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New- Book Assistance Required

Mike Bayly a member of Rymans Division One North club Wingate & Finchley is about to embark on writing a light hearted book on the more curious sights and sounds of football, with a view to obtaining fans feedback on the strangest things they have seen and heard at games over the years.

Mike as thus made contact with us at The Bedfordshire County Football League to request anyone who has such a story to make contact with him by email at mikebayly@btinternet.com.

Mike will be donating a percentage of any profits to the Mencap Charity with whom his club Wingate and Finchley work closely with. So come on everyone, get your thinking caps on and send Mike your stories.

Away Tie for The Bedfordshire County Football League

The draw for the opening two rounds of the FA Inter-League Cup was made last Friday giving The Bedfordshire County Football League an away Preliminary Round tie against The Suffolk & Ipswich League. If succesful a first round home tie against either The Reading League or Kent County League follows.

THE FA INTER-LEAGUE CUP 2011/12 Preliminary Round Draw

Ties to be completed by Saturday 16 April 2011

- 1 Northern Football Alliance v Lancashire & Cheshire Amateur League
- 2 Lancashire Amateur League v Isle of Man League
- 3 Manchester League v Wearside League
- 4 Liverpool County FA Premier League v Teesside League
- 5 Peterborough & District League v Lincolnshire League

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| 6 | Northants Combination | v | Cambridgeshire County League |
| 7 | Birmingham & District AFA | v | West Riding County Amateur League |
| 8 | Anglian Combination | v | Nottinghamshire Senior League |
| 9 | Worthing & District League | v | Somerset County League |
| 10 | Gloucestershire County League | v | Mid Sussex League |
| 11 | Dorset Premier League | v | Hampshire Premier League |
| 12 | Sussex County League (Div 3) | v | Brighton, Hove & District League |
| 13 | Suffolk & Ipswich League | v | Bedfordshire County League |
| 14 | Amateur Football Combination | v | Surrey Elite Intermediate League |
| 15 | Middlesex County League | v | Herts Senior County League |
| 16 | Reading League | v | Kent County League |
| | Exempt to First Round | - | Guernsey Senior County League (Holders) |
| | Byes to First Round | - | Cumberland County League Yorkshire Amateur League West Cheshire League Cheshire League Humber Premier League Northampton Town League Midland Football Combination (Div 1) West Yorkshire League Devon & Exeter League Jersey Football Combination Wiltshire League Southern Amateur League Essex & Suffolk Border League Spartan South Midlands League (Div 2) Essex Olympian League |

Action Round-Up From Saturday 11th December 2010

Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy 3rd Round

Caldecote found themselves taking another weeks enforced rest after The Bedfordshire FA called off their 3rd Round tie away at AFC Dunstable late on Friday

evening. The tie originally scheduled for the hosts Cresey Park stadium, was switched by them on Friday afternoon to Lancott Park in Totternhoe due to problems with the changing rooms and lights but following discussion between all three parties on Friday evening was then postponed. The re-arrangement date and venue due to be set by The Bedfordshire FA when they meet on Monday morning to make the Semi-Final draw.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

For the result of the day you need look no further than Leighton United, who emerged 8-2 away winners at morning league leaders Renhold United. Kevin Hilton with a brace plus Adam Barker racing the visitors into a 3-0 half-time lead before second period goals from Hilton completing his hat-trick plus Layne Eadie, Jake Forsythe, Phil Mathews and Curtis Doyle were only replied to by Alex Woolston and Tommy Foyle.

United losing their place on top of the league table to Wilshamstead, they retained their season's unbeaten home ways by scoring twice in the last three minutes to earn a point from a 4-4 draw with now third place Blunham, the visitors thus stretching their own unbeaten ways to eight games. Zak Rowe opening the scoring for Blunham after just five minutes before Alan Lowe levelled matters up just 13 minutes later. The home sides parity was to last just 60 seconds, Richie Andrews the guilty home player to concede a penalty with a foul on Matty McMahon and up stepped Andrew Vallom to make it 1-2 to the visitors.

