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Four Leagues Trophy Win

Tuesday night's action at Cranfield United's Crawley Road complex saw The Bedfordshire County Football League move within a point of The Four Leagues Trophy with a 2-0 win over their Northampton Town League counterparts.

With Blunham goalkeeper Barry Ulyatt delayed in Watford, manager Kevin Hallett was frantically on the telephone to find a replacement, Ickwell & Old Warden's James Day coming to his rescue, alas even he didn't arrive until the teams were taking to the field of play thus assistant manager Shabz Hussain took his place between the sticks for the opening 10 minutes until Day was ready to join the fray.

Fortunately for the home side, Hussain's only required contribution to the game was to bellow his normal "hassle hassle" chant at the men in front of him as the home side took early command of the game, Dunton's Nicky Threadgold firing the games first real chance 10 minutes into the contest across the face of the Northampton goal.

The home sides domination was to pay off after 20 minutes when some jinxing footwork inside the penalty area from AFC Kempston Town's James Allen saw him fire his side in front, even his watching girlfriend was to remark " I've never see him do that before " such was the quality of the finish.

If Allen's opening goal was quality, then his second just 17 minutes later could only be described as pure class and magic as he let rip a low drive from all of 30 yards out which gave the Northampton goalkeeper Quincy Surinam no chance.

The second half was to turn out to be no more than a stroll in the park for the home side as they took advantage of the competition rules to use all their four substitutes amongst whom was Leeroy Odd who typified the spirit within the squad by travelling down from Newcastle to take part in the game, Leeroy remarking " well I did have a job to do in Leeds on the way down"

Team. Shabz Hussain, Daniel Webb, Tim Gill, Rakesh Gill, Tumain Dallis, Tony Goodman, Nick Jones, Jason Allison, Nicky Threadgold, James Allen, Matty Irvine, Subs Used. James Day, Dean Warren, Leeroy Odd, Paul Jones, Ashley Banks,

Four Leagues Trophy League Table at 23rd March 2010

4 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Bedfordshire County Football League	5	4	0	1	6	2	+4	12
Northampton Town League	4	2	0	2	6	5	+1	6
Peterborough & District Football League	4	1	0	3	4	5	-1	3
Northamptonshire Combination	3	1	0	2	4	8	-4	3

Action Round-Up from Wednesday 24th March 2010

Southill Alexander tonight moved themselves out of the bottom two of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform table at the expense of Dunton by netting a 2-0 home win over local rivals Biggleswade United Reserves.

Ahead just 18 minutes into the game via a goal from Lasalle Simon, the three points were assured when the same player doubled the scoreline on the hour mark

A Travellers Tale by Brian Buck

221. (9,644) Wednesday 10th March 2010. Southill Alexander 5 Renhold United 2 (Bedfordshire County League Premier Division) (Played at Biggleswade Town) att 15 approx. This was a game between second from bottom Southill and midtable Renhold. The hosts are in the first year of a three year groundshare deal with the Waders and I suspect that they will be the first to admit that perhaps things haven't gone quite as well as they expected at the start of the season. The club is 'owned' by investors from all over the world and tonight some of their players travelled to the game by train from London. So armed with this knowledge I was expecting a rather slipshod disorganised performance from them, but as usual I was to be proved hopelessly wrong. There was a refreshing air of enthusiasm about their performance and as the manager brings new players in so the players are starting to gell in their first season. However before we reached the euphoria of victory there was some pain when Renhold took a fifth minute lead. However within four minutes Southill were level by way of a later confirmed own goal. It was difficult to see from where we were sitting. On 48 minutes it appeared that Southill had scored a legitimate goal, but with the Renhold lino having now disappeared the ref disallowed the goal for offside. Beds County League official Keith Redman gallantly took over the line now. Meanwhile on the five a side pitch behind the goal we witnessed a mini punch up! On 55 minutes Southill did take the lead when O'Donovan easily dribbled past a couple of static defenders to get the first of his three goals pf the night. His second goal came from the spot after 63 minutes after a foul and he headed home his third five minutes later. On 74 minutes Renhold pulled a goal back when a direct free kick was hit so hard that it broke the net, or was it that it wasn't tied up properly originally? Then five

minutes after that Southill scored their fifth goal to bring to a close a very enjoyable non-controversial evening.

