

Bedfordshire County **Football League**



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Action Review From Saturday 12th September 2009

Campton are the new leaders of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform table after a late Gary Gibson goal took them to a 3-2 win at Biggleswade United Reserves. Gibson was to open the days scoring four minutes before the half-time whistle when after being fouled by home defender Damon Hazelwood, he picked himself up to slam the resulting penalty passed home goalkeeper Gavin Carr. United were back in the game on the hour mark. Hazelwood making amends for his earlier error to slot home the equalizer, yet within five minutes Andrew Hayday had restored the visitors lead and that's the way it stayed until United's Jack Gabbitas made it 2-2 in the 81st minute. Campton then needed to be thankful to goalkeeper Ian Ratcliffe for tipping what seemed the winning strike from United's Liam Murrey onto his crossbar just five minutes from time before that man Gibson struck with little less than a minute to play to claim the points and the top spot for Campton at United's expense.

United however were to drop just one place in the league standings to second slot after third place AFC Kempston Town had their game at Wilshamstead called off. Match referee John Brown deeming the cracked surface too dangerous to play on. Whilst start of play fourth place Caldecote where surprisingly beaten 0-2 at home by Oakley Sports. Jon Searle doing all the damage with a goals in the 10th and 65th minutes.

The result of which now means both Town and Caldecote drop a place in the standings, leaving Blunham to take over third slot following their 2-1 win at Sharnbrook. Two goals from Andy Smith doing the damage before Scott Rothery replied for the home side. Making up the top six are Meltis Corinthians who maintain their 100% start to the season with a 4-3 win at Southill Alexander. Dean Warren had given The Sweetboys a half-time lead before home goals from Dave Morbin and Greg Moore Macdougall took them 2-1 up. Sheldon Washington then levelled matters at 2-2, only to see Adam Wombwell shoot the home side 3-2 in front, but it was to be The Sweetboys who gained the three points via second strikes from both Warren and Washington.

Elsewhere, Renhold United were full value for the three points in their 4-2 home success over Dunton. Goals from Karl Anderson and Chris Huckle taking them in at half-time 2-0 ahead. James Cooper then reduced the arrears to a single goal early in the new period until Anderson struck twice again to claim his hat-trick and take United 4-1 ahead before a Paul Beith goal brought up the final 4-2 scoreline

The day's final top flight game giving Ickwell & Old Warden their first points of the campaign with a 1-0 win at Westoning Recreation Club, Andrew Vallom's 55th minute strike doing the damage.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 12th September 2009

16 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Campton	4	4	0	0	11	7	+4	12
Biggleswade United Reserves	4	3	0	1	11	4	+7	9
Blunham	4	2	1	1	14	11	+3	7
AFC Kempston Town	3	2	0	1	15	6	+9	6
Caldecote	3	2	0	1	10	5	+5	6
Meltis Corinthians	2	2	0	0	6	4	+2	6
Oakley Sports	3	2	0	1	6	4	+2	6
Renhold United	3	2	0	1	6	5	+1	6
Dunton	4	2	0	2	5	6	-1	6
Southill Alexander	4	1	0	3	9	8	+1	3
Woburn	3	1	0	2	3	4	-1	3
Sharnbrook	4	1	0	3	6	8	-2	3
Ickwell & Old Warden	3	1	0	2	3	8	-5	3
Wilshamstead	2	0	1	1	3	4	-1	1
Riseley Sports	3	0	0	3	3	12	-9	0
Westoning Recreation Club [Saturday]	3	0	0	3	4	19	-15	0

Leighton United's lead at the head of the Division One table is now up to three points after their 2-1 away win at Kempston Hammers Sports. The home side however made them fight all the way for the points, Matthew Mossop giving The Hammers the lead until strikes from Simon Woolhead and Darryl Smith won the day for United.

Meanwhile, second place Bedford Sports Athletic were dropping down into fifth place after being beaten 1-0 at Flitwick Town, Ben Wallington netting the goal that lifts his club into third spot. Now in second slot are Marston Social 3-0 winners at AFC Kempston Town Reserves, two goals from Steve Holt and a strike from James Armstrong taking Social to the three points.

Up into fourth spot are Caldecote Reserves 5-3 winners at Sandy. Jack Boyd netting twice alongside Carl Horsfall, Tom Dupey and Mark Endersby whilst the home replies came via Andrew Wren with a brace and Ian Hammitt.

Also netting five goals were Campton Reserves and Meltis Albion. Campton running out 5-2 home winners over Stevington where Dan Mabbot was on the mark four times and Mikey Bates once to Stevington replies from Richard Howlett and Scott Hannam. Whilst Meltis Albion enjoyed a 5-1 home romp over Henlow. Darren Ashpole netting

a hat-trick alongside goals for Daniel Wells and Tom Hughes, the lone Henlow reply coming from Dean Johnson.

