

Bedfordshire County Football League

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Monday 2nd April 2018

Just one game on the 3G surface at Wixams was to beat the Easter rain. The encounter in Division Two taking Wilstead Reserves to a 5-3 victory over Houghton Athletic. Luke Pursey netting a hat-trick and Sam Ward a brace to bring up the nap hand against a hat-trick in reply from Olounwa Amadi for the visitors.

Division Two League Table at 2nd April 2018

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Henlow Reserves	18	12	3	3	68	39	29	39
2	Bedford Albion First	16	11	2	3	46	23	23	35
3	Wilstead Reserves	16	11	1	4	48	32	16	34
4	Marston Shelton Rovers Reserves	20	11	4	5	53	49	4	34 *
5	Caldecote Reserves	19	8	4	7	45	32	13	28
6	Elstow Abbey First	20	8	4	8	32	35	-3	28
7	CS Rovers First	22	9	1	12	56	67	-11	28
8	AFC Oakley M&DH (Sat) Reserves	18	7	2	9	24	40	-16	22 *
9	Houghton Athletic First	19	6	3	10	33	42	-9	20 *
10	Atletico Europa First	19	5	4	10	41	56	-15	19
11	Westoning First	17	5	4	8	41	42	-1	18 *
12	Luton Leagrave AFC First	21	5	3	13	49	61	-12	18
13	Sundon Park Rovers First	19	3	7	9	35	53	-18	16
14	Wixams Wanderers [withdrawn 57%]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1 *
15	Renhold United Res [withdrawn 69%]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-4 *

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Wednesday 4th April 2018

Tonight Shefford Town & Campton regained the leadership of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table with a 7-0 home win over Sharnbrook. Goals from Ricky Young, Ryan Lewis and Jim Burnside saw them lead 3-0 at the break before Lewis and Burnside added to their personal tally in the second period before goals from Sam King and Cameron Sharp brought up the seven goal tally.

The Wootton Blue Cross v AFC Oakley M&DH Premier Division game being postponed due to a waterlogged pitch alongside the Division One clash between Cranfield United Reserves and AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 4th April 2018

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Shefford Town & Campton First	20	13	3	4	62	20	42	42
2	Caldecote First	21	12	6	3	54	38	16	42
3	Ickwell & Old Warden First	22	13	1	8	61	55	6	39 *
4	Flitwick Town First	24	11	4	9	52	50	2	37
5	AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College First	20	11	3	6	40	30	10	36
6	Crawley Green Reserves	19	11	3	5	49	30	19	35 *
7	AFC Oakley M&DH (Sat) First	20	10	3	7	53	40	13	33
8	Stevington First	20	9	5	6	43	33	10	31 *
9	Wilstead First	20	8	5	7	39	45	-6	29
10	Wootton Blue Cross First	19	8	2	9	47	45	2	26
11	Queens Park Crescents First	23	6	2	15	33	63	-30	20
12	Marston Shelton Rovers First	21	4	7	10	35	38	-3	19
13	Cranfield United First	18	4	6	8	31	38	-7	18
14	Sharnbrook First	18	4	5	9	25	46	-21	17
15	Kempston Rovers Development	25	2	3	20	24	77	-53	5 *
16	Renhold United First [withdrawn 66%]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3 *

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Brian Buck Travellers Tales

278. (12,610) Wednesday 4th April 2018. Shefford Town and Campton 7 Sharnbrook 0 (Bedfordshire County League Premier Division) att 20 approx. Despite there being some heavy showers around today, this match went ahead without any problems and although it was raining on our arrival and during parts of the game the pitch was perfectly playable. The last time we were here it was for a pre-season friendly and the car park was well used because a Wake was going on. Tonight there were a lot of cars here too, but this was for a Slimming Club meeting. Fat chance you'll get me to go to one of these! Tonights match was refed by the same chap who refed the previous nights game I saw. He had a bit more to do in the first half here though, but he had less running around to do because he only played 40 minutes each way. With some dark clouds hanging around this was clearly the right thing to do. It also did Sharnbrook a favour as despite listing a full team and two subs on their team sheet they could only field nine players throughout. So it was then that Shefford had a leisurely win and they never really needed to fully extend themselves to achieve this. Three goals in the first half and four in the second did the trick and some of them were good ones. However the best player on the pitch was probably the Sharnbrook keeper, the oldest and the best player! To me he looked like one of those keepers who likes getting caked in mud! Given their circumstances it was good of Sharnbrook to come and fulfil the fixture tonight. Meanwhile this win took Shefford back to the top of the table, on goal difference but having played a game less than Caldecote. It's shaping up to be an exciting end of the season, even if it eventually finishes some time in June!

Friday 6th April 2018

Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup Final.

