

**Bedfordshire Football League**  
**September 2007 Newsletter**

This month we open our monthly newsletter by trying to establish an answer to the simple question of **Just Who Has Been The League's Most Successful Club During The Past Five Years ?**

Below you will be able for yourselves to study the statistics which would suggest the answer can only be **Caldecote** or **Campton** but which one I will leave to you to draw your own conclusion .

During the past five seasons, some twenty-five clubs have played in the league's Premier Division if we accept **Kempston Town** changing their name to **AFC Kempston Town** in 2004 has being the same club with just nine clubs playing the entire period of time in the top flight, namely **AFC Kempston Town, Bedford SA, Caldecote, Campton, Ickwell & Old Warden, Oakley Sports, Sandy, Riseley Sports and Westoning Recreation Club**, and for the purpose of answering the above question their records and statistics are grouped together.

After these nine clubs we find another six clubs who have played three seasons in the top flight, namely, **Blunham, Dunton, Elstow Abbey, Reddings Wood, Stevington and Turvey** plus **Wilshamstead** who have played the last two seasons in the top flight and again for easy comparison have blocked these clubs together leaving us with nine clubs who have played just a single season, namely **Golden Lion, Goldington Lions, Henlow, Luton Borough, North Park Rangers, Renhold United, Sharnbrook, Thurleigh Casuals and Three Horseshoes Renhold** who again for the purpose of comparison are grouped together.

When you study the nine clubs who have played the full five seasons just two have won a league title, **Caldecote** twice and **Westoning Recreation Club** once with the other two title's going to **Elstow Abbey and North Park Rangers** with a study of their finishing positions giving the following average placing.

**Caldecote 3.2, Campton 3.4, Ickwell & Old Warden 4.6, Westoning Recreation Club, 6.4, AFC Kempston Town, 7.2, Riseley Sports, 8.4, Oakley Sports, 10.4, Bedford SA, 11.4, Sandy 11.8.**

We now take a look at the points gained from the 138 games bearing in mind that the opening three seasons the award for a win was just two points whilst for the past two seasons it has been three points.

**Campton 215pts, Caldecote 209pts, Ickwell & Old Warden 195pts, Westoning Recreation Club 169pts, AFC Kempston Town, 165pts, Riseley Sports, 135pts, Sandy 116pts, Oakley Sports 114pts and Bedford SA 101pts.**

If we now split the points down to those gained on home soil and those gained away from home it shows the following.

### Home Points Gained

**Campton** 111pts, **Ickwell & Old Warden** 111pts, **Caldecote** 108pts, **Westoning Recreation Club** 84pts, **AFC Kempston Town** 83pts, **Riseley Sports** 76pts, **Oakley Sports**, 65pts, **Sandy**, 61pts and **Bedford SA** 47pts.

### Away Points Gained

**Campton**, 104pts, **Caldecote**, 101pts, **Westoning Recreation Club**, 87pts, **Ickwell & Old Warden**, 84pts, **AFC Kempston Town** 82pts, **Riseley Sports**, 59pts, **Sandy** 55pts, **Oakley Sports** 49pts and **Bedford SA** 45pts.

Have we just not now solved the mystery of why **Ickwell & Old Warden** have not won a title in the last five seasons but then again why why why have not **Campton** based on the above not lifted a title.

### Total Number Of Games Won

**Caldecote** 85, **Campton** 84, **Ickwell & Old Warden** 77, **Westoning Recreation Club**, 65, **AFC Kempston Town**, 62, **Riseley Sports** 49, **Oakley Sports**, 42, **Sandy** 40 **Bedford SA** 37

### Total Number Of Home Wins

**Campton**, 44, **Ickwell & Old Warden**, 44 **Caldecote**, 43 **Westoning Recreation Club**, 32 **AFC Kempston Town**, 31 **Riseley Sports** 31 **Oakley Sports**, 23 **Sandy**, 23 **Bedford SA**, 17

### Total Number Of Away Wins

**Caldecote**, 42 **Campton**, 40 **Ickwell & Old Warden** 33, **Westoning Recreation Club** 33, **AFC Kempston Town**, 31, **Bedford SA**, 20 **Oakley Sports**, 19 **Riseley Sports**, 18 **Sandy**, 17

Yes it definitely is **Ickwell & Old Warden** away form that has cost them a league title but we are no nearer solving the **Campton** mystery.

