

Bedfordshire County **Football League**



Season 2010-11

Full Time Report.



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Whilst the sound of Queens " we are the champions" sang out at Moggerhanger Playing Fields on the last Saturday of the season to herald Blunham retaining their Premier Division league title, the season in many ways was more one of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's just as famous words " Annus Horribilis" following the withdrawal of three clubs during mid-season and the non-fulfilment of fixtures by three others.



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The first club to depart were Ickwell & Old Warden, the 2009-10 season runners-up. They played just one game at home to Flitwick Town on the opening day of the season before scaling the club down to just a reserves outfit in division one. They were then to be followed by Southill Alexander early in January 2011, whom having played just 11 games found themselves stranded in the bottom two of the league table at the time.

Alas the only team below them were Biggleswade United Reserves, for them the season was curtailed just two weeks later following a run of seven straight defeats to leave the championship battle to be fought out between just 13 clubs.

Blunham's title success being built around their outstanding home form, winning 11 of their 12 encounters, just Renhold United collecting a point from a 2-2 draw in late October. On their travels Blunham were to lose just three times: at Shefford Town & Campton in their first away outing of the season plus at Flitwick Town in March and at Dunton in their last away outing of the season.

In runners-up spot and just a single point behind to collect the silver medals were Shefford Town & Campton, a vast improvement on their seventh place finish just 12 months ago under their old banner of Campton FC.

The Rectory Road Boys, like the league champions remained unbeaten on home soil all season and in fact were beaten just twice on their travels. At Caldecote in their opening away game of the campaign and significantly at Blunham in mid-January, which in effect cost them the title.

Also taking a step forward this season were third place finishers Wilshamstead, they jumped up two places from their 2009-10 fifth slot. Again like the top two clubs their season was built around their fine home form, remaining unbeaten until Shefford Town & Campton lowered their colours in mid-March. A defeat on home soil just seven days later by AFC Kempston Town plus an away defeat at Blunham in early April and then a draw at Shefford Town & Campton in their next away outing only saw them really drop out of the title race in the last month of the campaign.

Just goal difference behind in fourth place were Renhold United, who last season finished in the bottom four. Having started the season with an eight game unbeaten run including draws at both Blunham and Shefford Town & Campton, their season was to fall apart during late March and early April when a series of four games saw them fail to collect a single point. Home defeats at the hands of the top two clubs plus an away defeat at Woburn coming ahead of their failure to raise a side to face Leighton United at Stanbridge Road.

Down this season from a third place 2009-10 campaign into fifth place were Caldecote. With just one home defeat in their opening six encounters, a run of four games at Harvey Close which yielded just a single point against AFC Kempston Town alongside defeats by Wilshamstead, Oakley Sports and Renhold United was then made worse when they failed to raise a side for the return game at Wilshamstead in mid-April. Thus the seven times champions at any stage during the campaign never really looked likely to figure in the business end of the season.

Making up the top six were last seasons division one runners-up Leighton United, all thanks to a home record that shows just two defeats against Dunton and Caldecote plus an unbeaten run of seven games to end the season on a high.

Just behind United in that dead centre middle spot seventh place, were last seasons division one champions Flitwick Town. Their home form standing up to scrutiny, but with wins on the road at just Arlesey Town Reserves and Oakley Sports this must be of concern to the management at Steppingley Road if they are to establish themselves amongst the top-flight elite next term.

Moving up into eighth spot from a second from bottom finish last term were Dunton. Their season was to get off to a torrid start with six defeats in their opening eight outings, yet they finished on the opposite note with just two defeats from their closing eight outings, both on home soil against Shefford Town & Campton plus AFC Kempston Town.

After finishing fourth last term, Oakley Sports had a disappointing season to drop back into ninth slot. All started well enough, with three wins from their opening four outings, but this was to signal a run of five games where just a home point against Caldecote was collected. A

partial recovery was made during February- March when they only lost two of their six outings, before the season ended poorly with not a win in sight in their closing eight games plus they even failed to raise a side for their home game on Easter Monday against Woburn.

In tenth spot, the same as last term, were Sharnbrook. They had a horrendous start to the campaign by losing their opening four games, but the fact that they collected 13 points out of a possible 18 in their clashes with the three clubs who finished below them in the standings, saved them at the end of the day from being deeply involved in a drop zone battle of their own.

In eleventh spot were Woburn, managing to stay out of the bottom two by virtue of goal difference only. Of the 19 points gained during the season, 11 of these were collected from their opening nine fixtures. After which their season fell apart, collecting just one more win all campaign at home over Renhold United in early April. They also enjoyed a slice of luck when awarded three points after Oakley Sports failed to raise a side to meet them on Easter Monday.

Thus, the two clubs anxiously awaiting the formation of divisions for next term will be twelfth place AFC Kempston Town and bottom of the table newcomers Arlesey Town Reserves. The Boys from Hillgrounds being the one's to lose out on goal difference, claiming just one home win all season but showing on the road they have what it takes by being defeated just once in their closing six encounters in their desperate attempt to remain outside the potential drop zone.

