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We commence News Bulletin No 6 to bring you **Brian Buck's Travellers Tale** of his recent visit to take in the Biggleswade Knock-Out Cup game at Sandy.

51. (9,801) Monday 23rd August 2010. Ickwell & Old Warden 5 Sandy 1 (Played at Sandy) (Biggleswade & District Knockout Cup Quarter Final) att 40 approx. Heavy weekend rain saw this game get switched to Bedford Road, meaning that this was the third Monday in a row I'd watched football here. Despite the scoreline this was a match Sandy should have won and despite the referee being the brother of the Sandy chairman! In the first half Ickwell, despite fielding a depleted side, didn't particularly look up for it and it was no real surprise when Hammett gave Sandy an 18th minute lead. But in this 40 minutes each way match perhaps the turning point came on 32 minutes when Sandy had the ball in the net direct from a corner. But for whatever reason the goal was disallowed. Will Colin Osborne be down sizing the refs birthday present this year now? Anyway three minutes later Ickwell equalised. Probably deserved as they had come more into the game by now, even though I thought that Sandy still had the upper hand. However, starting in the 61st minute, Sandy shipped four goals in 14 minutes to give Ickwell an improbable win. When the first of these went in Sandy were still the better side, but the rainbow which had now appeared after a very light shower was to deposit its crock of gold on Ickwell and after the third goal went in Sandy simply fell apart. Although you can't really argue with a 5-1 scoreline for three quarters of this match Sandy were largely the better side.

Midweek Round-Up Wednesday 15th September 2010

Premier Division supported by Sportsform.

Biggleswade United Reserves lifted themselves out of the bottom two of the league table up into eleventh spot when a goal from Gareth Boness five minutes into the second half took them to a 1-0 home win over Arlesey Town Reserves. The visitors failing to share the spoils when Daniel St Ledger saw his 72nd minute penalty saved by home goalkeeper Daniel Hockett.

Division One.

Brache Sparta Community Reserves are still in search of their first point of the season, following a 0-5 home defeat at the hands of Caldecote Reserves. Tom Dupey, Joe Stevens, Mark Endersby and Nathan Buckland shooting the visitors 4-0 ahead by

the interval, before a goal from Ryan Ambrose brought up the nap hand in the second period.

Division Three

Cranfield United Reserves moved up into seventh spot in the league with a 2-0 home win over Renhold Village. Chris Patrickson and James Fowler netting the second half goals that did the damage.

Action Round-Up from Saturday 18th September 2010

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

With morning league leaders Blunham sitting the afternoon out, their place at the head of the league table is now taken over by Oakley Sports who emerged 3-0 home winners over Biggleswade United Reserves. Sam Watkins, Stuart Kelly and Ben Pay netting the goals to maintain the Sportsman's 100% home record for the season.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 18th September 2010

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Oakley Sports	5	4	0	1	13	10	3	12
2	Renhold United	4	3	1	0	8	2	6	10
3	Wilshamstead	5	3	1	1	14	11	3	10
4	Blunham	4	3	0	1	17	6	11	9
5	Shefford Town & Campton	4	3	0	1	15	7	8	9
6	Leighton United	4	3	0	1	11	6	5	9
7	Caldecote	4	2	0	2	8	7	1	6
8	Woburn	5	2	0	3	11	12	-1	6
9	Dunton	5	2	0	3	11	19	-8	6
10	Arlesey Town Reserves	4	1	1	2	9	11	-2	4
11	AFC Kempston Town	5	1	1	3	5	10	-5	4
12	Biggleswade United Reserves	4	1	0	3	5	9	-4	3
13	Southill Alexander	4	1	0	3	4	8	-4	3
14	Flitwick Town	3	1	0	2	5	10	-5	3
15	Sharnbrook	4	0	0	4	5	13	-8	0

Also leapfrogging above Blunham in the league standings are Renhold United and Wilshamstead. United with goals from Anup Kalyan and Aran Hazelwood winning 2-0 at Southill Alexander to claim second spot on goal difference from Wilshamstead who were 3-2 home winners over Woburn. Paul Jones with a brace plus Stuart Robson netting in the opening half until Aaron Ripley replied twice for The Safari Boys in the closing 10 minutes of the game.

