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Midweek Round-Up.

Tuesday 4th January 2011

Premier Division supported by Sportsform Dunton now face a home Semi-final tie at Horseshoes Close against Caldecote later in the season after knocking last seasons beaten finalists Stotfold Reserves out of this seasons Biggleswade Knock-Out Cup 2-0 on their own Roker Park Pitch.

0-0 at the half-time break, Dunton broke the deadlock 10 minutes into the second half with a goal from 16year old defender Steve Pugh and then sealed their victory when a low drive from the edge of the box by Tom Burton doubled the scoreline 20 minutes from time.

Revised Semi-final Draw

Dunton v Caldecote
Langford Reserves v Ickwell & Old Warden

Wednesday 5th January 2011

Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy Round 3

Having twice come from behind, Caldecote were to bow out of this seasons Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy 3-2 at AFC Dunstable following a controversial penalty decision just 14 minutes from time.

It was the home sides Courtney Massey who gave his team the lead just 10 minutes from the half-time break and but for a tremendous one handed save by home goalkeeper Nick Gardner from Paul Lawrence the boys from Caldecote would have been level five minutes into the new half.

The equalizer however was just another three minutes coming with Lawrence taking his full revenge on Gardner to level matters up. The home side then took full advantage of a poor clearance from Paul Gower to restore their lead in the 68th minute via Richard Harker only to see Chris Winder square matters up for a second time just five minutes later.

Then came the talking point of the night, the 76th minute award of a penalty to the home side by referee David Aylott, when the man in black blew his whistle most of the small crowd were convinced he was about to yellow card home player Terry Billy for his dive which would not have been out of place in an Olympic swimming pool, alas for the travelling Caldecote fans he was to their astonishment pointing to the penalty spot from where Dan Liddon took full advantage to fire his side to a Semi-final home meeting with Bedford.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform.

Arlesey Town Reserves took their current unbeaten ways to four games with a 9-0 home win over AFC Kempston Town to leapfrog their visitors in the league table. Daniel St Leger netting seven times alongside single strikes from Alex O'Brien and Paul Whitehouse.

Premier Division Supported by Sportsform League Table at 5th January 2011

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	Arlesey Town Reserves	12	3	3	6	28	34	-6	12
13	AFC Kempston Town	13	2	3	8	15	35	-20	9
14	Southill Alexander	10	2	2	6	18	26	-8	8
15	Biggleswade United Reserves	14	2	0	12	16	46	-30	6

Thursday 6th January 2010.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform Leighton United took full advantage to travel to Second Meadow and take on Biggleswade United's Molten South Midlands League Premier Division side in a friendly encounter to help blow away the Christmas cobwebs.

The game ending in a 4-1 win for the home side. Kevin Hilton netting Leighton's lone goal.

AFC Dunstable praise Caldecote FC

Re-produced below is a copy of AFC Dunstable match report from their website for last Wednesday Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy game against Caldecote plus a copy of an email sent by the club to Caldecote. Well done Caldecote.

Wednesday 5th January (Beds Senior Trophy)
AFC Dunstable 3 Caldecote 2

After 2 postponements, we finally got to play our County Cup Quarter Final and we progressed to the Semi Final. Coming up against another Bedfordshire League team, Caldecote were far the best team we have faced from that league and could feel aggrieved that they did not take the game into extra time. We opened the half the stronger and had the majority of the possession but could not find the target. On 36 minutes we finally broke the deadlock when Courtney Massey somehow lobbed Caldecote's 6ft 6inch keeper.

Thinking we would stroll the 2nd half on what we have seen from Bedfordshire League teams in the previous rounds, as they normally run out of steam, Caldecote had other idea's and deservedly drew level with a neat goal. We restored our lead when a strong run by Terry Billy saw him fire home on 71 minutes. Yet again Caldecote hit back and drew level on 77 minutes. Our winner was a bit controversial, when the jury was out, if Billy was tripped in the box. The referee deemed it was a trip and Dan Liddon made no mistake from the spot with 6 minutes remaining. A big congratulations must go to Caldecote, whose keeper made some outstanding saves and their team could easily hold there own in the SSMFL and would be a top 6 side in Division One on this performance. The only down side of the game, was an injury to Richard Harker, which could seem him out for 4 weeks.