### Total Number Of Drawn Games

**Campton**, 30, **Riseley Sports** 28, **Ickwell & Old Warden**, 26 **Caldecote**, 25 **AFC Kempston Town**, 22 **Bedford SA**, 22 **Oakley Sports**, 21 **Westoning Recreation Club**, 19 **Sandy**, 17

### Total Number Of Home Draws

**Caldecote**, 15 **Campton**, 15 **Oakley Sports**, 15 **Ickwell & Old Warden**, 14 **AFC Kempston Town**, 11 **Bedford SA**, 11 **Riseley Sports**, 9 **Westoning Recreation Club**, 8 **Sandy**, 6

### **Total Number Of Away Draws**

**Riseley Sports, 19, Campton 15, Ickwell & Old Warden, 12, AFC Kempston Town, 11 Bedford SA, 11 Sandy, 11 Westoning Recreation Club, 11 Caldecote, 10 Oakley Sports, 6**

Do I ask myself are these the statistics that solve the **Campton** mystery or have I drawn the wrong conclusion.

### **Total Number Of Games Lost**

**Campton, 24 Caldecote, 28 Ickwell & Old Warden, 35 Westoning Recreation Club, 53 AFC Kempston Town, 54 Riseley Sports, 61 Oakley Sports, 75 Bedford SA, 78 Sandy, 81**

### **Total Number Of Home Games Lost**

**Campton, 10 Caldecote, 11 Ickwell & Old Warden, 11 AFC Kempston Town, 27 Westoning Recreation Club, 28 Riseley Sports, 29 Oakley Sports, 31 Sandy, 40 Bedford SA, 41**

### **Total Number Of Away Games Lost**

**Campton, 14 Caldecote, 17 Ickwell & Old Warden, 24 Westoning Recreation Club, 25 AFC Kempston Town, 27 Riseley Sports, 32 Bedford SA, 37 Sandy, 41, Bedford SA, 44**

### **Total Number Of Goals Scored**

**Caldecote, 370 Campton, 358 Ickwell & Old Warden, 358 Westoning Recreation Club, 287 AFC Kempston Town, 275 Riseley Sports, 249 Oakley Sports, 248 Bedford SA, 230 Sandy, 207**

### **Total Number Of Goals Scored At Home**

**Campton, 195 Caldecote, 194 Ickwell & Old Warden, 190 AFC Kempston Town, 152 Westoning Recreation Club, 140 Riseley Sports, 139 Oakley Sports, 134 Bedford SA, 112 Sandy, 110**

### **Total Number Of Goals Scored Away From Home**

**Caldecote, 176 Ickwell & Old Warden, 168 Campton, 163 Westoning Recreation Club, 147 AFC Kempston Town, 123 Bedford SA, 118 Oakley Sports, 114 Riseley Sports, 110 Sandy, 97**

### Total Number Of Goals Conceded

**Campton, 171 Caldecote, 184 Ickwell & Old Warden, 213 AFC Kempston Town, 263 Westoning Recreation Club, 275 Riseley Sports, 302 Sandy, 332 Oakley Sports, 341 Bedford SA, 351**

### Total Number Of Home Goals Conceded

**Ickwell & Old Warden, 74 Campton, 82 Caldecote, 89 AFC Kempston Town, 128 Riseley Sports, 144 Westoning Recreation Club, 145 Oakley Sports, 154 Sandy, 170 Bedford SA, 180**

### Total Number Of Away Goals Conceded

**Campton, 89 Caldecote, 95 Westoning Recreation Club, 130 AFC Kempston Town, 135 Ickwell & Old Warden, 139 Riseley Sports, 158 Sandy, 162 Bedford SA, 171 Oakley Sports, 187**

