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Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy Second Round Draw

Potton United v Caldecote
Dunton v Sharnbrook
Bedford v Crawley Green
AFC Dunstable v Ickwell & Old Warden
Campton v AFC Kempston Rovers
AFC Kempston Town v Cranfield United
The 61FC Luton v Wootton Blue Cross
Biggleswade United Reserves v Caddington

All ties to be played on Saturday 21st November 2009

Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup Second Round Draw

Kempston v Meltis Albion
Caddington Reserves v Kent Athletic Reserves
Amphill Town Reserves v Caldecote Reserves
AFC Dunstable Reserves v Christians in Sport (Luton)
Leighton Town Reserves v Cranfield United Reserves
Crawley Green Reserves v Bedford Sports Athletic
Flitwick Town v Leighton United
Henlow v Totternhoe Reserves
Marston Social v Langford Reserves
Ewe & Lamb (Dunstable) v Lewsey Park
61 FC Luton Reserves v Sandy
Southcott Village RA v Stopsley Common Sports
Stotfold Reserves v Stevington
AFC Kempston Town Reserves v St Josephs
Luton Leagrave v AFC Kempston Rovers Reserves or USL Galacticos
Arlesey Town Reserves v Blunham Reserves 1

All ties to be played on Saturday 28th November 2009.

The Return of the Travellers Tales

Brian Buck gives his views on the recent friendly action between Potton United and Caldecote plus our leagues FA Carlsberg National Systems Cup Round One tie.

78. (9,501) Thursday 17th September 2009. Potton United 4 Caldecote 3 (Friendly Match) att 24. As Potton wanted to try out some new players they'd signed and Caldecote really just wanted a game to help with match fitness and to see what they were like against higher grade opposition, this turned out to be a useful work out for both sides. However the hosts were missing Tom Galvin, the man who organised the fixture on the Potton side of things. He was still recovering from a broken nose he received in the match against St Ives Town on the previous Tuesday. He was told about this at Addenbrookes Hospital in Cambridge. However had he listened to the people at the Lister Hospital in Stevenage then he might have been playing tonight. They reckoned that his nose wasn't broken! Anyway for most of the first half Potton were outclassed and their ex-superstar Leroy Odd ran riot as he rolled back the years by bagging a hattrick within the first 28 minutes. Leroy was a first team regular at the Hollow until Dick Newman asked him to reconsider his position at the start of the 2000/1 season! His second goal was from the spot. However it seemed that Caldecote thought that they had the game won at this point and the game now became even. Then just before half time Jez McMurrough, returning to the club after trying his luck at Royston Town and then Stotfold, pulled a goal back. Almost immediately there was an injury break, during which time a Caldecote defender apologised to Jez for giving him so much space in which to score his goal! The second half saw a revitalised Potton, unrecognisable from their first half performance. Graham Tibbals pulled a goal back on 48 minutes and then McMurrough put away a spot kick on 57 minutes. Potton now generally dominated and ultimately deserved the winning goal Tibbals scored on 83 minutes. Originally I was a bit dubious about watching this match as there were other competitive games on offer on the night, but in the end it was a good choice

83. (9,506) Wednesday 23rd September 2009. Bedfordshire County League 0 Amateur Football Combination 0 (after extra time) (FA Carlsberg National League Systems Cup 1st round) (Bedfordshire County League won 4 -3 on penalties) (Played at Biggleswade United) att 45 approx. I knew I shouldn't have gone to this match. This nil nil draw was my first for 191 games! As I drove to the game I witnessed one of the best sun sets I'd seen in years. The visitors tonight had reached the semi final in the last competition, beating the Beds County League 4-0 in the process. Apparently before the start one of their contingent claimed that this match would be a walkover as well! Well perhaps in the first half it seemed that the game might go that way. Beds were managed by Kevin Hallet but it was Ickwell & Old Warden Cricket Club super star Shahbaz Hussain who did all the shouting, lots of it in fact! Even when he's playing cricket for them he wears a white shirt with a number 19 on the back! So in the first half the visitors were the better side. But after the break the

ref changed his shirt, because it's colour clashed with the visitors shirts and suddenly Beds realised that they were now playing against eleven men rather than twelve. On 55 minutes they were awarded a spot kick but it was missed by Leeroy Odd. On 63 minutes a visiting player was subbed, much to the relief of the hosts as he can do 100 metres in 11 seconds! In an increasingly physical game the ref booked no one causing one local wag to say "He couldn't book a ticket if he was going on holiday!" The game went into extra time with no end product and then we moved on to penalties and this time not only were the Beds County League successful, but one of them was scored by Leeroy Odd. If only he'd put away his effort during the match itself!