Andrews however was soon to make amends, when on the half-hour mark his pinpointed cross was headed home by Colin Marshall to square matters at 2-2. But with the half-time cuppa's just five minutes away a strike from McMahon took Blunham into a 3-2 lead.

All looked over for the hosts when Andy Smith was on hand to push Blunham 4-2 ahead on the hour mark, yet the hosts were not for lying down. Paul Jones with a rocket from 35 yards out on 86 minutes making it 3-4, then Lowe grabbed his second of the afternoon in the games very last minute.

Despite the eight goals, all those privileged to be on the touchline watching this brilliant advert for The Bedfordshire County League Football were 100% in total agreement that the man of the match accolade belonged to home goalkeeper Stephen Fox, his series of outstanding saves throughout the 90 minutes is the reason Wilshamstead are now sitting back on top of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table.

Now up into fourth spot are Shefford Town & Campton, they took their unbeaten ways to eight games and retained their seasons unbeaten home ways with a 3-2 victory over Oakley Sports. It was the Sportsmen who drew first blood via Jamie Endersby before a brace from Adam Larsen, one from the penalty spot, lifted the home side into a 2-1 lead. Mark Smith then levelled matters at 2-2 before up popped Andrew Hayday with the home sides winner.

Moving up the table into seventh spot are Dunton, they emerged 2-0 home winners over bottom of the table Biggleswade United Reserves thanks to first half goals from Lawrence Bosher and Paul Beith.

It was a good day for AFC Kempston Town, they moved out of the drop zone with their first win in nine outings via a 4-2 win at Woburn. Lyndon Ingerson, Elliot West, Ricci Mandel and Liam Boland the goal scorers against a brace in reply from James McCarthy.

The scheduled game at Lodge Road, between Sharnbrook and Flitwick Town being waterlogged off.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 11th December 2010

| POS | | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
|-----|---|----|---|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Wilshamstead | 12 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 43 | 28 | 15 | 27 |
| 2 | Renhold United | 13 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 28 | 20 | 8 | 27 |
| 3 | Blunham | 11 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 50 | 20 | 30 | 26 |
| 4 | Shefford Town & Campton | 11 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 34 | 17 | 17 | 24 |
| 5 | Caldecote | 11 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 33 | 20 | 13 | 22 |
| 6 | Leighton United | 13 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 37 | 23 | 14 | 21 |
| 7 | Dunton | 13 | 6 | 0 | 7 | 28 | 35 | -7 | 18 |
| 8 | Flitwick Town | 12 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 19 | 24 | -5 | 16 |
| 9 | Woburn | 12 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 22 | 32 | -10 | 14 |
| 10 | Sharnbrook | 12 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 25 | 30 | -5 | 13 |
| 11 | Oakley Sports | 11 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 18 | 24 | -6 | 13 |
| 12 | AFC Kempston Town | 12 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 15 | 26 | -11 | 9 |
| 13 | Southill Alexander | 9 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 17 | 24 | -7 | 8 |
| 14 | Arlesey Town Reserves | 10 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 17 | 33 | -16 | 6 |
| 15 | Biggleswade United Reserves | 14 | 2 | 0 | 12 | 16 | 46 | -30 | 6 |

Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup Round Three

Safely into the last eight of this seasons Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup are Bedford Hatters after they emerged 6-1 home winners over Luton District & South Beds League Ewe & Lamb Dunstable. Scott Alleyne led the way with a hat-trick supported by an own goal plus strikes from Darek Joswiak and Tom Redmond.

Joining them in the last eight hat are Marston Shelton Rovers, they ran out 4-2 extra time winners over Potton Wanderers. Antony Henman soon gave the Rovers an early lead but goals from Wanderers Sam Worthington and Antony Schurek placed them 2-1 ahead until Rovers Aaron Franks levelled matters at 2-2.

