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Brian Buck Travellers Tales visits The Armadillo Stadium

112. (10,220) Wednesday 12th October 2011. Arlesey Town Reserves 2 Flitwick Town 1 (Bedfordshire County League Premier Division) (7.45pm kick off) att 35 approx. This turned out to be a good game, but in truth apart from the goals scored not much happened that was worth recording. This season Arlesey Reserves are having a better time of it. Last year they were struggling towards the foot of the league. The sides below them kept resigning from the league and the private joke was that it would be their turn next! But this year things are different and they are in the pack to possibly win the title, along with a few others! They took the lead on 90 seconds with the only surprise being that the Flitwick lino didn't stick his flag up for offside. But on seven minutes Flitwick were level and then for the rest of the half exchanges were fairly even. After the break there was a half amusing situation when a home player became slightly miffed at being offside by the Flitwick lino and gestured to him with his fingers that this was the second time he 'had got it wrong' or that's what I thought he meant! Arlesey got the winner on 70 minutes and generally they were in control from then onwards

Wednesday 26th October 2011.

Potton United Reserves became the first team to progress into the last 16 of this seasons Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup, when before a crowd of 37 at The Hollow tonight they ran out 1-0 home winners over Eastcotts AFC. Daniel St Leger netting the games only goal 53 minutes into the contest. United's victory coming at the cost of a possible snapped Achilles injury to George Rennie who was stretchered off the field of play 10 minutes from time.

Action Round-Up Saturday 29th October 2011

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Caldecote's lead at the head of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table is now up to six points after three goals from Kai Griffiths-Shilton alongside strikes from Dave Daniels and Mark Phillips took them to a 5-0 victory at Sharnbrook. Whilst at the same time, start of play second place Oakley Sports were suffering their opening defeat of the season 0-1 at home to Arlesey Town Reserves, for whom Mark Ellis netted the vital goal.

Now up into second spot and with a game in hand on the league leaders are Shefford Town & Campton, they retained their seasons unbeaten home record with a thumping 7-2 victory over Blunham. Michael Jones netting three times, Andrew Hayday twice plus single strikes from Ricky Smith and Tom Scurfield against Blunham replies from Chris Dunne, who later had a penalty saved by home custodian Reece Lewis plus Andy Smith.

Down at the other end of the table, Renhold United lifted themselves off the bottom spot by sharing the spoils in a 3-3 home draw with AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College. Alas they climbed one spot rather than three after allowing The Town to come from 3-0 down to earn a point. Ashley Banks, Sheldon Washington and Ben Brown shooting United ahead

before The Town took their unbeaten ways to four games with a brace of goals from Alex Russell and a strike from Ricci Mandel.

Sitting now in that basement spot are Woburn, for them it was a 1-5 home defeat at the hands of Wilshamstead. Nigel Dummond with a brace plus goals from Michael Taylor, Matt Davidson and Kevin Butler only being replied to by Sam Blackburn.

The days final game in this division seeing Dunton and Flitwick Town play out a 0-0 draw.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 29th October 2011.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Caldecote	8	7	1	0	30	7	23	22
2	Shefford Town & Campton	7	5	1	1	25	8	17	16
3	Oakley Sports	8	4	3	1	15	8	7	15
4	Arlesey Town Reserves	8	5	0	3	14	15	-1	15
5	Wilshamstead	6	4	1	1	17	12	5	13
6	Blunham	8	4	1	3	19	19	0	13
7	Bedford Hatters	7	3	2	2	16	12	4	11
8	AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College	8	2	3	3	13	20	-7	9
9	Sharnbrook	8	2	2	4	12	24	-12	8
10	Flitwick Town	8	1	2	5	8	17	-9	5
11	Dunton	8	1	2	5	10	21	-11	5
12	Renhold United	8	1	1	6	14	19	-5	4
13	Woburn	8	1	1	6	11	22	-11	4

Division One

League leaders Ickwell & Old Warden remain unbeaten and with a 100% home record for the season after running out 5-0 winners over Westoning, Greg Instrell with a brace being supported by an Andrew Vallom penalty plus strikes from Lee Threadgold and Anup Kalyan. Their lead at the head of the table remaining at just a single point after second place Lidlington United Sports ended Bedford Sports Athletics' unbeaten ways and 100% home record for the season with a 4-3 victory. Darren Smith, Kieran Wills, Alex Burrows and John Smith on the United scoresheet against home replies via Andrew Latimer, Ian Asplin and Ashley Mead.

