

Bedford D – 2013/14

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Wins	Draws	Losses	Pen Pts
Kents Luton	10	8	1	1	17	25	16	9	0
Bedford D	10	5	1	4	11	20	11	19	6
Leighton Buzzard B	10	4	1	5	9	19	11	20	6
Bedford C	10	3	3	4	9	15	15	20	0
Open University	10	3	2	5	7	16	11	23	11
Milton Keynes C	10	2	2	6	6	18	10	22	0

As the league table shows, we had a fine season and achieved promotion. We were the only team to beat Kents.

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Grade
Richard Bodily	7	2	4	1	168
Mike Botteley	2	1		1	152
Sajan Ganger	1		1		143
John Harbour	9	2	2	5	130
Gerry Nolan	8	5	2	1	148
Ben Pike	7	2		5	73
Mark Schofield	6	1	1	4	96
Callum Shields	8	6	1	1	161

The star of the season was Callum, whose chess rose a couple of levels this year. He was as attacking as ever, but with a lot more control than in the past.

Richard, back to the game after a long absence and still trying to remember how the knights move, played solidly as our board 1. Two draws against Andrew Perkins, the second only because he didn't have the time left to win an ending, were the highlights.

Gerry was another star. He started the season at his own modest estimate of e110, and finished at e141 which was a much fairer reflection of his solid, careful play.

My poor result would have looked better if I hadn't thrown away two winning positions against Brian Valentine and Damon D'Cruz.

Ben got into some good positions but tended to be ground down by more experienced opponents. His games were always entertaining.

Mark had a similar experience, then was taken away by a change of job.

Thanks to Mike and Saj for filling in when we were short.

Captain John