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Brian Buck's Travellers Tales

80. (9,830) Monday 20th September 2010. Gamlingay United 1 Blunham Reserves 0 (East Beds Junior Charity Cup Quarter Final) att 30 approx. There was some doubt in my mind as to if this game would start as at 7pm on the previous evening it was almost pitch dark and on the Beds County League website spectators were asked to bring a torch with them! This was a 6.15pm kick off and it was a 35 minutes each way affair. Checking back through my records later I found that I once saw Haynes beat Fairfield Social 1-0 in a S.A. Butcher Cup match on 24 September 1987. I recall that it got pretty dark on that night as well Tonights match was refereed by Mark Ives, once a Football League lino, but these days he's now Head of Discipline at the FA. as Blunham found out to their cost after the break, twice! The game was played at the Stocks Lane ground, rather than in the school grounds over the fence. It appears that the shool make more money hiring the site out to caravans than they do staging football matches! Anyway with the visitors including ex-Potton United manager Roy Bloxham and ex-Biggleswade United player 'Dudsey' Davidson in their line up an away win was expected. Another thing in Blunham's favour was that in my previous seven visits to Gamlingay I'd only ever seen them win once, a 1-0 win against Biggleswade United in a friendly match on 12 august 1993! But although the first half, played in a decent light, did largely belong to Blunham it was a different story after the break after Hayden Woods put the hosts ahead on 45 minutes. In the quickly gathering gloom it was now they who were in the ascendancy. Then a big black cloud headed our way and as eventually both sides pleaded with Mark to terminate the game. When they worked out where he was, he brought proceedings to a close two minutes before time. Both teams should be congratulated for entering into the spirit of an enjoyable evening.

82. (9,832) Wednesday 23rd August 2010. Biggleswade United Reserves 0 Shefford Town & Campton 2 (Bedfordshire County League Premier Division) att 55 approx The immensely talented Brian 'Bear' 'No Luck' Swords has made a welcome to management this season after a substantial break, but he had no luck with his side tonight. As their name suggests the visitors are an amalgamation of two famous old sides. As Campton's ground is too cramped to take them much further they have decided to throw their lot in with Shefford Town who are looking to move forward now and who will be playing on their new ground next season if all goes well. In fact it was good to see them wearing the same coloured shirts as I saw them wear when they used to play at Ivel Road a ground which has still yet to be built on, but that's another story! On 12 minutes tonight I thought that their keeper should have

been sent off for handling outside the area, but he only got a yellow, which met with the approval of referee Keith Redman, sitting a couple of bodies to the right of me! Although we didn't know it at the time, the game was as good as over by the 21st minute. On 15 minutes Andrew Hayday of Shefford ran through the United defence almost completely unchallenged and he scored with ease. Six minutes later the powerful player scored again when hit an unstoppable shot which went in off the post. The second half saw United play with greater vigor and determination, but within minutes Mr Swords had no luck with the ref when he was told off for using some anglo saxon language and with it being pointed out to him that he had all of half time in the dressing room to try out his elocution skills! In this half United played well enough to deserve at least one goal as the game became a decent one to watch. But in truth Shefford are a decent side and this win was to take them to the top of the league, whilst United are one place off the bottom at the time of writing.

Wednesday 6th October 2010

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Having lost their first three away games of the season, Flitwick Town tonight opened their away points tally for the season with a 2-1 win at The Armadillo Stadium against Arlesey Town Reserves. The visitors after hitting the home woodwork three times in the opening half gained the lead just two minutes into the new period via Richie Bevan, Bevan then doubled the tally just six minutes later with a strike from a full 25 yards out. An home reply from the head of Dan Pinkerton just nine minutes from time set up a tense finish, the visitors however duly held on to climb to eighth spot in The Premier Division supported by Sportsform standings and leave their hosts still floundering in the bottom three.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform table at 6th October 2010

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Shefford Town & Campton	7	4	2	1	18	8	10	14
2	Renhold United	6	4	2	0	10	3	7	14
3	Wilshamstead	6	4	1	1	18	13	5	13
4	Blunham	5	4	0	1	24	7	17	12
5	Caldecote	6	4	0	2	19	10	9	12
6	Oakley Sports	6	4	0	2	15	14	1	12
7	Leighton United	6	3	2	1	14	9	5	11
8	Flitwick Town	6	3	0	3	12	14	-2	9
9	Southill Alexander	6	2	1	3	9	12	-3	7
10	Woburn	5	2	0	3	11	12	-1	6
11	Dunton	7	2	0	5	13	23	-10	6
12	AFC Kempston Town	7	1	2	4	7	15	-8	5
13	Arlesey Town Reserves	6	1	1	4	11	16	-5	4
14	Sharnbrook	6	1	1	4	9	16	-7	4
15	Biggleswade United Reserves	7	1	0	6	8	26	-18	3

Action Round-Up Saturday 9th October 2010

Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy Round One

Caldecote were to take the days top billing with a 5-2 home win over Molten South Midlands League Crawley Green, the current trophy holders. Nathan Buckland on the scoresheet in the opening half before Kai Griffiths-Shilton netted a hat-trick and a strike from Russell Kemp brought up the nap hand in the second period. Caldecote now have home advantage in round two against Cranfield United.

