

Bedfordshire County Football League



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Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup Round Three Draw.

Stopsley Common Sports v Stotfold Reserves
Ewe & Lamb (Dunstable) or Lewsey Park v Arlesey Town Reserves
Kent Athletic v AFC Kempston Rovers Reserves
Kempston v The 61 FC Luton Reserves
Crawley Green Reserves v Leighton Town Reserves
AFC Dunstable Reserves v **Marston Social**
Leighton United v **Caldecote Reserves**
St Joseph v **Henlow**

All games to be played on Saturday 23rd January 2010.



Bedfordshire County Football League Chairman Peter Onion presenting a memento to Alan Burt, President of The Dorset Premier League following our FA Carlsberg National Systems Cup Tie at Biggleswade United on November 28th 2009.

Action Review from Saturday 5th December 2009

Blunham, took their winning ways to seven games to remain five points clear at the head of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform table after netting a 5-2 home win over Campton. Andy Smith helping himself to a hat-trick alongside goals from Matthew McMahon and Ivan Finch, whilst Andrew Hayday and Kerion O'Toole, netted the visitors replies.

For second place Caldecote, it required a 89th minute winner from Paul Lawrence to end Wilshamstead unbeaten seasons away record and send them to their first defeat in six outings when winning 4-3. Lawrence's winner being his second goal of the game, Dan Wilson and Gareth Boness the other home scorers against replies from Kevin Butler, Colin Marshall and Paul Dwyer.



Wilshamstead FC

Up into third place now are Oakley Sports, 5-2 home winners over Renhold United. Ben Brown leading the way with two goals and supported by strikes from Stuart Kelly, Jon Seale and Rob Crowfoot, United's replies coming from a Chris Huckle penalty and Shaun Gilbert. United's defeat dropping them to fifth spot in the table after Ickwell & Old Warden climbed above them after a 2-1 home victory over Woburn, Gary Fil netting both of the home goals against a reply from David Stocker.

Elsewhere, AFC Kempston Town were returning to winning ways to send Dunton to their sixth consecutive league defeat with a 6-1 victory at Hillgrounds. Justin Patterson and Tom Pitts both finding the back of the net twice alongside Danny Pilgrim and Carmine Ciantanni for The Town against a lone reply from Lawrence Boshier.

The days other top flight action seeing Sharnbrook take their unbeaten home ways to four games with a 2-1 win over bottom of the table Westoning Recreation Club, goals from Jason Allison and Darren Minney doing the damage. The Rec Boys reply being an own goal.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform Table at 5th December 2009

14 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Blunham	12	9	1	2	43	21	+22	28
Caldecote	12	7	2	3	28	14	+14	23
Oakley Sports	10	7	0	3	24	14	+10	21
Ickwell & Old Warden	11	7	0	4	23	23	+0	21
Renhold United	12	5	4	3	25	25	+0	19
Biggleswade United Reserves	10	5	1	4	19	19	+0	16
AFC Kempston Town	9	5	0	4	23	13	+10	15
Wilshamstead	10	4	3	3	24	18	+6	15
Campton	11	5	0	6	20	26	-6	15
Sharnbrook	11	4	2	5	17	19	-2	14
Dunton	12	3	1	8	13	27	-14	10
Southill Alexander	9	2	2	5	16	21	-5	8
Woburn	10	2	1	7	13	22	-9	7
Westoning Recreation Club [Saturday]	11	1	1	9	17	43	-26	4

It's as you were at start of play in Division One, after all the top four sides came up with victories. League leaders Flitwick Town making it four home wins on the bounce in seeing off AFC Kempston Town Reserves, Ben Wallington with a hat-trick plus a brace of goals from Dean Warren taking them to a 5-2 win. Town's replies coming via Nigel Drummond and Danny Bibby, whilst second place Leighton United were enjoying a home win of the same scoreline over Sandy. Kevin Hilton and Jamie Bather both on the mark twice alongside Alec Fry against Sandy replies from Phil Beal and Ian Hammett.

Also hitting five goals were third place Caldecote Reserves in helping themselves to a 5-1 victory at bottom of the table Kempston Hammers Sports, goals from Andrew Spiers and Mick Robinson against a home reply from Mark Cox seeing them lead 2-1 at the break. Jack Boyd then stole the show in the second half with a hat-trick, but was to spoil his copybook by missing from the penalty spot.

Meanwhile, fourth place Meltis Albion kept up their title challenge with a 4-1 victory at Campton Reserves, who were losing for the fifth time in as many outings. Daniel Wells, Asa Garlick, Luke Pell and a Salvatore Ventriquia penalty doing the damage against a home reply from Andrew Fennel on his Campton debut.

Elsewhere, Marston Social leapfrogged above Kempston into fifth spot with a 2-0 home win over them, first half goals from Ashley Dean and Jimmy Ross winning the points.

