

# Bedfordshire County Football League



Season 2010-11

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## Division One Now Down to 13 teams for season 2010-11

With Brache Sparta Community Reserves having now withdrawn their membership from The Bedfordshire County Football League over the holiday break, just 13 teams remain to fight out the 2010-11 season honours.

### Revised League Division One Table following Brache departure.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	<a href="#">Potton Wanderers</a>	11	9	0	2	43	11	32	27
2	<a href="#">Bedford Hatters</a>	9	8	0	1	35	5	30	24
3	<a href="#">Marston Shelton Rovers</a>	10	8	0	2	28	14	14	24
4	<a href="#">Meltis Albion</a>	12	6	1	5	28	27	1	19
5	<a href="#">Bedford S.A.</a>	11	5	2	4	26	27	-1	17
6	<a href="#">FC Meppershall</a>	11	5	2	4	25	27	-2	17
7	<a href="#">Henlow</a>	11	4	3	4	25	26	-1	15
8	<a href="#">Ickwell &amp; Old Warden Reserves</a>	10	3	3	4	17	18	-1	12
9	<a href="#">Blunham Reserves</a>	11	3	3	5	13	21	-8	12
10	<a href="#">Sandy</a>	12	3	2	7	21	32	-11	11
11	<a href="#">AFC Kempston Town Reserves</a>	11	3	1	7	13	27	-14	10
12	<a href="#">Caldecote Reserves</a>	9	2	0	7	9	15	-6	6
13	<a href="#">Luton Old Boys [Saturday]</a>	10	1	1	8	12	45	-33	4

### Brian Buck's Travellers Tale

**159. (9,909) Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2010. Arlesey Town Reserves 2 Southill Alexander 1 (Bedfordshire County League Premier Division) (7.45pm kick off) att 30 approx.** After the previous game had finished I went to pick up my wife, but there was a funeral taking place at the agreed pick up point. Then, after ascertaining that it wasn't hers, I found her waiting a bit further up the road and she came home with me! After the heavy rain I had expected that this match would be off, but apparently there hadn't been quite so much rain here. The pitch looked in the worst state that I'd ever seen it, but as temperatures dropped it actually played quite well and the muddy parts proved not to be a problem. This was a basement 'bargain' match with second from bottom playing third from bottom. In fact it was only Arlesey's fourth home match of the season. It was tempting to say that Arlesey threw the form book out of the window tonight, but they didn't, because they didn't have any, but despite this minor handicap it was Connor Hartley who gave them a 17<sup>th</sup> minute lead

when he smashed home a loose ball from the edge of the area. Southill had been trying some long range shots throughout the first half, so long in fact that one of their officials resorted to humming the theme music to Fireball XL 5 in recognition of their efforts! However on 41 minutes one of these 'out of this world' efforts, from Dave Morbin, was successful and it went in off the post. In the second half both sides strived for the winner in a game which hadn't been a great spectacle even though both sides had worked really hard. Then on 86 minutes, just when it seemed that no one would score before Christmas, a wise man did, Danny Wiseman of Arlesey and his goal not only gave his side victory but saw them switch places in the league table.

### **Bedfordshire County Football League action returns on Wednesday Night.**

The opening game of 2011 is scheduled for Wednesday evening January 5<sup>th</sup> at The Armadillo Stadium where Arlesey Town Reserves take on AFC Kempston Town in Premier Division supported by Sportsform action. A victory for the home side would lift them out of the bottom three of the league table at the expense of their visitors. Kick Off 7.45pm.

On the same evening Caldecote travel to Creasey Park to take on hosts AFC Dunstable in their twice-postponed Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy Quarter-Final tie, a home tie against Bedford awaits the winners on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

