

Bedfordshire County Football League



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Preview for Saturday January 16th 2010

With the entire Bedfordshire County Football League fixture list wiped out last weekend, fingers are crossed that the weather relents to allow some action this coming weekend.

With the postponed Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup ties of last weekend now re-scheduled for January 23rd, the original planned fixture list goes ahead unaltered. To that extent the main spotlight falls onto the ties in the Quarter Final of this seasons Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy. Our league having two representatives left standing in the shape of AFC Kempston Town and Dunton, who both go in action alongside each other at Hillgrounds against Hereward United Counties League opposition.

First up are AFC Kempston Town who entertain Potton United in a 1.30pm kick off, The Royals travel currently sitting in sixth place in the league table perhaps the favourites to make it into the hat for the Semi-Final draw. Then at 3pm on the main pitch, Dunton face AFC Kempston Rovers, Dunton's only win during their last eight outings coming in the previous round of the trophy, but with The Rovers in the basement area of their own league table, Dunton will not travel without hope of making it into the last four.

For other top flight clubs, it's action in The Premier Division supported by Sportsform for the first time in 2010. The game of the day perhaps coming at Harvey Close with a local derby meeting between Caldecote and Blunham. The hosts will start the day third in the league standings, some eight points adrift of their league leading visitors looking to close the gap on them by extending their current three game winning home run, whilst Blunham travel winners of their last eight league games, four of which have been achieved on the road.

For the club who split them in the league standings, Ickwell & Old Warden, it's also derby action, when they hit the road to Rectory Road to face Campton. Ickwell travelling winners of the last five games to face their hosts who will be seeking to end a losing run of three straight home defeats to re-kick their seasons campaign that has seen them drop into the bottom six of the league table.

Still very much in the championship race are fourth place Oakley Sports, with three games in hand of Blunham and just ten points behind they go into home action against

Biggleswade United Reserves looking for their fourth league win on the bounce, whilst sixth place United travel knowing a win will lift them above their hosts in the league standings and back into the championship race.

It's just as an important day down at the other end of the table, where bottom of the table Westoning Recreation Club travel to The Carlsberg Stadium to face the club immediately above them in the standings, Southill Alexander, a win for The Rec Boys would lift them above The Bishops in the table, a result perhaps not out of the question with the hosts going into the game without a win during their last six outings.

Other action comes at Lodge Road, where Sharnbrook now unbeaten in their last four home outings host a Wilshamstead side that travel without an away win to their name since winning at Woburn in early October. Whilst Woburn themselves will be heading to Renhold Playing Fields without an away win since the opening day of the season at Southill Alexander to face hosts Renhold United, United going into the game without a win from their last three league outings.

In Division One the top action comes at Steppingley Road with a meeting between the current two top clubs, hosts and league leaders Flitwick Town going into the game against second place Leighton United over whom they hold a two point advantage looking to make it five wins on the bounce, whilst United travel in search of their sixth consecutive win that will lift them to the top of the league table.

For third place Caldecote Reserves, it's the short trip to Moggerhanger Playing Fields and local derby action against Blunham Reserves who will be hoping to lose their two game losing run home tag. Whilst fourth place Marston Social, now without an away win in their last five outings head to Bedford Road Recreation Ground to face Sandy whose recent poor form has seen them drop into the bottom five of the league standings.

Other action in this section coming at Miller Road, where sixth place Meltis Albion entertain fifth place Kempston trailing them in the standings by just one point. Kick off in this match being 1.30pm. Whilst for bottom of the table Kempston Hammers Sports it's a chance to climb off the basement with a victory over the visiting Henlow to Cutler Hammer. All being made possible by second from the bottom in the standings, Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves being involved in a Centenary Cup Round One tie on The Green against Campton Rovers.

The final Division One action taking Bedford Sports Athletic on the road to face Stevington.

DivisionTwo action sees league leaders Bedford Hatters in home Miller Road action against Great Barford looking to extend their current winning ways to seven games. Whilst the game of the day in this section should be the clash between third place hosts Marston Shelton Rovers and second place visitors Potton Wanderers. Just one point separates the clubs at start of play, Rovers defending their seasons unbeaten home ways against a travelling Wanderers side that has lost just once on the road this campaign.

