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Action Review From Saturday 24th October 2009

Renhold United missed the opportunity to climb to the top of The Premier Division supported by Sportsform table by being held to a 2-2 home draw by Wilshamstead. United started well enough when Karl Anderson opened the scoring with less than a minute played, but goals on the half-hour mark from Kevin Butler and from Paul Jones 65 minutes into the contest saw the visitors lead, until Richard Hall levelled matters 10 minutes from time.

For third place Campton, it was a shock 1-3 home defeat at the hands of Southill Alexander, and to compound their bad day they were to finish the game with 10 men following the dismissal of Matt Irvine for two yellow card offences, Lasaslle Simon netting twice plus Richard Lewin once for The Alexander against a lone reply from Gary Gibson.

Dunton, having started the day in fourth slot are now down to sixth and without a win in four games after being beaten 1-2 at home by Caldecote, who now take over that fourth place in the league standings. Steve Snelling had shot Dunton ahead on 25 minutes, but a goal from Gareth Boness three minutes from the break saw the sides go in for half-time level at 1-1. Jack Aris then winning the game for Caldecote with a goal 10 minutes from time.

Also jumping above Dunton into fifth place in the table were Blunham, after they run out 5-0 winners at Ickwell & Old Warden. Two goals from Andy Smith plus a strike from Craig Cameron saw Blunham into a 3-0 half-time lead, before a brace of goals from Matty McMahon brought up the nap hand in the second period.

In a day of six away wins from the seven top flight fixtures, AFC Kempston Town were to lose their seasons 100% home record when beaten 0-1 by Oakley Sports, a goal from Stuart Kelly on the half-hour mark taking The Sportsmen to their third consecutive away win.

Elsewhere, it was a first away win of the season for Westoning Recreation Club, who sent bottom club Riseley Sports to their eighth consecutive defeat, two goals from Glen Robinson plus strikes from Ian McGuinness and Will Wiles doing the damage against a home reply from Ricky Milne in a 4-1 victory.

Away win number six of the day belonged to Sharnbrook, 4-2 winners at Woburn. Richard Bridgestock, Ric Bulzis, Neville Allen plus an Ian Strange penalty on the scoresheet against home replies from Ben Nicholls and Nick Skolsky.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 24th October 2009

15 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Biggleswade United Reserves	9	6	1	2	22	12	+10	19
Renhold United	8	5	2	1	19	12	+7	17
Campton	9	5	0	4	24	17	+7	15
Caldecote	8	4	1	3	17	10	+7	13
Blunham	7	4	1	2	21	15	+6	13
Dunton	10	4	1	5	21	15	+6	13
AFC Kempston Town	7	4	0	3	18	9	+9	12
Oakley Sports	6	4	0	2	11	7	+4	12
Wilshamstead	7	3	2	2	15	10	+5	11
Southill Alexander	6	3	1	2	14	7	+7	10
Sharnbrook	8	3	1	4	14	14	+0	10
Ickwell & Old Warden	7	3	0	4	7	17	-10	9
Woburn	8	2	1	5	11	18	-7	7
Westoning Recreation Club [Saturday]	8	2	1	5	16	32	-16	7
Riseley Sports	8	0	0	8	5	40	-35	

For week number five on the bounce, we have new leaders of the Division One league table in the shape of Marston Social, the new leaders running out 4-1 home winners over Bedford Sports Athletic, goals from Steve Holt and Daniel Bullen taking them 2-0 ahead by the break, before Darren Rowlett and Tim Worden doubled the scoreline until Luke Kelly gifted the visitors an own goal late in the game.

Social, taking over the top slot from Flitwick Town, who now drop down into third place after being beaten 4-2 at Kempston. Town with a goal from Ben Wallington led 1-0 at the break, but by the hour mark they were 4-1 down after being blitzed by a brace of goals from David Powell plus strikes from Danny Burraway and Jamie Carson, Shaun Woodcraft then struck late for The Town to bring up the final 4-2 scoreline.

Taking over second spot are Caldecote Reserves, who made it four wins in a row with a 2-1 home victory over Leighton United. Jack Boyd setting them on the way with a goal five minutes into the contest before United's Simon Woolhead levelled matters on the half-hour mark. Andrew Spiers was then to mark his return to the club following his midweek transfer from Dunton, with the winning goal from the penalty spot 15 minutes from time.

For Blunham Reserves, it was an end of their four game winning run when held to a 2-2 home draw by AFC Kempston Town Reserves. Carl Warner shooting Blunham ahead on 64 minutes, but within five minutes, goals from Micky Smith and Ed L'Erario had taken Town in a 2-1 lead, before with the very last kick of the game, Warner added his second goal of the afternoon to help his side share the spoils.



