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Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup Semi-Final Draw Season 2010-11

Lea Sports PSG v Elstow Abbey
Pavenham v Renhold Village

Games to be played on Saturday 12th March 2011. Kick Off 2.30pm

Ground-Hopper Red Robbo calls in at The Warren

Elstow Abbey (0)(1) 3

Cranfield United res (0) (1) 1

Beds F.A. Junior Cup QF

Attendance 30-40ish

Admission; none, Programme £1 (v.g. 20 pages), no refreshments available

I must admit the issue of a programme took me to this game and a very good issue it is too. Elstow Abbey play their League football in the Beds County League Division 2 and occupy sixth place. The visitors Cranfield are in the Division below and also occupy sixth place

The ground at Elstow is shared with the cricket, no cover but today the trees gave a little respite to strong wind that blew across the pitch for most of the game. Both teams had trouble with this weather and the first half an hour was a real struggle. On forty one minutes both sides were reduced to 10 men with a double sending off for nothing more than a bit of handbags. The second half picked up a little, the home side having large amounts of possession and creating a few openings to break the deadlock. As things went it was the visitors that broke away against the run of play and scored after 76 minutes through Adam Kerr. One could be forgiven into thinking that was that but the home side pushed forward with renewed determination and equalised eight minutes later when Craig Cameron fired home a low shot from outside the area. Into extra time and with it went my planned second half at Bedford Town!

Abbey took the lead from the penalty spot after the Cranfield goalkeeper brought

down an oncoming forward in the box. Jason Harrison making no mistake with his spot kick Two minutes later and it was game over as substitute Woodridge struck a rasping effort into the top corner for 3-1.No more goals but credit to both sides who showed no tiredness through the extra time period.

A nice venue to visit and the home side officials were very friendly and helpful. Certainly worth a visit if you haven't been before.

Wednesday 9th February 2011

Premier Division Supported by Sportsform action saw Arlesey Town Reserves and Woburn play out a 2-2 draw at The Armadillo Stadium.It was the visitors who were to gain an early lead when Martin Holland took full advantage of a poor clearance by home goalkeeper Dean Shaw to place his side 1-0 in front after just four minutes.

The Safari Boys via Lewis Murray were to double their lead on the half-hour mark until it became game on three minutes from the interval with a strike from Theo Swain to reduce the arrears to just a single goal at the break.

Swain with his second strike of the night 20 minutes from time ensuring honours were to be shared at 2-2.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 9th February 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Wilshamstead	14	9	3	2	50	35	15	30
2	Shefford Town & Campton	13	8	3	2	38	22	16	27
3	Renhold United	13	8	3	2	33	21	12	27
4	Blunham	11	8	2	1	46	19	27	26
5	Caldecote	12	7	2	3	27	18	9	23
6	Leighton United	13	5	3	5	38	28	10	18
7	Oakley Sports	13	5	1	7	21	27	-6	16
8	Flitwick Town	12	4	2	6	18	24	-6	14
9	Dunton	13	4	1	8	18	31	-13	13
10	Woburn	13	3	3	7	25	41	-16	12
11	Arlesey Town Reserves	13	2	4	7	28	41	-13	10
12	Sharnbrook	12	3	0	9	20	34	-14	9
13	AFC Kempston Town	12	1	3	8	13	34	-21	6

Action Round-Up Saturday 12th February 2011

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Shefford Town & Campton are the new leaders of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table,after they made it five home wins on the bounce with a 3-1 victory over Leighton United. Andy Hayday, Dan Webb and Michael Jones netting the goals to a lone reply from Phil Matthews to take the Rectory Road outfit to the

summit on goal difference from Wilshamstead who were beaten 2-1 at Oakley Sports. It all started well enough for Wilshamstead when Neville Allen shot them into the lead but an equalizer was to follow via Justin Patterson before an 88th minute penalty from Mark Smith stole all three points for the home side.

For third place Renhold United, it was a share of the spoils in a 3-3 draw at Dunton to remain unbeaten on the road this season. The opening 15 minutes saw goals from Paul Mercer and Joe Lewis shoot the home side 2-0 ahead before strikes from Tommy Foyle. Alex Woolston and Ollie Housden slotted United into a 3-2 lead, but with just five minutes remaining Paul Beith squared matters up to leave Dunton now unbeaten in their last four home outings.

Over at Hillgrounds, there was a welcomed 3-1 home win for bottom of the table AFC Kempston Town over Flitwick Town, to leave the visitors now without a victory in their last six outings. Alex Russell, Roy Murnane and Elliot West on target for the winners against a Dean Warren penalty reply.

