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Biggleswade Knock-Out Cup Round-Up

Ickwell & Old Warden on Wednesday evening earned themselves a place in the Semi-Final of this seasons Biggleswade Knock-Out Cup and a home tie against Stotfold Reserves after running out 5-4 victors over Biggleswade United Reserves.

Ickwell were to go ahead after just nine minutes with a goal from Gary Fil and when Andrew Vallom doubled their lead from the penalty spot on 17minutes they looked like they were in for a easy passage into the last four.

However by break, United had hit back to lead the game 3-2. Jack Gabbitas reducing the arrears on 25 minutes, Byn Williams drawing them level seven minutes later before skipper Tony Norman shot them ahead with the last action of the opening period.

On 57 minutes, Zak Rowe levelled matters at 3-3 only to see James Honeyman push the home side ahead again with 20 minutes left to play.

Ickwell's Marcus Ingham then struck nine minutes from time to make it all square at 4-4, before a superb individual effort from Rowe worthy of the night's total gate money let alone the individual entry fee won Ickwell the tie two minutes from time.

Semi-Final Draw

Langford Reserves v Dunton
Ickwell & Old Warden v Stotfold Reserves.

Games to be played by April 23rd 2010.

Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup Semi- Final Draw.

Bedford Hatters v Potton Wanderers.
Marston Shelton Rovers v Renhold Village.

Ties to be played on Saturday 13th March 2010. Kick Off 2.30pm.

Action Round-Up from Saturday 20th February 2010

Premier Division Supported by Sportsform

Blunham were to take their unbeaten ways to 12 games and draw three points clear at the head of the league table after a 90th minute winner ended fellow Championship chasers Oakley Sports seven game winning run. Luigi Rocco was to shoot the hosts in front as early as the third minute but by half-time Ashley Banks had levelled matters for the visitors. 10 minutes into the new period Ben Brown shot Oakley ahead, a lead they were to hold for just 10 minutes before Michael Hutton evened matters up for Blunham. Undeterred Brown regained the lead for the visitors on 75 minutes and when home player Craig Cameron was then red carded it looked like it might be their day. However Blunham were far from finished, Andy Smith from the penalty spot drawing them level 10 minutes from time and Hutton with his second strike of the day in the games closing action giving Blunham the victory.

Blunham, now going three points clear at the head of the table after second place Ickwell & Old Warden had their scheduled game at Sharnbrook waterlogged off.

Up into third spot now ahead of Oakley Sports on goal difference but having played four games more we find Caldecote, 6-3 home winners over Biggleswade United Reserves. The hosts, with goals from Russell Kemp after two minutes and Jack Boyd seven minutes later perhaps should have sealed the points 33 minutes in, alas having given the penalty away United goalkeeper Gavin Carr redeemed himself to keep out Leeroy Odd's spot kick and when Joe Jordan reduced the arrears just a minute from the break, United were back in the contest. Byn Williams was to underline that statement 10 minutes into the new period when he levelled matters at 2-2.

United's parity was to last just 60 seconds, a Kemp header giving him his second goal of the game and Caldecote a 3-2 lead. That's the way it stayed until the closing eight minutes brought about a further four goals. First Odd opened up a two goal advantage for Caldecote but within two minutes Scott Hawsey netted to make it 4-3 and give United hope again. This hope disappearing when Odd netted again four minutes from time and Kai Griffiths-Shilton made it 6-3 in the 89th minute.

There were plenty of goals also at Jubilee Playing Fields where Wilshamstead stretched their unbeaten home ways to five games by sharing the spoils in a 3-3 draw with Woburn. Paul Jones twice and Michael Jones once on target for the home side against Safari Boys replies from a Martin Holland brace and Ben Nicholls.

Meanwhile Campton are now unbeaten in their last four starts after netting a 2-0 home win over Renhold United, Andrew Hayday and Matty Irvine bagging the vital second half strikes.