Up into fifth place and only trailing Blunham on goal difference are Shefford Town and Campton, they maintained their seasons 100% home record with a 4-1 win over Flitwick Town. Gary Ansell, Andrew Hayday, Adam Larsen and Dan Webb all finding the back of the net against a lone reply from Rob Almond.

The boys from Rectory Road themselves only edging Leighton United on goal difference after United won 2-1 at Dunton to remain in sixth spot. Philip Matthews shooting United into an early lead before James Cooper had the home side on level terms before the break until Adam Barker rattled in the winner 20 minutes from time.

In seventh place are Caldecote following their 3-1 victory at AFC Kempston Town. The home side were quickly reduced to 10 men after Jason Angol was red carded just five minutes into the contest, before falling a goal behind just eight minutes from the break when Tom Wallace gave the visitors the lead. They were however to draw level a minute into the second period via Ed L'Erario until Dave Daniels restored Caldecote's lead on the hour mark. The visitors then going down to 10 men themselves when Danny Lane was dismissed for his second yellow card of the afternoon 10 minutes from time. It mattered little as Mark Phillips added to their goal tally right on the final whistle.

Division One

Bedford Hatters are now three points clear at the head of the Division One league table after ending Potton Wanderers perfect start to the campaign with a 3-1 victory at Mill Lane. Two goals from Simon Pixley and a strike from Dean Lebrecht only being replied to by home striker Conor Green.

Division One League Table at 18th September 2010

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Bedford Hatters	5	5	0	0	18	2	16	15
2	Marston Shelton Rovers	4	4	0	0	17	4	13	12
3	Meltis Albion	4	3	0	1	15	3	12	9
4	Potton Wanderers	4	3	0	1	18	7	11	9
5	Henlow	4	3	0	1	11	7	4	9
6	Blunham Reserves	4	2	1	1	19	8	11	7
7	Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	4	1	1	2	5	6	-1	4
8	AFC Kempston Town Reserves	4	1	1	2	7	11	-4	4
9	Bedford S.A.	4	1	1	2	7	13	-6	4
10	Caldecote Reserves	2	1	0	1	5	2	3	3
11	Sandy	5	1	0	4	5	14	-9	3
12	FC Meppershall	4	1	0	3	7	17	-10	3
13	Marston Social	2	0	0	2	2	6	-4	0
14	Luton Old Boys [Saturday]	3	0	0	3	5	15	-10	0
15	Brache Sparta Community Reserves	3	0	0	3	0	26	-26	0

Jumping above the Wanderers into second and third spots are Marston Shelton Rovers and Meltis Albion. Rovers with braces of goals from Liam Parker, Xennan Paul and Charlie Standish plus an own goal running out 7-2 winners at FC Meppershall, for whom Nico De Bries and Danny Wing replied. Whilst The Albion were 5-0 home victors over Luton Old Boys. A goal from Tom Hughes plus a penalty from Asa Garlick seeing them lead 2-0 at the break before the same two players netted again in the second period until an own goal brought up the nap hand in the final minute of the game.

Up into fifth spot are Henlow after they netted their third away win on the bounce 5-1 at Sandy. Adam Covell giving them the lead before Ian Hammett levelled matters to take the teams in at half-time all square at 1-1. However it was to be Henlow's day after a Joe Fallano hat-trick and another goal from Covell arrived in the games closing 15 minutes.

Making up the top six in the standings are Blunham Reserves despite being held to a 2-2 home draw by AFC Kempston Town Reserves. Gary Fil and Zak Henry on target for the home side against a brace in reply from Lewis Smith.

Also sharing the spoils were Bedford Sports Athletic in a 1-1 home draw against Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves. Asa Mead giving the home side a 35th minute lead which was cancelled out by a Lee Threadgold penalty just two minutes later.

The day's final game in this section between Marston Social and Brache Sparta Community Reserves being postponed when The Social failed to raise a side.

Division Two

Queens Park Crescents are the new leaders of the Division Two league table following a 6-0 home win over Kempston Hammers who are rooted to the bottom of the table. Ayaz Hussain and Mohammed Zahar both netting twice alongside Shezad Satter and Mohammed Rahman.

The Crescents lead is one of goal difference from Arlesey Social Galacticos and Clifton. Social losing that top notch despite maintaining their seasons 100% home record with a 4-3 win over Lidlington United Sports. Jon Rowe with a brace plus a Mark Mcmillan penalty and a strike from Chris Kennedy out gunning goals from United's Darren Sims, Alex Burrows and Ben Marwood.

