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Brian Buck Travellers Tales sees Bedford Park Rangers claim the Division Four title

321. (10,429) Monday 23rd April 2012. Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves 1 Bedford Park Rangers 4 (Bedfordshire County League Division 4) att 15 approx. This was a fowl night for football and the match was played out in persistent light rain. I was joined in the first half by an enthusiastic ref, who told me that he is up for double promotion this season, which is probably more than he ever was likely to achieve when in his former life he was playing for Leyton Orient! Anyway he was full of enthusiasm, but it took a couple of goes before it sunk in that I was not an assessor. As for the match it was the visitors big night and by winning here this evening they lifted the title and long serving Ickwell secretary Peter Bygraves presented them with the trophy at the end of the game. But they were made to work for their victory. In this 35 minutes each way match they took the lead on 18 minutes but then had a player sent off just before half time for swearing at the ref. He claimed that he was swearing at himself! After the break Ickwell upped their game, but on 61 minutes they conceded again, this time from the spot after a foul. A further goal three minutes later put the result beyond doubt but Ickwell did deserve their consolation goal right at the end.

Monday 30th April 2012

Division Three action saw Sundon Park Rangers Colts stretch their winning away ways to six games with a thumping 11-1 win at Kempston Hammers Sports. Only 2-0 ahead at half-time via goals from Michael Brunton and Ashley Wadhams, a further nine goals were added in the second period. Robert Smith, Lee Remond and Kevin Hilton all scoring twice alongside another goal for Brunton and strikes from Luke Dolan and Anthony Gillians. The lone home reply coming from Jimmy Grandidge.

Wednesday 2nd May 2012

Second Meadow, Biggleswade United FC action saw AFC Turvey lift the Jubilee Cup for season 2011-12 with a 2-1 victory over Elstow Abbey before a near three figure crowd. Goalscoring chances in the opening half being far and few between, for Turvey, Mark Allen being denied by a fine save from Abbey goalkeeper Darren Ayre 25 minutes into the contest and perhaps Abbey's Dave McCarthy should have done better when from in front of goal he sent an effort well over the crossbar five minutes from the break.

However, it was Turvey who took the lead in the 68th minute when John Guiney supplied the telling ball to allow Michael Stephenson to slot home from inside the penalty box and three minutes later it appeared to be game over at 2-0 when Guiney himself netted after he latched onto a cross from Adam Broughton.

The game however was to have a sting in its tail when with 90 minutes played showing on the watch Turvey goalkeeper Aaron Austin pulled down Tom Pitts which saw referee Neville Stone pointing to the penalty spot to allow substitute Travis Joseph to step up to reduce the arrears to 2-1.

AFC Turvey: Mark Allen, Aaron Austin, Adam Broughton, Daniel Bailey, Tim Clarke, Oliver Dove, John Guiney, Martin Ivy, Martin Page, Michael Stephenson, Andrew Wren, Subs Used: Nathan Bavister, Jason Smith, Saimir Guri,

Elstow Abbey: Darren Ayre, Craig Cameron, Aaran Cavell, Percy Cegwiza, Mark Griffiths, Jason Harrison, Eduardo L'Erario, Dave McCarthy, Robert Mito, Danny Pilgrim, Tom Pitts, Subs Used, Travis Joseph, Glen Tumulty,

Elsewhere, at Forde Park Langford, Caldecote were beaten in the final of this seasons Biggleswade Knock-Out Cup in a penalty shoot-out by Ampthill Town Reserves. Ahead in the opening half via a goal from Mark Phillips, their lead was doubled by David Lenton early in the second half before The Town struck twice via Paul Matthews and Paul Ratcliffe to see the game arrive at the 90 minutes mark with a 2-2 scoreline. Thus it was straight to a penalty shoot-out and with Lenton, Danny Lane and Paul Gower all having their kicks saved by Town goalkeeper Mark Templeman it was all over inside six kicks.

