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Midweek Round-up

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Blunham Reserves make their East Beds Junior Cup Exit.

A lone goal from Gamlingay's Hayden Woods 10 minutes into the second half was enough to earn his side a 1-0 victory over Blunham Reserves to earn a Semi-Final tie against either Clifton or Dunton Reserves.

Revised Semi-final Draw.

Caldecote Reserves v Shefford Town & Campton Reserves or Henlow
Clifton or Dunton Reserves v Gamlingay

Wednesday 22nd September 2010

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Shefford Town & Campton took themselves to the top of The Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table with a 2-0 victory at Biggleswade United Reserves. Ahead after just 15 minutes via a strike from Andrew Hayday, the scoreline was double by the same player just six minutes later with a peach of a strike from some 25 yards out which flew passed home goalkeeper Daniel Hockett off his near post.

The fact the scoreline remained the same at the break was entirely down to a series of saves from United's Hockett. For the assembled Second Meadow crowd of 53, the second half was to remain scoreless. United's Lucas Banton seeing his effort 80th minute effort from range brilliantly tipped over the crossbar by visiting custodian Gary Cullerton before right on the final whistle Hockett again show his class to beat away an effort from Phil Bright coming as the half's best chance of the scorline being added to by either side.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform table Top Six at 22nd September 2010

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Shefford Town & Campton	5	4	0	1	17	7	10	12
2 Oakley Sports	5	4	0	1	13	10	3	12
3 Renhold United	4	3	1	0	8	2	6	10
4 Wilshamstead	5	3	1	1	14	11	3	10
5 Blunham	4	3	0	1	17	6	11	9
6 Leighton United	4	3	0	1	11	6	5	9

It's Cup Time again

It's that time of year again which brings about the start of the 2009-10 season Bedfordshire FA Cup Competitions. Could we please thus remind all clubs of the procedure for reporting results.

If you are the home club, your requirement is to report the result to both The Beds FA and The Bedfordshire County Football League as in the normal manner used for league matches.

If you are the away club, then your requirement is to report the result to The Bedfordshire County Football League only, even if your game is against another Bedfordshire County Football League club.

Action Round-Up from Saturday 25th September 2010

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Shefford Town & Campton's lead at the head of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform table is now down to goal difference after they were held to a 1-1 draw at Leighton United. Layne Eadie giving United the lead after 20 minutes before Dan Webb levelled matters nine minutes later.

Up into second spot and still with a seasons 100% home record are Renhold United who ran out 2-1 winners over Dunton. Paul Mercer giving the visitors the lead in the games opening minute and when Nicky Threadgold saved a penalty from Jason Allison 20 minutes into the contest, Dunton started thinking it might be their day. However, an Alex Woolston strike 10 minutes into the second period levelled matters up before James Allen hit United's winner five minutes from time.

Also only trailing the league leaders on goal difference only are Wilshamstead, who now hold down third spot after a 4-2 home win over Oakley Sports. Two goals from Colin Marshall and strikes from Paul Jones and Chris Faulkner retaining Wilshamstead's unbeaten home record for the campaign, whilst the Sportsmen's replies came from Sam Watkins and Stuart Kelly.

Sitting in fourth slot and with a game in hand on all the top three clubs are Blunham, 7-1 away winners at Biggleswade United Reserves, Andy Smith leading the way with

four goals, whilst Carl Page weighed in with a brace to go with the single strike from Matthew McMahon. United's lone reply coming from Lucas Banton.

For Caldecote, it was a retention of their seasons 100% home record with a 3-1 win over Arlesey Town Reserves, Mark Phillips with a brace plus a strike from Jack Gabbitas only being replied to by a goal from Town's Paul Whitehouse.

Also still 100% at home for the season are Flitwick Town, who ran out 3-0 winners over AFC Kempston Town, Dean Warren, Rob Almond and Jim Lewis netting the goals that did the damage.

