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Ickwell and Old Warden stretched their winning ways to eight games to take themselves to within two points of league leaders Blunham, with a 5-1 home win over Biggleswade United Reserves. 3-0 ahead at the break thanks to goals from Steve Thomas, Gary Fil and Andrew Vallom, they were never in danger of losing their advantage despite Jack Gabbitas getting onto the scoresheet in the new period for United as Vallom went on to complete his hat-trick either side of the United strike.

Also very much in the title race still are Oakley Sports, they moved up into third place in the league table with their sixth win on the bounce, a 3-2 home success over Westoning Recreation Club. Del Francis, Mark Smith and Alex Woolston netting the vital goals against replies from Dan Bergin and Tom Smith.

Slipping down the table below Oakley Sports, were Caldecote after they were beaten 2-3 at home by AFC Kempston Town. Home goals from Steve Starling and Mark Phillips being outgunned by strikes from Danny Pilgrim, Justin Patterson and Tom Pitts.

Britannia Cup

Casting their league worries aside, Southill Alexander took themselves into the Semi-Final of this season's Britannia Cup with a 4-2 win over Wilshamstead in a game played at Jubilee Playing Fields after their own Carlsberg Stadium was ruled unplayable. Bradley O'Donovan claiming hero status with a hat-trick, whilst Jason Lynch was also on the scoresheet against Wilshamstead, replies from Glen Tumulty and Matt Smith.

Elsewhere in the competition it was still Round One day. At Rectory Road, Campton with a lone goal from Sam Larsen eight minutes from time run out 1-0 home winners over Renhold United to now set up a home quarter-final title against current holders Caldecote.

Meanwhile at Horseshoes Close, Dunton's woes continue after they were beaten 3-6 by Woburn. Nick Skolsky and Martin Holland both netting twice alongside Lewis Murray and Jake Nicholls for The Safari Boys against home replies via a Nicky Threadgold brace and Ian Bosher. Woburn will now travel again in the quarter-final to face either Sharnbrook or Blunham whose Lodge Road clash was waterlogged off.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 6th February 2010

14 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Blunham	15	11	2	2	47	23	+24	35
Ickwell & Old Warden	15	11	0	4	42	30	+12	33
Oakley Sports	13	10	0	3	34	21	+13	30
Caldecote	16	8	3	5	37	24	+13	27
Biggleswade United Reserves	16	8	1	7	35	36	-1	25
Renhold United	16	6	5	5	34	37	-3	23
Campton	15	7	0	8	34	34	+0	21
AFC Kempston Town	11	6	1	4	29	18	+11	19
Wilshamstead	11	5	3	3	30	20	+10	18
Sharnbrook	15	4	3	8	23	33	-10	15
Woburn	14	4	1	9	26	39	-13	13
Dunton	15	3	1	11	18	37	-19	10
Southill Alexander	12	2	3	7	22	30	-8	9
Westoning Recreation Club [Saturday]	14	2	1	11	27	56	-29	7

Division One

Flitwick Town were to move themselves 10 points clear at the head of the Division One league table by winning 4-1 on home soil over Campton Reserves, Jim Lewis shooting them ahead after 15 minutes until Adam Chambers levelled matters for the visitors to see a 1-1 half-time scoreline. Dean Warren then hit a second half hat-trick to give the three points to The Town.

For fourth place Caldecote Reserves, who had won their last four home games, it was a shock home reverse against Sandy. Chris Baines and Niko Stanchev giving the visitors a 2-0 lead at the break before a strike from Jack Boyd reduced the arrears to a single goal, only to see Ian Hammett strike to ensure a 3-1 victory for the visitors.

Down at the other end of the table, Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves moved themselves out of the drop zone by ending a four game losing away run with a 2-0 victory at AFC Kempston Town Reserves, who have now lost their last six games. Strikes from Mathew Bruney and Grant Humberstone winning the day.

