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Noticeboard

Registrations

Please remember for a player to be legal to take part in any game his registration must be approved by the competition registration secretary by 12 noon on the day of the match. Failure to comply with this being league rule 18A will result in the player being declared ineligible to play.

To check out if any player is fully registered go to Full Time and click on any days given fixture. If the player in question **does not appear** in the available to play list then that player **is not eligible** to take part in that given fixture.

All clubs are requested to check that their players registered on Whole Game have correctly transferred to Full Time.

Reporting of Result Deadline

2.30pm Kick Off: Deadline 5.30pm

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As per League Rule 21B Home clubs should report the result of the game by text/telephone to Peter Francis on 07779680269.

Please refrain from leaving messages on the answer phone.

To assist with the publication of the league News Bulletin could clubs/teams please also add the name of their goalscorers. It whilst not a league rule would greatly assist if the Away clubs/ teams also texted their goalscorers to the same number 07779680269.

Reporting of Results County Cup Competitions.

Home clubs to report the results as per details above and to **also** report the result to the County FA.

Away clubs when playing **opposition outside the league** should report their result as per details above.

Loading of Results Sheets Deadline onto Full Time as per League Rule 21c

Saturday Fixtures: By Midnight the following Wednesday

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Brian Buck Travellers Tales on the 8th Annual Bedfordshire County League Hop

99th game of the season. (Match 13,111) Saturday 12th October 2019. Real Haynes 7 Blunham 0 (Bedfordshire County League Division 3) (10.30am kick off) att 196. This was the day of the 8th annual Bedfordshire County League Hop and I was able to take in all three games. However for a while it looked like rain was going to spoil things, especially for the first match. But it didn't really, although I suspect that a few more people might have turned up had it been a sunny day. Of the three matches which took place this one was given the most publicity and someone posted flyers through the letter boxes of all 500 houses in the village to try and get people to come along. The club were also raising money for cancer research. So, we arrived in the rain and after parking up I looked for somewhere to sit down in the dry. I thought that the village hall itself might be the answer, but apparently it was being used for dog training. In fact there was a lot going on generally as vehicles going on to a local steam rally passed the ground both before and during the match. Furthermore there was some loud 'music' blaring out for a while at one point. Also I enjoyed the cheerleaders impressively going through their routines throughout the match. On the negative side I heard rumours that they were initially charging £2 for a cup of coffee and although I'm told they later halved the price, I dipped out of partaking. Some of the Groundhoppers present had come along way to watch these games and without exception they knew what the going rate should be! As for the game, it was very much one way traffic and I felt a tinge sorry for Blunham, as being the away team for the first game of the day can be a thankless task. But there was no complaints from them and they got on with the job of losing and hopefully they would have taken comfort from the fact that they were playing in front of so many people. Real Haynes were 4-0 up by the break and despite missing a penalty, given for handball by the excellent always smiling Derek Osborne, they added another three goals before close of play. It would have been more had it not been for the heroics of the Blunham keeper.

100. (13,112) (3,628th 'new' ground) Saturday 12th October 2019. Stopsley United 2 Harlington Juniors 3 (Bedfordshire County League Division 3) (Played at Luton 6th Form College, Bradgers Hill Road, Luton) (1.45pm kick off) att 128. After the previous match was over most of us moved on to our second game, which took about half an hour to get to and here there were some problems. Being in a school, there wasn't much for the Groundhoppers to do pre-match. Most of us were hanging around for refreshments and the all important programme but the organisers turned up as we did and so we had to wait patiently while they got themselves organised. Eventually this happened and our needs were satisfied by the good natured club officials. They even provided some toasted sandwiches, which I didn't know about until we were leaving at the end. There was another problem, in that there was a dispute about the kick off time. When details of the Hop were originally released this game was down as a 1.30pm start, but somehow in the weeks/days leading up to the match it got changed to 1.45pm. No one present in my earshot could explain why and eventually a Brexit

type compromise was agreed and we started a few minutes before 1.45pm. As for the ground itself it was a pleasant eye opener for the Hoppers as it had three steps of concrete terracing down one side, cut into a bank. The pitch was well maintained as well and one person thought that it might be a former crown bowling green, whilst someone else suggested that rugby could have been played here. My research later revealed that the whole site was once the home of Luton Grammar School, making the latter theory probably right. Unfortunately, that got knocked down and is now the car park, to be replaced by the 6th Form College, which to me looks like a Russian prison. As for the match, it was keenly contested, too keenly at times. The visitors took the lead on 7 minutes but the hosts equalised two minutes later before Harlington regained the lead just before the break. At half time the ref became ill and was unable to continue. Luckily David Snaith the supremo of the now Defunct Luton District and South Beds League was present and more importantly (today) he was a serving referee. Although in plain clothes he borrowed the refs cards and soon put them to good use, sending off a player from each side after a punch up on 61 minutes. He later booked two players from each side. It was the best refereeing performance I've seen by any referee this season and if a video of it was made then I suggest that it is sent to all referees who don't deal with problems or abide by the laws of the game. It was a masterclass. On 76 minutes the visitors increased their lead before Stopsley scored right at the end. Then with the grateful thanks for our attendance by the hosts officials ringing in our ears as we left, we then moved onto the last game of the Hop.

