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Bob Davies a Ground Hoppers view of his visit to Wootton Village.

Bedfordshire County League Div 4
Wootton Village (0) 1, v Goldington Hammers (4) 5
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Attendance 15 hc
Match rating; ###,

A very hot Easter Saturday in Bedfordshire and Wootton Village were playing their last home game of the season. The club play at Wootton recreation ground, if driving through from Kempston, drive into the village and carry past the ground of Wootton Blue Cross (UCL 1). The Fox and Duck pub (the club sponsor) will be on the right and the The Cock Inn will be on the left. Take the first right after The Cock Inn and entrance to the rec will be first right. This is also the sight of Wootton Village hall and the usual rec facilities of a playground and three football pitches with the game taking place on the far left one. The ground was hard and the grass could have done with a cut. These were the last of the worries for the home side as despite the best efforts of the manager a few late call offs had left him with just 10 players to start the game. The visitors managed to field a full eleven and had a (unused) sub. Very little pace to the game in the heat and Goldington took full advantage of the extra man scoring four (20, 28, 29 & 34) without reply by half time. At half time, the cavalry arrived for Wootton, well one more player to even it up anyway. A much more even second half with both sides having good chances to add to the scoreline. Wootton claimed a consolation on 72 with leading scorer Adam Flynn, lashing home his 14th of the season. Only took another minute for Goldington to regain a four goal cushion with Ben Martin scoring his second of the game. That was the last goal of the day for a final score line of 1-5 and allow everybody to finish up at the Fox and Duck pub for some much required refreshment.

The club produce an eight page programme for all their home matches with a number of local firms supporting the club with adverts. It is a very good effort for a club at the this level of the game.

Action Round-Up Monday 25th April 2011

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Renhold United, with goals from Paul Beattie and Jack Goodall were 2-0 home winners over Flitwick Town to keep themselves mathematically still in with a chance of a top three finish. Yet it was a poor day for near neighbours Oakley Sports, they failed to raise a side for their home fixture with Woburn who in being awarded the three points climb out of the drop zone at the expense of AFC Kempston Town.

Town themselves in action at Leighton United where they drew 1-1. United's Alex Bradley shooting his side into a 70th minute lead before Town's Jamie Rodd levelled matters five minutes from time.

Elsewhere, Sharnbrook took their unbeaten home ways up to five games by sharing the spoils in a 1-1 draw with Dunton. Shaun Barnett slotting the home side ahead on the half-hour mark before Paul Mercer hit the visitors equalizer 10 minutes into the second period.

Division One

In the days lone game, FC Meppershall had their four game winning home run ended when beaten 4-3 by Caldecote Reserves. Tom Wallace, Tom Dupey, Andrew Spiers and Jordan Goodman on target for the winners against home replies via Kerion Langley, Craig Damon and Danny Wing.

Division Three

League leaders Sharnbrook Reserves are now within two points of the division two crown, all despite going down to their first home defeat in ten outings when beaten 4-2 by a Co-op Sports side that has now won its last five games. James McMukin with a brace plus single goals from Scott Davis and Dave Mycroft only being replied to by Darren Wallinger and Darryl Gadsden.

The reason Sharnbrook are closer to the crown being down to the fact that Pavenham were beaten 1-0 at Cranfield United Reserves. Peter Kerr netting the games lone goal.

The result of this defeat now sees M & DH Oakley jump above Pavenham into second spot in the league table following their own 5-0 win at Wilshamstead Reserves. Jamie McLenan with a hat-trick plus Adam Emms with a brace doing the damage.

Elsewhere, the top scorers of the day were Renhold Village, they won 7-2 at home against Flitwick Town Reserves. Dan Luke bagging four goals alongside single strikes from Simon Wade, Pete Neal and Michael Luke against a Town brace in reply from Grant Archer.

Division Four

AFC Turvey, are now within one game of a perfect season after win number 25 on the bounce at Potton Town. Saimir Guri with a brace plus strikes from Daniel Bailey and John Guiney taking them to a 4-0 victory.

The day's other scheduled action saw Lea Sports PSG Reserves fail to raise a side for the visit of Stewartby Village who duly get awarded the three points.

Action Round-Up Wednesday 27th April 2011

Premier Division supported by Sportsform.

