

Bedfordshire County Football League



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A date for your diaries

Bedfordshire County Football League 2011 Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th June 2011 at Haynes Village Hall. Kick Off 7.30pm.

Action Round-Up Monday 2nd May 2011

Division Three

Today's lone game in the Bedfordshire County Football League saw Renhold Village claim their fourth victory on the bounce with a 3-0 home win over Shefford Town & Campton A. Carl Townsend with a hat-trick doing all the damage.

Action Round-Up Wednesday 4th May 2011

Division Two

League Champions Lea Sports PSG were to retain their seasons unbeaten home ways and take their current unbeaten run up to 19 games with a 6-0 home win over Great Barford. James Owofisan and Martin Collins both netting twice alongside Ken Okolie and Meshach Hendrikson to do the damage.

Now destined to finish third in the league table are Kings AFC, following their 2-0 away win at bottom of the table Kempston Hammers Sports. Josh Clements netting both goals. Whilst Marabese Ceramics with a goal from James Tizard were 1-0 home winners over Queens Park Crescents.

Division Three

M & DH Oakley tonight claimed the seasons runners-up spot with a 5-2 home win over Wilshamstead Reserves. Jamie Underwood and Shaun Cafferty netting braces alongside a strike from Jack Goodacre against goals in reply from Matt Johnson and Colin Marshall.

Losing out on the silver medals are Pavenham, they were beaten 5-2 at Westoning Recreation Club Reserves. Liam Boyle with four goals and Joe Rogers on target for The Rec Boys against replies from Michael Bates and Tom Ellis.

The evening's final game taking Cranfield United Reserves to a 3-0 win at Renhold Village with goals from James Armstrong, Antony Deacon and James Fowler.

Jubilee Cup 2010-11 Update

With Kings AFC appeal now to be heard by The Football Association next Friday 13th May 2011, the following arrangements have been made to complete this seasons competition.

Should an Elstow Abbey v. Kings AFC Semi-Final tie be required, then this will take place on Monday 16th May 2011 at Second Meadow Biggleswade United Kick Off 7.45pm. The subsequent Final Tie against Westoning Recreation Club would then be played on Thursday 19th May 2011, again at Second Meadow Biggleswade United Kick Off 7.45pm.

However, should just a Final Tie be required, then this will take place again at Second Meadow Biggleswade United Kick Off 7.45pm on Tuesday 17th May 2011.

Brian Buck's Travellers Tale

302. (10,052) Wednesday 27th April 2011. AFC Turvey 2 Co-op Sports 2 (Bedfordshire County League Watson Shield Semi Final) (Co-op Sports won 3-1 on penalties) (Played at Potton United) (7.30pm kick off) att 53. This was an enjoyable evenings football in good company. Co-op Sports scored first, on 31 minutes but then three minutes later they had a player sent off for handling the ball on the line and three minutes after that Turvey finally put away the resultant spot kick! Although the first half was generally even I did feel that the Co-op might triumph eventually. But I looked set to be proved wrong as on 73 minutes Turvey then took the lead. They had kept their shape whilst the Co-op were starting to feel the strain of being down to 10 men. However in the 89th minute they equalised and it was just about deserved. In the first period of extra time both sides went for it and in the second period they both looked completely knackered. On to penalties where the Co-op prevailed and they finally got their divi!

Friday 6th May 2011. Centenary Cup Final. Bedford Hatters 1 Bedford Sports Athletic 0

Before a Second Meadow Biggleswade United crowd of 154, Bedford Hatters duly completed a 2010-11 season cup and league double with a hard fought 1-0 win over Bedford Sports Athletic.

It was The Athletic who were to have the games opening chance to break the deadlock eight minutes into the contest when Gary Canzano tamely placed a header from close range into the arms of Hatters goalkeeper Matthew Jones. Whilst for the Hatters, Mark Reed pinged a long range effort just wide of the posts five minutes later.

The game was now very much developing into a "nip and tuck affair", first an Athletic pinpointed cross from Caramine Defoe was headed wide by Ashley Mead when it looked easier to score. Whilst down at the other end, Colin Reid brought the first real save of the game out of Hatters goalkeeper Jones.

If anything Hatters were now starting to gain the ascendancy, both Aaron Izzard and Simon Pixley firing efforts wide and high before the lone goal of the night arrived just four minutes from the break. Referee Brian Cooper adjudging the combination of Graham Abbott and Robert Chappell's challenges on Darak Jozwiak inside the penalty box illegal to award The Hatters a penalty. Up jumped Jozwiak to send Abbey the wrong way and Hatters into a 1-0 lead.

