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Four Leagues Trophy

The latest game in the Trophy saw The Northampton Town League win 1-0 at The Peterborough & District Football League last Tuesday evening to go three points clear at the head of the league table, the next scheduled fixture sees The Peterborough & District League host The Northamptonshire Combination on Tuesday October 27th.

We ourselves have now arranged to entertain The Peterborough & District Football League on Wednesday November 18th at Second Meadow, Biggleswade United FC, Kick Off 7.45pm plus are awaiting confirmation of our away fixture with The Northampton Town League which is due to be played by the end of this month.

League Table at October 6th 2009

4 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Northampton Town League	2	2	0	0	6	2	+4	6
Bedfordshire County Football League	2	1	0	1	2	2	+0	3
Northamptonshire Combination	2	1	0	1	3	5	-2	3
Peterborough & District Football League	2	0	0	2	1	3	-2	0

Action Review from Saturday 10th October 2009

Opening round action in this seasons Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy saw Campton avenge a earlier league defeat at Woburn with a 3-1 victory, Craig Smith sent them on their way by opening the scoring after just 10 minutes before Gary Gibson doubled the scoreline 11 minutes later. Any chance of a home comeback was ruled out on 62 minutes when Andrew Hayday added a third Campton goal before the lone home reply came via Stuart Skolsky 15 minutes from time.

Campton will now enjoy home advantage in round two against AFC Kempston Rovers who needed a penalty shoot-out win to overcome Renhold United at Hillgrounds. 0-0 at 120 minutes thanks to United's Jack Rashid saving an extra time penalty, United were to make their exit after both Kevin Evans and Shaun Gilbert

missed spot kicks in the shoot-out, thus Steve Daniels and Paul McKeaveney's successful efforts were to count for nothing as Rovers run out 4-2 winners.



Campton FC

Joining them in round two are Ickwell & Old Warden, who like Campton avenged an earlier league defeat with a 5-1 home win over Wilshamstead, Andrew Vallom with a brace plus goals from Neil Cooper, Zak Rowe and Steve Thomas doing the damage before Michael Jones converted from the penalty spot for the visitors five minutes from time. Ickwell will now journey to face AFC Dunstable in round two after they routed Riseley Sports 11-1 at Gold Street, the lone home goal coming via Matt Haynes.

AFC Kempston Town are also safely into round two where they will face Cranfield United at home after a 5-1 home win over Westoning Recreation Club. The game in effect was all over by half-time as Town raced 5-0 ahead, Danny Pilgrim netting a hat-trick to go alongside goals from Scott Tallentire and Justin Patterson. The Rec Boys reply coming in injury time via Ian McGuinness.

However, it was the end of the road for three other Bedfordshire County League clubs. Goals from David Morbin, David Kane and Ashley Townsend not being enough to save Southill Alexander from a 3-4 home defeat at the hands of current trophy holders 61FC Luton. Whilst Blunham thanks to a goal from Michael Hutton were level at 1-1 against Potton United after 90 minutes before losing 3-1 in extra time.

Not so lucky were Oakley Sports who were well beaten in a 4-0 defeat at Wootton Blue Cross.

In Premier Division supported by Sportsform action Biggleswade United Reserves are now five points clear at the head of the league table after a hard fought 2-1 home win over second place Dunton. Goalless at the break, Jack Gabbitas shot United ahead after 65 minutes only to see Jon Ranson level matters 10 minutes later until with just five minutes remaining Sean Murray hit United's winner.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform Table at 10th October 2009

15 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Biggleswade United Reserves	8	6	0	2	21	11	+10	18
Dunton	8	4	1	3	18	9	+9	13
Renhold United	6	4	1	1	11	8	+3	13
AFC Kempston Town	5	4	0	1	18	6	+12	12
Campton	7	4	0	3	14	14	+0	12
Caldecote	6	3	0	3	14	8	+6	9
Oakley Sports	5	3	0	2	10	7	+3	9
Ickwell & Old Warden	6	3	0	3	7	12	-5	9
Southill Alexander	5	2	1	2	11	6	+5	7
Wilshamstead	5	2	1	2	9	6	+3	7
Blunham	5	2	1	2	14	15	-1	7
Sharnbrook	6	2	0	4	9	11	-2	6
Woburn	6	2	0	4	8	13	-5	6
Westoning Recreation Club [Saturday]	6	1	1	4	10	25	-15	4
Riseley Sports	6	0	0	6	4	27	-23	0

It's all change again at the head of the Division One league table with Caldecote Reserves becoming the third new leaders in as many weeks after a 89th minute goal from Jack Aris gave them a 1-0 win at Flitwick Town. Taking over the top spot from Leighton Town, who were beaten 4-3 at Marston Social, to drop down into third slot. Social who now climb up into second place were to lead United from the 10th minute after Daniel Bullen converted a free kick from just outside the penalty area, and but for two outstanding saves from United goalkeeper Adam Fitzjohn, the Social would have been well clear before a James Armstrong header doubled the scoreline five minutes from the interval.