Division One League Table at 6th February 2010

16 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Flitwick Town	19	14	1	4	49	25	+24	43
Meltis Albion	17	10	3	4	37	26	+11	33
Leighton United	15	10	2	3	44	22	+22	32
Caldecote Reserves	16	9	2	5	42	29	+13	29
Marston Social	16	8	3	5	34	26	+8	27
Kempston	15	9	0	6	41	37	+4	27
FC Meppershall	17	7	2	8	51	50	+1	23
Sandy	17	7	1	9	42	33	+9	22
Bedford Sports Athletic	17	6	4	7	39	39	+0	22
Blunham Reserves	19	6	4	9	29	41	-12	22
Henlow	15	6	2	7	28	38	-10	20
AFC Kempston Town Reserves	16	5	2	9	24	46	-22	17
Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	14	5	1	8	29	37	-8	16
Campton Reserves	18	5	1	12	36	53	-17	16
Stevington	17	4	3	10	34	51	-17	15
Kempston Hammers Sports	14	4	1	9	37	43	-6	13

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

Centenary Cup

In the delayed 1st Round tie, Leighton United safely made it into Round 2 to earn a home meeting with Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves, winning 4-0 at Kempston Hammers Sports. Alex Bradley and Simon Woolhead netting in the opening half before strikes from Jason Bartlett and Daryl Smith settled matters in the second period.

In the quarter-final ties, the biggest win belonged to Henlow, 8-2 home winners over FC Meppershall. Joe Fallano netting six times alongside single strikes for Pete Saunders and Dean Johnson.

For Stevington, it was a 3-0 home success over Bedford Sports Athletic. Two goals from Andy Latimer and a strike from James Fletcher doing the damage.

The third quarter-final tie however was to go to the wire before Blunham Reserves emerged penalty shoot-out winners at Meltis Albion. Lee Munns giving the visitors an early lead until goals from Daniel Bennett and Asa Garlick took The Albion 2-1 in front by the half-time break. When Garlick converted a second half penalty to make it 3-1, the game looked all over. However, Munns was to strike twice in the closing seven minutes to complete his hat-trick and take the game into extra time. Those 30 minutes were to remain goalless, so it was now all down to a penalty shoot-out where Mark Davidson, Paul Smith, Roy Bloxham and Munns netted for the visitors to see them home 4-2 after only Derek McRae and Tom Hughes found the back of the net for the home side.

Division Two

Third place Marston Shelton Rovers were to see their unbeaten run of 13 league games blown away, when defeat for the first time on home soil this season by league leaders Bedford Hatters, who claimed a 5-1 victory to take them six points clear at the head of the standings. Simon Pixey netting twice alongside strikes from Ashley Deverall, Tom Redmond and Chris Fry, whilst the lone Rovers reply came via a Lee Dudley penalty.

Meanwhile, Brache Sparta Community Reserves were maintaining their season's unbeaten home record to remain in fourth spot with a 5-0 win over Great Barford. Martin Collins netting four times and Edwin Anabarmony once.

The third and final game in this Division seeing Clifton still without a home win this season after being held to a 0-0 draw by Marabese Ceramics.

Jubilee Cup

Potton Wanderers were to make light work of their visit to Harpur FC, running out 4-1 winners. Greg Instrell with a brace plus goals from Jessie Mayo and Sam Worthington only being replied to by Miah Shaheem. The Wanderers will now face Kempston Royals at home in the quarter-finals after a lone goal from Lorenzo Jordan six minutes from time gave them a 1-0 home win over Shefford Town.

For Elstow Abbey, it was a 3-1 away win at Kings AFC to earn a trip to Bedford Hatters in the quarter-final. Dave McCarthy with a brace alongside Craig Longshaw winning the day against a lone home reply from Marcus Tomlin.

Also into the last eight are Arlesey Social Galacticos, 4-1 winners at Shillington. Ryan Dobson with a brace plus Adam Millard and Chris Kennedy on the scoresheet against a lone home reply from Sean Watson, they will now face a home tie against Marston Shelton Rovers in the quarter-final.