Before a Pottton United Hollow crowd of 216 Henlow Reserves were to come from behind to claim this seasons Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup. The game starting in explosive fashion with the Albion going ahead with just three minutes showing on the watch, Adam Lewis

delivering a long range effort which cannoned against the uprights and ended up in the back of the net via the back of Henlow goalkeeper Andrew McEwan. However the rest of the half belonged to Henlow which saw effort after effort fail to hit the target or end up in the arms of Albion custodian Stephen Popland to see the half-time break arrive without any addition to the scoreline.

The game however was to turn inside a five minute spell 20 minutes from time, first Andrew Newton drew the sides level and then Chris Powell hit the winner which upon reflection saw justice done.

Action Round Up Saturday 7th April 2018

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

With the top two clubs away on Britannia Cup duty third place Ickwell & Old Warden now only trail them on goal difference after they recorded their third home win on the bounce with a 1-0 victory over AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College thanks to a goal from Marko Tobdzic. Whilst fourth place Crawley Green Reserves kept themselves very much in the championship race with a 6-1 home win over Queens Park Crescents. Temitayo Akerele, Robert Newman, Cameron Veazey, Lewis Billington, Jarrad Isles goals alongside an own goal doing the damage against a lone Crescents reply from Ghulam Murtaza.

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1	Shefford Town & Campton First	20	13	3	4	62	20	42	42
2	Caldecote First	21	12	6	3	54	38	16	42
3	Ickwell & Old Warden First	23	14	1	8	62	55	7	42 *
4	Crawley Green Reserves	20	12	3	5	55	31	24	38 *
5	Flitwick Town First	25	11	4	10	53	53	0	37
6	AFC Oakley M&DH (Sat) First	21	11	3	7	55	40	15	36
7	AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College First	21	11	3	7	40	31	9	36
8	Wilstead First	21	9	5	7	44	47	-3	32
9	Stevington First	20	9	5	6	43	33	10	31 *
10	Wootton Blue Cross First	19	8	2	9	47	45	2	26
11	Cranfield United First	19	5	6	8	34	39	-5	21
12	Queens Park Crescents First	24	6	2	16	34	69	-35	20
13	Marston Shelton Rovers First	22	4	7	11	35	40	-5	19
14	Sharnbrook First	19	4	5	10	27	51	-24	17
15	Kempston Rovers Development	25	2	3	20	24	77	-53	5 *
16	Renhold United First [withdrawn 66%]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3 *

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Going nap were Wilstead with a 5-2 home victory over Sharnbrook. Ryan Davenport and Kevin Butler both netting twice and Paul Jones once against Sharnbrook replies via Joe McDonagh and Lewis Donald. Elsewhere AFC Oakley M&DH chalked up their fourth win on the bounce in beating Marston Shelton Rovers 2-0 in a game switched and played on their own ground. Dan Kelly and Elijah Hukin netting the M&DH goals.

Meantime Flitwick Town are now without a home win in five outings after being beaten 3-1 by Cranfield United. Joe Sames with a brace including one from the penalty spot plus Ryan Collis netting for the United against a Town reply via Phil Matthews.

Britannia Cup Semi-Finals

This seasons Britannia Cup final will be between Caldecote and Stevington after they both won on the road. For Caldecote it was the need to come from behind with a goal from substitute Carl Heath after Chris Butler had netted for Wootton Blue Cross to end the 90 minutes at 1-1 before they won the penalty shoot-out 4-2. Whilst with goals from Jordan Wright and Antonia Mitri, Stevington were the 2-1 winners at Shefford Town & Campton whose goal came from Lewis Taylor.

Division One supported by O'Neills

There is no change at the head of the Division One supported by O'Neills league table following home wins for the top three sides. For league leaders Totternhoe Reserves it was a retention of their seasons 100% home record with a 7-1 win over Shefford Town & Campton Reserves. Tom Howson leading the way with a hat-trick and joined on the home scoresheet by single goals from Jonny Clarke, Lee Fromant, Cullum Horgan and Braydon Judge against a lone Town reply from Sam King.

For second place Riseley Sports it was home win number eight on the bounce in beating Flitwick Town Reserves 4-1. Jack Healey, James Cooke, Jay Willett and Jason Woolf all finding the back of the net against a lone Town reply via Mark Bartlett. Whilst for third place Wixams, a penalty from Grant Tibbett secured them a 1-0 victory over Lea Sports PSG.