For Arlesey Town Reserves, it was a real baptism of fire into adult football for their really young side. Just two home wins coming along all season and the collection of just three points on the road from draws obtained in their visits to AFC Kempston Town, Woburn and Wilshamstead.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform Final Table Season 2010-11

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Blunham	24	18	3	3	92	35	57	57
2	Shefford Town & Campton	24	17	5	2	66	35	31	56
3	Wilshamstead	24	14	4	6	76	54	22	46
4	Renhold United	24	14	4	6	56	37	19	46
5	Caldecote	24	13	2	9	62	50	12	41
6	Leighton United	24	10	6	8	56	47	9	36
7	Flitwick Town	24	9	4	11	39	50	-11	31
8	Dunton	24	9	4	11	32	45	-13	31
9	Oakley Sports	24	7	4	13	34	54	-20	25
10	Sharnbrook	24	7	3	14	43	54	-11	24
11	Woburn	24	5	4	15	37	67	-30	19
12	AFC Kempston Town	24	4	7	13	32	63	-31	19
13	Arlesey Town Reserves	24	2	4	18	37	71	-34	10

Division One

Just like the top-flight, Division One was to have its own moments of " annus horribilis " with the withdrawal during the season of two clubs plus a series of non-fulfilled games by others.

The first club to bite the dust were last season's fourth placers Marston Social, their season lasting just two games. Brache Sparta Community Reserves then reduced the numbers to just 13 teams when pulling out with them sitting on the bottom of the league table at the end of November.

The ensuing battle for the league title became a fight between the three clubs promoted from division two at the end of the 2009-10 season, Bedford Hatters, Potton Wanderers and Marston Shelton Rovers.

Of the trio, Bedford Hatters were to emerge the champions just four points ahead of Potton Wanderers who in turn were seven points in advance of The Rovers.

The Hatters taking the title with a 100% perfect home record and losing just three times on the road all season, at Marston Shelton Rovers in mid-October, at FC Meppershall in early April and at Bedford Sports Athletic in their last outing of the season when the title had already been collected.



Bedford Hatters Division One Champions Season 2010-11

For Potton Wanderers, it was a season of what might have been. They suffered just two defeats on the field all season, both at the hands of Bedford Hatters. Yet they were their own worst enemies when failing to fulfil three other fixtures during the course of the season, losing out on the chance of three points at Blunham Reserves whilst under Bedfordshire FA suspension for non-payment of fines in mid-October. They then forfeited three points when a "stag weekend" saw them call off their away game with FC Meppershall in early April followed by failing to raise a side to travel to face Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves on Easter Saturday.

The gap to third place Marston Shelton Rovers was seven points, however The Rovers still had a chance of runners-up spot going into the last week of the campaign. Alas just a share of the spoils at Luton Old Boys in midweek finished their promotion dreams, whilst a last day home defeat at the hands of Potton Wanderers took the gap up to those seven points.

Improving up into fourth spot from a tenth place finish last term was Sandy, albeit some 13 points adrift of third place Marston Shelton Rovers. Sandy suffered an amazing seven defeats in their opening eight encounters, before they commenced an unbeaten run of 12 games that was ended only by a 4-1 home defeat by Potton Wanderers in early April. After a

defeat three days later at Caldecote Reserves, they then ended their season with two wins over FC Meppershall to claim that fourth spot.

Repeating their fifth place finish of last season was Bedford Sports Athletic. Mainly thanks to suffering just three home defeats all season at the hands of Marston Shelton Rovers, Potton Wanderers and Caldecote Reserves. Whilst once again in sixth spot were Meltis Albion, missing out on any chance of a top four finish by losing their last four games of the season.

In bang centre seventh spot were FC Meppershall, who had finished the previous term in twelfth slot. Their failure to win any of their last six away outings like The Albion costing them dearly of a higher place finish.

Having finished in third spot in season 2009-10, it was a downward slide for Caldecote Reserves to take up eighth place. Only during a brief spell between late January and early March when they put together a four game unbeaten run did they ever look likely to climb further up the league table.

Also having a disappointing season were near neighbours Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves who finished ninth, two places worse off than in season 2009-10. Even this finish was only obtained by winning their last four home games having won just once on The Green in their previous eight outings.

It was also a poor season for tenth place finishers Henlow, like Ickwell down two slots from their 2009-10 campaign. With just two defeats in their opening eight games, at one stage it look likely they would push for a top four placing but with just one win from their last 10 games this proved to be well beyond them.

Escaping the drop zone by just three points were league new-comers Luton Old Boys, for most of the season they spent their time in the bottom two of the league table, until with four wins and a draw from their closing five home games they made their exit by the skin of their teeth.

The second from bottom spot being occupied by Blunham Reserves. On the field of play, they were to win just once away from home all season at Caldecote Reserves, but more importantly their failure to fulfil their last four fixtures of the season doomed them to a bottom two finish.

Taking up the basement spot were AFC Kempston Town Reserves, they won just four times all season. At home against Caldecote Reserves and Blunham Reserves plus on their travels to Luton Old Boys and Sandy in the opening two months of the season.

Division One Final Table Season 2010-11

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Bedford Hatters	24	20	1	3	76	19	57	61
2	Potton Wanderers	24	19	0	5	82	20	62	57
3	Marston Shelton Rovers	24	16	2	6	56	31	25	50
4	Sandy	24	11	4	9	53	57	-4	37
5	Bedford S.A.	24	11	3	10	62	58	4	36
6	Meltis Albion	24	11	1	12	47	48	-1	34
7	FC Meppershall	24	10	3	11	57	55	2	33
8	Caldecote Reserves	24	9	2	13	43	48	-5	29
9	Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	24	8	5	11	36	42	-6	29
10	Henlow	24	7	5	12	45	61	-16	26
11	Luton Old Boys [Saturday]	24	7	2	15	33	74	-41	23
12	Blunham Reserves	24	5	5	14	26	47	-21	20
13	AFC Kempston Town Reserves	24	5	1	18	25	81	-56	16

Division Two

Of all the seasons "Annus Horribilis", the worse was to befall Elstow Abbey with the discovery that they had been deceived by a 15 year old player when he falsified his registration form. The consequence meant a deduction of some 16 league points and their championship/promotion hopes in tatters. No wonder they only collected four points from their last four outings to finish the season in sixth slot some 28 points short of Lea Sports PSG but just 14 adrift of second place Westoning Recreation Club.