Division Two League Table at 6th February 2010

14 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Bedford Hatters	17	13	2	2	66	22	+44	41
Potton Wanderers	15	11	2	2	61	20	+41	35
Marston Shelton Rovers	16	10	4	2	55	24	+31	34
Brache Sparta Community Reserves	14	8	4	2	39	21	+18	28
Arlesey Social Galacticos	15	8	3	4	34	33	+1	27
Kings AFC	14	7	2	5	49	33	+16	23
Shefford Town	14	6	2	6	38	34	+4	20
Harpur FC	14	5	2	7	34	42	-8	17
Marabese Ceramics	15	5	2	8	17	29	-12	17
Kempston Royals	16	5	2	9	26	43	-17	17
Clifton	16	3	5	8	23	40	-17	14
Great Barford	17	4	2	11	26	52	-26	14
Elstow Abbey 06	16	4	1	11	26	52	-26	13
Shillington [Saturday]	13	0	1	12	21	70	-49	1

Division Three

Riseley Sports Reserves have now lost their last six away games after being defeated 3-2 at Renhold Village, alas that unwanted record would have disappeared had not Mark Weekley missed a 90th minute penalty to square matters. Village thus winning the day thanks to a brace from Carl Townsend and a goal from Marko Kobdzic, which were only replied to by Paul Brown and Aaron Lobban.

For Caldecote A, it was a 1-0 win at Wilshamstead Reserves, a Matt Tomlin own goal gifting them the three points just two minutes from time.

Division Four

Sundon Park Rangers maintained their season's unbeaten home record to go four points clear at the head of the league table after defeating third place M& DH Oakley 2-0. Nicky Butterigeig and Luke Evans scoring the vital goals.

Division Three League Table at 6th February 2010

10 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Queens Park Crescents	10	8	2	0	42	11	+31	26
Lidlington United Sports	10	6	2	2	27	16	+11	20
Stopsley Park	11	5	4	2	41	28	+13	19
Dunton Reserves	10	6	1	3	27	24	+3	19
Renhold Village	11	5	2	4	36	29	+7	17
Caldecote 'A'	12	5	1	6	23	50	-27	16
Wilshamstead Reserves	11	4	0	7	32	27	+5	12
Westoning Recreation Club [Saturday] Reserves	9	3	2	4	17	21	-4	11
Riseley Sports Reserves	10	2	0	8	27	41	-14	6
Sandy Reserves	12	1	2	9	22	47	-25	

Group One action saw Dinamo Flitwick all but book themselves a place in the last 16 with a 4-0 home win over Stopsley Park. Danny Hollis with a brace plus goals from Barrie Le Hannam and Ben Canning doing the damage.

Watson Shield Group One Table at 6th February 2010

3 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Dinamo Flitwick	3	2	0	1	8	6	+2	6
Riseley Sports Reserves	2	1	0	1	4	3	+1	3
Stopsley Park	3	1	0	2	5	8	-3	3

In Group Two, Bedford Park Rangers now need a miracle from their last game against Dunton Reserves if they are to make it into the last 16 after being beaten 0-9 at home by Lidlington United Sports. Darren Sims with a hat-trick plus single goals from Louis Weedon, Chris Roberts, Joe Bradbury, Alex Burrows, Aiden Redmond and Mark Prior doing the damage.

Watson Shield Group Two Table at 6th February 2010

3 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Lidlington United Sports	4	4	0	0	26	4	+22	12
Dunton Reserves	3	1	0	2	13	15	-2	3
Bedford Park Rangers	3	0	0	3	1	21	-20	0

In Group Three, Kempston Athletic also now look in need of a miracle if they are to make it into the last 16 after being beaten 5-2 at home by Sharnbrook Reserves. Darren Wallinger with a brace plus Bradley Miles, Mark Smith and Jayme Harris on target for the visitors against Athletic replies from Mark Nicholson and Sam Fuller.