Hello Mick

Don't know if you were at game the other night but our club thought your team were a credit.

We have faced teams from your league in the past and Caldecote are far the best team we have played in recent years and on your performance could easily hold your own at the higher level.

Kind Regards
Craig Renfrew
General Secretary
AFC Dunstable
FA Charter Standard Community Club

Bedfordshire FA Inter-League Centenary Cup Draw Season 2010-11

Bedfordshire County Football League v North Home Counties Football League
Leighton & District Sunday League v Luton District & South Beds League.

Dates to be arranged

Action Round-Up Saturday 8th January 2011

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

With just two fixtures going ahead following the rain of the previous 24 hours, league leaders Wilshamstead took full advantage to go three points clear at the head of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table with a 7-3 home victory over Leighton United. Paul Jones netting four times alongside single strikes from Colin Marshall, Jack Wiggs and Neville Allen following his midweek transfer from Blunham. The United replies coming courtesy of Rob Greenwood, Paul Darton and Jake Forsythe.

Now up into second spot are Shefford Town & Campton, they like the league leaders retained their seasons unbeaten home ways with a 3-0 victory over bottom of the table Biggleswade United Reserves. Andrew Hayday gave them a first half lead, he then doubled the scoreline in the new period before Tom Scurfield added a third.

Of the other scheduled games, all were to fail to beat waterlogged pitch inspections apart from the Harvey Close clash between Caldecote and Southill Alexander, this game failing to go ahead after the visitors announced on Friday that they would not be able to raise a side.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 8th January 2011

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Wilshamstead	13	9	3	1	50	31	19	30
2	Shefford Town & Campton	12	8	3	1	37	17	20	27
3	Renhold United	13	8	3	2	28	20	8	27
4	Blunham	11	8	2	1	50	20	30	26
5	Caldecote	12	8	1	3	33	20	13	25
6	Leighton United	14	6	3	5	40	30	10	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	Arlesey Town Reserves	12	3	3	6	28	34	-6	12
13	AFC Kempston Town	13	2	3	8	15	35	-20	9
14	Southill Alexander	11	2	2	7	18	26	-8	8
15	Biggleswade United Reserves	15	2	0	13	16	49	-33	6

Division One

For Division One league leaders Potton Wanderers it was no more than a stroll in the park as they emerged 11-0 away winners at AFC Kempston Town Reserves. Sam Worthington and James Hearson hitting hat-tricks, Danny Fox a brace, alongside an own goal plus strikes from Tom Blow and Chris Sams.

Second place Marston Shelton Rovers however were required to come from behind twice to claim a 3-2 victory at Blunham Reserves. Aaron Franks, Mark Champkin and Dean Clark the Rovers heroes to outgun home strikes from Darren Ashpole and Luke Stone.

There were goals aplenty at Bedford Road Recreation Ground where Sandy took their unbeaten ways to five games with a 5-4 win over Bedford Sports Athletic. Ian Hammett leading the way with a hat-trick alongside goals for Craig Baker and Daniel Stafford on his Sandy debut following his transfer from Great Barford. The Athletic replies coming in braces from Asa Mead and Andrew Latimer.

Just down the road on The Green, Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves achieved their first home win of the season via a 3-1 victory over bottom of the table Luton Old Boys. 0-0 at half-time, the game was won by a Lee Threadgold hat-trick in the second period against a late reply from Ashley Wadhams.

Whilst over at Groveside, Henlow and Caldecote Reserves shared the spoils in a 3-3 draw. Neil Spencer twice and Joe Fallano on the scoresheet for the home side against a Jack Gabbitas hat-trick in reply.

