

Bedfordshire County Football League



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Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup Third Round Draw

Queens Park Crescents v Kings AFC
Renhold Village v Harpur FC
Marston Shelton Rovers v Stopsley Baptist Church
Potton Wanderers v Shillington
Marabese Ceramics v Brache Sparta Community Reserves
M&DH Oakley v Bedford Hatters
Farley Boys v Christians in Sports Reserves
Westoning Recreation Club Reserves v Heath Panthers United

All ties to be played on Saturday 9th January 2009. Kick Off 1.30pm

Four Leagues Trophy Football this Wednesday Night

Bedfordshire Football League v The Peterborough & District Football League

At Biggleswade United FC. Kick Off 7.45pm Wednesday 18th November 2009.

Admission Free.

Travellers Tales

Brian Buck takes a look back at our Four Leagues Trophy game against The Northampton Town League.

113th game of the season. (Match 9,536) Wednesday 28th October 2009.
Northampton Town League 0 Bedfordshire County League 1 (Four Leagues Trophy) (Played at Cogenhoe United) att 50 approx. The interesting thing about this particular competition is, or otherwise, is that although it's called the Four Leagues Trophy there isn't actually a trophy to present, at present! Anyway the first thing I noticed here was that there was a different barmaid on show tonight. Whether this is a permanent change or not I don't know. As for the match at times it was a decent contest. Certainly at the start the well supported hosts had the better of things, creating six scoring chances to the visitors none, one of them hitting the crossbar. But then on 19 minutes Richard Bridgestock, from Sharnbrook, put the visitors into the lead by way of converting a corner, taken I think by one of his club colleagues. This seemed to rock the hosts a bit and although the Beds boys were happy to soak up any

renewed pressure, it didn't seem to come. They didn't create much either and the game died a bit. After devouring some generously supplied refreshments at half time I felt that if the Town league were going to do anything then it would come in the first 15 minutes. They did make a good effort to redress the balance but nothing came of it. By now the same local 'wag', who I had 'bumped' into at the last Beds County League match at Biggleswade United a few weeks back, was at it again. He was musing over the performances of one of the Beds County League players. This was overheard by one of the Sharnbrook contingent who said, "I won't hear a word said against him." "Why, are you his dad?" "Yes!" "Does he know?" The remainder of the match saw the Beds County League hold firm and really quite easily. Even though the hosts managed another seven goal attempts in the last 20 minutes none of them were really going to trouble the keeper who played well. During the whole match balls were being kicked out of the ground quite frequently and by the 95th minute as there seemed to be none left the ref blew the final whistle!

Action Review from Saturday 14th November 2009

Blunham's lead at the head of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table is now up to two points after they took their current winning ways to five games with a 4-1 home victory over Dunton. Goals from Andy Smith, Gareth Hughes, Elliot West and Michael Hutton only replied to by a strike from Steve Snelling, whose side have now lost their last five outings to drop into the bottom four of the league standings.

Caldecote are the new club holding down second place, taking their unbeaten ways to five games with a 2-0 home win over Campton. Paul Lawrence opening the scoring seven minutes from the break and Jack Aris doubling the scoreline five minutes into the second period.

Despite taking their unbeaten ways to nine games, Renhold United dropped from second to third in the league table after they needed a 90th minute goal from player-manager Paul Daniels to gain a share of the spoils in a 1-1 draw at Sharnbrook. The home side having taken the lead on the hour mark with a goal from Lawrence Bentham.

The biggest top flight winners of the day were Ickwell & Old Warden, 6-2 home winners over Southill Alexander. Andrew Vallom netting a hat-trick, Anup Kalyan a brace alongside a single strike from Nick Jones, whilst the visitors replies came via Richard Lewin and David Kane.

Meanwhile, Wilshamstead are now unbeaten in their last four outings after running out 4-2 home winners over bottom of the table Westoning Recreation Club. Paul Jones with goals in the 20th and 25th minutes taking them in at half-time 2-0 ahead. When he completed his hat-trick five minutes into the new period it looked game over. The Rec Boys however, with a strike from Luke Redhead on the hour mark, were to pull the deficit back to 3-1 to give them fresh hope. That hope lasted seven minutes before substitute Travis Joseph with his first touch of the game took the home side 4-1 clear, the visitors with a strike from Ian Buckingham just 60 seconds later made it 4-2 and that's where the scoring ended despite the home side

having to play the closing 15 minutes with Colin Marshall between the posts after goalkeeper Steve Fox was forced to retire injured.

