

Bedfordshire County **Football League**



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Action Review from Saturday 30th January 2010

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

With the league leaders Blunham having their game at Westoning Recreation Club postponed, plus second place Ickwell & Old Warden seeing their scheduled fixture away at Wilshamstead suffer the same fate, both third place Caldecote and fourth place Oakley Sports took full advantage in collecting wins. Caldecote inflicting a ninth consecutive defeat on third from bottom of the table Dunton with a 4-3 victory at Harvey Close. The visitors led the game 2-1 at half-time, thanks to a brace of goals from Lawrence Boshier, which came either side of a strike from Gareth Boness, however they were to lose their lead inside the opening 20 minutes of the new period, when first Chris Winder then Barry Dellar netted, back they came to level the contest at 3-3 with a goal from Paul Beith, only then to see Dan Wilson hit the home sides winner 10 minutes from time.

For Oakley Sports, it was a seventh away win on the bounce, winning 3-2 at Sharnbrook. John Searle shooting them ahead after just 10 minutes before Jack Hoogstraten levelled matters 10 minutes later. The Sportsman's lead was then regained two minutes from the break via Ben Brown, until a home side goal from David Miljkovic looked to have saved them a point 10 minutes from time when they levelled the contest at 2-2, alas not, up popped Ollie Housden to head the visitors winner just five minutes later.

Elsewhere, Biggleswade United Reserves moved above Renhold United into fifth spot in the league standing by defeating them 4-2 on their own ground. Jack Gabbitas claiming the hero status with a first half hat-trick against which only Paul Daniels replied, James Honeyman then ensured the visitors of the points with their fourth goal before Paul McKeaveney netted late for the home side.

Meanwhile, Campton were running out 8-1 home winners over Woburn. With the game 18 minutes old and the scoreline reading 0-0, Woburn were to lose the services of influential central defender Andy Skolsky with a suspected broken leg, the delay in the arrival of an ambulance meaning the game was then reduced to one of just 35 minutes each way, but by the half-time mark Campton had shot into a 4-0 lead, all the goals coming from Andrew Hayday, Wayne Goldsmith was then to add a fifth home goal early in the new period before Hayday again took over to take his personal tally to six goals as Campton went 7-0 ahead. Jake Nicholls was to hit a consolation goal

for The Safari Boys, only to see Hayday hit his seventh goal of the contest for the final 8-1 scoreline.

The scheduled game at Hillgrounds between AFC Kempston Town and Southill Alexander being postponed due to the frozen playing surface.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform Table at 30th January 2010

14 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Blunham	15	11	2	2	47	23	+24	35
Ickwell & Old Warden	14	10	0	4	37	29	+8	30
Caldecote	15	8	3	4	35	21	+14	27
Oakley Sports	12	9	0	3	31	19	+12	27
Biggleswade United Reserves	15	8	1	6	34	31	+3	25
Renhold United	16	6	5	5	34	37	-3	23
Campton	15	7	0	8	34	34	+0	21
Wilshamstead	11	5	3	3	30	20	+10	18
AFC Kempston Town	10	5	1	4	26	16	+10	16
Sharnbrook	15	4	3	8	23	33	-10	15
Woburn	14	4	1	9	26	39	-13	13
Dunton	15	3	1	11	18	37	-19	10
Southill Alexander	12	2	3	7	22	30	-8	9
Westoning Recreation Club [Saturday]	13	2	1	10	25	53	-28	7

Division One

Flitwick Town's lead at the head of the Division One league table is now up to seven points following their 2-0 home win over Marston Social, their sixth win on the bounce, goals from Mark Bartlett after 15 minutes and Martin Byrne five minutes from time winning the day.

Meanwhile, Meltis Albion climbed above the non-playing Leighton United into second spot despite having to settle for a share the spoils in a 2-2 draw at Bedford Sports Athletic, the home side, with goals from Jonathan Woolf and Ashley Mead, were to lead 2-0 until The Albion struck back with a brace of goals from Charlie Betts, one of which came from the penalty spot.

Elsewhere, Henlow were running out 2-1 away winners at Blunham Reserves, ahead at the break thanks to a Glen Clarke goal, they were to be pegged back 20 minutes

from time when Chris Dunne levelled matters, only for Joe Fallon to hit their winner just two minutes later.

The day's other scheduled game in this Division between Sandy and Kempston being postponed due to a frozen pitch at Bedford Road.