The Wanderers then had Conor Green red carded for his industrial language towards match referee John McGroary, but come the 90th minute whistle they were still holding on at 2-2. Extra time however was to see the extra man count when goals from Franks and Jamie Cerminara took Rovers to a 4-2 win.

Division One

Just two of the scheduled days five games were to go ahead. The first casualty came on Friday, when internal turmoil inside the Brache Sparta Community Centre Club forced their Reserves trip to Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves to be postponed. Then on Saturday morning, both AFC Kempston Town Reserves who were due to host Bedford Sports Athletic and Blunham Reserves who were due in local derby home action against Caldecote Reserves found they could not raise sides to fulfil the fixtures.

Of the two games to go ahead, both ended in draws. Luton Old Boys with two goals from Aaron Fortune and a strike from Adam Borton earning the point to lift them off the bottom of the league table above Brache Sparta Community Reserves on goal difference with a 3-3 draw against Henlow. The visitors replies coming via Andy Newton twice and Joe Follano.

Elsewhere, Sandy with goals from Mark Jennings and Ian Hammett led 2-0 at Meltis Albion until late goals from James Pickard and Alex Goosby saved the home sides day to square matters up at 2-2.

Division One League Table at 11th December 2010

| POS | | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
|-----|---|----|----|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Potton Wanderers | 12 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 50 | 12 | 38 | 30 |
| 2 | Marston Shelton Rovers | 11 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 28 | 14 | 14 | 27 |
| 3 | Bedford Hatters | 9 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 35 | 5 | 30 | 24 |
| 4 | Meltis Albion | 13 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 35 | 27 | 8 | 22 |
| 5 | Henlow | 12 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 30 | 26 | 4 | 18 |
| 6 | FC Meppershall | 12 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 27 | 29 | -2 | 18 |
| 7 | Bedford S.A. | 11 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 33 | 28 | 5 | 17 |
| 8 | Blunham Reserves | 11 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 27 | 21 | 6 | 15 |
| 9 | Sandy | 13 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 28 | 34 | -6 | 14 |
| 10 | Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves | 10 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 17 | 18 | -1 | 12 |
| 11 | AFC Kempston Town Reserves | 10 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 13 | 27 | -14 | 10 |
| 12 | Caldecote Reserves | 9 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 14 | 15 | -1 | 6 |
| 13 | Luton Old Boys [Saturday] | 11 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 13 | 47 | -34 | 4 |
| 14 | Brache Sparta Community Reserves | 10 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 8 | 55 | -47 | 4 |

Division Two

Not a good day at the office for league leaders Queens Park Crescents, they were beaten 4-1 at Lidlington United Sports to go down to their third consecutive away defeat. Ben Marwood, Steve Flaherty and Chris Roberts goals plus a Darren Sims penalty doing the damage.

Now within a single point of them are Arlesey Social Galacticos who took their unbeaten ways to five games with a 2-2 draw at Harpur FC. Dharminder Kandola and Mark McMillian on the scoresheet against home replies from Kane Alexander and Lee Haughton.

The biggest winners of the day however were Westoning Recreation Club, they ended a spell of four games without a win with an 8-1 home victory over Great Barford. Ian Buckingham netting five times, Jack Barnwell twice and Glen Cooksley once against a lone reply from Sam Smith.

Shefford Town & Campton Reserves are now without a win in their last seven outings after going down 2-3 at home against Stopsley Park. James Smart, Robert Maina and debut boy Antony Scrubb on the scoresheet for the Park against home replies from Ollie Morgan and Lasse Hammer.

Also losing by a 2-3 scoreline at home were Stevington at the hands of Clifton. Tony Norman with a brace plus Barry Hallybone outscoring home replies from Clinton Tatham and Aaron Fletcher.