### **Premier Division supported by Sportsform League table going into 2011**

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	<a href="#">Wilshamstead</a>	12	8	3	1	43	28	15	27
2	<a href="#">Renhold United</a>	13	8	3	2	28	20	8	27
3	<a href="#">Blunham</a>	11	8	2	1	50	20	30	26
4	<a href="#">Shefford Town &amp; Campton</a>	11	7	3	1	34	17	17	24
5	<a href="#">Caldecote</a>	11	7	1	3	33	20	13	22
6	<a href="#">Leighton United</a>	13	6	3	4	37	23	14	21
7	<a href="#">Dunton</a>	13	6	0	7	28	35	-7	18
8	<a href="#">Flitwick Town</a>	12	5	1	6	19	24	-5	16
9	<a href="#">Woburn</a>	12	4	2	6	22	32	-10	14
10	<a href="#">Sharnbrook</a>	12	4	1	7	25	30	-5	13
11	<a href="#">Oakley Sports</a>	11	4	1	6	18	24	-6	13
12	<a href="#">AFC Kempston Town</a>	12	2	3	7	15	26	-11	9
13	<a href="#">Arlesey Town Reserves</a>	11	2	3	6	19	34	-15	9
14	<a href="#">Southill Alexander</a>	10	2	2	6	18	26	-8	8
15	<a href="#">Biggleswade United Reserves</a>	14	2	0	12	16	46	-30	6

### **Preview for Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2011.**

Following the Christmas and New Year break the Bedfordshire County Football League season recommences with a full schedule of league fixtures to herald in the New Year.

For Premier Division supported by Sportsform league leaders Wilshamstead, that means a home encounter with Leighton United. The hosts going into the game still

unbeaten on home soil this season and currently on an 11 game unbeaten run against sixth place United, who come in search of their third away win on the bounce.

Currently sitting behind Wilshamstead in second spot by virtue of a poorer goal difference are Renhold United, they are heading to Crawley Road still unbeaten on the road this season to face Woburn. However, The Safari Boy hosts are unbeaten in their last four home encounters and thus will be no pushover for a United side looking to restore confidence following their home hammering by Leighton United just prior to the holiday break.

Trailing the top two clubs by just a single point are defending champions Blunham, they make their way to Horseshoes Close for a spot of local derby action against Dunton. The hosts looking for their third home win on the bounce, whilst Blunham look to take their unbeaten ways up to nine games.

Still very much in the championship chase are Shefford Town & Campton, for them its home Rectory Road action against bottom of the table Biggleswade United Reserves. The hosts the firm favourites to preserve their unbeaten home ways for the season and take their unbeaten run up to nine games against a United side that has lost all of its seven games away from Second Meadow this season.

Another club who will be expected to maintain their championship chase are Caldecote, they go into home Harvey Close action against second from the bottom of the table Southill Alexander. The visitors making the short journey down the A1 in search of their first away win of the season.

Over at Steppingley Road, Flitwick Town will go in search of their first win in four outings when visited by an Arlesey Town Reserves outfit that is yet to win on the road this season.

The final fixture in this section bringing about more local derby action, where at Lodge Road, hosts Sharnbrook take on Oakley Sports. Sharnbrook looking to end a two game losing run against a Sportsman side that last won in league action some seven games ago.

In Division One all of the top three clubs are hitting the road to commence their 2011 programme. For league leaders Potton Wanderers that means a trip to Hillgrounds to face AFC Kempston Town Reserves. Town have won just once on home soil all season, whilst the Wanderers have won their last seven league outings.

Second place Marston Shelton Rovers having been beaten just once all season on the road at Potton Wanderers, head to Moggerhanger Playing Fields to face Blunham Reserves. With the hosts having failed to win any of their last four home encounters, one would expect The Rovers to complete a seasons double having won the corresponding home fixture 6-1 back in early September.

Third place Bedford Hatters have a much shorter journey to make as they make their way to Mowsbury Park to be hosted by sixth place FC Meppershall. Hatters with one defeat and eight wins from their nine league outings to date are the firm favourites for the three points.

Over at Groveside, its local derby action for fifth place Henlow against third from bottom of the table Caldecote Reserves. The hosts having lost just once on home soil this campaign expected to collect the three points from a Caldecote side that has lost its last five league games.

On The Green, Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves will be hosting second from bottom of the table Luton Old Boys. The Men from the Green fully expecting to collect the maximum home points for the first time this season, in this just game number four, against an Old Boys side that has lost all of its five away league games to date.

The final division one league action comes at Bedford Road Recreation Ground between mine hosts Sandy and Bedford Sports Athletic. Sandy looking to take their unbeaten ways up to five games against an Athletic side that has been beaten just once in its last six outings.

In Division Two its home action for the leading two clubs, for league leaders Queens Park Crescents that means a Mowsbury Park home encounter with Shefford Town & Campton Reserves. The Crescents having been beaten just once in their nine home league games to date the firm favourites to collect the points from a Town side that has lost its last four games.