Action Review From Saturday 17th October 2009

Biggleswade United's lead at the head of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table is now down to three points, after their seasons 100% away record was halted by a 1-1 draw at Sharnbrook. The home side still seeking their first win on home soil this campaign went ahead with a goal in the opening minute of the second half from Darren Minney before Matthew McCartney levelled matters 10 minutes later.



Biggleswade United Reserves FC

Up into second spot, and with two games in hand on United are Renhold United, 6-2 away winners at Westoning Recreation Club, goals from Steve Daniels, Chris Huckle and Karl Anderson saw United lead 3-0 at the break, before home strikes from Ollie Summers and Luke Cunniff reduced the margin to just a single goal. Yet it was to be United's day after Anderson netted from penalty spot to take them 4-2 ahead on 75 minutes before adding two further goals to take his own personal tally to four and United's to six by the final whistle.

Dunton who started the day in second spot, are now down into fourth slot after being beaten 4-2 at Wilshamstead, for whom it was a first home win of the campaign. David Pugh gave the visitors an early lead only to be cancelled out on the half-hour mark by a Michael Jones penalty that took the sides in at half-time all square at 1-1. Within 10 minutes of the restart a brace of goals from Paul Jones had shot Wilshamstead 3-1 ahead, Nicky Threadgold brought the deficit back to a single goal 20 minutes from time only to see Jones complete his hat-trick two minutes later to seal the win for Wilshamstead.

Now up into third place are Campton, who following three consecutive league defeats bounce back to form with a 9-0 away win at bottom of the table Riseley Sports. 4-0 ahead at the break thanks to two goals from Andrew Hayday plus strikes from Lee Bilcock and Dan Webb, the second period saw Hayday take his own tally up to four goals whilst Gary Gibson weigh in with a hat-trick to complete the rout.

For Blunham, it was a 2-0 home win over AFC Kempston Town, thanks to goals from Andy Smith and Michael Hutton, whilst Caldecote are still searching for their first home win of the campaign after being held to a 1-1 draw by Woburn. Gareth Boness giving Caldecote the lead 15 minutes into the contest until Aaron Ripley levelled matters 15 minutes from time.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform Table at 17th October 2009

15 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Biggleswade United Reserves	9	6	1	2	22	12	+10	19
Renhold United	7	5	1	1	17	10	+7	16
Campton	8	5	0	3	23	14	+9	15
Dunton	9	4	1	4	20	13	+7	13
AFC Kempston Town	6	4	0	2	18	8	+10	12
Caldecote	7	3	1	3	15	9	+6	10
Wilshamstead	6	3	1	2	13	8	+5	10
Blunham	6	3	1	2	16	15	+1	10
Oakley Sports	5	3	0	2	10	7	+3	9
Ickwell & Old Warden	6	3	0	3	7	12	-5	9
Southill Alexander	5	2	1	2	11	6	+5	7
Sharnbrook	7	2	1	4	10	12	-2	7
Woburn	7	2	1	4	9	14	-5	7
Westoning Recreation Club [Saturday]	7	1	1	5	12	31	-19	4
Riseley Sports	7	0	0	7	4	36	-32	0

With Division One league leaders Caldecote Reserves sitting the afternoon out, Flitwick Town took full advantage to become the fourth club to top the table in as many weeks with a 4-2 home victory over Kempston. Martin Byrne shooting The Town ahead on 15 minutes, only to see the visitors Jamie Carson level matters five minutes later, before a goal from Ryan Short took the Town back in front three minutes from the break, the points then being sealed by strikes from Matt Bibby and Dean Warren to take The Town 4-1 clear until Carson added a second Kempston goal 10 minutes from time.



Leighton United FC

Also jumping above Caldecote Reserves in the table are both Marston Social and Leighton United who played out a dramatic 3-3 draw at Stanbridge Road. 0-0 at the break, two goals from Darren Rowlett plus a strike from Daniel Bullen took visitors Marston Social 3-0 ahead until in the closing 10 minutes goals from Simon Woolhead, Asim Munir and Jason Bartlett ensured the points would be shared.

Other Division One action saw Stevington end a run of five straight defeats with a point from a 2-2 home draw with Henlow. Goals from Jake Rennie and Andy Newton taking Henlow into a 2-0 lead which was then reduced by an own goal two minutes from the break and cancelled out by a strike from John Devereux just a minute from the final whistle.

The days final action seeing Sandy despite a goal from Craig Baker go down to their fourth straight home defeat 1-3 at the hands of Meltis Albion.