The day's other two scheduled games, Southill Alexander v Dunton and Westoning Recreation Club v AFC Kempston Town being waterlogged off.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 20th February 2010

14 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Blunham	17	12	3	2	54	29	+25	39
Ickwell & Old Warden	16	12	0	4	44	31	+13	36
Caldecote	18	9	3	6	44	29	+15	30
Oakley Sports	14	10	0	4	37	25	+12	30
Biggleswade United Reserves	18	9	1	8	40	43	-3	28
Campton	17	8	1	8	38	36	+2	25
Renhold United	17	6	5	6	34	39	-5	23
Wilshamstead	13	5	4	4	34	25	+9	19
AFC Kempston Town	12	6	1	5	31	22	+9	19
Sharnbrook	16	5	3	8	27	35	-8	18
Woburn	16	5	2	9	36	43	-7	17
Dunton	16	3	2	11	20	39	-19	11
Southill Alexander	13	2	4	7	25	33	-8	10
Westoning Recreation Club [Saturday]	15	2	1	12	28	63	-35	7

Division One

Flitwick Town have now skipped 15 points clear at the head of the Division One standings after two goals from Dean Warren and a strike from Martin Byrne took them to their ninth win on the bounce 3-2 at home over second place Meltis Albion, whose replies came via Daniel Wells and Asa Garlick. Albion holding onto second spot in the standings after Leighton United who still have five games in hand of the league leaders had their five game winning run halted when held to a 1-1 home draw by FC Meppershall. Paul Darton on target for United against a reply from Patrick King.

For fourth place Caldecote Reserves it was also a share of the spoils in a 4-4 draw at Stevington. Aaron Fletcher with a hat-trick and Gavin White on target for the hosts against Caldecote replies via a Tom Dupey hat-trick and Ryan Porter.

Marston Social thus missing a chance to climb above them by themselves drawing 1-1 at Sandy. Ashley Dean from the penalty spot giving The Social a 20th minute lead before a Mark Jennings goal on 65 minutes took Sandy's unbeaten ways to five games.

Down at the bottom of the table basement club Kempston Hammers Sports were beaten 1-3 at home by Blunham Reserves. Gareth Thomas with two goals, one from the penalty spot plus a strike from Alan Brown taking the visitors to their first victory in seven outings, Jimmy Grandidge netting the home reply.

Stevington's home point against Caldecote Reserves lifting them out of the relegation zone at the expense of Campton Reserves who were beaten 5-0 at Bedford Sports Athletic, two goals from Ashley Mead plus strikes from Aaron Edwards, John Reece and Darren Allen doing the damage.

Collecting three points to move them away from the drop zone were Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves 1-0 home winners over Kempston, Dan Threadgold's 65th minute goal enough to earn the points.

Also moving away from the drop zone are AFC Kempston Town Reserves who after seven consecutive defeats returned to winning ways with a 2-1 home win over Henlow. Ed L'Erario and Jason Harrison on target for The Town against a Henlow reply from Adam Cavell.

Division One League Table at 20th February 2010.

16 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Flitwick Town	21	16	1	4	54	27	+27	49
Meltis Albion	19	10	4	5	41	31	+10	34
Leighton United	16	10	3	3	45	23	+22	33
Caldecote Reserves	18	9	4	5	48	35	+13	31
Marston Social	18	9	4	5	40	29	+11	31
Kempston	17	10	0	7	43	39	+4	30
Bedford Sports Athletic	19	8	4	7	51	43	+8	28
Sandy	19	8	2	9	50	35	+15	26
Blunham Reserves	21	7	4	10	34	47	-13	25
FC Meppershall	19	7	3	9	52	53	-1	24
Henlow	17	7	2	8	33	41	-8	23
AFC Kempston Town Reserves	18	6	2	10	27	49	-22	20
Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	15	6	1	8	30	37	-7	19
Stevington	19	4	4	11	39	62	-23	16
Campton Reserves	20	5	1	14	37	62	-25	16

Kempston Hammers Sports	16	4	1	11	42	53	-11	13
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Saturday, 05 September 2009: FC Meppershall v AFC Kempston Town Reserves - Away Win was awarded

Division Two

Division Two league leaders Bedford Hatters were in for a shock at The Warren when two Dave McCarthy goals in the opening 20 minutes took Elstow Abbey into a 2-0 lead, yet by the final whistle normal service had been resumed with Hatters the 7-2 winners. Liam Wills and Danny De Feo both netting twice alongside Aaron Izzard, Tom Redmond and Simon Pixley.