Now jumping up into third spot above The Athletic are Marston Shelton Rovers who ran out 4-0 winners at Luton Boys, Alan Cudjoe and Peter Kerr both netting twice in the opening half to quickly put the result beyond the reach of the home side whose manager Nigel O'Hanlon walked out on them during the week.

Losing ground on the leading four clubs are FC Meppershall, they were beaten for the first time in six outings on home soil by AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves who were enjoying their first victory of the season. Tom Marvin the Town hero netting all three goals against a lone reply from Joe Price.

Meantime, Henlow were netting their third win on the bounce to remain in sixth spot with a 2-0 win at Lea Sports PSG, Russell Ayles the scorer of both goals.

However, the top scorers of the day were Sandy with a 9-0 home rout of Meltis Albion. Daniel Stafford on the mark four times, Ian Hammett twice, to go alongside single strikes from Phill Beall, Brad Smith and Craig Baker.

Just goal difference behind Sandy and holding down eighth spot in the league standings are Caldecote Reserves, they still remain unbeaten on home soil this season after a 6-3 victory over Kings AFC. Jack Gabbitas with a hat-trick, Dan Hall with a brace plus Neil Giles seeing their goals only replied to by Josh Clements, Chris Greene and Giuseppe Lamberti.

Division One League Table at 29th October 2011.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Ickwell & Old Warden	7	6	1	0	23	7	16	19
2	Lidlington United Sports	7	6	0	1	28	12	16	18
3	Marston Shelton Rovers	8	5	2	1	14	6	8	17
4	Bedford SA	7	5	1	1	18	10	8	16
5	FC Meppershall	7	4	1	2	19	12	7	13
6	Henlow	8	4	1	3	16	14	2	13
7	Sandy	7	3	2	2	24	14	10	11
8	Caldecote Reserves	8	3	2	3	23	20	3	11
9	Luton Boys	7	2	1	4	17	21	-4	7
10	Kings AFC	7	2	0	5	14	30	-16	6
11	AFC Kempston Tn & Bedford Coll Reserves	7	1	2	4	9	17	-8	5
12	Meltis Albion	7	1	1	5	5	23	-18	4
13	Lea Sports PSG	7	0	3	4	8	13	-5	3
14	Westoning	8	0	1	7	10	29	-19	1

Division Two

A seventh consecutive defeat at Marabese Ceramics by a 4-1 scoreline for Great Barford leaves them rooted to the bottom of the league table, Denver Donaldson with a brace plus Lewis Emery and Colin Stanley on the home scoresheet doing the damage against a lone reply from Mark Harlow.

Division Two League Table at 29th October 2011.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Elstow Abbey	7	6	1	0	32	4	28	19
2	AFC Turvey	7	6	1	0	24	11	13	19
3	Pavenham	7	5	0	2	20	5	15	15
4	Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	8	4	1	3	23	14	9	13
5	Potton United Reserves	7	4	0	3	16	12	4	12
6	M & DH Oakley	8	4	0	4	14	16	-2	12
7	Bromham United	8	4	0	4	14	19	-5	12
8	Marabese Ceramics	8	3	2	3	10	10	0	11
9	Queens Park Crescents	7	3	1	3	11	18	-7	10
10	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	7	2	2	3	11	20	-9	8
11	Co-op Sports	5	2	1	2	14	14	0	7
12	Stopsley Park	7	1	1	5	15	26	-11	4
13	Clifton	8	1	1	6	7	21	-14	4
14	Great Barford	8	0	1	7	7	28	-21	1

For second from bottom of the table Clifton, it was a fourth defeat on the bounce when beaten on home soil 2-1 by Bromham United. Reuben Hukin and Dave Baxter on the United scoresheet against a home reply from Barry Hallybone.