101. (13,113) Saturday 12th October 2019. Lancot Park 5 Luton Allstars 1 (Bedfordshire County League Division 3) (Played at Dunstable Cricket Club) (4.15pm kick off) att 118. We arrived at our last game of the day at 3.53pm, just about on sat nav time and here they were just about ready to go on the refreshments front as we walked into the clubhouse. I had a delicious chicken curry, washed down with a pint of cider. Many other Hoppers took advantage of either that or a vegetable curry. I have to say that it was just about the first time I had seen so many Hoppers in one room almost silent as they tucked into their meal. Problem was that unlike myself, some of them were slow eaters and they either arrived at pitch side, or close to it, as they kicked off or a few minutes later. In this respect it would have been better had the previous match kicked off at 1.30pm as the extra 15 minutes it would have given the Hoppers more time to get prepared. I previously visited this ground back on 31 August 1995, when it was home to Old Dunstablians, before they became AFC Dunstable and they lost 6-1 to Leighton Athletic in a Minerva Footballs South Midlands Division 1 match, att 35 approx. Today the whole setup, just across the road from Totterhoe's ground, looked a lot smarter. You had to walk round the roped off boundary of the cricket ground to get to the pitch, but once there were pleasant scenic rural views to be had. As for the match, it turned out to be rather one sided score wise, but until they faded at the end the visitors fought for every ball. Indeed it was they who took the lead on 34 minutes before the hosts equalised four minutes later, before taking the lead three minutes after that. A converted spot kick, given for a trip, saw Park increase their lead on 57 minutes before they put the game to bed by scoring twice in the last quarter. If I had a grumble about this game is that someone with an amplifier decided to do a commentary on the game. This was not needed, nor was the commentators over excited celebrations each time a goal was scored. If I'd been the opposition then I'd been totally hacked off by this. That apart everything was great here and the organisers of the Hop are to be congratulated for successfully bringing it altogether.

Action Round Up Saturday 19th October 2019

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Riseley Sports remain on top of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table despite losing their seasons 100% away ways when beaten 2-0 at Stevington for whom Martin Danebrega and Billy Pinney netted the goals to do the damage and move Stevington up the table into third spot in retaining their seasons unbeaten ways. For second place AFC Oakley it was the end of their seasons 100% record when beaten 3-1 at Biggleswade United U23. Charlie Clayton with a brace plus a strike from Milo Keane on the United scoresheet against a lone reply from Eijah Hukin.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 19th October 2019

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Riseley Sports First	9	6	1	2	30	18	12	19
2	AFC Oakley First	7	6	0	1	33	7	26	18
3	Stevington First	8	5	3	0	24	5	19	18
4	Cranfield United First	7	4	3	0	37	8	29	15
5	Crawley Green Reserves	6	5	0	1	18	10	8	15
6	Caldecote First	7	4	1	2	18	9	9	13
7	Flitwick Town First	9	3	3	3	15	17	-2	12
8	Queens Park Crescents First	6	3	2	1	24	9	15	11
9	Biggleswade United U23	8	3	2	3	16	12	4	11
10	Biggleswade FC Reserves	8	3	0	5	17	14	3	9
11	Bedford Albion First	7	2	1	4	15	18	-3	7
12	AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Firs	7	2	1	4	11	20	-9	7
13	Marston Shelton Rovers First	7	2	1	4	11	33	-22	7
14	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	7	1	2	4	7	18	-11	5
15	Wilstead First	6	0	0	6	6	28	-22	0
16	Wootton Blue Cross First	9	0	0	9	6	62	-56	0

Table detail

Dropping down into fourth spot are Cranfield United who were held to a 1-1 draw at Shefford Town & Campton Reserves. Dan Green giving United the lead in the 15th minute which was cancelled out by Ashley Ingham seven minutes into the second half before Ingham saw his 80th minute penalty saved by United goalkeeper Matthew Bines to deny his side their first home win of the season. Whilst now just goal difference behind them in fifth place are Crawley Green Reserves who ran out the 5-1 winners over second from bottom of the table Wilstead. Timmy Akerele and Dominic Horn both netting twice and Reece Green once to bring up the nap hand against a lone reply from Kevin Butler.