Blunham Reserves FC

At the tenth time of asking, Stevington came up with their first win of the season to climb off the bottom of the league table, winning 4-2 at Henlow, goals from Gareth King, Andy Callin, Matt Coles and Scott Hannam only being replied to by a home brace from Joe Fallano.

Taking over the bottom slot are Kempston Hammers Sports, beaten 2-0 at Sandy, who were returning to home winning ways following four straight defeats, Mark Jennings with a goal after 20 minutes and Chris Baines with a strike on the hour mark doing the damage.

Meanwhile, Meltis Albion were taking their unbeaten home ways to five games with a 4-0 win over a Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves side that has now lost it's last four games on the bounce to drop into the bottom three of the league standings, Luke Pell,

Salvatore Ventriglia and James Pickard netting in the opening half before Asa Garlick added to the tally in the second period.

The day's final game in this division bringing FC Meppershall a 5-2 home win over Campton Reserves, Jason Nice netting twice alongside strikes from Craig Damon, Tom Donovan and Darren Bentley against a brace in reply from Dan Mabbot.

Division One League Table at 24th October 2009

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

Potton Wanderers move back to the head of the Division Two table was made in style by taking their seasons unbeaten ways to eight games with a 5-1 victory at Arlese Social Galacticos, who themselves were losing their seasons unbeaten ways and 100% home record.Sam Worthington giving The Wanderers an opening half lead until strikes from James Hearson, Chris Sams and Greg Instrell shot them 4-0 ahead, Ryan Dodson then netted for the home side before Jess Mayo brought up the Wanderers nap hand and the final 5-1 scoreline.

Wanderers, now lead the table by two points after Bedford Hatters 100% home record and seasons unbeaten ways were ended by a 1-4 defeat at the hands of Marston Shelton Rovers. Xennon Paul with a hat-trick plus a strike from Charlie Standish taking The Rovers own unbeaten ways to six games, whilst the lone Hatters reply came via Paul Clarke.

Another club losing their seasons unbeaten ways were Brache Sparta Community Reserves, beaten 1-0 at Shefford Town, a 30 yard lob volley from Chris Cripps on the half-hour mark bringing about the games only goal.

Clifton however are still looking for their first home win of the season after being held to a 0-0 draw by Harpur FC, for the visitors it was their opening away point of the campaign, alas not enough to prevent them from slipping into the bottom two of the league table following Elstow Abbey 3-2 home win over a Shillington side who remain on the bottom of the pile and still without a win from their opening eight outings. Sam Larsen with a brace of goals separated by a strike from Dave McCarthy giving the visitors a 2-1 interval lead, but McCarthy was to go on and complete his hat-trick with a further two goals in the closing 20 minutes to give The Abbey the points and their first win in five outings.



Shillington FC

Also returning to winning ways for the first time in five outings were Great Barford, 4-1 home winners over Kempston Royals, Jason Amis plus Surge Ndikum shooting the home side 2-0 ahead until Royals, Lorenzo Jordan netted to take the sides in at half-time just a goal apart, that's the way it stayed until 10 minutes from time when an

own goal plus a strike from Luke Haverley finally ensured the points would be Barford's.

The day's final scheduled game in this section between Luton Old Boys and Marabese Ceramics having to be postponed after The Old Boys, just seven games into the season, withdrew their membership from the league during the week.

Division Two League Table at 24th October 2009

15 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Potton Wanderers	8	7	1	0	36	8	+28	22
Bedford Hatters	9	6	2	1	37	13	+24	20
Brache Sparta Community Reserves	9	4	4	1	22	14	+8	16
Arlesey Social Galacticos	7	5	1	1	15	9	+6	16
Marston Shelton Rovers	8	4	3	1	26	13	+13	15
Luton Old Boys [Saturday]	7	3	3	1	16	16	+0	12
Great Barford	8	3	1	4	18	23	-5	10
Kempston Royals	8	3	1	4	15	21	-6	10
Kings AFC	7	3	0	4	20	20	+0	9
Shefford Town	8	3	0	5	14	16	-2	9
Clifton	8	1	4	3	8	14	-6	7
Marabese Ceramics	7	2	1	4	7	16	-9	7
Elstow Abbey 06	9	2	0	7	12	35	-23	6
Harpur FC	7	1	2	4	14	21	-7	5
Shillington [Saturday]	8	0	1	7	12	33	-21	1

Dunton Reserves chance to climb back onto the top of the Division Three league table due to Queens Park Crescents afternoon of inactivity was blown away when they were beaten 3-0 away at Lidlington United Sports. Chris Roberts, Louis Weedon and Darren Sims netting the goals to lift United up to fourth place in the league standings.