Division Three

With Goldington away on Beds FA Junior Cup duty Stevington took full advantage to climb back above them onto the top of the league table with a 3-1 home victory over Eastcotts AFC. Aaron Fletcher netting twice and Lawrence Bentham once against a lone reply from Michael Sexton.

Whilst Dunton Reserves remain rooted to the bottom of the league table after losing 3-1 at Westoning Reserves, Gareth White doing all the damage by hitting a hat-trick.

Division Three League Table at 29th October 2011.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stevington	7	6	1	0	21	8	13	19
2	Goldington	8	5	1	2	29	12	17	16
3	Renhold Village	6	5	0	1	23	9	14	15
4	Cranfield United Reserves	7	5	0	2	18	9	9	15
5	Eastcotts AFC	7	4	0	3	20	15	5	12
6	Westoning Reserves	7	4	0	3	15	11	4	12
7	Kempston Hammers Sports	6	4	0	2	16	17	-1	12
8	Royal Oak Kempston	7	3	0	4	11	13	-2	9
9	Riseley Sports	5	2	2	1	13	10	3	8
10	Sundon Park Rangers Colts	7	2	1	4	13	16	-3	7
11	Potton Town	7	2	1	4	8	13	-5	7
12	Wilshamstead Reserves	7	0	2	5	5	19	-14	2
13	Flitwick Town Reserves	7	0	1	6	7	27	-20	1
14	Dunton Reserves	6	0	1	5	6	26	-20	1

Division Four

Stewartby Village missed their chance to climb into third spot in the league table and lost their seasons unbeaten away ways by being defeated 2-0 at Bedford Panthers. Ben Nash and Kevin Southby netting the goals to take The Panthers to their first home win of the season.

Top scorers of the day were Wootton Village, for them it was their first win in five outings with a 6-0 victory at Dunton A. Adam Flynn with a hat-trick being supported by strikes from Paul Farmer, Ryan Stocker and Andrea Capagghione.

Just one goal behind them were Caldecote A, they claimed their first away win of the season with a 5-2 victory at Clifton Reserves. Ryan Ambrose with a brace plus Dan Fennell, Jordan Goodman and Gary Allum on their scoresheet against home replies via Nick Thomas and Mark Gearing.

Also enjoying life on the road were Sandy Reserves, they ran out 4-2 victors at Kempston Athletic. Jonny Stratford netting twice and joined on the scoresheet by Chris Gregory and Olly Barnfield against home replies from Gary Whitbread and Dee Sayid.

Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup Second Round

Top scorers of the day were Stopsley Park, they ran out 6-0 home winners over Shefford Town & Campton A. James Smart netting twice alongside single strikes from Dean Abrahams, Jack O'Shea, Shane Roberts and Kenny Ivy.

Just one goal behind them and the day's biggest away winners were M & DH Oakley with a 5-0 victory at Goldington Hammers. Daniel Lupton on target three times and supported by single goals from Adam Emms and James Dean.

Also going nap but on home soil were both AFC Turvey and Queens Park Crescents. Mohammed Raheem with a hat-trick and Ayaz Hussain with a brace taking The Crescents to a 5-0 win over Dinamo Flitwick Reserves. Whilst AFC Turvey were 5-2 victors over Shefford Town & Campton Reserves, Andrew Wren with a brace plus John Guiney, Tim Clarke and Adam Broughton netting the goals against Town replies via a Jordan Robbens penalty and Sam Larsen.

For Marsh Leys, it was a 3-0 home win over Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves, Matt Evans, Jamie Carson and Justin Sturniolo all finding the back of the net. However, things were not that easy for Elstow Abbey, they required extra time to overcome Riseley Sports 3-1. Danny Pilgrim shooting The Abbey ahead after 38 minutes only for Tom Ellison to level matters 17 minutes into the second half to take the game beyond the 90 minutes mark, during that time both Tom Pitts and Dave McCarthy scored to secure a place in the round three hat for The Abbey.

Another 3-1 home winner were Sundon Park Rangers at the expense of Potton Town. Sam Chapman, Matthew Conway and Edward Lewis seeing their goals only replied to by Shane Clark.