Also into round two are Blunham, 6-0 home winners over AFC Kempston Town, Matty McMahon on target twice alongside Andy Smith, Steve Thomas, Carl Page and Zak Rowe. Blunham will now receive a visit from AFC Dunstable in round two who were 3-0 home winners over Sharnbrook.

Joining them in round two are Oakley Sports, they ran out 4-0 home winners over Arlesey Town Reserves. Sam Watkins twice plus Jamie Endersby and Stuart Kelly netting the goals to earn a home round two tie against United Counties League side Potton United.

It was however the end of the road for Biggleswade United Reserves, they had just a Nick Jones goal to show for their 5-1 defeat at AFC Kempston Rovers. Rovers now travel to face Shefford Town & Campton in round two.

For Woburn, it was a 2-1 defeat at Wootton Blue Cross despite a goal from Martin Holland. The Cross are now at home against Ampthill Town who won 4-0 at Leighton United.

Also bowing out were Dunton, 1-0 losers at Kents Athletic, they now travel to face Wilshamstead in round two after they gained a walkover due to Southill Alexander not being able to raise a side to face them in round one. Whilst Flitwick Town were 4-0 losers at Bedford FC.

Division One

It's as you were at the top of the division one league standings after both Potton Wanderers and Marston Shelton Rovers retained their seasons 100% records with victories. League leaders Potton Wanderers with two goals from Craig Schurek and a strike from Antony Schurek against a late penalty reply from Asa Garlick, winning 3-1 at Meltis Albion. Whilst Marston Shelton Rovers needed just a 10th minute strike from Liam Parker to earn a 1-0 home win over Sandy.

The game of the day however saw Henlow and Bedford Sports Athletic share the spoils in a 4-4 draw at Groveside. Luke Holt twice plus Jake Rennie and Andy Newton on the home scoresheet against a brace in reply from Asa Mead and goals for Ashley Mead and Gary Canzano marking The Athletic card.

Also sharing the spoils were FC Meppershall and Brache Sparta Community Reserves in a 2-2 draw. Darren Bentley with both of the home goals including one from the penalty spot being replied to by Mustapha Ahmed and Mohammed Kabir.

For Luton Old Boys, it was a first win of the season, 2-1 at home over Blunham Reserves. Arvin Rajaram and Adam Borton seeing their goals only being replied to by Ed Davis.

Elsewhere, AFC Kempston Town Reserves came up with their first home win of the season, 1-0 over Caldecote Reserves thanks to a strike from Jamie Felts.

Division One League Table at 9th October 2010

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Potton Wanderers	7	6	0	1	30	9	21	18
2	Marston Shelton Rovers	6	6	0	0	23	6	17	18
3	Bedford Hatters	5	5	0	0	17	3	14	15
4	Meltis Albion	6	4	0	2	18	7	11	12
5	Henlow	6	3	1	2	14	11	3	10
6	Blunham Reserves	7	2	2	3	23	14	9	8
7	AFC Kempston Town Reserves	5	2	1	2	8	11	-3	7
8	Caldecote Reserves	5	2	0	3	9	4	5	6
9	Sandy	8	2	0	6	13	22	-9	6
10	Bedford S.A.	6	1	2	3	13	22	-9	5
11	FC Meppershall	6	1	2	3	11	21	-10	5
12	Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	5	1	1	3	5	10	-5	4
13	Brache Sparta Community Reserves	6	1	1	4	6	36	-30	4
14	Luton Old Boys [Saturday]	6	1	0	5	8	22	-14	3

Division Two

Arlesey Social Galacticos remain on top of the division two league table despite being held to a 2-2 home draw by Shefford Town & Campton Reserves. Chris Robinson and Dhaminder Kandola netting for The Social against a brace in reply from Adam Larsen.

Social retaining their league leadership after second place Clifton were also held 2-2 at home by Elstow Abbey. Will Pitts seeing his two home goals cancelled out on each occasion by equalizers from first Tom Pitts then Harry Ellis.

