

# Bedfordshire County Football League



Season 2012-13

## Britannia Cup Final Programme Bulletin

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2013. Kick Off 7.45pm

### Today's Teams

AFC Biggleswade

Green & White

Referee

Richard Horswell

Oakley Sports M&DH

Blue

Assistants

Vince Neale & Brian Cooper

Fourth Official

Keith Pearce

Sam Wyer  
 Mason Blake  
 Barrie Chamberlain  
 Luke Gurney  
 James Haughaey  
 Josh Murray  
 Stewart Nicholls  
 Justin Ring  
 Craig Rydeheard  
 Sheldon Washington  
 Michael Welsh  
 Toby Hooton  
 James Martin  
 Donadoni Jones  
 Francis McGreevy  
 Giorgio Torre  
 Yamin Mousli  
 Bryn Williams

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10	6s
16	4
7	8
19	11
3	15s
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18s	17
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8s	12
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11	2

Robert Nash  
 Matthew Atherton  
 Shaun Barnett  
 James Cooper  
 George Cox  
 Jack Hogstraten  
 Daniel Kelly  
 Alexander Strange  
 Carl Warner  
 Jamie Lally  
 Alistair Smith  
 Aaran Wright  
 Luke Barnett  
 Paul Beattie  
 Mark Smith  
 Chris Thorman  
 Jack Goodacre  
 Harry Atherton

Welcome to Second Meadow home of **Biggleswade United** our hosts for this evenings Bedfordshire County Football League Britannia Cup Final for season 2012-13 between AFC Biggleswade and Oakley Sports M&DH.

The League Management Committee wishes to record there thanks to **Biggleswade United** for their hospitality tonight. Please support the club by using their refreshment and bar facilities this evening.

## History of the Britannia Cup

The Britannia Cup is the oldest of all the Bedfordshire County Football League Cups and was first played for in season 1948-49 when the winners were none other than Shefford Town.

During the first 12 competitions up to the end of the 1950's, engraved on the trophy are such names as RAF Henlow and RAF Bampton plus the Reserve sides of Kempston Rovers twice and Potton United. Also lifting the trophy during this period were the no longer with us Clapham Sports twice, Bletsoe and Bedford North End. Clapham Sports in fact also became joint holders in season 1951-52 with Stevington. Guess in those days, extra time and penalty shoot-outs were unheard of.

The other club to win during this period was current South Midlands League club Langford in season 1949-50.

Of the 10 winners during the 1960's one could argue only one club still exists in the form of 1962-63 season winners Eaton Socon who now ply their trade in the Cambridgeshire County League. But I will accept it is two as the 1965-66 winners Campton are now today's merged Shefford Town & Campton.

The other winners being, Shefford Town Reserves, Bedford Avenue, Moggerhanger United, Clapham Sports, Diemer & Reynolds, Amphill Athletic and twice winners Haynes.

During the 1970's, Haynes were again amongst the winners winning for the third time in 1974-75 plus Moggerhanger United lifted the cup for a second time in season 1975-76. Of the other winners, five are no longer in existence, double winners Queens Athletic alongside Everton United, Bedford Park Wanderers and Bedford Young Indians. Whilst the other three still ply their trade in The Bedfordshire County Football League today, Lidlington United under the Lidlington United Sports banner, Westoning under the Westoning Recreation Club banner plus 1973-74 winners Ickwell & Old Warden

In the 1980's, the roll of honour shows of the 10 winners just 1987-88 winners Eaton Socon are still playing today. The other winners being the already mentioned Queens Athletic twice, Bedford Young Indians and Clapton Sports plus engraved on the cup for the first time were the names of Claypot Athletic, St Cuthberts, USACLI, Cotton End and Fairfield Social.

The trend in the 1990's however gets better, just 1990-91 winners Smith Sports and 1999-2000 winners St Cuthberts are no longer running and of course 1992-93 was the "wet winter" when the competition was cancelled

The other winners during this period being, Biggleswade United with three wins on the bounce from season 1993-94 onwards, twice winners Caldecote plus Wilshamstead in season 1991-92 and Blunham in season 1997-98.

Since the turn of the century, Caldecote have since claimed another five wins to take their total to a record breaking seven, whilst there as been wins for Elstow Abbey, Campton and Westoning Recreation Club plus the now folded Meltis Corinthians in season 2007-08.