The best win of the day perhaps belonged to Cranfield United Reserves with a 2-1 home victory over Renhold Village, Richard Stimpson and Adam Kerr the home marksmen against a Village reply from Michael Luke.

Elsewhere, Sundon Park Colts, thanks to a brace of goals from Ashley Wadhams were 2-1 winners at Luton District & South Beds League outfit Four Square. Whilst going down to a 1-2 home defeat against Farley Boys Reserves from the same league were Royal Oak Kempston despite a goal from Lewis Smith.

Also winning 2-1 away from home were Co-op Sports with a victory at Flitwick Town Reserves. Conor Sherry and Chris Vardy on the scoresheet against a Town reply from Grant Archer.

Meantime, Goldington were 2-0 home winners over Kempston Hammers Sports thanks to a brace of goals from Chris Huckle and Bedford Park Rangers with goals from Josh Geary and Jordan Wright won 2-1 at Wilshamstead Reserves for whom Chris McGurn netted.

Alas for Thurleigh after goals from Liam Bolton and Josh Pierre St Claire had shot them 2-0 ahead against St Joseph Reserves, the visitors from the Luton District and South Beds League fought back to win 3-2.

Preview for Saturday 5th November 2011.

The centre of attention this weekend for the majority of Premier Division supported by Sportsform clubs falls upon action in round two of this season's Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy. Of the eight clubs taking part, six go head to head with one another. The stand out tie being the Oakley Playing Field clash between hosts Oakley Sports and the visiting Shefford Town & Campton, having netted a league win over The Town boys less than a month ago at the same venue the home side will perhaps start the slight favourites to claim a last eight spot.

Over at Moggerhanger Playing Fields, Blunham could well make home advantage pay when they are visited by AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College, but at Crawley Road, perhaps it will be the visitors Caldecote who will start the favourites to progress into the next round when they journey to face The Safari Boys of Woburn.

For the other two Bedfordshire County Football League clubs in cup action, its ties against opposition from other leagues. At Lodge Road, Sharnbrook take on Crawley Green from The Spartan South Midlands League, their visitors having started the season with just one win from their opening 12 league games have suddenly hit form and will come into the tie now unbeaten in their last six outings, five of which have been won to suggest the hosts have a tough task on their hands.

The other tie being at Renhold Playing Fields, where Renhold United play hosts to United Counties Football League Potton United. The Royals like Crawley Green started the season badly by failing to win any of their opening seven league games until a win at league leaders Olney Town in game number eight appears to have kick started their season. All leaving Renhold like Sharnbrook with a tough task on their hands to make it into the draw for round three.

Please note all these games are due to kick off at 1.30pm.

Away from the cup ties, there are two scheduled Premier Division supported by Sportsform league encounters. At Steppingley Road, hosts Flitwick Town look to end a three game losing home sequence when visited by Arlesey Town Reserves. Whilst at Jubilee Playing Fields, Wilshamstead will be defending their seasons home unbeaten league record when called upon by a Bedford Hatters side that make the journey still unbeaten on the road this season.

Again, please note kick off time for these and all other league games is now 2pm.

In division one league leaders Ickwell & Old Warden will be in action on The Green against Lea Sports PSG looking to defend their 100% seasons home record and unbeaten ways against a PSG side that travel in search of their first away win of the season. Whilst likewise at Hurst Grove, Lidlington United Sports defend their seasons 100% home record when paid a visit by Henlow.

For fellow promotion hopefuls Bedford Sports Athletic, it's a trip to Hillgrounds still unbeaten on the road this season to take on a AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves side that are yet to win on home soil this season. A comment that also applies to Meltis Albion when they go into home Miller Road action against Marston Shelton Rovers.

Another leading promotion hopeful making a trip on the road this weekend are FC Meppershall, they journey still 100% away from home to face Luton Boys at Chaul End Lane, but for bottom of the table Westoning, it's a trip to Harvey Close and a meeting with unbeaten at home Caldecote Reserves seeking out their first away win of the season.

The days other action in this section coming at King George VI Playing Fields, the venue where Kings AFC will be playing hosts to Sandy.