Action Round-Up from Saturday 27th March 2010

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 27th March 2010

14 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Ickwell & Old Warden	19	14	1	4	52	34	+18	43
Blunham	18	13	3	2	60	30	+30	42
Caldecote	20	11	3	6	52	32	+20	36
Oakley Sports	18	11	2	5	47	31	+16	35
Campton	20	10	2	8	50	41	+9	32
Biggleswade United Reserves	21	10	1	10	47	51	-4	31
Wilshamstead	17	6	6	5	44	36	+8	24
Renhold United	21	6	6	9	38	52	-14	24
Sharnbrook AFC	19	6	4	9	32	41	-9	22
Kempston Town	15	6	2	7	36	33	+3	20
Woburn	17	6	2	9	39	45	-6	20
Dunton	20	5	3	12	28	43	-15	18
Southill Alexander	17	4	4	9	36	41	-5	16
Westoning Recreation Club [Saturday]	18	2	1	15	31	82	-51	7

With Blunham taking the afternoon off, Ickwell & Old Warden climbed above them on to the top of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table despite being held to a 1-1 draw at Renhold United. Alan Turner giving the new league leaders the lead from a penalty on the half-hour mark before Paul Daniels levelled matters 20 minutes from time.

Caldecote meantime were moving back into third spot following their 4-2 home victory over Sharnbrook, early goals from Paul Lawrence and Dave Daniels took them 2-0 clear until Darren Minney struck back for the visitors only to see Gareth Boness restore the home sides two goal advantage before the half-time break In the new period Russell Kemp added to Caldecote's scoreline against a reply from Lawrence Bentham.

Caldecote taking over that third spot from Oakley Sports who were held to a 3-3 home draw by Wilshamstead. Paul Jones gave the visitors the lead after 15 minutes but by the half-time break they were trailing 3-1 after Stuart Kelly had netted twice and Ben Brown once, however a second goal for Jones on 75 minutes and a strike from Matt Smith 10 minutes later earned Wilshamstead a share of the spoils.

Campton are now unbeaten in their last seven away games after netting a 2-1 victory at AFC Kempston Town. Andy Hayday shooting them ahead early before Town's James Allen levelled matters in the opening half until Hayday won the day with his second goal of the contest 17 minutes from time.

Meanwhile, Dunton collected three valuable points in their quest to beat the drop when running out 4-0 winners at bottom of the table Westoning Recreation Club, Tom McGhee and James Cooper netting in the opening period before both Dave Pugh and Dan Jones got on the scoresheet in the second period.

Britannia Cup Semi-Final

Woburn made their way into the final of this seasons Britannia Cup with a 2-0 home win over Southill Alexander, Lewis Murray shooting them ahead after just five minutes before Martin Holland on the hour mark put the tie beyond the visitors. The Safari Boys will now face either Biggleswade United Reserves or Caldecote in the final who meet in the second Semi-Final tie at Second Meadow on Wednesday April 7th.

Division One

Flitwick Town's hopes of lifting the 2009-10 season Division One title were to suffer a big setback when they were beaten on home soil for the first time in eight outings when defeated 2-5 by their nearest title challengers Leighton United. Layne Eadie, Darryl Smith, Paul Darton, Kevin Hilton and Alec Fry the United marksman against an own goal and a strike from Martin Byne coming in reply for the Town.

Caldecote Reserves, who currently sit in second spot in the league table were extending their unbeaten ways to seven games with a 3-1 victory at Campton Reserves. Trailing to a Garry Russon strike in the opening half Caldecote were to have matters all settled by the hour mark following two goals from Jack Boyd and a strike from Joe Stevens.

Over at Bedford Sports Athletic, 47year old Tony McGovern was the toast of the day after he netted a hat-trick alongside a goal from Gary Canzano in their 4-2 home win over Kempston for whom Josh Anderson and Ricky Prince replied.

Another hat-trick hero was FC Meppershall Craig Damon, after they came from 1-3 down at home against Marston Social to earn a share of the spoils in a 3-3 draw. 0-0 at the half-time break, an own goal from Danny Wing gave the Social the lead on the hour mark until Damon levelled matters up just two minutes later. However goals from Daniel Bullen on 78 minutes and James Armstrong on 80 minutes shot The Social into a 3-1 lead, Damon reducing the deficit from the half-way line on 81 minutes then collecting his hat-trick just two minutes later.