The Premier Division supported by Sportsform title race will now go down to the last Saturday of the season after Blunham missed the opportunity to retain their title when losing for the first time in 10 outings 2-0 at Dunton tonight. Tom McGhee and Paul Chamberlain netting the goals that did the damage.

Down at the other end of the table, despite goals from Richard Lightfoot and Sean Gilbert, AFC Kempston Town remain in the bottom two after being beaten 2-4 at home by Renhold United. Yet Woburn sit that vital place above them in the league standings by virtue of having scored five more goals this term after they were beaten 3-1 at Leighton United. Paul Darton, Kevin Hilton plus an own goal on the home scoresheet against a Woburn reply from Daniel McClaren.

Division One

Potton Wanderers now know they will collect this seasons silver medals after Marston Shelton Rovers were held to a 1-1 draw at Luton Old Boys. Ashley Wadhams on target for the home side against a Rovers reply via Gibrain Pirbhai.

Whilst the newly crowned league champions Bedford Hatters ensured they stay 100% at home for the season with a 3-1 victory over Caldecote Reserves. Mark Reed twice plus Simon Pixley finding the back of the net against a lone reply from Ryan Ambrose.

Division Two

League champions Lea Sports PSG are now unbeaten in their last 17 outings after netting a 4-1 victory at bottom of the table Kempston Hammers Sports. James Awofisan, Glen Collins, Rory Smith and Hayden Fletcher on target against a lone Hammers reply via Nick Tysoe.

For promotion seeking Kings AFC, it was a 3-0 victory at Marabese Ceramics, Rowan Hazelwood with a brace plus Nathan Clements doing the damage.

Elsewhere, Elstow Abbey were held to a 0-0 home draw by Stopsley Park and Shefford Town & Campton Reserves failed to raise a side to travel and face Bromham United. Who were duly gifted three points.

Division Three

Sundon Park Rangers kept their promotion hopes alive with a 5-0 home win over Wilshamstead Reserves. Matt Conway with a brace plus strikes from Sam Chapman, Nick Buttigeig and Luke Evans winning the day.

Elsewhere, Flitwick Town Reserves and Westoning Recreation Club Reserves shared the spoils in a 0-0 draw at Steppingley Road, whilst Shefford Town & Campton A were awarded the three points when Caldecote A failed to raise a side to meet them at Rectory Road.

Division Four

For Thurleigh, it was a 4-1 home victory over Wootton Village. Ben Stock twice plus Liam Bolton and Stefan Wilson on the home scoresheet against a Village reply via Rob Edinburgh.

The night's other game seeing Sandy Reserves claim a 5-0 home win over Kempston Athletic, Nathan Morris twice plus Reece Stratton, Jay Pateman and Antony Roberts netting the goals that did the damage.

Watson Shield Semi-finals

This seasons Watson Shield Final at Second Meadow Biggleswade United on Thursday 12th May 2011 will be between Co-op Sports and Royal Oak Kempston after they both netted Semi-final wins tonight.

The Oak, under Kempston Rovers Hillgrounds floodlights netting a 4-1 win over Pavenham. Lorenzo Jordan with a hat-trick plus a strike from David Bevan only being replied to by Michael Bates.

However, under Potton United's floodlights at The Hollow things were much tougher for Co-op Sports before they emerged penalty shoot-out winners over AFC Turvey. Ahead in the 31st minutes via Ashley Jordan, they were to be pegged back all square just five minutes later when Saimir Guri slotted home from the penalty spot. An incident that saw Co-op's Rowan Markland red carded for his handball on the goalline by referee Keith Pearce.

When Guri added his second goal 17 minutes from time it looked all over for the Luton side until up popped Tom Miller to head a stunning 89th minute equalizer to take the game into extra time.

That extra time was to add no further goals, thus the need for a shoot-out, which went the way of the Co-op 3-1. Andrew Ayres, Paul Power and Tom Miller successful from the spot against the lone return from Turvey's Guri.

Action Round Up Saturday 30th April 2011.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Blunham duly retained their Premier Division supported by Sportsform crown by running out 5-3 home winners over Caldecote, their eighth home win on a spin to remain unbeaten at home all season. Andrew Vallom giving them the lead from the penalty spot 20 minutes into the game after Nick Randall had upended Carl Warner in the penalty box and things got even worse for Randall seven minutes later when he headed passed stand-in goalkeeper Nathan Buckland to give Blunham a 2-0 lead.

