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### Action Round-Up From Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

#### Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Blunham's lead at the head of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table is now down to just goal difference after Ickwell & Old Warden netted their 11th win on the bounce with a 5-1 victory at Wilshamstead. Andrew Vallom with a brace plus single strikes from Anup Kalyan, Rob Gaylor and Steve Thomas doing the damage against a lone home reply from Ben Slater.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform Table at 20<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

14 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Blunham	18	13	3	2	60	30	+30	42
Ickwell & Old Warden	18	14	0	4	51	33	+18	42
Oakley Sports	17	11	1	5	44	28	+16	34
Caldecote	19	10	3	6	48	30	+18	33
Biggleswade United Reserves	20	10	1	9	47	49	-2	31
Campton	19	9	2	8	48	40	+8	29
Wilshamstead	16	6	5	5	41	33	+8	23
Renhold United	20	6	5	9	37	51	-14	23
Sharnbrook AFC	18	6	4	8	30	37	-7	22
Kempston Town	14	6	2	6	35	31	+4	20
Woburn	17	6	2	9	39	45	-6	20
Dunton	19	4	3	12	24	43	-19	15
Southill Alexander	16	3	4	9	34	41	-7	13
Westoning Recreation Club [Saturday]	17	2	1	14	31	78	-47	7

For third place Oakley Sports, it was only a share of the spoils in a 0-0 draw at Dunton who remain deep in the relegation mix after this their seventh home game without a win.

Meanwhile, Sharnbrook were ending Campton's four game winning home run at Rectory Road by holding them to a 1-1 draw, Andrew Hayday opened the scoring for the home side just three minutes into the contest only to see Scott Rothery level matters on the half-hour mark.

The day's final scheduled game at Hillgrounds, between AFC Kempston Town and Southill Alexander being postponed.

### **Britannia Cup Second Round**

Biggleswade United Reserves will now face current holders Caldecote at the Semi-Final stage after running out 3-0 home winners over Westoning Recreation Club, goals from Matthew McCartney, Byn Williams and Nathan Morris doing the damage.

The other Semi-Final tie will be between Woburn and Southill Alexander after The Safari Boys came up with an 4-3 extra time win at Blunham, on the half-hour mark Andy Smith shot the home side in front only to see Lewis Murray level matters just two minutes later, that was the way it stayed until extra time got underway, Ivan Finch restoring the home sides lead in the opening period which Martin Holland quickly cancelled out, before goals from Josh Holt and Alex Otterway in the final period took the visitors 4-2 ahead until Michael Hutton reduced matters just a minute from time.

### **Division One**

League leaders Flitwick Town held on to their 11 point lead at the head of the league standings when goals from Martin Byrne and Steve Parkhouse took them to a 2-1 win at Henlow.

However, both Caldecote Reserves and Leighton United kept the pressure up with wins of their own, United taking their unbeaten league ways to seven games via a 5-0 home win over Blunham Reserves, Layne Eadie with a brace plus Alec Bradley, Jamie Bather and Asim Munir the goalscorers.

Whilst Caldecote Reserves needed second half goals from Joe Stevens and Paul Gower to come from behind to beat bottom of the table Kempston Hammers 2-1 after Shaun Wineonek had given the visitors a first half lead.

Slipping off the pace at the head of the table however are third place Meltis Albion after they were held to a 1-1 home draw by Campton Reserves, an own goal from Alex Toye giving the home side the lead 12 minutes into the contest until Micky Bates levelled matters 18 minutes into the second half.

For Sandy, it was an end to their seven game winning run when beaten 2-0 at FC Meppershall, Craig Damon with both goals doing the damage.

Meanwhile, Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves, with a hat-trick from Lee Threadgold are now unbeaten in their last four home starts and pulling away from the drop zone after a 3-1 home success over AFC Kempston Town Reserves. This was Town's sixth consecutive away defeat to leave them rooted to the fourth from bottom slot in the league standings, Justin Patterson netting their lone goal.

Elsewhere, Stevington ended a barren spell of five games without a win with a 4-2 victory at Kempston. 47year old Clinton Tatham netting twice alongside Sanj Kalyan and Matt Coles against home replies from Josh Anderson and Louis Prince.

### **Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup Semi-Final**

Marston Social's cup dream is over for another season after they went down 0-1 in extra time against Lewsey Park.