Division One supported by O'Neills League Table at 7th April 2018

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Totternhoe Reserves	22	18	2	2	94	29	65	56
2	Riseley Sports First	22	16	4	2	64	26	38	52
3	Wixams First	24	16	1	7	69	46	23	49
4	AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Rese	21	13	2	6	64	44	20	41
5	Lea Sports PSG (Saturday) First	22	13	2	7	48	44	4	41
6	Flitwick Town Reserves	25	10	4	11	52	59	-7	34
7	Sandy First	24	10	4	10	65	52	13	33 *
8	Cranfield United Reserves	19	9	4	6	39	31	8	31
9	Henlow First	25	8	4	13	52	57	-5	27 *
10	Biggleswade Reserves	24	7	6	11	51	57	-6	27
11	Cople & Bedford SA First	22	7	6	9	59	56	3	26 *
12	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	22	7	2	13	60	55	5	23
13	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	24	3	1	20	30	102	-72	10
14	Meltis Albion First	24	2	0	22	24	113	-89	5 *
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AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves now find themselves in fourth spot and

above Lea Sports PSG on goal difference after they ran out 6-1 home winners over bottom of the table Meltis Albion. Martin Ivy netting five times and Paul Obuch the once against a lone penalty reply via Albion's Fabio Esposito. Whilst second from bottom of the table The 61 FC Luton Reserves were beaten 7-1 at home by Cople & Bedford SA. Daniel Bond with a hat-trick, Ollie Hughes with a brace plus single goals from Gary Canzano and Lucas Banton only being replied to once by Amirui Hanza.

Elsewhere Cranfield United Reserves extended their unbeaten home ways up to four games with a 2-1 victory over a Henlow side who were losing their fifth away game on the bounce. Luke Gray and Ryan Collis on the United scoresheet against a Henlow reply from Charlie Willison.

Also extending their home unbeaten ways were Sandy up to six games in sharing the points at Bedford Road with Biggleswade FC Reserves in a 2-2 draw. Aaron Seldon and Daniel Whitten netting the home goals and George Holman and John Veal replying for the visitors.

Division Two

With league leaders Henlow Reserves sitting the afternoon out following their previous evenings Beds FA Junior Cup win their lead at the head of the standings is now now to just two points following away wins for Wilstead Reserves and Marston Shelton Rovers Reserves. For second place Wilstead Reserves it was a 5-2 victory over Westoning. Luke Pursey with a brace plus single goals from Glen Tumulty, Sam Ward and Jamie Lovell only being replied to twice by Harry Bushbridge and Lewis Cooksley. Whilst the Rovers extended their unbeaten ways up to 13 games by also going nap in winning 5-2 at Caldecote Reserves. Lorenzo Jordan with four goals and Jake Cullum bringing the Rovers nap hand up against home replies from Josh Wilson and Nick Thomas.

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1	Henlow Reserves	18	12	3	3	68	39	29	39
2	Wilstead Reserves	17	12	1	4	53	34	19	37
3	Marston Shelton Rovers Reserves	21	12	4	5	58	51	7	37 *
4	Bedford Albion First	16	11	2	3	46	23	23	35
5	Elstow Abbey First	21	9	4	8	34	35	-1	31
6	Caldecote Reserves	20	8	4	8	47	37	10	28
7	CS Rovers First	23	9	1	13	56	69	-13	28
8	Atletico Europa First	20	6	4	10	44	57	-13	22
9	AFC Oakley M&DH (Sat) Reserves	19	7	2	10	24	41	-17	22 *
10	Houghton Athletic First	20	6	3	11	34	45	-11	20 *
11	Sundon Park Rovers First	20	4	7	9	36	53	-17	19
12	Westoning First	18	5	4	9	43	47	-4	18 *
13	Luton Leagrave AFC First	21	5	3	13	49	61	-12	18
14	Wixams Wanderers [withdrawn 57%]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1 *
15	Renhold United Res [withdrawn 69%]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-4 *

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However despite these wins Henlow's main rivals for the league title comes in the shape of Bedford Albion who they defeated in that Junior Cup win who now sit in fourth spot just four points shy of the league leaders but having played two games fewer.

There was also a victory on the road for Atletico Europa at the ninth time of asking in beating Houghton Athletic 3-1 who have now lost their last eight games. Abdoulaye Diallo, Paddy Alimanji and Alessandro Leonetti on the visitors scoresheet against a lone reply via Kelly Ajayyi. Whilst a fourth away win of the day was achieved by Elstow Abbey who won 2-0 at CS Rovers thanks to goals from James Reynolds and Matt Poulton.

The lone home win of the day belonging to Sundon Park Rovers who with a goal from Jordan Holmes were 1-0 winners over AFC Oakley M&DH Reserves.

Division Three

The chase for the Division Three league titles remains in the melting pot after three point hauls by the top two clubs. For current league leaders Kempston Athletic it was a taking of their unbeaten ways to 14 games with a 4-3 home victory over Black Swan thanks to braces of goals from Craig Damon and James Maxwell against Swan replies via Danny McGovern twice and Kai Buccerio once. Harlington's points coming much easier when gifted to them by Flitwick Town A who failed to raise a side to meet them at the Football Centre.