In Division Four league action, Clifton Reserves took their unbeaten ways to 11 games with a 4-0 victory at Bedford Panthers. Tony Norman, Mark Gearing, Neil Ellis plus an own goal marking their scoresheet. Whilst Shefford Town & Campton A claimed a 4-3 victory over the newly crowned league champions Bedford Park Rangers, Simon Castle with a brace plus strikes from Michael Jones and Luke Wells only being replied to by Jamie Carter, Shaun Finlay and Stephen Walsh for The Rangers.

The scheduled division three encounter between Westoning Reserves and Wilshamstead Reserves being postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

Friday 4th May 2012.

Centenary Cup Final. Ickwell & Old Warden 2 Sandy 0.

Ickwell & Old Warden duly completed a domestic Bedfordshire County Football League double when, before a crowd of 153 under the floodlights at Potton United, they recorded a 2-0 victory over Sandy.

The contest which was a little slow to unfold and some 22 minutes old before the Sandy supporters had their hearts in their mouths on seeing Philippe Beal slip as he attempted a routine clearance with Ickwell's Lee Threadgold at close quarters, they need not have feared, goalkeeper Mark Pallister was alert to the situation and off his line quickly to clear the danger.

Sandy again rode their luck five minutes later when Andrew Vallom hit the woodwork direct from a corner but within 60 seconds Sandy's Daniel Stafford at the other end brought out a flying save from Ickwell custodian Matthew Mann to keep the game goalless.

With the half-time break approaching both sides then went close to taking the lead, first Stafford lobbed an effort over the crossbar before at the other end Vallom curled a free kick from distance just inches wide of the woodwork.

The introduction after the break of Ickwell's Zak Rowe seemed to give the boys from The Green a big lift, first Nick Jones sent an effort from distance sailing over the crossbar then a teasing low cross from Rowe delivered across the Sandy six yard box saw Paul Beith arrive late at the backpost to spurn the chance of the night thus far.

Within two minutes Ickwell were in front, Vallom releasing Lee Threadgold down the left flank and his pinpointed cross was slotted home from close range by Anup Kalyan. Sandy then so nearly levelled the contest just after the hour mark when Mann in fielding a lofted Ian Hammett free kick under his crossbar dropped the ball into the path of Richard Seldon who sliced his moment of glory wide of the uprights.

By now Danny Fox had joined the action for Ickwell and like Rowe before him his appearance seemed to inspire his teammates to greater heights, Beith again arriving unmarked on the backpost just a second too late to polish home a telling free kick from Fox, who then played a major part in his sides second goal on 73 minutes. It was his corner that Sandy failed to clear at least twice that was to fall eventually to the feet of Rowe whose cross made it third time lucky for Beith as he arrived on the backpost to dive in and head home to double the scorline.

With eight minutes left, Mann in the Ickwell goal again showed his class to keep out an effort from Stafford, yet by now Ickwell were in cruise control and the only slight disappointment to their supporters was manager Lee Pike deciding to send on Dan Jones as their third substitute rather than the legendary Phil Dorrell.

Ickwell & Old Warden: Paul Beith, Tim Gill, Nick Jones, Anup Kalyan, Matthew Mann, Matthew McCartney, Jamie Scotcher, Lee Threadgold, Dave Trundle, Dan Threadgold, Subs Used: Danny Fox, Dan Jones, Zak Rowe,

Sandy: Philippe Beal, Matt Evans, Ian Hammett, Mark Jennings, Chris Nicholls, Mark Pallister, Shane Pope, Richard Seldon, Daniel Stafford, Robert Tapley, John Joe Peksic, Subs used: Olly Banfield, Craig Baker, Nathan Morris,

Saturday 5th May 2012

Division One

The final game of the division one season saw Mark Endersby net in the 85th minute to give Caldecote Reserves a 1-0 home victory over Henlow to ensure they would finish in seventh spot in the final standings and leave their visitors after this their fourth consecutive away defeat in ninth place.

