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*Just the two hat tricks this week – one from Gareth Price of Aylesbury FC and one from Bernie Christie, who is now knocking them in for AFC Dunstable.*

### **PREMIER DIVISION**

**Colney Heath** remains at the top, and extended their lead to five points, despite only managing a 1-1 draw away at **Oxhey Jets**. Both goals came in the last 8 minutes, Lee Inch putting Jets in front on 82 minutes but an OG three minutes later saved Colney's blushes. Nearest challengers **Dunstable Town** went down 2-0 away at **Brimsdown Rovers**, who are steadily climbing the table following an indifferent start to the season. Rikki Burbridge and Marc Strong were Rovers marksmen in the second half. **Royston Town** moved up to 3<sup>rd</sup> place after their 3-1 win at home to **Hertford Town**. In front of another large crowd of 159, the visitors came to stifle the free-scoring Crow's attack, and the home side had to remain patient until the 60<sup>th</sup> minute when Josh Bronti broke the deadlock. The Blues now had to attack, and with gaps developing, Luke Robins and Ricky Young added to the Crow's total before a late consolation from Lee Garrity made the final score 3-1. **Tring Athletic** moved up a place with a hard fought 1-0 win away at **Broxbourne Borough**, who drop down a place as a result. The only goal came just after the restart, and was a stunning strike from Graham Hall, but Athletic were indebted to young glovesman Mike Underwood for a string of excellent saves as Boro pressed for the equaliser.

In an entertaining match of ups and downs at Forde Park, **Langford** just lost out to visitors **Aylesbury** by 3 goals to 5 after a great fight back by Aylesbury with a Gareth Price hat trick. The visitors had the best of the opening minutes, but it was Langford who scored when Lee Harman latched onto a long ball to score on 14 minutes. Worse was to follow for Aylesbury as they allowed Luke Nichol the freedom of the penalty area to thump home a header from a corner on 34 minutes. Langford could not believe their luck when the Aylesbury defence stood and watched as Ryan Nichol scored from an acute angle on 36 minutes. Whilst Aylesbury had their chances, they scored at last on 43 minutes when Liam Smyth lobbed the ball over Scott Walters in the Langford goal. The Aylesbury dressing room at half time must have seen them shaking their heads at the score, but in truth Langford deserved their 3 – 1 lead. Aylesbury needed a quick goal in the second half and they got it when Gareth Price scored from close range on 48 minutes. Langford could have increased their lead but a great one-handed save from Steve Smith kept the ball out. Aylesbury scored their equalising goal on 70 minutes when Price curled a shot into the top of the Langford net. It looked like there was now only one team who was going to win the match and Aylesbury scored their fourth goal on 78 minutes when Craig Henney swept the ball home.

In the final few minutes, a crazy Langford back pass allowed Price to intercept the ball and beat the keeper to complete his hat trick on 87 minutes. There was just time for a cameo appearance from substitute Nathan Graham who proceeded to miss three gilt edged chances to increase the Aylesbury score. **Chalfont St. Peter's** losing streak continued as they fell to their third league defeat in a row, going down 2-0 at home to **Leverstock Green**. Matt Wardle put the visitors in front after just ten minutes, but the Saints had opportunities to take the lead after being awarded two penalties – one just before half time and one just after. Danny Hughes missed the first and Charlie Strutton the second. Jamie Sharples then completed the scoring for the Green. **Hatfield Town** slipped to their 6<sup>th</sup> league defeat on the trot as they were made to pay the penalty away at **Hanwell Town**, Blaise O'Brien scoring from the 12-yard spot in the 80<sup>th</sup> minute to give the home side only their fourth league win of the campaign. There is no change in the bottom four places – the match between Haringey Boro and Biggleswade Utd being postponed, and Kentish Town and Welwyn Garden City both losing. **Kentish Town** went down 1-3 at home to **Harefield United**, but despite going 3-0 down, a brave second half comeback from **Welwyn Garden City** could not stop them losing 4-3 at home to **St. Margaretsbury** – their 8<sup>th</sup> league defeat on the bounce.

### **DIVISION ONE**

**Bedford Town Reserves** retain top spot following their 4-0 win at home to **Cockfosters**. Goals came regularly from Nat peacock, Ishmael George and a brace from Jermain Hall. The lead has gone out to three points but the following two clubs have three / four games in hand. **Hadley** remain in close pursuit after their 3-0 win at home to **Ampthill Town**, but they had to wait until the last 18 minutes before scoring their three goals from Ian Kirkwood and a Danny Guar double. **London Colney** moved up two places to 4<sup>th</sup> after their narrow 1-0 win away at **Sun Postal Sports**, an early goal from Paul Danslow settling the issue. Another upwards mover was **AFC Dunstable** who crushed **Tokington Manor** 6-0 and now sit in 5<sup>th</sup> place. AFC's goals included a hat trick from Bernie Christie, as well as singles from Richard Harker, Gareth Harnaman and Craig Butler. It was a good day for the Bedford clubs as **Bedford** overcame visitors **Cranfield United** 4-2. Robbie Goodman, Tom Randall, Ian Thorne and Kyle Watson were on the mark for Bedford, whilst Mark Boland and Ricky Stimpson replied for Cranfield. **Hoddesdon Town** are on a good run and they had enjoyed a comfortable 4-0 victory over **Sport London e Benfica**. Tony Neilson opened, and closed the scoring and sandwiched in between were goals from Jason Sorial and Craig Hinton. A brace from Lewis Toomey and one from Nathan Pooley helped **Kings Langley** on their way to a 3-1 home win over **Brache Sparta**, who took the lead after just minutes through Jack Phillips, but despite gaining another point in midweek, are still 9 points away from the safety zone. **Harpenden Town** moved

themselves up a couple of places with a 3-2 win over **Crawley Green**, the winning goal from James Hardie, his second of the game, coming just four minutes from time. Chris Gregory notched Harpenden's opening goal from the penalty spot, whilst Liam MacDonald and John Cooper were on the mark for Crawley.