Hatters staying six points clear of Potton Wanderers, who have two games in hand on them following their own 4-0 away win at Kempston Royals Ricky Aris, Garry Earl, James Hearson and Antony Schurek the goal getters.

Elsewhere third place Marston Shelton Rovers were having their six game unbeaten away record ended when beaten 3-0 at Arlesey Social Galacticos. Graeme Leger, Jon Rowe and Ryan Dodson netting the vital goals.

Meanwhile fourth place Brache Sparta Community Reserves are now within two points of Rovers after they top scored for the day 11-2 home winners over Harpur to remain unbeaten on home soil this season. Martin Collins with five goals, Gary White with a hat-trick plus Dean Lewis, Bilal Choudhury and Edwin Anabarmoye finding the back of the net against a brace in reply from Cameron Brown.

It was a red letter day for Great Barford coming up with their first win in seven outings 1-0 at Marabese Ceramics, Luke Haverley in the 55th minute striking the games only goal.

The other two scheduled games, Shefford Town v Kings AFC and Shillington v Clifton failing to beat the weather.

Division Two League Table at 20th February 2010.

14 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Bedford Hatters	18	14	2	2	73	24	+49	44
Potton Wanderers	16	12	2	2	65	20	+45	38
Marston Shelton Rovers	17	10	4	3	55	27	+28	34
Brache Sparta Community Reserves	16	9	5	2	51	24	+27	32

Arlesey Social Galacticos	17	9	4	4	38	34	+4	31
Kings AFC	15	7	3	5	52	36	+16	24
Shefford Town	15	6	3	6	41	37	+4	21
Harpur FC	16	6	2	8	39	54	-15	20
Kempston Royals	18	5	3	10	29	50	-21	18
Marabese Ceramics	16	5	2	9	17	30	-13	17
Great Barford	19	5	2	12	28	55	-27	17
Elstow Abbey 06	18	5	1	12	32	60	-28	16
Clifton	17	3	6	8	26	43	-17	15
Shillington [Saturday]	14	0	1	13	22	74	-52	1

Division Three

League leaders Queens Park Crescents were to retain their seasons 100% away record by coming up with a 3-1 win at Renhold Village. Mohammed Zahar with a brace plus Ayaz Hussain on the scoresheet against a home reply from Carl Townsend.

The Crescents now going eight points clear at the head of the table after second place Lidlington United Sports were held to a 1-1 draw at Wilshamstead Reserves. Ross Zeltobruhov from the penalty spot on the mark for the home side against a United reply from Darren Sims.

Stopsley Park meanwhile lost their seasons unbeaten away ways when defeated 4-2 at Caldecote A who now climb above them into fourth place in the league standings. Lee Pyke, James Tomlin, Ryan Ambrose and Steve Bush the home scorers against an own goal and a strike from Nathan Osbourne coming The Parks way.

Division Three League Table at 20th February 2010.

10 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Queens Park Crescents	11	9	2	0	45	12	+33	29
Lidlington United Sports	11	6	3	2	28	17	+11	21
Dunton Reserves	11	6	2	3	31	28	+3	20
Caldecote 'A'	14	6	2	6	31	56	-25	20
Stopsley Park	12	5	4	3	43	32	+11	19
Renhold Village	12	5	2	5	37	32	+5	17
Wilshamstead Reserves	12	4	1	7	33	28	+5	13
Westoning	9	3	2	4	17	21	-4	11

Recreation Club [Saturday] Reserves								
Riseley Sports Reserves	10	2	0	8	27	41	-14	6
Sandy Reserves	12	1	2	9	22	47	-25	5

Division Four

The lone action of the day seeing Clifton Reserves lose their season unbeaten home record when beaten 3-1 by Kempston Athletic, goals from Gary Norris, Tom Stead plus an own goal giving The Athletic their first away win of the season. Sam McNaught on the scoresheet for the home side.

The days other scheduled fixture Thurleigh v Flitwick Town Reserves failing to beat a late pitch inspection.

Division Four League Table at 20th February 2010.