Watson Shield Group Three League Table at 6th February 2010

3 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Sharnbrook Reserves	3	3	0	0	10	3	+7	9
Caldecote 'A'	4	1	1	2	7	9	-2	4
Kempston Athletic	3	0	1	2	6	11	-5	1

In Group Four, that miracle comment also applies to Eastcotts despite them earning a 1-1 draw at Queens Park Crescents, Mohammed Zahar on target for the home side against a Kerion Day reply.

Watson Shield Group Four League Table at 6th February 2010

3 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
M & DH Oakley	3	3	0	0	10	3	+7	9
Queens Park Crescents	4	1	1	2	8	9	-1	4
Eastcotts	3	0	1	2	2	8	-6	1

In Group Six, Stewartby Village were to make their Shield exit after being beaten 1-2 at home by Thurleigh. Dan Newton and Mick Simons netting the winners goals, whilst the home reply came via an own goal.

Watson Shield Group Six League Table at 6th February 2010

3 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Renhold Village	4	4	0	0	23	7	+16	12
Thurleigh	4	2	0	2	9	15	-6	6
Stewartby Village	4	0	0	4	5	15	-10	0

In Group Seven, Flitwick Town Reserves missed the chance to top the group but nevertheless qualified for the last 16, despite being beaten 2-1 at Sandy Reserves. Andy Brace and Kevin Fage hitting the home goals against a Town reply from James Taylor.

Watson Shield Group Seven Table at 6th February 2010

3 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Clifton Reserves	4	2	1	1	13	9	+4	7
Flitwick Town Reserves	4	2	1	1	10	6	+4	7
Sandy Reserves	4	1	0	3	7	15	-8	3

Division Four League Table at 6th February 2010

11 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	14	10	2	2	67	20	+47	32
Sharnbrook Reserves	12	9	1	2	44	12	+32	28
M & DH Oakley	12	8	0	4	36	18	+18	24
Flitwick Town Reserves	12	7	0	5	37	42	-5	21
Dinamo Flitwick	13	6	2	5	34	25	+9	20
Eastcotts	12	5	2	5	29	26	+3	17
Thurleigh	12	5	2	5	30	29	+1	17
Clifton Reserves	10	4	1	5	29	28	+1	13
Stewartby Village	11	4	0	7	28	35	-7	12
Kempston Athletic	10	2	0	8	24	55	-31	6
Bedford Park Rangers	14	1	0	13	15	83	-68	

Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup Round Three

Westoning Recreation Club Reserves were to make their exit from the competition when beaten 2-0 at home by North Bucks League outfit Heath Panthers United.

Preview for Saturday 13th February 2010.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform action this weekend sees league leaders Blunham in home action at Moggerhanger Playing Fields, when they receive a visit

from second bottom club Southill Alexander. The home side seeking to stretch their current unbeaten league run to 11 games, whilst The Alexander travel looking for their first win in eight league outings and those much needed points to climb out of the drop zone.

The game of the day however will perhaps come on The Green, with the eagerly awaited local derby encounter between hosts Ickwell & Old Warden and near neighbours Caldecote. The hosts going into the game having won their last eight outings to throw out a serious title challenge, whilst last seasons champions travel trailing them by six points in the league standings and having already played one game more.

For Biggleswade United Reserves, who currently hold down fifth place in the table, its home action at Second Meadow against Wilshamstead. United, are in search of their third home win on the bounce against a Wilshamstead side that having won it's first two away games of the season are still awaiting win number three on the road this campaign.

Over at Crawley Road, hosts Woburn, look to end a two game losing league run when paid a visit by bottom of the table Westoning Recreation Club, who hit the road in search of their first away win of the season. Whilst at Hillgrounds, AFC Kempston Town will start the firm favourites for the three points on offer, when Sharnbrook without a league win in their last four outings come calling.

The day's final action in the top flight coming at Horseshoes Close, where Dunton, having lost all of their last nine league outings to drop into the bottom three of the league table, face local rivals Campton. The visitors making the journey looking for their first three points on the road since winning at Westoning Recreation Club back in late October.