Division One Final Table Season 2011-12

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	HOME			AWAY			OVERALL			GDPTS	
			W	D	L	F	A		W	D	L	F	A
1	Ickwell & Old Warden	26	11	2	0	53	11	10	2	1	4	16	21
2	Bedford SA	26	10	0	3	42	19	9	4	0	4	20	19
3	Marston Shelton Rovers	26	8	3	2	31	16	7	4	2	2	14	15
4	Lidlington United Sports	26	8	4	1	40	13	6	3	4	2	24	14
5	FC Meppershall	26	7	3	3	44	24	7	2	4	2	19	14
6	Sandy	26	5	4	4	42	28	8	1	4	3	28	13
7	Caldecote Reserves	26	7	1	5	35	26	4	2	7	2	39	11
8	Lea Sports PSG	26	2	6	5	22	26	5	6	2	2	14	7
9	Henlow	26	4	3	6	29	36	5	2	6	2	0	25
10	Luton Boys	26	5	3	5	37	32	3	2	8	3	3	48
11	AFC Kempston Tn & Bedford Coll Reserves	26	4	2	7	14	24	3	1	9	2	2	44
12	Kings AFC	26	2	2	9	22	47	2	3	8	2	7	49
13	Meltis Albion	26	0	1	12	4	46	3	2	8	1	8	57
14	Westoning	26	1	1	11	18	42	1	1	11	1	14	36

Division Two

The lone scheduled game between M & DH Oakley and Great Barford being postponed when the hosts failed to raise a side to take on their bottom of the table opponents who were thus gifted the three points.

Division Two League Table at 5 th May 2012																		
POS	TEAM	PLAYED	HOME			AWAY			OVERALL			GDPTS						
			W	D	L	F	A		W	D	L	F	A					
1	Elstow Abbey	25	11	2	0	48	8	9	2	1	45	12	20	4	1	93	20	73 64
2	AFC Turvey	26	9	2	2	39	21	10	1	2	45	12	19	3	4	84	33	51 60
3	Pavenham	26	8	1	4	41	22	8	2	3	32	13	16	3	7	73	35	38 51
4	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	26	8	1	4	39	27	6	3	4	20	25	14	4	8	59	52	7 46
5	Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	26	5	4	4	39	23	8	2	3	42	30	13	6	7	81	53	28 45
6	Bromham United	26	6	2	5	30	19	7	1	5	28	27	13	3	10	58	46	12 42
7	Co-op Sports	26	7	2	4	46	27	5	1	7	21	28	12	3	11	67	55	12 39
8	Potton United Reserves	25	7	1	4	29	27	4	2	7	26	30	11	3	11	55	57	-2 36
9	Queens Park Crescents	26	5	3	5	26	20	4	4	5	29	43	9	7	10	55	63	-8 34
10	Marabese Ceramics	26	4	2	7	22	32	4	2	7	21	30	8	4	14	43	62	-19 28
11	Stopsley Park	26	3	2	8	22	39	5	2	6	35	38	8	4	14	57	77	-20 28
12	M & DH Oakley	26	3	0	10	19	34	4	0	9	16	36	7	0	19	35	70	-35 21
13	Clifton	26	1	2	10	13	34	4	1	8	18	37	5	3	18	31	71	-40 18
14	Great Barford	26	0	0	13	7	54	2	1	10	9	59	2	1	23	16	113	-97 7

Division Three

Following two straight home defeats, Goldington returned to form to net a 3-2 home win over Riseley Sports, a victory that now sees them claim third place in the final standings above Renhold Village. James Muircraft shooting them ahead in the 37th minute before a strike from Rob Ginn four minutes later took the teams in at half-time all square at 1-1. Goldington then restored their lead in the 67th minute via an own goal from Riseley goalkeeper Nicholas Care, but the lead lasted just 10 minutes before Paul Brown levelled matters only then to see Karl Anderson net what turned out to be the winning goal 60 seconds later.

Elsewhere, Royal Oak Kempston were gifted the three points when their visitors Potton Town failed to raise a side to meet them in Hillgrounds.