#### Division One League Table at 20<sup>th</sup> March 2010

<b>16 Teams</b>	<b>Games Played</b>	<b>Games Won</b>	<b>Games Drawn</b>	<b>Games Lost</b>	<b>Goals For</b>	<b>Goals Against</b>	<b>Goal Difference</b>	<b>Points</b>
Flitwick Town	23	17	1	5	57	30	+27	52
Caldecote Reserves	22	13	4	5	58	38	+20	43
Meltis Albion	22	11	6	5	48	35	+13	39
Leighton United	17	11	3	3	50	23	+27	36
Marston Social	19	10	4	5	43	29	+14	34
FC Meppershall	22	10	3	9	61	58	+3	33
Sandy	22	10	2	10	60	38	+22	32
Kempston	20	10	0	10	45	52	-7	30
Bedford Sports Athletic	20	8	4	8	51	46	+5	28
Blunham Reserves	23	8	4	11	35	52	-17	28
Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	19	8	2	9	40	46	-6	26
Henlow	19	7	2	10	37	47	-10	23
AFC Kempston Town Reserves	21	6	2	13	31	57	-26	20
Stevington	21	5	4	12	45	67	-22	19
Campton Reserves	21	5	2	14	38	63	-25	17
Kempston Hammers Sports	19	4	1	14	45	63	-18	13

Saturday, 05 September 2009: FC Meppershall v AFC Kempston Town Reserves - Away Win was awarded

### **Jubilee Cup Semi-Final**

Bedford Hatters were to execute revenge for their exit at the hands of Potton Wanderers in last weekends Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup Semi-Final by netting a penalty shoot-out win over their arch rivals on their own Mill Lane patch. Tom Redmond had given The Hatters the lead in normal time which was to be cancelled out by a strike from Sam Worthington and after extra time brought about no further goals it was all down to a shoot-out. The Hatters emerging sudden death 8-7 winners, Aaran Izzard, Michael Fry, Simon Pixley, Kian Marash, Liam Wills, Dean Lebret, Danny De Foe and Liam Massey all successful from the spot against home

responses from Matthew Neighbour, Chris Sams, Tim Senior, Sam Worthington, James Billingham, Antony Schurek and Jessie Mayo.

### **Division Two**

Brache Sparta Community Reserves remain in third spot in the league table and still unbeaten on home soil this season after a 5-2 win over Elstow Abbey. Edwin Anabarnye with a brace plus Martin Collins, Richard Anderson and Ron Belfon finding the back of the net against two goals in reply from Dave McCarthy.

Also keeping up their promotion challenge were fourth place Marston Shelton Rovers with a 4-1 victory at Harpur FC, Anthony Henman with a hat-trick plus a goal from James Burraway only replied to by a strike from Cameron Brown.

Elsewhere, Kings AFC with two goals from Oliver Plested and a strike from Josh Clements were leading 3-0 at Great Barford with just 15 minutes left to play before a brace of goals from Chris Cooper and a strike from Daniel Stafford gave the home side a vital share of the points in a 3-3 draw.

For Marabese Ceramics it was a first win in five outings 3-0 at Kempston Royals, goals from Denver Donaldson, James Tizard and James Maden winning the day.

Also winning on the road were both Arleseey Social Galacticos and Clifton. The Social with two goals from Ryan Dodson, a Mark McMillan penalty and a strike from James Gentry 4-1 winners at Shefford Town whose reply came via a Adam Spoons spot kick, whilst Clifton scraped home 3-2 at bottom of the table Shillington. Barry Hallybone and Dean Constant giving the visitors a 2-0 lead until strikes from Lewis Osborne and Jonathan Ruffett had the game level at 2-2 until Tom Allen popped up with Clifton's late winner.