On the half-hour mark, Zak Rowe made it 3-0, but it was game back on a minute from half-time when Paul Lawrence reduced the deficit to 3-1. However, Blunham were in no mood to surrender their title and when Barrington Belgrave and Steve Thomas added to the scoreline in the opening 13 minutes of the new half it looked game over at 5-1. That proved to be correct, despite Caldecote strikes from Paul Lawrence on 64 minutes and David Lenton six minutes later.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform Final League Table

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Blunham	24	18	3	3	92	35	57	57
2	Shefford Town & Campton	24	17	5	2	66	35	31	56
3	Wilshamstead	24	14	4	6	76	54	22	46
4	Renhold United	24	14	4	6	56	37	19	46
5	Caldecote	24	13	2	9	62	50	12	41
6	Leighton United	24	10	6	8	56	47	9	36
7	Flitwick Town	24	9	4	11	39	50	-11	31
8	Dunton	24	9	4	11	32	45	-13	31
9	Oakley Sports	24	7	4	13	34	54	-20	25
10	Sharnbrook	24	7	3	14	43	54	-11	24
11	Woburn	24	5	4	15	37	67	-30	19
12	AFC Kempston Town	24	4	7	13	32	63	-31	19
13	Arlesey Town Reserves	24	2	4	18	37	71	-34	10

Thus, leaving Shefford Town & Campton just a point short in second spot following their own 3-1 win at AFC Kempston Town, to end the season unbeaten in their last 13 outings. Town's Matty Smith giving his side an 11th minute lead before visitors goals for Andrew Hayday on 26 minutes, Adam Larsen on 71 minutes and Michael Jones three minutes from time condemned the home side to a bottom two finish.

Just creeping out of the drop zone on goal difference of just a single goal are Woburn, they were beaten 2-1 at Flitwick Town. A Dean Warren penalty plus a strike from Mark Bartlett only being replied to by Lewis Murray.

Whilst at the other end of the table, Renhold United missed out on a third place finish by goal difference only despite ending the season with a 5-1 home win over Oakley Sports. Jason

Allison and Tommy Foyle netting twice alongside Paul Beattie against a Sportsmen's reply from Justin Patterson.

The final top-flight game saw Leighton United end their season on a seven game unbeaten run with a 3-2 home win over Sharnbrook. Alex Bradley, Layne Eadie and Jamie Bather on United's scoresheet against replies via Neil Singleton and Luke Devine.

Division One

With the league title already in the bag, champions Bedford Hatters drew lots for shirt numbers on their visit to next weeks Centenary Cup Final opponents Bedford Sports Athletic and came unstuck in a 5-3 defeat. Ashley Mead with four goals and a single strike from Daniel Bond outscoring Hatters strikes from Tom Redmond, Ben Brown and Simon Pixley.

Elswhere, Potton Wanderers having claimed the silver medals midweek finished the season with a 2-0 away win at third place Marston Shelton Rovers. Chris Baines and Danny Fox netting the vital goals.

For Sandy, it is a top four finish after they ended their campaign with a 4-2 win at FC Meppershall. Daniel Stafford with a hat-trick plus John Joe Pekszye on the scoresheet against a brace in reply from Craig Damon.

Alas for Caldecote Reserves, they failed to raise a side for their visit to Luton Old Boys, a result of which sees The Old Boys with the three awarded points climb out of the drop zone at the expense of Blunham Reserves.

Division One Final League Table Season 2010-11

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Bedford Hatters	24	20	1	3	76	19	57	61
2	Potton Wanderers	24	19	0	5	82	20	62	57
3	Marston Shelton Rovers	24	16	2	6	56	31	25	50
4	Sandy	24	11	4	9	53	57	-4	37
5	Bedford S.A.	24	11	3	10	62	58	4	36
6	Meltis Albion	24	11	1	12	47	48	-1	34
7	FC Meppershall	24	10	3	11	57	55	2	33
8	Caldecote Reserves	24	9	2	13	43	48	-5	29
9	Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	24	8	5	11	36	42	-6	29
10	Henlow	24	7	5	12	45	61	-16	26
11	Luton Old Boys [Saturday]	24	7	2	15	33	74	-41	23
12	Blunham Reserves	24	5	5	14	26	47	-21	20
13	AFC Kempston Town Reserves	24	5	1	18	25	81	-56	16

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Division Two

Top scorers in this section were league champions Lea Sports PSG, with an 8-1 win at Shefford Town & Campton Reserves to end the season unbeaten in their last 18 outings. James Owofisan with a hat-trick plus single strikes from Hayden Fletcher, Meshah Hendrickson, Liam Trainor, Martin Collins and Hajeem Raja doing the damage against a lone home reply via Tom Scurfield.