United however were to turn things around quickly in the new half as Simon Woolhead netted twice in the opening three minutes to even matters up at 2-2, their parity however lasted just four minutes before Armstrong with his second headed goal of the day restored the lead for The Social, but back came United, with Woolhead completing his hat-trick 20 minutes from time, this looking likely to save the day for United until up popped Darren Rowlett with the home winner eight minutes from time.



Marston Social FC

Up into fourth spot in the league standings, just a point adrift of the leading three are Kempston 3-1 winners at bottom of the table Stevington. Goals from Dean Sturniolo, David Powell and Ricky Prince only being replied to by a strike from John Devereux.

Also still climbing the league table are Blunham Reserves, who came up with their fourth win on the bounce 1-0 at Sandy, all thanks to a strike from Gareth Hughes which now sends Sandy into the bottom half of the league table for the first time this season.

It was also a red letter day for Kempston Hammers Sports, who enjoyed their first win of the season 6-2 at home over Campton Reserves, Sean Winkonek netting four times alongside strikes from Mick Freeman and Nick Tysoe to outgun a brace in reply from Dan Mabbott.

Meanwhile, FC Meppershall returned to winning ways after two straight defeats with a 5-3 victory at Bedford Sports Athletic. Jamie McGregor leading the way with a brace alongside goals from Craig Damon, Jason Nice and Danny Wing, the home replies being netted by Ashley Mead, Ian Asplin and Tony McGovern.

Elsewhere, the day's final game in this division finished all square at 2-2 between Meltis Albion and AFC Kempston Town Reserves, Salvatore Ventriqlia and James Massey netting The Albion goals against replies from Nigel Drummond and Earl Patterson.

Division One League Table at 10th October 2009

16 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Caldecote Reserves	8	5	1	2	24	12	+12	16
Marston Social	7	5	1	1	15	8	+7	16
Leighton United	8	5	1	2	19	14	+5	16
Flitwick Town	8	5	1	2	11	8	+3	16
Kempston	6	5	0	1	18	11	+7	15
Blunham Reserves	8	4	2	2	15	12	+3	14
Bedford Sports Athletic	8	3	3	2	16	12	+4	12
FC Meppershall	8	3	2	3	27	23	+4	11
Sandy	8	3	1	4	19	13	+6	10
Campton Reserves	8	3	0	5	19	21	-2	9
Henlow	6	3	0	3	9	14	-5	9
Meltis Albion	7	2	2	3	12	14	-2	8
Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	7	2	1	4	16	22	-6	7
AFC Kempston Town Reserves	8	2	1	5	14	25	-11	7
Kempston Hammers Sports	7	1	1	5	13	19	-6	4
Stevington	8	0	1	7	10	29	-19	1

Potton Wanderers took their unbeaten ways to seven games to take a two points lead at the top of the Division Two table with a 2-0 win at Shillington, Jesse Mayo netting both of the goals. Second place Bedford Hatters are also still unbeaten after seven outings, yet they had to settle for a share of the spoils in a 4-4 draw at Harpur FC. Simon Pixley netting twice plus Aaran Izzard and Scott Alleyne for The Hatters whilst the home replies came via a Fabrizio Cataldo brace plus Richard Andrews and Jordan Kumar.

Jumping up into third slot and still unbeaten after five outings are Arlesey Social Galacticos, who won 3-0 at Kempston Royals, goals from James Gentry, Ryan Dodson and Lee Shambrook doing the damage to see them climb above also still unbeaten for the campaign Brache Sparta Community Reserves who were held to a 1-1 home draw by Marston Shelton Rovers. Mark Champkin shooting The Rovers ahead on 53 minutes before Haji Conteh saved the day for the home side with a goal two minutes from time.

For both Clifton and Kings AFC it was wins on the road. Two goals from Rowan Hazelwood giving Kings AFC a 2-0 win at Marabese Ceramics, but it was not that easy for Clifton at Elstow Abbey, Steve Wilkinson shooting The Abbey ahead on the hour mark until goals from Gareth Carter, Tom Allen and Will Pitts won the day for Clifton.

The day's final game in this division giving Luton Old Boys a 2-1 home win over Shefford Town. Levi Baikton and Faisac Hussain netting the home goals against a late Town reply from Sam Welton.