### Total Number Of Goals Netted In Their Games

**Oakley Sports, 589 Bedford SA, 581 Ickwell & Old Warden, 571 Westoning Recreation Club, 562 Caldecote, 554 Riseley Sports, 551 Sandy, 557 AFC Kempston Town, 538 Campton, 529**

### Total Number Of Goals Seen In Home Games Only

**Bedford SA, 292 Oakley Sports, 288 Westoning Recreation Club, 285 Caldecote 283 Riseley Sports, 283 AFC Kempston Town, 280 Sandy, 280 Campton, 277 Ickwell & Old Warden, 264**

### Total Number Of Goals Seen In Away Games Only

**Ickwell & Old Warden, 307, Oakley Sports, 301 Bedford SA, 289 Westoning Recreation Club, 277 Riseley Sports, 268 Sandy, 259 AFC Kempston Town, 258 Campton, 252 Caldecote, 184.**

So if it's goals you like to see, then start watching **Oakley Sports** at home or away it makes little difference but stay well clear of **Ickwell & Old Warden** when they are playing at home and of **Caldecote** in their away games.

### In Summary

Which every way you look at the statistics, the answer to the question I feel must be **Caldecote** in view of the fact that they have lifted two titles whilst **Campton** are still seeking their first ever title, behind these two **Ickwell & Old Warden** are definitively the club with the third best record whilst **AFC Kempston Town and Westoning Recreation Club** would make up the top five.

We now take a look at the groups of clubs that have spent in six cases three seasons in the top flight and **Wilshamstead** who have spent the last two in the premier division

### Points Gained

**Blunham**, 134 **Elstow Abbey**, 110 **Wilshamstead**, 71 **Dunton**, 63 **Turvey** 60  
**Reddings Wood**, 51 **Stevington**, 49

### Points Gained At Home

**Blunham**, 75 **Elstow Abbey**, 60 **Wilshamstead**, 39 **Dunton**, 31 **Stevington** 31  
**Turvey**, 27 **Reddings Woods**, 25

### Away Points Gained

**Blunham**, 59 **Elstow Abbey**, 50 **Turvey**, 33 **Dunton**, 32 **Wilshamstead**, 32  
**Reddings Wood**, 26 **Stevington**, 18

Totals which suggest if **Blunham** had have remained in the top flight for the entire five seasons they would be pushing **Caldecote** for the top spot, likewise **Elstow Abbey** would make it into the top five and **Wilshamstead** would certainly not be far behind them.

### Total Number Of Games Won

**Blunham**, 54 **Elstow Abbey**, 39 **Dunton**, 24 **Wilshamatead**, 24 **Reddings Wood**, 20  
**Stevington**, 20 **Turvey**, 20

### Total Number Of Home Wins

**Blunham** 31, **Elstow Abbey** 16, **Wilshamstead**, 13 **Stevington**, 12 **Dunton**, 10  
**Reddings Wood**, 10 **Turvey**, 9

### Total Number Of Away Wins

**Blunham**, 23 **Elstow Abbey**, 23 **Dunton**, 14 **Turvey**, 11 **Wilshamstead**, 11  
**Reddings Wood**, 10 **Stevington**, 8

### Total Number Of Games Drawn

**Dunton**, 15 **Elstow Abbey**, 14 **Wilshamstead**, 12 **Reddings Wood**, 11 **Turvey**, 11  
**Stevington**, 9, **Blunham**, 8

### Total Number Of Home Draws

**Dunton**, 11 **Elstow Abbey**, 8 **Stevington**, 7 **Wilshamstead**, 6 **Reddings Wood**, 5  
**Blunham**, 3 **Turvey**, 2

**Total Number Of Away Draws**

Turvey, 9 Elstow Abbey, 6 Reddings Wood, 6 Wilshamstead, 6 Blunham, 5 Dunton, 4 Stevington, 2

**Total Number Of Games Lost**

Elstow Abbey, 19 Blunham, 22 Dunton, 41 Turvey, 41 Reddings Wood, 51 Stevington, 53