#### **Division Two League Table going into 2011**

<b>POS</b>		<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>GD</b>	<b>PTS</b>
1	<a href="#"><u>Queens Park Crescents</u></a>	15	9	2	4	44	35	9	29
2	<a href="#"><u>Arlesey Social Galacticos</u></a>	13	8	4	1	43	28	15	28
3	<a href="#"><u>Lea Sports PSG</u></a>	11	8	1	2	41	16	25	25
4	<a href="#"><u>Clifton</u></a>	13	7	4	2	39	30	9	25
5	<a href="#"><u>Elstow Abbey 06</u></a>	12	7	1	4	43	19	24	22
6	<a href="#"><u>Bromham United</u></a>	12	6	2	4	30	26	4	20
7	<a href="#"><u>Westoning Recreation Club</u></a>	13	5	3	5	35	23	12	18
8	<a href="#"><u>Lidlington United Sports</u></a>	13	5	3	5	32	28	4	18
9	<a href="#"><u>Great Barford</u></a>	12	6	0	6	26	30	-4	18
10	<a href="#"><u>Marabese Ceramics</u></a>	10	4	2	4	13	14	-1	14
11	<a href="#"><u>Stopsley Park</u></a>	12	4	1	7	37	38	-1	13
12	<a href="#"><u>Shefford Town &amp; Campton Reserves</u></a>	13	3	3	7	28	39	-11	12
13	<a href="#"><u>Kings AFC</u></a>	11	4	0	7	26	37	-11	12
14	<a href="#"><u>Stevington</u></a>	14	4	0	10	30	49	-19	12
15	<a href="#"><u>Harpur FC</u></a>	13	3	2	8	38	58	-20	11
16	<a href="#"><u>Kempston Hammers Sports</u></a>	11	2	0	9	11	46	-35	6

Second place Arlesey Social Galacticos who trail the leaders by just a single point but with two games in hand, go into an Arlesey Recreation Ground encounter against Bromham United. The hosts looking to maintain their seasons unbeaten home ways against a United side that has been beaten just once on the road in league action this season.

Trailing The Galacticos in third spot by just three points but with two games in hand are Lea Sports PSG, they hit the road to Cutler Hammer to face bottom of the table

Kempston Hammers Sports, where you would expect them to collect away win number seven of the season.

Also still very much in the promotion race are fourth place Clifton and fifth place Elstow Abbey who both have the luxury of a home fixture to start 2011. Clifton at Whiston Crescent looking for win number three on the bounce against Stopsley Park, whilst The Abbey host Harpur at The Warren. Abbey on the outlook for their fourth league win on the bounce against their visitors who have won just once on the road this season.

Holding down seventh place in the league table are Westoning Recreation Club, they hit the road to King George VI Playing Fields and a meeting against Kings AFC. Whilst over at Hurst Grove, Lidlington United Sports seek their fourth home win on the bounce when visited by a Marabese Ceramics side that is unbeaten in its last three away outings. .

The final action of the division sees Stevington go into a home clash with a Great Barford side that has lost four of its last five away games.

In Division Three its home action at Hillgrounds for league leaders Pavenham when they host Cranfield United Reserves. The hosts in game number 13 of their league season still with a 100% record, whilst United will arrive still unbeaten on the road this campaign.

#### **Division Three League Table going into 2011**

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	<a href="#">Pavenham</a>	12	12	0	0	50	7	43	36
2	<a href="#">Sharnbrook Reserves</a>	12	10	0	2	36	18	18	30
3	<a href="#">M &amp; DH Oakley</a>	11	8	1	2	39	10	29	25
4	<a href="#">Co-op Sports</a>	13	7	2	4	33	20	13	23
5	<a href="#">Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]</a>	12	5	4	3	39	23	16	19
6	<a href="#">Riseley Sports</a>	11	5	2	4	28	26	2	17
7	<a href="#">Renhold Village</a>	10	4	2	4	26	20	6	14
8	<a href="#">Cranfield United Reserves</a>	9	4	2	3	17	18	-1	14
9	<a href="#">Flitwick Town Reserves</a>	11	4	1	6	19	28	-9	13
10	<a href="#">Caldecote 'A'</a>	11	4	0	7	21	34	-13	12
11	<a href="#">Westoning Recreation Club Reserves</a>	11	3	1	7	26	38	-12	10
12	<a href="#">Dunton Reserves</a>	12	3	1	8	18	35	-17	10
13	<a href="#">Royal Oak Kempston</a>	12	2	1	9	19	36	-17	7
14	<a href="#">Wilshamstead Reserves</a>	9	1	2	6	14	38	-24	5
15	<a href="#">Shefford Town &amp; Campton 'A'</a>	10	1	1	8	9	43	-34	4

For second place Sharnbrook Reserves, its local derby action when they make the short journey to Gold Street for a meeting with Riseley Sports, they will be looking for their sixth win on the bounce.