Following a run of four straight defeats, Sharnbrook returned to winning ways, thus lifting themselves out of the drop zone with a 1-0 away win at now second from bottom of the table Arlesey Town Reserves. Jamie Cross netting the only goal of the contest.

Elsewhere, Caldecote maintained their interest in the championship race by winning 3-1 at Woburn. Adrian Mapletoft giving them a first half lead, this was doubled by Kai Griffiths-Shilton before the home sides James McCarthy struck to give the Safari Boys hopes until Danny McIver netted a third for Caldecote to seal the points.

Premier Division Supported by Sportsform League Table at 12th 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	Renhold United	14	8	4	2	36	24	12	28
4	Blunham	11	8	2	1	46	19	27	26
5	Caldecote	13	8	2	3	30	19	11	26
6	Oakley Sports	14	6	1	7	23	28	-5	19
7	Leighton United	14	5	3	6	39	31	8	18
8	Flitwick Town	13	4	2	7	19	27	-8	14
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	14	2	4	8	28	42	-14	10
13	AFC Kempston Town	13	2	3	8	16	35	-19	9

Division One

Victories for the leading three clubs leaves the Division One league table looking exactly like it read at start of play. Potton Wanderers, the league leaders, coming up with their sixth consecutive home win via a 3-0 win over Meltis Albion. Sam Worthington, Craig Schurek and goalkeeper James Billington with a penalty keeping

them three points clear of Marston Shelton Rovers who were 2-1 home winners over bottom of the table Luton Old Boys.

However, The Rovers victory was only achieved via a 90th minute winner from Gibran Pirbhai after earlier in the game home striker Shaun McFarland had seen his goal cancelled out by Simon Glass for an Old Boys side that look anything but relegation material on this showing.

For third place Bedford Hatters who have games in hand on the leading two clubs, it was a maintenance of their seasons 100% home record with a 3-0 win over Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves. Simon Pixley the hero with all three goals.

Division One League Table at 12th February 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Potton Wanderers	16	13	0	3	66	14	52	39
2	Marston Shelton Rovers	14	12	0	2	39	19	20	36
3	Bedford Hatters	12	10	1	1	42	8	34	31
4	Meltis Albion	16	8	1	7	35	32	3	25
5	Bedford S.A.	16	7	2	7	41	42	-1	23
6	Henlow	16	6	4	6	35	40	-5	22
7	FC Meppershall	14	6	2	6	36	30	6	20
8	Sandy	16	5	4	7	32	41	-9	19
9	Blunham Reserves	17	4	4	9	21	40	-19	16
10	Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	15	4	3	8	23	29	-6	15
11	Caldecote Reserves	13	4	1	8	17	23	-6	13
12	AFC Kempston Town Reserves	16	4	1	11	16	51	-35	13
13	Luton Old Boys [Saturday]	15	3	1	11	21	55	-34	10

The top score of the day belonged to Bedford Sports Athletic, they netted a 7-3 home win over Henlow. Jonathan Woolfe on target four times, Andrew Latimer twice and Ashley Mead once against replies from Pete Saunders, Steve Bennett and Steve Pateman.

Meanwhile, Sandy are now unbeaten in their last eight outings following their 1-1 home draw with Blunham Reserves. Ian Hammett on target for the home side against a reply from Andrew Vallom.

Whilst Caldecote Reserves exchanged 11th and 12th places in the league standings with AFC Kempston Town Reserves after beating them 2-1 at Harvey Close. Stuart Haddow and Joe Jordan finding the back of the net for Caldecote against a Town reply from Jamie Philips.

Division Two

Clifton's lead at the head of the Division Two league table is now down to goal difference after they were beaten 3-5 at home by Queens Park Crescents. Rajan Nandha, Azar Nawaz, Nathan Larrier, Jahanjir Ahmed and Ayaz Hussain netted the Crescents goals against home replies from Tony Norman twice and Dave Sargeant.

The points now taking the Crescents back into second spot above Arlesey Social Galacticos who were beaten 3-2 at home by Kings AFC, all thanks to a brace of goals from Josh Clements and a strike from Chris Greene, thus taking the winners to their fourth away win on the bounce.

It was not a good day at the office for Bromham United, they dropped off the pace in the promotion race when beaten 1-4 at home by Lidlinton United Sports. Darren Sims with a brace plus Kieran Wills and Alex Burrows doing the damage against a home reply from Dean Waghorn.

Still very much in that promotion mix are Elstow Abbey, they claimed another three points with a 3-0 victory at Great Barford. Ed L'Erario shooting them ahead after 17 minutes before strikes from Ashley Windridge and Mark Nicholson in the closing 20 minutes ensured there would be no way back for the home side.