The days other two scheduled games in this section. AFC Kempston Town v Biggleswade United Reserves and Oakley Sports v Woburn falling victims to waterlogged pitches.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform table at 14th November 2009

14 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Blunham	10	7	1	2	32	18	+14	22
Caldecote	11	6	2	3	24	11	+13	20
Renhold United	10	5	4	1	22	14	+8	19
Ickwell & Old Warden	10	6	0	4	21	22	-1	18
Biggleswade United Reserves	10	5	1	4	19	19	+0	16
Oakley Sports	8	5	0	3	16	12	+4	15
Campton	10	5	0	5	18	21	-3	15
Wilshamstead	8	4	2	2	19	12	+7	14
AFC Kempston Town	8	4	0	4	17	12	+5	12
Sharnbrook	10	3	2	5	15	18	-3	11
Dunton	11	3	1	7	12	21	-9	10
Southill Alexander	8	2	1	5	14	19	-5	7
Woburn	9	2	1	6	12	20	-8	7
Westoning Recreation Club [Saturday]	9	1	1	7	16	38	-22	4

For the eighth week on the bounce we have new leaders of the Division One Table. This week it's the turn of Flitwick Town to regain the top slot after running out 4-2 home winners over Blunham Reserves. Goals from Dean Conway, Mark Byrne and Jim Lewis in the opening 20 minutes taking them 3-0 ahead until an early second half strike from Tommy Mills brought the scoreline back to 3-1. Dean Warren then netted to restore The Town's three goal advantage before Mills netted his second of the afternoon to bring up the final 4-2 scoreline.

Losing out on the top spot were Marston Social, beaten 6-3 at bottom of the table Kempston Hammers Sports. Jimmy Grandidge with a hat-trick, Sean Winconek with a brace and Matthew Mossop the home marksmen to Social replies via Dave Loughlan, James Armstrong and James Kines. Despite this win, The Hammers still remain on the bottom of the pile after Stevington came up with their first home win of the season in beating Sandy 5-3. Aaron Fletcher with a hat-trick plus John Devereux

and Ben Pay the scorers against Sandy replies from Sam James, Ian Hammett and Charlie Seward.

Elsewhere, Henlow after three straight defeats, returned to winning ways with a 3-1 victory at Bedford Sports Athletic. Ashley Mead from the penalty spot placing the home side ahead on 55 minutes, until three goals in the closing 15 minutes took Henlow to victory. Pete Saunders netting twice before Steve Pateman netted the goal of the game when adding a third from inside his own half.

Also enjoying life on the road were Kempston, 7-3 winners at Campton Reserves. Ricky Prince and Will Walker netting twice alongside single strikes from Josh Anderson, Aaron Perrett and Jamie Carson. Adam Chambers with a brace and Justin Barker on the scoresheet for the home side.



Campton Reserves FC

Over in Mowsbury Park, FC Meppershall's home game with Caldecote Reserves was abandoned after just 35 minutes due to a serious leg injury to home player Dan Taylor. At the time of the stoppage FC Meppershall led 2-0 thanks to goals from Danny Wing and Jason Nice in the games opening seven minutes.

Meanwhile, Leighton United's home clash with Meltis Albion was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch at Stanbridge Road.

Division One League Table at 14th November 2009

16 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Flitwick Town	13	8	1	4	25	20	+5	25
Leighton United	12	7	2	3	30	19	+11	23
Marston Social	12	7	2	3	29	20	+9	23
Caldecote Reserves	11	7	1	3	30	19	+11	22
Kempston	11	7	0	4	34	27	+7	21
Meltis Albion	11	6	2	3	24	17	+7	20
Bedford Sports Athletic	12	5	3	4	28	24	+4	18
Blunham Reserves	12	5	3	4	21	25	-4	18
AFC Kempston Town Reserves	11	5	2	4	20	22	-2	17
FC Meppershall	11	4	2	5	31	33	-2	14
Sandy	12	4	1	7	26	23	+3	13
Henlow	11	4	1	6	18	29	-11	13
Campton Reserves	12	4	0	8	25	35	-10	12
Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	9	3	1	5	22	26	-4	10
Stevington	13	2	2	9	24	41	-17	8
Kempston Hammers Sports	11	2	1	8	26	33	-7	7