Before the discovery of the falsified form, Abbey were still unbeaten on home soil and had lost just three times on their travels at Marabese Ceramics, Lidlington United Sports and Lea Sports PSG.

However, all of this should not distract us from the fact of saluting the wonderful achievement of league champions Lea Sports PSG. 14 points clear at the head of the league table, unbeaten at home all season plus finishing their league campaign on a nine game winning run and unbeaten in their last 20 outings. Only Queens Park Crescents in early September and Elstow Abbey in early November getting the better of them in league action all season.



Lea Sports PSG Division Two League Champions Season 2010-11

For second place Westoning Recreation Club, it was a case of a season with two halves. Just six wins coming from their opening 14 outings before the season closed with just one home defeat at the hands of Bromham United arriving in their closing 12 games.

Taking up third spot were Kings AFC, they in fact had a worse start to the season than The Rec Boys, losing their opening six league encounters. This being lessened to some extent two of those defeats came at the hands of Harpur FC and Arlesey Social Galacticos who were to later withdraw from the league during the campaign to wipe these games from the record.

Following these games, Kings AFC then chalked up a run of 13 wins and just one defeat at home against Lea Sports PSG in their next 14 outings, before successive defeats at the

hands of Kempston Hammers Sports and Shefford Town & Campton Reserves on home soil and the return encounter at Lea Sports PSG prevented them collecting the silver medals.

Division Two Final League Table Season 2010-11

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	<u>Lea Sports PSG</u>	26	21	3	2	91	23	68	66
2	<u>Westoning Recreation Club</u>	26	16	4	6	65	42	23	52
3	<u>Kings AFC</u>	26	17	0	9	70	50	20	51
4	<u>Lidlington United Sports</u>	26	15	4	7	60	41	19	49
5	<u>Bromham United</u>	26	13	3	10	51	46	5	42
6	<u>Elstow Abbey 06</u>	26	12	2	12	56	24	32	38
7	<u>Queens Park Crescents</u>	26	12	2	12	51	47	4	38
8	<u>Clifton</u>	26	11	4	11	46	49	-3	37
9	<u>Shefford Town & Campton Reserves</u>	26	9	5	12	45	54	-9	32
10	<u>Marabese Ceramics</u>	26	9	2	15	28	39	-11	29
11	<u>Great Barford</u>	26	9	2	15	31	74	-43	29
12	<u>Stopsley Park</u>	26	7	6	13	61	63	-2	27
13	<u>Stevington</u>	26	7	2	17	46	68	-22	23
14	<u>Kempston Hammers Sports</u>	26	4	1	21	21	102	-81	13

In fourth slot, were last season's division three runners-up Lidlington United Sports. Just three points shy of those silver medals. United as always were strong at their Hurst Grove base, losing just three times to Bromham United, Kings AFC and Lea Sports PSG, but let themselves down with just six victories on the road all season.

For league newcomers Bromham United, it was a fifth place finish. For them, it was again a case of their away record letting them down, with just five wins all season against a home record that brought about just four defeats at the hands of Elstow Abbey, Lea Sports PSG, Queens Park Crescents and Lidlington United Sports.

Taking up sixth place were of course Elstow Abbey, goal difference ahead of last seasons division three champions Queens Park Crescents. The Crescents began the campaign with just one home defeat at the hands of Clifton in their opening 11 games to look like serious title contenders. Alas just five more wins all season coupled with administration problems that saw them forfeit three games and so nearly folding during March-early April putting paid to their hopes.

In eighth spot were Clifton, up three places from their 2009-10 campaign. However, things for them could have been all so different. Just a home defeat against Kings AFC and a reverse at Bromham United coming in their opening 15 outings until the season finished with a run of eight straight defeats before Stevington were beaten at Whiston Crescent on the last day of the season.

Having been relegated from division one at the end of the 2009-10 campaign under the Campton Reserves banner, the newly named Shefford Town & Campton Reserves could only finish ninth. Their main downfall coming mid-season, after winning at home over Stevington on September 25th 2010 they had to wait until winning at Stevington on February 12th 2011 to collect their next victory in a season that only contained nine wins.

Down one spot this season into tenth were Marabese Ceramics and but for home wins over Clifton, Great Barford and Queens Park Crescents in their last four home outings they could well have been facing division three football next season.

Also dropping one slot from season 2009-10 were eleventh place Great Barford. Five of their nine wins during the season coming before the end of November until just four more came from their last 17 outings, even one of those was awarded to them.

Just keeping out of the relegation mix were twelfth spot Stopsley Park. I say just, as the collection of five points from their last three outings was all that really saved them. However, Park notched up the most draws during the division three season and being just 10 points shy of a seventh place finish the season was far from all doom and gloom.

Down in the drop zone thirteenth and fourteenth slots are the two clubs who finished the 2009-10 season in the bottom two division one spots. Stevington and Kempston Hammers Sports, albeit The Hammers being 10 points adrift in the basement position. But fair credit to them both, unlike Harpur FC and Arlesey Social Galacticos who threw in the towel during the campaign they kept going to fulfil their campaign.