**Total Number Of Games Lost At Home**

Elstow Abbey, 7 Blunham, 8 Wilshamstead, 9 Dunton, 19 Turvey, 19 Stevington, 22 Reddings Wood, 26

**Total Number Of Games Lost Away**

Wilshamstead, 11 Elstow Abbey, 12 Blunham, 14 Dunton, 22 Turvey, 22 Reddings Wood, 25 Stevington, 31

**Total Number Of Goals Scored**

Blunham, 206, Elstow Abbey, 198 Stevington, 143 Dunton, 135 Turvey, 132 Reddings Wood, 125 Wilshamstead, 114

**Total Number Of Goals Scored At Home**

Blunham, 110 Elstow Abbey, 110 Stevington, 83 Dunton, 66 Reddings Wood, 65 Wilshamstead, 56 Turvey, 54

**Total Number Of Goals Scored Away From Home**

Blunham, 96 Elstow Abbey, 88 Turvey, 78 Dunton, 69 Reddings Wood, 60 Stevington, 60 Wilshamstead, 58

**Total Number Of Goals Conceded**

Wilshamstead, 102 Elstow Abbey, 122 Blunham, 129 Dunton, 168 Reddings Wood, 215 Turvey, 217 Stevington, 235

**Total Number Of Home Goals Conceded**

Wilshamstead, 39 Blunham, 49 Elstow Abbey, 52 Dunton, 70 Stevington, 106 Turvey, 110 Reddings Wood, 113

### **Total Number Of Away Goals Conceded**

**Wilshamstead, 63 Elstow Abbey, 70 Blunham, 80 Dunton, 98 Reddings Wood, 102 Turvey, 107 Stevington, 129**

### **Total Number Of Goals Netted In Their Games**

**Stevington, 378 Turvey, 349 Reddings Wood, 340 Blunham, 335 Elstow Abbey, 310 Dunton, 303 Wilshamstead, 216**

### **Total Number Of Goals Netted In Their Home Games**

**Stevington, 189 Reddings Wood, 178 Turvey, 164 Elstow Abbey, 162 Blunham, 159 Dunton, 126 Wilshamstead, 95**

### **Total Number Of Goals Netted In Their Away Games**

**Stevington, 189 Turvey, 185 Dunton, 177 Blunham, 176 Reddings Wood, 162 Elstow Abbey, 158 Wilshamstead, 121**

And to complete the full look at the five year statistics below are the records of the nine clubs that have spent just one season in the Premier Division.

### **Total Number Of Points Gained**

**North Park Rangers, 46, Henlow, 41 Luton Borough, 39 Golden Lion, 37 Thurleigh Casuals, 29 Sharnbrook, 28 Goldington Lions, 24 Renhold United, 23 Three Horseshoes Renhold, 21**

### **Home Points Gained**

**Henlow, 24 North Park Rangers, 24 Sharnbrook, 23 Golden Lion, 19 Luton Borough, 18 Goldington Lions, 16 Thurleigh Casuals, 15 Three Horseshoes, 14 Renhold United, 13**

### **Away Points Gained**

**North Park Rangers, 22 Luton Borough, 21 Golden Lion, 18 Henlow, 17 Thurleigh Casuals, 12 Renhold United, 10 Goldington Lions, 8 Three Horseshoes Renhold, 7 Sharnbrook, 6**

### **Total Number Of Games Won**

**North Park Rangers, 21 Golden Lion, 16 Henlow, 11 Luton Borough, 11 Thurleigh Casuals, 11 Sharnbrook, 9 Renhold United, 8 Three Horseshoes Renhold, 8 Goldington Lions, 7**

### **Total Number Of Home Wins**

**North Park Rangers, 12 Golden Lion, 8 Henlow, 7 Sharnbrook, 7 Thurleigh Casuals, 6 Three Horseshoes Renhold, 6 Goldington Lions, 5 Luton Borough, 5 Renhold United, 4**

### **Total Number Of Away Wins**

**North Park Rangers, 9 Golden Lion, 8 Luton Borough, 6 Thurleigh Casuals, 5 Henlow, 4 Renhold United, 4 Goldington Lions, 2 Sharnbrook, 2 Three Horseshoes Renhold, 2**

