

# Bedfordshire County Football League



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The Bedfordshire County Football League programme will open up the New Year with the main focus falling upon the ties in the opening round of the various league cups. In The Britannia Cup, holders Caldecote begin their defence of the trophy with a home Harvey Close tie against Oakley Sports, the visitors travelling having won their last five away games including a 2-0 victory at Harvey Close during Mid-September.



**Britannia Cup Holders Caldecote FC**

For last seasons beaten finalists Blunham, its a trip on the road to Lodge Road to face Sharnbrook over whom they enjoyed a 2-1 win at the same venue in league action in September. For lovers of local derby action, the place to be is on The Green, where Ickwell & Old Warden receive a visit from Biggleswade United Reserves, United

travelling without a win on their last three trips away from Second Meadow, whilst Ickwell have not been beaten on home soil since Blunham lowered their colours in Mid-October.

For Campton, it's home action at Rectory Road against Renhold United, the home side entering the fixture on the back of three straight defeats, whilst United travel without a win from their last four outings.

The final Britannia cup tie of the day coming at Jubilee Playing Fields, where Wilshamstead, now on a four game unbeaten home run host AFC Kempston Town in a tie that could go either way.

The tie of the round in The Centenary Cup, perhaps comes at Miller Road where Meltis Albion will be in home action against current Division One league leaders Flitwick Town, The Albion beat them 2-0 in league action at the same venue in early November, but since that game Town have won their last four league outings and will travel the favourites to make it into the hat for the last eight draw.

For 2007-08 winners Bedford Sports Athletic, it's a home tie at Cople Playing Fields against Sandy, giving them a quick chance to revenge their league defeat at Bedford Road on December 12th.

Over at Groveside, 2005-06 winners Henlow will have to be at their best if they are to progress at the expense of Marston Social, yet will take some encouragement from holding The Social to a 1-1 draw in league action just three weeks ago and the fact that The Social are now without an away win in the league since late September.

At Moggerhanger Playing Fields, Blunham Reserves host Kempston looking to seek revenge for a 0-2 league defeat back in early September. Whilst Leighton United travel to Culter Hammer to face Kempston Hammers Sports the firm favourites for a last eight spot.

The day's other action in this competition seeing Stevington host a AFC Kempston Town Reserves side they beat 3-1 in league action at the same venue on November 21st.

In The Jubilee Cup, the draw has brought about two local derbies from the six ties, Shillington at Greenfields facing Arlesey Social Galacticos, who beat them 4-1 there in league action in late October. Whilst at Whiston Crescent, Clifton host Marabese Ceramics looking for their first home win of the season.

For the current two leading clubs in the Division Two league table, it's trips on the road. League leaders Bedford Hatters travelling to face last season's beaten finalists Great Barford. Whilst Potton Wanderers hit the road to The Bedford Hockey Centre and a meeting with Harpur FC.

The day's other action coming at King George VI Playing Fields, where Kings AFC face a Elstow Abbey side that has not won on the road this season and in Hillgrounds, where Kempston Royals host Shefford Town. The Royals having not won on home

soil since beating The Town in early September, whilst The Town travel unbeaten in their last five league outings favourites to gain their revenge.

In The Watson Shield, it's another round of group matches, In Group One, the action comes at Gold Street where Riseley Sports Reserves host Stopsley Park, for the winners, it will almost certainly be a place in the last 16.

In Group Two, at Horseshoes Close, Dunton Reserves face Bedford Park Rangers, the visitors knowing anything less than a victory will see them out of this seasons competition. A comment that also applies to Caldecote A when they host Kempston Athletic in a Group Three game at Harvey Close.

Another club just about hanging on in the competition are Eastcotts, they travel to face M&DH Oakley knowing defeat will exit them in Group four. Whilst in Group Five, where all the sides start the day on the same number of points, it's Greenfield Road action between hosts Westoning Recreation Club Reserves and Sundon Park Rangers.

In Group Six, Renhold Village are already in the hat for the last 16 ahead of their home clash with Stewartby Village for whom any reward will enhance their hopes of going them ahead of Thurleigh of whom they are yet to play in a double header winner takes all contest.

In Group Seven, Sandy Reserves chances of a place in the last 16 very much rests on them achieving a result when Clifton Reserves come calling at Bedford Road Recreation Ground.

Away from the cup action there are just five league games. In The Premier Division supported by Sportsform, the lone fixture comes at Crawley Road, where Woburn host a Dunton side without a point from their last seven outings. Whilst in Division One, Mowsbury Park action sees FC Meppershall host Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves, the visitors looking for a point or better to lift them out of the bottom two of the league standings, whilst the home side will climb up to seventh with a victory.

In Division Three, league leaders Queens Park Crescents lay their seasons unbeaten league ways on the line when they travel to face Liddington United Sports at Hurst Grove who currently sit third in the league table and looking for their fourth home win on the bounce.

In Division Four, second place Sharnbrook Reserves will go back to the top of the table should they achieve a point or better from their visit to face local rivals Thurleigh. Whilst it's also derby action at Hinksley Road Recreation Ground, where hosts Dinamo Flitwick look for league win number four on the bounce against visitors Flitwick Town Reserves who travel winners of their last two away games.