## DIVISION TWO

**Berkhamsted** extended their lead at the top to four points as they defeated challengers **Wodson Park** by 2-1. Tyler Hatherly gave park the lead, but goals from James Gavin and Tony Burnett sealed the win. **MK Wanderers** gained a useful home point against visitors **Totternhoe** in an exciting 3-3 draw. Matthew Old gave Wanderers a two goal lead inside the first ten minutes, but then goals dried up until the second half. Glen Sizer pulled Totternhoe back into contention, but a goal from each side in the 83<sup>rd</sup> minute still left Wanderers in front, but Garry Duncan came up with a last gasp equaliser for Totternhoe. The same scoreline appeared at Spratleys Meadow, where **Bucks Student Union** and **Caddington** participated in an excellent game of attractive football – at least for the neutral. Mark Medlin gave Caddington an early lead, which was nullified by Gerald Kelly half way through the half, but Tony Scurry regained the visitors lead ten minutes later. Philip Nugent scored an excellent goal to bring the Students back level after 52 minutes, and it remained that way until just the 89<sup>th</sup> minute when a fierce shot from Medlin squirmed under the Student keeper's body for what seemed the winner. However, the Students redoubled their efforts, and Sam Patience hit a brilliant strike from outside the area in time added on to ensure a share of the points. **Kent Athletic** remain rooted to the bottom of the table following their 2-0 defeat away at **Mursley United**, for whom Ed Mills and Jakub Kasprzyk both scored in the last ten minutes, and last seasons champions **The61FC** drop into the bottom two for the first time after their 1-0 defeat at home to **Bletchley Town** – Steve Kane scoring the only goal.

## BERKS & BUCKS INTERMEDIATE CUP

The first of two SSMFL clashes ended in favour of **Aston Clinton**, who beat **Old Bradwell Utd** 2-1 with two first half goals from Matty Tallin and Neil Roberts, Nico Ciret replying for Old Bradwell. The other SSMFL clash saw Div Two **Risborough Rangers** entertain **Amersham Town** from the division above. Both sides huffed and puffed in front of a see no evil, hear no evil referee without managing to string too many passes together, and in truth there was little between the two teams. Amersham opened the scoring on the half hour mark when Andy Wheeler-King crossed from the left hand side, only to see the ball dip over the Risboro keepers head and into the net. The keeper was so embarrassed, he

immediately collapsed with cramp. Mr Wheeler – King clearly though he had miss hit the cross as he uttered an audible swear word, but when the ball went in, immediately claimed he meant it! Risboro could easily have equalised in the 65<sup>th</sup> minute, when a Lee Haynes off break spun over the Amersham keeper coming to rest just by the post. If Mr Haynes had not been so intent on appealing for a perceived hand ball offence, he could easily have popped the ball in the net. Sods law being what it is, the keeper picked the ball up, kicked it straight upfield and Andy Parry finished in style! Two nil, and although Rob Firth pulled one back for Risboro, the Div One side held on. **Holmer Green** progressed through to the next round with a narrow 1-0 victory over **Bletchley Manor** from the North Bucks League. Despite having the lion's share of the game, they had to rely on a Jamie Hunt goal in the 61<sup>st</sup> minute for the win. Three times holders of this trophy, **Chalfont Wasps** were beaten 3-2 on penalties by **Pitstone & Ivinghoe**, also past winners, after 90 minutes plus extra time ended all square at 2-2. Mitch Hamilton scored both Pitstone's goals. **Padbury United** beat **Wolverton Town** 3-2, but had to wait until the first minute of added on time before Sean Soetan hit the back of the net, and **New Bradwell St Peter** came back from **Hale Leys United** in Aylesbury with a 4-2 victory, but the game was not made safe until the last five minutes. **Buckingham Athletic** scored twice in the first half through Rob Hambridge and Frankie Tarrant to record a 2-1 win over **Elmhurst**, and **Aylesbury Reserves** beat **Iver Heath Rovers** 1-0.

## EX-SSMFL MANAGER LOSES PHYSIO LICENCE

Guillermo Ganet has been banned from practising as a physiotherapist for one year after he was found guilty of professional misconduct by the Health Professions Council. The Spaniard, a former professional footballer with Valencia, was found to have behaved inappropriately around four different women while working as a civilian physiotherapist in the Royal Air Force at High Wycombe. Ganet managed Welwyn Garden City for four years between 2001 and 2005 and also had spells at Amersham, Flackwell Heath, Luton Old Boys and Aston Clinton. Ganet left WGC to manage Berkhamsted, where he also became Chairman, before moving to manage Cwmbran Town in the Welsh League.

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