Division Two League Table at 11th December 2010

| POS | | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
|-----|--|----|---|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Queens Park Crescents | 15 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 44 | 35 | 9 | 29 |
| 2 | Arlesey Social Galacticos | 13 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 43 | 28 | 15 | 28 |
| 3 | Lea Sports PSG | 11 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 41 | 16 | 25 | 25 |
| 4 | Clifton | 13 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 39 | 30 | 9 | 25 |
| 5 | Elstow Abbey 06 | 12 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 43 | 19 | 24 | 22 |
| 6 | Bromham United | 12 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 30 | 26 | 4 | 20 |
| 7 | Westoning Recreation Club | 13 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 35 | 23 | 12 | 18 |
| 8 | Lidlington United Sports | 13 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 32 | 28 | 4 | 18 |
| 9 | Great Barford | 12 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 26 | 30 | -4 | 18 |
| 10 | Marabese Ceramics | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 13 | 14 | -1 | 14 |
| 11 | Stopsley Park | 12 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 37 | 38 | -1 | 13 |
| 12 | Shefford Town & Campton Reserves | 13 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 28 | 39 | -11 | 12 |
| 13 | Kings AFC | 11 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 26 | 37 | -11 | 12 |
| 14 | Stevington | 14 | 4 | 0 | 10 | 30 | 49 | -19 | 12 |
| 15 | Harpur FC | 13 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 38 | 58 | -20 | 11 |
| 16 | Kempston Hammers Sports | 11 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 11 | 46 | -35 | 6 |

Division Three

Sharnbrook Reserves were to enhance their promotion hopes by notching up win number five on the bounce with a 4-1 victory at Flitwick Town Reserves. Kevin Harris twice plus Andy Janes and Ryan Massey finding the back of the net against a home reply from Ryan Short.

The game of the day however came at Gold Street, hosts Riseley Sports running out 7-6 winners over Sundon Park Rangers. James Grandidge with a hat-trick plus braces from Paul Brown and James Law just getting the better of a Matthew Conway hat-trick, Sam Chapman brace and a goal from Luke Evans in reply.

After three straight defeats, Caldecote A returned to winning ways with a 5-2 home win over Royal Oak Kempston. Neil Giles twice plus Ryan Ambrose, Dan Fennell

and Kai Griffiths-Shilton netting the vital goals. The Oak who have now lost their last six games replying via Lorenzo Jordan and Darren Minney.

The final game of the day in this division giving Co-op Sports a 3-0 home win over Westoning Recreation Club Reserves, their fifth consecutive away defeat. James McMillan, Kris Fox and Richard Smith the home marksmen.

Division Three League Table at 11th December 2010

| POS | | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
|-----|--|----|----|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Pavenham | 12 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 7 | 43 | 36 |
| 2 | Sharnbrook Reserves | 12 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 36 | 18 | 18 | 30 |
| 3 | M & DH Oakley | 11 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 39 | 10 | 29 | 25 |
| 4 | Co-op Sports | 13 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 33 | 20 | 13 | 23 |
| 5 | Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday] | 12 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 39 | 23 | 16 | 19 |
| 6 | Riseley Sports | 11 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 28 | 26 | 2 | 17 |
| 7 | Renhold Village | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 26 | 20 | 6 | 14 |
| 8 | Cranfield United Reserves | 9 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 17 | 18 | -1 | 14 |
| 9 | Flitwick Town Reserves | 11 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 19 | 28 | -9 | 13 |
| 10 | Caldecote 'A' | 11 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 21 | 34 | -13 | 12 |
| 11 | Westoning Recreation Club Reserves | 11 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 26 | 38 | -12 | 10 |
| 12 | Dunton Reserves | 12 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 18 | 35 | -17 | 10 |
| 13 | Royal Oak Kempston | 12 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 19 | 36 | -17 | 7 |
| 14 | Wilshamstead Reserves | 9 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 14 | 38 | -24 | 5 |
| 15 | Shefford Town & Campton 'A' | 10 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 43 | -34 | 4 |

Division Four

With AFC Turvey away on Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup duty the next three clubs in the league table kept the pressure up with league wins.