For Westoning Recreation Club, it will be second spot and the silver medals following their 1-0 home win over Elstow Abbey. Ian Buckingham with a 40 yard free kick sealing the points in their favour.

Elsewhere, Marabese Ceramics ensured they would finish above the drop zone with a 1-0 home win over Great Barford. James Tizard netting the vital strike. A comment that also applies to Stopsley Park, they ended a run of eight games without a win with a 4-3 home victory over Bromham United. James Smart with a hat-trick including a 90th minute winner plus Matt Palmer on the scoresheet against United replies via Phill Kempshall twice and Sheridan Lindsey.

Thus staying in the drop zone are Stevington who were beaten 2-1 at Clifton, who duly ended an eight game losing run. Paul Rowe and Mark Gearing on song for Clifton against a Martin Williams reply.

Meantime, Lidlington United Sports were 2-1 winners at bottom of the table Kempston Hammers Sports. Chris Roberts plus an own goal winning the day against a Hammers reply via Lee Shergold.

Division Two League Table at 30th April 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Lea Sports PSG	24	19	3	2	83	22	61	60
2	Westoning Recreation Club	26	16	4	6	65	42	23	52
3	Lidlington United Sports	26	15	4	7	60	41	19	49
4	Kings AFC	25	16	0	9	68	50	18	48
5	Bromham United	26	13	3	10	51	46	5	42
6	Clifton	26	11	4	11	46	49	-3	37
7	Elstow Abbey 06	25	11	2	12	56	24	32	35
8	Queens Park Crescents	24	11	2	11	49	45	4	35
9	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	25	9	5	11	45	54	-9	32
10	Great Barford	24	9	2	13	30	66	-36	29
11	Stopsley Park	26	7	6	13	61	63	-2	27
12	Marabese Ceramics	24	8	2	14	26	37	-11	26
13	Stevington	26	7	2	17	46	68	-22	23
14	Kempston Hammers Sports	25	4	1	20	21	100	-79	13

Division Three

With the league title already won, Sharnbrook Reserves placed a dent in second place M & DH Oakley's chances of promotion by beating them 5-2 at Lodge Road. Kevin Harris with a hat-trick plus goals from Jayme Harris and Darryl Gadsden only being replied by a brace from Shaun Cafferty.

However, that dent was somewhat repaired by defeats for their three challengers for the silver medals. Co-op Sports losing for the first time in nine home outings, 2-1 at the hands of Cranfield United Reserves. Andrew Ayres seeing his goal overhauled by a brace from Antony Deacon, whilst Pavenham were also beaten 2-4 on home soil by Renhold Village. Marko Tobzdic twice plus Dan Luke and Simon Wade netting for The Village against home replies from Dave Netherway and Daniel Doyle.

Also beaten were Sundon Park Rangers, they had their seven game unbeaten away record ended with a 3-1 defeat at Dunton Reserves. Nicky Albone the home hat-trick hero against a Rangers reply from Luke Evans.

Elsewhere, Royal Oak Kempston took their unbeaten home ways to five games with a 3-1 win over Flitwick Town Reserves. Daniel Bevan, Sean Boland and Gareth Arzu all finding the back of the net against a Town reply from Luke Cunniff.

For Caldecote A, it was a sad end to the season when they failed to raise a side to journey and face Wilshamstead Reserves.

Division Three League Table at 30th April 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Sharnbrook Reserves	28	22	1	5	89	40	49	67
2	M & DH Oakley	27	18	3	6	73	40	33	57
3	Pavenham	26	17	5	4	89	31	58	56
4	Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	28	16	7	5	102	46	56	55
5	Co-op Sports	27	17	4	6	88	42	46	55
6	Cranfield United Reserves	27	14	4	9	50	38	12	46
7	Renhold Village	25	11	6	8	75	47	28	39
8	Royal Oak Kempston	28	10	5	13	50	67	-17	35
9	Wilshamstead Reserves	27	10	3	14	52	80	-28	33
10	Dunton Reserves	27	10	1	16	38	73	-35	31
11	Riseley Sports	28	8	5	15	54	66	-12	29
12	Westoning Recreation Club Reserves	26	8	3	15	60	70	-10	27
13	Flitwick Town Reserves	28	6	4	18	36	93	-57	22
14	Shefford Town & Campton 'A'	26	4	5	17	24	80	-56	17
15	Caldecote 'A'	28	4	0	24	35	102	-67	12

Division Four

The only issue to settle on the last day of the division four season was who would finish third in the final league table. That honour going to Potton Town after they ran out 3-1 home winners over Wootton Village. Chris Cooper with a brace plus James Pyman on the scoresheet against a Village reply from Tony Boutall.