Division One League Table at 8th January 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Potton Wanderers	12	10	0	2	54	11	43	30
2	Marston Shelton Rovers	11	9	0	2	31	16	15	27
3	Bedford Hatters	9	8	0	1	35	5	30	24
4	Meltis Albion	12	6	1	5	28	27	1	19
5	Bedford S.A.	12	5	2	5	30	32	-2	17
6	FC Meppershall	11	5	2	4	25	27	-2	17
7	Henlow	12	4	4	4	28	29	-1	16
8	Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	11	4	3	4	20	19	1	15
9	Sandy	13	4	2	7	26	36	-10	14
10	Blunham Reserves	12	3	3	6	15	24	-9	12
11	AFC Kempston Town Reserves	12	3	1	8	13	38	-25	10
12	Caldecote Reserves	10	2	1	7	12	18	-6	7
13	Luton Old Boys [Saturday]	11	1	1	9	13	48	-35	4

Division Two

Action in this section was reduced to just four games due to waterlogged pitches. Alas, for Arlese Social Galacticos, they failed to take advantage of the non-active league leaders Queens Park Crescents by being beaten 1-2 at home by Bromham United. David Baxter the United hero with both goals to take his sides unbeaten ways up to four games against a Social reply from Jonathan Rowe.

Now up into third spot in the league table are Clifton, all this despite being held to a 2-2 home draw by Stopsley Park. Tony Norman and Barry Hallybone the home goalscorers against a Shane Roberts brace in reply.

Also jumping above the non-playing Lea Sports PSG into fourth spot on goal difference are Elstow Abbey following their 12-1 home thumping of Harpur FC. Two goals from Mark Nicholson plus strikes from Tom Pitts and Dave McCarthy seeing them lead 4-1 at the break, before the tally was added to in the new period by Ed L'Erario four times, Jason Harrison twice plus Harry Ellis and Jermaine Mills.

The final game of the day gave Kings AFC a 5-1 home victory over Westoning Recreation Club. Josh Clements with a hat-trick plus Ollie Pleasted with a brace doing the damage against a Jack Barnwell reply.

Division Two League Table at 8th January 2011

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	14	8	4	2	44	30	14	28
3	Clifton	14	7	5	2	41	32	9	26
4	Elstow Abbey 06	13	8	1	4	55	20	35	25
5	Lea Sports PSG	11	8	1	2	41	16	25	25
6	Bromham United	13	7	2	4	32	27	5	23
7	Westoning Recreation Club	14	5	3	6	36	28	8	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	Kings AFC	12	5	0	7	31	38	-7	15
11	Stopsley Park	13	4	2	7	39	40	-1	14
12	Marabese Ceramics	10	4	2	4	13	14	-1	14
13	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	13	3	3	7	28	39	-11	12
14	Stevington	14	4	0	10	30	49	-19	12
15	Harpur FC	14	3	2	9	39	70	-31	11
16	Kempston Hammers Sports	11	2	0	9	11	46	-35	6

Division Three

As in Division Two, the action was reduced to just three games due to waterlogged pitches. Sharnbrook Reserves taking full advantage of league leaders Pavenham's non-activity to close to within three points of them at the head of the league table following their sixth win on the bounce 3-2 at Riseley Sports. Darren Wallinger, Mark Smith and Jordan Baxter netting the vital goals against home replies from a Jimmy Grandidge penalty and Paul Brown, who later spoilt his copybook by getting red carded.

Division Three League Table at 8th January 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Pavenham	12	12	0	0	50	7	43	36
2	Sharnbrook Reserves	13	11	0	2	39	20	19	33
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]	13	6	4	3	46	26	20	22
6	Riseley Sports	12	5	2	5	30	29	1	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'	12	4	0	8	24	41	-17	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	Wilshamstead Reserves	10	2	2	6	18	41	-23	8
14	Royal Oak Kempston	12	2	1	9	19	36	-17	7
15	Shefford Town & Campton 'A'	11	1	1	9	12	47	-35	4

The top scorers of the day were Sundon Park Rangers, 7-3 home winners over Caldecote A. Sam Chapman and Matthew Conway scoring twice alongside an own goal plus strikes from Nick Buttigeig and Ben Stratful. The visitors replies coming via Steve Bush, Ryan Ambrose and a Carl Heath penalty.

The third and final game saw bottom of the table Shefford Town & Campton A beaten 3-4 at home by Wilshamstead Reserves. James Abbott twice plus Sam Ayles and Neil Greig on the scoresheet for the winners against home replies from Stef Collins, David Jones and Sean Francis.

Division Four

Waterlogged pitches in this section saw the action reduced to just two games, one of which saw AFC Turvey retain their seasons 100% record and stretch their lead at the head of the league table to five points with a 4-0 home win over Bedford Park Rangers. Two goals from John Guiney plus strikes from Daniel Bailey and Saimir Guri doing the damage.