Division Four

The destination of this seasons silver medals still remains in doubt following the postponement of the Thurleigh v Bedford Park Rangers game but in the three games played, two were to end in 3-3 draws. Goldington Hammers after four straight defeats ending their season by sharing the spoils at home against Stewartby Village, Steve Palmer, Gareth Shrimpton and Jhey Tompkins all finding the back of the net against a Village hat-trick in reply from Ben Sparks. Whilst after five straight away defeats, Dinamo Flitwick earned a point at Shefford Town & Campton A, Dale Goldie being their hero with all three goals against Town replies from Simon Castle twice and Shaun Jenkins.

The lone winners of the day were Bedford Panthers with a 3-1 home victory over Dunton A. Kevin Southby with a brace plus a strike from Michael Bailey only being replied to by John Cole for the visitors.

Division Three League Table at 5th May 2012

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	HOME			AWAY			OVERALL			GDPTS								
			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A								
1	Cranfield United Reserves	25	8	0	4	25	13	11	1	1	4	31	17	19	1	5	68	30	38	58
2	Eastcotts AFC	26	11	0	2	38	19	7	1	5	2	27	24	18	1	7	65	43	22	55
3	Goldington	26	9	1	3	45	23	7	3	3	3	42	21	16	4	6	79	44	35	52
4	Renhold Village	26	8	0	5	38	22	9	1	3	3	22	22	17	1	8	70	44	26	52
5	Stevington	26	10	0	3	39	17	6	1	6	2	27	28	16	1	9	66	45	21	49
6	Sundon Park Rangers Colts	25	6	2	4	35	16	9	0	4	5	31	18	15	2	8	88	34	54	47
7	Riseley Sports	26	8	2	3	33	21	6	2	5	2	42	27	14	4	8	57	48	9	46
8	Wilshamstead Reserves	24	7	0	6	29	24	3	3	5	12	19	10	3	11	41	43	-2	33	
9	Potton Town	26	6	4	3	22	17	3	0	10	26	44	9	4	13	48	61	-13	31	
10	Kempston Hammers Sports	26	4	2	7	22	40	4	1	8	27	33	8	3	15	49	73	-24	27	
11	Westoning Reserves	25	4	0	8	24	34	4	2	7	28	32	8	2	15	52	66	-14	26	
12	Royal Oak Kempston	26	2	1	10	17	43	6	0	7	21	24	8	1	17	38	67	-29	25	
13	Flitwick Town Reserves	26	3	1	9	21	42	1	0	12	19	47	4	1	21	40	89	-49	13	
14	Dunton Reserves	25	1	2	10	18	51	1	0	11	9	50	2	2	21	27	101	-74	8	

Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup Final. Sundon Park Rangers 0 Sundon Park Rangers Colts 2.

AFC Kempston Rovers Hillgrounds complex was the venue for this seasons all Bedfordshire County Football League clash bringing about a 2-0 win for division three Sundon Park Rangers Colts over their division two counterparts Sundon Park Rangers.

The game was just 10 minutes old when Kevin Hilton shot the Colts in front with the contests first chance, but rather than spark the game into life, the reverse happened and there was very little for both sets of supporters to shout about until suddenly in the last 10 minutes of the first period the game burst into life. First for the Rangers, Chris Hazel shot just wide from a Luke Evans corner, whilst at the other end Ashley Wadhams was twice denied by saves from Rangers goalkeeper Brett Smith before the Rangers custodian was then again their hero to claw around his posts a Cameron Forbes header.

It was The Colts who came out in the second period all guns blazing, Lee Redmond sending an effort against the crossbar and from the rebound Wadhams could only stand and stare in horror as his effort hit the body of Smith in the Rangers goal and fell away to safety. However, it was not all one way traffic and perhaps at the other end Matthew Conway should have done better with his effort from the edge of the box until with 20 minutes left his side were left with an even bigger hill to climb when Mark Bonnar was red carded for his second yellow card offence by referee Alex Bassick.

That hill became a mountain five minutes later when The Colts doubled the scoreline to 2-0. Hilton supplying the telling cross which saw man of the match Rory McMullen twist and turn in front of goal to send an unstoppable low drive passed Smith into the corner of the net.