Still with a seasons 100% record are Kempston after goals from Jarvis Anderson and David Powell took them in only their second outing of the season to a 2-0 win at Blunham Reserves. While Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves were sharing the spoils in a 2-2 home draw with FC Meppershall, Shaun Lewis and Lee Threadgold on target for the home side against a brace in reply from Jason Nice.

Division One table at 12th September 2009

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

Potton Wanderers remain the only Division Two side now still with a seasons 100% record after they netted their fourth consecutive win of the campaign 4-1 at Shefford Town to go two points clear at the head of the league table. Two goals from Greg Instrell plus strikes from James Hearson and Antony Schurek doing the damage against a Town reply from Ricky Smith.



Shefford Town FC

Second spot Bedford Hatters lost their 100% record when held to a 2-2 draw away at third place Brache Sparta Community Reserves. Home goals from Alex Lgori and Richard Randell being cancelled out by Hatters replies from Richard Cook and Dean Lebrecht.

The top scoring game of the day in this section saw Harpur FC to their first win of the season in a 6-4 home victory over Great Barford. Both Martin Ivy and Fabrizio Catlado netting twice alongside Carl Catchpole and Justin Dear, with the Barford replies coming via Freddie Windram, Gary Russon and Justin Brown, plus an own goal.

By contrast Luton Old Boys home clash with Clifton was to end in a 0-0 draw. Also ending all square was Marston Shelton Rovers home clash with Arlesey Social Galacticos at 2-2. Lee Dudley netting both of the Rovers goals against replies from Ryan Dodson and Adam Millard.

For Elstow Abbey after three straight defeats it was a 3-2 home win over Kings AFC. 0-0 at the break, Nick Snelson shot The Abbey ahead before a Oliver Pledsted penalty and a goal from Saul Cuttel took Kings AFC 2-1 up until up popped Dave McCarthy with a brace to claim the points for the home side.

The days final game in this section seeing Marabese Ceramics come from a goal down to win 2-1 at home over Kempston Royals. Lorenzo Jordan from the penalty spot giving The Royals the lead before home goals arrived via Gary Bottazzi and Romano Marabese.

Division Two Table at 12th September 2009

15 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Potton Wanderers	4	4	0	0	23	4	+19	12
Bedford Hatters	4	3	1	0	17	3	+14	10
Brache Sparta Community Reserves	4	2	2	0	16	11	+5	8
Arlesey Social Galacticos	3	2	1	0	6	3	+3	7
Marabese Ceramics	3	2	0	1	5	6	-1	6
Great Barford	4	2	0	2	11	13	-2	6
Kempston Royals	4	2	0	2	7	11	-4	6
Luton Old Boys [Saturday]	4	1	2	1	9	13	-4	5
Marston Shelton Rovers	3	1	1	1	10	6	+4	4
Shefford Town	3	1	0	2	8	7	+1	3
Harpur FC	3	1	0	2	8	11	-3	3
Elstow Abbey 06	4	1	0	3	6	19	-13	3
Clifton	3	0	1	2	2	5	-3	1
Kings AFC	3	0	0	3	5	12	-7	0
Shillington [Saturday]	3	0	0	3	7	16	-9	0

Dunton Reserves are the early league leaders in Division Three following their 4-1 home victory over Riseley Sports Reserves. Leo Churms and Andrew Spiers both netting twice against a Sportsman's reply from a Carl Walker penalty. In second spot and still 100% for the season are Queens Park Crescents, 2-0 home winners over Wilshamstead Reserves, goals from Shezad Satter and Ayaz Hussian doing the damage.

After their heavy defeat at Stopsley Park last weekend Caldecote A won 2-0 at Liddington United Sports, Neil Giles and Gary Allum finding the back of the net. But for Stopsley this week, it was a 3-6 home defeat at the hands of Renhold Village. Braces of goals from Dan Luke and Carl Townsend plus strikes from Stuart Kester and Marko Kobdzic seeing The Village home against home replies from Chris Garner twice and Andy Randell.