The days final top flight game giving Sharnbrook their first point of the season from a 2-2 home draw with Southill Alexander, Andy Wood netting twice for the home side against replies from Lawrence Revell and Rob Teppett.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 25th September 2010

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Shefford Town & Campton	6	4	1	1	18	8	10	13
2	Renhold United	5	4	1	0	10	3	7	13
3	Wilshamstead	6	4	1	1	18	13	5	13
4	Blunham	5	4	0	1	24	7	17	12
5	Oakley Sports	6	4	0	2	15	14	1	12
6	Leighton United	5	3	1	1	12	7	5	10
7	Caldecote	5	3	0	2	11	8	3	9
8	Woburn	5	2	0	3	11	12	-1	6
9	Flitwick Town	4	2	0	2	8	10	-2	6
10	Dunton	6	2	0	4	12	21	-9	6
11	Arlesey Town Reserves	5	1	1	3	10	14	-4	4
12	Southill Alexander	5	1	1	3	6	10	-4	4
13	AFC Kempston Town	6	1	1	4	5	13	-8	4
14	Biggleswade United Reserves	6	1	0	5	6	18	-12	3
15	Sharnbrook	5	0	1	4	7	15	-8	1

Division One

Potton Wanderers are now up into second spot in the division one league table following their 5-1 home win over Sandy. Craig Schurek leading the way with a hat-trick supported by goals from Luke Gurney and Dean Hamilton against a lone reply from Ian Hammett.

For Blunham Reserves, it required a last minute goal from Mark Davidson for them to hold onto their seasons unbeaten home record in a 2-2 stalemate with FC Meppershall. Danny Wing shooting the visitors ahead only to see Stan Hobbs level matters up, then Chris Dunne missed the opportunity to give the home side the lead by missing from the penalty spot, an error that looked costly when Christain Robinson restored the lead for the visitors before Dudsy saved his bacon with that last minute strike.

After three straight heavy defeats Brache Sparta Community Reserves lifted themselves off the bottom of the league table with a 2-1 home win over Luton Old Boys who themselves now drop onto that bottom slot. Harron Khan netting both of the home goals against a reply from Ashley Wadhams.

Elsewhere, Henlow with their fourth away win on the bounce, 1-0 at Caldecote Reserves, are now sitting fourth in the league table, Pete Saunders netting the goal that did all the damage.

Division One League Table at 25th September 2010

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Bedford Hatters	5	5	0	0	18	2	16	15
2	Potton Wanderers	5	4	0	1	23	8	15	12
3	Marston Shelton Rovers	4	4	0	0	17	4	13	12
4	Henlow	5	4	0	1	12	7	5	12
5	Meltis Albion	4	3	0	1	15	3	12	9
6	Blunham Reserves	5	2	2	1	21	10	11	8
7	Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	4	1	1	2	5	6	-1	4
8	AFC Kempston Town Reserves	4	1	1	2	7	11	-4	4
9	Bedford S.A.	4	1	1	2	7	13	-6	4
10	FC Meppershall	5	1	1	3	9	19	-10	4
11	Caldecote Reserves	3	1	0	2	5	3	2	3
12	Sandy	6	1	0	5	6	19	-13	3
13	Brache Sparta Community Reserves	4	1	0	3	2	27	-25	3
14	Marston Social	2	0	0	2	2	6	-4	0
15	Luton Old Boys [Saturday]	4	0	0	4	6	17	-11	0

Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup 1st Round

Sharing the top honours in the opening round of this season's Bedfordshire Intermediate Cup were Bedford Hatters and Meltis Albion, cue party time at Miller Road. Hatters running out 3-0 home winners over United Counties League outfit AFC Kempston Rovers Reserves thanks to a brace of goals from Darek Jozwiak and a strike from Richard Cook to set up a second round home tie against Henlow. Whilst Meltis Albion won 1-0 at Molten Spartan South Midlands League, 61FC Luton Reserves to earn a trip to Heath Panthers United in round two, Alex Goosby netting the vital goal.

However it was the end of the road for AFC Kempston Town Reserves who were beaten 0-2 at home by Langford Reserves who will now travel to face Caldecote Reserves at Harvey Close in round two.

Alas for Marston Social the car was not even brought out of the garage after they were forced to call off their home tie with Leighton Town Reserves due to a shortage of players that now threatens to close the club down.

Division Two

Queens Park Crescents lost not only their seasons 100% home record but also the leadership of the division two league table when beaten 0-2 by Clifton, who thus retain their own seasons unbeaten away record to climb up into second spot in the league standings. Tom McNaught slotting home a 25th minute penalty before ensuring his side of all three points with a second goal 10 minutes from time.

The new leaders of the table being Arlesey Social Galacticos, 5-3 away winners at Kings AFC. Goals from Jim Gentry, Scott Leger, Jon Rowe, Chris Robinson and a Mark McMillan penalty only being replied to by home strikes from Oliver Pleastead, Rowan Hazelwood and Dan Cain.