### **Total Number Of Drawn Games**

**Thurleigh Casuals, 8 Henlow, 7 Renhold United, 7 Luton Borough, 6 Golden Lion, 5 Three Horseshoes Renhold, 5 North Park Rangers, 4 Goldington Lions, 3 Sharnbrook, 1**

### **Total Number Of Home Draws**

**Renhold United, 5 Golden Lion, 3 Henlow, 3 Luton Borough, 3 Thurleigh Casuals, 3 Three Horseshoes Renhold, 2 Goldington Lions, 1 Sharnbrook, 1 North Park Rangers, 0**

### **Total Number Of Away Draws**

**Thurleigh Casuals, 5 Henlow, 4 North Park Rangers, 4 Luton Borough, 3 Three Horseshoes Renhold, 3 Golden Lion, 2 Goldington Lions, 2 Renhold United, 2 Sharnbrook, 0**

### **Total Number Of Games Lost**

**North Park Rangers, 3 Golden Lions, 5 Henlow, 10 Thurleigh Casuals, 12 Luton Borough, 13 Three Horseshoes Renhold, 13 Renhold United, 13 Goldington Lions, 20 Sharnbrook, 20**

### **Number Of Home Games Lost**

**Golden Lion, 2 North Park Rangers, 2 Henlow, 5 Renhold United, 5 Three Horseshoes Renhold, 5 Thurleigh Casuals, 5 Luton Borough, 7 Sharnbrook, 7 Goldington Lions, 9**

### **Number Of Away Games Lost**

**North Park Rangers, 1 Golden Lion, 3 Henlow, 5 Luton Borough, 6 Thurleigh Casuals, 7 Renhold United, 8 Three Horseshoes Renhold, 8 Goldington Lions, 11 Sharnbrook, 13**

### **Total Number Of Goals Scored**

North Park Rangers, 80 Golden Lion, 79 Luton Borough, 75 Henlow, 54 Renhold United, 54 Thurleigh Casuals, 54 Goldington Lions, 47 Three Horseshoes Renhold, 42 Sharnbrook, 40

### **Total Number Of Home Goals Scored**

North Park Rangers, 44 Golden Lion, 40 Luton Borough, 35 Goldington Lions, 32 Renhold United, 30 Henlow, 29 Thurleigh Casuals, 27 Three Horseshoes Renhold, 22 Sharnbrook, 21

### **Total Number Of Away Goals Scored**

Luton Borough, 40 Golden Lion, 39 North Park Rangers, 36 Thurleigh Casuals, 27 Henlow, 25 Renhold United, 24 Three Horseshoes Renhold, 20 Sharnbrook, 19 Goldington Lions, 15

### **Total Number Of Goals Conceded**

North Park Rangers, 23 Henlow, 42 Golden Lion, 47 Thurleigh Casuals, 53 Three Horseshoes Renhold, 55 Luton Borough, 60 Renhold United, 73 Sharnbrook, 76 Goldington Lions, 85

### **Total Number Of Home Goals Conceded**

North Park Rangers, 12 Henlow, 17 Golden Lion, 22 Thurleigh Casuals, 25 Three Horseshoes Renhold, 26 Sharnbrook, 28 Luton Borough, 29 Renhold United, 30 Goldington Lions, 46

### **Total Number Of Away Goals Conceded**

North Park Rangers, 11 Golden Lion, 25 Henlow, 25 Thurleigh Casuals, 28 Three Horseshoes Renhold, 29 Luton Borough, 31 Goldington Lions, 39 Renhold United, 43 Sharnbrook, 48

### **Total Number Of Goals Netted In Their Games**

Luton Borough, 135 Goldington Lions, 132 Renhold United, 127 Golden Lion, 126 Sharnbrook, 116 Thurleigh Casuals, 107 North Park Rangers, 103 Three Horseshoes Renhold, 97 Henlow, 94