Division Three

Having lifted the division four title last season, Sharnbrook Reserves duly collected their second consecutive championship with the collection of the division three crown by an eventual margin of seven points. Their success being built around a formidable home record at Lodge Road where they were beaten just twice all season, in October by Pavenham and in late April by Co-op Sports following nine straight wins.



Sharnbrook Reserves. Division Three Champions Season 2010-11

Coming with a late run to take the silver medals were M & DH Oakley, due to their various cup exploits they were forced to play a third of their league campaign during the last month of the season. Despite losing twice to Sharnbrook Reserves, which in effect cost them the league crown, they were to overhaul Pavenham in the last week of the campaign for second spot.

For league new-comers Pavenham, the title for the best part of the season looked theirs to lose as by the end of March their record read, played 16, won 15, drew 1, but a defeat at M&

DH Oakley on Easter Saturday was to be quickly followed by four others to leave them a point short of an automatic promotion spot into division two next term.

Division Three Final League Table Season 2010-11

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	<u>Sharnbrook Reserves</u>	28	22	1	5	89	40	49	67
2	<u>M & DH Oakley</u>	28	19	3	6	78	42	36	60
3	<u>Pavenham</u>	28	18	5	5	92	36	56	59
4	<u>Co-op Sports</u>	28	18	4	6	88	41	47	58
5	<u>Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]</u>	28	16	7	5	102	46	56	55
6	<u>Cranfield United Reserves</u>	28	15	4	9	52	38	14	49
7	<u>Renhold Village</u>	28	13	6	9	84	52	32	45
8	<u>Royal Oak Kempston</u>	28	10	5	13	50	67	-17	35
9	<u>Wilshamstead Reserves</u>	28	10	3	15	54	85	-31	33
10	<u>Dunton Reserves</u>	28	10	1	17	38	74	-36	31
11	<u>Westoning Recreation Club Reserves</u>	28	9	3	16	65	72	-7	30
12	<u>Riseley Sports</u>	28	8	5	15	54	66	-12	29
13	<u>Flitwick Town Reserves</u>	28	6	4	18	36	93	-57	22
14	<u>Shefford Town & Campton 'A'</u>	28	4	5	19	26	89	-63	17
15	<u>Caldecote 'A'</u>	28	4	0	24	35	102	-67	12

In fourth place were league new-comers Co-op Sports. Their downfall if you can call it a downfall came right at the start of the campaign when just one of their opening four fixtures brought about a victory.

Taking up the fifth slot, were last season's division four silver medallists Sundon Park Rangers. Like Sharnbrook Reserves and Pavenham they lost just five times all season. Two of which came at Riseley Sports and Dunton Reserves, which in effect scuppered their second consecutive promotion hopes.

Making up the top six were fellow league newcomers Cranfield United Reserves, albeit six points adrift of the Co-op. The United only fading out of the promotion stakes in March/early April when a run of five home games failed to produce a win.

Just making the top half into seventh spot were Renhold Village, after finishing fifth last term. Their undoing being their form on the road, just five wins were collected including three in their last four outings.

The dead centre eighth slot going to Royal Oak Kempston following their relegation from division two last term under their previous Kempston Royals banner. The Oak suffered just two defeats in their closing eight outings to suggest they could be real promotion candidates next season.

Behind The Oak in ninth tenth spot were Wilshamstead Reserves. Having failed to win any of their first eight outings, the season was to pick up before just an awarded three points from the non-fulfilling Caldecote A was their only victory in their closing eight encounters.

Having claimed fourth spot last term, it was a disappointing campaign for Dunton Reserves to finish tenth. Just four wins on the road being their main downfall.

For Westoning Recreation Club Reserves, it was an eleventh place finish, this would have been ninth apart from having three points deducted when fielding four first teamers in their last fixture against Co-op Sports. Otherwise their season would have finished on a high with just two defeats at the hands of Sundon Park Rangers and Pavenham coming from their previous eight outings.

The twelfth spot going the way of Riseley Sports. A stop and start season saw them remain unbeaten on the road in their first seven outings then fail to win any of their last seven away outings.

Just above the drop zone in thirteenth place were Flitwick Town Reserves. Their seasons record also having a stop-start look about it accumulating in a run of eight games at the tail of the season that failed to bring them a win.

Thus in the first drop zone were Shefford Town & Campton A, they claimed just one home win all term, albeit being awarded the three points when Caldecote A failed to travel following a run of 12 games where just a point from M & DH Oakley was collected.

So the bottom spot went to Caldecote A, after winning three of their seven opening outings to the campaign, just one more was to arrive all season; 5-2 at home over Royal Oak Kempston in mid-December before they finished the season on a 17 game losing run.

Division Four

Not an "Annus Horribilis" in sight for league champions AFC Turvey who lift the division four crown with a seasons perfect record. Played 24, Won 24, along their merry way they netted an incredible 139 goals and conceded just 23, on only just two occasions did they fail to find the back of the net more than three times in a game. In their victories over near neighbours Thurleigh, 2-1 at Keysoe Road and 2-0 on their own Stonefields patch.



AFC Turvey. Division Four League Champions Season 2010-11

Taking the silver medals and runners-up spot were another of the 2010-11 season newcomers Goldington. Albeit some 14 points adrift, apart from their two defeats at the hands of the league champions, Goldington were beaten just twice, on home soil by Eastcotts in late September plus at Dinamo Flitwick a month later.

In third spot making it a good season for debutantes were Potton Town, some eight points adrift of the runners-up. Town after a slow start to the campaign during which time they lost four of their opening nine fixtures, recovered to end their season beaten just twice in their closing 17 games, at home to AFC Turvey and more surprisingly away at Goldington Hammers.