Division Two League Table at 20<sup>th</sup> March 2010

<b>14 Teams</b>	<b>Games Played</b>	<b>Games Won</b>	<b>Games Drawn</b>	<b>Games Lost</b>	<b>Goals For</b>	<b>Goals Against</b>	<b>Goal Difference</b>	<b>Points</b>
Bedford Hatters	18	14	2	2	73	24	+49	44
Potton Wanderers	17	13	2	2	67	20	+47	41
Brache Sparta Community Reserves	18	11	5	2	60	27	+33	38
Marston Shelton Rovers	18	11	4	3	59	28	+31	37
Arleseey Social Galacticos	19	10	5	4	43	36	+7	35
Kings AFC	17	7	4	6	58	43	+15	25
Shefford Town	18	7	3	8	46	46	+0	24
Harpur FC	19	7	3	9	48	63	-15	24
Great Barford	21	6	3	12	37	59	-22	21
Marabese Ceramics	17	6	2	9	20	30	-10	20
Clifton	19	4	7	8	33	49	-16	19
Kempston	20	5	3	12	30	57	-27	18

Royals								
Elstow Abbey 06	20	5	1	14	35	69	-34	16
Shillington [Saturday]	17	0	2	15	26	84	-58	2

### **Division Four**

Stewartby Village after four straight away league defeats returned to winning ways on the road with a 3-1 victory at Kempston Athletic, Julian Caves, Michael Cook and George Wheelhouse netting the vital goals against a home reply from Andrew Lea.

Division Four League Table at 20<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

11 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Sharnbrook Reserves	14	11	1	2	49	13	+36	34
Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	16	10	3	3	68	22	+46	33
M & DH Oakley	14	9	0	5	43	24	+19	27
Flitwick Town Reserves	15	8	2	5	44	45	-1	26
Dinamo Flitwick	14	6	2	6	38	30	+8	20
Thurleigh	14	6	2	6	36	37	-1	20
Stewartby Village	15	6	0	9	36	45	-9	18
Clifton Reserves	13	5	2	6	36	35	+1	17
Eastcotts	13	5	2	6	31	31	+0	17
Kempston Athletic	14	3	0	11	32	66	-34	9
Bedford Park Rangers	16	3	0	13	20	85	-65	9

### **Watson Shield Second Round**

The result of the round at the last 16 stage belonged to Eastcotts who with a goal from Shane Wilson were 1-0 winners at Sharnbrook Reserves to earn them a trip to face Flitwick Town Reserves in the next round who had second half goals from Clive Craig and James Taylor to thank for a 2-1 home win over Wilshamstead Reserves.

For Renhold Village it was a 3-1 home win over Stopsley Park, Andy Randell giving the visitors the lead then missing a penalty to put them 2-0 ahead until strikes from Carl Townsend, Dan Luke and Ian Hamer won the day for the home side and a next round visit to Lidlington United Sports who were 4-1 home winners over Thurleigh, Chris Roberts on target twice alongside Aiden Redmond and Mike Smith against a lone reply from Sam Queeley.

Elsewhere, Riseley Sports Reserves turned league form upside down by netting a 4-1 home win over Dunton Reserves, James Brown and Phil Taylor both netting twice against a Steve Spiers goal in reply, their reward being an home tie at the last eight stage against Queens Park Crescents, 4-1 extra time winners over Caldecote A. Barry Croxon shooting Caldecote into a first half lead before Anis Ali struck to take the game into extra time, The Crescents with three goals via Azal Nawaz, Mohammed Raheem and Ayaz Hussian inside a five minute spell quickly putting the tie beyond their visitors.

Meanwhile, Sundon Park Rangers were 4-0 home winners over Dinamo Flitwick, Matt Conway and Danni Viola both netting twice to set up a home tie against M & DH Oakley, 1-0 extra time winners over Clifton Reserves thanks to a goal from Matty Vance.

### **Preview 27th March 2010**

The spotlight of this weekends programme falls onto the Semi-Final ties in this seasons Britannia Cup, in which Biggleswade United should be hosting current cup holders Caldecote at Second Meadow, but with their first team now in home South Midlands League action, the two clubs are trying to fix either an alternative venue or new date for the game in which Caldecote will start the favourites having already achieved a seasons league double over United. The latest news of the outcome can be found by logging onto [www.bedfordshirefootballleague.co.uk](http://www.bedfordshirefootballleague.co.uk) during the week.

Should no agreement be reached, Caldecote will then revert to normal league action and host Sharnbrook at Harvey Close.

Meanwhile the second tie comes at Crawley Road where Woburn host Southill Alexander, a club they have already achieved a season's league double over.

The Premier Division supported by Sportsform league action is thus reduced to just four games. For second place Ickwell & Old Warden it's a chance to top the league table should they achieve a draw or better from their trip to Renhold Playing Fields to face Renhold United, with United on a five game losing run and the boys from The Green now having won their last 11 games, this seems the likely outcome.