### **Total Number Of Goals Seen In Home Games**

Goldington Lions, 68 Luton Borough, 64 Golden Lion, 62 Renhold United, 60 North Park Rangers, 56 Thurleigh Casuals, 52 Sharnbrook, 49 Three Horseshoes Renhold, 48 Henlow, 46

## **Total Number Of Goals Seen In Away Games**

**Luton Borough, 71 Renhold United, 67 Sharnbrook, 67 Golden Lion, 64 Goldington Lions, 64 Thurleigh Casuals, 55 Three Horseshoes Renhold, 49 Henlow, 48 North Park Rangers, 47**

## **The Seasons Up And Running**

With the new season virtually a month old already things are beginning to take shape at the head and bottom of each division but unlike last season we shall refrain from reviewing matters in our monthly newsletter to avoid repeating information which already appears on our website [www.bedfordshirefootballleague.co.uk](http://www.bedfordshirefootballleague.co.uk) where with the simple press of the right button you can follow the season as it unfolds.

However in our monthly newsletter we shall be awarding a team of the week award which we hope will lead to some comment and debate whether you agreed or disagree with the chosen recipient

## **Week One Awards**

### **Premier Division Supported By McGirls Money Management**

**Blunham** for their 4-2 away win at Meltis Corinthians which was followed in mid-week with a home 3-0 victory over Sandy

### **Division One Supported By Sportsform**

**Westoning Recreation Club Reserves** for their 3-1 win at Stevington which was followed up with a 4-2 home midweek win over AFC Kempston Town Reserves

### **Division Two**

**Meltis Albion** for their 6-1 away win at Blunham Reserves which was followed up 48 hours later with a 3-0 home victory over Woburn Reserves.

### **Division Three**

**Meltis Corinthians Reserves**, winning their opening two games by a scoreline of 10-0, 3-0 at home over Flitwick Town Reserves then 7-0 away at Lidlington United Sports.

## **Week Two Awards**

### **Premier Division Supported by McGirls Money Management**

**Westoning Recreation Club**, for coming from 3-5 down to claim a 6-5 win at Meltis Corinthians.

**Division One Supported By Sportsform**

**Bedford SA** for their 5-0 home win over Henlow.

**Division Two**

**Putnoe United** for their 5-1 home win over Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves

**Division Three**

**Marabese Ceramics** for their 3-2 home win over Kings AFC

**Week Three**

**Premier Division Supported By McGirls Money Management**

**Sandy** for their 3-0 away win at Westoning Recreation Club

**Division One Supported By Sportsform**

**Caldecote Reserves** for their 8-2 home win over previously unbeaten Kempston

**Division Two**

**Marston Shelton Rovers** any side that nets seventeen goals must win don't you think and that's what Rovers did in their home game with Blunham Reserves.

**Division Three**

**Flitwick Town Reserves** for holding Marabese Ceramics to a 0-0 home draw.

**Week Four**

**Premier Division Supported By McGirls Money Management**

**Oakley Sports** for their 3-1 away win at Ickwell & Old Warden

**Division One Supported By Sportsform**

**Kempston** for their 4-3 home win over Henlow.

**Division Two**

**Bedford College** for their 3-2 win at Meltis Albion

**Division Three**

**Blue Chip** for their 7-2 away win at Wilshamstead Reserves.

### **The FA Carlsberg National League System Cup**

After enjoying a 2-0 friendly game win over The Northampton Town League in a match played at Caldecote on August 18<sup>th</sup> our League Representative side now travels to Potters Bar Football Club for meeting with The Amateur Football Combination on Wednesday September 19<sup>th</sup> Kick Off 7.45pm. in Round One of the above competition, a coach will be leaving for the game from Bedford at 4.45pm then picking up at Sandy and Biggleswade for which there are still a few seats available for supporters to travel with the team, please contact Peter Francis for further information.

### **Please Remember Our Supporters**

**McGirls Money Management** and **Sportsform** both contribute funds to our league which are returned to you member clubs in form of prizes money at the seasons end, so if you are able to place any reciprocal business their way it can only help us as a league to retain them has league supporters, please remember to give our league a plug when doing business.