Division Two League Table at 25th September 2010

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Arlesey Social Galacticos	6	5	1	0	25	15	10	16
2	Clifton	6	5	1	0	21	13	8	16
3	Queens Park Crescents	6	4	1	1	15	8	7	13
4	Elstow Abbey 06	6	4	0	2	18	9	9	12
5	Lea Sports PSG	5	3	1	1	20	7	13	10
6	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	6	3	1	2	16	17	-1	10
7	Bromham United	6	3	0	3	13	15	-2	9
8	Westoning Recreation Club	4	2	1	1	14	8	6	7
9	Lidlington United Sports	5	2	1	2	12	12	0	7
10	Harpur FC	6	2	1	3	17	28	-11	7
11	Great Barford	6	2	0	4	11	13	-2	6
12	Stopsley Park	6	1	1	4	18	19	-1	4
13	Marabese Ceramics	4	1	1	2	4	8	-4	4
14	Stevington	6	1	0	5	10	18	-8	3
15	Kings AFC	4	0	0	4	8	17	-9	0
16	Kempston Hammers Sports	4	0	0	4	4	19	-15	0

Just a point behind the now third place Crescents are Elstow Abbey who came from behind to earn a 2-1 home win over Great Barford. Kevin Fage giving the visitors a first half lead before Tom Pitts levelled matters 20 minutes into the second period and Harry Ellis hit the winner 12 minutes from time.

With Westoning Recreation Club having their game at Kempston Hammers Sports called off when the home side failed to raise a side they now drop from fifth to eighth in the league standings after wins for Lea Sports PSG, Shefford Town & Campton Reserves plus Bromham United.

Lea Sports PSG, the days top scorers, with a 9-1 victory at Harpur move into that fifth spot. Sam Luciano with a hat-trick, plus Haydon Fletcher and Greg Whelan with braces supported by single strikes from Dean Lewis and Juan Camello.

In sixth place now are Shefford Town & Campton Reserves who retained their seasons unbeaten home record with a 5-3 victory over Stevington, Paul Still with a brace plus goals from Jordan Robbins, Wayne Paxton and Jake Brown only being replied to by Darren King, Aaron Fletcher and Greg King.

Taking over seventh spot are Bromham United who required just a single goal from Dean Waghorn to win 1-0 at Lidlington United Sports.

The days final game in this division seeing Stopsley Park and Marabese Ceramics shares the spoils in a 2-2 draw, James Smart and Michael Buckingham on target for The Park against visitors replies from Colin Stanley and Josh Pierre St Claire.

Division Three

Pavenham are still 100% for the season and three points clear at the head of the division three league table after recording win number six on the bounce with a 4-0 home victory over Shefford Town & Campton A. James Owen hitting a hat-trick supported by a strike from Tim Bowers.

Chasing them hard in second and third slots and both with a game in hand are M & DH Oakley and Sharnbrook Reserves. M & DH retaining their own 100% record with a 5-0 home success over Flitwick Town Reserves, Scott Rothery with a hat-trick plus goals from Ben Meaney and Jamie MacLenan doing the damage.

For Sharnbrook Reserves it was also a fifth straight win on the bounce after emerging 2-0 winners at Dunton Reserves thanks to goals from Mark Smith and James Whitmore.

Division Three League Table at 25th September 2010

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Pavenham	6	6	0	0	28	1	27	18
2	M & DH Oakley	5	5	0	0	21	1	20	15
3	Sharnbrook Reserves	5	5	0	0	11	4	7	15
4	Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	6	3	2	1	20	9	11	11
5	Co-op Sports	6	3	1	2	18	11	7	10
6	Westoning Recreation Club Reserves	3	2	0	1	15	9	6	6
7	Renhold Village	4	2	0	2	12	6	6	6
8	Royal Oak Kempston	5	1	1	3	13	14	-1	4
9	Flitwick Town Reserves	4	1	1	2	5	11	-6	4
10	Cranfield United Reserves	4	1	1	2	2	11	-9	4
11	Caldecote 'A'	4	1	0	3	6	10	-4	3
12	Dunton Reserves	5	1	0	4	8	14	-6	3
13	Riseley Sports	4	0	1	3	1	14	-13	1
14	Wilshamstead Reserves	5	0	1	4	6	28	-22	1
15	Shefford Town & Campton 'A'	4	0	0	4	2	25	-23	0

Far from giving up the chase are fourth place Sundon Park Rangers who retained their seasons unbeaten ways with a 4-1 win over Royal Oak Kempston. Nick Buttigieg seeing his two goals haul being added to via an own goal plus a strike from Chris Hazell against a lone reply from Liam Boland.