Having lost their last three home games Henlow must have feared the worse when Daniel Wells shot Meltis Albion ahead at Groveside on 59 minutes, however strikes from Adam Cavell on 68 minutes and Pete Saunders six minutes from time won them the three points.

Elsewhere, Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves are now unbeaten in their last five home games after coming from behind to beat Sandy 3-1. Niko Stanchev giving the visitors a first half lead before an own goal plus strikes from Lee Threadgold and Gary Fil won the day for Ickwell in the second period.

For AFC Kempston Town Reserves, it was an end to their six games losing away run when they came out 3-2 on top at bottom of the table Kempston Hammers Sports, Ed L'Erario, Stuart Barnes and Danny Bibby netting the vital goals against home replies from Matthew Mossop and Richard Garnham.

Meanwhile, Stevington were returning to winning home ways with a 2-1 victory over Blunham Reserves, Aaron Fletcher and Chris Tatham finding the back of the net against a Blunham reply from Chris Dunne.

Division One League Table at 27th March 2010

16 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Flitwick Town	24	17	1	6	59	35	+24	52
Caldecote Reserves	23	14	4	5	61	39	+22	46
Leighton United	18	12	3	3	55	25	+30	39
Meltis Albion	23	11	6	6	49	37	+12	39
Marston Social	20	10	5	5	46	32	+14	35
FC Meppershall	23	10	4	9	64	61	+3	34
Sandy	23	10	2	11	61	41	+20	32
Bedford Sports Athletic	21	9	4	8	55	48	+7	31
Kempston	21	10	0	11	47	56	-9	30
Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	20	9	2	9	43	47	-4	29
Blunham Reserves	24	8	4	12	36	54	-18	28
Henlow	20	8	2	10	39	48	-9	26
AFC Kempston Town	22	7	2	13	34	59	-25	23

Reserves								
Stevington	22	6	4	12	47	68	-21	22
Campton Reserves	22	5	2	15	39	66	-27	17
Kempston Hammers Sports	20	4	1	15	47	66	-19	13

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

Division Two

League leaders Bedford Hatters were to have things far from their own way when they trailed Clifton twice in the opening half at Miller Road before running out 5-2 winners, Scott Alleyne netting four times and Simon Pixley once against Clifton strikes from Dave Sargeant and Steve Albone.

For second place Potton Wanderers, who trail The Hatters by just three points but with a game in hand, it was a 6-1 home victory over Kings AFC, goals from Sam Worthington, Chris Jones, Chris Munns, Antony Schurek, Tim Senior and Ricky Aris doing the damage against a Kings reply from Danny Cain.

Elsewhere, Arlesey Social Galacticos are now unbeaten on home soil in their last six games after coming from 0-2 down at half-time to run out 6-2 winners over Great Barford. Goals from Freddie Windram and Daniel Stafford seeing the visitors lead until a brace from Graeme Leger and goals from Lee Shambrook, Mark McMillan, Jimmy Gentry plus an own goal won the day for the home side.

Kempston Royals with a goal from Jamie Marsh 13 minutes into the contest were to lead Elstow Abbey for just 30 seconds until Dave McCarthy levelled matters to see the game finish 1-1.

Also sharing the spoils were Marabese Ceramics and Shefford Town in a 2-2 draw, Tom Scurfield and Adam Spoors netting The Town goals, against home replies from Denver Donaldson and Adrain Follano.

The day's final scheduled game in this division at Greenfield's between Shillington and Harpur FC being postponed after The Shills, for the second time inside a week, failed to raise a side.

Jubilee Cup Semi-Final

This seasons Jubilee Cup Final will be between Bedford Hatters and Brache Sparta Community Reserves after the Luton based side run out 3-1 away winners at Marston Shelton Rovers, Martin Collins with a hat-trick doing the damage against a late home reply from Zennon Paul.