11 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	15	10	3	2	68	21	+47	33
Sharnbrook Reserves	12	9	1	2	44	12	+32	28
M & DH Oakley	13	8	0	5	38	22	+16	24
Flitwick Town Reserves	13	7	1	5	38	43	-5	22
Dinamo Flitwick	14	6	2	6	38	30	+8	20
Thurleigh	13	6	2	5	35	33	+2	20
Eastcotts	12	5	2	5	29	26	+3	17
Clifton Reserves	12	5	1	6	34	33	+1	16
Stewartby Village	12	4	0	8	29	37	-8	12
Kempston Athletic	11	3	0	8	27	56	-29	9
Bedford Park Rangers	15	2	0	13	17	84	-67	6

Watson Shield

In Group One action Riseley Reserves with a hat-trick from Mark Weekley plus a strike from Ian Staniforth were 4-2 home winners over Dinamo Flitwick whose replays came via Danny Hollis and Dean Gates. The result of which leaves the final group

table showing all three teams with an exact playing record and the league with a puzzle to solve over who qualifies as group winners etc.

Watson Shield Group One Final Table.

3 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Dinamo Flitwick	4	2	0	2	10	10	+0	6
Riseley Sports Reserves	4	2	0	2	10	10	+0	6
Stopsley Park	4	2	0	2	10	10	+0	6

In Group Two the picture is much clearer after Dunton Reserves claimed second spot with an 8-0 home win over Bedford Park Rangers. Steve Spiers netting a hat-trick, Nick Albone a brace alongside strikes from Tom Burton, Gareth Underwood and John Fediw.

Watson Shield Group Two Final Table

3 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Lidlington United Sports	4	4	0	0	26	4	+22	12
Dunton Reserves	4	2	0	2	21	15	+6	6
Bedford Park Rangers	4	0	0	4	1	29	-28	0

Group Five action saw Sundon Park Rangers win 6-1 at Westoning Recreation Club Reserves to gain a place in the last 16. Paul Raymond with a brace plus goals from Nick Buttigeig, Laurence Mapp, Luke Evans and an own goal doing the damage against a home reply from Steve Russell.

Watson Shield Group Five Table at 20th February 2010

3 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	3	2	0	1	12	5	+7	6
Wilshamstead Reserves	3	2	0	1	6	5	+1	6
Westoning Recreation Club [Saturday] Reserves	4	1	0	3	8	16	-8	3

The scheduled Group Four game M & DH Oakley being waterlogged off

Preview for Saturday 27th February 2010

With league leaders Blunham away at Lodge Road facing Sharnbrook in a Britannia Cup First Round tie for the right to host Woburn at the last eight stage. Ickwell & Old Warden will have the chance to go level on points with them at the top of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform table when they travel to Renhold Playing Fields to face hosts Renhold United. Renhold will start the afternoon looking for their first home win since beating Sharnbrook as long ago as November 7th. Ickwell hitting the road in search of their tenth consecutive league win.

For fellow championship chasers Oakley Sports, after last weekend's defeat at Blunham which leaves them nine points behind the leaders but with three games in hand, it's a home encounter with Southill Alexander who will hit the road seeking to end a run of eight league games without a victory.

Over at Hillgrounds, AFC Kempston Town host Campton. The visitors travelling looking for their first away win since being successful at Westoning Recreation Club back on the last weekend of October. Whilst at Horseshoes Close, Dunton look to end their run of 11 games without a victory when Wilshamstead come calling in search of only their third away win of the season.

The final top league action coming at Crawley Road where Woburn take on third place Caldecote.

Alongside the Sharnbrook v Blunham tie in The Britannia Cup, action also takes place in the same competition at Second Meadow, where it's a Round Two tie between Biggleswade United Reserves and Westoning Recreation Club. The hosts the firm favourites to make it into the last four.

Action in Division One takes league leaders Flitwick Town on the road to Harvey Close to face fourth place Caldecote Reserves. Town travelling looking for their tenth win on the bounce against a home side that has now gone five games without a victory.

For second place Meltis Albion, it's home Miller Road action against fellow promotion seekers Marston Social. The Albion looking for their third home success on the bounce against a Social side whose last away victory came as long ago as September 26th at Stevington.