Division Four Final League Table Season 2010-11

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	<u>AFC Turvey</u>	26	26	0	0	139	23	116	78
2	<u>Goldington</u>	26	21	1	4	113	36	77	64
3	<u>Potton Town</u>	26	18	2	6	66	39	27	56
4	<u>Eastcotts AFC</u>	26	16	3	7	80	37	43	51
5	<u>Thurleigh</u>	26	16	1	9	68	40	28	49
6	<u>Dinamo Flitwick</u>	26	15	3	8	68	54	14	48
7	<u>Stewartby Village</u>	26	10	3	13	49	73	-24	33
8	<u>Clifton Reserves</u>	26	9	2	15	67	87	-20	29
9	<u>Sandy Reserves</u>	26	9	1	16	47	68	-21	28
10	<u>Lea Sports PSG Reserves</u>	26	7	4	15	34	63	-29	25
11	<u>Goldington Hammers</u>	26	8	0	18	48	105	-57	24
12	<u>Bedford Park Rangers</u>	26	6	2	18	54	83	-29	20
13	<u>Kempston Athletic</u>	26	5	2	19	47	105	-58	17
14	<u>Wootton Village</u>	26	3	2	21	33	100	-67	11

In fourth slot, up three places from season 2009-10 were Eastcotts AFC. Having lost just twice at the half-way stage of their season at Potton Town and AFC Turvey, their run-in saw them lose five of their closing six home games, whilst winning five and drawing once in their last six away encounters. Who said it's an advantage playing at home.

Whilst once again fifth were Thurleigh. This might have been all so better had they not been defeated six times on home soil, as their away record shows just three defeats, at AFC Turvey, Goldington and Clifton Reserves.

Repeating their sixth place finish of 2009-10 were Dinamo Flitwick, just goal difference behind Eastcotts AFC. Four defeats in their opening six games always leaving them to play catch up, but in a run of 17 games between mid-October and mid-April when they were beaten just twice saw them back in contention for third spot finish until away defeats at Potton Town and Goldington in their last three games scuppered their chances.

Having finished third from bottom last term, Stewartby Village in taking up dead centre spot seventh, will feel they have made progress, especially after gaining just four wins from their opening half of the season. The second half seeing them win another six times and only suffered defeats at the hands of the top four clubs.

In eighth spot were Clifton Reserves, oh what a mixed season they had. Won the first two games, lost the next six, before getting beaten just once in their next nine outings to push into the top six. Alas that's where the good news ends, their last nine games seeing them lose eight with just one home victory over Kempston Athletic to crow about.

Having been relegated from division three last term, Sandy Reserves could only muster a ninth place finish. At one stage, a bottom three finish looked likely until five wins from their last six outings brought a respectable end to their seasons campaign.

In tenth spot were league newcomers Lea Sports PSG Reserves. Unlike Sandy, their season started ok but was to end with a run of five straight defeats to finish any hopes of them obtaining a top half placing.

Down in eleventh spot were Goldington Hammers, with four wins in their opening eight encounters, a fair season looked on the cards. Alas their remaining 18 games brought about just a home win over Potton Town and victories at Bedford Park Rangers, Sandy Reserves and Wootton Village alongside 14 defeats to become the only other club than AFC Turvey not to draw a game all season.

After a bottom place finish last term, Bedford Park Rangers climbed two spots this season to take them up to 12th position. A more respectable placing looked likely until the closing three months of the season saw them gain just another three points, via a home victory over Dinamo Flitwick, to go alongside nine defeats.

In that second from bottom spot again were Kempston Athletic. Without a win from their opening eight encounters, things were to pick up in mid-season before taking a turn for the worse. Just a home win over Wootton Village adding to their points tally in their last nine games.

Thus leaving Wootton Village to pick up the wooden spoons, just three wins coming their way all campaign. At home over Bedford Park Rangers and Kempston Athletic and on their travels at Clifton Reserves.

Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy Season 2010-11

Action in Round One commenced on October 9th 2010 when the top honour Bedfordshire County League wise was to go the way of Caldecote with a 5-2 home win over Molten South Midlands League Crawley Green.

Joining them in Round Two were Blunham, 6-0 home winners over AFC Kempston Town and Oakley Sports with a 4-0 home win over Arlesley Town Reserves.

However, it was the end of the road for six other Bedfordshire County Football League clubs. Suffering at the hands of Hereward United Counties League opposition were Biggleswade United Reserves, on the wrong end of a 5-1 scoreline at AFC Kempston Rovers plus Woburn who were defeated 2-1 at Wootton Blue Cross.

The other four, all going out against Molten South Midlands League clubs. Sharnbrook, 3-0 at AFC Dunstable; Dunton, 1-0 at Kents Athletic; Flitwick Town, 4-0 at Bedford FC, whilst Leighton United were beaten 4-0 at home by Ampthill Town.

Round Two on November 6th saw just Caldecote make it into Round Three. They claimed another Molten South Midlands League scalp with a 5-3 home win over Cranfield United Reserves.

For our other five clubs, it was defeats on home soil. Out to Molten South Midlands League opponents went Blunham, 1-3 against AFC Dunstable; Wilshamstead, 2-4 against Kent Athletic and Renhold United in an extra time 3-4 defeat against Totternhoe.

Making their exit against Hereward United Counties League sides were, Oakley Sports, 1-3 at home against Potton United plus Shefford Town & Campton, 1-2 at the hands of AFC Kempston Rovers.

Caldecote's exit was to be made in Round Three on January 5th 2011 at Molten South Midlands League AFC Dunstable, where they were beaten 3-2 following a controversial penalty decision against them 14 minutes from time.

Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup Season 2010-11

Just three of our teams were involved in the opening Round One action on September 25th 2010. Bedford Hatters running out 3-0 home winners over Hereward United Counties League

outfit AFC Kempston Rovers Reserves, whilst Meltis Albion won 1-0 at Molten Spartan South Midlands League, 61FC Luton Reserves.

However, it was the end of the road for AFC Kempston Town Reserves beaten 0-2 at home by Molten Spartan South Midlands League, Langford Reserves.

Second Round day on October 23rd 2010, saw just three of our teams survive to make it into the hat for the next round. Potton Wanderers being 4-3 winners at Luton District & South Beds League, Luton Leagrave. Whilst in all Bedfordshire County League clashes, Bedford Hatters netted a 4-2 home win over Henlow and Marston Shelton Rovers won 4-1 at Sandy.

Making their exit in extra time at North Bucks League Heath Panthers United, were Meltis Albion 4-3. Whilst defeats at the hands of Luton District & South Beds League sides came the way of Blunham Reserves, 4-3 at Ewe & Lamb: Bedford Sports Athletic, 1-2 at home against Lewsey Park; Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves in a same home scoreline against Farley Boys, plus FC Meppershall, 0-2 at home against Stopsley Common Sports.

Elsewhere, Luton Old Boys were beaten 1-5 at home by Barton Rovers Reserves and Brache Sparta Community Reserves lost 0-6 at home against Leighton Town Reserves.

In Round Three action on December 11th 2010, the all Bedfordshire County Football League clash between Marston Shelton Rovers and Potton Wanderers was to go the way of The Rovers, 4-2 in extra time and joining them in the last eight were Bedford Hatters, 6-1 home winners over Luton District & South Beds League Ewe & Lamb.

Quarter-Final day was January 29th 2011. For Bedford Hatters, it was a 2-0 home win over Luton District & South Beds League St Joseph but Marston Shelton Rovers were beaten 1-0 at Molten Spartan South Midlands League outfit Stotfold Reserves.

Semi-Final action on March 5th 2011 took Bedford Hatters to a 3-2 home win over Stopsley Common Sports and to a final date at Biggleswade Town's Carlsberg Stadium on April 20th 2011 against AFC Dunstable Reserves where they were beaten 3-2.

Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup Season 2010-11

The opening Round One action took place on October 2nd 2010, where the 20 plus ties, on league status produced very few so called giant-killing acts. AFC Turvey 4-0 home winners over Royal Oak Kempston; Thurleigh, 2-1 home extra time winners over Queens Park Crescents; Goldington, 13-2 winners at Shefford Town & Campton A, plus Renhold Village, the 7-0 winners at Lidlington United Sports the pick of them.

Other look up and take notice results saw Stevington win 6-1 at Westoning Recreation Club; Bromham United bag a 10-1 home win over Bedford Park Rangers and M & DH Oakley gain a 5-0 home win over Stopsley Baptist Church.

Winning also against opposition from other leagues were, Cranfield United Reserves 2-1 at LB Galaxy; Arlesey Social Galacticos 6-0 at Heath Panthers United Reserves and Lea Sports PSG 3-1 at Square Rangers, but losing under the same scenario were Co-op Sports 3-2 at St Joseph Reserves; Sharnbrook Reserves 6-3 at Christians in Sports Reserves and Sandy Reserves 3-0 at Caddington Reserves.

In the all Bedfordshire County Football League encounters, there were away wins for Sundon Park Rangers 4-0 at Riseley Sports. Harpur FC 4-1 at Flitwick Town Reserves. Elstow Abbey 1-0 at Stewartby Village; Wootton Village 4-2 at Goldington Hammers and Lea Sports PSG Reserves 4-2 at Dinamo Flitwick.

But home advantage was to work for, Marabese Ceramics 2-0 over Dunton Reserves and Pavenham 3-1 over Caldecote A, Alongside extra time wins for Kings AFC 4-2

over Shefford Town & Campton Reserves and Clifton 3-2 over Westoning Recreation Club Reserves.

Round Two action took place on October 30th 2010, when the 16 ties produced five giant-killing acts. Renhold Village 2-0 winners at Arlesey Social Galacticos; AFC Turvey winning 4-1 at Stevington; Potton Town 4-1 home winners over Harpur FC; Goldington 8-0 home winners over Wilshamstead Reserves and Lea Sports PSG Reserves netted a 3-2 home extra time win over Marabese Ceramics.

Gaining wins over sides from other leagues were Lea Sports PSG 3-1 at Caddington Reserves and Pavenham 7-1 at home over St Josephs Reserves, but defeats were handed out to Clifton 3-1 at Farley Boys Reserves; Great Barford 2-5 at home against Four Model and Wootton Village 2-5 on home soil against Christians In Sports Reserves.

In the other all Bedfordshire County Football League affairs, there were home wins for Bromham United 1-0 over Stopsley Park and Elstow Abbey 3-1 over Kempston Athletic. Whilst enjoying life on the road were, Kempston Hammers Sports 2-0 at Eastcotts. Kings AFC 2-0 at Sundon Park Rangers; Cranfield United Reserves 4-1 at Thurleigh plus a penalty shoot-out win for M & DH Oakley at Co-Op Sports.

The last 16 action saw seven of the eight games take place on December 11th 2010. The pick of the results giving Lea Sports PSG a 7-0 away win at Kempston Hammers Sports, whilst there were also wins for both Potton Town and Cranfield United Reserves over teams from a higher division. Town 4-2 home winners over AFC Kings and United winning 4-2 at Bromham United.