Holding down fifth place are Co-Op Sports who emerged 3-1 away winners at Riseley Sports, Thomas Miller, Andrew Ayres and Andrew Randell on the scoresheet against a home reply from Johnny Jefferies.

Elsewhere, Westoning Recreation Club Reserves marked their first home game of the season with a 7-1 victory over Wilshamstead Reserves. Joe Rogers twice plus Liam Boyle, Andrew Morris, John Bass, Ian Buckingham plus an own goal only being replied to by Neil Gregg.

Division Four

For Goldington it was a loss of their seasons 100% record and the league leadership when beaten 2-4 at home by Eastcotts. Braces of goals from Ciaran Alexander and Michael Sexton outscoring home replies from Karl Anderson and James Morris.

The new league leaders and still 100% for the season are AFC Turvey who won 6-0 at Stewartby Village, John Guiney on target four times alongside Mark Allen and Martin Page.

Division Four League Table at 25th September 2010

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Turvey	5	5	0	0	29	2	27	15
2	Goldington	5	4	0	1	26	7	19	12
3	Thurleigh	5	4	0	1	18	8	10	12
4	Eastcotts AFC	5	4	0	1	14	4	10	12
5	Potton Town	5	3	0	2	9	8	1	9
6	Goldington Hammers	5	3	0	2	11	18	-7	9
7	Clifton Reserves	5	2	0	3	13	16	-3	6
8	Dinamo Flitwick	5	2	0	3	10	13	-3	6
9	Bedford Park Rangers	5	2	0	3	14	19	-5	6
10	Wootton Village	4	1	0	3	6	12	-6	3
11	Stewartby Village	5	1	0	4	7	15	-8	3
12	Lea Sports PSG Reserves	4	1	0	3	4	12	-8	3
13	Sandy Reserves	4	1	0	3	6	15	-9	3
14	Kempston Athletic	4	0	0	4	5	23	-18	0

Despite their win over Goldington, Eastcotts find themselves dropping from third to fourth on goal difference after Thurleigh leapfrogged them with a 7-0 win at Sandy Reserves. 0-0 at the break, the visitors with four goals from Mikey Peters including a hat-trick inside three minutes plus goals from Liam Bolton, Steve Pledge and a Adam Layton penalty romping to a easy win by the final whistle.

Now in fifth place are Potton Town, 4-1 home winners over Bedford Park Rangers, goals from Josh Cornitk, Chris Cooper, Sam Barham and James Pyman only being replied to by Rangers Roy Murnane.

For Goldington Hammers its sixth place after a lone strike from Daniel Cowperwaite took them to a 1-0 home win over Lea Sports PSG Reserves.

Elswhere, Clifton Reserves despite a goal from the now departed Biggleswade United Reserves team manager Tony Norman, could not save them from a 1-3 home defeat at the hands of Wootton Village. Adam Flynn with a brace plus Lewis Aitken on the mark for The Village.

The days final game in this division failing to bring Kempston Athletic their first point of the season when beaten 3-4 at home by Dinamo Flitwick. Andy Carlin with a hat-trick plus Mark Funnell the Dinamo scorers against home replies from Jason Bedall, Ben Norrish and Tom Roberts.

Preview Saturday 2nd October 2010.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform action sees the game of the day coming at Rectory Road. League leaders Shefford Town & Campton defending their seasons 100% home record with a visit from second place Renhold United who travel to defend their own seasons unbeaten record and search for the points that would lift them to the top of the table at their hosts expense.

With the next three clubs in the standings Wilshamstead, Blunham and Oakley Sports all sitting the afternoon out, Leighton United have a chance to move up the table into third spot should they come up with the full three points when they visit Hillgrounds to take on hosts AFC Kempston Town.

Over at Harvey Close, its local derby action between Caldecote and Biggleswade United Reserves, the home side looking firm favourites to collect their fourth win on the bounce. Whilst just down the road at the Carlsberg Stadium, hosts Southill Alexander will need no reminding just what happened when visitors Woburn came calling last season.

The days final game in this section being at Horseshoes Close, where hosts Dunton look to end a three game losing run when bottom of the table Sharnbrook come in search of their first win of the season.