Saturday, 05 September 2009: FC Meppershall v AFC Kempston Town Reserves - Away Win was awarded

Potton Wanderers were to lose their season's unbeaten ways and have their lead at the head of the Division Two league table cut to just two points after being beaten 4-3 away at second place Bedford Hatters. Goals from Danny Fox and James Billingham taking The Wanderers into a 2-0 lead before a strike from Simon Pixley saw the teams go in at the break separated by just a single goal. Strikes in the new period from Scott Alleyne and Danny De Foe placed The Hatters 3-2 in front until Ricky Aris levelled matters at 3-3. It was however to be The Hatters day thanks to 86th minute winner delivered from 25 yards by Richard Cook.

Moving up into third place in the league table, just three points adrift of The Hatters, are Marston Shelton Rovers, who maintained their seasons unbeaten home ways with a 6-0 victory over Harpur FC. Chris Patrickson twice plus single strikes from Lewis Hay, Antony Henman, Aaron Franks and Rob Moore doing the damage.

For Marabese Ceramics, after three straight home defeats, it was a return to winning ways with a 3-2 victory over Clifton, Gary Botazzi netting twice and David Payne once against a brace in reply from Clifton's Greg King.

With the games Shillington v Great Barford and Kempston Royals v Brache Sparta Community Reserves waterlogged off, the days other two games in this section were both to finish all square at 2-2. Adam Millard and Mark Macmillen netting Arlesey Social Galacticos home goals against Kings AFC, whose replies came via Josh Clements and Nathan Clements. Whilst Shefford Town needed a Ryan Welton goal direct from a corner just three minutes from time to earn a share of the spoils at home against Elstow Abbey. Dominik Goodfellow getting The Abbey off to a flying start by netting in the games opening minute, a goal from Rob Cox soon cancelled this out before Dave McCarthy regained the lead for The Abbey until Welton's late intervention denied the visitors their first away win of the season.

Division Two League Table at 14th November 2009

14 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Potton Wanderers	10	8	1	1	43	13	+30	25
Bedford Hatters	10	7	2	1	38	16	+22	23
Marston Shelton Rovers	9	6	2	1	32	12	+20	20
Arlesey Social Galacticos	10	6	2	2	23	17	+6	20
Brache Sparta Community Reserves	9	5	3	1	25	12	+13	18
Kings AFC	9	4	1	4	29	23	+6	13
Kempston Royals	10	4	1	5	21	30	-9	13
Shefford Town	9	3	1	5	15	20	-5	10
Great Barford	9	3	1	5	19	27	-8	10
Marabese Ceramics	9	3	1	5	11	24	-13	10
Harpur FC	9	2	2	5	19	29	-10	8
Elstow Abbey 06	10	2	1	7	15	38	-23	7
Clifton	9	1	3	5	10	18	-8	6
Shillington [Saturday]	8	0	1	7	10	31	-21	1

Queens Park Crescents were to retain their seasons 100% away record and extend their lead at the head of the Division Three league table to seven points with a 4-2 victory at Riseley Sports Reserves. Shezad Satter netting a hat-trick alongside a goal from Ayaz Hussain against home replies from Tommy Dove and Mark Christie.

With second place Dunton Reserves sitting the afternoon out, Lidlington United Sports missed the opportunity to jump above them in the standings when held to a 4-4 draw at Sandy Reserves. Goals from John Nagle, Niall Grady, Darren Sims and Louis Weedon being cancelled out by a home brace from Leon Bryan plus an own goal and a strike from Marcus Tait.

Meanwhile, Stopsley Park were taking their unbeaten ways to five games with a 4-3 home win over Wilshamstead Reserves. Two goals from Omar Richards on his Park debut plus a Chris Gardner penalty and a goal from Craig Petit doing the damage, against a brace in reply from Jack Wiggs and a goal from Phil Zeltabruhov.

Westoning Recreation Club Reserves home game with Caldecote A at Greenfield Road being waterlogged off.