Division Three Table at 12th September 2009

10 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Dunton Reserves	2	2	0	0	10	5	+5	6
Queens Park Crescents	2	2	0	0	5	1	+4	6

Stopsley Park	2	1	0	1	14	7	+7	3
Renhold Village	2	1	0	1	10	9	+1	3
Lidlington United Sports	2	1	0	1	3	2	+1	3
Caldecote 'A'	2	1	0	1	3	11	-8	3
Sandy Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0	+0	0
Westoning Recreation Club [Saturday] Reserves	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0
Riseley Sports Reserves	1	0	0	1	1	4	-3	0
Wilshamstead Reserves	2	0	0	2	0	5	-5	0

Sundon Park Rangers moved themselves to the top of the Division Four table with a 10-2 home victory over Bedford Park Rangers. Earl Orru leading the way with four goals, Matt Conway netting a hat-trick plus there were single goals for Nick Buttigeig, Daniel Viola and Luke Evans. The Rangers replies coming via Josh Geary and Gary Norris. In second slot are Sharnbrook Reserves 2-1 winners at Dinamo Flitwick for whom Dean Myers netted. Whilst making up the top three are M&DH Oakley 4-1 home winners over Eastcotts. Nicola Mattia netting twice alongside Shaun Cafferty and Russell Beddall with the Eastcott reply coming via a Liam Parker penalty.

Another club winning big were Thurleigh 9-3 away winners at Kempston Athletic. Hat-tricks from Josh Pierre St Claire and Sam Queeley doing the main damage alongside an own goal plus strikes from Lee Leonard and Mick Simmons. On the scoresheet for The Athletic were Gary Whitbread twice and Sam Fuller.

The days final action taking Flitwick Town Reserves to a 4-1 victory at Stewartby Village, both Liam Penwright and Grant Tibbett netting twice to a home reply via Michael Cook.

Division Four Table at 12th September 2009

11 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	2	2	0	0	19	4	+15	6
Sharnbrook Reserves	2	2	0	0	10	1	+9	6
M & DH Oakley	2	2	0	0	10	2	+8	6
Thurleigh	2	1	1	0	11	5	+6	4
Dinamo Flitwick	2	1	0	1	4	4	+0	3
Flitwick Town Reserves	2	1	0	1	5	7	-2	3
Clifton Reserves	1	0	1	0	2	2	+0	1
Eastcotts	1	0	0	1	1	4	-3	0
Stewartby Village	2	0	0	2	3	7	-4	0

Kempston Athletic	2	0	0	2	5	18	-13	0
Bedford Park Rangers	2	0	0	2	2	18	-16	0

Preview for Saturday 19th September 2009

Premier Division supported by Sportsform league leaders Campton look to keep their 100% start to the campaign intact when they journey to Crawley Road to face Woburn, who having won their own opening game of the season at Southill Alexander have since lost twice to drop into the bottom six of the league standings.

For second place Biggleswade United Reserves its also a trip on the road, heading to Greenfield Road to meet bottom of the table Westoning Recreation Club. Whilst third place Blunham have a tough looking home Moggerhanger Playing Fields encounter with still 100% for the season and sixth place Meltis Corinthians.

It's a fourth against fifth place clash at Hillgrounds. Hosts AFC Kempston Town taking on last seasons champions Caldecote. Whilst after their shock win at Caldecote last weekend Oakley Sports commence their home season with a visit from local rivals Sharnbrook.

Still looking for their opening points of the campaign are Riseley Sports, they travel to Horseshoes Close to face Dunton. Whilst Wilshamstead hit the road for The Green and a meeting with Ickwell & Old Warden looking for win number one of the season.

The final top flight game coming at Renhold Playing Fields where hosts United will fancy their chances of sending Southill Alexander to their fourth defeat in their opening five games.

The stand-out game of the Division One fixture list comes in Mowsbury Park, the venue for Bedford Sports Athletic home clash with league leaders and still 100% for the season Leighton United. For second place Marston Social its a home Playing Fields encounter with Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves as they like, United look to extend their 100% winning start to the campaign.

Flitwick Town, currently holding down third place hit the road to Rectory Close and a tough looking encounter with hosts Campton Reserves. Whilst fourth place Caldecote Reserves are in home Harvey Close action against bottom of the table AFC Kempston Town Reserves.

Another Division One game taking place in Mowsbury Park is the FC Meppershall v Stevington clash where you would expect the home side to collect the points. A comment that might also apply to the Groveside encounter between hosts Henlow and visitors Blunham Reserves who travel, in this game number five of the season still looking for their opening win of the campaign.

Over at Cutler Hammer, Kempston seek to make it three wins in row when they host the travelling Sandy. Whilst the final game of the section comes at Miller Road where

Meltis Albion entertain a still looking for their first points of the season Kempston Hammers Sports.

In Division Two, league leaders Potton Wanderers will be in home Mill Lane action against Marabese Ceramics. Whilst second place Bedford Hatters also enjoy home advantage at Miller Road when they entertain bottom of the table Shillington.

With third place Brache Sparta Community Centre Reserves sitting the afternoon out, fourth place Arleseay Social Galacticos could leap above them in the league standings. Alas the task is not an easy one being a home Recreation Ground encounter with local rivals Shefford Town.