For Pavenham, it was a 3-2 win at Luton District & South Beds League side Christians in Sports Reserves and also knocking out opposition from that league were AFC Turvey with a 3-1 home win over Farley Old Boys Reserves.

Not so lucky were Lea Sports PSG Reserves, they were beaten 10-1 at Four Model.

Elsewhere, Elstow Abbey claimed a last eight spot with a 2-1 win at Goldington, yet it took until January 8th 2011 for the weather to relent and take Renhold Village to a 3-2 win at M & DH Oakley.

Quarter-Final day on February 5th 2011 was to ensure we would have another all Bedfordshire County Football League Final again this season following Lea Sports PSG's 1-0 home win over Four Model.

In the three all domestic ties, Pavenham won 2-1 at AFC Turvey, but Elstow Abbey required extra time to overcome Cranfield United Reserves at home, as did Renhold Village to see off Potton Town 4-2.

Semi-final action on March 12th 2011 was to take Elstow Abbey to a 1-0 win at Lea Sports PSG and Pavenham to a 4-0 home win over Renhold Village to set up a Hollow Potton United FC final date on Friday April 15th 2011.

However, on the day of the final, The Bedfordshire FA suddenly postponed the game to check out the eligibility of one of the players used by Elstow Abbey in their Semi-Final tie. The result being we now have a Lea Sports PSG v Pavenham final on Friday 13th May 2011 at Arlesey Town's Armadillo Stadium.

That final was to go the way of Lea Sports PSG with a 2-1 victory.

Britannia Cup 2010-11 Season

On January 22nd 2011 the first round was to see last seasons winners Caldecote safely come through the first hurdle of this campaign with a narrow 3-2 home win over Arlesey

Reserves, but last seasons beaten finalists Woburn were dumped out 5-1 on home soil by Dunton.

Also making their exit were Blunham, beaten 3-1 at Renhold United and Sharnbrook in a same scoreline reverse at Oakley Sports. Whilst for Shefford Town & Campton, it was the requirement of the penalty shoot-out win to overcome Wilshamstead at Houghton Conquest Playing Fields after 120 minutes of play had seen the clubs deadlocked at 2-2.

In Round Two on March 19th 2011. Caldecote were given a bye following the withdrawal from the league of Southill Alexander and earning the right for a last four meeting with them were Leighton United with a penalty shoot-out win at Dunton, after 120 minutes of play had brought about a 2-2 draw.

In the other half of the draw, Renhold United were 3-0 winners at AFC Kempston Town and Shefford Town & Campton made the last four with a 3-1 victory at Oakley Sports.

In those Semi-finals, on April 4th 2011, Leighton United claimed a 1-0 victory over Caldecote under Biggleswade United's floodlights, whilst nine days later at Hillgrounds AFC Kempston Rovers, Shefford Town & Campton were 6-0 victors over Renhold United.

So it was back to Second Meadow on May 7th for the final when before a crowd of 202, Shefford Town & Campton ran out 3-1 winners over a far from disgraced Leighton United.



Shefford Town & Campton FC Britannia Cup Winners Season 2010-11

Centenary Cup 2010-11 Season

The opening round on January 22nd 2011 was to see Potton Wanderers run out the biggest winners of the day with a 6-0 win at Henlow. Whilst also winning on the road were Caldecote Reserves 4-2 at AFC Kempston Town Reserves plus bringing up a trio of away winners were Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves with a 2-0 win at Sandy.

Elsewhere, for Marston Shelton Rovers it was a 3-1 home victory over Luton Old Boys and also winning on home soil were Bedford Sports Athletic 3-2 over Meltis Albion.

In Round Two, which took place on March 19th 2011, in the top half of the draw. Potton Wanderers again went big with a 7-1 home win over Caldecote Reserves, whilst Bedford Sports Athletic were 4-1 home winners over Blunham Reserves.

In the bottom half of the draw, things were much tougher for Bedford Hatters before they emerged 4-3 home winners over FC Meppershall and the requirement of extra time was needed by Marston Shelton Rovers to overcome Ickwell & Old Warden 2-1 on The Green after 90 minutes of play had seen the sides deadlocked at 1-1.

The first semi-final was to take place on March 30th 2011 at Hillgrounds AFC Kempston Rovers, where Bedford Hatters notched a 3-0 win over Marston Shelton Rovers. Whilst the second tie took place at Forde Park, Langford on April 17th 2011 when Bedford Sports Athletic were 3-1 victors over Potton Wanderers.

So it was onto Second Meadow Biggleswade United for a May 6th 2011 final. Bedford Hatters emerging the 1-0 winners over Bedford Sports Athletic before a crowd of 154 to complete a season's league and cup double.

Jubilee Cup 2010-11 Season



Westoning Recreation Club Jubilee Cup Winners Season 2010-11

The opening round on January 22nd 2011 was to see Elstow Abbey net a 4-2 win at Arlesey Social Galacticos, whilst putting their poor league form to one side were Kempston Hammers Sports with a 5-3 home win over Great Barford.

Also winning on home soil were Westoning Recreation Club, with a 4-3 win over Queens Park Crescents and Lea Sports PSG with a 2-1 victory over Bromham United.

Elsewhere, Clifton were to emerge the 3-2 winners at Shefford Town & Campton Reserves.

Round Two action on March 19th 2011 in the top half of the draw brought about home wins for Lea Sports PSG 5-2 over Clifton and 4-3 for Westoning Recreation Club over Stopsley Park. Whilst in the bottom half, Elstow Abbey were 4-0 home winners over Marabese Ceramics and Kings AFC, also on home soil, beat Kempston Hammers Sports 2-0.