Division Two League Table at 27th March 2010

14 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Bedford Hatters	19	15	2	2	78	26	+52	47
Potton Wanderers	18	14	2	2	73	21	+52	44
Brache Sparta Community Reserves	18	11	5	2	60	27	+33	38
Arlesey Social Galacticos	20	11	5	4	49	38	+11	38
Marston Shelton Rovers	18	11	4	3	59	28	+31	37
Kings AFC	18	7	4	7	59	49	+10	25
Shefford Town	19	7	4	8	48	48	+0	25
Harpur FC	19	7	3	9	48	63	-15	24
Marabese Ceramics	18	6	3	9	22	32	-10	21
Great Barford	22	6	3	13	39	65	-26	21
Clifton	20	4	7	9	35	54	-19	19
Kempston Royals	21	5	4	12	31	58	-27	19
Elstow Abbey 06	21	5	2	14	36	70	-34	17
Shillington [Saturday]	17	0	2	15	26	84	-58	2

Division Three

League leaders Queens Park Crescents were just 15 minutes away from losing their seasons unbeaten home record before Azar Nawaz netted to give them a share of the spoils in a 1-1 draw with Westoning Recreation Club Reserves who had led the game via a Nick Willis goal 20 minutes into the contest.

Elsewhere, Dunton Reserves missed the chance to jump into second spot above the non-playing Lidlington United Spots when held to a 1-1 draw by Renhold Village, Nicky Albone on target for the home side against a Village reply from Dan Goddard.

Over at Gold Street, Riseley Sports Reserves lifted themselves off the bottom of the league table with a 3-2 home win over Stopsley Park, Paul Brown, Jimmy Grandidge

and Ian Staniforth all finding the back of the net against Park replies from Craig Pettitt and Dave Mycroft.

Now dropping back on to the bottom of the table are Sandy Reserves following their 0-5 home defeat at the hands of Caldecote A, Gavin Ratford with a brace plus strikes from Carl Griffiths-Shilton, Dean Todd and Lee Pyke doing the damage.

Division Three League Table at 27th March 2010

10 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Queens Park Crescents	14	10	3	1	50	19	+31	33
Lidlington United Sports	13	8	3	2	34	19	+15	27
Dunton Reserves	15	7	4	4	39	33	+6	25
Caldecote 'A'	16	7	2	7	37	62	-25	23
Stopsley Park	15	6	4	5	50	38	+12	22
Renhold Village	14	6	3	5	44	34	+10	21
Wilshamstead Reserves	13	5	1	7	37	31	+6	16
Westoning Recreation Club [Saturday] Reserves	13	3	4	6	20	28	-8	13
Riseley Sports Reserves	13	3	0	10	33	51	-18	9
Sandy Reserves	14	2	2	10	23	52	-29	8

Division Four

It's as you were at the head of the Division Four league table after all of the top four sides won, leaders Sharnbrook Reserves with goals from Kevin Harris, Chris Moore and Jamye Harris 3-0 winners at Bedford Park Rangers. Whilst second place Sundon Park Rangers retained their season's unbeaten home ways with a 2-1 victory over Dinamo Flitwick, Nick Buttigieg and Luke Evans their marksmen against a Dinamo reply from Barrie Lee Hannam.

Keeping up the chase on the top two are M & DH Oakley, 1-0 away winners at Thurleigh, thanks to a goal from Shaun Cafferty, whilst Flitwick Town Reserves in fourth spot are now unbeaten in their last seven outings following a 3-0 home win over Kempston Athletic, Stuart Turner netting twice and Chris Bryden once.

The day's final game seeing Clifton Reserves return to winning ways with a 5-2 home win over Stewartby Village, Mark Gearing and Greg King both netting twice

alongside a goal from Jordan Spencer, whilst The Village replies came via Gareth O'Brien and George Wheelhouse.

Division Four League Table at 27th March 2010

11 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Sharnbrook Reserves	15	12	1	2	52	13	+39	37
Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	17	11	3	3	70	23	+47	36
M & DH Oakley	15	10	0	5	44	24	+20	30
Flitwick Town Reserves	16	9	2	5	47	45	+2	29
Dinamo Flitwick	15	6	2	7	39	32	+7	20
Clifton Reserves	14	6	2	6	41	37	+4	20
Thurleigh	15	6	2	7	36	38	-2	20
Stewartby Village	16	6	0	10	38	50	-12	18
Eastcotts	13	5	2	6	31	31	+0	17
Kempston Athletic	15	3	0	12	32	69	-37	9
Bedford Park Rangers	17	3	0	14	20	88	-68	9

Preview Saturday 3rd April 2010

Premier Division supported by Sportsform action this weekend takes new league leaders Ickwell & Old Warden on the road to face local rivals Biggleswade United Reserves at Second Meadow seeking to take their unbeaten ways to 13 games against a home side that has lost its last two outings.