The top scorers of the day were Westoning Recreation Club, 6-0 home winners over bottom of the table Kempston Hammers Sports. Ian Buckingham with a hat-trick, Scott Gadsden with a brace plus an own goal doing the damage.

Following six consecutive defeats, Shefford Town & Campton Reserves returned to winning ways with a 2-1 victory at Stevington. Sam Larsen and Luke Webb on the scoresheet against a home reply from Clinton Tatham.

The fifth away winners of the day in this division were Stopsley Park. They claimed a 3-2 victory at Marabese Ceramics. James Smart with a brace plus Shane Roberts outshooting replies from Colin Stanley and James Tizard.

Division Two League Table at 12th February 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Clifton	17	9	5	3	44	33	11	32
2	Queens Park Crescents	18	10	2	6	44	41	3	32
3	Arlesey Social Galacticos	17	9	4	4	49	34	15	31
4	Bromham United	17	9	2	6	39	36	3	29
5	Lea Sports PSG	12	9	1	2	43	16	27	28
6	Westoning Recreation Club	18	8	3	7	46	36	10	27
7	Elstow Abbey 06	14	8	1	5	46	20	26	25
8	Kings AFC	14	8	0	6	35	35	0	24
9	Lidlinton United Sports	15	6	4	5	36	29	7	22
10	Great Barford	16	7	1	8	26	34	-8	22
11	Stopsley Park	16	5	2	9	39	40	-1	17
12	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	15	4	3	8	29	41	-12	15
13	Marabese Ceramics	13	4	2	7	19	22	-3	14
14	Stevington	17	3	1	13	26	54	-28	10
15	Kempston Hammers Sports	15	2	1	12	12	62	-50	7

Division Three

Action in Division Three was to bring about wins for the leading six teams in the league standings. Pavenham, the league leaders, maintaining their seasons 100 % away record to remain four points clear at the head of the table with a 5-0 win at Shefford Town & Campton A. Tom Ellis with a hat-trick plus Nick Cakebread and Tom Rodger netting the goals.

For second place Sharnbrook Reserves, it was a 5-1 home win over Dunton Reserves. Jayme Harris with a brace plus Martyn Caine, Kevin Harris and Dan Gloss seeing their goals only replied to by Ben Myler. Whilst now third place Sundon Park Rangers were the biggest winners of the day, 8-2 at Royal Oak Kempston. Matthew Conway with a hat-trick, Sam Chapman with a brace plus Luke Evans, Chris Ward and Nicky Buttigieg all on target against Oak replies via Lorenzo Jordan and Chris Birdsall.

Division Three League Table at 12th 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	Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	16	9	4	3	62	31	31	31
4	M & DH Oakley	14	10	1	3	45	16	29	31
5	Co-op Sports	17	9	4	4	45	27	18	31
6	Cranfield United Reserves	12	7	2	3	26	21	5	23
7	Riseley Sports	16	5	3	8	35	39	-4	18
8	Wilshamstead Reserves	15	5	2	8	30	47	-17	17
9	Dunton Reserves	16	5	1	10	27	45	-18	16
10	Royal Oak Kempston	16	5	1	10	29	48	-19	16
11	Renhold Village	12	4	3	5	28	23	5	15
12	Flitwick Town Reserves	14	4	2	8	22	38	-16	14
13	Caldecote 'A'	16	4	0	12	31	55	-24	12
14	Westoning Recreation Club Reserves	14	3	1	10	30	52	-22	10
15	Shefford Town & Campton 'A'	14	2	1	11	15	56	-41	7

Losing out on that third spot on goal difference are M & DH Oakley despite their 3-1 away win at Flitwick Town Reserves. Adam Emms, Shaun Cafferty and Jamie Underwood on the scoresheet against a Town reply from Ryan Short.

Holding onto fifth spot, just goal difference adrift of Sundon Park Rangers and M & DH Oakley are Co-op Sports, they took their unbeaten ways to six games with a 4-2 home victory over Riseley Sports. Kerry Smith with a brace plus Chris Vardy and Scott Davis having their goals only replied to by Greg Moksa and Jamie Gibson.

Making up the top six and with games in hand on all five sides above them are Cranfield United Reserves, they are now unbeaten in eight starts after winning 4-1 at Caldecote A. Peter Kerr, James Armstrong, Stuart Pearce and Adam Constable on the scoresheet against a home reply from Jordan Goodman.

