

Bedfordshire County Football League



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Beds FA Inter-League Centenary Cup date fixed.

Wednesday 2nd March 2011. Bedfordshire County Football League vs North Home Counties Sunday Football League. Kick 7.30pm at Second Meadow. Biggleswade United FC.

The FA Inter-League Cup date set with Suffolk & Ipswich League.

Preliminary Round Tie. Saturday 2nd April 2011.
Suffolk & Ipswich League vs Bedfordshire County Football League
at Hadleigh FC Kick Off 2.30pm

Action Round-Up Friday-Saturday 18-19th February 2011

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 19th February 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Shefford Town & Campton	14	9	3	2	41	23	18	30
2	Wilshamstead	15	9	3	3	51	37	14	30
3	Blunham	12	9	2	1	53	19	34	29
4	Renhold United	14	8	4	2	36	24	12	28
5	Caldecote	13	8	2	3	30	19	11	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	13	4	0	9	21	34	-13	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

Just two games were to survive the days heavy rainfall, one of which saw Blunham retain their season's unbeaten home ways and take their current unbeaten run up to 11 games with a 7-0 win over Oakley Sports to now jump up into third place in the league table. Andrew Vallom the scorer of the games only goal in the opening half before his team-mates suddenly came alive in the closing 20 minutes when a further six goals were added via an Andy Smith hat-trick, a brace from Steve Thomas plus a strike from Glen Tumulty.

For Flitwick Town, it was a return to winning ways for the first time in seven outings with a 3-1 home victory over an Arlesey Town Reserves side that are yet to win on the road this season. Dean Warren with a brace plus Chris Bull doing the damage.

The other four scheduled fixtures: Leighton United v AFC Kempston Town, Renhold United v Shefford Town & Campton, Sharnbrook v Dunton plus Wilshamstead v Caldecote having to bow to waterlogged pitches.

Division One

Division One action was to see three games beat the weather, Bedford Hatters taking full advantage of the non-playing of Potton Wanderers and Marston Shelton Rovers by duly winning 6-0 at Henlow and thus close the gap on their rivals at the head of the league table to five and two points respectively. Darek Joswiak with a hat-trick plus strikes from Aran Izzard, Simon Pixley and Richard Cook netting The Hatters goals to take their current unbeaten run up to seven games.

Division One League Table at 19th February 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	<u>Potton Wanderers</u>	16	13	0	3	66	14	52	39
2	<u>Marston Shelton Rovers</u>	14	12	0	2	39	19	20	36
3	<u>Bedford Hatters</u>	13	11	1	1	48	8	40	34
4	<u>Meltis Albion</u>	17	9	1	7	39	32	7	28
5	<u>Bedford S.A.</u>	16	7	2	7	41	42	-1	23
6	<u>Sandy</u>	17	6	4	7	36	42	-6	22
7	<u>Henlow</u>	17	6	4	7	35	46	-11	22
8	<u>FC Meppershall</u>	14	6	2	6	36	30	6	20
9	<u>Blunham Reserves</u>	18	4	4	10	21	44	-23	16
10	<u>Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves</u>	15	4	3	8	23	29	-6	15
11	<u>Caldecote Reserves</u>	13	4	1	8	17	23	-6	13
12	<u>AFC Kempston Town Reserves</u>	16	4	1	11	16	51	-35	13
13	<u>Luton Old Boys [Saturday]</u>	16	3	1	12	22	59	-37	10

Now unbeaten in their last nine starts are Sandy following their 4-1 victory at bottom of the table Luton Old Boys. Daniel Stafford with a brace plus Phil Beall and Charlie Seward seeing their goals only replied to by Stephen O'Dell.

For fourth place Meltis Albion, it was a 4-0 home win over Blunham Reserves. Kevin Butler with a hat-trick plus Asa Garlick on the scoresheet to lift Albion's current unbeaten home run to six games.