Second place Thurleigh taking their unbeaten ways to eight games and maintaining their seasons 100% home record with a 4-0 victory over Kempston Athletic. Steve Pledge with a brace plus Liam Bolton and Dan Newton grabbing the goals.

For third place Eastcotts, it was the retention of their seasons unbeaten home ways when a goal from Tony Milioti gave them a 1-0 win over Bedford Park Rangers. Whilst a lone goal from Dale Goldie took fourth place Dinamo Flitwick's unbeaten ways to seven games with a 1-0 win at Wootton Village.

Elsewhere, Sandy Reserves netted their first home win of the season in claiming a 3-2 win over Stewartby Village. Jay Pateman doing all the damage with a hat-trick against goals in reply from George Wheelhouse and Paul Welling.

Over at Whiston Crescent, Clifton Reserves came up with their first home win in five outings when two goals from Greg King plus an own goal saw off Goldington Hammers 3-0.

Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup Round Three

The result of the round belonged to Lea Sports PSG who emerged 7-0 away winners at Kempston Hammers Sports. Chris Littlejohn netting four times, Haji Conteh twice and Liam Turner once. It was not such a good day for their Reserves who had just a Dawid Banasiak strike to show for a 10-1 defeat at Luton District & South Beds League club Four Model.

Not far behind the PSG in the honours roll were Potton Town and Cranfield Reserves who both netted victories over clubs from a higher division. Town with goals from Tom Pyman, Sam King and Chris Cooper, 3-2 home winners over Kings AFC for whom Chris Greene and Ollie Plestead netted. Whilst Cranfield Reserves won 4-2 at Bromham United. Peter Kerr and James Armstrong both grabbing braces against home replies from a David Baxter penalty and Reuben Hukin. The home side's cause not being helped by the sending off of Antony Farr.

For Elstow Abbey, it was a place in the last eight via a 2-1 win at Goldington. Dave McCarthy hitting a first half brace before five minutes into the second period he missed the chance of a hat-trick when missing from the penalty spot. The home goal arriving two minutes from time via Karl Anderson.

Also into the last eight are Pavenham, two goals from James Owen and a strike from Michael Bates giving them a 3-2 win at Luton District and South Beds League side Christians in Sports Reserves.

Meantime, AFC Turvey were sending another Luton District & South Beds League side packing with a 3-1 home win over Farley Old Boys Reserves. Martin Page, Mike Stephenson and Saimir Guri netting the goals.

The final scheduled fixture between M & DH Oakley and Renhold Village being postponed due to an unfit pitch.

Division League Table at 11th December 2010

| POS | | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
|-----|---|----|----|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | AFC Turvey | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 59 | 14 | 45 | 30 |
| 2 | Thurleigh | 11 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 42 | 16 | 26 | 28 |
| 3 | Eastcotts AFC | 12 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 40 | 14 | 26 | 26 |
| 4 | Dinamo Flitwick | 13 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 36 | 30 | 6 | 25 |
| 5 | Goldington | 11 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 57 | 20 | 37 | 24 |
| 6 | Potton Town | 11 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 21 | 18 | 3 | 19 |
| 7 | Goldington Hammers | 13 | 5 | 0 | 8 | 25 | 49 | -24 | 15 |
| 8 | Clifton Reserves | 13 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 40 | 54 | -14 | 14 |
| 9 | Stewartby Village | 13 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 27 | 44 | -17 | 13 |
| 10 | Lea Sports PSG Reserves | 10 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 14 | 24 | -10 | 11 |
| 11 | Bedford Park Rangers | 13 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 36 | 47 | -11 | 11 |
| 12 | Sandy Reserves | 11 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 16 | 29 | -13 | 10 |
| 13 | Kempston Athletic | 10 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 16 | 38 | -22 | 5 |
| 14 | Wootton Village | 11 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 13 | 45 | -32 | 4 |

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Preview Saturday 18th December 2010.

