

Bedfordshire County Football League



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The Bedfordshire County Football League were to end their involvement in this seasons FA Carlsberg National Systems Cup when a 88th minute goal from Dorset Premier Leagues Aaron Corby took his side to a 2-1 victory. It was the visitors who had much the better of the early play and only two outstanding saves from home goalkeeper Barry Ulyatt to deny first Jacob Harrop then Jamie Moores kept his side in the game. The home sides first effort on goal not coming until Leeroy Odd brought a decent save out of Dorset goalkeeper Tim Pearce 15 minutes into the contest.

Harrop was however to gain his revenge on Ulyatt seven minutes from the break, when he took full advantage of some poor defending to slot his side 1-0 ahead. Moores was then guilty of an early second half miss which would have left the home side with a mountain to climb. The turning point of the contest arriving on the hour mark when referee Ian Rathbone adjudged Dorset's Alex Halloran to have handled the ball in his own box to give the home side a penalty. Alas visiting goalkeeper Pearce got down well on his left post to save Odd's spot kick, Pearce just 60 seconds later retaining his hero status to keep out a header from Neville Allen.

At the other end, Ulyatt again showed his class to save well from Harrop, until with just eight minutes left the home side levelled the match, Daniel Webb's long throw causing total mayhem in the Dorset box to allow James Allen to bundle the ball over the line for the 1-1 scoreline. Alas there was to be no fairy tale ending, Ulyatt tipping a Harrop effort over his bar and from that resulting corner there was Corby on hand to slide home the visitors winner.

Bedfordshire County Football League. Barry Ulyatt (Blunham) Neville Allen (Sharnbrook) Ollie Housden (Oakley Sports) Daniel Webb (Campton) Ben Flatters (Sharnbrook) Rakesh Gill (Ickwell & Old Warden) Jason Allison (Sharnbrook) Kai Griffiths-Shilton (Biggleswade United) Tom McGhee (Dunton) Leeroy Odd (Caldecote) Dean Warren (Flitwick Town) Subs Used. James Allen (AFC Kempston Town) Tony Goodwin (Renhold United)

Five Bedfordshire County Football League sides safely made their way into the draw for the third round. Topping the list were Marston Social with a penalty shoot-out win

over Molten Spartan South Midlands League Langford Reserves. A strike from Darren Rowlett plus an own goal saw the sides deadlock at 2-2 after 90 minutes and with extra time bringing no further goals it was all down to a penalty shoot-out. Social's James Kinns, Ashley Dean, Richard Stimpson, Lewis Tompkins and James Armstrong all netting for a perfect set of five goals against the visitors four in reply.

Also sending Molten Spartan South Midlands League opposition out of the cup were both Henlow and Caldecote Reserves. Two goals from Joe Fallano and Pete Saunders seeing Henlow to a 4-1 home win over Totternhoe Reserves. Whilst Caldecote Reserves were extra time 4-2 winners at Amphill Town Reserves, two Jack Boyd goals seeing the game deadlock at 2-2 after 90 minutes before Boyd completed his hat-trick plus Andrew Spiers added to the scoreline to take Caldecote to victory in extra time.



Caldecote Reserves

Joining these sides in round three are Leighton United and Kempston. United needing extra time to win 3-1 at Flitwick Town. A Kevin Hilton goal looked to have booked United's passage in the next round until with just two minutes left, Town's Dean Conway levelled matters, but it was to be United's day when goals from Alex Bradley and James Batten in extra time saw them home.

Kempston meanwhile were 2-1 home winners over Meltis Albion, it was The Albion who led at the break thanks to a goal from Daniel Wells before second half strikes from Danny Burraway on 72 minutes and Ricky Prince on 80 minutes took the home side to victory.

Nearly joining them in the next round were both Bedford Sports Athletic and AFC Kempston Town Reserves. Athletic with goals from Matthew Smith and Gary Canzano leading 2-0 away at Molten Spartan South Midlands League Crawley Green Reserves at half-time before losing 3-2. Whilst goals from Earl Patterson and Nigel Drummond were not enough to save Town from a 2-3 home defeat by Luton District & South Beds League outfit St Joseph's.