In division two action, league leaders Elstow Abbey travel to Rectory Road to defend their seasons unbeaten ways against hosts Shefford Town & Campton Reserves. Whilst second place AFC Turvey also hit the road, their destination being The Hollow looking to retain their 100% ways on their travels against a home Potton United Reserves outfit that will prove to be no pushover as they go in search of home win number four on the bounce.

If third place Pavenham are going to close the gap on the leading two clubs then nothing less than a home win will do for them when they entertain Bromham United in Mowsbury Park. A comment that also applies to fourth place Sundon Park Rangers who entertain Clifton in Stockwood Park.

Down at the other end of the table, Great Barford losers of their opening five home league games look to put that right at Everton Playing Fields when visited by a Stopsley Park side that are now without a win in their last six league outings. Whilst Groveside is the venue for Marabese Ceramics home clash with Co-op Sports.

The final action in this division being due in Mowsbury Park where hosts Queens Park Crescents look for win number four on the bounce against the visiting M & DH Oakley, who journey in search of league win number five on the bounce.

For division three, for Goldington, it is also Mowsbury Park action when they receive a visit from a Potton Town side that has failed to win any of its last four outings to drop into the lower regions of the league standings. However, the game of the day in this division will perhaps come at Stevington Playing Fields where league leaders and hosts Stevington now on a six game winning run take on fourth place visitors Cranfield United Reserves, winners of their own last four league games.

For third place Renhold Village, it's a trip on the road to Cutler Hammer to be hosted by a home Kempston Hammers Sports side who in having won their last three games now sit sixth in the league standings. Whilst fifth place Eastcotts AFC aim to keep in the promotion mix-up when they journey to Greenfield Road in search of league away win number three on the bounce against hosts Westoning Reserves.

Other action in this division coming at Gold Street, where the yet to win this season Wilshamstead Reserves are the visitors to take on hosts Riseley Sports. At Wrest Park, where Sundon Park Rangers, now without a league win in four outings host Royal Oak Kempston, winners of their last two away outings. Over at Horseshoes Close, where Dunton Reserves will be searching out home win number one of the season against a Flitwick Town Reserves outfit who travel in search of their own first away win of the season.

In Division Four, for the leading two clubs its trips on the road, league leaders Bedford Park Rangers still 100% on their travels this season heading to Bedford Road Recreation Ground to face a yet to win at home Sandy Reserves. Whilst second place Marsh Leys also 100% on the road this season journey to Harvey Close to be hosted by a still unbeaten at home this season Caldecote A.

Division Four League Table at 29th October 2011.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Bedford Park Rangers	7	6	1	0	33	9	24	19
2	Marsh Leys	6	5	1	0	29	8	21	16
3	Thurleigh	6	4	1	1	23	9	14	13
4	Stewartby Village	8	4	1	3	25	18	7	13
5	Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	8	4	1	3	15	16	-1	13
6	Caldecote A	7	3	3	1	30	22	8	12
7	Clifton Reserves	7	3	2	2	19	17	2	11
8	Kempston Athletic	8	3	1	4	18	22	-4	10
9	Shefford Town & Campton A	7	3	1	3	21	27	-6	10
10	Wootton Village	7	2	2	3	19	18	1	8
11	Bedford Panthers	6	2	2	2	10	14	-4	8
12	Sandy Reserves	8	2	2	4	25	32	-7	8
13	Goldington Hammers	6	1	1	4	17	26	-9	4
14	Dunton A	9	0	2	7	10	37	-27	2
15	Dinamo Flitwick [former Reserves]	6	0	1	5	11	30	-19	1

Of the other promotion hopefuls, Stewartby Village also hit the road still unbeaten on their travels this season for a Hillgrounds outing against Kempston Athletic. Whilst at Keysoe Road, Thurleigh should collect the full three points when Dunton A losers of all of their five league away outings to date this campaign come calling plus Clifton Reserves go into Whiston Crescent home local derby action against a Shefford Town & Campton A side that has won its last two away league outings.

Other action coming at Hinksley Road, the venue where yet to win at home Dinamo Flitwick take on still unbeaten on the road Bedford Panthers and at Wootton Playing Fields, where hosts Wootton Village seek out their first home league win of the season against a Goldington Hammers side whose away record to date reads played four, lost four.