However, both clubs saw their lead at the head of the table cut to just a single point by Queens Park Crescents who run out 3-2 away winners at Westoning Recreation Club. Imran Khan with a brace and Zain Riasat netting the vital goals against home replies from Glen Cooksley and Ian Buckingham.

Also enjoying life on the road were both Stopsley Park and Lea Sports PSG. The Park ending a run of three games without a win with a 5-4 victory at Harpur FC. Luke Bland twice plus James Smart, Rob Wilson and Mike Buckmaster on the mark for The Park against a brace from Kane Alexander plus single goals from Christain Maxfield and Domic Skyers making up the home tally.

Meantime, PSG were 5-1 winners at Stevington, Chris Littlejohn with a brace plus goals from Paul Collins, Hayden Fletcher and Juan Ramello only being replied to by Aaron Fletcher.

For bottom of the table Kempston Hammers Sports, it was a fifth consecutive defeat, 4-0 at Marabese Ceramics, for whom Adrain Follano netted twice, once from the penalty spot plus Colin Stanley and Mica Pink also got into the act.

Also going down to their fifth straight defeat were Kings AFC beaten 3-2 at Bromham United Phill Kempshall twice and Antony Farr the United scorers against a brace in reply from Josh Clements.

The final game of the day in this section seeing Great Barford run out 2-1 home winners over Lidlington United Sports. Daniel Stafford and Freddie Windram on target for the home side against a United penalty reply via John Smith.

<u>Division Two League Table at 9th October 2010</u>									
POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Arlesey Social Galacticos	7	5	2	0	27	17	10	17
2	Clifton	7	5	2	0	23	15	8	17
3	Queens Park Crescents	7	5	1	1	18	10	8	16
4	Lea Sports PSG	6	4	1	1	25	8	17	13
5	Elstow Abbey 06	7	4	1	2	20	11	9	13
6	Bromham United	7	4	0	3	16	17	-1	12
7	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	7	3	2	2	18	19	-1	11
8	Great Barford	7	3	0	4	13	14	-1	9
9	Westoning Recreation Club	5	2	1	2	16	11	5	7
10	Stopsley Park	7	2	1	4	23	23	0	7
11	Marabese Ceramics	5	2	1	2	8	8	0	7
12	Lidlington United Sports	6	2	1	3	13	14	-1	7
13	Harpur FC	7	2	1	4	21	33	-12	7
14	Stevington	7	1	0	6	11	23	-12	3
15	Kings AFC	5	0	0	5	10	20	-10	0
16	Kempston Hammers Sports	5	0	0	5	4	23	-19	0

Division Three

Pavenham are now five points clear at the head of the division three league table after they preserved their 100% seasons record with a 2-1 win at Sharnbrook Reserves, who were dropping points for the first time this season. James Owen and Tom Ellis netting the vital goals against a home reply from Kevin Harris.

For second place M & DH Oakley, it was also a loss of their seasons perfect record when held to a 4-4 draw away at bottom of the table Shefford Town & Campton A. Eddie Kemp twice plus Chris Clarke and Andrew Hayday on the mark for the home side against Oakley replies via a Jamie McClenan brace plus Jamie Underwood and Ben Johnson.

The biggest winners of the day in this section were Riseley Sports, 5-0 victors at Caldecote A. Sami Gingell, Alan Spurgeon, Paul Brown, John Steele and Jimmy Grandidge all finding the back of the net in The Sportsman's first win of the season.

Also enjoying an away win were Cranfield United Reserves, 3-2 at Flitwick Town Reserves. James Armstrong, Mark Dring and Stefan Velikov all on the scoresheet against Town replies via an own goal plus Grant Archer.

For Renhold Village, it was a third home win on the bounce, 3-1 over Westoning Recreation Club Reserves. Carl Townsend, Dan Luke and Stuart Kester netting the goals against a lone reply from Liam Boyle.

Elsewhere, Royal Oak Kempston with goals from Dean Boland and David Minney were 2-0 home winners over Dunton Reserves. Plus Co-op Sports and Wilshamstead Reserves shared the points from a 0-0 draw.