Round One ties in this seasons Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup Competition saw a lone goal from Michael Smith 15 minutes into the game earn AFC Kempston Town Reserves a 1-0 win at Campton Reserves to earn them a home tie against St Joseph in Round Two. Whilst Bedford Sports Athletic thanks to a goal from Darren Allen, which gave them a 1-0 win at Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves, will now be heading to face Crawley Green Reserves in Round Two.

It was the end of the road however for FC Meppershall, who had just a Jason Nice goal to show for a 6-1 defeat at Amptill Town Reserves, while Kempston Hammers Sports were beaten 0-5 at home by Stotfold Reserves.

Meanwhile in a Round Two tie, Blunham Reserves had just a Domnic O'Lea goal to show for a 6-1 defeat at Arlesey Town Reserves.

Division One League Table at 17th October 2009

16 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Flitwick Town	9	6	1	2	15	10	+5	19
Marston Social	8	5	2	1	18	11	+7	17
Leighton United	9	5	2	2	22	17	+5	17
Caldecote Reserves	8	5	1	2	24	12	+12	16
Kempston	7	5	0	2	20	15	+5	15
Blunham Reserves	8	4	2	2	15	12	+3	14
Bedford Sports Athletic	8	3	3	2	16	12	+4	12
FC Meppershall	8	3	2	3	27	23	+4	11
Meltis Albion	8	3	2	3	15	15	+0	11
Sandy	9	3	1	5	20	16	+4	10
Henlow	7	3	1	3	11	16	-5	10
Campton Reserves	8	3	0	5	19	21	-2	9
Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	7	2	1	4	16	22	-6	7
AFC Kempston Town Reserves	8	2	1	5	14	25	-11	7
Kempston Hammers Sports	7	1	1	5	13	19	-6	4
Stevington	9	0	2	7	12	31	-19	2

Bedford Hatters are the new leaders of the Division Two league table after they took full advantage of Potton Wanderers inactivity by winning 5-0 at Clifton, thus stretching their unbeaten ways to eight games. Braces of goals from Scott Alleyne and Simon Pixley plus a strike from Aran Izzard doing the damage.

For third place Arleseay Social Galacticos, it was an extension to their unbeaten start to the campaign with a 3-0 victory at Marabese Ceramics, ahead with a goal from Lee Shambrook just a minute into the contest, they were to double the lead on 17 minutes via Ryan Dodson to lead 2-0 at the break. Their early second half hero however was goalkeeper Craig Chadwick who beat away a home penalty from James Tizard, before Adam Millard put the game beyond recall with their third goal 15 minutes from time.



Arleseay Social Galacticos FC

Also still unbeaten for the season and maintaining their 100% away record for the campaign are Brache Sparta Community Reserves, 3-0 winners at Elstow Abbey to remain in fourth spot in the league standings, two goals from Edwin Anabaraonye and a strike from Richard Anderson sending the Abbey to their fourth consecutive league defeat.

Another club still very much in the promotion mix are fifth place Marston Shelton Rovers, the Rovers maintaining their season's unbeaten home record with a 6-4 win over Kings AFC. Xennon Paul leading the way with a hat-trick supported by goals from Sean McFarland, Anthony Henman and Charlie Standish against Kings replies from Rowan Hazelwood twice, Lee Morgan plus an own goal.

For Shefford Town it was a end to their five game losing run thanks to a 3-1 home victory over Great Barford, goals from Dan Pinkerton, Tom Scurfield and Sean Deanus only being replied to by a Jason Amis penalty.

Yet Shillington remain on the bottom of the table after Kempston Royals came up with their first away win of the campaign 4-0, goalless at the break, two goals from Lorenzo Jordan plus strikes from Liam Boland and Jamie Marsh saw the visitors to the points.

The days other scheduled game in this Division being postponed when Luton Old Boys failed to travel to face Harpur FC, the matter now placed into the hands of the leagues management committee for ruling.

