2	13
Marabese Ceramics	10	4	1	5	13	24	-11	13
Kempston Royals	11	4	1	6	21	34	-13	13
Great Barford	10	3	1	6	21	33	-12	10
Harpur FC	10	2	2	6	20	33	-13	8
Clifton	10	1	4	5	13	21	-8	7
Elstow Abbey 06	11	2	1	8	15	40	-25	7
Shillington [Saturday]	9	0	1	8	10	40	-30	1

Queens Park Crescents remain seven points clear at the head of the Division Three table and still unbeaten this season after a 6-0 home victory over Sandy Reserves. Hassan Yousuf netting four times, Mohammed Rahman once plus an own goal doing the damage.

Second place. Dunton Reserves meanwhile were keeping the pressure up with a 3-1 away win at Stopsley Park to end the home sides five game unbeaten run. Steve Spiers, Luke Gurney and Jon Fediw goals only being replied to by Omar Richards.

Life for bottom of the table Riseley Sports Reserves gets no better, beaten 3-0 on home soil by Westoning Recreation Club Reserves, who were collecting their first away win of the season thanks to goals from Dan Channon, Liam Bloyce and John Bass.

Also beaten on home soil were Caldecote A, 0-5 by Wilshamstead Reserves, Glen Tumulty twice plus Alistair Morris, Matt Tomlins and Shane Wharton netting the goals.

The final game of the day in this Division bringing Lidlington United Sports a 3-2 home victory over Renhold Village. Alex Burrows, Scott Kent and Aiden Redmond the goalscorers against a brace in reply from Carl Townsend.

Division Three League Table at 21st November 2009

10 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Queens Park Crescents	9	8	1	0	40	9	+31	25
Dunton Reserves	9	6	0	3	26	23	+3	18
Lidlington United Sports	9	5	2	2	24	14	+10	17
Renhold Village	9	4	1	4	31	25	+6	13
Stopsley Park	8	3	3	2	32	21	+11	12
Wilshamstead Reserves	9	4	0	5	28	21	+7	12
Westoning Recreation Club [Saturday] Reserves	8	3	1	4	14	18	-4	10
Caldecote 'A'	8	3	0	5	14	42	-28	9
Sandy Reserves	9	1	2	6	15	36	-21	5
Riseley Sports Reserves	8	1	0	7	20	35	-15	3

With league leaders M&DH Oakley away on Watson Shield duty, they now find themselves in third spot after new leaders Sundon Park Rangers and Sharnbrook Reserves came up with home wins. The Rangers retaining their season's unbeaten home record when goals from Lawrence Mapp and Chris Ward took them to a 2-0 win over Clifton Reserves, Whilst Sharnbrook Reserves were beating Kempston Athletic 5-2. Darren Wallinger with two goals plus Jack Hoogstraten, Mark Smith and Ricky Milne only being replied to by a brace from Gary Whitbread.

Elsewhere, Dinamo Flitwick came up with their first away win of the season 2-0 at local rivals Flitwick Town Reserves, Dan Hollis netting both goals. But bottom of the table Bedford Park Rangers are still looking for their first win on the road after being beaten 6-1 at Stewartby Village. Michael Darnell with a hat-trick plus Julian Caves, Tom Wheelhouse and Ben Sparkes, the home marksmen against a penalty reply from Jim Jacobs for The Rangers.

Division Four League Table at 21st November 2009

11 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	10	7	1	2	51	16	+35	22
Sharnbrook Reserves	10	7	1	2	34	12	+22	22
M & DH Oakley	9	7	0	2	29	12	+17	21
Eastcotts	8	4	1	3	22	18	+4	13
Clifton Reserves	9	4	1	4	26	24	+2	13
Flitwick Town Reserves	9	4	0	5	21	35	-14	12
Thurleigh	9	3	2	4	26	24	+2	11
Dinamo Flitwick	9	3	2	4	17	19	-2	11
Stewartby Village	8	3	0	5	21	27	-6	9
Kempston Athletic	8	2	0	6	22	41	-19	6
Bedford Park Rangers	9	1	0	8	13	54	-41	3

M&DH Oakley opened up their Watson Shield campaign in fine style with a 3-0 away win at Eastcotts, Jamie Underwood with a brace and Shaun Cafferty netting the goals

Preview Saturday 28th November 2009

This weekend sees the main point of focus fall onto The FA Carlsberg National League Systems Cup tie at Second Meadow, Biggleswade United, between The

Bedfordshire County Football League and The Dorset Premier League. Kick Off 2.00pm where the leagues representative team will be seeking to advance to the last 16 of the competition for the very first time. As a consequence of this tie, all Premier Division supported by Sportsform fixtures for the day have been postponed to allow the league to field it's strongest team.