Division Three League Table at 9th October 2010

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Pavenham	7	7	0	0	30	2	28	21
2	M & DH Oakley	6	5	1	0	25	5	20	16
3	Sharnbrook Reserves	6	5	0	1	12	6	6	15
4	Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	6	3	2	1	20	9	11	11
5	Co-op Sports	7	3	2	2	18	11	7	11
6	Renhold Village	5	3	0	2	15	7	8	9
7	Royal Oak Kempston	6	2	1	3	15	14	1	7
8	Cranfield United Reserves	5	2	1	2	5	13	-8	7
9	Westoning Recreation Club Reserves	4	2	0	2	16	12	4	6
10	Flitwick Town Reserves	5	1	1	3	7	14	-7	4
11	Riseley Sports	5	1	1	3	6	14	-8	4
12	Dunton Reserves	6	1	0	5	8	16	-8	3
13	Caldecote 'A'	5	1	0	4	6	15	-9	3
14	Wilshamstead Reserves	6	0	2	4	6	28	-22	2
15	Shefford Town & Campton 'A'	5	0	1	4	6	29	-23	1

Division Four

AFC Turvey were to retain their seasons 100% record and the leadership of the division four league table the hard way, when they came from 1-4 down at home against Goldington to claim a 5-4 victory. Andrew Wren with a hat-trick plus John Guiney and Robin Ellis their goal heros after strikes from Damien Quigley, Karl Anderson, Robert Brown and James Morris had put the visitors in control.

Up into second place now are Thurleigh, they ran out 5-1 home winners over Goldington Hammers. Liam Boland with a brace plus Charlie Rogers, Dan Newton and Stefan Wilson on target against a lone reply from Jordan Carter.

Also climbing above Goldington in the league standings are Eastcotts, 5-3 home winners over Clifton Reserves. Adam Jaques with a brace plus goals from Tony

Milloti, Michael Sexton and Dan Ellison only being replied to by a brace from David Dice and a strike from Harry Fisher.

For fifth place Potton Town, it was a 4-1 away win at Dinamo Flitwick, Chris Cooper twice plus Tom Payman and Sam King goals doing the damage against a home reply from Dale Goldie.

Also enjoying life on the road were Sandy Reserves, 2-1 winners at Wootton Village. Brad Dennis and Matt Gedney seeing their goals only replied to by Adam Flynn.

Elsewhere, Kempston Athletic were gaining their first point of the season from a 2-2 draw at Lea Sports PSG Reserves. Lee Smith and Gary Whitbread on The Athletic scoresheet against home replies from Callum Jones and Ryan Derby.

Matching AFC Turvey's comeback were Stewartby Village, 4-2 winners at Bedford Park Rangers. 2-0 down at half-time following home strikes from Roger Goff and Bruno De-Santos, back came The Village in the second period with a brace from Lee Collis plus strikes from Ben Sparks and James Greenslade to collect the full three points.

Division Four League Table at 9th October 2010

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Turvey	6	6	0	0	34	6	28	18
2	Thurleigh	6	5	0	1	23	9	14	15
3	Eastcotts AFC	6	5	0	1	19	7	12	15
4	Goldington	6	4	0	2	30	12	18	12
5	Potton Town	6	4	0	2	13	9	4	12
6	Goldington Hammers	6	3	0	3	12	23	-11	9
7	Clifton Reserves	6	2	0	4	16	21	-5	6
8	Dinamo Flitwick	6	2	0	4	11	17	-6	6
9	Stewartby Village	6	2	0	4	11	17	-6	6
10	Bedford Park Rangers	6	2	0	4	16	23	-7	6
11	Sandy Reserves	5	2	0	3	8	16	-8	6
12	Lea Sports PSG Reserves	5	1	1	3	6	14	-8	4
13	Wootton Village	5	1	0	4	7	14	-7	3
14	Kempston Athletic	5	0	1	4	7	25	-18	1

Preview Saturday 16th October 2010

Premier Division supported by Sportsform action this weekend takes league leaders Shefford Town & Campton on the road to Lodge Road to face second from the bottom of the table Sharnbrook. The hosts looking for their opening home win of the season, whilst the visitors look to extend their unbeaten league ways to five games.

For second in the table Renhold United, it's home Renhold Playing Field action against AFC Kempston Town. United looking to preserve their seasons 100% home record against a Town side that travel without a win from their last four outings.

However,,perhaps the game of the day will come at Harvey Close,the venue where fifth place Caldecote, who remain 100% at home this campaign clash with fourth place local rivals and defending champions Blunham.

Currently sitting in third spot in the league table are Wilshamstead, they will be in home Houghton Conquest Playing Fields action against Southill Alexander.The hosts looking to take their unbeaten ways to six games against an Alexander side that has yet to win on the road this season.

Down at Steppingley Road, Flitwick Town on paper look firm favourites to retain their seasons 100% home record and collect another three points when called upon by a Biggleswade United Reserves side that has lost all of it's last four league outings to drop to the bottom of the league standings.

