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Pre-Season Round Up

The first club into pre-season action were Premier Division supported by Sportsform newcomers Southill Alexander who travelled to Theobalds Lane on Saturday July 18th expecting to take on Cheshunt Reserves. However, due to a walk-out by the home manager just 48hours earlier plus most of his players with him they found themselves facing the Ryman League Division One North first team. Forced to play without a recognised goalkeeper, it was therefore no surprise they were beaten 7-2 despite goals from Matt Pye and an Ashley Townsend penalty.

Four days later it was an all so different tale for The Bishops (their now adopted nickname) when, thanks to goals again from Pye and Townsend, they came up with the clubs first win 2-1 at Molten Spartan South Midlands League club London Colney.

Saturday July 25th saw The Bishops undertake their third outing of the season away at Essex Senior League Premier Division club Basildon United where two second half goals from Nathan Mukuna took them to a 2-0 victory. Also joining into the pre-season action were three other Premier Division supported by Sportsform clubs: Campton under new manager Jim Burke going down 0-1 at home to Herts County League club Buntingford United,. Oakley Sports under the new management of Dennis Tracey and Jamie Endersby losing 5-2 at United Counties League Division One club Olney Town, whilst AFC Kempston Town were beaten 4-0 at Spartan South Midlands League club The 61 FC Luton.

Other action on the afternoon took league newcomers Brache Sparta Community Centre Reserves to a 4-2 win at The 61FC Luton Reserves.

Next into action on Tuesday July 28th were fellow league newcomers Eastcotts FC who thanks to a hat trick from Dominic Cooper plus two goals for Matty Walsh and single strikes from Kieran Day and Nathan Brewer run out 7-3 winners over Kempston Athletic.

Campton were back in action the following evening, Wednesday July 29th, when second half goals from Mikey Bates and Nathan Blakey saw them win 2-0 at home against Molten Spartan South Midlands League club AFC Dunstable. Then, just 24

hours later, Premier Division supported by Sportsform Blunham under new manager Ivan Finch kicked off their campaign with a 4-2 home win over AFC Kempston Town Reserves.

Saturday August 1st was to see Southill Alexander travel to face Ridgeons Eastern Counties League Division One club, Halstead Town where they were beaten 2-0 whilst Campton suffered a 0-2 home defeat at the hands of Molten Spartan South Midlands League Division One side Crawley Green..

On the same afternoon and opening their season campaign were Premier Division supported by Sportsform. Dunton who were beaten 4-5 at home by Hertford & District League club Baldock Cannon, with Dave Pugh, Nicky Threadgold, James Cooper and Dan Jones netting the home goals.

For Blunham, it was a 2-0 defeat at United Counties League Division One club Eynesbury Rovers whilst their Reserves drew 1-1 at home against Marabese Ceramics, James Tizard netting the visitors goal.

Elsewhere, Stewartby Village were losing 1-8 at home against Kempston Athletic, Paul Welling netting their lone goal.

Tuesday August 4th was to see current Premier Division supported by Sportsform champions Caldecote open their seasons campaign but it was not a happy one, beaten 0-6 at home by a strong Molten South Midlands League outfit, Bedford Town Reserves.

The following evening, Blunham were back in action with a 5-1 home win over Oakley Sports. Ben Flatters netting a hat trick to go alongside goals from Neville Allen and Daniel Whitten against a late reply from Joe Wile.

Just down the road on the Green, Ickwell & Old Warden started their season with a home defeat at the hands of United Counties League Stotfold Reserves. Zak Rowe netting twice and Andrew Vallom once for the home side to lead the game 3-1 before being beaten 4-3.

Thursday August 6th saw Sandy Reserves in home action against Bedford Sunday League club, The Embankment and despite goals from Leon Bryan and Bradley Dennis to lead 2-0 at half time they were beaten 2-4.

Saturday August 8th was to see Marabese Ceramics with a hattrick from James Tizard and a strike from Darren Payne run out 4-1 winners away at Blunham Reserves in a East Beds Charity Cup Preliminary Round tie to earn themselves a trip to face Sandy Reserves in Round One.

On the Pre-season friendly front, Shefford Town's 15year wait for the return of adult football was to be rewarded with an 8-1 win at Campton Reserves, the hosts going ahead with a goal from Scott Quince. But by half-time The Town were 4-1 in front. Adam Spoons netting a hattrick alongside a goal from Gary Brown. In the new half, goals from Dan Pinkerton, Simon Longman, Kerion Best and Chris Cripps took their tally to eight by the final whistle.

Campton first team meanwhile were enjoying a better afternoon with a 4-3 away win at fellow Premier Division supported by Sportsform club Dunton. Goals from Paul Chamberlain and Tim Jarman took Dunton into a 2-0 lead in the opening half before two Gary Gibson goals early in the second period levelled the contest, Ashley Banks then shot the visitors ahead only to see Nicky Threadgold even matters up at 3-3, Campton's winning goal coming two minutes from time via Andrew Hayday.

