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Brian Buck Travellers Tales calls in at Crawley Road.

212.(9,962) Friday 18th February 2011 Cranfield United Reserves 3 Flitwick Town Reserves 1 (Bedfordshire County League Division 3) (7.45pm kick off) att 40 approx. The cold wind, although not particularly strong, failed to abate and so it was rather surprising that there was such a good turnout for this match. Since my last visit here the club have erected dugouts either side of the stand which means you can now sit down on the benched seats without having to endure the verbal diarrhea which sometimes emanates from the bench, tonight's occupants excluded of course! Also there are big letters, red on white, CUFC, depicting the initials of the club on the back wall of the stand, making the whole of this area much smarter. Ultimately the banter from the lively crowd helped make this into a decent game. In the first half it was one way traffic, in favour of the hosts and I failed to note any shots, corners or offside on the Flitwick section of my notepad. Their cause was not helped by their keeper, getting injured at a time in the first half no one around me could determine. But despite his incapacity I doubt if too many keepers would have prevented either of the goals. Cranfield scored in this period, on 28 and 41 minutes. Both were long range curling shots into the top right hand corner of the goal. The first was scored by James Armstrong who works on the Sky TV **fishing programme** who **haddock** a shot into the net although the opposition thought it was **carp**. Peter Kerr got the second goal. At half time which lasted ten minutes we failed to obtain hot drinks we desperately needed from the tea bar because the four people in front of us all want burgers. So we went without. In the second period Flitwick replaced their keeper with an outfield player. I wouldn't say that his outfield contribution was missed but suddenly Flitwick now became the better side and with the banter from the lively home fans we now had a good atmosphere and a decent game on our hands. Flitwick deservedly pulled a goal back on 82 minutes through Richard Davison, but although they now deserved a draw they didn't get it because a handball in the area saw Armstrong **plaiice** his shot home.

Representative side in action on Wednesday Night.

This coming Wednesday March 2nd sees the Bedfordshire County Football League take on The North Home Counties League in the Semi-final of this season's Bedfordshire FA Inter-League Trophy at Second Meadow, Biggleswade United FC with a 7.45pm Kick Off.

With manager Kevin Hallett away on business in the North of England, Caldecote's Neil Mapletoft takes over the manager's mantle in which a final tie against The Leighton & District Sunday Football League awaits the winners.

Action Round-Up Saturday 23rd February 2011

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

With the rain returning in abundance just two of the scheduled six Premier Division supported by Sportsform fixtures went ahead. At Rectory Road, league leaders Shefford Town & Campton were required to come from behind to net their sixth home win on the bounce with a 2-1 victory over Sharnbrook. Trailing to a 50th strike from Tom King, the home side drew level 20 minutes from time courtesy of an own goal off the head of Neil Singleton before Michael Jones grabbed their winner six minutes from time.

Over at Harvey Close, Caldecote went down to only their second home defeat of the season when beaten 5-2 by second place Wilshamstead. Paul Jones netting four times and Kevin Butler once against home replies from Dave Lenton and Paul Lawrence.

The other four scheduled fixtures; AFC Kempston Town v Blunham. Dunton v Arlesey Town Reserves, Flitwick Town v Leighton United and Oakley Sports v Woburn falling victim to waterlogged pitches.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform Table at 26th February 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Shefford Town & Campton	15	10	3	2	43	24	19	33
2	Wilshamstead	16	10	3	3	56	39	17	33
3	Blunham	12	9	2	1	53	19	34	29
4	Renhold United	14	8	4	2	36	24	12	28
5	Caldecote	14	8	2	4	32	24	8	26
6	Oakley Sports	15	6	1	8	23	35	-12	19
7	Leighton United	14	5	3	6	39	31	8	18
8	Flitwick Town	14	5	2	7	22	28	-6	17
9	Dunton	14	4	2	8	21	34	-13	14
10	Sharnbrook	14	4	0	10	22	36	-14	12
11	Woburn	14	3	3	8	26	44	-18	12
12	Arlesey Town Reserves	15	2	4	9	29	45	-16	10
13	AFC Kempston Town	13	2	3	8	16	35	-19	9

Division One

Like in the top flight just two games were to go ahead and for Luton Old Boys it was a 3-1 home victory over Bedford Sports Athletic to move them off the bottom of the league table. Alvin Rajaram, Niall Lawson and Stephen Odell netting the vital goals against a lone reply from Carmine De Foe.

For Caldecote Reserves, it was a third home win on the bounce with a 4-2 win over Meltis Albion. Matt Basta with a hat-trick plus a strike from Joe Jordan only being replied to twice by Michael Butler.

The other four scheduled fixtures; Bedford Hatters v Marston Shelton Rovers. FC Meppershall v AFC Kempston Town Reserves. Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves v Henlow and Sandy v Potton Wanderers falling victim to waterlogged pitches.