For Bedford Sports Athletic after two straight defeats, it was a return to winning ways 4-0 at home over Blunham Reserves. Ashley Mead opened the scoring in the first half before The Athletic, with a second strike from Mead plus goals from Tony McGovern and Gary Canzano coasted to victory in the second period.



Bedford Sports Athletic FC

Henlow's two game winning run however was halted by a 5-4 defeat at FC Meppershall. Craig Damon with a hat-trick plus Jamie McGregor and Jason Nice getting the winners goals against a brace in reply from Pete Saunders and strikes from Andy Newton and James Tizard.

The day's other game in this section seeing Stevington lift themselves out of the bottom two of the league table via a 4-2 home win over Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves. Andy Carling twice plus Gavin White and Aaron Fletcher netting the goals against replies from James Vallom and Lee Tetley.

Division One League Table at 5th December 2009

16 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Flitwick Town	15	10	1	4	31	22	+9	31
Leighton United	14	9	2	3	37	21	+16	29
Caldecote Reserves	13	9	1	3	38	22	+16	28
Meltis Albion	13	8	2	3	29	18	+11	26
Marston Social	14	8	2	4	33	23	+10	26
Kempston	13	8	0	5	38	32	+6	24
Bedford Sports Athletic	14	6	3	5	32	25	+7	21
Blunham Reserves	15	6	3	6	23	32	-9	21
FC Meppershall	14	5	2	7	40	43	-3	17
AFC Kempston Town Reserves	13	5	2	6	23	30	-7	17
Henlow	13	5	1	7	25	36	-11	16
Stevington	15	4	2	9	31	44	-13	14
Sandy	14	4	1	9	28	29	-1	13
Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	11	4	1	6	26	31	-5	13
Campton Reserves	15	4	0	11	29	44	-15	12
Kempston Hammers Sports	12	2	1	9	27	38	-11	7

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

Bedford Hatters lead at the head of the Division Two league table is now up to four points after they run out 4-1 away winners at Potton Wanderers who were being beaten on home soil for the first time this season. Chris Fry striking in the second minute to take The Hatters into the lead before a Danny Fox free kick from all of 45 yards levelled matters four minutes into the contest. Fox was then to have a 33rd minute penalty saved by Hatters goalkeeper, Leo Malcianta, to take the sides in at the break all square. Within 10 minutes of the restart Fry had nudged the visitors back into the lead with a sweet low drive from just outside the penalty box. A lead they failed to add to 17 minutes from the finish when Richard Cox fired a penalty wide of the home posts, home player Dave Trundley in his protest to referee Paul Parrott over the decision being given his second yellow card of the afternoon and an early bath.

Cox's embarrassment of the miss being saved by a goal from Scott Alleyne 60 seconds later to take The Hatters 3-1 clear before Fry completed his hat-trick three minutes from time to ensure his side still remain unbeaten on the road this season.



Potton Wanderers FC

Meanwhile, third place Marston Shelton Rovers were extending their unbeaten ways to 10 games by sharing the spoils in a 2-2 draw at Shefford Town. Tom Scurfield giving the home side a first half lead which was then cancelled out by a goal from Rovers Rob Moore. Ryan Welton shot The Town back in front on the hour mark only to see Anthony Henman save the day for The Rovers with a goal 15 minutes from time.

Elsewhere, fourth place Arleseay Social Galacticos, were to lose their seven game unbeaten away tag when beaten 5-3 at Brache Sparta Community Reserves, who thus retain their own unbeaten seasons home ways. Shaun Scott, Martin Collins, Dean Lewis, Faisal Hussian and Vilal Choudary netting the home goals against Social replies twice from Mark McMillan plus Graeme Leger.

At the foot of the table still are Shillington, who were sent crashing to their seventh consecutive defeat 2-4 at home by Kings AFC, who are now unbeaten in their last five league starts. Rown Hazelwood with two goals alongside strikes from Oliver Plestead and Andy Mayes doing the damage against home replies from Sam Larsen and Richard Ciaravella.

Clifton meanwhile were netting their first win in seven outings with a 2-0 victory at Kempston Royals, Robert Harradine and Darren Carter netting the vital goals.

Elsewhere it was a return to winning ways after three straight defeats for Great Barford, 3-0 at Elstow Abbey. Stan Hobbs in the opening half plus goals in the closing 20 minutes from Luke Haverly and George Harris winning the points.