For fellow championship challengers Oakley Sports, its home action against Wilshamstead, the hosts looking for their fourth home win on the bounce against a Wilshamstead side that travel having last won on the road as long ago as early October at Woburn.

The game of the day down at the other end of the table comes at Greenfield Road, where bottom of the table Westoning Recreation Club will be looking to end a five game losing run when fellow strugglers Dunton come calling.

The final action coming at Hillgrounds, where AFC Kempston Town will be hosting a Campton side that has failed to win any of its last three away games.

In Division One, the top game comes at Steppingley Road with the clash between league leaders Flitwick Town and their visitors Leighton United. Town having won their last seven home games facing a United side that despite starting the day some 16 points behind them in the league standings are perhaps with six games in hand of them are perhaps their most serious rivals for the championship crown.

Of the other sides still with championships aspirations, Caldecote Reserves now unbeaten in their last six outings travel to Rectory Road to face a Campton Reserves side that has lost its last three home games. Whilst Meltis Albion head towards Groveside to face hosts Henlow who have won just two home games all season, this game kicking off at the earlier time of 2pm.

The trio of other title contenders being made up by Marston Social, who hit the road for Mowsbury Park and a meeting with FC Meppershall now unbeaten in their last four away league games.

Elsewhere, on The Green, there is local derby action between hosts Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves and Sandy. The home side now unbeaten in their last four home starts against their visitors who travel looking to return to winning ways after their defeat at FC Meppershall last weekend, their first in eight outings.

For bottom of the table Kempston Hammers Sports, its home Cutler Hammer action against AFC Kempston Town Reserves, the hosts seeking to break a losing home sequence of four games against a Town side that travel losers of their last six away outings.

Other action is due at Cople Playing Fields, where Bedford Sports Athletic host a Kempston side that has lost its last five away games. Whilst Stevington seek their first home win in five outings when Blunham Reserves pay them a visit at their Playing Fields Headquarters.

Division Two action brings about home games for the top two clubs, league leaders Bedford Hatters in Miller Road action against a Clifton side that is now unbeaten on its last five trips away from Whiston Crescent. Whilst at Mill Lane, Potton Wanderers look to take their unbeaten league ways to six games when paid a visit by Kings AFC.

For Arlesley Social Galacticos, its home Arlesley Recreation Ground action against Great Barford where they seek to take their unbeaten home ways to six games. Whilst just down the road at Groveside, Marabese Ceramics, having lost their last two home games, host local rivals Shefford Town in a game that will kick off at 4.15pm.

Elsewhere, over at Greenfield's, bottom of the table Shillington will take to the pitch still seeking their first home points of the season against Harpur FC. While fellow strugglers Kempston Royals and Elstow Abbey go head to head at Hillgrounds in search of the points to move them away from the drop zone.

Meanwhile, its Jubilee Cup Semi-Final day at Marston Playing Fields where Marston Shelton Rovers host Brache Sparta Community Reserves for the right to face Bedford Hatters in this seasons final.

Division Three league action sees league leaders Queens Park Crescents put their unbeaten home record on the line when they host Westoning Recreation Club Reserves in Mowsbury Park. Whilst fellow promotion hopefuls Dunton Reserves will look to end a run of four home league games without a victory when they host Renhold Village at Horseshoes Close.

Down at the other end of the table, basement side Riseley Sports Reserves are in home Gold Street action against Stopsley Park. Whilst at Bedford Road Recreation Ground its home action for second from bottom of the table Sandy Reserves against local rivals Caldecote A.

Division Four action takes league leaders Sharnbrook Reserves to Mowsbury Park to face bottom of the table Bedford Park Rangers seeking their sixth league win on the bounce. Whilst second place Sundon Park Rangers place their seasons unbeaten home league record on the line when Dinamo Flitwick pay them a visit in Stockwood Park.

If third place M & DH Oakley are to keep their promotion hopes alive, they need to find a way of beating a Thurleigh side that seeks its fourth league win on the bounce when they visit them at Keysoe Road.

Meanwhile over at Steppingley Road, Flitwick Town Reserves look to extend their unbeaten league home ways to seven games against Kempston Athletic. Whilst over at Whiston

Crescent, Clifton Reserves look for their first win in three outings when Stewartby Village come calling.