The Rangers were however far from ready to admit defeat and if only efforts from Conway and Nicky Buttigieg had not just gone the wrong side of the uprights the crowd might have been treated to a grandstand finish, but it was The Colts who finished the stronger and Smith was again forced to show his class in first beating away an effort from namesake Robert Smith and then producing a double barrelled save from substitute Daryl Smith in the games closing minute.

Sundon Park Rangers Colts: Graham Hilton, Sean Moore, Chris Scott, Colin Moore, Rory McMullen, Cameron Forbes, Lee Redmond, Mike Brunton, Robert Smith, Kevin Hilton, Ashley Wadhams, Subs Used: James Hart, Luke Dolan, Daryl Smith,

Sundon Park Rangers : Brett Smith, Luke Evans, Matthew Conway, Samuel Kehinde, Andrew Fox, Mark Bonnar, Martin Dawson, Steve Farkas, Chris Hazell, Nick Buttigieg, Daniel Viola, Subs Used: Eddy Lewis, Ben Stratful,

Division Four League Table at 5th May 2012

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	HOME			AWAY			OVERALL			GDPTS							
			WDL	F	A	WDL	F	A	WDL	F	A								
1	Bedford Park Rangers	26	11	1	2	59	23	11	0	1	56	20	22	1	3	115	43	72	67
2	Thurleigh	27	8	3	2	44	19	11	0	3	56	29	19	3	5	100	48	52	60
3	Marsh Leys	27	7	3	3	35	21	11	2	1	54	21	18	5	4	89	42	47	59
4	Clifton Reserves	27	7	3	4	54	32	8	3	2	36	25	15	6	6	90	57	33	51
5	Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	28	8	2	4	27	22	6	3	5	36	28	14	5	9	63	50	13	47
6	Stewartby Village	28	6	1	7	35	36	5	6	3	31	25	11	7	10	66	61	5	40
7	Sandy Reserves	28	4	1	9	34	47	7	3	4	37	38	11	4	13	71	85	-14	37
8	Caldecote A	26	4	4	4	40	29	6	2	6	33	31	10	6	10	73	60	13	36
9	Wootton Village	28	8	2	4	31	25	3	1	10	24	39	11	3	14	55	64	-9	36
10	Shefford Town & Campton A	27	6	2	6	34	35	4	3	6	30	35	10	5	12	64	70	-6	35
11	Kempston Athletic	28	6	2	6	37	31	3	3	8	32	58	9	5	14	69	89	-20	32
12	Dinamo Flitwick [former Reserves]	27	5	3	6	44	49	2	3	8	27	33	7	6	14	71	82	-11	27
13	Bedford Panthers	26	4	1	8	17	29	3	4	6	19	31	7	5	14	36	60	-24	26
14	Goldington Hammers	28	3	3	8	33	55	2	0	12	19	60	5	3	20	52	115	-63	18
15	Dunton A	27	1	2	10	15	52	1	0	13	15	66	2	2	23	30	118	-88	8

They think its all over, it will be soon.

Saturday May 12th will see the curtain fall on the 2011-12 season with the playing of the final six games In The Premier Division supported by Sportsform section, action comes at Rectory Road where having conceded home advantage Renhold United will hit the road for to face league champions Shefford Town & Campton. Whilst Woburn are due in home action against

Caldecot at a yet to be arranged venue. Please log onto www.bedfordshirefootballleague.co.uk during the week for details.

The remaining games coming in division four and it's decision day for the silver medals, at Cutler Hammer Marsh Leys play hosts to Dinamo Flitwick. Whilst for Thurleigh at a yet to be decided venue its home action against the already crowned league champions Bedford Park Rangers.

Over at Horseshoes Close, Dunton A will end their season with a visit from local rivals Clifton Reserves and at The Bedford Hockey Centre, Shefford Town & Campton A are the visitors to face hosts Bedford Panthers All these games kicking off at 2.30pm.