Also making their exit were Sandy, beaten 3-0 at Molten Spartan South Midlands League 61 FC Luton Reserves and Stevington beaten 8-0 at Hereward Teamwear United Counties League Stotfold Reserves

League Division One Table at November 28th 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
Blunham Reserves	14	6	3	5	23	28	-5	21
Bedford Sports Athletic	13	5	3	5	28	25	+3	18
AFC Kempston Town Reserves	12	5	2	5	21	25	-4	17
Henlow	12	5	1	6	21	31	-10	16
FC Meppershall	13	4	2	7	35	39	-4	14
Sandy	13	4	1	8	26	24	+2	13
Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	10	4	1	5	24	27	-3	13
Campton Reserves	14	4	0	10	28	40	-12	12
Stevington	14	3	2	9	27	42	-15	11
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 all the Beds FA Intermediate Cup action going on, the Division One league programme was confined to just two games. Blunham Reserves climbing up to seventh place in the league standings with a 2-1 home win over FC Meppershall, all thanks to goals from Gareth Hughes and Elliot West against a lone reply from Darren Bentley. Whilst Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves are now out of the bottom two of the table following their 2-1 home victory over Campton Reserves, goals from Lee Threadgold and Steve Monks against a reply from Kevin Rimmer doing the damage.

There is no change at the head of the Division Two league table after all of the top four clubs came up with wins. League leaders Bedford Hatters netting a 1-0 home win over Marabese Ceramics, all thanks to a goal from Danny De Feo which took them to their fourth home win on the bounce. Whilst second place Potton Wanderers maintain their seasons unbeaten home ways with a 4-0 win over Brache Sparta Community Reserves, two goals from James Sergeant plus strikes from Joe Harrington and Ricky Aris seeing them home to the three points.



Bedford Hatters FC

For third place Marston Shelton Rovers, it was win number six on the bounce, 4-2 at Elstow Abbey. Chris Patrickson with a brace including one from the penalty spot plus Zennon Paul and Shaun McFarland netting the vital goals against Abbey replies from Adam Flynn and Dave McCarthy, the home sides cause not helped by the first half sending off of Sean Allison for picking up two yellow cards.

Meanwhile, fourth place Arleseey Social Galacticos were 2-0 winners at Great Barford, Ryan Dobson with goals on the half-hour mark and five minutes from time collecting the points.

Elsewhere, Shillington remain rooted to the bottom of the league table after losing 8-2 at Harpur FC. Martin Ivy leading the way with a hat-trick supported by braces of goals from Justin Dear and Fabrizio Cataldo plus a single strike from Michael Stevenson, the Shillington replies coming from Sam Larsen and Richard Ciaravella.

Clifton's plight at the wrong end of the table gets no better after they were beaten 2-4 at home by Shefford Town. Rob Cox and Garry Brown taking the visitors into a 2-0 half-time lead before goals from Greg King and Lee Austin levelled matter up, that was until Tom Scurfield struck twice to give The Town the three points.

The day's final game in this section seeing Kings AFC and Kempston Royals share the spoils in a 2-2 draw, Rowan Hazelwood and Andy Mayes on target for the home side against Royal replies from Claudio Jordan and Lorenzo Jordan.

Division Two League Table at November 28th 2009

14 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Bedford Hatters	12	9	2	1	43	16	+27	29
Potton Wanderers	11	9	1	1	47	13	+34	28
Marston Shelton Rovers	11	8	2	1	45	14	+31	26
Arlesey Social Galacticos	12	7	3	2	28	20	+8	24
Brache Sparta Community Reserves	10	5	3	2	25	16	+9	18
Kings AFC	11	5	2	4	37	27	+10	17
Shefford Town	11	5	1	5	23	23	+0	16
Kempston Royals	12	4	2	6	23	36	-13	14
Marabese Ceramics	11	4	1	6	13	25	-12	13
Harpur FC	11	3	2	6	28	35	-7	11
Great Barford	11	3	1	7	21	35	-14	10
Clifton	11	1	4	6	15	25	-10	7
Elstow Abbey 06	12	2	1	9	17	44	-27	7
Shillington [Saturday]	10	0	1	9	12	48	-36	

Division Three league leaders Queens Park Crescents were to hold onto their season's unbeaten ways yet have their five game winning run ended when held to a 2-2 home draw by Renhold Village. Ayaz Hussain and Shezad Satter netting the home goals against Village replies from Simon Wade and Carl Townsend.