Division Two League Table at 17th October 2009

15 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Bedford Hatters	8	6	2	0	36	9	+27	20
Potton Wanderers	7	6	1	0	31	7	+24	19
Arlesey Social Galacticos	6	5	1	0	14	4	+10	16
Brache Sparta Community Reserves	8	4	4	0	22	13	+9	16
Marston Shelton Rovers	7	3	3	1	22	12	+10	12
Luton Old Boys [Saturday]	7	3	3	1	16	16	+0	12
Kempston Royals	7	3	1	3	14	17	-3	10
Kings AFC	7	3	0	4	20	20	+0	9
Great Barford	7	2	1	4	14	22	-8	7
Marabese Ceramics	7	2	1	4	7	16	-9	7
Shefford Town	7	2	0	5	13	16	-3	6
Clifton	7	1	3	3	8	14	-6	6
Harpur FC	6	1	1	4	14	21	-7	4
Elstow Abbey 06	8	1	0	7	9	33	-24	3
Shillington [Saturday]	7	0	1	6	10	30	-20	1

Action in Division Three saw Queens Park Crescents remain a point clear of Dunton Reserves at the head of the Division Three league table after netting a 3-0 home win over Caldecote A, Ayaz Hussain netting twice and Mohammed Zahar once. Meanwhile, Dunton Reserves were 4-3 home victors over Westoning Recreation Club Reserves thanks to goals from Joe Lewis, Tom Burton, Craig Hill and Luke Gurney. The Rec Boys replies coming via a Liam Boyle brace plus an own goal.

Dropping five points behind Dunton Reserves in the standings but still in third place in the league table are Renhold Village, who were held to a 1-1 home draw by Sandy Reserves, a point that lifts the visitors three places off the bottom of the table. Michael Luke on the scoresheet for The Village against a reply from Leon Bryan.

The days other scheduled fixture in this Division between Stopsley Park and Riseley Sports Reserves being postponed when the visitors fail to raise a side to travel.

Division Three League Table at 17th October 2009

10 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Queens Park Crescents	6	5	1	0	24	5	+19	16
Dunton Reserves	6	5	0	1	21	13	+8	15
Renhold Village	6	3	1	2	23	17	+6	10
Stopsley Park	5	2	2	1	25	13	+12	8
Lidlington United Sports	5	2	1	2	9	6	+3	7
Caldecote 'A'	5	2	0	3	7	27	-20	6
Sandy Reserves	5	1	1	3	8	18	-10	4
Riseley Sports Reserves	4	1	0	3	10	14	-4	3
Wilshamstead Reserves	5	1	0	4	8	13	-5	3
Westoning Recreation Club [Saturday] Reserves	5	1	0	4	6	15	-9	3

It's as you were at start of play at the head of the Division Four league table, after the top three sides all came up with wins, league leaders Sundon Park Rangers running out 8-1 home winners over Flitwick Town Reserves, Luke Evans plus Nikki Buttegeig netting hat-tricks alongside a brace for Daniel Viola with the Town reply coming via Grant Tibbet, they remain in pole position on goal difference from Sharnbrook Reserves, 4-1 winners at Stewartby Village. Darren Wallinger, Jayme Harris, Chris Moore and Darren Gough netting the goals against a home reply from Ben Sparks.

For third place M&DH Oakley, who trail the top two by just a single point but with a game in hand, it was a 3-1 home win over Clifton Reserves, Shaun Cafferty netting twice and Dan Ellision once against a Clifton reply from Sam McNaught.

Other action saw Thurleigh end a run of three straight defeats by sharing the spoils in a 3-3 home draw with Dinamo Flitwick, Steve Pledge twice and Paul Newton netting for the home side against Dinamo replies from Jason Hill, Dean Myers and Barrie Lee Hannam.

The days final game bringing Eastcotts a 5-2 home win over Kempston Athletic, Shane Wilson netting a hat-trick to go alongside goals from Craig Farley and Ciaran Alexander, whilst Gary Whitbread hit both of the Athletic replies.

Division Four League Table at 17th October 2009

11 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	7	5	1	1	44	13	+31	16
Sharnbrook Reserves	7	5	1	1	22	5	+17	16
M & DH Oakley	6	5	0	1	21	9	+12	15
Eastcotts	6	3	1	2	14	10	+4	10
Thurleigh	7	2	2	3	22	18	+4	8
Dinamo Flitwick	5	2	2	1	12	11	+1	8
Stewartby Village	6	2	0	4	11	20	-9	6
Flitwick Town Reserves	5	2	0	3	8	22	-14	6
Clifton Reserves	5	1	1	3	11	15	-4	4
Kempston Athletic	5	1	0	4	14	30	-16	3
Bedford Park Rangers	5	0	0	5	5	31	-26	0

Meanwhile in a Watson Shield Group 2 game, Division Three side, Lidlington United Sports opened their Shield campaign in some style with a 3-0 home win over Division Four basement club Bedford Park Rangers, goals from Andrew Twomey, Chris Roberts and Darren Sims doing the damage.