Division One League Table at 26th February 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Potton Wanderers	16	13	0	3	66	14	52	39
2	Marston Shelton Rovers	14	12	0	2	39	19	20	36
3	Bedford Hatters	13	11	1	1	48	8	40	34
4	Meltis Albion	18	9	1	8	41	36	5	28
5	Bedford S.A.	17	7	2	8	42	45	-3	23
6	Sandy	17	6	4	7	36	42	-6	22
7	Henlow	17	6	4	7	35	46	-11	22
8	FC Meppershall	14	6	2	6	36	30	6	20
9	Caldecote Reserves	14	5	1	8	21	25	-4	16
10	Blunham Reserves	18	4	4	10	21	44	-23	16
11	Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	15	4	3	8	23	29	-6	15
12	Luton Old Boys [Saturday]	17	4	1	12	25	60	-35	13
13	AFC Kempston Town Reserves	16	4	1	11	16	51	-35	13

[Table detail](#)

Division Two

With league leaders Clifton having their scheduled home encounter with Westoning Recreation Club waterlogged off, their place at the head of the league standings was taken over by Lea Sports PSG who ran out 8-0 winners at Arlesey Social Galacticos. Thomas Feeney and Martin Collins both with hat-tricks plus a brace from Liam Trainor netting the goals for PSG's sixth win on the bounce.

Going one better goalwise were Kings AFC, with a 9-1 win over Great Barford. With Barford Playing Fields deemed unplayable in the morning, Kings offer to stage the match at their own King George VI Playing Fields was accepted by Great Barford, a decision they must have rued come the final whistle. Rowan Hazelwood bagging four goals, Nathan Clements hitting a hat-trick alongside single strikes from Oliver Plestead and Mike Whelan. To prove themselves the perfect deputy hosts, Kings netted the Barford goal for them.

After five straight home wins, Elstow Abbey's promotion hopes took a knock when they were held to a 2-2 home draw by Lidlington United Sports. Abbey via a goal from Dave McCarthy shot in front after 57 minutes only for an own goal via Jason Harrision 14 minutes from time to level matters for United. When Ashley Windridge regained the home sides lead in the 89th minute the points looked won until with the clock showing 90 plus 3 Darren Sims netted United's equaliser.

The games; Bromham United v Shefford Town & Campton Reserves, Marabese Ceramics v Queens Park Crescents and Stevington v Stopsley Park waterlogged off.

Division Two League Table at 26th February 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Lea Sports PSG	14	11	1	2	53	16	37	34
2	Clifton	18	9	5	4	44	36	8	32
3	Queens Park Crescents	18	10	2	6	44	41	3	32
4	Arlesey Social Galacticos	19	9	4	6	50	47	3	31
5	Kings AFC	16	10	0	6	48	37	11	30
6	Elstow Abbey 06	16	9	2	5	51	22	29	29
7	Bromham United	18	9	2	7	40	40	0	29
8	Westoning Recreation Club	18	8	3	7	46	36	10	27
9	Lidlington United Sports	16	6	5	5	38	31	7	23
10	Great Barford	17	7	1	9	27	43	-16	22
11	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	16	5	3	8	34	42	-8	18
12	Stopsley Park	16	5	2	9	39	40	-1	17
13	Marabese Ceramics	13	4	2	7	19	22	-3	14
14	Stevington	18	3	1	14	26	56	-30	10
15	Kempston Hammers Sports	15	2	1	12	12	62	-50	7

Division Three

Just one game was to survive the rain and even that only went ahead after Cranfield United Reserves accepted Shefford Town & Campton A's offer to stage the game at their Digswell Playing Field headquarters. The result a 0-0 draw which stretches United's unbeaten ways to 10 games but alas for the new found hosts was not enough to lift them off the bottom of the league table.

Division Three League Table at 26th February 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Pavenham	15	14	1	0	62	12	50	43
2	Sharnbrook Reserves	17	13	0	4	51	28	23	39
3	M & DH Oakley	15	11	1	3	48	18	30	34
4	Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	16	9	4	3	62	31	31	31
5	Co-op Sports	17	9	4	4	45	27	18	31
6	Cranfield United Reserves	14	8	3	3	29	22	7	27
7	Riseley Sports	18	7	3	8	40	40	0	24
8	Wilshamstead Reserves	15	5	2	8	30	47	-17	17
9	Renhold Village	13	4	4	5	30	25	5	16
10	Dunton Reserves	16	5	1	10	27	45	-18	16
11	Royal Oak Kempston	16	5	1	10	29	48	-19	16
12	Flitwick Town Reserves	15	4	2	9	23	41	-18	14
13	Caldecote 'A'	17	4	0	13	32	60	-28	12
14	Westoning Recreation Club Reserves	15	3	2	10	32	54	-22	11
15	Shefford Town & Campton 'A'	17	2	2	13	17	59	-42	8

The other five games;Renhold Village v Co-op Sports. Royal Oak Kempston v Pavenham,Sharnbrook Reserves v M & DH Oakley,Westoning Recreation Club Reserves v Sundon Park Rangers and Wilshamstead Reserves v Dunton Reserves all postponed.