Also enjoying life on the road was fellow Premier Division supported by Sportsform sides, Biggleswade United Reserves and Southill Alexander. United thanks to a goal from Bryn Williams and an own goal winning 2-1 at Molten Spartan South Midlands League, Colney Heath Reserves whilst The Alexander won by the same scoreline at Herts County League club Knebworth. Goals in the closing 15minutes from Kay Brown and Lewis Betty overhauling a goal eight minutes into the second period from their hosts.

Elsewhere, Kempston Hammers Sports were 3-2 home winners over Eastcotts FC, Tommy Dove twice and Martyn Humphries the Hammers marksmen against replies via an own goal and Ciaran Alexander, whilst Kings AFC were 3-0 away winners at Stewartby Village thanks to a brace of goals from Chris Greene and a strike from Manuel Falcon.

Other action saw Caldecote Reserves go down 2-4 at home against Cambs League outfit Gamlingay, whilst Bedford Hatters with two goals from Simon Paxley and a strike from Tom Redmond were 3-2 home winners over league newcomers Harpur FC plus a lone goal from Ed L'Erario was enough to take Premier Division supported by Sportsform AFC Kempston Town to a 1-0 win at Luton Old Boys.

Tuesday August 11th was to see Southill Alexander first game at their adopted Biggleswade base, The Carlsberg Stadium see them defeated 2-4 against a strong Biggleswade Town side just four days before the Waders open their first ever Southern Football League programme, Jack Weeden opening the scoring for the Waders on 26minutes until just six minutes later a strike from Ashley Townsend levelled matters.

The Waders with second half strikes from Mark Webster, Kevin Cooper and Phil Feakes were to shoot 4-1 ahead until a second goal from Ashley Townsend completed the night's scoring five minutes from time.

Over at Horseshoes Close, Premier Division supported by Sportsform, Dunton run out 5-1 home winners over Bedford Hatters, Paul Chamberlain finding the back of the net four times and Tim Jarman once against the lone Hatters reply from Paul Clarke, Dunton's night however was marred by a serious knee injury to Chamberlain late in the game which required him being taken to hospital for treatment.

For league newcomers Eastcotts FC and M&D Oakley it was the sharing of eight goals in a 4-4 draw. Jamie Underwood twice plus Shaun Cafferty and James Dean on the mark for the Oakley side whilst a brace from Liam Parker plus strikes from Adam Maloney and Oliver Bates made up the home tally.

Sandy Reserves meanwhile were going down 1-6 at home against Bedford Sunday League side Hobgoblin, Leon Bryan netting their lone goal.

On Wednesday August 12th current Premier Division supported By Sportsform league champions Caldecote needed to come from behind to claim a 2-1 away win at Biggleswade Town Reserves, trailing to a 34th minute penalty conceded by player-manger Neil Mapletoft, they were to draw level with a strike from Russel Kemp five minutes from half-time before Leeroy Odd hit what turned out to be the winning goal 13minutes into the second half.

Elsewhere despite two goals from Gary Gibson, Campton were beaten 2-3 at home by United Counties league outfit Stotfold Reserves whilst Oakley Sports with two goals from Stuart Kelly plus strikes from Paul Francis, Delroy Prince, Ben Brown and Dan Newton run out 6-0 winners at Stevington.

On Thursday August 13th Premier Division supported by Sportform Biggleswade United Reserves were to net their second pre-season friendly win of the week when first half goals from Sean Murrey and Ross Kane took them to a 2-0 win at Molten South Midlands League outfit Langford Reserves.

For Sandy and Luton Old Boys it was the sharing of four goals at Bedford Road, Dan Threadgold and Sam Thomas on the mark for the home side whilst The Old Boys Replies came via Nelson Buwa and Glodi Kwene.

Over at Whiston Crescent, Clifton were enjoying a 4-1 home win over Great Barford, Robert Harradine netting twice alongside strikes from Greg King and William Pitts with the lone reply coming from Daniel Jeffries. Meanwhile, at Rectory Road, Jamie Webster start in the hot seat at Campton Reserves was a winning one with a 5-3 win over Dunton Reserves, Adam Larsen and Sam Larsen both netting twice alongside Craig Smith while the Dunton replies came via a James Cooper brace and Dan Cutmore. For Marston Social it was a 4-1 home win over Kempston Royals. Potton Wanderers drew 2-2 at home with Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves whose goals came via Matthew Bruney and Neil Faulkner.