Preview for Saturday 24th October 2009

Action next weekend in the Premier Division supported by Sportsform sees league leaders Biggleswade United Reserves sit the afternoon out, giving second place Renhold United a chance to take over the pole position, their task however is not an

easy one, requiring a win by four goals or more over the still 100% on the road this campaign Wilshamstead when they come calling to Renhold Playing Fields.

Many eyes will however, perhaps see the match of the day as being the Rectory Road clash between third place Campton and their visitors Southill Alexander, but don't shout that too loud, for the claim of match of the day could well be the local derby affairs taking place on The Green, where Ickwell & Old Warden seek their third league win on the bounce against visitors Blunham or at Horseshoes Close, where hosts Dunton now without a win in three outings face a visit from Caldecote.

For AFC Kempston Town at Hillgrounds, its the task of extending their 100% home record for the season to four games when in form Oakley Sports come calling, whilst over at Gold Street, the bottom two clubs meet when Riseley Sports still looking for their first point of the season host Westoning Recreation Club.

The days final top flight action coming at Crawley Road where both hosts Woburn and visitors Sharnbrook go in search of their first win in four outings.

In Division One, league leaders Flitwick Town will be hitting the road to Cutler Hammer to face fifth place Kempston, knowing that perhaps only a win will see them lead the table at the afternoon's end should either second place Marston Social come up with the full three points from their home clash with Bedford Sports Athletic, or there be a positive results either way at Harvey Close, when fourth place Caldecote Reserves look for their fourth win on the bounce over visiting third place Leighton United.

Over at Moggerhanger Playing Fields, Blunham Reserves go in search of their fourth league win on the bounce when paid a visit by AFC Kempston Town Reserves who travel unbeaten on the road in their last three outings. For bottom of the table Stevington it's a trip to Groveside to face Henlow seeking their opening win of the campaign, even then this would only lift them off the bottom of the standings should Kempston Hammers return from their Bedford Road Recreation Ground meeting with Sandy pointless, the hosts going into the game losers of their last four home encounters.

The days other action in this Division coming in Mowsbury Park, where FC Meppershall host Campton Reserves and at Miller Road, the venue at which, Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves travel hoping to end a three game losing run against hosts Meltis Albion who enter the game unbeaten in their last four home starts.

Division Two action sees league leaders Bedford Hatters in home Miller Road action looking to take their unbeaten ways to nine games, when fifth place Marston Shelton Rovers, unbeaten in their last five outings come calling, but the game of the day in this section could come at Arleseey Recreation Ground with the meeting between third place hosts Arleseey Social Galacticos and second place Potton Wanderers, both clubs going into the game still unbeaten this season.

The fourth Division Two club still unbeaten this campaign are fourth place Brache Sparta Community Reserves, they travel to Digswell to face Shefford Town, whilst at the other end of the table at Greenfield's, its a meeting between hosts Shillington

seeking their first win of the season to lift them off the bottom of the standings over their visitors Elstow Abbey, who travel in search of their first away points of the campaign.

Other action in this division takes Harpur FC in search of their first away points of the season to Whiston Crescent to face home side Clifton, who are yet to win on home soil this campaign, while Great Barford will be looking for their first win in five outings when they host Kempston Royals, plus at Chaul End Lane, Luton Old Boys unbeaten in their last three home starts host Marabese Ceramics who also look to return to winning ways for the first time in five outings.

With Division Three league leaders Queens Park Crescents sitting the afternoon out, Dunton Reserves will return to the top of the table should they maintain their seasons 100% away record when they journey to Hurst Grove to face Lidlington United Sports.

For Caldecote A, its a opening to their seasons home league programme at Harvey Close with a visit from Renhold Village, whilst bottom of the table Westoning Recreation Club Reserves will move out of the basement slot at Greenfield Road should they come up with a victory over visitors Sandy Reserves, in that event Sandy might yet replace them at the bottom should the clash between the two sides that separate them in the standings, Wilshamstead Reserves and Riseley Sports Reserves come up with a stalemate when they clash at Jubilee Playing Fields.

In Division Four, league leaders Sundon Park Rangers are hitting the road to face third place and still 100% at home M&DH Oakley who will climb above them with a victory, a win however will not take them to the top spot unless Sharnbrook Reserves fail to win their home Lodge Road encounter with local rivals Thurleigh.

At the other end of the table, it's a meeting between the bottom two sides in Mowsbury Park, where bottom of the pile Bedford Park Rangers need at least a five goal victory to climb above visitors Kempston Athletic.

Other action comes at Hinksley Recreation Ground, where Dinamo Flitwick host Clifton Reserves and just down the road at Steppingley Road, the venue for Flitwick Town Reserves home clash with Eastcotts.