However, it was the Athletic who came out for the second period " all guns blazing" Canzano heading high and wide from close range before Hatters goalkeeper Jones struggled to keep out a Chappell effort underneath his crossbar, that bar then had paint removed from it when Ashley Mead fired in another long range effort on the hour mark.

But slowly their domination faded and the Hatters were able to defuse the game into a midfield deadlock where neither side fully took control and the sight of another goal was never

on the cards until 10 minutes from time when Mark Reed for the Hatters brought a fine save out of Abbey.

So the cup was The Hatters, but had this have been a boxing contest the majority of the neutrals in the crowd would perhaps have given the verdict to The Athletic on points. It was that close.

Bedford Hatters; Matthew Jones, Richard Cook, Aaron Izzard, Darak Jozwiak, Dean Lebrecht, Liam Massey, Simon Pixley, Thomas Redmond, Mark Reed, Ashley Deverall, Colin Reid, Sub Used; Percy Chagwiza

Bedford Sports Athletic; Russell Abbey, Graham Abbott, Daniel Bond, Joe Bridge, Gary Canzano, Robert Chappell, Carmine Defoe, Asa Mead, Ashley Mead, Paul Nigro, Ian Collins, Subs Used; James Mead, Andrew Latimer.

Friday 6th May 2011. Biggleswade Knock-Out Cup Final. Caldecote 3 Ickwell & Old Warden 0.

At Forde Park Langford, Caldecote duly lifted their only silverware of the season with a 3-0 final win over near neighbour's Ickwell & Old Warden. All the goals arriving in the second half. Matt Lee Dell via the penalty spot on 66 minutes followed by strikes from Jack Gabbitas on 81 minutes and Matt Basta four minutes later. Ickwell & Old Warden finishing the game with just nine players after Jamie Scotcher was red carded in conceding the penalty followed later by Dave Trundley.

Saturday 7th May 2011. Britannia Cup Final. Leighton United 1 Shefford Town & Campton 3

Shefford Town & Campton made up for their disappointment of losing out on the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league crown when, before a Second Meadow Biggleswade United crowd of 202, they netted a 3-1 Britannia Cup Final win over Leighton United.

It was they who started the game firing on all cylinders, Dan Webb from the edge of the box shooting over the crossbar then Adam Larsen, having sent his strike partner Andrew Hayday into the clear saw him push his final effort wide of the woodwork. Hayday then so nearly redeeming himself but for a fine save from United goalkeeper Adam Fitzjohn.

Despite all the early pressure it was United who should have opened the scoring, with 15 minutes gone and in their first adventure into their opponents half, right in front of goal both Alex Bradley and Rory McMullen were thwarted by a double-barrelled save from Town goalkeeper Reece Lewis.

Soon it was the Rectory Road boys back in the ascendancy, Hayday again the victim when Fitzjohn stood tall enough and long enough for the hesitating Hayday to send his effort against the United custodians body. But just three minutes later it was Fitzjohn doing the hesitating, Chris Clark delivering a ball across his six yard box to find Hayday and the Town No 11 took full advantage to shoot his side 1-0 ahead.

Hayday, then missed an opportunity to double the scoreline five minutes later until with just five minutes to go to the break, United's Layne Eadie left Adam Chambers trailing in his wake down the left flank to pick out the inrushing Kevin Hilton right in front of goal. Alas the normally reliable United frontman somehow failed to find the empty net begging to be hit right in front of his eyes to level the contest up.

This miss proving to be even more costly just 60 seconds when Town skipped into a 2-0 lead. Fitzjohn needing to concede a corner to keep out the ever dangerous Clark and from that

resulting flag kick taken by Clark up popped Town captain Dan Webb to head home goal number two.

It then would have been game all over two minutes later had not Clark skied over the United crossbar from just six yards out.

If United were to get back into the contest, then an early second period goal was a must, Eadie doing his best to bring a fine save out of Lewis just five minutes in, but it was goalkeeper Fitzjohn who kept his sides hopes alive by denying livewire Clark with 65 minutes showing on the clock.

Those hopes lasting just another three minutes, Larsen chipping an aerial ball into the path of Kevin Rimmer which saw the back tracking Eadie bundle him to the ground and have referee Richard Horswell pointing to the penalty spot. Cue Larsen to slot home for a 3-0 lead.

