

**BEDFORD CHESS CLUB**  
**Bedford A Captain's Report to the AGM (July 2nd 2015)**  
**2014-15 Beds. Chess League Division 1**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Bedford A</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>
Leighton Buzzard A	10	5	2	3	30	20	<b>12</b>
Milton Keynes A	10	5	1	4	29½	20½	<b>11</b>
Bedford B	10	4	2	4	25½	24½	<b>10</b>
Kent's Luton	10	4	1	5	21½	28½	<b>9</b>
Northampton	10	0	0	10	11½	38½	<b>-1</b>

Northampton 1 match point deducted (11 penalty points for defaults)

**Bedford A match results**

versus	home	away
Bedford B	Won 3½-1½	Won 3-2
Kent's Luton	Won 3-2	Won 4-1
Leighton Buzzard A	Drew 2½-2½	Won 3-2
Milton Keynes A	Won 3-2	Drew 2½-2½
Northampton	Won 4½-½	Won 3-2

Winning the league by six clear points, unbeaten, seems a dominant performance, but look at those five knife-edge 3-2 matches going our way. Curiously only one player, Mike Botteley, performed better than his start-of-season grade. We actually had fewer game wins than third-placed Milton Keynes. A more positive statistic is that we were unbeaten on Boards 4 and 5, thanks to Steve Pike, Mike Botteley and our four substitutes. Above them Steve Ledger was unlikely to repeat his 212 performance of last season but was solid enough. Ravi managed to play in every match, despite his commuting and family commitments. His results reflect his uncompromising style and his desire to take the black pieces in nearly every game.

The league championship was decided on two extraordinary consecutive days, the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of March. Firstly, away against Northampton, it is no exaggeration to say that we were losing 1-4 with 45 minutes remaining. See the website match report for the home side's self-destruction. The next day Leighton Buzzard A (av. grade 180) visited Bedford B (158) and lost, which gave Bedford A the title with two matches still to play. Many thanks to our Bedford B colleagues for scoring 3/4 against Leighton Buzzard A and 2/4 against Milton Keynes A.

**Individual stats.**

	av. bd.	P	W	D	L	Pts	TPR
Steve Ledger (198)	1	9	2	5	2	4½	187
Ravi Arulnandhy (177)	2.2	10	5	1	4	5½	167
Paul Habershon (182)	2.6	10	4	4	2	6	174
Steve Pike (177)	4	8	3	5	0	5½	176
Michael Botteley (165)	4.9	8	5	3	0	6½	175

Also played: Richard Bodily 1½/2, Peter Gill ½/1, Gerry Nolan 1/1, Marc Obi 1/1.

**Paul Habershon**  
**5h June 2015**