The now renamed Shefford Town & Campton claimed the cup in season 2010-11 but were beaten in last season final by Oakley Sports who defend their crown today under their new Oakley Sports M&DH banner.

## The Road to Tonight's Second Meadow Final

### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January First Round

**Oakley Sports M&DH** defence of the famous old trophy begun in fine style, goals from Alistair Smith and Jamie Lally taking them to a 2-0 home win over Arlesey Town Reserves to earn them a trip on the road in round two to Wilshamstead who ran out 7-1 home winners over Lidlington United Sports. Colin Marshall netting four times alongside strikes from Paul Jones, Kevin Butler and Jim Struthers against a lone United reply from Dom Martins.

It was also a day of joy for last season's beaten finalists Shefford Town & Campton who netted a 3-1 home win over current league leaders Caldecote. Chris Clark shooting them in front in the seventh minute only to see Paul Lawrence level matters for the visitors just six minutes later until Clark grabbed his second goal of the afternoon five minutes from the break to take the home side in at half-time 2-1 ahead. The telling third goal arriving 20 minutes from time via Adam Larsen. Town will now enjoy home advantage in round two against Flitwick Town who were 4-1 home winners over Sharnbrook. Pete Kouwenberg, Liam Keane, Steve Parkhouse and Martin Byrne all finding the back of the net for The Town against a lone reply from Chris Prior.

However, the shock result of the day saw Bedford Sports Athletic run out 2-0 away winners at Renhold United to earn a second round home tie against **AFC Biggleswade**. Paul Nigro from the penalty spot and a 35 yard effort from Danny Boyd doing the damage.

Also enjoying life on the road were Bedford Hatters, for them it was a 2-1 victory at AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College. Darren Allen and James Allen on The Hatters scoresheet whilst The Town reply came courtesy of a Jason Simons own goal. Hatters now face a home tie in round two against Marston Shelton Rovers who emerged 3-2 home extra time winners over Ickwell & Old Warden. Andrew Klein and Dean Reid for The Rovers against a brace in reply from Lee Threadgold netting to bring up a 2-2 scoreline at 90 minutes before up popped James Burraway to hit The Rovers winner in extra time.

### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2013 Quarter-Finals

The result of the round belonged to Flitwick Town in winning 3-1 at last seasons beaten finalists Shefford Town & Campton. Peter Kouwenberg heading them in front in the 65th minute before Jack Renney levelled matters for the hosts just 10 minutes later, but it was to be Town's day after Robert Tapley took them back in front seven minutes from time and Kouwenberg added a third goal from the penalty spot in the 88th minute.

For current holders Oakley Sports M&DH it was a 5-1 extra time win at Wilshamstead. Jack Hogstran on their scoresheet inside the first 90 minutes against a home reply from Paul Jones before in extra time Shaun Barnett netted a hat-trick and substitute Aaran Wright a further goal to bring up the nap hand.

Also requiring extra time to progress into the semi-final were **AFC Biggleswade** with a 3-2 win at Bedford Sports Athletic. Bryn Williams and Barrie Chamberlain on their scoresheet in normal time against home replies from Daniel Bond and Ian Asplin before James Martin headed home the visitors winner in the second period of extra time.

Joining these clubs in the last four are Bedford Hatters, for them it was a 4-2 home win over Marston Shelton Rovers. Mark Reed, Simon Pixley, James Mullen and Ashley Deverall all finding the back of the net against Rovers replies via Andy Klein and Mark Champkin.

### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2013 Semi-Finals

**Oakley Sports M&DH** will defend their defence of The Britannia Cup against **AFC Biggleswade** after they both emerged comfortable semi-final winners. **Oakley** with two goals

from Mark Smith and strikes from Shaun Barnett and Jack Hogstraten winning 4-1 at Flitwick Town for whom Rob Tapley netted. Whilst **AFC Biggleswade** were 4-0 home winners over Bedford Hatters. Ahead as early as the third minute with a goal from Bryn Williams, they as good as sealed the tie with strikes from James Martin and Hadyn Essam in the opening eight minutes of the second half before Josh Murray completed the scoring five minutes from time.

## **AFC Biggleswade Season 2012-13**

### **September 2012**

The opening month of the season proved to be a difficult one for league newcomers AFC Biggleswade with the season commencing with three straight defeats at home against Ickwell & Old Warden and Marston Shelton Rovers plus away at Lidlington United Sports before they opened their points tally for the season with a 5-2 win at Sharnbrook to leave them sitting in third from bottom position in the league table come the months end.