The action this weekend before the Bedfordshire County Football League closes down for the Christmas and New Year holiday break, brings about opening round games in the various league cup competitions. For Premier Division supported by Sportsform clubs, that of course means The Britannia Cup, the current holders are Caldecote, and they have been favoured with a home tie at Harvey Close against Arlesey Town Reserves. With the holders having been beaten just once on home soil this term and the visitors yet to win on the road this season, one would be most surprised if Caldecote's name was not in the hat for the last eight draw come the final whistle. Please note this game could be subject to change depending upon The Bedfordshire FA decision on their postponed Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy game with AFC Dunstable, details of which will be posted to the leagues website www.bedfordshirefootballleague.co.uk when known.

Last seasons beaten finalists Woburn also have a home tie at Crawley Road against Dunton. The Safari Boys have been beaten just three times at home this season to suggest home advantage might pay off, however one of those defeats came 0-4 at the hands of Dunton thus this tie is far from a home banker.

The tie of the round however looks to be the Renhold Playing Fields clash between hosts Renhold United and their visitors Blunham. These two clubs met in league action six weeks ago with the game finishing in a 2-2 draw. Another close game looks on the cards which might yet stretch to extra time and penalties before the winners emerge.

Over at Stanbridge Road, Leighton United last seasons Centenary Cup winners get their first taste of Britannia Cup action at home to Flitwick Town. United still unbeaten on home soil this term perhaps the favourites to progress to the last eight but the Town held them to a 2-2 league draw just a month ago and will be no pushovers.

Another tie to close to call comes at Houghton Conquest Playing Fields between hosts Wilshamstead and Shefford Town & Campton. The hosts going into the game still unbeaten on home soil this term and enjoying a 11 game unbeaten run, whilst the visitors are currently on their own eight game unbeaten run, all of which points to another close encounter.

It's local derby action at Lodge Road between hosts Sharnbrook and near neighbours Oakley Sports. A league meeting between the clubs on the opening day of the season went 5-3 in favour of The Sportsman but on current league form revenge could well be on the cards.

The opening round tie being delayed until Wednesday December 22nd when Biggleswade United Reserves will entertain AFC Kempston Town at Second Meadow. One of Town's only two wins of the season so far this campaign came back in September at Second Meadow and they will be hoping a return visit will help kick start their season.

In The Centenary Cup, its home action for last seasons beaten finalists Blunham Reserves at Moggerhanger Playing Fields against Brache Sparta Community

Reserves.Despite the hosts poor home form this term they will be the favourites to advance against a Brache side that has not won on the road this season.

Another home side who will feel confident of progressing into the last eight are Marston Shelton Rovers,they entertain Luton Old Boys at their Playing Field headquarters. The Old Boys hitting the road in search of their first away win of the season.

Over at Groveside, Henlow have suffered just one home defeat all season, alas that was against Potton Wanderers who revisit just a month since they dished out a 6-0 beating the firm favourites for a last eight place.

It's local derby action at Bedford Road Recreation Ground between hosts Sandy and visitors Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves. The clubs have already met twice in league action this term with honours even at one a piece, both achieved on each others ground by the same 2-0 scoreline.

Cople Playing Fields is the venue for Bedford Sports Athletics' home tie with Meltis Albion.Again they have already met twice in league action, both winning on home soil by three goal margins and with home advantage Athletic could well be the name going into the last eight draw hat.

The final tie coming at Hillgrounds between AFC Kempston Town and Caldecote Reserves.Town's lone home league win of the campaign came over their visitors 1-0 back in early October and with Caldecote now on a five game losing run, Town could just sneak this tie.