To their credit, United were far from willing to lie down and die and with 15 minutes remaining a neat finish from Jack Forsythe reduced the deficit back to two goals and started to sow a few doubts in the mind of some of the Town support. If only Jamie Bather's 40 yard blockbuster had not come back off the woodwork with Lewis rooted to his line four minutes later then we might just might have had a grandstand finish to cap off a match which was a credit to both clubs and the league.

Leighton United; Adam Fitzjohn, Adam Barker, Jamie Bather, Paul Darton, Jack Forsythe, Kevin Hilton, Bryon Malsbury, Colin Moore, Layne Eadie, Rory Mullen, Aex Bradley. Subs Used; Robert Greenwood, Curtis Doyle, Chris Scott.

Shefford Town & Campton; Reece Lewis, Gary Ansell-Carter, Lee Bilcock, Adam Chambers, Chris Clark, Andrew Hayday, Adam Larsen, Ricky Smith, Dan Webb, Kevin Rimmer, Michael Jones. Subs Used ;Adam Spoor, Carl Thripp.

Division Two

Lea Sports PSG were to end their season 14 points clear at the head of the division two league table after retaining their seasons unbeaten home record and increasing their current unbeaten run to 20 games with a 2-1 home victory over Marabese Ceramics. Goals from Dion Brown and Paul Collins doing the damage against a reply from Josh Pierre St Claire.

Division Two Final Table Season 2010-11

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Lea Sports PSG	26	21	3	2	91	23	68	66
2	Westoning Recreation Club	26	16	4	6	65	42	23	52
3	Kings AFC	26	17	0	9	70	50	20	51
4	Lidlington United Sports	26	15	4	7	60	41	19	49
5	Bromham United	26	13	3	10	51	46	5	42
6	Elstow Abbey 06	26	12	2	12	56	24	32	38
7	Clifton	26	11	4	11	46	49	-3	37
8	Queens Park Crescents	25	11	2	12	49	46	3	35
9	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	26	9	5	12	45	54	-9	32
10	Marabese Ceramics	26	9	2	15	28	39	-11	29
11	Great Barford	25	9	2	14	30	72	-42	29
12	Stopsley Park	26	7	6	13	61	63	-2	27
13	Stevington	26	7	2	17	46	68	-22	23
14	Kempston Hammers Sports	26	4	1	21	21	102	-81	13

The days other scheduled game in this division seeing Elstow Abbey, who will now finish in sixth spot awarded three points when Shefford Town & Campton Reserves failed to raise a side to meet them at Rectory Road.

Division Three

Having won their last three away games, Co-op Sports missed the chance of a top four finish when beaten 4-3 at Westoning Recreation Club Reserves who ended the season with their fourth home win on a spin. Liam Boyle with a brace plus long range free kicks from Scott Gadsden (30yards) and Ian Buckingham (40yards) only being replied to by James Potter twice and James McMulkin.

After losing their last four outings which ruined any chance they had of lifting the championship, Pavenham ended their league campaign with a 1-0 win at Dunton Reserves thanks to a lone strike from Tom Rodger.

Also ending the season on a high were Renhold Village, 6-2 winners at Shefford Town & Campton A. Dan Luke with a hat-trick, Carl Townsend with a brace plus a goal from Alex Giscombe only being replied to by Ollie Morgan and Dan Bright.

Division Three Final Table Season 2010-11

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	<u>Sharnbrook Reserves</u>	28	22	1	5	89	40	49	67
2	<u>M & DH Oakley</u>	28	19	3	6	78	42	36	60
3	<u>Pavenham</u>	28	18	5	5	92	36	56	59
4	<u>Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]</u>	28	16	7	5	102	46	56	55
5	<u>Co-op Sports</u>	28	17	4	7	91	45	46	55
6	<u>Cranfield United Reserves</u>	28	15	4	9	52	38	14	49
7	<u>Renhold Village</u>	28	13	6	9	84	52	32	45
8	<u>Royal Oak Kempston</u>	28	10	5	13	50	67	-17	35
9	<u>Westoning Recreation Club Reserves</u>	28	10	3	15	69	75	-6	33
10	<u>Wilshamstead Reserves</u>	28	10	3	15	54	85	-31	33
11	<u>Dunton Reserves</u>	28	10	1	17	38	74	-36	31
12	<u>Riseley Sports</u>	28	8	5	15	54	66	-12	29
13	<u>Flitwick Town Reserves</u>	28	6	4	18	36	93	-57	22
14	<u>Shefford Town & Campton 'A'</u>	28	4	5	19	26	89	-63	17
15	<u>Caldecote 'A'</u>	28	4	0	24	35	102	-67	12