In Division One, the top game looks to be at Miller Road, where league leaders Bedford Hatters defend their seasons 100% record against fourth place Henlow who take to the road for their sixth consecutive away game of the season, the last four all being won.

Passion however could also be high at Mill Lane, the venue for second place Potton Wanderers home clash with local rivals Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves.

For third place Marston Shelton Rovers, its a trip to Cople Playing Fields to face Bedford Sports Athletic, the Rovers looking to make it five wins on the bounce against an Athletic side that is still unbeaten at home this season.

Elsewhere, its a case of will Marston Social make it to the starting line for their scheduled home encounter against AFC Kempston Town Reserves, while the only club currently below them in the league standings, Luton Old Boys, make their way to Harvey Close to take on Caldecote Reserves.

Over at Moggerhanger Playing Fields, Blunham Reserves look to have a tough task on their hands to retain their seasons unbeaten home ways when fifth in the table, and still 100% on their travels, Meltis Albion come calling.

The final game of the day in this section taking place at Bedford Road Recreation Ground, where Sandy now on a four game losing run host third from bottom in the table Brache Sparta Community Reserves.

Action for the lower division sides this weekend sees the spotlight fall onto the opening round ties in this seasons Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup. Bedfordshire County Football League teams being involved in a total of 24 games, 16 of which will be domestic league affairs.

Of the eight sides facing opposition from other leagues, five will be making trips on the road. Of these, Sandy Reserves face perhaps the toughest task in their quest to make it into the hat for Round Two when they head towards Manor Road and a meeting with Spartan South Midlands Football League outfit Caddington Reserves.

Three others are on the road to face Luton District & South Beds League opponents, Sharnbrook Reserves in search of Vauxhall Brache Recreation Ground to take on Christians in Sport. Lea Sports PSG will be on the road to meet Square Rangers, and Co-op Sports make the trip across Luton to meet up again with old adversaries St Joseph at their Skimpot Road headquarters in Dunstable.

The fifth side to travel being Cranfield United Reserves, who head to Pages Park in Leighton Buzzard for a meeting with North Bucks League outfit LB Galaxy.

The three sides to enjoy home advantage are, Co-op Sports Reserves who host North Bucks League side Southcott Village Residents Association at Solway Road. Arlesey Social Galacticos who also take on North Bucks League opponents in the shape of Heath Panthers United at Arlesey Recreation Ground. And M & DH Oakley will be hosts to Stopsley Baptist Church.

In the 16 all Bedfordshire County Football League affairs there are nine chances of a spot of so called giant-killing. For those that have home advantage, perhaps the best opportunity falls the way of fourth division AFC Turvey who take on division three outfit Royal Oak Kempston at Stonefields, as in the other three ties you would expect the visitors, all division two sides, to prevail. Elstow Abbey, making the short trip to Stewartby Way to face Stewartby Village. Harpur FC en route to Steppingley Road for a meeting with Flitwick Town Reserves, whilst Queens Park Crescents will be in Keysoe Road action against Thurleigh.

Of the five potential giant-killers hitting the road, one would suggest perhaps division four Goldington have the best chance of an upset with the journey to Digswell Playing Fields to take on division three side Shefford Town & Campton A.

For last seasons beaten finalists, division three Renhold Village, it's a tough looking encounter at Hurst Grove against division two Lidlington United Sports. Whilst division four Bedford Park Rangers at division two Bromham United and division three Westoning Recreation Club Reserves at Whiston Crescent against division two

Clifton will certainly start the day second favourites to make it into the hat for round two. A comment that also applies to division four Dunton Reserves who head for a Groveside meeting against division Two Marabese Ceramics.

Elsewhere, there are two all division two clashes. At Greenfield Road you would expect Westoning Recreation Club to progress at the expense of Stevington, but at King George VI Playing Fields, on current league form hosts Kings AFC will have their work cut out against Shefford Town & Campton Reserves.

It's a similar story in the pair of all division three meetings. Pavenham in Hillgrounds against Caldecote A, the firm favourites to progress but visitors Sundon Park Rangers will fancy their chances when they journey to Gold Street to take on Riseley Sports.

The final three ties are all division four affairs. Dinamo Fltwick in home action at Hinksley Road Recreation Ground against Lea Sports PSG Reserves, Goldington Hammers taking on Wootton Village in Mowsbury Park, whilst Sunderland Road Sandy is the venue for Potton Town's meeting with Clifton Reserves.