Clifton meantime were holding onto their own seasons unbeaten record with a 3-1 home win over Great Barford. Paul Rowe, Toby McNaught and William Pitts netting the home goals against a lone reply from Daniel Stafford.

Up now in fourth place are Elstow Abbey, 2-1 away winners at Bromham United. Adam Wooden giving United the lead before Harry Ellis levelled matters just two minutes from the break and Martisse Clarke hit the winner 15 minutes from time.

The next five teams in the standings are now covered by just goal difference. Leading that pack are Westoning Recreation Club who won 5-3 at home over Stopsley Park. Ian Buckingham with a hat-trick plus strikes from Liam Boyle and Jack Willison being replied to by a Park hat-trick from James Smart.

In sixth spot are Lea Sports PSG, 4-0 away winners at Marabese Ceramics. Haydon Fletcher and James Awofasan both netting twice. The aforementioned Lidlington United Sports now dropping into seventh place ahead of Harpur FC who won 4-3 at home against Shefford Town & Campton Reserves who now occupy eighth spot. Kane Alexander twice plus Matthew Tatham and Dominic Skyers on the home scoresheet against a brace from Jordan Robbens and a strike from Kieran Best for the visitors.

The day's final game in this section bringing about Stevington's first win of the season, 5-2 at home over Kings AFC. Darren King with a hat-trick plus goals from Tom Cox and Matt Coles doing the damage.

Division Two League Table at 18th September 2010. .

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Queens Park Crescents	5	4	1	0	15	6	9	13
2	Arlesey Social Galacticos	5	4	1	0	20	12	8	13
3	Clifton	5	4	1	0	19	13	6	13
4	Elstow Abbey 06	5	3	0	2	16	8	8	9
5	Westoning Recreation Club	4	2	1	1	14	8	6	7
6	Lea Sports PSG	4	2	1	1	11	6	5	7
7	Lidlington United Sports	4	2	1	1	12	11	1	7
8	Harpur FC	5	2	1	2	16	19	-3	7
9	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	5	2	1	2	11	14	-3	7
10	Great Barford	5	2	0	3	10	11	-1	6
11	Bromham United	5	2	0	3	12	15	-3	6
12	Stopsley Park	5	1	0	4	16	17	-1	3
13	Marabese Ceramics	3	1	0	2	2	6	-4	3
14	Stevington	5	1	0	4	7	13	-6	3
15	Kings AFC	3	0	0	3	5	12	-7	0
16	Kempston Hammers Sports	4	0	0	4	4	19	-15	0

Division Three

Pavenham were to make it five wins from five outings to maintain their position at the head of the Division Three league table with a 2-0 win at Flitwick Town Reserves. James Owen and Daniel Doyle netting the goals that did the damage.

In second spot still are M& DH Oakley, who themselves maintained their seasons 100% record albeit from a game fewer than the league leaders with a 2-0 win at Caldecote A. Scott Rothery netting both goals to keep them ahead on goal difference only from Sharnbrook Reserves who maintained their own perfect start to the season with a 2-1 home victory over Sundon Park Rangers, for whom it was a first defeat of the campaign. Jayme Harris and Kevin Harris the home goalscorers against a reply Nicky Buttigieg.

Elsewhere, the biggest winners of the day were Renhold Village, 8-1 at home over Wilshamstead Reserves. Simon Wade with a hat-trick leading the way and supported by single strikes from Daniel Luke, Pete Neal, Callum Stuart, Daniel Avis and Carl Townsend against a lone reply from James Abbott.

Also winning big on home soil were Royal Oak Kempston, who emerged 7-1 winners over Westoning Recreation Club Reserves. Lorenzo Jordan and Liam Boland both hitting hat-tricks alongside a brace from Gareth Arzu, The Rec Boys reply coming via James Bennett.

Also in seventh heaven were Dunton Reserves and Co-Op Sports. Dunton with two goals from Nicky Albone plus an own goal and strikes from Chris Weustner, Dan Cutmore, Sam Lewis and Carl Mercer 7-1 winners at Shefford Town & Campton A, whose lone reply came via David Young. Whilst Co-Op Sports were 7-0 victors at Cranfield United Reserves, Peter Gray netting four times alongside strikes from Lee Murton, James McMulkin and Thomas Furr.