For Renhold Village, it was a 4-0 win at Caldecote A to close the gap on Dunton Reserves to just two points and retain third spot, Carl Townsend netting twice alongside Marcus Joseph and Pete Neale.

Elsewhere, Wilshamstead Reserves were the division's highest scorers of the day, running out 7-2 home victors over bottom of the table Riseley Sports Reserves. Glen Tumulty netting five goals, Ross Zeltabruhuv once plus an own goal for the winners against replies via Matt Jenness and James Parker.

The day's final game of the day in this division giving Westoning Recreation Club Reserves a 3-1 home win over Sandy Reserves. Liam Boyle the hero with a hat-trick, whilst the Sandy reply came via an own goal.

Division Three League Table at 24th October 2009

10 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Queens Park Crescents	6	5	1	0	24	5	+19	16
Dunton Reserves	7	5	0	2	21	16	+5	15
Renhold Village	7	4	1	2	27	17	+10	13
Lidlington United Sports	6	3	1	2	12	6	+6	10
Stopsley Park	5	2	2	1	25	13	+12	8
Wilshamstead Reserves	6	2	0	4	15	15	+0	6
Westoning Recreation Club [Saturday] Reserves	6	2	0	4	9	16	-7	6
Caldecote 'A'	6	2	0	4	7	31	-24	6
Sandy Reserves	6	1	1	4	9	21	-12	4
Riseley Sports Reserves	5	1	0	4	12	21	-9	3

It's as you were at the top of the Division Four league table after wins for the top two sides, leaders Sundon Park Rangers putting an end to M&DH Oakley's 100% home record with a 3-0 victory, a Luke Evans penalty plus a goal from Nicky Buttegeig seeing them into a 2-0 half-time lead before Buttegeig added to the scoreline in the second period. Meanwhile, Sharnbrook Reserves were 4-1 home winners over Thurleigh. David Miljkovic with a hat-trick plus a goal from Jayme Harris doing the damage.

For Clifton Reserves, it was their first away win of the season, winning 4-2 at Dinamo Flitwick, Greg King netting twice alongside Sam McNaught and Leighton Machin, whilst the home replies came via Ernest Mayne and Barrie Lee Hannam.

It was also a red letter day for Bedford Park Rangers, with their first win of the season, 5-4 at home over Kempston Athletic, Scott Cook with a hat-trick plus Mark

Reynolds and Richard Patterson netting the vital goals for The Rangers against a hat-trick from Gary Whitbread and Sean Betts getting onto the Athletic scoresheet.

The days final game seeing Flitwick Town Reserves net a 4-2 home win over Eastcotts, Grant Tibbet with a brace plus Grant Archer and Clive Craig netting the Town goals against a penalty reply from Liam Parker and a strike for Shane Wilson on the Eastcotts scoresheet.

Division Four League Table at 24th October 2009

11 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	8	6	1	1	47	13	+34	19
Sharnbrook Reserves	8	6	1	1	26	6	+20	19
M & DH Oakley	7	5	0	2	21	12	+9	15
Eastcotts	7	3	1	3	16	14	+2	10
Flitwick Town Reserves	6	3	0	3	12	24	-12	9
Thurleigh	8	2	2	4	23	22	+1	8
Dinamo Flitwick	6	2	2	2	14	15	-1	8
Clifton Reserves	6	2	1	3	15	17	-2	7
Stewartby Village	6	2	0	4	11	20	-9	6
Kempston Athletic	6	1	0	5	18	35	-17	3
Bedford Park Rangers	6	1	0	5	10	35	-25	3

Preview for Saturday 31st October 2009

This weekends action takes Premier Division supported by Sportsform league leaders Biggleswade United Reserves with a two point lead at the head of the standings, on the road to Moggerhanger Playing Fields to defend their seasons unbeaten away record against fifth place Blunham, who having won three of their four home outings to date will perhaps fancy their chances of an upset.

Should that upset occur, then Renhold United would have a second chance to climb to the top of the table if they could extend their current winning away ways to four games when they visit Harvey Close to face fourth place Caldecote. The hosts are yet to win on home soil this campaign, a fact that will perhaps make United's task harder rather than easier to come away with the full three points.

For third place Campton, its a trip on the road to Greenfield Road to face second from the bottom of the table Westoning Recreation Club, The Rec Boys having won just

one of their four home outings to date this campaign looking to have a hard task on their hands to make this win number two.