If it's derby action you like to watch then the choice is twofold. At Moggerhanger Playing Fields, Blunham Reserves entertain Sandy. The hosts looking for their first home win in four outings, whilst Sandy travel looking to maintain their five game unbeaten run. Or you could take yourself along to The Green where Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves will be hosting Henlow. The hosts in search of their third league win on the bounce over the visitors who travel looking to collect the points and their third away win on the bounce.

Other action is due at Rectory Road, the venue for Campton Reserves home encounter with bottom of the table Kempston Hammers Sports. The hosts starting the day just

one place above their visitors in the league standings and desperate to end a three game losing home run and collect some points to lift them away from the relegation zone.

Elsewhere in Mowsbury Park, FC Meppershall host Bedford Sports Athletic. The hosts having lost their last two home games, whilst Athletic travel looking to end a two game losing away sequence.

The final action in this division coming at Cutler Hammer, the venue for Kempston's home game against Stevington. Kempston looking for their fourth home win on the bounce against their visitors who will travel in search of just away win number two of the season.

For another Division One club Leighton United, it's action in the Quarter-Final of The Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup, when at Stanbridge Road they host Hereward Teamwear United Counties League Reserve Division Two outfit AFC Kempston Rovers Reserves.

Domestic cup action this weekend comes in the shape of the Quarter-Final ties in this seasons Jubilee Cup. At Miller Road, Division Two league leaders Bedford Hatters will be firm favourites for a place in the last four when they host Elstow Abbey, who they beat in league action last weekend. Whilst that same comment applies to Potton Wanderers who are in home Mill Lane action against Kempston Royals.

However the other two ties are that much harder to call. At Arlesey Recreation Ground, Arlesey Social Galacticos face Marston Shelton Rovers. The Social having netted a league win over The Rovers last weekend perhaps now the sight favourites. Whilst just down the road at Groveside, Marabese Ceramics will be hosting Brache Sparta Community Reserves, who are again perhaps the sight favourites for a last four spot.

The Jubilee Cup action reducing the Division Two league programme to just three fixtures. At Whiston Crescent, Clifton will be in search of their opening home win of the season when paid a visit by Kings AFC. Whilst for bottom of the table Shillington at Greenfield's, it will be the search for their first league win of the season when they host fellow strugglers Great Barford.

The third and final game seeing Shefford Town take on Harpur at Digswell Playing Fields, the visitors looking to erase their heavy defeat at Brache Sparta Community Centre last weekend.

The Division Three game of the day takes place at Hurst Grove, where second in the table Lidlington United Sports now unbeaten in their last six league outings receive a visit from league leaders Queens Park Crescents who will arrive at Hurst Grove still unbeaten in league action this season.

For third place Dunton Reserves it's a trip on the road to Greenfield Road and a meeting with hosts Westoning Recreation Club Reserves who are currently on a four game unbeaten league run.

Meanwhile at The Luton Regional Sports Centre, fifth place Stopsley Sports will start the day firm favourites to collect the three points on offer when Riseley Sports Reserves pay a visit looking for their first away point of the campaign in this game number seven.

The final game of the day in this Division coming at Bedford Road Recreation Ground, the venue for bottom of the table Sandy Reserves home clash with Renhold Village.

With the top two sides Sundon Park Rangers and Sharnbrook Reserves in Division Four sitting out the afternoon's league action, third place M& DH Oakley will be expected to close the gap on them at the head of the standings when they travel to face second from bottom of the table Kempston Athletic at Hillgrounds.

All of which will give bottom of the table Bedford Park Rangers a chance to close the gap on The Athletic should they achieve a result when they host Clifton Reserves in Mowsbury Park.

Other action takes place at Hinskley Road, where Dinamo Flitwick host Eastcotts. The hosts having lost their last two home league outings, whilst the visitors have lost their last two away encounters. Whilst at Stewartby Way, hosts Stewartby Village now on a three game losing run face Thurleigh who have already beaten them twice this season in Watson Shield action.

In The Watson Shield, it's Group five action at Jubilee Playing Fields between hosts Wilshamstead Reserves and visitors Sundon Park Rangers. The visitors just need to avoid a defeat to top the group and assure them of a home tie at the last 16 knock-out stage.