### **October 2012**

The second month of the season was to see another four games played but alas all were lost, the three home outings against Arlesey Town Reserves, Caldecote and Flitwick Town by a single goal. Whilst on their travels they were beaten 4-0 at AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College to drop them to 14<sup>th</sup> spot in the league standings.

### **November 2012**

Was to see them climb the league table into 13<sup>th</sup> spot via an away defeat at Bedford Hatters being offset by a 3-2 victory at Shefford Town & Campton Reserves. Alas exit was made from the Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy when beaten in extra time 2-1 at home by Caldecote.

### **December 2012**

Saw a three game home programme all ending in victory to climb them to 11<sup>th</sup> spot in the league standings. Renhold United being beaten 4-1, Shefford Town & Campton 2-1 and Bedford Sports Athletic a thumping 9-1.

### **January 2013**

With the bad weather now upon us, the opening month of the year saw just a 4-2 home defeat at the hands of Lidlington United Sports drop them in the league standings to 12<sup>th</sup> spot come the month end.

### **February 2013**

By the end of the month they had now slipped back to 13<sup>th</sup> spot after away defeats at Caldecote and Flitwick Town had only been offset with home success over AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College. However, hurdle one of tonight's cup had been overcome with a 3-2 extra time win at Bedford Sports Athletic.

### **March 2013**

Was to see 13<sup>th</sup> spot in the league standings be retained despite their two home outings bringing about a defeat against Bedford Hatters and a 4-4 stalemate with today's opponents Oakley Sports M&DH. However revenge was taken over The Hatters with a home 4-0 semi-final win in today's competition.

### **April 2013**

Saw then lose their opening two games at Renhold United 4-0 and 3-1 at home against Wilshamstead before the first point of the month was gained in a 1-1 draw at bottom of the table Bedford Sports Athletic and followed up by a 2-1 away win at Ickwell & Old Warden.

Only to be followed by a 2-0 home defeat at the hands of Sharnbrook to leave them just two points clear of the drop zone.



### **The Boys from AFC Biggleswade**

Stuart Murray – the team manager who built the side from scratch this season with the help of player/coaches Craig Rydeheard and Barrie Chamberlain both of whom he had worked with in the past. Stuart says ‘it’s a fantastic achievement to reach a final in our first season especially with a squad whose average age is under 21’.

1. Sam Wyer – Goal Keeper ‘safe hands Sam’ since Sam joined partway through the season our goal seems to have shrunk Sam trains with Luton Town FC during the week. Previously with Knebworth
2. Yamin Mousli – centre back previously with Potters Bar brings confidence and stability to the back four. Yamin makes the journey from NW10 every week to play and train with the team
3. Justin Ring – hard working right back who never thrives on a challenge and never misses training, previously with Brickhill
4. Michael Welsh – Centre Back ‘Tank’ or ‘beast at the back’ as he is known never takes prisoners and has a shot that will burst the net previously with Luton Town, Biggleswade United, Langford and Caldecote

5. James Martin – previously with St Josephs in Luton a Centre Back solid dependable an aspiring coach who coaches youth football as well as enjoying the game himself
6. Haydn Essam – Came to us from the Watford FC College scheme in Hitchin and made himself both dependable and indispensable at Left back
7. Josh Murray – one of our youngest players and rare in being truly 2 footed taking corners with either foot, previously with Potters Bar FC, Stevenage, and who likes to play on either wing or up front popping up with his fair share of the goals.
8. Giorgio Torre – Gio's a talented midfielder comfortable on the ball and always looking to play. Previously with Potters Bar FC
9. Sheldon Washington – transferred in from Renhold United FC during this season Sheldon has brought creativity to our front line and become a hard working member of the squad. Gets back and takes his defensive duties seriously, a good future ahead of him.
10. Luke Gurney –good solid central midfielder Luke never stops working and demands the same from those around him, his presence always lifts the team. Previously with Langford.
11. Bryn Williams – previously with St Neots, Langford and Shefford Town a bull dog of a striker, small and compact with electric pace and always in amongst the goals
12. Doni Jones - Club Captain Doni never misses training, on the pitch he is the hardest working player we have and leads by quiet example, already a junior member of parliament; who knows what life has in store for this talented all rounder, previously with potters Bar Town FC
13. Jimmie Brannan – recently joined, a pacey striker always looking for his share of the goals previously with Potters Bar reserves and qualified as a coach and referee
14. Craig Rydeheard – Central midfield and our player/coach Craig was until last season playing for Biggleswade Town 1<sup>st</sup> team who he now also coaches. Craig has previously played for Hitchin Town FC, Bedford Town FC and Hemel Hempstead Town FC. Carig brings a great deal of experience and talent to the team.
15. James H – 'Hoffers' is comfortable in central defence or holding midfield James' is an old head on young shoulders. Previously with Caddington
16. Mason Blake – a promising career at Luton Town FC cut short by injury 'Mace' has made a remarkable recovery and is now beginning to re discover his form that Luton will surely miss
17. Toby Hooton – 'marathon man' so known for his love of marathon running Toby also likes playing up front on his own and has contributed his fair share of goals and assists so far; previously with Brookmans Park FC