Division One League Table at January 30th 2010

16 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Flitwick Town	18	13	1	4	45	24	+21	40
Meltis Albion	17	10	3	4	37	26	+11	33
Leighton United	15	10	2	3	44	22	+22	32
Caldecote Reserves	15	9	2	4	41	26	+15	29
Marston Social	16	8	3	5	34	26	+8	27
Kempston	15	9	0	6	41	37	+4	27
FC Meppershall	17	7	2	8	51	50	+1	23
Bedford Sports Athletic	17	6	4	7	39	39	+0	22
Blunham Reserves	19	6	4	9	29	41	-12	22
Henlow	15	6	2	7	28	38	-10	20
Sandy	16	6	1	9	39	32	+7	19
AFC Kempston Town Reserves	15	5	2	8	24	44	-20	17
Campton Reserves	17	5	1	11	35	49	-14	16
Stevington	17	4	3	10	34	51	-17	15
Kempston Hammers Sports	14	4	1	9	37	43	-6	13
Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	13	4	1	8	27	37	-10	13

Saturday, 05 September 2009: FC Meppershall v AFC Kempston Town Reserves - Away Win was awarded

Centenary Cup

FC Meppershall will now travel to face Henlow in a Quarter-Final tie next weekend after they came away from Harvey Close with a 2-1 win over Caldecote Reserves in the bag. Jack Boyd had shot the home side ahead 15 minutes into the contest before a

brace of goals from Nico De Bries in the closing 10 minutes of the opening period was enough to give FC Meppershall their victory.

Elsewhere, there was drama on The Green, before Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves gained an 6-3 extra time win over Campton Reserves, the visitors with a hat-trick from Andy Fennell were to lead 3-0 until a strike from Josh Faulkner two minutes from the break gave the home side hopes of a second half recovery. That recovery begun when Tom Blow reduced the arrears to 2-3 and then always looked on the cards after the visitors Justin Barker was sent off for a second yellow card offence. Blow, with his second goal of the game making it mission accomplished at 3-3 to take the tie into an extra period, during this time, goals from Grant Humberstone, Faulkner and Dan Threadgold were to win the day for the home side to earn them a trip to either Kempston Hammers Sports or Leighton United who saw the scheduled tie at Cutler Hammer frozen off.

Meanwhile, Stevington thanks to goals from Ian Woods, James Fletcher and Gavin White against replies from Ryan Allison and Stuart Barnes were 3-2 home winners over AFC Kempston Town Reserves and will now entertain Bedford Sports Athletic at the Quarter-Final stage next weekend.

Division Two

League leaders Bedford Hatters were to have their seven game winning run brought to an end when beaten 1-3 at home by Brache Sparta Community Reserves. Aiden Fletcher giving the visitors a first half lead before Richard Cook levelled matters for The Hatters five minutes into the new period, a brace of goals from Edwin Anabarnonye then followed to win the day for the visitors.

The Hatters, have their lead at the head of the table cut to just three points by Potton Wanderers, 2-0 winners at Marabese Ceramics, thanks to goals from Jessie Mayo and Greg Instrell.

Also, keeping the pressure up on the league leaders, were third place Marston Shelton Rovers, who retained their seasons unbeaten home record and stretched their unbeaten ways to 13 games with a 3-0 home win over Great Barford, Xennon Paul, Lee Dudley and Charlie Standish all hitting second half goals.

When an own goal plus a strike from Paul Roberts took Clifton 2-0 ahead against Elstow Abbey, their first home win of the season looked on the cards. The visitors themselves without a win on the road this season had other ideals, Dave McCarthy reducing the arrears before the break before adding another three goals in the second period to shoot his side 4-2 ahead, thus leaving Aiden MacDonald to place the icing on The Abbey's cake with goal number five and a 5-2 win just two minutes from time.

Another club to come from behind to collect three points were Harpur FC, in a 3-2 home victory over Kempston Royals, goals from Lorenzo Jordan and Liam Boland seeing The Royals lead 2-0 at the break, before second period strikes from Ricky Matthews, Cameron Browne and Dale Schaffer won the day for the home side.

For bottom of the table Shillington, it was defeat number 12 of the season when beaten 7-2 at Kings AFC. Nathan Clements and Josh Clements both striking twice for the home side alongside goals for Chris Greene, Rowan Hazelwood and an Ollie Pledsted penalty against Shills replies from Lewis Osborn and Jonathan Ruffet.

The final scheduled game in this Division between Shefford Town and Arlesey Social Galacticos postponed due to a frozen pitch.