Division Two Table at 10th October 2009

15 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Potton Wanderers	7	6	1	0	31	7	+24	19
Bedford Hatters	7	5	2	0	31	9	+22	17
Arlesey Social Galacticos	5	4	1	0	11	4	+7	13
Brache Sparta Community Reserves	7	3	4	0	19	13	+6	13
Luton Old Boys [Saturday]	7	3	3	1	16	16	+0	12
Marston Shelton Rovers	6	2	3	1	16	8	+8	9
Kings AFC	6	3	0	3	16	14	+2	9
Great Barford	6	2	1	3	13	19	-6	7
Marabese Ceramics	6	2	1	3	7	13	-6	7
Kempston Royals	6	2	1	3	10	17	-7	7
Clifton	6	1	3	2	8	9	-1	6
Harpur FC	6	1	1	4	14	21	-7	4
Shefford Town	6	1	0	5	10	15	-5	3
Elstow Abbey 06	7	1	0	6	9	30	-21	3
Shillington	6	0	1	5	10	26	-16	1

Queens Park Crescents returned to the top of the Division Three league table after an own goal plus a strike from Hassan Yousuf took them to a 2-1 home victory over Lidlington United Sports, after morning leaders Dunton Reserves were being beaten 2-4 at home by Caldecote A. Ryan Ambrose netting all four of the visitors goals against home replies from Nicky Albone and Joe Lewis.

Holding onto third spot are Renhold Village who run out 6-2 home winners over Wilshamstead Reserves, Carl Townsend netting a hat-trick alongside single strikes from Marcus Joseph, Michael Luke and Simon Wade, to stay a point clear of Stopsley Park 7-2 home winners over Sandy Reserves. Both Jack O'Shea and Stuart Lyons grabbing hat-tricks alongside a single strike from Matt Palmer, whilst the Sandy replies came via Charlie Seward and Adam Jones.

Sandy Reserves now dropping to the bottom of the league standings after Westoning Recreation Club Reserves came up with their first win of the season, 2-1 at home over Riseley Sports Reserves, Liam Boyle and Dan Channon netting the vital goals against a Sportsman's reply from George Bichener.

Division Three Table at 10th October 2009

10 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Queens Park Crescents	5	4	1	0	21	5	+16	13
Dunton Reserves	5	4	0	1	17	10	+7	12
Renhold Village	5	3	0	2	22	16	+6	9
Stopsley Park	5	2	2	1	25	13	+12	8
Lidlington United Sports	5	2	1	2	9	6	+3	7
Caldecote 'A'	4	2	0	2	7	24	-17	6
Riseley Sports Reserves	4	1	0	3	10	14	-4	3
Wilshamstead Reserves	5	1	0	4	8	13	-5	3
Westoning Recreation Club [Saturday] Reserves	4	1	0	3	3	11	-8	3
Sandy Reserves	4	1	0	3	7	17	-10	3

It's as you were at start of play at the top of the Division Four league table, after the top two sides played out a 1-1 draw, Kevin Harris giving second place Sharnbrook Reserves the lead before Charlie Mann levelled matters to keep Sundon Park Rangers on top of the table.

Third place M&DH Oakley keeping the pressure up on the top two sides with a 5-1 home win over Kempston Athletic, Shaun Cafferty netting a hat-trick whilst both Daniel Lupton and Adam Emms weigh in with single goals.

There was a shock in store for fourth place Thurleigh beaten 0-2 at home by Stewartby Village. Goals from Michael Cook and Ollie Darnell winning the day alongside a fine goalkeeping performance from The Village's Carl Parker.

Clifton Reserves meanwhile were enjoying their first win of the season 5-1 at home over Bedford Park Rangers. Toby McNaught netting three times plus Sam McNaught and Simon Wade to bring up the nap hand, against a Rangers reply from Shaun Mundy.

Elsewhere, it was a share of the spoils for Eastcotts and Dinamo Flitwick in a 1-1 draw. Shane Wilson on target for the home side against a reply from Barrie Lee Hannam.

Division Four League Table at 10th October 2009

11 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	6	4	1	1	36	12	+24	13
Sharnbrook Reserves	6	4	1	1	18	4	+14	13
M & DH Oakley	5	4	0	1	18	8	+10	12
Thurleigh	6	2	1	3	19	15	+4	7
Dinamo Flitwick	4	2	1	1	9	8	+1	7
Eastcotts	5	2	1	2	9	8	+1	7
Stewartby Village	5	2	0	3	10	16	-6	6
Flitwick Town Reserves	4	2	0	2	7	14	-7	6
Clifton Reserves	4	1	1	2	10	12	-2	4
Kempston Athletic	4	1	0	3	12	25	-13	3
Bedford Park Rangers	5	0	0	5	5	31	-26	0

Preview Saturday 17th October 2009

Premier Division supported by Sportsform action takes league leaders Biggleswade United Reserves on the road to defend their seasons 100% away record at Lodge Road against hosts Sharnbrook, who to date have lost all of their own three home league encounters. For second place Dunton its a similar tale, heading to Hillgrounds, likewise still 100% on the road this season to face a Wilshamstead side who are yet to win at home this campaign.