For the lower Division sides, it's business as usual, and for 11 Division One sides, action in the 2nd Round of this seasons Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup. The league has interest in 9 of the 15 ties taking place, of these two are all Bedfordshire County Football League affairs. At Cutler Hammer, Kempston will be hosting Meltis Albion, looking to repeat their league victory back in early September. Whilst at Steppingley Road, Flitwick Town entertain Leighton United, Town looking to avenge a 3-1 league defeat at United's Stanbridge Road ground back in early September.

Of the other seven sides in action, three will have home advantage. Being, Henlow at Groveside, when they receive a visit from Totternhoe Reserves, who currently sit in the middle of The Molten Spartan South Midlands League Reserve Division Two table. Marston Social at their Playing Fields headquarters, when Molten South Midlands League Reserve Division One side Langford Reserves come calling and AFC Kempston Town Reserves who face Luton District & South Beds League Premier Division, St Josephs at Hillgrounds.

For the four sides hitting the road, Stevington appear to have the toughest task as they journey to Roker Park to face high flying Stotfold Reserves of the Hereward Teamwear United Counties League Reserve Division One. Whilst Bedford Sports Athletic make their way to face Molten Spartan South Midlands League Division One outfit Crawley Green Reserves.

So, if we are to have a winner on the road, it could well be either Sandy, who journey to face The 61FC Luton Reserves of the Molten Spartan South Midlands League Reserve Division Two at Beverley Road or Caldecote Reserves who venture to Woburn Road and a meeting with Amptill Town Reserves who also ply their trade in the same Molten Spartan South Midlands League Reserve Division Two.

League action thus in Division One is reduced to just two games. At Moggerhanger Playing Fields, Blunham Reserves will be hosting FC Meppershall whilst on The Green, Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves receive a visit from a Campton Reserves side that has lost it's last four trips on the road.

However it's however a full programme of fixtures in Division Two. League Leaders, Bedford Hatters in home Miller Road action against a Marabese Ceramics side that travel seeking their third away win on the bounce. Whilst subject to their recovery from the Swine Flu outbreak, the players of second place Potton Wanderers will be seeking to retain their seasons unbeaten home record when Brace Sparta Community Reserves visit Mill Lane.

Third place Marston Shelton Rovers meanwhile, will be making their way to The Warren to face second from bottom of the table hosts Elstow Abbey, fully expecting to take their unbeaten ways to 10 games.

Another club hitting the road full of hope will be Arlesey Social Galacticos, they head to face Great Barford still with their seasons unbeaten away record intact against a home side that has now dropped into the bottom five of the league standings.

Over at Whiston Crescent, hosts Clifton would love to come up with their first home win of the campaign when local rivals Shefford Town come calling. Whilst Harpur FC at The Bedford Hockey Centre will be expecting to return to winning ways when paid a visit by bottom of the table Shillington, who travel in this game number 10 of the season still looking for their first win of the campaign.

The day's other game in this Division coming at King George VI Playing Fields where Kings AFC seek home win number four on the bounce against Kempston Royals.

For Division Three league leaders Queens Park Crescents, it's a chance to make it six wins on the bounce when they go into home Mowsbury Park action against Renhold Village. Whilst with second place Dunton Reserves sitting the afternoon out, Lidlington United Sports will be fully expected to climb above them with a result from their home Hurst Grove clash with bottom of the table Riseley Sports Reserves.

Other action in this Division sees Sandy Reserves, now without a win in six outings entertain still unbeaten on the road Stopsley Park at Bedford Road Recreation Ground. Whilst Westoning Recreation Club Reserves head for Harvey Close and a meeting with Caldecote A, unbeaten on their last three trips away from their Greenfield Road base.

In Division Four, league leaders Sundon Park Rangers are sitting the afternoon out and will drop below either or both of Sharnbrook Reserves and M&DH Oakley should they come up with wins from their home encounters of the day. Sharnbrook at Lodge Road, receiving a visit from Eastcotts. Whilst M&DH Oakley entertain Thurleigh.

For bottom of the table Bedford Park Rangers, it's a trip on the road to Hinksley Recreation Ground seeking their first away win of the season over hosts Dinamo Flitwick. While in Hillgrounds, second from bottom of the table Kempston Athletic seek home win number three on the bounce when paid a visit by Flitwick Town Reserves.

The day's final action coming at Stewartby Way, where Stewartby Village host Clifton Reserves.