Whilst for Clifton Reserves it was a 4-1 win at Lea Sports PSG Reserves. Alex Fisher, Dean Constant, Greg King and David Dice on target against a home reply from Rosario Raffermati.

Division Four League Table at 8th January 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Turvey	11	11	0	0	63	14	49	33
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	Clifton Reserves	14	5	2	7	44	55	-11	17
8	Goldington Hammers	13	5	0	8	25	49	-24	15
9	Stewartby Village	13	4	1	8	27	44	-17	13
10	Lea Sports PSG Reserves	11	3	2	6	15	28	-13	11
11	Bedford Park Rangers	14	3	2	9	36	51	-15	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

Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup Round Three

Renhold Village will now face a home Quarter-Final tie against Potton Town after winning 3-2 at M& DH Oakley, Dan Luke with a brace plus a goal from Jon Searle outgunning home replies from Shaun Cafferty and Adam Emms.

Preview Saturday 15th January 2011

Premier Division supported by Sportsform action this weekend sees four of the leading five title contenders go head to head against each other. At Moggerhanger Playing Fields, reigning champions Blunham will be defending their seasons unbeaten home ways when paid a visit by a Campton & Shefford Town side looking to take there current unbeaten ways up to double figures in numbers. Whilst over at Renhold Playing Fields, Renhold United who have lost two of their last three home games entertain a Wilshamstead side that travels looking for there fifth away win on the bounce.

The quintet of title chasers being made up by Caldecote, they go into local derby home action at Harvey Close the firm favourites to collect the three points on offer against Dunton.

Down at the other end of the table, basement club Biggleswade United Reserves make tracks for Hillgrounds and a meeting with fellow relegation haunted AFC Kempston Town. United looking for their first away win of the season against a Town outfit that are yet to win on home soil this campaign.

Also struggling at the wrong end of the table and hitting the road in search of their first away win of the season are Southill Alexander, they make route for Steppingley Road to face Flitwick Town who will be keen to avenge their defeat at the Carlsberg Stadium back in late September.

Also still very much in the mix at the wrong end of the table are both Oakley Sports and Arlesey Town Reserves who meet each other at Oakley Playing Fields. The hosts looking for their first home win in four outings against a Town side who are yet to win on the road this season.

Leaving the final top flight action to take place at Crawley Road between hosts Woburn and Sharnbrook. The visitors who have a 50% win ratio on the road this season perhaps fancying their chances of becoming the third club to lower the Safari Boys home colours this season.

In Division One, its a trip on the road for league leaders Potton Wanderers, they make their way to Cople Playing Fields to face Bedford Sports Athletic. The Athletic who have won their last three home games are no easy nut to crack for a Wanderers outfit that have yet to be beaten on the road this season.

Also facing a tricky away trip are fellow championship contenders Bedford Hatters who make their way to Bedford Road Recreation Ground to take on Sandy. The hosts on their day are quite capable of beating anyone, thus The Hatters can expect a tough game.

For the third of the leading championship contenders Marston Shelton Rovers, its the luxury of home action against Caldecote Reserves. With The Rovers having been beaten just once on home soil this season and the visitors without an away win this season, this game looks a home banker, famous last words.

Over at Groveside, its local derby action between hosts Henlow and Blunham Reserves, with the visitors having won just once on the road this season, you would perhaps favour the home side to collect the points.

Having lost just one of their last six away outings, Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves will be in good heart when they hit the road to Miller Road to face Meltis Albion. However the hosts have been beaten by just Potton Wanderers and Marston Shelton Rovers on home soil this season and thus will be no pushovers.

Undoubtedly the game of the day in Division Two will come at Pirton Recreation Ground, the venue where still unbeaten at home this season and live championship contenders Lea Sports PSG take on league leaders Queens Park Crescents. With the visitors having lost their last three away outings, this game could well go the way of the home side to spice up the championship race.

For second place Arleseey Social Galacticos, its a trip on the road to face Great Barford. The home side still unbeaten on home soil this season, whilst the visitors have been beaten just once in eight away outings to date.