Division Four

It was a programme of just two games, but for league leaders AFC Turvey it was business as usual as they retained their seasons 100% perfect league record with a 6-1 home victory over Clifton Reserves, taking them 12 points clear at the head of the league table.Saimir Guri with a hat-trick, Robin Ellis with a brace and Mark Allen netting the goals against a lone reply from Greg King whose side were going down to their first defeat in six outings.

The second game saw Dinamo Flitwick and Stewartby Village share the spoils in a 2-2 draw.Adam Seemarks and Dale Goldie on target for the home side against replies via Lee Collis and John Steele.

The postponed games being;Bedford Park Rangers v Goldington.Eastcotts v Sandy Reserves,Kempston Athletic v Potton Town and Wootton Village v Goldington Hammers.

Division Four League Table at 26th February 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Turvey	16	16	0	0	94	18	76	48
2	Goldington	16	12	0	4	84	27	57	36
3	Thurleigh	14	10	1	3	47	25	22	31
4	Dinamo Flitwick	17	9	3	5	45	40	5	30
5	Eastcotts AFC	16	9	2	5	48	25	23	29
6	Clifton Reserves	18	8	2	8	55	63	-8	26
7	Potton Town	13	8	1	4	29	20	9	25
8	Stewartby Village	18	6	3	9	34	55	-21	21
9	Lea Sports PSG Reserves	15	5	3	7	24	35	-11	18
10	Goldington Hammers	17	6	0	11	33	69	-36	18
11	Bedford Park Rangers	19	5	2	12	43	62	-19	17
12	Sandy Reserves	15	3	1	11	19	41	-22	10
13	Kempston Athletic	14	2	2	10	22	57	-35	8
14	Wootton Village	14	1	2	11	16	56	-40	5

Watson Shield

The scheduled second round tie between Lea Sports PSG Reserves and Thurleigh being waterlogged off.

Preview Saturday 5th March 2011

This weekend sees all of the five leading contenders for the Premier Division supported by Sportsform title have what can only be described as winnable games.

For league leaders Shefford Town & Campton it's a trip on the road to Crawley Road to face Woburn, the Safari Boys hosts last won on home soil as long ago as early November and with the leaders now on a four game winning run, they should have enough in the tank to collect all three points.

Perhaps the favourites for the league crown are reigning champions Blunham, for them, now on a 12 game unbeaten run, it's a trip to Steppingley Road and a meeting with Flitwick Town.

For second place Wilshamstead, its home Jubilee Playing Fields action against Dunton as they strive to maintain their seasons unbeaten home ways against a visiting Dunton side that are now unbeaten in their last three starts.

Whilst Renhold Playing Fields is the venue for Renhold United's home encounter with Arlesey Town Reserves, United looking to take their unbeaten ways to four games against a Town side that have yet to win on the road this season.

For Caldecote, over at Harvey Close, its home action against Oakley Sports, in what is now a must win game in their quest of a record breaking ninth league title. The Sportsmen arriving with just two away wins to their name this season.

The final action comes at Lodge Road, the venue for Sharnbrook's home encounter with AFC Kempston Town. The hosts looking for just their second home win of the season against a Town side that has won just once on the road away from their Hillgrounds base this campaign.

The top action in Division One could well come at Mill Lane where league leaders Potton Wanderers will be entertaining FC Meppershall. The hosts, winners of their last seven home outings favourites to collect the spoils against a visiting side that have lost their last two away outings.

Over at Harvey Close, it will be local derby action between Caldecote Reserves and Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves. With the visitors having lost their last three away outings, home advantage just might tip the balance the way of the hosts.

Whilst just down the road at Moggerhanger Playing Fields, Blunham Reserves host second from bottom of the table Luton Old Boys. With the visitors having lost seven of their eight away outings this season, you would favour the home side to collect the spoils.

Groveside will be the venue for Henlow's home encounter with Meltis Albion. The hosts having lost their last two home games having no easy task to repair the damage against an Albion outfit that has lost just three times in their last eight outings.

The final action of the afternoon in this division takes Sandy on the road to Hillgrounds to face bottom of the table AFC Kempston Town Reserves. With Sandy now unbeaten on the road since being defeated at Marston Shelton Rovers in early October, you would fancy them to collect the points against a Town side that has won just twice on home soil all season to leave them facing an uphill battle to avoid relegation.