## **Oakley Sports M&DH Season 2012-13**

### **September 2012**

By the end of the opening month of the season, the newly named Oakley Sports M&DH were laying just tenth in the league standings after an opening day home win over Marston Shelton

Rovers and a victory at Wilshamstead was quickly followed by a defeat at AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College and a home reverse against Caldecote.

### **October 2012**

Oh what a difference 27 days makes with M&DH ending the month now in third spot following three straight wins, at home over Bedford Hatters and away at both Flitwick Town and Renhold United. Their only setback being a 4-1 defeat at Bedford in the Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy.



### **November 2012**

By the end of November just two more outings had been made resulting in a heavy 5-1 defeat at Shefford Town & Campton and a 4-1 over victory over Arlesey Town Reserves to drop them to fifth spot in the standings.

### **December 2012**

With the bad weather now upon us December brought just one outing, a 5-2 victory at Arlesey Town Reserves to see them end the year placed third in the league table.

### **January 2013**

The opening month of the year saw just one more league outing in shape of a 2-2 home draw against Wilshamstead, the point being enough to take them up to second spot. Whilst in today's competition a 5-1 extra time win at Wilshamstead was to see them start their defence of the famous old trophy being played for today.

### **February 2013**

Brought about a 100% return from their three league outings to take them to the top of the league standings, Ickwell & Old Warden plus Bedford Hatters being beaten away from home and Renhold United on home soil.

### March 2013

Not a great month for The Sportsmen as defeat at Caldecote saw them lose the leadership of the league table before a 4-4 draw at today's opponents dropped them down into fourth place come the month end but still right there in the championship chase. However, a semi-final win at Flitwick Town earned them the right to defend tonight's cup at the final stage.

### April 2013

The chase for the league title was now well and truly on with the month opening with a quick double over Sharnbrook and a home win against Flitwick Town only being dampen by the sharing of the spoils from a 3-3 home draw with Shefford Town & Campton. However, a major setback was caused with a 4-3 defeat at Marston Shelton Rovers until recovery was made with a 6-2 home win over AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College. Followed quickly by a 7-0 home victory over Lidlington United Sports to take them back up into second spot in the league table. Before on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> they won 4-0 at Bedford Sports Athletic.

## The Boys from Oakley Sports M&DH

**Manager:** Gary Chance – Experienced ex player & now Manger, 2<sup>nd</sup> season in charge having put together a young new squad & building on success from last season.

**Coach:** Neil Worker – Joined at the beginning of the season to bring his wealth of high level playing experience to coach the team alongside Gary.

**Rob Nash:** Goal Keeper joined from local rivals Sharnbrook in the summer, great shot stopper.

**Luke Barnett:** Strong running & tackling full back joining this season from Wootton Blue Cross.

**Carl Warner:** Left back with good ability on the ball & a great left foot pass.

**Alex Strange:** A quick ball playing defender with good ability to read the game.

**Paul Beattie:** Very experienced ageless centre half that organises & helps the younger players around him, rarely loses a header.

**Jack Goodarce:** Quality all round defender with high pedigree, previous teams includes Kempston Rovers.

**Rhys Allen:** Versatile strong defender with good character & ability.

**Arran Wright:** Exceptionally quick & strong midfield player with great ability previous teams include Barton Rovers & Bedford.