Division Three League Table at 7th April 2018

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston Athletic First	23	18	3	2	98	46	52	57
2	Harlington First	23	18	2	3	82	38	44	56
3	Clifton First	20	13	5	2	68	37	31	44
4	Black Swan (Luton)	21	13	1	7	72	34	38	40
5	Caldecote 'A'	20	10	8	2	57	42	15	38
6	Bedford Albion Reserves	22	10	7	5	62	36	26	36 *
7	Sandy Reserves	26	11	3	12	60	68	-8	36
8	Lidlington United Sports Club First	23	11	2	10	50	49	1	35
9	Shefford Town & Campton 'A'	22	9	2	11	50	44	6	29
10	AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College 'A'	24	6	6	12	48	93	-45	24
11	Flitwick Town 'A'	22	7	3	12	48	52	-4	22 *
12	Stevington Reserves	23	6	2	15	48	69	-21	18 *
13	White Eagles First	26	7	0	19	59	88	-29	17 *
14	Wootton Village First	26	5	2	19	31	75	-44	17
15	Dinamo Flitwick First	25	5	2	18	45	107	-62	16 *

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The biggest win of the day was to belong to Bedford Albion Reserves the 8-1 home victors over Lidlington United Sports. Tom Wade and Michael France with braces joined on the Albion scoresheet by Brandon Hung, Josh Emmerton, Aaron Fletcher and Craig Hanna against a lone United reply from Ed Janes. Whilst the biggest away winners were Shefford Town & Campton A who won 5-1 at Dinamo Flitwick, their first away win in six outings. Gareth Head with a brace joined on the Town scoresheet by single goals from Josh Lummis, Ben Sheehan and Stephen Howe against a lone home reply via Tom Sargent.

Also going nap were White Eagles who moved themselves off of the bottom of the league standings with a 5-2 home victory over AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College A. Jan

Bucur with a hat-hatrick joined on the Eagles scoresheet by Oskar Szaryck and Rafal Cygan against Town replies via Steven Capener and Arkadiusz Boruch. Whilst Clifton remain unbeaten on home soil this season after beating Stevington Reserves 3-1. Charlie Watson, Joe Worboys and Ross Donaldson netting the goals against one in reply from Noel Shankland.

Elsewhere, Caldecote A are now unbeaten in their last 11 starts and Sandy Reserves in their last 6 starts after they shared the points in a 2-2 draw at Harvey Close. Sam Nightingale and James Whitmore on the home scoresheet and Aiden London and Sean Duignan replying for the visitors.

The Next Seven Days

Monday 9th April 2018

Division Three

Clifton v Sandy Reserves

Kempston Athletic v Bedford Albion Reserves

Stevington Reserves v Shefford Town & Campton A

Tuesday 10th April 2018

Division One supported by O'Neills

Wixams v Cranfield United Reserves

East Beds Charity Cup Semi-Final

Elstow Abbey v Biggleswade Under U18. @ Biggleswade United 7.45pm

Wednesday 11th April 2018

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Caldecote v Crawley Green Reserves

Ickwell & Old Warden v Wootton Blue Cross

Sharnbrook v AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College

Cranfield United v AFC Oakley M&DH

Marston Shelton Rovers v Shefford Town & Campton

Division Two

Wilstead Reserves v Bedford Albion

Division Three

Black Swan v Harlington

Lidlington United Sports v Caldecote A

Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup Final

AFC Dunstable U21 v Riseley Sports @ Kempston Rovers FC .

East Beds Charity Cup Semi-Final

Sandy v Biggleswade Town U18 @ Biggleswade United 7.45pm

Saturday 14th April 2018

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Caldecote v Wilstead

Crawley Green Reserves v AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College

Flitwick Town v Queens Park Crescents

Kempston Rovers Development v Cranfield United

Sharnbrook v Wootton Blue Cross

Shefford Town & Campton v Ickwell & Old Warden

Division One supported by O'Neills

Cople & Bedford SA v Biggleswade FC Reserves

Cranfield United Reserves v Shefford Town & Campton Reserves

Meltis Albion v Riseley Sports

Sandy v Henlow

61 FC Luton Reserves v Lea Sports PSG

Centenary Cup Semi-final

Totternhoe Reserves v AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College

Division Two

AFC Oakley M&DH Reserves v Henlow Reserves

Luton Leagrave AFC v Bedford Albion

Westoning v Caldecote Reserves

Wilstead Reserves v CS Rovers

Division Three

Bedford Albion Reserves v Harlington

Black Swan v Kempston Athletic

Caldecote A v Dinamo Flitwick

Flitwick Town A v AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College A

Lidlington United Sports v Shefford Town & Campton A

Sandy Reserves v Stevington Reserves

Watson Shield Semi-Final

BYSL Barton Rovers v Clifton