For fourth place Arleseay Social Galacticos, it's a trip on the road to The Bedford Hockey Centre to face Harpur FC, The Galacticos having lost their last two away trips, whilst their hosts will be looking for home win number three on the bounce.

Over at Whiston Crescent, Clifton who currently sit just three places off the bottom of the table, the requirement in this home game number eight of the campaign, is a first home win of the season when Kings AFC come calling. Whilst just down the road at Groveside, Marabese Ceramics look for home win number three on the bounce when second from bottom of the table Elstow Abbey without an away win this season pay a visit.

Meanwhile at Greenfield Road, bottom of the pile Shillington will have no easy task achieving their first league win of the season when visited by fifth place Brache Sparta Community Reserves.

The day's other action in this Division seeing Shefford Town now unbeaten in their last five outings host Kempston Royals who travel without a win in their last four games.

Division Three action is restricted to just one game at Harvey Close where Caldecote A seek just their second home win of the season when paid a visit by Sandy Reserves who without a win from their last seven outings come in search of their first away win of the season.

In Division Four, there are just four games, but all of the top three sides are in action. League leaders Sundon Park Rangers defending their seasons unbeaten home ways when visited by third place M& DH Oakley who would jump above them should they come up with their fourth away league win on the bounce. However this would not be good enough to climb them to the top of the table unless second place Sharnbrook Reserves fail to win at bottom of the table Bedford Park Rangers who are yet to win on home soil this season.

Other action sees a clash in Hillgrounds between the two sides sitting immediately above The Rangers in the table, second from bottom of the table Kempston Athletic hosting Stewartby Village. Whilst the fourth and final game comes at Keysoe Road with a meeting between hosts Thurleigh and their visitors Clifton Reserves.

The lack of lower Division league action again being due to another series of Group matches in The Watson Shield. In Group One, it's Hinksley Recreation Ground action between hosts Dinamo Flitwick and Stopsley Park, both clubs starting the day equal on three points in this their penultimate group game. Whilst in Group Two, it will be a place in the last 16 hat for Liddington United Sports should they obtain a point or better on their visit to Horseshoes Close where they meet Dunton Reserves.

In Group Four, Eastcotts travel to Mowsbury Park to face Queens Park Crescent knowing only a win will keep them in with a chance of advancing to the last 16, whilst the final action is a Group Five meeting at Greenfield Road between hosts Westoning Recreation Club Reserves and Wilshamstead Reserves with both sides starting the day still very much in the hunt for a last 16 spot.

Bedfordshire County Football League 2nd Round Cup Draws

Britannia Cup 2nd Round Draw

Southill Alexander v Wilshamstead
Biggleswade United Reserves v Westoning Recreation Club
Campton or Renhold United v Caldecote
Sharnbrook or Blunham v Dunton or Woburn

Centenary Cup 2nd Round Draw

Stevington v Bedford Sports Athletic
Kempston Hammers or Leighton United v Ickwell Reserves or Campton Reserves
Henlow v Caldecote Reserves or FC Meppershall
Meltis Albion v Blunham Reserves

Jubilee Cup 2nd Round Draw

Harpur FC or Potton Wanderers v Kempston Royals or Shefford Town
Shillington or Arlesey Social Galacticos v Marston Shelton Rovers
Bedford Hatters v Kings AFC or Elstow Abbey
Marabese Ceramics v Brache Sparta Community Reserves.

Watson Shield 2nd Round Draw

Winners Group 6 v Runners-up Group 1
Winners Group 5 v Best placed 3rd placed club
Winners Group 7 v Runners-up Group 5
Winners Group 1 v Runners-up Group 2
Winners Group 2 v Runners-up Group 6
Winners Group 4 v Runners-up Group 7
Winners Group 3 v Second Best 3rd placed club
Runners-up Group 4 v Runners-up Group 3

Answer to News Bulletin No 25 Quiz Teaser

The answer to the question of what happened in the games played on the weekend of January 2nd 2010 that had not happened previously during the season ? Was that for the first time this season every side that played that afternoon all scored at least one goal.