The day's final game in this section seeing Marabese Ceramics run out 4-1 home winners over Harpur FC, Denver Donaldson, James Maden, Darren Payne and Lou Marabese netting the vital goals

Division Two League Table at 5th December 2009

14 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Bedford Hatters	13	10	2	1	47	17	+30	32
Potton Wanderers	12	9	1	2	48	17	+31	28
Marston Shelton Rovers	12	8	3	1	47	16	+31	27
Arlesey Social Galacticos	13	7	3	3	31	25	+6	24
Brache Sparta Community Reserves	11	6	3	2	30	19	+11	21
Kings AFC	12	6	2	4	41	29	+12	20
Shefford Town	12	5	2	5	25	25	+0	17
Marabese Ceramics	12	5	1	6	17	26	-9	16
Kempston Royals	13	4	2	7	23	38	-15	14
Great Barford	12	4	1	7	24	35	-11	13
Harpur FC	12	3	2	7	29	39	-10	11
Clifton	12	2	4	6	17	25	-8	10
Elstow Abbey 06	13	2	1	10	17	47	-30	7
Shillington [Saturday]	11	0	1	10	14	52	-38	1

Just one game to report upon in Division Three, Stopsley Park retaining their seasons unbeaten away ways by sharing the points in a 1-1 draw at second place Dunton Reserves. Luke Gurney giving the home side the lead 10 minutes into the game before Omar Richards levelled matters on 55 minutes.

Division Three League Table at 5th December 2009

10 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Queens Park Crescents	10	8	2	0	42	11	+31	26
Dunton Reserves	10	6	1	3	27	24	+3	19
Lidlington United Sports	9	5	2	2	24	14	+10	17
Stopsley Park	10	4	4	2	36	24	+12	16
Renhold Village	10	4	2	4	33	27	+6	14
Wilshamstead Reserves	9	4	0	5	28	21	+7	12
Westoning Recreation Club [Saturday] Reserves	9	3	2	4	17	21	-4	11
Caldecote 'A'	9	3	1	5	17	45	-28	10
Sandy Reserves	10	1	2	7	17	39	-22	5
Riseley Sports Reserves	8	1	0	7	20	35	-15	3

Sundon Park Rangers are now back on to the top of the Division Four table after winning 10-1 away at bottom of the table Bedford Park Rangers. Matthew Conway with four goals, Luke Evans with a brace plus single strikes from Daniel Viola, Mark Bonner, Lawrence Mapp and Nicky Buttergeig doing the damage against a lone reply from Mike Burke.

On the day when Bedfordshire FA General Secretary Peter Brown was on hand to present Eastcotts with their Adult Charter Standard Status award, they also came up with the goods on the pitch running out 4-0 home winners over Thurleigh, Tony Milioti netting a hat-trick alongside a goal from Liam Parker.

Watson Shield Group One action saw Dinamo Flitwick take a step nearer the last 16 of the competition with a 3-1 home win over Riseley Sports Reserves, Nick Stanton, Dan Myers and Barrie Lee Hannam on the scoresheet against a visitors reply from Mark Weekley.

In Group Two, Caldecote A now have a mountain to climb if they are going to make the last 16 after being beaten 0-2 at home by Sharnbrook Reserves. Darren Wallinger and Mark Smith netting the goals to take Sharnbrook to the top of the Group table.

Group Four action, saw M& DH Oakley retain their place at the head of the table with a 3-1 win at Queens Park Crescents, goals from Jamie Underwood, Thomas Donnerly and Adam Emms only being replied to by Shazed Satter.

The new leaders in Group Five are Westoning Recreation Club Reserves after they netted a 3-1 home win over Wilshamstead Reserves, two goals from Luke Caulfield plus a strike from John Bass doing the damage.

Elsewhere, Renhold Village all but booked their passage into the last 16 from Group Six with a 5-2 victory at Stewartby Village. Carl Townsend twice plus Pete Neal, Michael Luke and Simon Wade on the scoresheet against home replies from George Wheelhouse and Michael Darnell.

In Group Seven, Clifton Reserves are the new leaders after running out 5-1 home winners over Sandy Reserves. Sam McNaught leading the way with a hat-trick and joined on the scoresheet by Richard Covington and Leighton Machin, the lone Sandy reply coming from Kevin Fage

Division Four League Table at 5th December 2009

11 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	11	8	1	2	61	17	+44	25
Sharnbrook Reserves	11	8	1	2	37	12	+25	25
M & DH Oakley	10	7	0	3	30	15	+15	21
Eastcotts	10	5	1	4	26	21	+5	16
Flitwick Town Reserves	10	5	0	5	28	37	-9	15
Dinamo Flitwick	10	4	2	4	23	19	+4	14
Thurleigh	11	4	2	5	29	29	+0	14
Clifton Reserves	10	4	1	5	29	28	+1	13
Stewartby Village	9	4	0	5	25	30	-5	12
Kempston Athletic	9	2	0	7	24	48	-24	6
Bedford Park Rangers	11	1	0	10	14	70	-56	3

Preview Saturday 12th December 2009

Premier Division supported by Sportsform action sees league leaders Blunham make their way to Rectory Road to face Campton for the second consecutive weekend looking to take their current winning ways to eight games and extend their lead at the head of the league table on an afternoon when both second place Caldecote and third place Oakley Sports will be sitting the action out.

