

BEDFORD CHESS CLUB
Bedford A Captain's Report to the AGM (July 3rd 2014)

2013-14 Beds. Chess League Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leighton Buzzard A	10	9	0	1	36½	13½	19
Bedford A	10	8	1	1	36	14	18
Milton Keynes A	10	5	2	3	27½	22½	12
Bedford B	10	4	1	5	24	26	9
Milton Keynes B	10	1	0	9	15	35	2
Northampton	10	1	0	9	11	39	2

Bedford A match results

versus	home	away
Bedford B	Won 4-1	Won 3½-1½
Milton Keynes A	Won 4-1	Drew 2½-2½
Milton Keynes B	Won 3½-1½	Won 5-0
Leighton Buzzard A	Won 3-2	Lost 2-3
Northampton	Won 5-0	Won 3½-1½

It was MKA that did for us in the end. On 28th November we dropped a point to them away. They were then due to play Leighton Buzzard A twice late in the season and we needed them to do some damage. They lost twice, despite holding a slight average grading advantage both times. John Sharp (190), who played just 5 times for Leighton Buzzard and won all 5 games, played in both those matches. Our squad of 5 was reduced to 4 before the start of the season when Nick Collacott became unavailable until February. We had to borrow from Bedford B, with Mike Botteley being the main substitute. As our top four were within 10 grading points of each other, we randomised our board order for each match in an attempt to confuse the opposition's preparation. The only constant was that Ravi always took the black pieces. Congratulations to Steve Ledger on his outstanding performance over 10 games.

Individual stats.

	av. bd.	P	W	D	L	Pts	TPR
Steve Ledger (188)	1.9	10	9	1	0	9½	212
Ravi Arulnandhy (183)	2.3	9	6	1	2	6½	186
Paul Habershon (191)	2.4	10	4	4	2	6	171
Rajan Ganger (183)	2.5	6	2	3	1	3½	174
Michael Botteley (165)	4.7	6	3	2	1	4	170

Also played: Nick Collacott (167) 2/3, Alex Taylor (158) 2½/4, Chris Hill (134) 2/2.

Paul Habershon
29th June 2014