**James Cooper:** Midfield player with good awareness & passing ability.

**Dan Kelly:** Experienced midfield player with a great engine & ability on the ball.

**Chris Thorman:** Midfield player who links play well with good passing ability.

**George Cox:** Tough tackling quality midfielder with good experienced gained at AFC Rushden & Diamonds.

**Jack Hogstran:** Attacking midfielder player with good all round ability joining this season from Wootton Blue Cross.

**Shaun Barnett:** Forward who is the team's leading goal-scorer after scoring 30 plus goals last season ,has a great 1<sup>st</sup> touch with ability to finish well with both feet.

**Ali Smith:** New forward this season, strong with good ball control & skill combined with excellent work rate.

**Jamie Lally:** Forward who has had an interrupted season due to injury but when fully fit is quick & skilful with good ability in the air.

**Harry Atherton:** Good all round young player both in the middle or right side of midfield.

**Mark Smith:** Great left sided player with good crossing ability & a potential match winner on his day.

## **Today's Match Officials**

### **Referee Richard Horswell**

Richard now a young looking 45 years old begun refereeing in 1997 and is now currently at Level Five having previously ply his trade at Level 4.

His top appointment to date being allocated to referee at The Beds FA Senior Trophy in season 2010-11.

He is a Chelsea Fan and lists his other interests as being Indi Music, Snowboarding, Golf and Angry Birds. Whilst his favourite film stars are Danny Dyer and Ray Winston.

### **Assistant Referees**

#### **Vince Neale**

Just 26 years old, Vince is an English Teacher and started his refereeing career in January 2005. He has just achieved his promotion to Level 5 and currently serves as a referee on The North Home Counties League and The Bedfordshire County Football League. His refereeing highlights to date have been gaining his promotion to level 5 and several cup final appointments. Vince his a Luton Town fan.

#### **Brian Cooper**

Another man in black who career is very much on the upward trend. Former secretary of Henlow FC and a great person to have on your team at any Quiz events.

#### **Fourth Official**

##### **Keith Peacre**

A long and loyal referee to the Bedfordshire County Football League and past referee of tonight's final.

Current Referee's Secretary for The Bedford & District Sunday Football League.

### **Premier Division supported by Sportsform Round-Up Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013.**

Oakley Sports M&DH took themselves back to within three points of Caldecote at the top of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table by winning 3-1 at Lidlington United Sports. Two own goals plus a strike from Matt Atherton marking their scoresheet against a lone home reply from Alex Burrows.

Whilst third place Renhold United were beaten 3-1 at Flitwick Town. Liam Keane netting twice and Peter Kouwenburg once to do the damage against a United reply from Scott Joseph.

Elsewhere, Bedford Hatters climbed the table into sixth place above AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College with a 3-2 home win over second from bottom of the table Sharnbrook. Aaran Izzard, Ryan Grant and Ian Collins on the Hatters scoresheet against two in reply from Sean Duffy.

For Wilshamstead, it was an extension of their unbeaten ways to eight games via a 2-2 home draw against Shefford Town & Campton. Colin Marshall and an own goal on the home

scoresheet against a brace in reply from Adam Larsen for the visitors. Whist Marston Shelton Rovers with first half goals from Harry Baker and Jamie Cerminara were 2-0 home winners over AFC Biggleswade.

**Bedfordshire County Football League Round-Up Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2013.**

**Premier Division supported by Sportsform**

Caldecote are now within a single point of claiming a record breaking ninth top flight league title after running out 2-0 home winners over Sharnbrook. Kai Griffiths-Shilton shooting them ahead in the opening half before Paul Lawrence doubled the scoreline in the second period to take Caldecote to their sixth home win on the bounce plus extending their unbeaten ways up to 11 games.

For second place Oakley Sports M&DH it was a 5-0 home win over Ickwell & Old Warden. Ali Smith, James Cooper, Jack Hoogstraten, Mark Smith and Chris Thorman all on the the scoresheet to give their side a fifth consecutive win and like Caldecote extend their unbeaten ways up to 11 games.

**Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 4<sup>th</sup> May 2013**

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	HOME			AWAY			OVERALL			GDPTS							
			WDL	F	A	WDL	F	A	WDL	F	A								
1	<a href="#">Caldecote</a>	26	10	2	1	38	15	10	1	2	45	21	20	3	83	36	47	63	
2	<a href="#">Oakley Sports M&amp;DH</a>	27	10	2	1	46	17	9	1	4	47	32	19	3	5	93	49	44	60
3	<a href="#">Renhold United</a>	27	9	1	3	39	22	8	2	4	32	27	17	3	7	71	49	22	54
4	<a href="#">Arlesey Town Reserves</a>	27	6	3	4	28	20	8	0	6	31	25	14	3	10	59	45	14	45
5	<a href="#">Ickwell &amp; Old Warden</a>	27	6	2	6	37	25	7	2	4	45	21	13	4	10	82	46	36	43
6	<a href="#">Marston Shelton Rovers</a>	27	8	2	4	26	23	5	2	6	22	27	13	4	10	48	50	-2	43
7	<a href="#">Wilshamstead AFC Kempston</a>	27	4	4	6	33	34	8	1	4	41	30	12	5	10	74	64	10	41
8	<a href="#">Town &amp; Bedford College</a>	27	6	1	6	25	24	6	3	5	20	22	12	4	11	45	46	-1	40
9	<a href="#">Shefford Town &amp; Campton</a>	27	6	2	5	41	23	5	4	5	30	22	11	6	10	71	45	26	39
10	<a href="#">Bedford Hatters</a>	27	8	1	4	38	25	6	1	7	14	31	14	2	11	52	56	-4	38*
11	<a href="#">Flitwick Town</a>	27	4	1	8	19	24	4	4	6	18	25	8	5	14	37	49	-12	29
12	<a href="#">Lidlington United Sports</a>	27	5	3	6	25	26	3	1	9	19	47	8	4	15	44	73	-29	28
13	<a href="#">AFC Biggleswade</a>	27	4	1	9	28	35	3	2	8	15	37	7	3	17	43	72	-29	24
14	<a href="#">Sharnbrook</a>	27	3	0	11	21	44	4	0	9	22	34	7	0	20	43	78	-35	21
15	<a href="#">Bedford SA</a>	27	0	1	13	11	62	1	2	10	18	54	1	3	23	29	116	-87	0*

\* adjustment made

Renhold United now know they will finish the season in third spot after their 2-1 home win over AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College. Tom Dowsing and Jason Allison netting the United goals against a lone reply from Lyndon Ingerson.

Whilst Arlesey Town Reserves now looked booked for fourth spot despite being held to a 1-1 home draw by AFC Biggleswade. Mark Phillips on target for the Town against a reply from Justin Ring.

Elsewhere, Marston Shelton Rovers are now up into sixth spot in the league table following their 2-1 home win over Lidlington United Sports. Dean Reid and Nicky Daniels on the Rovers scoresheet against a United reply from Ben Marwood.

Meantime, with Bedford Hatters unable to field a side to travel to face Wilshamstead and there being insufficient time to arrange a rematch the points will now be awarded to Wilshamstead and The Hatters deducted three points from their seasons total. All of which now sees Wilshamstead jump the table into seventh spot and The Hatters drop down to tenth.

### **Division One**

Leighton United now know that they only have to avoid a 12 goal defeat in their last game of the season to lift the division one league title following their 8-1 home victory over bottom of the table AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College who will also provide the opposition in that last game of the season for United. Daryl Smith and Luke Dolan both netting twice alongside an own goal plus strikes from Chris Scott, Michael Brunton and Rob Smith.

#### **Top of Division One League Table at 4<sup>th</sup> May 2013**

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	HOME			AWAY			OVERALL			GD	PTS						
			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F			A					
1	<a href="#">Leighton United</a>	21	8	1	2	44	21	8	2	0	35	14	16	3	2	79	35	44	51
2	<a href="#">Shillington</a>	22	9	1	1	31	11	7	2	2	27	14	16	3	3	58	25	33	51
3	<a href="#">Pavenham</a>	22	7	2	2	36	15	5	2	4	25	19	12	4	6	61	34	27	40
4	<a href="#">Luton Boys</a>	22	7	1	3	31	22	4	2	5	22	25	11	3	8	53	47	6	36

### **Centenary Cup Final**

It proved to be penalty shoot-out agony for Elstow Abbey after they had twice come from behind in normal time to level matters at 2-2 against Henlow. It was from the penalty spot that Joe Spencer gave Henlow the lead in the 17th minute. However, only two amazing misses from Abbey's Charlie Nicholson right in front of the goal prevented the boys from The Warren leading the game by the half-time break. Abbey eventually levelling matters with a long range effort from Dominic Parrella in the 66th minute yet within 60 seconds Russell Ayles had restored the lead for Henlow only for Parrella with a cool finish make it 2-2 just four minutes later to conclude the scoring in the opening 90 minutes.