This all gives Ickwell & Old Warden the chance to climb up into second place should they come up with the three points from their visit to Horseshoes Close and their

meeting with Dunton. The hosts starting the game losers of their last six league outing whilst Ickwell travel winners of there last four.

For Renhold United, it will also be a chance to climb back in the top four, the requirement being a first win in four outings when AFC Kempston Town come calling to their Playing Field Headquarters.

Still very much in the title race are Biggleswade United Reserves and you would expect them to come up with the full three points when they journey to Crawley Road to face second from bottom of the table Woburn, who last tasted victory as long ago as mid-September.

The day's other top flight action coming at Greenfield Road, where hosts bottom of the table Westoning Recreation Club receive a visit from Southill Alexander, and at Jubilee Playing Fields the venue for Wilshamstead home meeting with Sharnbrook.

In Division One, league leaders Flitwick Town make their way to The Green looking for win number four on the bounce against Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves to keep them two points clear of second place Leighton United, they also hit the road to Hillgrounds to face AFC Kempston Town Reserves. United travelling looking for their fifth consecutive win against a Town side that as won its last two home outings.

Any slip up's by the top two however, would see them overtaken in the standings by Caldecote Reserves should they make in four wins on the bounce when they once again this weekend return to Cutler Hammer to face sixth place Kempston who will you expect give them a stern test than Kempston Hammers Sports did at the same venue last weekend.

For Kempston Hammers Sports, it's a trip on the road looking for their first away point of the season at Stevington, the hosts having won their last three home outings however will start firm favourites for the three points on offer.

Over at Moggerhanger Playing Fields, Blunham Reserves will be expecting to collect the full three points against a Campton Reserves side that has lost it's last five away outings and at Miller Road, fourth place Meltis Albion will be seeking win number seven on the bounce when paid a visit by FC Meppershall whose last three away outings have all ended in defeat.

Other action comes at Bedford Road, where hosts Sandy look to end a four game losing run against Bedford Sports Athletic and at Groveside, the venue for Henlow's home clash with Marston Social, fifth place Social travelling having lost their last three away outings.

In Division Two, league leaders Bedford Hatters look for win number six on the bounce when they go into home Miller Road action against fourth place Arleseay Social Galacticos, whilst second place Potton Wanderers head to Whiston Crescent to face a Clifton side that is yet to win on home soil this season.

For third place Marston Shelton Rovers, now on a 10 game unbeaten run, it's a home encounter with a Marabese Ceramics side that has won three of it's last four outings,

whilst it's derby action at Digswell Playing Fields where Shefford Town now unbeaten in their last four outings face bottom of the table and yet to win this season Shillington.

For Elstow Abbey, now without a win in five outings, it's home Warren action against Kempston Royals, who themselves have failed to win any of their last three games, while Great Barford face a tough looking home encounter when paid a visit by Brache Sparta Community Reserves.

The day's final action in this Division coming at The Bedford Hockey Centre, Harpur FC home venue for a visit from Kings AFC who travel now unbeaten in their last five starts.

In Division Four, the action is restricted to just two games, however third place M&DH Oakley will be expecting to close the gap on the leading two sides to just one point when they host bottom of the table Bedford Park Rangers, whilst at Stewartby Way, hosts Stewartby Village look for home league win number three on the bounce when Dinamo Flitwick winners of their last two league outings come calling.



Eastcotts FC mangement team pose for the camera with Beds FA secretary Peter Brown displaying their Charter Standard Adult Status Award presented to them prior to their Division Four 4-0 win over Thurleigh.

The lack of lower Division league action all being due to another series of group games in this season's Watson Shield. In Group One it's perhaps a must win game for Riseley Sports Reserves if they are to make the last 16 when they journey to face Stopsley Park at The Luton Regional Sports Centre, whilst if we get a positive result either way in the Group Two clash at Hurst Grove between Lidlington United Sports and Dunton Reserves, the winners will know they are all but into the last 16.

In Group Three, Caldecote A travel to Lodge Road to face Sharnbrook Reserves in a repeat of last weekends clash at Harvey Close, a win for the hosts will book their passage into the knockout stages and leave Caldecote a must win last game against Kempston Athletic.

Group Four action comes in Hillgrounds, where both hosts Eastcotts and visitors Queens Park Crecents look for their opening points to chase up current group leaders M& DH Oakley, whilst a win for Westoning Recreation Club Reserves at Sundon Park Rangers will as good as booked their passage into the last 16 and the knockout stages from Group Five.

For Group Six leaders Renhold Village, it's a trip to face Thurleigh, where a victory will place them in the last 16, whilst it could be the end of the road for Sandy Reserves in Group Seven should they not gain something from their visit to Steppingley Road where they face Flitwick Town Reserves.