The days final action in this Division giving Wilshamstead Reserves a 6-0 home win over Westoning Recreation Club Reserves.Liam Philip netting four times alongside Matt Johnson and James Abbot.

Division Four

AFC Turvey remain 100% in the league for the season and six points clear at the head of the league table after they netted win number 14 on the bounce, 6-0 at home over Stewartby Village.John Guiney with a hat-trick, Daniel Bailey with a brace plus Salmir Guri all on target.

For second place Goldington, it was a seventh consecutive win, 5-0 at Eastcotts.Chris Huckle twice plus Danien Quigley, Karl Anderson and Brian Day netting the goals that did the damage.

Division Four League Table at 12th February 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Turvey	14	14	0	0	83	15	68	42
2	Goldington	15	12	0	3	82	22	60	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	Lea Sports PSG Reserves	15	5	3	7	24	35	-11	18
9	Goldington Hammers	17	6	0	11	33	69	-36	18
10	Bedford Park Rangers	18	5	2	11	43	61	-18	17
11	Stewartby Village	16	5	2	9	31	53	-22	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

In third spot are Thurleigh, following two straight defeats they returned to winning ways with a 3-0 home win over Sandy Reserves.Ben Stock, Stefan Wilson and Steve Pledge all finding the back of the net.

There was a 5-0 away win for Potton Town at Bedford Park Rangers and with games in hand of all of the six teams above them in the league table, Town could yet get involved in the promotion race.Chris Cooper with a hat-trick plus Sam Barham and James Day sweeping the Rangers a side.

Also hitting five goals were Dinamo Flitwick, 5-2 home winners over Kempston Athletic.Dale Goldie with a brace plus Ross Lockey, Barrie Lee Hannam and William Munns having their goals only replied to by Jamie Marsh and Dee Sayid.

Going one better were Lea Sports PSG Reserves, 6-3 home winners over Goldington Hammers.Glen Collins on target four times alongside Callum Jones and Marko Failla.

The final game of the day in this section took Clifton Reserves to their fifth consecutive win, 2-0 at Wootton Village. Sam Mills and Sam McNaught the goalscorers.

Preview Saturday 19th February 2011

With the Premier Division supported by Sportsform championship race now hotting up, the top game of the weekend could well come at Renhold Playing Fields. Where two of the leading contenders go head to head when Renhold United play hosts to new league leaders Shefford Town & Campton United having been beaten just twice this season on home soil will perhaps start the slight favourites given their visitors poor haul of points away from their Rectory Road base.

However there is another big clash at Jubilee Playing Fields, the venue where second place Wilshamstead take on Caldecote. The hosts, the surprise package in this seasons championship race being still unbeaten on home soil this season and could in effect end their visitors own championship hopes should they collect the full three points on offer.

The fifth championship chasing club are of course Blunham, now unbeaten in their last ten league outings and still maintaining an unbeaten home record this season, you would expect them to collect the points when they host Oakley Sports at their Moggerhanger Playing Fields headquarters.

Over at Stanbridge Road, you would expect hosts Leighton United to return to winning ways on home soil when paid a visit by bottom of the table AFC Kempston Town, Town having won just once on their travels this season.

If Sharnbrook are to climb away from the drop zone, then there is a need for them to collect more points at their home Lodge Road base where they have already been beaten six times this term. The visitors this weekend are Dunton, they are now slowly hitting form and will be no easy nut to crack for the home side.

The final game of the day comes at Steppingley Road, hosts Flitwick Town taking on Arlesey Town Reserves. The visitors travel still looking for their first away win of the season to face a Town side that has lost their last two home games Facts which suggest this game could well end up all square.

The Division One championship chase is of course already down to a three horse race, this weekend, league leaders Potton Wanderers will be hitting the road for local derby action on The Green against an Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves side that will be seeking out just their second home win of the season.

For fellow contenders Marston Shelton Rovers, its home action at Marston Playing Fields against Bedford Sports Athletic, you would expect them to collect all three points Whilst Bedford Hatters hit the road to Groveside and a meeting with Henlow. Hatters fully expected to collect against a home side that as suddenly gone off the boil.

Down at the other end of the table, its home Chaul End Lane action for relegation threatened Luton Old Boys who host Sandy. The visitors, unbeaten on their last three trips on the road starting the favourites to collect the points.

For fellow strugglers Caldecote Reserves, it's a trip to Mowsbury Park and a meeting with FC Meppershall. With Caldecote having won just once on their travels this season you would expect the home side to collect the points.