Over at Solway Way North, you would expect third place Co-op Sports to collect the full three points when visited by a Dunton Reserves outfit that has lost its last three away games. Whilst the same comment applies to Sundon Park Rangers in their home

Stockwood Park encounter with a Caldecote A side that has won just once on the road this season.

Other action comes in the form of a local derby at Greenfield Road, the venue for Westoning Recreation Club Reserves home clash with Flitwick Town Reserves, where The Rec Boys look for their first victory in six outings.

The final action of the division sees a clash of the bottom two sides at Digswell Playing Fields. Hosts and basement side Shefford Town & Campton A looking for their first home win of the season which will see them climb above their visitors Wilshamstead Reserves in the league table.

In Division Four league leaders AFC Turvey start the New Year with a home Stonefields clash against Bedford Park Rangers. It will be a major surprise if the hosts who are still 100% for the season are beaten by a Rangers outfit who last tasted victory on the road some seven games ago.

**Division Four League Table going into 2011.**

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	<a href="#">AFC Turvey</a>	10	10	0	0	59	14	45	30
2	<a href="#">Thurleigh</a>	11	9	1	1	42	16	26	28
3	<a href="#">Eastcotts AFC</a>	12	8	2	2	40	14	26	26
4	<a href="#">Dinamo Flitwick</a>	13	8	1	4	36	30	6	25
5	<a href="#">Goldington</a>	11	8	0	3	57	20	37	24
6	<a href="#">Potton Town</a>	11	6	1	4	21	18	3	19
7	<a href="#">Goldington Hammers</a>	13	5	0	8	25	49	-24	15
8	<a href="#">Clifton Reserves</a>	13	4	2	7	40	54	-14	14
9	<a href="#">Stewartby Village</a>	13	4	1	8	27	44	-17	13
10	<a href="#">Lea Sports PSG Reserves</a>	10	3	2	5	14	24	-10	11
11	<a href="#">Bedford Park Rangers</a>	13	3	2	8	36	47	-11	11
12	<a href="#">Sandy Reserves</a>	11	3	1	7	16	29	-13	10
13	<a href="#">Kempston Athletic</a>	10	1	2	7	16	38	-22	5
14	<a href="#">Wootton Village</a>	11	1	1	9	13	45	-32	4

For second place Thurleigh, who trail the leaders by just two points, its home Keysoe Road action against Potton Town. The home side fully expected to maintain their seasons 100% home record against a Town side that has won just twice on the road this season.

The game of the day in this division comes at Hillgrounds where third place hosts Eastcotts take on fourth place visitors Dinamo Flitwick. Dinamo on the travel seeking out their fifth away win on the bounce to end their hosts unbeaten home record and leapfrog above them in the league standings.

For fifth place Goldington who are still very much in the promotion race, its a home Mowsbury Park encounter with Sandy Reserves. With the visitors having lost their last four away games you would expect Goldington to chalk up win number four on the bounce.

Mowsbury Park is also the venue for Goldington Hammers home meeting with Stewartby Village. The Hammers having lost their last three games will be keen to get their season back on track against a Village side that has lost three of its last four league outings.

Down at the bottom of the table, it's a Wootton Playing Fields meeting between the bottom two clubs. A first home win of the season for hosts Wootton Village would see them climb the table above their visitors Kempston Athletic who make the short journey looking for their first away win of the season.

The final action of the day in this division coming at Pirton Playing Fields where Lea Sports PSG Reserves take on a Clifton Reserves side that has lost five of its seven trips away from Whiston Crescent so far this season.

The days programme of events being concluded by M & DH Oakley trying for the third tie to play their home Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup Round Three tie against Renhold Village. The award for the winners being a home Quarter-Final tie against Potton Town.