The other three scheduled games: FC Meppershall v Caldecote Reserves, Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves v Potton Wanderers and Marston Shelton Rovers all postponed.

Division Two

The result of the day belonged to Elstow Abbey, they made it five home wins on the bounce with a 3-0 victory over league leaders Clifton to keep them well and truly in the promotion mix, Craig Cameron opening the scoring on 70 minutes before two goals from Ashley Windridge in the closing 15 minutes sealed the points.

Division Two League Table at 19th February 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Clifton	18	9	5	4	44	36	8	32
2	Queens Park Crescents	18	10	2	6	44	41	3	32
3	Lea Sports PSG	13	10	1	2	45	16	29	31
4	Arlesey Social Galacticos	18	9	4	5	50	39	11	31
5	Bromham United	18	9	2	7	40	40	0	29
6	Elstow Abbey 06	15	9	1	5	49	20	29	28
7	Westoning Recreation Club	18	8	3	7	46	36	10	27
8	Kings AFC	15	9	0	6	39	36	3	27
9	Lidlington United Sports	15	6	4	5	36	29	7	22
10	Great Barford	16	7	1	8	26	34	-8	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

With second place Queens Park Crescents game at Kempston Hammers Sports postponed, Lea Sports are now within a point of them in the league standings after they retained their seasons 100% home ways with a 2-0 win over Stevington. Liam Trainor from the penalty spot opening the scoring in the first half before Rory Smith doubled the scoreline 20 minutes from time.

Now moving into the promotion mix are Kings AFC, 4-1 home winners over Bromham United, their sixth win on the bounce. Josh Clements with a hat-trick plus Chris Greene seeing their goals only replied to by United's Keith Thomas.

For Arlesey Social Galacticos, it was another big dent in their promotion hopes when beaten 5-1 at Shefford Town & Campton Reserves. Sam Larsen opening the scoring in the first half for the home side who then duly blitzed four goals in the second period

via Larsen again, Paul Still, Kieron O'Toole and Lee Bilcock before a late consolation came Social's way from Mark Allam.

The days other games: Great Barford v Westoning Recreation Club and Lidlington United Sports v Marabese Ceramics being postponed.

Division Three

Division Three action commenced on Friday evening when Cranfield United Reserves netted a 3-1 home win over Flitwick Town Reserves. First half goals from James Armstrong and Peter Kerr seeing them into a 2-0 lead before Town's Richard Davison reduced the arrears eight minutes from time, alas for the visitors, a penalty converted by Armstrong two minutes from time sealed the points for the home side.

Of the three games to go ahead the next day, M & DH Oakley kept themselves in the promotion mix with a 3-2 home win over bottom of the table Shefford Town & Campton A. Adam Emms, Ben Johson and Daniel Lupton all finding the back of the net against replies from Wayne Haxton and Kieron Best.

Division Three League Table at 19th 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	13	8	2	3	29	22	7	26
7	Riseley Sports	17	6	3	8	40	40	0	21
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'	15	2	1	12	17	59	-42	7

The biggest winners of the day were Riseley Sports, 5-1 at home over Caldecote A. Jimmy Grandidge on target four times and Clive Collyer once against a visitors reply from Jack Boyd.

Over at Greenfield Road, Westoning Recreation Club Reserves following four straight defeats ended the sequence with a 2-2 home draw against Renhold Village. Ryan Curl and Rob Barnard on target for the home side against Village replies from Simon Wade and Carl Townsend.

The games: Dunton Reserves v Royal Oak Kempston, Pavenham v Sharnbrook Reserves and Sundon Park Rangers v Wilshamstead Reserves being the one's to fail to beat the rain.

Division Four

With second place Goldington's home Mowsbury Park venue waterlogged off, they sacrificed home advantage to travel and face league leaders AFC Turvey on their own Stonefields patch. Alas it ended in a 5-2 defeat to take Turvey nine points clear at the head of the league standings. Martin Page, Daniel Bailey, John Guiney, Mike Stephenson plus a Salmir Guri penalty ensuring their club remained 100% for the season against replies via Robert Brown and Damion Quigley.