For Bedford Hatters, its home action at Miller Road in the Semi-Final of this season's Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup against Luton District & South Beds League side Stopsley Common Sports. A final tie against AFC Dunstable Reserves or Stotfold Reserves awaits the winners.

The fight for the Division Two title this season sees as many as seven teams involved, four of whom go head to head this afternoon. At Pirton Recreation Ground, Lea Sports PSG the new league leaders and perhaps now the favourites for the title host Bromham United. The hosts are still 100% on home soil this season, whilst United have lost their last three outings and for them a defeat will surely end all hopes of them lifting the title this season.

The other head to head clash comes at King George VI Playing Fields, the venue where Kings AFC look for home win number six on the bounce against an Elstow Abbey side whose away forms needs to improve if they are to emerge the league champions this season.

With Queens Park Crescents sitting the afternoon out, the other two title contenders both hit the road. Clifton heading to Hurst Grove to face a Lidington United Sports side that has been beaten just once on home soil all season, Whilst Arlesey Social Galacticos now without an away win in their last four outings head for Stockwood Park and a meeting with Stopsley Park.

Down at the other end of the table, it's a meeting between the bottom two clubs at Cutler Hammer. Hosts and bottom of the table Kempston Hammers looking for their first win in five outings against a visiting Stevington side whose away record to date reads, played eight, lost eight.

Whilst over at Rectory Road, Shefford Town & Campton Reserves play hosts to Great Barford. With the visitors having won just once on the road this season and Town now beginning to hit form, you would fancy the points to go the way of the home side.

The final game of the day in this division being the Greenfield Road clash between Westoning Recreation Club and Marabese Ceramics, The Rec Boys hosts will be looking for their third home win on the bounce.

Division Three action, sees league leaders Pavenham in home Hillgrounds action against Flitwick Town Reserves, the hosts still unbeaten for the season fully expected to collect the points from a Town side that has won just once in their last seven outings.

Two of the sides chasing what already looks like that second elusive promotion spot, it's a meeting at Crawley Road, Cranfield United Reserves playing hosts to Shanbrook Reserves. United going into the game now unbeaten in their last 10 outings against a visiting side that has lost their last two away outings.

For the other three clubs still in the promotion shake up, it's home action. Co-op Sports beaten just twice on home soil this season at Solway Way North receiving a visit from a Caldecote A side that has lost their last six away games, whilst for M & DH Oakley, the visitors to their Oakley Playing Field Headquarters are Royal Oak

Kempston who's lone away win of the season came at Westoning Recreation Club Reserves in their last outing.

The trio of promotion candidates being made up by Sundon Park Rangers, they host Renhold Village in Stockwood Park. Only the league leaders Pavenham have lowered The Rangers colours on home soil this season and with The Village having just one away win to their name this season you would expect the points to stay on home soil.

Other action comes at Horseshoes Close, the venue for Dunton Reserves home clash with Westoning Recreation Club Reserves, with the visitors having lost their last seven away games, this is another encounter where you would expect the points to stay on home soil.

Elsewhere, the final action of this division can be found at Gold Street, the home of Riseley Sports who play hosts to bottom of the table Shefford Town & Campton A. Again the points will be expected to be collected by the home side.

The Division Four title race looks all but over and in the safe keeping of AFC Turvey, this weekend they make their way to Bedford Road Recreation Ground to face Sandy Reserves. Hitting the road still 100% for the season, it will be a major surprise if the home side who have won just once on home soil all season put an end to the champions elect winning ways.

For second place Goldington, the action comes in the form of a trip to Stewartby Way to face Stewartby Village. They hit the road seeking out their fifth away win on the bounce, but it will not be easy as The Village have won their last three home games.

Of the other promotion candidates, Thurleigh head to Mowsbury Park to be hosted by Kempston Athletic. Without an away win since mid-October, Thurleigh will have to be at their best to overcome an Athletic side that has won two of their last three home games. Whilst Eastcotts also head to Mowsbury Park to face Goldington Hammers. The Hammers last home win came back in early October, a fact that suggests the visitors will be collecting the points.

Still not out of the promotion race are both Clifton Reserves and Dinamo Flitwick who go head to head at Whiston Crescent. With the home side having won their last three home games and their visitors their last four away outings, a tight game looks on the cards.

Elsewhere, Potton Town with games in hand will also still feel they are in with a shout of promotion, for them, now on a four game unbeaten run it will be home action at Sunderland Road against a Lea Sports Reserves side that hit the road now unbeaten in their last three league outings.

The final game takes place at Wootton Playing Fields, the venue for Wootton Village's home clash with Bedford Park Rangers. Bottom of the table Village in search of their first home win of the season against a Rangers side that has won just twice on the road all season.