In Division One, League Leaders. Flitwick Town will be hitting the road to Mowsbury Park in search of win number eight on the bounce, where they will face FC Meppershall. Whilst second place Meltis Albion also hit the road to face fourth place Caldecote Reserves at Harvey Close. The Albion looking to extend their unbeaten away ways to five games against a home side that will be looking to return to winning home ways after their defeat against Sandy last weekend.

For Kempston Hammers Sports, it's a trip to Cople Playing Fields to face Bedford Sports Athletic, going in search of the points they desperately need to help lift them off the bottom of the table and out of the relegation zone.

Derby action is on the menu at Rectory Road, the venue for Campton Reserves home clash with Henlow, the visitors perhaps the slight favourites to collect the spoils against a Campton side that has lost four of its last five home encounters.

For Marston Social, it looks like a good chance to increase their winning home way to five games, when at their Playing Field headquarters, Blunham Reserves losers of their last four league away games come calling. Whilst the final action in this Division sees Sandy in search of home win number three on the bounce when paid a visit by Stevington to Bedford Road Recreation Ground.

Outside the league action at Stanbridge Road, Leighton United face Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves in a Centenary Cup Quarter-Final tie, the firm favourites to make it into the hat for the Semi-Final draw.

With the top three clubs in Division Three away on Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup duty, the top action in this section comes at Arlesey Recreation Ground, the venue for fourth place Brache Sparta Community Reserves visit to face fifth place hosts Arlesey Social Galacticos.

At the other end of the table, it's a clash at Greenfield's between the bottom two clubs, hosts and bottom of the table Shillington looking for their first league win of the season to end a nine game losing league run against the visiting Elstow Abbey.

Also still very much in need of points at the wrong end of the table are Clifton, they journey to King George VI Playing Fields, winners of their last two trips on the road to face home side Kings AFC, who have remained unbeaten on home soil in league action since the opening day of the season.

Whilst another club that would dearly love some points to climb away from the drop zone are Great Barford, they host a travelling Harpur FC, who are yet to win on the road this season. While after their Jubilee Cup clash last weekend, its league action this time for Shefford Town and Kempston Royals at Digswell Playing Fields.

In that Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup action, it's Quarter-Final day, at Groveside, Marabese Ceramics will need to be at their very best if they are to overcome in form visitors Marston Shelton Rovers and make it into the hat for the last four draw, where perhaps you would expect them to find Bedford Hatters. The Hatters having quarter-final home Miller Road advantage against Queens Park Crescents.

For Potton Wanderers, it's a trip on the road to face Luton District and South Beds League, Christians in Sport, while for Renhold Village, it's home action against Heath Panthers United at Renhold Playing Fields.

The Division Three league action is thus down to just a single game, that encounter coming at Harvey Close between hosts Caldecote A, who seek a seasons double over local rivals Dunton Reserves after winning 4-2 at Horseshoes Close back in October.

Action in Division Four however is a full programme of five games, league leaders Sundon Park Rangers making their way to Steppingley Road to a face a Flitwick Town Reserves side that has won it's last three league encounters and netted 16 goals along the way. Whilst third place M& D Oakley, with second place Sharnbrook Reserves away on Watson Shield duty head to Whiston Crescent to face a Clifton Reserves side that is still unbeaten on home soil this season.

At the other end of the table, in Mowsbury Park, basement club Bedford Park Rangers, losers of their last eight league games face third from bottom of the table Stewartby Village, who themselves have won just once on their travels this season.

The day's final action in this Division, coming at Hinksley Recreation Ground, where Dinamo Flitwick host Thurleigh.

There are also three group matches taking place in The Watson Shield. In Group One, Stopsley Park travel to Gold Street to face Riseley Sports Reserves knowing they must obtain a result if they are to keep alive their hopes of automatic qualification into the last 16, whilst in Group Three, Kempston Athletic need a three goal or better win at Lodge Road against Sharnbrook Reserves to deny Caldecote A, second spot in this section and an automatic last 16 spot.

The final game coming at Greenfield Road in Group Six where it's still all to play for between hosts Westoning Recreation Club Reserves and visitors Wilshamstead Reserves.