The day's only other game to go ahead in this section saw Stewartby Village net a 1-0 home win over Bedford Park Rangers, John Steele bagging the vital goal.

The games to fall by the wayside were: Clifton Reserves v Eastcotts, Goldington Hammers v Thurleigh, Kempston Athletic v Lea Sports Reserves, Potton Town v Dinamo Flitwick and Sandy Reserves v Wootton Village.

Division Four League Table at 19th February 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Turvey	15	15	0	0	88	17	71	45
2	Goldington	16	12	0	4	84	27	57	36
3	Thurleigh	14	10	1	3	47	25	22	31
4	Eastcotts AFC	16	9	2	5	48	25	23	29
5	Dinamo Flitwick	16	9	2	5	43	38	5	29
6	Clifton Reserves	17	8	2	7	54	57	-3	26
7	Potton Town	13	8	1	4	29	20	9	25
8	Stewartby Village	17	6	2	9	32	53	-21	20
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

Preview Saturday 26th February 2011

Premium Division supported by Sportsform action brings about a home game for league leaders Shefford Town & Campton at Rectory Road against Sharnbrook. The hosts defending their season's unbeaten home record against a visiting Sharnbrook side that hits the road with a 50% win strike record away from their Lodge Road base this season.

At Harvey Close, Caldecote having been beaten just once on home soil this season face fellow championship contenders Wilshamstead in what in effect is a must win game for both clubs.

For the other leading title contender in action, Blunham, it's a trip to Hillgrounds to take on an AFC Kempston Town side that badly requires points in their quest to avoid relegation at the other end of the table. With Blunham on an 11 game unbeaten run, you would perhaps still fancy them to collect the spoils despite The Town being unbeaten in their last three home starts.

Over at Oakley Playing Fields, Oakley Sports will be playing hosts to Woburn. On home soil the Sportsmen have been beaten twice this season, whilst the visitors are now without a win in their last five outings, results which suggest this game will go the way of the home side.

Other action comes at Steppingley Road, the venue where hosts Flitwick Town take on Leighton United. With the Town having only won once in their last seven outings, you would expect United to at least gain a share of the spoils. Plus at Horseshoes Close, it's local derby action between hosts Dunton and Arlesey Town Reserves. With the hosts unbeaten in their last four home outings you would expect them to triumph over a Town side that are yet to win on the road this season.

The big game of the day in Division One comes at Miller Road with the clash between the title heavyweights Bedford Hatters and their visitors Marston Shelton Rovers. Hatters defending their season's 100% home record against a Rovers outfit whose lone away defeat of the season came at fellow title contenders Potton Wanderers back in early November.

Talking of Potton Wanderers, this weekend they make the short journey to Bedford Road Recreation for local derby action against a Sandy side that are currently unbeaten in their last nine starts and could well send The Wanderers home empty handed for only the second time this season.

Down at the other end of the league table, basement club Luton Old Boys take on Bedford Sports Athletic at Chaul End Lane, with the visitors notoriously bad travellers, just a third home win of the campaign could well be on the cards for the hosts.

Also in need of points at the wrong end of the table are AFC Kempston Town Reserves, these however are unlikely to be forthcoming when they journey to Mowsbury Park looking for their first away point in five outings against FC Meppershall.

Caldecote Reserves are also too close for comfort to the drop zone, they could well ease that situation when at Harvey Close, they look for their third home win on the bounce against a Meltis Albion side that has been beaten in their last two trips away from their Miller Road base.

The final action in this Division belongs to local derby action on The Green between hosts Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves and their visitors Henlow. The visitors have

not won on the road since mid-September, thus giving the hosts a fine chance of returning to winning ways following four straight defeats.