March 29th 2011 was the date of both semi-finals at The Hollow, Potton United. Lea Sports PSG emerged the 4-2 extra time winners over Westoning Recreation Club after 90 minutes play had seen the sides deadlocked at 2-2. However, it was later discovered PSG had included Andre Juraszer in their line-up who was not eligible to play and thus they were removed from the competition.

Over at Second Meadow Biggleswade United, Elstow Abbey netted a 2-1 victory over Kings AFC. Again there was a question of an eligible player, one of The Abbey goalscorers Ashley Windridge, who it was later discovered was just 15 years old. The league management committee thus ordered the game to be replayed. This decision was not to the liking of Kings AFC who thus lodged an appeal with The Football Association and won to set up a final date with Westoning Recreation Club.

In that final at Second Meadow, Biggleswade United on May 17th 2011, Westoning Recreation Club ran out the 4-0 winners.

Watson Shield 2010-11 Season

In the opening round action on January 22nd 2011, Pavenham were to emerge the days biggest home winners with a 6-0 win over Riseley Sports. Whilst also hitting six goals at home were Goldington, in a 6-1 victory over Flitwick Town Reserves.

Hitting six goals away from home were AFC Turvey, in a 6-0 victory at Bedford Park Rangers. Yet having a much tougher game were Sharnbrook Reserves at Sundon Park Rangers. 5-5 at 90 minutes and 6-6 at 120 minutes meant the requirement of a penalty shoot-out in which Sharnbrook won 3-1.

Also needing a penalty shoot-out to make the last 16 were Shefford Town & Campton A over Wootton Village. 4-4 after 120 minutes play, they emerged 4-3 shoot-out winners.

Having to go to extra time for their place in last 16 were Eastcotts 2-1 victors at Wilshamstead Reserves, but things were easier on home soil for Clifton Reserves 4-1 winners over Westoning Recreation Club Reserves and Royal Oak Kempston 4-0 victors over Goldington Hammers.

The other ties all going to the away teams; Thurleigh, 5-0 at Dunton Reserves; Lea Sports PSG Reserves, 2-1 at Caldecote A; Renhold Village, 3-1 at M & DH Oakley plus Co-op Sports, 3-1 at Potton Town.

Second Round action began on January 29th 2011, when Dinamo Flitwick booked their place in the last eight with a 1-0 win at Cranfield United Reserves, before another six ties took place on March 19th 2011.

For AFC Turvey, it was a 4-1 home win over Sharnbrook Reserves and also making home advantage pay off were Royal Oak Kempston, 1-0 over Sandy Reserves. Whilst for Goldington, it was a 4-0 win at Clifton Reserves, but the other three ties all went to the wire.

Pavenham, penalty shoot-out winners at Eastcotts after 120 minutes of play had seen the sides deadlocked at 2-2. Stewartby Village, home penalty shoot-out winners over Shefford Town & Campton A after 120 minutes play saw the sides level at 1-1 and Co-op Sports became the third penalty shoot-out winners at Renhold Village, after an amazing 6-6 scoreline following 120 minutes play.

The eighth and final second round tie coming on April 2nd 2011, when Thurleigh netted a 2-1 win at Lea Sports PSG Reserves.

Quarter-final day was April 16th 2011. In the top half of the draw, Pavenham were 4-0 home winners over Stewartby Village and Royal Oak Kempston required a penalty shoot-out win to see off Dinamo Flitwick, after being deadlocked at 1-1 following 120 minutes play.

In the bottom half of the draw, AFC Turvey were 3-1 home extra time winners over Goldington. Whilst also on home soil, Co-op Sports saw off Thurleigh 5-2.

In the Semi-finals on April 27th 2011, at Hillgrounds AFC Kempston Rovers, Royal Oak Kempston were 4-1 winners over Pavenham but at The Hollow, Potton United, Co-op Sports required a penalty shoot-out win to see off AFC Turvey. 120 minutes play seeing the clubs deadlocked at 2-2.

The final took place at Second Meadow, Biggleswade United on May 12th 2011, where in a cracker of a game Co-op Sports ran out 5-3 winners over a far from disgraced Royal Oak Kempston.



Co-op Sports FC Watson Shield Winners Season 2010-11

Representative Football Season 2010-11

Not an over busy season for The Bedfordshire County Football League Representative side, just four games played all season. In The Four Leagues Trophy 2009-10 competition, a 4-0 defeat by The Northants Combination League at Wellingborough Town on November 23rd 2010 left the way open for The Northants Boys to steal the trophy off us on goal difference with a victory in their last game against The Northampton Town Football League. This they duly achieved on January 25th with a 4-1 victory at Cogenhoe FC.

Due to the winters inclement weather the 2010-11 competition didn't even get underway and now means a programme of six games during the 2011-12.

Meantime, there was action for the team in The Bedfordshire FA Inter-League Centenary Cup. With work commitments making it impossible for Kevin Hallett to undertake his managers duties Caldecote's Neil Mapletoft was drafted in to run the side.

Semi-Final action at Biggleswade United on March 9th 2011 bringing a 2-0 win over The North Home Counties Football League before on March 23rd the trophy was lifted with a comprehensive 5-1 win over The Leighton & District Sunday Football League at Forde Park Langford FC.

The final match of the season seeing the team go out of The FA Inter-League Cup at the Preliminary Round stage when beaten 4-0 by The Suffolk & Ipswich League at Hadleigh United.



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