The Green jumping above Caldecote who lost their seasons 100% away ways when beaten 2-1 at AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College who thanks to strikes from Jonny Richens and Anas Bechkoun were picking up their first home points of the campaign at this their fifth time of asking. The visitors reply coming via Andrew Vallom. Whilst the biggest win of the day went to Queens Park Crescents the 7-1 home victors over bottom of the table Wootton Blue Cross. Scott Alleyne leading the way with four goals, Mohammed Raheem Jabber netting twice and Dominic Parrella once against a lone reply from Martell Brome.

For Bedford Albion it was a return to winning ways and a first home win of the season in defeating Biggleswade FC Reserves 5-3. Josh Emmerton leading the way with a hat-trick and joined on the scoresheet by an own goal and a strike from Daniel Jeffries against visitors replies via Kian Coles, John Veal and Oscar Smith. Whilst Marston Shelton Rovers took their unbeaten ways up to three games with a 2-1 home success over Flitwick Town. Perry Connolly and Sam Smith netting for the Rovers against a Town reply from Dominic Collins.

Division One

There is no change at the head of the Division One standings following wins for the top two sides. For league leaders Cranfield United Reserves it was a 5-0 home win over Houghton Athletic. Jordan Conway netting a hat-trick to go alongside single goals for Robbie Field and Daniel Jones. Whilst second place Henlow are still 100% on the road this season after winning 3-0 at Wilstead Reserves thanks to goals from Jake Green, Tyler Lowen and Mike Coates.

Division One League Table at 19th October 2019

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Cranfield United Reserves	8	7	0	1	39	7	32	21
2	Henlow First	8	6	1	1	25	7	18	19
3	Lea Sports PSG (Saturday) First	7	5	1	1	26	7	19	16
4	Sporting Lewsey Park First	7	5	1	1	30	14	16	16
5	Elstow Abbey First	7	5	1	1	23	8	15	16
6	Flitwick Town Reserves	7	4	0	3	15	13	2	12
7	Amphill Town Development	7	3	1	3	12	16	-4	10
8	Totternhoe Reserves	5	3	0	2	12	14	-2	9
9	Bedford SA First	6	2	0	4	12	13	-1	6
10	Stotfold Development	5	2	0	3	7	9	-2	6
11	Wilstead Reserves	7	2	0	5	9	22	-13	5 *
12	Kempston Athletic First	8	1	1	6	10	25	-15	4
13	Houghton Athletic Saturday	7	1	0	6	9	18	-9	3
14	AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Rese	7	1	0	6	3	29	-26	3
15	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	6	1	0	5	1	31	-30	3
16	Eynesbury Rovers Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

[Table detail](#)

* adjustment made

Now up into third spot are Lea Sports PSG who won 5-1 at Kempston Athletic. Milton Tomlinson-Dennis and Warren Bell both netting twice and Will Tyler once against a lone home reply via Jemel Brown. The result jumping PSG above both Sporting Lewsey Park and Elstow Abbey on goal difference after they played out a 2-2 draw. The Park with first half goals from Jamed Braddon and a Chris Gibson penalty failing to chalk up their fifth win on bounce after Abbey replies in the second half from Glenn Tumulty and Sergi Kadji at least retained their seasons unbeaten away ways if not their seasons 100% away record.

For sixth place Flitwick Town Reserves it was win number four on the bounce with a 3-0 victory at Stotfold Development. Daniel Stafford, Mark Funnell and Gareth Fossey netting the goals. Whilst seventh place Amphill Town Development were the 4-0 home winners over AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves. Tommy Jackson, Jack Fuller, Tom Britten and Tom Day all finding the back of the net.

Elsewhere, Tottenhoe Reserves collected their first away points of the season with a 4-0 victory at The 61 FC Luton Reserve. Joe Dixon with a brace plus single goals from George Capehorn and Nat Barimah doing the damage.

Division Two supported by Hy-Pro

Despite having their game at Clifton postponed due to an unfit pitch Pines (Luton) remain on top of the Division Two supported by Hy-Pro standings after second place AFC Oakley Reserves lost their seasons 100% ways when held to a 2-2 home draw by Renhold. Daniel Glos and Joe Mcdonagh on the home scoresheet against Renhold replies via Matty Phelan and Reece Baker. Also failing to take advantage of the league leaders day off were third place Sharnbrook who lost their seasons 100% record when beaten 3-2 at Bedford Albion Reserves. Stefan Bucur with a brace plus Aaron Fletcher netting for the Albion against a brace in reply from Harry Chinn for the visitors.