The point not being enough to save The Village from dropping into fifth place in the league table after Stopsley Park came up with a 3-2 win at Sandy Reserves. Omar Richards netting once, but Park's real hero was Jack O'Shea with the other two goals, the first direct from a corner and the winner a 25 yard screamer, the home replies coming via Kevin Fage and Dean Hains.

Westoning Recreation Club Reserves meanwhile were taking their unbeaten ways to four games with a 3-3 draw at Caldecote A. Dan Channon, Alex Barnwell and Liam Boyle on the scoresheet against home replies from Ryan Ambrose, Kerion Newman and Steve Bush.

The day's final game in this section between Lidlington United Sports and Riseley Sports Reserves at Hurst Grove being waterlogged off.

Division Three League Table at 28th November 2009

10 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Queens Park Crescents	10	8	2	0	42	11	+31	26
Dunton Reserves	9	6	0	3	26	23	+3	18
Lidlington United Sports	9	5	2	2	24	14	+10	17
Stopsley Park	9	4	3	2	35	23	+12	15
Renhold Village	10	4	2	4	33	27	+6	14
Wilshamstead Reserves	9	4	0	5	28	21	+7	12
Westoning Recreation Club [Saturday] Reserves	9	3	2	4	17	21	-4	11
Caldecote 'A'	9	3	1	5	17	45	-28	10
Sandy Reserves	10	1	2	7	17	39	-22	5
Riseley Sports Reserves	8	1	0	7	20	35	-15	3

With Sundon Park Rangers away on Watson Shield duty, Sharnbrook Reserves are now back onto the top of the Division Four league table following their 3-0 home win over Eastcotts, Jayme Harris with a brace plus Darren Wallinger netting the goals.

At the other end of the table, Bedford Park Rangers remain on the bottom of the ladder after being beaten 6-0 at Dinamo Flitwick, Daniel Hollis with a hat-trick plus goals from Kane Bunyan, Nick Stanton and Dan Myers doing the damage.

Still however just above them are Kempston Athletic, beaten 2-7 at home by Flitwick Town Reserves. Steve Kouwenbreg and Harry Rowlands both netting twice alongside an own goal plus a strike from Christain Breeds. The Athletic replies coming via Gary Whitbread and Sean Betts.

The result of the day in this section perhaps however belongs to Thurleigh, 3-1 winners at M& DH Oakley, Ben Stock, Ali Povey and Josh Sinclair all on the scoresheet against a lone home reply from Dan Ellison.

Meanwhile, Stewartby Village were running out 4-3 home winners over Clifton Reserves, goals from Michael Darnell, Gareth O'Brien, Julian Caves and James Churchman taking them to the points.

Division Four League Table at 28th November 2009

11 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Sharnbrook Reserves	11	8	1	2	37	12	+25	25
Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	10	7	1	2	51	16	+35	22
M & DH Oakley	10	7	0	3	30	15	+15	21
Flitwick Town Reserves	10	5	0	5	28	37	-9	15
Thurleigh	10	4	2	4	29	25	+4	14
Dinamo Flitwick	10	4	2	4	23	19	+4	14
Clifton Reserves	10	4	1	5	29	28	+1	13
Eastcotts	9	4	1	4	22	21	+1	13
Stewartby Village	9	4	0	5	25	30	-5	12
Kempston Athletic	9	2	0	7	24	48	-24	6
Bedford Park Rangers	10	1	0	9	13	60	-47	3

Watson Shield action in Group 5 for the season opened up with a 2-0 away win for Wilshamstead Reserves at Sundon Park Rangers, goals from Mark Kelly and Glen Tumulty seeing them to victory.

Preview Saturday December 5th 2009

For Premier Division supported by Sportsform clubs its a return to league action this weekend, league leaders Blunham seeking to take their current winning ways to seven games when they host Campton at Moggerhanger Playing Fields. Whilst Caldecote in second place start the day five points adrift as they seek to extend their current unbeaten league run to seven games when Wilshamstead come calling at Harvey Close, the visitors however travel still unbeaten on the road this season and will be no pushover for the home side.

It's a third against fourth clash at Oakley Playing Fields where hosts Oakley Sports entertain third spot Renhold United, the visitors travelling unbeaten in their last four away outings. Elsewhere, on The Green, fifth place Ickwell & Old Warden will be seeking their fourth win on the bounce when visited by a Woburn side that last tasted victory some six league games ago.

The day's other top flight action coming at Hillgrounds, where Dunton without a win in their last six league outings travel to face AFC Kempston Town and at Lodge Road, the venue for Sharnbrook's home encounter with bottom of the table Westoning Recreation Club.

