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Midweek Round-Up

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Division One

Caldecote Reserves were to maintain their challenge for this season's runners-up spot when running out 2-1 winners at AFC Kempston Town Reserves. Paul Gower shooting them ahead on the half-hour mark before Kai Griffiths-Shilton doubled the scoreline 10 minutes into the second period. The Town's reply was to arrive five minutes from time via Alec Russell.

For third place Marston Social, who trail Caldecote by six points but with three games in hand, it was a 4-3 win at Meltis Albion. Asa Garlick, Darren Ashpole and Michael Butler on target for The Albion being outgunned by strikes from Antony Deacon, Robin Platten, Darren Rowlett and Jack Constable.

Also still very much in the promotion race are Leighton United, who were to have their home fixture with Kempston Hammers Sports postponed after the visitors failed to raise a side.

Elsewhere, Sandy were to ending a four game losing away run with an 5-0 victory at Blunham Reserves. Sam Lewis, Ian Hammett and Mark Jennings netting in the opening half before the nap hand arrived via an own goal and a strike from Phil Beal.

Over at Groveside, Henlow and Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves played out a 0-0 draw.

In the night's final game in this section, Bedford Sports Athletic took their winning away run up to four games with a 4-3 victory over FC Meppershall. Gary Canzano, Ashley Mead, Tony McGovern and Danny Boyd netting the vital goals against home replies from Craig Damon, Dave Readman and Matt Prior.

Division Two

League leaders Potton Wanderers took their winning ways to nine games, to go three points clear at the head of the league table from Bedford Hatters with a 8-0 home win

over bottom of the table Shillington. Dean Hamilton and Joe Harrington both netting hat-tricks alongside a brace of goals from Sam Worthington.

Division Three

League leaders Queens Park Crescents are now just two points away from the 2009-10 season league title after running out 5-1 winners at Wilshamstead Reserves. Ayaz Hussain with a hat-trick plus goals from Mohamed Zahar and Jatinder Bangle only being replied to by a strike from Shaun Wharton.

In the night's other game in this section, second place Liddington United Sports who trail the leaders by some five points but with just two games to play ensured themselves of promotion with a 6-3 win at Riseley Sports Reserves, to take their unbeaten league ways up to 11 games. Chris Roberts, Aiden Redman, Lewis Weedon, Darren Sims, Ben Marwood plus an own on their scoresheet against home replies from Tommy Dove, Jimmy Grandidge and John Capper.

Division Four

M & DH Oakley maintained their push for promotion to now only trail second place Sundon Park Rangers on goal difference following a 4-2 home win over Stewartby Village. Jamie Underwood and Shaun Cafferty both hitting braces against Village replies from Gareth O'Brien and Michael Cook.

For bottom of the table Kempston Athletic, it is now seven games since they tasted victory after going down 0-2 at home against Eastcotts. Kerion Day and Shaun Bolton bagging the winner's goals.

The night's final game was to see Clifton Reserves have their five game unbeaten run ended in a 3-0 defeat at Thurleigh for whom Sam Queely, Ben Stock and Joe Walsh all found the back of the net.

Wednesday 21st April 2010

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

The Premier Division supported by Sportsform title race remains wide open after both Ickwell & Old Warden and Blunham came up with wins tonight. League leaders Ickwell & Old Warden with braces of goals from Anup Kalayan and Zak Rowe plus a strike from Nick Jones taking their unbeaten ways to 16 games with an 5-2 win at AFC Kempston Town, for whom James Allen was on target twice. Whilst Blunham were 4-1 home winners over Woburn. Andy Smith with a hat-trick plus a goal from Ivan Finch only being replied to by Lewis Murray.

For Westoning Recreation Club, it was the fate of relegation after being beaten 2-1 at Caldecote. 0-0 at half-time, Paul Lawrence was to shoot the hosts ahead on the hour mark only to see Ollie Summers level matters just a minute later. Kai Griffiths-Shilton sealing The Rec Boys fate with the winning goal 15 minutes from time.

Sharnbrook still find themselves in the drop zone mix after they were beaten 0-1 at home by Wilshamstead. Glen Tumulty netting the vital goal 10 minutes into the second half.

Elsewhere, Oakley Sports maintained their quest for third spot after running out 2-1 home winners over Southill Alexander. Ben Brown netting both goals against a Alexander reply from Aaron Serieux.

Division One

Leighton United put themselves well and truly back into the promotion race when a penalty from Darryl Smith plus goals from Kevin Hilton and Asim Munir helped them to a 3-2 victory at Henlow for whom Joe Fallano replied twice including once from the penalty spot.

United's promotion cause being helped by Marston Social having their six game winning run halted when they could only shared the spoils in a 1-1 draw at Kempston. Ricky Prince on the scoresheet for the home side against a Simon Steele reply.

Down at the other end of the table, Campton Reserves lifted themselves out of the drop zone at the expense of the non playing Stevington, with a 2-0 home win over now relegated Kempston Hammers Sports. Ollie Summers and Andy Fennell netting the vital goals.

The evening's other game in this division seeing Bedford Sports Athletic have their four game winning run ended when they were beaten 2-3 at home by Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves. Lee Threadgold with a brace plus Dean Elwart the Ickwell scorers against home replies from Ashley Mead and Garath Arzu.

Division Two

Brache Sparta Community Reserves kept their promotion charge on course when goals from Martin Collins, Haydon Fletcher and Lee Redmond saw them take their unbeaten ways to 13 games with a 3-0 home win over Shefford Town.