For Division Two sides it's action in The Jubilee Cup. The tie of the round looking to be the Arlesey Playing Fields clash between hosts Arlesey Social Galacticos and their visitors Elstow Abbey.The home side still unbeaten on home soil this season, whilst the visitors have recorded wins in each of their last three outings.

Over in Mowsbury Park, Queens Park Crescent beaten just once on home soil this season will start the firm favourites to advance to the last eight at the expense of visitors Westoning Recreation Club.Whilst Lea Sports PSG put their seasons 100% home record on the line at Pirton Recreation Ground when they host a Bromham United site that has only been beaten once away from home this season.

In the other five ties perhaps it will be the visitors who will start the favourites to make it into the hat for the second round draw.Marabese Ceramics now unbeaten in their last three trips away from Groveside heading to The Bedford Hockey Centre to face a Harpur FC side that has already been beaten five times at home this season. Whilst Great Barford winners of the cup in season 2007-08 will travel with confidence as they make their way to Cutler Hammer to face Kempston Hammers Sports.

It's local derby action at Rectory Road between Shefford Town & Campton Reserves who host Clifton.The visitors who have lost just once on their travels this season will no doubt fancy their chances of turning over a Town side that has failed to win any of its last seven games.

Other action comes at King George VI Playing Fields, Kings AFC having recorded their only home win this season over Lidlington United Sports just 14 days ago now take them on in cup action. Whilst Stopsley Park go into Luton Regional Sports Centre action against Stevington seeking only their second home win of the campaign.

The Watson Shield this season will be competed for by all Division Three and Four sides thus today's tie is only for a place in the last 16. At Hillgrounds, runaway Division Three league leaders Pavenham defend their seasons 100% ways in home action against a Riseley Sports side that has yet to be beaten on its travels this season and come in search of revenge for an early season league defeat on their own Gold Street patch.

At the same venue, Division Four Eastcotts who are still unbeaten at home this season will fancy their chances of overturning Division Three Wilshamstead Reserves. Whilst on neighbouring pitches there is an all Division Four clash between hosts Kempston Athletic and Stewartby Village. Plus The Royal Oak Kempston looking to end a run of five straight Division Three league defeats when they host Division Four Goldington Hammers.

The tie of the round however belongs to Oakley Playing Fields which stages a repeat of last seasons final, hosts and current Shield holders M& DH Oakley taking on Renhold Village in a game that could go either way. However these two clubs for the past two weekends have been trying to play out a round three tie in The Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup and the County Association might yet decree that this tie takes precedence. Any amendment of course will be posted to the leagues website www.bedfordshirefootballleague.co.uk when known.

Over at Harvey Close, Division Three Caldecote A should make home advantage pay off when they host Division Four Lea Sports PSG Reserves and perhaps Division Four Clifton Reserves will be thinking the same when they host Division Three Westoning Recreation Club Reserves at Whiston Crescent, The Rec Boys with just one away victory to their name this season.

At Horseshoes Close, things will not be easy for Division Three hosts Dunton Reserves who are visited by Division Four side Thurleigh who are currently enjoying an eight game unbeaten run.

Mowsbury Park will stage two ties, Goldington of Division Four perhaps the favourites to overturn Division Three visitors Flitwick Town Reserves, but it will be a major shock if Division Four hosts Bedford Park Rangers find enough in the locker to overcome runaway Division Four league leaders AFC Turvey.

Down at Sunderland Road Playing Fields in Sandy, Potton Town will have to be at their very best if they are to progress at the expense of Division Three Co-op Sports who have already won five times on the road this term.

A tie perhaps too close to call comes with an all Division Three clash in Stockwood Park between hosts Sundon Park Rangers and Sharnbrook Reserves. Whilst Digswell Playing Fields is the venue for Division Three Shefford Town & Campton A's home

tie with Division Four Wootton Village, the hosts looking for their first home win of the campaign against a Village side that has won just once on the road this season.