Division Two supported by Hy-Pro League Table at 19th October 2019

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Pines (Luton) First	7	6	1	0	37	7	30	19
2	AFC Oakley Reserves	7	6	1	0	31	14	17	19
3	Sharnbrook First	7	6	0	1	28	8	20	18
4	Eaton Park Rangers First Team	7	3	1	3	19	15	4	10
5	Clifton First	7	3	1	3	13	14	-1	10
6	Sundon Park Rovers First	7	3	1	3	12	13	-1	10
7	Sandy First	8	3	2	3	21	25	-4	10 *
8	Caldecote Reserves	7	3	1	3	14	24	-10	10
9	St Josephs (Saturday) First	4	3	0	1	20	5	15	9
10	CS Rovers First	7	2	1	4	12	17	-5	7
11	Luton Leagrave AFC First	8	2	1	5	12	25	-13	7
12	Bedford Albion Reserves	4	2	0	2	10	18	-8	6
13	Renhold First	8	0	4	4	13	25	-12	4
14	Atletico Europa First	8	1	1	6	12	26	-14	4
15	Marston Shelton Rovers Reserves	6	0	1	5	6	24	-18	1
16	Meltis Albion First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

[Table detail](#)

* adjustment made

The biggest win of the day was to go the way of Caldecote Reserves with a 7-3 home victory over Atletico Europa. Nicky Thomas with a hat-trick joined on the home scoresheet by Adam Legate and Jake Wallace who both netted braces against Europa replies via Paddy Alimanji, Robel Hailu and Emmanuel Adjei. Whilst also enjoying life on home soil were Sundon Park Rovers the 2-0 winners over Eaton Park Rangers thanks to an own goal plus a strike from Tay Roberts.

Elsewhere, CS Rovers picked up their first away point of the season in sharing the spoils in a 2-2 draw at Luton Leagrave AFC. Domingo Ndala and Richard Mead netting for the home side against Rovers replies via Shane Robb and Connor Darocha. Whilst it was also all square at 1-1 between Marston Shelton Rovers Reserves and Sandy. Adam Kerr netting for the Rovers and Michael Rushdon for the visitors.

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro

Stevington Reserves in retaining their seasons 100% home ways with a 4-2 win over Wootton Village are three points clear at the head of the Division Three supported by Hy-Pro standings. Dan Lehan with a brace plus single goals from Ian Collins and Jamie Daniels only being replied to twice by Village goals from Callum Evans and Elliot Lewis. Whilst for second place Stopsley United it was a retention of their seasons 100% away ways when winning 7-3 at FC Polonia (Luton) for whom Grzegorz Rudnicki netted twice and Marcin Bator once.

Now in third spot are Harlington Juniors who retained their seasons unbeaten away ways in winning 5-3 at Shefford Town & Campton A with single goals from Darren Bryan, Sam Bloy, Harry Thompson, Josh Slack and Cullum McKay. Ryan Dobson twice and Josh Holland netting for the Town. Whilst dropping into fourth spot are Wixams Wanderers after their home encounter with Potton was abandoned late in the first half after a member of their management team was taken to hospital following a suspected heart attack.

Now in fifth place are Real Haynes who were 7-1 home winners over Luton Allstars. Harry Mabbitt with a hat-trick, Ben Worbey with a brace plus goals from Masum Ahmed and Josh Pearson only being replied to once by Allstars Kadeem Maddix. Whilst M&DH Clapham Sports picked up their first away points of the season when winning 4-3 at Blunham. Owen Tuffin with a hat-trick and a single goal for Ryan Field only bringing about home replies from Aaron Morgan twice and Lee Crouch once.

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro League Table at 19th October 2019

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stevington Reserves	7	6	0	1	28	13	15	18
2	Stopsley United First	6	5	0	1	44	9	35	15
3	Harlington Juniors First	7	5	1	1	25	15	10	15 *
4	Wixams Wanderers (Sat) First	7	4	2	1	25	18	7	14
5	Real Haynes First	6	4	1	1	27	11	16	13
6	Luton Allstars (Sat) First	8	4	1	3	18	23	-5	13
7	Lancot Park First	6	3	1	2	19	8	11	10
8	Lidlington United Sports Club First	7	3	1	3	22	22	0	10
9	FC Polonia (Luton) First	7	2	3	2	19	20	-1	9
10	Shefford Town & Campton 'A'	8	2	2	4	16	23	-7	8
11	M&DH Clapham Sports Saturday	7	2	0	5	14	35	-21	6
12	Wootton Village First	6	0	0	6	6	26	-20	0
13	Blunham First	6	0	0	6	8	41	-33	-1 *
14	Potton First	4	0	0	4	2	9	-7	-3 *
Table detail		* adjustment made							