Saturday August 15th saw the start of this seasons Jesse Piggott Memorial Trophy, which, next weekend, will see a final between Sandy and Blunham Reserves after they both won their semi-final ties. First half goals from Sam James and Dan Threadgold taking hosts Sandy to a 2-0 win over Dunton Reserves whilst Blunham Reserves were 4-1 winners over Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves. Two goals for Eric McIntyre one from the penalty spot and a header from Jason Rainbow inside the opening thirty minutes shot Blunham 3-0 clear until Anup Kalayan reduced the arrears right on the strike of half-time but a goal from Rob Lawrence on 68minutes sealed Blunham's victory.

On the pre-season friendly front, it was a far from good day for Premier Division supported by Sportsform Blunham beaten 7-1 at Bedford Hatters, Chris Fry, Danny Defeo and Scott Alleyne all netting twice alongside Simon Pixley. The lone Blunham reply coming from Neville Allen, whose side could only muster nine players at the start of the contest and ten after 20 minutes play, but in true sporting fashion The

Hatters played the opening 20 minutes with just nine players and the closing 70 minutes with just ten to level up the number of players on the pitch.

Other Premier Division supported by Sportsform clubs in action were Campton 3-1 home winners over Langford Reserves thanks to two goals from Andrew Hayday and a strike from Gary Gibson. Southill Alexander who won 3-1 at Fowlmere where Nathan Mukuna netted the opening goal to be followed by a brace from Greg Morse.

Meanwhile there was fun and games at Greenfield Road where both Flitwick Town and Henlow turned up to play Westoning Recreation Club, the problem being quickly resolved when The Rec Boys agreed to play them both in two 25 minute each-way games. Martin Byrne netting for the Rec Boys in a 1-1 draw with Flitwick Town whose goal came from Andy Ives, but they were beaten 3-0 by Henlow for whom Jay Fallano, Andy Newton and Jake Reeney found the back of the net.

A fifth Premier Division supported by Sportsform club in action was Oakley Sports who were beaten 4-2 at Wymington despite goals from Ben Brown and Jason Angol. Whilst making up the half dozen were Dunton who drew 0-0 at home with Cambs League club Gamlingay.

Elsewhere, Arlesey Social Galacticos drew 1-1 at home with Marabese Ceramics, Mark McMillan on the scoresheet for the home side against a reply from Denver Donaldson. However, goals were plentiful at Kings AFC who run out 6-4 home winners over Kempston Hammers Sports, braces of goals from Oilver Plested and Marcus Tomlin plus strikes from Saul Cottel and Michael Whealan doing the damage against a brace in reply from Tommy Dove plus single strikes from Mick Freeman and Michael Darnell.

For Shefford Town, it was a 3-2 win at Clifton despite home strikes from Tony Norman and Paul Roberts whilst Brache Sparta Community Centre Sports Reserves were 5-0 home winners over Tottenhoe Reserves. Andre Jurazek netting twice alongside goals for Alex Igori, Patrick Boatang and Edwin Anabaraonne.

Forthcoming fixture List

Tuesday August 18th

Arlesey Social Galacticos v Clifton 6.30pm
Bedford Hatters v Renhold United. 6.30pm
Caldecote Reserves v Great Barford 6.30pm
Elstow Abbey v Kempston Athletic 6.45pm
Woburn v Flitwick Town 6.30pm

Wednesday August 19th

Biggleswade Knockout Cup.

Marabese Ceramics v Sandy 6.30pm

Friendly Games

Biggleswade United Reserves v Mates FC (Southend) 7.45pm
Caldecote v Henlow 6.30pm
Campton Reserves v Clifton 7.00pm
Shillington v AFC Kempston Town 7pm

Thursday August 20th

Marston Social v Eastcotts FC 7.00pm
Sandy Reserves v Sharnbrook Reserves 6.30pm

Saturday August 22nd

Jesse Piggott Memorial Trophy @ Sandy FC

3rd Place Match. Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves v Dunton Reserves. 1.30pm
Final Match. Blunham Reserves v Sandy. 4.00pm

Friendly Games

Arlesley Social Galacticos v Kings AFC 2.30pm
Caldecote A v Marabese Ceramics 2.30pm
Crawley Green v Brache Sparta Community Centre Reserves 3.00pm
Flitwick Eagles v Flitwick Town.
Stewartby Village v Eastcotts FC 2.30pm
Dunton v Henlow 2.30pm

Sunday August 23rd

Elstow Abbey v Favourite (Luton) 10.45am

Tuesday August 25th

Wootton Park Rangers v Elstow Abbey 6.45pm

Wednesday August 26th

East Beds Junior Charity Cup

Caldecote Reserves v Campton Reserves 6.30pm

Friendly Games

Meltis Albion v Great Barford 6.30pm
Sandy Reserves v Bedford United Sunday 6.30pm
Shillington v Flitwick Town 7.00pm
Southill Alexander v Royston Town Reserves 7.30pm