Division Three League Table at 18th September 2010

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Pavenham	5	5	0	0	24	1	23	15
2	M & DH Oakley	4	4	0	0	16	1	15	12
3	Sharnbrook Reserves	4	4	0	0	9	4	5	12
4	Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	5	2	2	1	16	8	8	8
5	Co-op Sports	5	2	1	2	15	10	5	7
6	Renhold Village	4	2	0	2	12	6	6	6
7	Royal Oak Kempston	4	1	1	2	12	10	2	4
8	Flitwick Town Reserves	3	1	1	1	5	6	-1	4
9	Cranfield United Reserves	4	1	1	2	2	11	-9	4
10	Westoning Recreation Club Reserves	2	1	0	1	8	8	0	3
11	Dunton Reserves	4	1	0	3	8	12	-4	3
12	Caldecote 'A'	4	1	0	3	6	10	-4	3
13	Riseley Sports	3	0	1	2	0	11	-11	1
14	Wilshamstead Reserves	4	0	1	3	5	21	-16	1
15	Shefford Town & Campton 'A'	3	0	0	3	2	21	-19	0

Division Four

It's as you were at the top of the Division Four league table after both of the top two clubs maintained their seasons 100% record. League leaders Goldington with two goals from Karl Anderson plus strikes from Robert Brown and Kieran Bridger winning 4-1 at Wootton Village whose reply came via Kyron Layne. Whilst AFC Turvey were 5-1 home winners over Potton Town, John Guiney, Samir Guri, Rajah Kalyan, Chris Winton plus an own goal only being replied to by a James Pyman penalty.

In third place are Eastcotts, 2-1 home winners over Stewartby Village, Michael Sexton and Amandeed Mahal netting the vital goals against a Village reply from John Steele.

Trailing Eastcotts by goal difference only and in fourth place are Thurleigh, 5-0 home winners over Clifton Reserves. Steve Pledge and Ben Stock both netting braces alongside a single strike from Dan Newton.

Also going nap were Bedford Park Rangers, 5-2 home winners over Kempston Athletic. Nick Lushi and Shaun Finlay both netting twice alongside Josh Geary, whilst The Athletic replies came via a brace for Gary Whitbread.

For Sandy Reserves, it was a 4-1 away win at Goldington Hammers, Dave Harris and Jay Pateman hitting braces against a home reply from Jamie Mercurio.

The day's final game giving Leas Sports PSG Reserves a 2-1 home victory over Dinamo Flitwick, Michael Chesney and Rosario Rafferlati goals doing the damage against a reply from Andy Carlin.

Division Four League Table at 18th September 2010

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Goldington	4	4	0	0	24	3	21	12
2	AFC Turvey	4	4	0	0	23	2	21	12
3	Eastcotts AFC	4	3	0	1	10	2	8	9
4	Thurleigh	4	3	0	1	11	8	3	9
5	Clifton Reserves	4	2	0	2	12	13	-1	6
6	Bedford Park Rangers	4	2	0	2	13	15	-2	6
7	Potton Town	4	2	0	2	5	7	-2	6
8	Goldington Hammers	4	2	0	2	10	18	-8	6
9	Stewartby Village	4	1	0	3	7	9	-2	3
10	Sandy Reserves	3	1	0	2	6	8	-2	3
11	Dinamo Flitwick	4	1	0	3	6	10	-4	3
12	Lea Sports PSG Reserves	3	1	0	2	4	11	-7	3
13	Wootton Village	3	0	0	3	3	11	-8	0
14	Kempston Athletic	3	0	0	3	2	19	-17	0

Preview Saturday 25th September 2010

With this preview being written ahead of Wednesday night's Second Meadow clash between Biggleswade United Reserves and Shefford Town & Campton, where if all goes to form and the visitors collect the full three points to take them to the top of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table, they will have to defend that position with a visit to Stanbridge Road to face Leighton United, who will welcome them still with a 100% home record for the campaign.

Should Shefford Town & Campton fail to pick up the maximum points in mid-week, then it will be Oakley Sports who have the task of hanging onto top spot when they journey to Houghton Conquest Playing Fields to take on unbeaten at home this season Wilshamstead.