Following the weekend, action then resumes in the Premier Division supported by Sportsform on Wednesday evening at The Carlsberg Stadium where Southill Alexander seek only their second home win of the season when visited by a Biggleswade United Reserves side looking for it's first win in four outings.

In Division One, league leaders Flitwick Town will start the day two points clear of Leighton United at the head of the table seeking their fourth home league win on the bounce at Steppingley Road against a AFC Kempston Town Reserves side that travel without a win in the last three outings on the road. Whilst United will start firm favourites for the three points on offer at Stanbridge Road when a Sandy side with just one win from their last eight games come calling.

For third place Caldecote Reserves, it's a trip to Cutler Hammer to face bottom of the table Kempston Hammers Sports, whilst it's fifth place v fourth place action at Marston Playing Fields, hosts Marston Social in fifth place looking for the win to take them at least above their visitors Kempston.

Elsewhere, current sixth placers Meltis Albion look for league win number six on the bounce, they head to Rectory Road to face a Campton Reserves side now on a four game losing run. Whilst Mowsbury Park is the venue Henlow head for seeking the three points against their hosts FC Meppershall.

Other action in this division comes in shape of a local derby at Colple Playing Fields, the venue for Bedford Sports Athletic home clash with Blunham Reserves and a visit by Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves to face hosts Stevington who start the day looking for their third consecutive home win.

The clash of the day in Division Three comes at Mill Lane, where second place Potton Wanderers defend their seasons unbeaten home record against league leaders Bedford Hatters who travel still unbeaten on the road this campaign. A positive result either way will thus give Marston Shelton Rovers the chance to climb into second spot come the final whistles should they return with the full three points and their seventh win on the bounce from their visit to Shefford Town. The Town however have lost just once in their last six outings and will be no easy nut to crack.

Still very much in the promotion race are Brache Sparta Community Reserves and Arlesey Social Galacticos who go head to head at Dallow Road, the hosts still unbeaten on home soil this campaign, whilst The Social travel still unbeaten on the road in league action this season.

Other action comes at Groveside, where Marabese Ceramics will fancy their chances of the three points against a travelling Harpur FC who are yet to win on the road this season. While at Greenfield's, Shillington will look to end a run of six straight league defeats against a Kings AFC side that travel unbeaten in their last four outings.

Just above Shillington in the league table are Elstow Abbey, they host Great Barford at The Warren The visitors travelling losers of their last four away games which has seen them drop into the bottom four of the league table.

The final action in this division being reserved for Hillgrounds, where Clifton, now without a league win in six outings, head for a meeting with Kempston Royals losers of their last two home games.

Division Three action is confined to just one game at Horseshoes Close, second place Dunton Reserves hosting fourth place Stopsley Park, the visitors travelling in the knowledge that a victory will see them end the day taking over that second spot from their hosts.

Division Four action likewise is reduced to just two games. In Mowsbury Park, bottom of the table Bedford Park Rangers look for the win that will lift them off the bottom of the ladder, alas for them the visitors are second place Sundon Park Rangers, who with a win will go back to the top of the league table at the expense of Sharnbrook Reserves.

The second game in this division coming at Hillgrounds where Eastcotts host Thurleigh, prior to the game Eastcotts will receive their Charter Standard Status award from The Bedfordshire FA

Away from the league action there is another series of Group matches taking place in this seasons Watson Shield. In Group One, it's perhaps a must win game for hosts Dinamo Flitwick at Hinksley Road when they host the travelling Riseley Sports Reserves. In Group Three, Sharnbrook Reserves commence their Watson Shield campaign with a visit to Harvey Close to face current group leaders Caldecote A.

For Group Four, it's a meeting in Mowsbury Park between home side Queens Park Crescents and visitors M&DH Oakley both of whom are expected to qualify for the knock-out stages at the expense of Eastcotts. Whilst in Group Five, it's a start to their

Shield seasons campaign for Westoning Recreation Club Reserves and Wilshamstead Reserves who meet at Greenfield Road. In Group Six the current group leaders Renhold Village hit the road to Stewartby Way to face hosts Stewartby Village.

The final Watson Shield action coming in Group Seven at Whiston Crescent, where it's perhaps a must win game for hosts Clifton Reserves when Sandy Reserves come calling to commence their Shield campaign.