Division Four Final League Table Season 2010-11

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Turvey	26	26	0	0	139	23	116	78
2	Goldington	26	21	1	4	113	36	77	64
3	Potton Town	26	18	2	6	66	39	27	56
4	Thurleigh	26	17	1	8	70	41	29	52
5	Eastcotts AFC	26	15	3	8	81	39	42	48
6	Dinamo Flitwick	26	15	3	8	68	54	14	48
7	Stewartby Village	26	10	3	13	49	73	-24	33
8	Clifton Reserves	26	9	2	15	67	87	-20	29
9	Sandy Reserves	26	9	1	16	47	68	-21	28
10	Lea Sports PSG Reserves	26	7	4	15	34	63	-29	25
11	Goldington Hammers	26	8	0	18	48	105	-57	24
12	Bedford Park Rangers	26	6	2	18	54	83	-29	20
13	Kempston Athletic	26	5	2	19	47	105	-58	17
14	Wootton Village	26	3	2	21	33	100	-67	11

The three points for The Town taking them four points clear of Thurleigh, whose hopes of that third place disappeared with a 0-2 home defeat at the hands of Dinamo Flitwick for whom Ben Canning bagged both goals.

For league champions AFC Turvey, it was a 100% perfect season with their 26th win on the bounce, 3-0 at Eastcotts. Saimir Guri twice and John Guiney finding the back of the net. Whilst second place Goldington were awarded the three points when Lea Sports PSG Reserves failed to raise a side to travel to meet them in Mowsbury Park.

Ending the season on a high were Sandy Reserves, they claimed win number four on the bounce, 4-2 at home over Bedford Park Rangers. Nathan Morris, Reece Stratton and Marcus Tait seeing their goals added to by a Brad Smith penalty and only replied to by Shaun Finlay and Jason Griffith.

Also last day winners were Stewartby Village, 3-2 at Clifton Reserves. Tom Wheelhouse netting twice and Michael Darnell once, against home replies from Robert Harradine and Paul Roberts.

Preview for Friday-Saturday 6th-7th May 2011.

The action starts on Friday evening at Second Meadow Biggleswade United with the staging of this seasons Centenary Cup Final between Bedford Sports Athletic and Bedford Hatters. Kick Off 7.45pm, where The Hatters will be hunting out a league and cup double.

Just down the road at Forde Park Langford, it's Biggleswade Knock-Out Final action between Caldecote and Ickwell & Old Warden. Again kick off is 7.45pm.

Then we are back at Second Meadow on Saturday afternoon for the final of this seasons Britannia Cup between Leighton United and Shefford Town & Campton. Kick Off for this one being 3pm.

Also taking place that day are the final five league fixtures of the 2010-11 season. In Division One at Pirton Recreation Ground, league champions Lea Sports PSG entertain Marabese Ceramics. Whilst at Rectory Road, Shefford Town & Campton Reserves host Elstow Abbey.

In Division Three, depending on the midweek results the silver medals could still be up for grabs at either Horseshoes Close, where Pavenham visit to be hosted by Dunton Reserves or at Greenfield Road, the venue where Co-op travel to meet Westoning Recreation Club Reserves.

The final game due at Digswell Playing Fields between hosts Shefford Town & Campton A and their visitors Renhold Village.

All these games due to kick off at 2.30pm, however please watch the website www.bedfordshirefootballleague.co.uk for any amendments during the week.

The action after next weekend will move onto Thursday evening May 12th, when again we shall be back at Second Meadow Biggleswade United for the final of The Watson Shield between Co-op Sports and Royal Oak Kempston. Kick Off 7.45pm then 24 hours later it's down to The Armadillo Stadium Arlesey FC, for the final of this seasons Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup between Lea Sports PSG and Pavenham. Kick Off this time being 7.30pm.