For Renhold United, it's a home Renhold Playing Field clash against Dunton, where you would expect them to hold onto their seasons 100% record, a comment that also applies to Caldecote, who will be in home Harvey Close action against Arlesey Town Reserves.

Also still 100% at home this campaign are Flitwick Town who entertain AFC Kempston Town at Steppingley Road. Whilst bottom of the table Sharnbrook will perhaps fancy their chances of their first points of the season when Southill Alexander visit them at Lodge Road in search of their first away points of the campaign.

The final top flight game of the day coming at Second Meadow between hosts Biggleswade United Reserves and Blunham.

Division One action, due to an opening round in this seasons Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup, is restricted to just four games, giving Potton Wanderers a chance to climb back up into second spot should they collect the full three points from their home Mill Lane local derby encounter against Sandy.

There is also local derby action at Harvey Close where Caldecote Reserves look for their first home points of the campaign against high flying Henlow. Whilst just down the road at Moggerhanger Playing Fields you would expect Blunham Reserves to extend their 100% home winning ways for the campaign when FC Meppershall, without an away point on the board this season, come calling.

The fourth game coming at Foxdell Recreation Ground, where bottom of the table Brache Sparta Community Reserves search out their first points of the campaign against local rivals Luton Old Boys.

In that Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup action, the hardest task looks to face Marston Social who take on current holders Leighton Town Reserves at their Marston Playing Field headquarters. Whilst there are also home ties for Bedford Hatters, who will fancy their chances against the visiting AFC Kempston Rovers Reserves of The Hereward Teamswear United Counties League at Miller Road and for AFC Kempston Town Reserves who host Molten Spartan South Midlands League Langford Reserves at Hillgrounds.

However hitting the road to face Molten Sparten South Midlands League opposition are Meltis Albion who journey to Beverley Road to face 61FC Luton Reserves.

The top clash of the day in Division Two comes in Mowsbury Park. Current league leaders Queens Park Crescents defending their unbeaten ways for the season against third place Clifton who come defending their own unbeaten record for the campaign.

For second place Arleseey Social Galacticos, its a trip on the road to King George VI Playing Fields to face hosts Kings AFC who have lost all of their opening three games of the season to have just Kempston Hammers Sports sitting below them in the league standings. Hammers this week in home Cutler Hammer action against fifth in the table Westoning Recreation Club.

Over at The Warren, fourth place Elstow Abbey will be fully expected to collect their first home points of the campaign when visited by Great Barford plus down the road at Hurst Grove, Lidlington United Sports will start favouties to defend their 100% home record for the season when called upon by Bromham United.

Down at The Bedford Hockey Centre, it's a home encounter for Harpur FC against Lea Sports Reserves, who travel in quest of their first points on the road this season. A comment that also applies to Stevington who head to Rectory Road to face unbeaten at home Shefford Town & Campton Reserves, plus Marabese Ceramics who head to Luton Regional Sports Centre for a show down with Stopsley Park.

In Division Three, it's a top against bottom clash in Hillgrounds where league leaders Pavenham take on Shefford Town & Campton A. Whilst for second in the table M &

DH Oakley it's a defence of their 100% home record when Flitwick Town Reserves come calling.

Still unbeaten on home soil this season are Sundon Park Rangers who take on Royal Oak Kempston in Stockwood Park. Whilst Sharnbrook Reserves still with a seasons 100% away record travel to Horseshoes Close to face Dunton Reserves.

The day's other action in this section coming at Gold Street, where Riseley Sports are in search of their first home points of the season against Co-Op Sports and at Grennfield Road where Westoning Recreation Club Reserves play their first home game of the season against Wilshamstead Reserves who have lost all of their opening three away games this campaign.

In Division Four, it's a Hillgrounds home encounter for league leaders Goldington against third place Eastcotts. Whilst second place AFC Turvey journey to Stewartby Way to face Stewartby Village.

After two heavy away defeats, Clifton Reserves will be pleased to be back at Whiston Crescent, facing a Wootton Village side that travels in search of its first points of the season. Whilst Mowsbury Park action sees Goldington Hammers hosting Lea Sports Reserves.

Over in Sandy there are two games. At Bedford Road, Sandy Reserves will be hosting Thurleigh, while down at Sunderland Road, Potton Town entertain Bedford Park Rangers.

The final action being back in Hillgrounds, the venue for bottom of the table Kempston Athletics' home encounter with Dinamo Flitwick.