Division Three League Table at 14th November 2009

10 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Queens Park Crescents	8	7	1	0	34	9	+25	22
Dunton Reserves	8	5	0	3	23	22	+1	15
Lidlington United Sports	8	4	2	2	21	12	+9	14
Renhold Village	8	4	1	3	29	22	+7	13
Stopsley Park	7	3	3	1	31	18	+13	12
Wilshamstead Reserves	8	3	0	5	23	21	+2	9
Caldecote 'A'	7	3	0	4	14	37	-23	9
Westoning Recreation Club [Saturday] Reserves	7	2	1	4	11	18	-7	7
Sandy Reserves	8	1	2	5	15	30	-15	5
Riseley Sports Reserves	7	1	0	6	20	32	-12	3

With league leaders Sundon Park Rangers having their game at Eastcotts waterlogged off, they were to lose their place at the head of the table to M&DH Oakley who won 2-0 at Dinamo Flitwick thanks to goals from Danny Lupton and Nicolo Mattia.

Sharnbrook Reserves, who had started the day in second spot, failed to go back to the summit by losing their season's unbeaten away record in a 4-3 defeat at Clifton Reserves. Two goals from Tom McNaught plus single strikes from Sam McNaught and David Dice retaining the home sides seasons home unbeaten ways to lift them up into fourth place in the league table. The Sharnbrook replies coming via a Jack Hoogsraten brace and a Darren Wallinger penalty.

Elsewhere, Bedford Park Rangers remain firmly rooted to the bottom of the league table after being beaten 2-7 at home by Flitwick Town Reserves. Grant Archer and Mark Bartlett both netting a hat-trick alongside a strike from Harry Rowlands for The Town, whilst The Rangers goals came via Richard Patterson and Andrew Darnell.

Kempston Athletic's home game with Stewartby Village being waterlogged off at Hillgrounds.

Division Four League Table at 14th November 2009

11 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
M & DH Oakley	9	7	0	2	29	12	+17	21
Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	9	6	1	2	49	16	+33	19
Sharnbrook Reserves	9	6	1	2	29	10	+19	19
Clifton Reserves	8	4	1	3	26	22	+4	13
Eastcotts	8	4	1	3	22	18	+4	13
Flitwick Town Reserves	8	4	0	4	21	33	-12	12
Thurleigh	9	3	2	4	26	24	+2	11
Dinamo Flitwick	8	2	2	4	15	19	-4	8
Stewartby Village	7	2	0	5	15	26	-11	6
Kempston Athletic	7	2	0	5	20	36	-16	6
Bedford Park Rangers	8	1	0	7	12	48	-36	3

In the afternoon's lone game in The Watson Shield Group Six. Renhold Village run out easy 9-1 home winners over Thurleigh. Dan Luke with four goals, Micheal Luke with two goals plus single strikes from Pete Neale, Marko Tubdzic and Dan Goddard on The Village scoresheet against a own goal from Jamie Brown being the visitors reply.

The attention this weekend for eight Premier Division supported by Sportsform clubs switches away from the league to second round ties in this seasons Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy. There is just one all Bedfordshire County Football League clash, coming at Horseshoes Close between hosts Dunton and Sharnbrook. The visitors travelling having beaten their hosts just three weeks ago in league action on their own patch at Lodge Road.

Of the other six clubs, three will have home advantage, and all three will fancy their chances of making it in the hat for the last 16 draw. At Rectory Road, Campton face a visit from AFC Kempston Rovers who currently sit third from bottom in The Hereward Teamwear United Counties League Division One table. Whilst at Hillgrounds, AFC Kempston Town receive a visit from Cranfield United, who have won just once so far this season in their Molten Sparten South Midlands League Division One trips away from their own Crawley Road base.

The trio being made up by Biggleswade United Reserves at Second Meadow, when they entertain Caddington, who like Cranfield United have just one away win to their credit from their Molten Sparten South Midlands League Division One seasons campaign to date.

For Caldecote plus Ickwell & Old Warden, its trips on the road. Caldecote making the short trip to The Hollow to face Hereward Teamwear United Counties League Division One outfit Potton United, in perhaps what is the tie of the round, whilst Ickwell & Old Warden head to Lancott Park and a meeting with Molten Sparten South Midlands League Division One high flyers AFC Dunstable.

Ickwell&Old Warden FC



Premier Division supported by Sportsform action is thus reduced to just three games, but for league leaders Blunham, now on a five game winning run, it's a tough looking away game at third place Renhold United, who start the day still unbeaten on home soil this campaign plus unbeaten in any kind of league action since their opening game of the season.