Meanwhile, second place and main title rivals Blunham are also hitting the road in search of their seventh consecutive away win at Hillgrounds against hosts AFC Kempston Town, who will start the day looking for their first win in five outings.

Elsewhere, if Oakley Sports are to keep their title challenge going into April then they will need to come up with their first away win in four outings when they journey to Renhold Playing Fields to face a home Renhold United side that has now gone six home games without tasting the scent of victory.

Over at Lodge Road, Sharnbrook will be in home action for just the second time this calendar year when they host Southill Alexander whose last league win on the road came some eight outings ago.

For bottom of the table Westoning Recreation Club, now without a home win in six outings, its home Greenfield Road action against a Caldecote side that will travel looking for its fourth win on the bounce. Wilshamstead entertain Campton at their temporary Houghton Conquest Playing Fields base winners of just one of their last four home outings, the visitors travel looking to take their unbeaten league ways to eight games.

The final top flight game comes at Crawley Road, where hosts Woburn seek their third home league win on the bounce against a visiting Dunton side who seek their third away win on the bounce.

In Division One, league leaders Flitwick Town are in home Steppingley Road action against bottom of the table Kempston Hammers Sports, where you would expect them to resume to winning ways against a Hammers side that has lost its last two away outings. A comment that also applies to Bedford Sports Athletic who journey to Stanbridge Road to face title seeking Leighton United who enter the game now unbeaten in their last six home outings.

Still with high hopes of promotion are Meltis Albion, they go into home Miller Road action now unbeaten in their last three home outings against a Stevington side that come visiting looking for just its third win on the road this season.

For Caldecote Reserves, currently sitting in second spot in the league table its a trip to Mowsbury Park to face a FC Meppershall side that is now on a five game unbeaten run whilst at Groveside, its derby action when hosts Henlow search out just their fourth home win of the season when paid a visit by Sandy.

Over at Rectory Road, Campton Reserves losers of their last four home games will have a great chance to rectify the matter when they are paid a visit by a AFC Kempston Town Reserves side that has won just one of it's last nine away outings. Whilst at Cutler Hammer, hosts Kempston now without a home win in five outings face Blunham Reserves.

The final game in this Division comes on The Green, hosts Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves now unbeaten in their last five home outings facing Marston Social who travel unbeaten on their last four trips on the road.

In Division Two, league leaders Bedford Hatters will be in home action at Miller Road against a Harpur FC side that has won two of its last three away outings. Whilst second place Potton Wanderers, beaten just once on the road in league action this season head for The Warren and a meeting with an Elstow Abbey side that has lost its last two home games.

For the only other two realistic promotion candidates, Marston Shelton Rovers and Brache Sparta Community Reserves.It's trips on the road. Rovers heading for King George VI Playing Fields to face a Kings AFC side that is unbeaten in its last six home encounters, whilst Brache, now unbeaten in their last eight away games make their way to Whiston Crescent to take on hosts Clifton who are still seeking out their first home league win of the season.

Over at Arlesey Recreation Ground, Arlesey Social Galacticos will look to take their unbeaten home ways to seven games when local rivals Marabese Ceramics pay them a visit, whilst Great Barford look to take their own unbeaten home ways to three games at their Playing Field Headquarters against the visiting Shefford Town.

The final game in this division taking place in Hillgrounds, where Kempston Royals, despite losing six of their last eight home games will fancy their chances of collecting the full three points when bottom of the table Shillington pay them a visit.

Watson Shield action today comes in the shape of two third round ties. At Hurst Grove, Lidlington United Sports entertain Renhold Village, whilst at Gold Street, it's a home tie for Riseley Sports Reserves against Queens Park Crescents.

Division Four action is thus reduced to just two games, both of which will kick off at 4.15pm. At Lodge Road, league leaders Sharnbrook Reserves seek out home win number five on the bounce against Dinamo Flitwick, whilst just down the road M & DH Oakley would you believe play their first home league game of 2010 against a Flitwick Town Reserves side that has won its last four away games.

Action after the weekend will then see the start of the mid-week fixtures for 2010 taking place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evening's, a full preview of which can be obtained by logging into the leagues website www.bedfordshirefootballleague.co.uk from Easter Sunday onwards.