Division Two League Table at 30th January 2010

14 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Bedford Hatters	16	12	2	2	61	21	+40	38
Potton Wanderers	15	11	2	2	61	20	+41	35
Marston Shelton Rovers	15	10	4	1	54	19	+35	34
Arlesey Social Galacticos	15	8	3	4	34	33	+1	27
Brache Sparta Community Reserves	13	7	4	2	34	21	+13	25
Kings AFC	14	7	2	5	49	33	+16	23
Shefford Town	14	6	2	6	38	34	+4	20
Harpur FC	14	5	2	7	34	42	-8	17
Kempston Royals	16	5	2	9	26	43	-17	17
Marabese Ceramics	14	5	1	8	17	29	-12	16
Great Barford	16	4	2	10	26	47	-21	14
Clifton	15	3	4	8	23	40	-17	13
Elstow Abbey 06	16	4	1	11	26	52	-26	13
Shillington [Saturday]	13	0	1	12	21	70	-49	1

Division Four

Sundon Park Rangers were to hold onto their seasons unbeaten home record and their place at the top of the league table with a narrow 3-2 win over Stewartby Village. Luke Evans striking twice and Paul Raymond once against a brace in reply from George Wheelhouse.

For second place Sharnbrook Reserves, things were a lot easier in a 7-0 away victory at Kempston Athletic, Jayme Harris netting a hat-trick to go alongside strikes from Chris Moore, Darren Wallinger, Stephen Smith and James Whitmore.

Elsewhere, Eastcotts five game unbeaten home run was brought to an end when defeated 4-2 by Flitwick Town Reserves. Harry Rowlands with a brace plus goals from Stuart Harvey and Grant Archer making it on The Town scoresheet against home replies via an own goal and Liam Parker.

For bottom of the table Bedford Park Rangers, it was away defeat number seven on the bounce when beaten 1-0 at Thurleigh. Ben Stock netting the goal to take the home side to the three points.

Division Four League Table at 30th January 2010

11 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	13	9	2	2	65	20	+45	29
Sharnbrook Reserves	12	9	1	2	44	12	+32	28
M & DH Oakley	11	8	0	3	36	16	+20	24
Flitwick Town Reserves	12	7	0	5	37	42	-5	21
Dinamo Flitwick	13	6	2	5	34	25	+9	20
Eastcotts	12	5	2	5	29	26	+3	17
Thurleigh	12	5	2	5	30	29	+1	17
Clifton Reserves	10	4	1	5	29	28	+1	13
Stewartby Village	11	4	0	7	28	35	-7	12
Kempston Athletic	10	2	0	8	24	55	-31	6
Bedford Park Rangers	14	1	0	13	15	83	-68	3

Watson Shield

Lidlington United Sports were to ensure they will finish winners of Group Two and earn a home tie at the last 16 knock-out stage after netting a 4-2 win at Dunton Reserves. Joe Bradbury with two goals and one apiece for Scott Kent and Chris Roberts only being replied to by home strikes from John Fediw and Joe Burton.

Watson Shield Group Two Table at January 30th 2010

3 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Lidlington United Sports	3	3	0	0	17	4	+13	9
Dunton Reserves	3	1	0	2	13	15	-2	3
Bedford Park Rangers	2	0	0	2	1	12	-11	0

In Group Four, M& DH Oakley also ensured themselves of a top spot qualification, thanks to an 4-2 home win over Queens Park Crescents, goals in the opening 24 minutes from Keiren McMahon, Dan Lupton and Nicolo Mattia see them shoot 3-0 in front before Ayaz Hussain pulled a goal back for the visitors 20 minutes into the second period, Lupton with his second goal, eight minutes later taking the home side 4-1 ahead, only then to see Hussain reduce the arrears to 4-2, 15minutes from time

Watson Shield Group Four Table at 30th January 2010

3 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
<u>M & DH Oakley</u>	3	3	0	0	10	3	+7	9
<u>Queens Park Crescents</u>	3	1	0	2	7	8	-1	3
<u>Eastcotts</u>	2	0	0	2	1	7	-6	0

The scheduled Group One game between Riseley Sports Reserves and Dinamo Flitwick being frozen off at Gold Street.

Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup

For the second weekend running, the weather ensured a postponement to Westoning Recreation Club Reserves home tie with Heath Panthers United.

Preview Saturday 6th February 2010

The Bedfordshire County Football League programme this weekend sees games being played in all four league cup competitions. These are headed by the Britannia Cup Quarter-Final tie at The Carlsberg Stadium between hosts Southill Alexander and visitors Wilshamstead. Whilst elsewhere, there are three First Round ties taking place. At Rectory Road, Campton entertain Renhold United who travel looking to repeat their league victory at Rectory Road back in October, to have the right to host current holders Caldecote at the Quarter-Final stage. Meanwhile at Lodge Road, Sharnbrook receive a visit from last season's runners-up Blunham, where the reward for the winners will be a home tie at the last eight stage against Dunton or Woburn who meet in the third First Round tie at Horseshoes Close.