Extra time was to see no further goals added, so now it was to be a penalty shoot-out where the hero turned out to be Henlow goalkeeper Jack Mannion who saved the opening two efforts from Abbey's Glen Tumulty and Travis Joseph after Henlow's Russell Ayles and Mark McMullen had safely tucked their efforts into the back of the net. Jonathon Rowe then making it 3-0 for Henlow before Jason Harrison gave the Abbey hope to reduce the deficit to 3-1 and then have real hope when goalkeeper Jon Cole kept out the fourth Henlow effort from George Zitko, but cometh the hour cometh that man Mannion to save again from Dominic Parrella to ensure the cup back on its way to Groveside.

### **Division Two**

Eastcotts AFC concluded their season with a 2-1 home victory over Cranfield United Reserves to climb the table into second spot on goal difference above Marabese Ceramics who will now require a point or better from their last outing to claim the season's silver medals. Shane Wilson and Harvey Puddifoot on the home scoresheet against a United reply from Ben Martin.

Bromham United are now unbeaten in their last 11 away games and still in with a chance of a top four finish after winning 1-0 at Potton United Reserves thanks to a goal from Jahrome Mullings. Whilst Meltis Albion now know they will finish the season in bottom spot after being defeated 4-3 at home by Westoning. Stuart Jeffery, Tom Smith, Thomas Cooksley and Ben Dashwood on the winners scoresheet against home replies from Adam Cranny, Asa Garlick and Dan Smith.

**Top of Division Two League Table at 4<sup>th</sup> May 2013**

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	HOME			AWAY			OVERALL			GDPTS									
			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		A								
1	<a href="#">Goldington</a>	25	9	3	1	34	14	8	3	1	36	20	17	6	2	70	34	36	57		
2	<a href="#">Eastcotts AFC</a>	26	8	2	3	23	18	8	3	2	23	14	16	5	4	6	32	14	53		
3	<a href="#">Marabese Ceramics</a>	25	7	2	3	30	29	10	3	2	5	17	17	2	6	5	5	4	69	53	
4	<a href="#">Sundon Park Rangers Saturday</a>	26	9	0	4	40	23	6	2	5	27	20	15	2	9	6	7	4	32	47	
5	<a href="#">Bromham United</a>	25	5	3	4	31	21	8	3	2	29	19	13	6	6	6	0	4	0	20	45

**Division Three**

Having won their last 10 games Westoning Reserves failed to seal the division three league title when beaten 2-1 at home by Great Barford, a result which takes the visitors currently up into second spot. Ben Stock and David Mulvihill on the Barford scoresheet against a home reply from Scott Gadsden. Attention will now be fixed on next weekends Clifton v Renhold United Reserves fixture. United requiring a 17 goal win to take the title off of Westoning, any other win would give them the silver medals but a Clifton win would give them the silver medals whilst a draw would hand the silver medals to Great Barford.

Clifton keeping their silver medal hopes alive with a 2-1 win at Riseley Sports. Tony Norman and Greg King on their scoresheet against a home reply from Alex Clipston. Whilst Renhold United Reserves were gifted the three points when Dunton failed to raise a side to face them.

The biggest winners of the day were Stevington, they finished the season with a 6-2 home victory over Wilshamstead Reserves. Colm Lawlor netting twice alongside Aaron Fletcher, Jordan McMullan, Gavin White and Matt Coles against replies via Paul Jones and Matt Johnson.

Kempston Hammers Sports will now go into their last game of the season still with hopes of beating the drop following their 2-0 home win over Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves. Nick Tysoe and Adam Harte netting the vital goals.

**Division Four**

Clifton Reserves ended their season by claiming their sixth home win on the bounce with a 3-2 victory over bottom of the table Wootton Village. Andrew Mussett with a brace plus Nick Thomas seeing their goals only replied to by Adam Flynn and Jayden Johnson.

Whilst also ending their season with a sixth home win on the bounce were Dinamo Flitwick via a 4-3 win over Kempston Con Club Sports. Chaz Martin netting twice alongside Jamie Burton and Dale Goldie against Con Club replies from Michael Darnell, Ben Sparks and James Coates.

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