Over at Lodge Road, Sharnbrook will be hosting Dunton, the home side going in search of their first home win of the campaign, whilst the visitors travel on the back of three straight defeats. Even worse off are of course, bottom of the table Riseley Sports, who in this game number nine of the season travel to Jubilee Playing Fields to face a Wilshamstead side now unbeaten in its last three outings, The Sportsmen travel still looking for their opening point of the season.

The days other top flight action coming at The Carlsberg Stadium, where Southill Aleaxander now on a three game unbeaten run face a AFC Kempston Town side that has lost its last two outings to slip down the table into seventh place and a victory for the home side would see them leap above them in the standings come the final whistle.

In Division One, we have had five different leaders of the league table in so many weeks, but for us to have a sixth, it will require Campton Reserves finding a way to end their own three game losing run and coming up with a result at Rectory Road when they host still unbeaten on the road this campaign and current table toppers Marston Social.

Should this happen, then three sides have the chance to take over that top spot. Current second placers Caldecote Reserves, still with a 100% seasons away record making the short journey to Cople Playing Fields to face a Bedford Sports Athletic side in search of its first home win since the opening day of the season, whilst third place Flitwick Town will surely start firm favourites for the full three points when they host Henlow at Steppingley Road.

The other side that could yet top the standings is Kempston, but their task on paper looks much tougher, when they hit the road to Stanbridge Road to face Leighton United, who sit just one place and one point below them in the league table.

Over at Cutler Hammer, hosts Kempston Hammers Sports will be looking for a win to lift them off the bottom of the table, but it will not be easy, their visitors FC Meppershall travelling in search of win number three on the bounce. Whilst for second from bottom of the table Stevington, its the task of trying to produce their opening home win of the campaign when paid a visit by a Meltis Albion side now on a four game unbeaten run. Meanwhile over at Hillgrounds, AFC Kempston Town Reserves will also be in search of that first elusive home win of the season when Sandy come calling.

The days other action in this division coming on The Green, where Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves, now on a four game losing run, are the third side looking for their first home win of the season when they go into local derby action against still unbeaten on the road in league action this season Blunham Reserves.

Division Two action brings about a home game at Mill Lane for league leaders Potton Wanderers who defend their seasons unbeaten ways when paid a visit by Great Barford, whilst second place Bedford Hatters who trail The Wanderers by two points

are in home Miller Road action against a now returning to form Shefford Town who travel in search of their first away win of the campaign.

Having lost their seasons unbeaten tag last weekend Brache Sparta Community Reserves will hope to return to winning ways when they visit Groveside to face home side Marabese Ceramics who are without a win in their last four outings, a comment that also applies to fourth place Arlesey Social Galacticos as they head for Greenfield's and a meeting with bottom of the table Shillington in local derby action.

It's a meeting of the two clubs immediately above Shillington in the standings at Bedford Hockey Centre, where a first win in five outings for hosts Harpur FC would lift them above their opponents Elstow Abbey, who travel having lost all of their opening four away games on the road this season.

Still very much in the promotion race are Marston Shelton Rovers who will be defending their season's unbeaten home ways against a visiting Clifton, who seek to take their own unbeaten away record to four games. Whilst Hillgrounds, is the venue for Kempston Royals, home clash with Kings AFC.

The top game in Division Three comes at Horseshoes Close, where second in the table Dunton Reserves receive a visit from unbeaten league leaders Queens Park Crescents, knowing a victory will lift them to the top of the standings.

For third place Renhold Village its a home clash with fourth place Lidlington United Sports, knowing that a victory plus a positive result either way at Horseshoes Close will see them finish the day in second spot in the league standings.

At the other end of the table, its a home game at Gold Street for basement side Riseley Sports Reserves who host Caldecote A, whilst second from bottom Sandy Reserves are also in home action at Bedford Road against Wilshamstead Reserves whose three journeys away from home this season have all ended in defeat.

The days other action in this division coming at St Thomas Road where hosts Stopsley Park receive a visit from yet to win on the road Westoning Recreation Club Reserves.

With second in the table Sharnbrook Reserves sitting the afternoon out, Division Four league leaders Sundon Park Rangers have the chance to open up a three point lead at the head of the standings should they win their away encounter with a Thurleigh side that has failed to win any of it's last five outings.

For third in the table M&DH Oakley, its a chance to close the gap on Sharnbrook to just one point with a win when they journey to Mowsbury Park to face Bedford Park Rangers, who themselves will need the full three points to climb off the bottom of the table even if Kempston Athletic fail to collect points when they host Dinamo Flitwick in Hillgrounds, the visitors having drawn both of their away games so far this season.

Other action comes at Whiston Crescent, where Clifton Reserves defend their unbeaten home record against Flitwick Town Reserves, whilst Hillgrounds is also the venue for Eastcotts home clash with Stewartby Village.

