

Bedfordshire County **Football League**



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Finals Spot for The Bedfordshire County Football League.

With the snow and frost causing a total wipe out to the weekends league and cup programme, the only football to saviour this week came 48hours earlier, when under Cranfield United's Crawley Road floodlights, the leagues representative side netted a 5-1 victory over The Luton Sunday League to earn them a place in the final of this seasons Bedfordshire FA Inter-League Centenary Cup, where they will meet either The North Home Counties Sunday Football League or The Leighton & District Sunday League, whose scheduled Semi-Final tie was postponed 24hours earlier.

With referee Shaun Cavanagh passing the Crawley Road surface playable following a second inspection, it took The Beds County League side just three minutes to stamp their authority onto the contest when Flitwick Town's, Dean Warren arrived unmarked on the near post to slip the ball passed the static Luton goalkeeper Daniel Cody to give his side an early lead.

Within 20 minutes the game was all but over as a contest for the watching single figure crowd as the Beds County League increased their advantage to 3-0 with Warren completing his hat-trick.18 minutes in Warren rose in the six yard box to head home a sweeping cross delivered in from the left by Dunton's Nicky Threadgold, then just seven minutes later he was the recipient of another pinpointed cross, this time from the right and delivered by Caldecote's Leeroy Odd to put up the game over sign.

The County League however were not prepared to just sit on their advantage and but for three fine saves from Cody to deny Warren twice then Odd, plus a 35 yard blockbuster from Ickwell & Old Warden's Nick Jones flashing just inches wide of his woodwork, it would have been a rout even before the welcomed hot half-time teas had been served.

Action after the break, saw The County League awarded a penalty four minutes in and despite Odd having missed from the spot in his last two attempts, having driven down from Newcastle to play in the game, he quickly picked up the ball and send it flying passed Cody for a 4-0 scoreline and lay the demons to rest.

15 minutes from time Ashley Thomas was to reduce the arrears to 4-1, but the last word was to go to man of the match Warren, when eight minutes from time Odd

supplied him with the telling pass to allow him to notch his fourth goal of the evening to take us to the final 5-1 scoreline.

Bedfordshire County Football League, Barry Ulyatt, (Blunham) Neville Allen (Sharnbrook) Ollie Housden (Oakley Sports) Daniel Webb (Campton) Jason Allision (Sharnbrook) Matty Irvine (Campton) Nick Jones (Ickwell & Old Warden) Rakesh Gill (Ickwell & Old Warden) Nicky Threadgold (Dunton) Dean Warren (Flitwick Town) Leeroy Odd (Caldecote) Subs Used, Tony Goodwin (Renhold United) Kai Griffiths-Shilton (Biggleswade United) Shabz Hussain (Sharnbrook)



Merry Xmas and A Happy New Year from all at The Bedfordshire County Football League.