Division Four

Brickhill Wanderers lead at the head of the Division Four standings is now down to four points after they lost their seasons 100% record when held to a 2-2 home draw by White Eagles. Antony Geary and Max Wilson netting for the Wanderers and Stefan Tomic plus Sebastian Kot on the Eagles scoresheet. Thus allowing now second place Flitwick Town A to

close the gap after running out 8-0 home winners over Kempston Rovers. Max Hughes and Josh Arthur Kent both netting hat-tricks to go alongside single strikes from Aaron Mead and Alan Henman.

Now in third spot are Lea Sports PSG who were the 2-0 home winners over Bedford Albion A thanks to goals from George Calvert and Declan Kitching to jump them above Sandy Reserves who were beaten 2-3 at home by Bedford Santos. Sabin Manae, Derrick Kisarele and Mustakim Hussain on the visitors scoresheet against home replies via George Kyle and Tony Norman.

For Real Haynes Reserves it was a first away win of the season with a 2-0 victory at Square FC. An own goal plus a strike from Tyne Martin doing the damage. Whilst also winning on the road were Catsbrook Wanderers 4-2 at Wootton Village Reserves. Mike Boyd with a brace plus single goals from Lewis Holmes and Michael McCaulsky only being replied to twice by home strikes from Josh Adeniyi and Edrin Kisokye.

Division Four League Table at 19th October 2019

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Brickhill Wanderers First	7	6	1	0	25	8	17	19
2	Flitwick Town 'A'	6	5	0	1	28	5	23	15
3	Lea Sports PSG (Saturday) Reserves	6	4	2	0	7	2	5	14
4	Sandy Reserves	8	4	1	3	15	14	1	13
5	White Eagles First	7	3	2	2	15	13	2	11
6	Square First	6	3	1	2	6	6	0	10
7	Real Haynes Reserves	5	3	0	2	12	12	0	9
8	Bedford Santos First	6	2	1	3	10	10	0	7
9	Kempston Rovers (BCFL) First	7	2	1	4	17	20	-3	7
10	Bedford Albion 'A'	7	2	1	4	12	15	-3	7
11	Catsbrook Wanderers First	6	2	0	4	8	10	-2	6
12	Woburn Sands First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Wootton Village Reserves	5	0	0	5	8	27	-19	0
14	Revivalists First	6	0	0	6	5	26	-21	-3 *
	Table detail	* adjustment made							

The Next Seven Days

Saturday 26th October 2019

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

AFC Oakley v Shefford Town & Campton Reserves

Bedford Albion v Flitwick Town

Biggleswade FC Reserves v Queens Park Crecents

Crawley Green Reserves v Bigglewade U23

Riseley Sports v Cranfield United

Stevington v Caldecote

Wootton Blue Cross v Wilstead.

Division One

Lea Sports PSG v The 61 FC Luton Reserves

Division Two supported by Hy-Pro

CS Rovers v Marston Shelton Rovers Reserves

Eaton Park Rangers v AFC Oakley Reserves

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro

Potton v Wootton Village

Division Four

Kempston Rovers v Brickhill Wanderers

Real Haynes Reserves v Catsbrook Wanderers

Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup 2nd Round

AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves v Potton United Reserves

Amphill Town Development v Kempston Athletic

Bedford SA v Totternhoe Reserves

Dunstable Town U21 v Elstow Abbey

Flitwick Town Reserves v Sporting Lewsey Park

Henlow v Cranfield United Reserves

Houghton Athletic v Stotfold Development

Wilstead Reserves v Kempston Rovers Development

Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup 2nd Round

Atletico Europa v Stotfold Junior Town

Caldecote Reserves v Wixams Wanderers

Clifton v Stevington Reserves

FC Polinia (Luton) v St Joseph (Saturday)

Luton Leagrave AFC v Sandy

Pines (Luton) v Shefford Town & Campton A

Sharnbrook v Lancot Park

Potton v Wootton Village

Revivalists v White Eagles

Caddington v Real Haynes

Harlington Juniors v Lidlinton United Sports

Luton Allstars v Bedford Santos

M&DH Clapham Sports v Wootton Village Reserves

Sandy Reserves v Stotfold Junior Town Reserves

Square FC v Bedford Albion A