The Division Two promotion race perhaps still concerns seven teams, for two of the leading contenders Arlesey Social Galacticos and Lea Sports PSG, it's a meeting at Arlesey Recreation Ground. Social having slipped up in three of their last four home outings facing a PSG side that has won six of its nine away outings to date this season.

Of the other promotion candidates, three will this weekend enjoy home advantage. Clifton at Whiston Crescent facing a Westoning Recreation Club outfit that are beginning to find form and could well cause a surprise. Whilst at The Warren, you would fancy Elstow Abbey to collect the full three points when visited by Lidlington United Sports who have won just twice on the road all season.

The trio of home sides being made up by Bromham United who host Shefford Town & Campton Reserves at their Playing Field Headquarters United despite losing their last two home encounters starting favourites to collect the points from a Town side who have won just once in their last 11 outings.

Promotion candidates hitting the road will be Kings AFC to Barford Playing Fields to face hosts Great Barford. Kings looking for their fifth away win on the bounce, the favourites to collect the spoils despite the home side having only lost twice on home soil this season. Plus Queens Park Crescents who head for a Groveside meeting with Marabese Ceramics. The Crescents in search of their third away win on the bounce, whilst The Tilers are looking to repair the damage of two consecutive home defeats.

The final action in this division seeing Stopley Park now unbeaten in their last three away games head to face a Stevington outfit that has failed to win any of its last seven outings to plummet into the relegation zone.

Division Three action, takes the runaway league leaders Pavenham along to Hillgrounds for a meeting with Royal Oak Kempston, The Oak despite winning three of their last four outings will still start second favourites to prevent Pavenham retaining their seasons 100% away record.

For second place Sharnbrook Reserves, its home Lodge Road action against local rivals M & DH Oakley. The hosts, winners of their last four home outings, will be well aware their visitors have won their last three games and will be no pushovers.

Over at Renhold Playing Fields, Renhold Village entertain Co-op Sports, the visitors on a six game unbeaten run and still very much in the promotion picture expected to collect the points against a Village side that has failed to win any of its last three home outings.

Down at the other end of the table, Westoning Recreation Club Reserves will be in home Greenfield Road action against Sundon Park Rangers. The Rec Boys last won on home soil as long ago as late October and will have to be at their very best if there are to end The Rangers run of four consecutive victories.

Whilst Digswell Playing Fields will be the rearranged venue where Cranfield United Reserves play their home game against bottom of the table Shefford Town & Campton A. United hitting the road looking to take their unbeaten ways up to 10 games.

The final action in this division coming at Jubilee Playing Fields, the venue for Wilshamstead Reserves home clash with Dunton Reserves. The hosts going in search of home win number four on the bounce.

In Division Four, its home action for league leaders AFC Turvey when they entertain Clifton Reserves at Stonefields, despite the hosts still being 100% for the season, this will be no penalty kick as they visitors have won their last five games to move themselves onto the fringe of the promotion race.

For second place Goldington, it's a trip to Mowsbury Park to face Bedford Park Rangers. With the home side having won just three times on home soil this season, the odds are on the visitors chalking up their fifth away win on the bounce.

Of the other promotion candidates, Thurleigh take a break from league action and hit the road for Pirton Recreation Ground to face Lea Sports Reserves in a Watson Shield last 16 tie. Whilst following two straight home defeats, Eastcotts will fancy their chances of returning to winning ways when they host Sandy Reserves at Hillgrounds. The visitors hitting the road having lost all of their last six away outings.

Dinamo Flitwick are also still in the promotion mix and for them its home Hinksley Recreation Ground against Stewartby Village. The Villagers only away win of the season came as long ago as early October, a fact that suggests the points will be going the way of the home side.

With games in hand, Potton Town could also yet become promotion candidates, for them, now unbeaten in their last three away encounters, its action at Hillgrounds against a Kempston Athletic side that has won just twice on home soil all season.

The days final action coming at Wootton Recreation Ground, the venue for Wootton Village home clash with Goldington Hammers, the bottom of the table hosts seek out their first home win of the season.