The days other top flight action coming at Stanbridge Road, where Leighton United look to extend their seasons unbeaten home ways when paid a visit by an Arlesey Town Reserves outfit that comes in search of there first away win of the season.

Plus at Crawley Road, where hosts Woburn will fancy their chances of the points against a travelling Dunton side who look to end a run of four consecutive defeats.

The game of the day in division one comes at Marston Playing Fields, with the meeting between second place hosts Marston Shelton Rovers and third place visitors Bedford Hatters, both clubs going into the game still with a seasons 100% perfect record.

For league leaders Potton Wanderers, it's local derby action when they hit the road for Moggerhanger Playing Fields and a meeting with Blunham Reserves.

Derby action also takes place at Groveside, the venue for Henlow's home encounter with Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves.

After their home defeat against the league leaders last weekend, Meltis Albion will perhaps fancy their chances of repairing the damage when Caldecote Reserves are the visitors to Miller Road.

For AFC Kempston Town, it's another home game as FC Meppershall travel to face them at Hillgrounds in search of their first away win of the campaign.

Whilst the final game of the day in this section takes place at Foxdell Recreation Ground, the venue for Brache Sparta Community Reserves home clash with a Bedford Sports Athletic side that has yet to win on the road this season.

For the leading two clubs in division two it's trips on the road, league leaders Arlesey Social Galacticos heading to Pirton Recreation Ground still unbeaten this term to a face fourth place Lea Sports PSG who are now unbeaten in their last four outings.Whilst second place Clifton put their seasons 100% perfect away record on the line when they visit Greenfield Road to face Westoning Recreation Club.

Any slip up by the leading two could well see them leapfrogged by third place Queens Park Crescents should The Crescents collect the full three points from their Mowsbury Park home encounter with Marabese Ceramics.

For the bottom two clubs, it's home encounters. Kempston Hammers Sports due a visit from Harpur FC at Cutler Hammer, whilst Kings AFC will be hosting Great Barford at their King George VI Playing Fields Headquarters.

Following three straight defeats, Lidlinton United Sports look to have no easy task repairing the damage when Elstow Abbey, now unbeaten in their last four away outings, call upon them at Hurst Grove. Whilst at Rectory Road, Shefford Town & Campton Reserves seek to preserve their seasons unbeaten home ways when they host Bromham United.

The final game of the day in this section coming at The Luton Regional Sports Centre where Stopsley Park search for their first home win of the season against a Stevington side that has lost all of it's three away games to date this campaign.

In Division Three, league leaders Pavenham are in home Hillgrounds action against a Royal Oak Kempston side that is yet to win on the road this season, but Hillgrounds is The Oak's normal home venue, so perhaps the leaders are in for a tougher game than they think.

The game of the day however sees second place M& D Oakley still unbeaten this season, host third place Sharnbrook Reserves, who travel to Oakley Playing Fields still 100% away from Lodge Road this season.

Over in Stockwood Park, you would expect fourth place Sundon Park Rangers, still unbeaten at home this season to preserve that record when called upon by Westoning Recreation Club Reserves. Whilst just down the road at Solway Road, Co-op Sports seek out their first home win of the season against visitors Renhold Village.

If Shefford Town & Campton A are to lift themselves off the bottom of the league table, then nothing less than three points will do when they host Cranfield United Reserves at Digswell Playing Fields, as second from bottom of the table Wilshamstead Reserves might just fancy their chances of collecting a point/points when they head to Horseshoes Close to face a Dunton Reserves side that has lost its opening three home league games to the campaign.

The final action in this section coming at Gold Street, the venue for Riseley Sports home encounter with Flitwick Town where they look for their first home win of the season.

Division Four action takes league leaders AFC Turvey, still with a seasons perfect record to Whiston Crescent to take on a Clifton Reserves side that has lost its last four outings, whilst second place Thurleigh will be fully expected to collect the full three points when they host a Lea Sports PSG Reserves side at Keysoe Road who are yet to gain an away point this season.

For Eastcotts in third spot, it's a trip to Bedford Road Recreation Ground to face a Sandy Reserves side that has yet to win on home soil this season. Whilst just down the road at Sunderland Road, fifth place Potton Town should collect the full three points when they entertain bottom of the table Kempston Athletic.

Elsewhere, Goldington will be looking to halt their slide down the league standings when they host Bedford Park Rangers in Mowsbury Park, a venue that will also see Goldington Hammers take on Wootton Village.

The day's final game coming at Stewartby Way where hosts Stewartby Village take on Dinamo Flitwick.