The final action of the day comes at Miller Road between hosts Meltis Albion and Blunham Reserves. Albion beaten just twice on home soil this season by Marston Shelton Rovers and Potton Wanderers, should ensure their visitors will not collect what would only be their second away win of the season.

By contrast the Division Two promotion race still has six live contenders involved, two of which go head to head at The Warren, the venue for Elstow Abbey's home clash with Clifton. The Abbey now enjoying a four game winning home run facing a Clifton side that has been beaten just once on the road this season.

The only other contender enjoying home advantage are Lea Sports PSG, they host Stevington at Pirton Recreation Ground. With the visitors yet to win on the road this season and PSG still 100% on home soil, this looks a home banker, famous last words.

For the other three clubs its trips on the road, Arlesey Social Galacticos heading for Rectory Road and local derby action against Shefford Town & Campton Reserves. Town have won just twice on home soil all season but with The Social without an away win since mid-November, perhaps just perhaps a shock might be on the cards.

It will be no easy game for Bromham United, they head to King George VI Playing Fields to face Kings AFC. United have been beaten just once on the road this season, but they face a host side that has won its last four home outings.

The sixth contender being Queens Park Crescents, they make the trip to Cutler Hammer to take on bottom of the table Kempston Hammers Sports. With just two away wins to their name this term, Crescents need to make that three if they are to remain in the promotion race going into the tail end of the season.

Other action comes at Barford Playing Fields, the venue for Great Barford's home clash with Westoning Recreation Club. The Rec Boys with only three away wins to their name this season will have to be at their very best if they are to become only the third club to lower the home sides colours on home soil this season.

Whilst the final action sees Lidlington United Sports take on Marabese Ceramics at Hurst Grove. United beaten just once on home soil this season favourites to collect the three points.

In Division Three, the game of the day belongs to Hillgrounds, where the unbeaten league leaders Pavenham take on second place visitors Sharnbrook Reserves. With Sharnbrook having lost their last two away games, should this become game number

three then the league title even at this early stage of the season would look to be Pavenham's.

For fellow promotion seekers M & DH Oakley, its home action against bottom of the table Shefford Town & Campton A. Having been beaten just once on home soil you would fancy the hosts to collect the points despite the visitors having won their last two away games.

Also still in the promotion shake up are Cranfield United Reserves, for them its home action on Friday evening at Crawley Road against Flitwick Town Reserves. United firm favourites to stretch their current eight game unbeaten run against a Town side, despite their last away defeat coming as far back as mid-October.

Sundon Park Rangers are also in the promotion mix, for them it's home Stockwood Park action against Wilshamstead Reserves. With Rangers having only lost to Pavenham on home soil this season and the visitors beaten in their last two away outings, a home win looks on the cards.

Down at the other end of the table, Westoning Recreation Club Reserves will be home Greenfield Road action against Renhold Village. With the Rec Boys having not won on home soil since mid-October and the Village with just one away victory to their name all season, you would fancy this game could go either way or indeed end in stalemate.

Also with just one away win to their name all season are Caldecote A, they journey to Gold Street looking to put that matter right when hosted by a Riseley Sports side that has won three of their last five home outings.

The final action of the day in this division comes at Horseshoes Close, the venue for Dunton Reserves home clash with Royal Oak Kempston. With the visitors having won just once on the road this season, a home win looks the most likely outcome.

Division Four action also sees a clash between the top two clubs when 100% league leaders AFC Turvey make their way to Mowsbury Park to face Goldington. The hosts knowing anything but a fifth home win on the bounce will all but hand the league crown to their visitors, despite number wise the season is now only just entering its second half.

Of the other serious promotion candidates, Eastcotts head to Whiston Crescent to face Clifton Reserves. The hosts unbeaten in their last five home outings will be no pushovers. Plus Thurleigh journey to Mowsbury Park to be hosted by Goldington Hammers. The Hammers have not won on home soil since mid-October, whilst the visitors last away victory also came in the same month, thus suggesting this game could go either way or more likely end all square.

Dinamo Flitwick are also not out of the promotion race, they head to Sunderland Road looking for away win number five on the bounce against Potton Town. However, the Town having lost just twice on home soil this season could well spring a surprise.

Down at the other end of the table, it's a big game at Bedford Road Recreation Ground, the venue where Sandy Reserves entertain bottom of the table Wootton Village who have failed to win any of their last ten outings.

Elsewhere, fellow strugglers Kempston Athletic take on Lea Sports PSG Reserves at Hillgrounds. The visitors having only lost one of their last five away outings will start favourites to prevail. Whilst down at Stewartby Way, hosts Stewartby Village look for home win number three on the bounce against Bedford Park Rangers.