Other action comes at Greenfield Road, where bottom of the table Westoning Recreation Club host an Oakley Sports side that has won its last four away games and at Jubilee Playing Fields, which is the venue for Wilshamstead home meeting with Southill Alexander, the home side unbeaten in their last four outings, whilst the visitors travel having lost their last three games to drop into the bottom three of the league standings.

The big question to be asked ahead of the weekends Division One programme is will we have a ninth different leader of the league table in as many weeks come the final whistle? For that to happen Flitwick Town would need to lose at Sandy and either Leighton United, Marston Social or Caldecote Reserves to come up with a win.

Town, despite travelling to Bedford Road without a win in their last three away league outings, will still very much start favourites for the three points over a home Sandy side that has won just once in its last seven outings.

Caldecote Reserves and Marston Social, of course cannot both win as they go head to head with each other at Harvey Close. Caldecote looking for a fourth home win on the bounce against a Social side that has failed to win any of its last three away outings.

For Leighton United, the task of gaining three points is no easier, they head to Moggerhanger Playing Fields to face Blunham Reserves, where the hosts will be looking to extend their home unbeaten ways to five games, United travel having lost their last two away outings.

Over at Groveside, its local derby action between hosts Henlow, who look to end a run of three straight home defeats against a Campton Reserves side that travel having lost their last three away outings.

On The Green, Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves receive a visit from bottom of the table Kempston Hammers Sports. Defeat could see the sides swap places in the league table, if at the same time Stevington can come up with the full three points from their home encounter with AFC Kempston Town Reserves. It will not be easy, The Town travel unbeaten in their last five outings.

The days two other games in this section coming at Cutler Hammer, where Kempston host FC Meppershall and at Miller Road, where Meltis Albion now on a six game unbeaten home run, entertain Bedford Sports Athletic. Albion managed by Derek McRae, who just happens to be the visitor's club secretary.

For Division Two league leaders Potton Wanderers, who suffered their first league defeat of the season last weekend, the task of returning to winning ways will not be easy when they travel to Dallow Road to face still unbeaten on home soil Brache Sparta Community Reserves. A second slip up by The Wanderers, would see Bedford

Hatters climb to the top of the table should they come up with the full three points from their home Miller Road clash with Kempston Royals.

For third place Marston Shelton Rovers, who remain unbeaten on home soil this season its a visit from bottom of the table Shillington. Whilst fourth place Arlesey Social Galacticos head to Whiston Crescent and local derby action against hosts Clifton, who are yet to win on home soil this campaign.

Over at The Warren, Elstow Abbey receive a visit from Marabese Ceramics. At King George VI Playing Fields, Kings AFC look for a third home win on the bounce against a travelling Great Barford, losers of their last three away games. Whilst at The Bedford Hockey Centre, Harpur FC will be hosting a Shefford Town side that has lost all of its four league away outings to date.

In Division Three, league leaders Queens Park Crescents defend their season's unbeaten record in Mowsbury Park against a Sandy Reserves side that are yet to win on the road this season. Whilst second place Dunton Reserves head to The Luton Regional Sports Centre, losers of their last two away games, to face hosts Stopsley Park, who will enter the game unbeaten in their last five outings.

It's a third place against fourth place clash at Hurst Grove, hosts Lidlington United Sports entertaining Renhold Village. Whilst over at Gold Street, bottom of the table Riseley Sports Reserves look to end a run of five straight defeats when Westoning Recreation Club Reserves come calling.

The day's final game in this section coming at Harvey Close where Caldecote A entertain Wilshamstead Reserves.

With Division Four league leaders M&DH Oakley on their way to Hillgrounds to face Eastcotts in Watson Shield Group Four action, their place at the head of the table could be taken over by either Sharnbrook Reserves or Sundon Park Rangers, should either come up with the full three points from their own home encounters. Rangers at Stockwood Park defending their seasons unbeaten home ways against a Clifton Reserves side that has won its last three games. Whilst at Lodge Road, life should be easier for Sharnbrook Reserves when second from the bottom of the table and losers of all their three away outings to date Kempston Athletic come calling.

Also looking for their first away points of the season will be bottom club Bedford Park Rangers, they hit the road to Stewartby Way to face Stewartby Village. While the days final action comes in terms of a local derby at Steppingley Road between hosts Flitwick Town Reserves and visitors Dinamo Flitwick.