If either Bromham United or Clifton are to become serious championship contenders then the three points are a must when they clash with each other at Bromham Playing Fields. With United having already been beaten three times on home soil and Clifton having tasted defeat just once on the road, you would favour the visitors to at least enjoy a share of the spoils on offer.

Elstow Abbey are also still very much in the promotion race, they will be expecting to maintain that challenge when they go into home Warren action against a Stevington side that are yet to pick up an away point this season.

Down at the other end of the league table, basement club Kempston Hammers Sports also go in search of their first away point of the campaign when they journey to the Luton Regional Sports Centre to face Stopsley Park. Whilst fellow strugglers Harpur FC hit the road to Hurst Grove and a meeting with Lidlington United Sports. United having been beaten just once at home this season the firm favourites for the points.

Other division two action comes at Rectory Road, the venue for Shefford Town & Campton Reserves home clash with Westoning Recreation Club. Town looking to end a run of four home games without a victory against a Rec Boys outfit who are without an away win since winning at Marabese Ceramics back in late October.

For Marabese Ceramics this weekend, its a trip to King George VI Playing Fields to take on Kings AFC. The Tilermen looking to extend their unbeaten away ways to four games against a Kings side that has won just once on home soil all season.

In Division Three, runaway league leaders Pavenham will be in home action at Hillgrounds against Co-op Sports. Can the visitors, having won five of their seven away outings to date bring off a surprise result?.

Hillgrounds is also the venue for Royal Oak Kempston's home clash with Renhold Village. The Oak now on a six game losing run and sitting second from bottom in the

league table unlikely to have enough in the tank to prevent The Village collecting all three points.

For second place Sharnbrook Reserves, now on a six game winning run, its a trip to face relegation haunted Wilshamstead Reserves. The home side are yet to win on home soil this campaign and it will be a major surprise if the points don't return with the visitors to Lodge Road.

Over at Horseshoes Close, its local derby action between hosts Dunton Reserves and Caldecote A. With Dunton having lost just one of their last four home games and the visitors having tasted victory just once on the road this season, its a fair bet the points will be gained by the home side.

Down at Steppingley Road, Flitwick Town Reserves take on Sundon Park Rangers. With the Town having lost four of their six home games and The Rangers in desperate need of all three points to stay in the promotion race, you feel this game may well go the way of the visitors.

Meantime, less than four miles away at Greenfield Road, Westoning Recreation Club Reserves take on bottom of the table Shefford Town & Campton A. The home side now without a win from their last six outings far from nailed on to collect all three points.

The final game of the day in this section is perhaps the game of the day at Gold Street between hosts Riseley Sports and their visitors Cranfield United Reserves. With the visitors still unbeaten on the road this season and the home side defeated just twice in their last eight outings, this could well be one for the pools coupon.

In Division Four, the top action comes at Hinksley Recreation Ground, where Dinamo Flitwick still very much promotion candidates themselves look to become the club to end league leaders AFC Turvey 100% record for the campaign.

All of which would be doing a favour to second place Thurleigh who should maintain their challenge at the head of the table when they host lowly Stewartby Village at Keysoe Road.

Eastcotts, currently sitting in third spot, are in away action on their home patch at Hillgrounds against second from bottom of the table Kempston Athletic. You would expect them to collect all three points. Whilst it will be a major surprise if Goldington's promotion hopes are dented when they host local rivals Goldington Hammers in Mowsbury Park.

Mowsbury Park is also the venue for Bedford Park Rangers home clash with Lea Sports PSG Reserves. The Rangers looking for their first win in seven outings against their visitors who have won just once on the road all season.

Elsewhere, over at Whiston Crescent, its local derby action between hosts Clifton Reserves and their visitors Sandy Reserves. The points you feel should stay on home soil.

Whilst the final game of the day comes at Sunderland Road between Potton Town and bottom of the table Wootton Village. With the Town having lost just twice on home soil this season and The Village having won just once on the road, this looks another home banker.

Relaxation of League Rule No 10 for balance of 2010-11 Season

Would all clubs please note if you have not already picked up the information from the league latest management committee minutes, that in event of your game being postponed for whatever reason, for league purposes only, the home club needs only to communicate this fact to the leagues Press & Media Secretary Peter Francis, rather than the four stated league officials in the handbook.

It is still however the home clubs responsibility to inform your opposition and match day referee.