In The Centenary Cup, it's action at The Quarter-Final stage in three ties, for Meltis Albion that means a home tie at Miller Road against Blunham Reserves, just 14 days after beating them in league action at the same venue. Whilst for Stevington, it's a home tie against Bedford Sports Athletic and at Groveside, a meeting between hosts Henlow and the travelling FC Meppershall.

Meanwhile at Cutler Hammer, hosts Kempston Hammers Sports will entertain Leighton United in a Round One tie, for the winners, a home tie against Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves at the Quarter-Final stage awaits.

The Jubilee Cup action taking place is still at the Round One stage, for Harpur FC at The Bedford Hockey Centre, that means a home tie against Potton Wanderers, with the winners earning home advantage at The Quarter-Final stage against Kempston Royals or Shefford Town who go into battle at Hillgrounds.

Elsewhere, over at Greenfields, Shillington host local rivals Arlesey Social Galacticos in the knowledge that a visit from Marston Shelton Rovers awaits the winners. With a fourth tie coming at King George VI Playing Fields, where Kings AFC entertain Elstow Abbey looking to earn a trip to Bedford Hatters at the Quarter-Final stage.

In The Watson Shield, it's another series of group games, with clubs seeking those vital points to take them into the last 16 and the knock-out stages of the competition.

In Group One, the action comes at Hinksley Road, where Dinamo Flitwick host Stopsley Park, in a game where the winners will almost be assured of a place in the last 16. Whilst in Group Two, Mowsbury Park, is the venue where hosts Bedford Park Rangers know they must obtain a result against already Group winners Lidlington United Sports, if they are to have any chance of making the last 16 at the expense of Dunton Reserves.

Meanwhile, over in Hillgrounds, Kempston Athletic host Sharnbrook Reserves, where the visitors require just a single point to top Group Three, whilst the hosts requirement from their last two group games, both against Sharnbrook Reserves, is at least three points if they are to qualify ahead of Caldecote A.

In Group Four, Eastcotts make their way to Mowsbury Park to face Queens Park Crescents knowing a defeat will see them depart the competition.

Elsewhere, in Group Six, Stewartby Village entertain Thurleigh, knowing only a win by two goals or more will see them into the last 16 rather than their visitors. While in Group Seven, Flitwick Town Reserves travel to face Sandy Reserves at Bedford Road Recreation Ground, requiring just a point to top the group ahead of Clifton Reserves and thus earn a home tie at the last 16 knock-out stage.

For Westoning Recreation Club Reserves, it's a hope that it will be third time lucky with the weather and that their Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup tie with Heath Panthers United will go ahead. The Beds FA ruling that having failed to stage the game over the past two weekends, The Rec Boys must now travel away to play the tie on their opponents ground.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform league action is this weekend reduced to just three games, however with league leaders Blunham away on Britannia Cup duty, the next four clubs in the league standings will look to chip away at their lead at the head of the table.

For second place Ickwell & Old Warden, it's a home game on The Green against fifth place Biggleswade United Reserves, where they look for their eighth league win on the bounce against a United side that knocked them out of The Britannia Cup at the same venue on the opening Saturday of 2010. Whilst just down the road at Harvey

Close, third place Caldecote, host an AFC Kempston Town side that has won just twice on the road this season.

The third and final game seeing third place Oakley Sports in home action against bottom of the table Westoning Recreation Club, who travel in search of their first away win of the season.

Division One league action, like the top flight, is a programme of just three games. For league leaders Flitwick Town, that means the opportunity to extend their lead at the head of the standings to 10 points should they collect the full three points on offer at Steppingley Road when they host Campton Reserves. Whilst over at Harvey Close, Caldecote Reserves will be in search of home league win number five on the bounce when paid a visit by local rivals Sandy.

The day's final game coming at Hillgrounds, where AFC Kempston Town Reserves now on a four game losing run host bottom of the table Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves.

In Division Three, the top action comes at Marston Playing Fields, where third place Marston Shelton Rovers receive a visit from league leaders Bedford Hatters, Rovers going into the game defending their season unbeaten home record, whilst The Hatters travel still unbeaten on the road this term.

For Clifton, it's another chance to gain their first home win of the season at Whiston Crescent, when local rivals Marabese Ceramics come calling. Whilst at Dallow Road, Brache Sparta Community Centre Reserves will at least be expecting to retain their season's unbeaten home ways when paid a visit by Great Barford.

Division Three action comes in the shape of just two games. At Renhold Playing Fields, Renhold Village host second from bottom of the table Riseley Sports Reserves, who travel in search of their first away win of the season, while at Jubilee Playing Fields, Wilshamstead Reserves are in home action against Caldecote A.

Division Four action is restricted to just a single game, but it's a big one, with league leaders Sundon Park Rangers in home action at Stockwood Park against third place M& DH Oakley, who travel trailing the leaders by just five points but with two games in hand over them.