Other action in this section comes at King George VI Playing Fields where Kings AFC seek their opening win of the season over visitors Harpur FC. At Chaul Road where Luton Old Boys receive a visit from Elstow Abbey. While Marston Shelton Rovers hit the road for a meeting with Great Barford at their Playing Fields Headquarters.

Division Three action takes league leaders Dunton Reserves on the road to Bedford Road Recreation Ground and a meeting with a starting the season Sandy Reserves. Whilst second place Queens Park Crescents also hit the road to Harvey Close to face Caldecote A.

For third spot Stopsley Park its a trip to Hurst Grove to face Lidlington United Sports and fourth place Renhold Village also have an away encounter at Gold Street against local rivals Riseley Sports Reserves.

The days other action in this section due at Jubilee Playing Fields where bottom of the table Wilshamstead Reserves host Westoning Recreation Club Reserves.

In Division Four, league leaders Sundon Park Rangers will be making their way to Hinksley Recreation Ground to face hosts Dinamo Flitwick. Whilst just down the road at Steppingley Road. Flitwick Town Reserves host second place and still 100% Sharnbrook Reserves.

For third place and still 100% for the season M&DH Oakley its a trip on the road to Stewartby Way to face a Village side still looking for it's opening point of the campaign. A comment that also applies to Bedford Park Rangers who entertain Thurleigh in Mowsbury Park.

The days other action coming at Hillgrounds where Eastcotts commence their home campaign with a visit from Clifton Reserves.

The Return Of The Travellers Tales

Brian Buck gives you his views on his recent pre-season visits to Shillington and Marston Social.

45th game of the season. (Match 9,468) Monday 14th August 2009. Shillington (Saturday) 0 Shillington (Sunday) 3 (Shillington Charity Shield) att 25 approx.

This was my first visit here since 29 March 2005 when I watched Shillington draw 2-2 with Brache Sparta in a Minerva Footballs Spartan South Midlands League Division 1 match, att 30 approx. Since then they have in effect folded. But then a new club AFC Shillington was formed. They became AFC Meppershall, before being known as Shillington again this season. Beforehand I was a bit dubious watching such a match as this. Would the players treat it seriously, or in fact would they take it too seriously? Or could they not be bothered at all who won the this inaugural match for the Shillington Charity Shield? Well before the start the Shillington (Saturday) manager, who also turned out to be the ref, talked the game up even more than those overpaid TV pundits do. There were going to be some great players on show and the Sunday side are one of the best around these parts. So Bedfordshire County League Press & Media Secretary Peter Francis and I walked round to the other side of the pitch, sat on the wall of what is left of the stand and waited with baited breath for the action to start. Eventually some bloke also walked around to our side of the pitch accompanied by his girlfriend, wearing a mini skirt so short that it wasn't even worth her wearing it. This was set up to be a right ding dong of a match, but the only ding dongs we heard came from bell ringing practice in the local church! So we waited and we waited for something significant to happen, but by half time nothing had happened. At this point I reminded Peter that in the early 1900's this village was actually called Shitlington! Anyway the second half gradually got better even though the entertainment walked of with her boyfriend. The Sunday side took the lead on 71 minutes with a 25 yard direct free kick and they doubled the lead two minutes later. Two minutes after that the Shillington manager/ref sin binned one of his own players for getting on everyones nerves and 4 minutes from time the Sunday side grabbed their third goal in a not quite so bad game by the end.

48. (9,471) Thursday 20th August 2009. Marston Social 2 Eastcotts 4 (Friendly Match) att 15 approx. I was with Peter Francis again tonight and this was my first visit here since I saw ground sharers Marston Shelton Rovers lose 2-1 to Elstow Abbey in a Bedford & District League Premier Division match on 25 April 1994, att 25 approx. Compared with the previous night this was a much colder evening and although still mainly sunny it was very windy. Before the start we met some of the home management team They all had their initials on their club merchandise, which was a bit unfortunate for the secretary, whose name is Beryl Oakley! There again one of the visitors management team had PIMP on his back! The game was reffed by the home club lino, which may explain why he didn't move too far out of the centre circle all evening. However it was generally agreed that he had a good game, even though he didn't spot that the visitors keepers yellow jersey clashed with the home sides yellow shirts! The home side played with just ten men for the first 6 minutes and then on 13 minutes Eastcotts, from Bedfordshire County League Division 4 took the league against their Division 1 hosts. The 'keeper' threw the ball out, but it only went as far as the scorer, standing on the edge of the area and he bundled it home. But on 20 minutes Marston were level. The scorer of this goal only scores one goal a season we were told. But then the provider of this information did add that he did score twice during the previous week as well! Eastcotts regained the lead on 57 minutes, but Marston equalised again on 74 minutes. However goals on 76 and 81 minutes saw Eastcotts put the game out of reach of Marston and before it could get any further out of reach the ref blew the final whistle some 5 minutes early!

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