Renhold United who currently sit in third spot, will also be hitting the road seeking to take their unbeaten ways up to six games when they visit Greenfield Road to face second from bottom of the table Westoning Recreation Club.

Making up the quartet of leading clubs facing away games this weekend are AFC Kempston Town who perhaps face the toughest task, heading to Moggerhanger Playing Fields to take on hosts Blunham.

All of which gives fifth place Campton a chance to close the gap on the leading quartet when they look to end a run of three straight league defeats at Gold Street against their hosts bottom of the table Riseley Sports, the home side will start the day looking for their first league points of the season following six stright defeats.

The days final top flight action coming at Harvey Close where Caldecote who are still without a home win to their name this season entertain Woburn who are making a name for themselves for producing shock results.

Action in Division One is reduced to just four games, but the pick of those games comes at Stanbridge Road with a second meeting inside seven days between third place hosts Leighton Town and second place Marston Social. The Social travel still

100% on the road this season, knowing the reward for the winners will almost certainly be the top spot in the league table come Saturday evening. However, should the game end in stalemate, then all eyes will be looking for the result from Steppingley Road, where fourth place Flitwick Town are hosting fifth spot Kempston, a positive result either way in this encounter would see the winners take over the leadership of the division due to current table toppers Caldecote Reserves sitting the afternoon out.

Other action comes at Bedford Road Recreation Ground, where Sandy having lost their last three home games, face a travelling Meltis Albion who will arrive still without an away point to their name this campaign. Whilst the final game in this division sees bottom of the table Stevington in home action seeking their first win of the season against Henlow.

The reduced programme in this division coming about due to action in the opening round of this seasons Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup. In the five ties involving Bedfordshire County Football League sides, two are all domestic affairs, at Rectory Road where Campton Reserves will be hosting AFC Kempston Town Reserves and on The Green, which is the venue for Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves home encounter with Bedford Sports Athletic.

Of the other three sides, they all face a tough task to make it into round two, at Cutler Hammer, Kempston Hammers Sports will be hosting United Counties League, Stotfold Reserves, whilst FC Meppershall hit the road to face Molten Spartan South Midlands League Ampthill Town Reserves and Blunham Reserves journey for a meeting with Arlesey Town Reserves.

Action in Division Two sees league leaders Potton Wanderers sit the afternoon out, all of which gives second place Bedford Hatters the chance to climb to the top of the standings should they come up with the full three points from their visit to Whiston Crescent where they face a Clifton side still looking for their first home win of the campaign.

For third place Arlesey Social Galacticos its local derby action away at Groveside as they defend their seasons unbeaten record against hosts Marabese Ceramics, whilst fourth place Brache Sparta Community Reserves also put their seasons unbeaten tag on the line with a visit to The Warren to face an Elstow Abbey side looking to return to winning ways after three straight defeats.

Over at The Bedford Hockey Centre, hosts Harpur FC receive a visit from still unbeaten on the road Luton Old Boys. While after five straight defeats Shefford Town will look to end that run against the visiting Great Barford at their Digswell Recreation Ground headquarters.

The days other action in this section seeing Marston Shelton Rovers defend their seasons home record against a travelling Kings AFC who journey looking for win number four on the bounce, plus bottom of the table Shillington are in home action at Greenfield's against a yet to win on the road Kempston Royals.

Division Three action is restricted to just four games, league leaders Queens Park Crescents defending their seasons unbeaten record in Mowsbury Park with a visit from Caldecote A, whilst second place Dunton Reserves will look to return to winning ways at Horseshoes Close where they host a yet to win on the road Westoning Recreation Club Reserves.

For the next two clubs in the league standings its home fixtures, third place Renhold Village hosting bottom of the table Sandy Reserves, whilst at the Luton Regional Sports Centre, Stopsley Park will be entertaining Riseley Sports Reserves.

In Division Four, league leaders Sundon Park Rangers are in home action in Stockwood Park defending their season's unbeaten record against Flitwick Town Reserves, whilst second place Sharnbrook Reserves hit the road to Stewartby Way to face hosts Stewartby Village.

Should the leading two sides fail to come up with the full three points then M& DH Oakley, still 100% on home soil this season, could jump to the top of the league table with a home victory over the visiting Clifton Reserves, who travel in search of their first away points of the campaign.

Other action comes at Hillgrounds, where Eastcotts host Kempston Athletic and at Thurleigh Playing Fields, the venue for Thurleigh home encounter with Dinamo Flitwick.

The days final game in the league programme being the start of the group games in this seasons Watson Shield when at Hurst Grove, Lidlington United Sports will be entertaining Bedford Park Rangers,