Meanwhile, Kings AFC were winning for the first time in seven outings, 4-2 at home over Arleseey Social Galacticos who thus lost their unbeaten eight game tag. Nathan Clements twice plus Rowan Hazelwood and Lee Morgan on target for Kings against replies from Ryan Dobson and a James Gentry penalty.

Division Three

The 2009-10 season Division Three champions are Queens Park Crescents after they duly collected the required three points with a 4-0 victory at Sandy Reserves. Ayaz Hussain plus a Adam Jones own goal seeing them lead 2-0 at half-time, before strikes from Igrar Hussain and Mohammed Rahman in the second period put the seal on their championship season.

Brian Buck Travellers Tale.

264. (9,687) Monday 11th April 2010. Marabese Ceramics 0 Marston Shelton Rovers 3 (Bedfordshire County League Division 2) (Played at Henlow) att 15 approx. A night on the tiles for the Rovers! This was a typical end of the season match played out on a freezing cold, but sunny evening on a dry, very bumpy pitch. The hosts didn't seem particularly up for it despite one of the founders of the club running the line and they only had three goal attempts during the whole evening. By the time Rovers took the lead on 15 minutes by way of a Dudley goal they'd already had five goal attempts. The first half became even more one sided after Rovers got their second goal, scored by Franks, on 24 minutes. After this Rovers eased off trying to score themselves, safe in the knowledge that their opponents were unlikely to threaten them too much. However on 71 minutes they did score a third goal by way of Standish, whose shot took a massive deflection off an unnamed player, which is why he was credited with the goal. No one could be bothered to try and find out who it hit on the way into the net. There wasn't sufficient interest in the match to pursue it further

Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup Final Potton Wanderes 4, Renhold Village 2, Friday 23rd April 2010

For the first time since Potton Town won the trophy back in season 1912-13 will the name of Potton once again be engraved on the famous old trophy. The Wanderers before a Potton United Hollow crowd of 220 making up for their disappointment of losing last seasons final to Great Barford with a 4-2 victory over Renhold Village.

It was however, The Village who were to strike first blood, Carl Townsend being on hand to take full advantage of an awful error by Wanderers goalkeeper, James Billington, to slot his side ahead after just six minutes play.

The Wanderers were to level matters 21 minutes into the contest when from a pinpointed cross from James Hearson, Ricky Aris slotted home the equalizer. The Wanderers then taking the lead just five minutes before half-time, Danny Fox chipping the ball over a static Village backline into the path of Hearson who made light work of slotting it into the net past Village custodian David Lowe.

Just five minutes into the new period Wanderers were to double their advantage, Sam Worthington from close range being on hand to finish off a sweeping three man move instigated by the influential Fox.

The game however was far from over when on 65 minutes, The Wanderers found themselves down to 10 men after Antony Schurek was red carded for his foul on Simon Wade which was to give The Village a penalty and a route back into the contest. Townsend making no mistake from the spot for a 3-2 scoreline.

The Village cheered on by their vociferous following in The Derek Inskip stand now looking the more likely side to score again, alas for them first Townsend then Ian Hamer were to lift errors over the crossbar from close range which would have given them that vital equalizer. The game being put beyond their recall 10 minutes from

time, Fox again the play-maker to send in the cross which saw Worthington rise high on the backpost to head home goal number four.

If this was a bitter pill for the Village supporters to swallow, then the sight of Dan Goddard being stretchered off and to leave them a man down for the closing five minutes was to bring tears to some of their eyes.

East Beds Junior Charity Cup Final, Caldecote Reserves 1, Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves 1, after extra time, (Caldecote won penalty shoot-out 5-3) Friday 23rd April, 2010

Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves after last season's final defeat at the hand of Gamlingay were once again having to settle for the silver medals, when at Langford's Forde Park they were beaten in a penalty shoot-out by near neighbours Caldecote Reserves.

It was the men from The Green who drew first blood, Lee Threadgold shooting them ahead just 13 minutes into the game to which a Jack Boyd reply on 57 minutes levelled matters.

The next 33 minutes plus extra time were then to remain scoreless to take the tie into a shoot-out.

With Caldecote's Jordan Gurney stepping up to the spot first to place them ahead, Ickwell were to see player-manager James Vallom miss their opening kick to leave his side to play catch up. Alas for them Caldecote's next four, Roy Anderson, Jack Boyd, Ryan Ambrose and Paul Gower all netted, thus despite Lee Threadgold, Steve Monks and Gary Fil doing the same for Ickwell, it was all in vain and Caldecote were 5-3 winners.

Action Round-Up From Saturday 24th April 2010

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Ickwell & Old Warden took their unbeaten ways up to 16 games, to remain two points ahead of Blunham at the top of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table after running out 4-1 home winners over Dunton. Zak Rowe was to give them an early lead, only to see Paul Chamberlain level matters for the visitors until Andrew Vallom from the penalty spot ensured the home side would lead 2-1 at the break. Further goals from Vallom and Steve Thomas in the second period taking the scoreline up to 4-1 by the final whistle.

Blunham meanwhile, who have a game in hand on the leaders were themselves 3-1 home victors over Renhold United. Andy Smith doing all the damage with a hat-trick before United netted in the 85th minute via a Chris Huckle penalty.

Elsewhere, Caldecote enhanced their hopes of finishing third with a 4-0 win at Oakley Sports. 0-0 at the break, Caldecote going ahead in the 58th minute with a strike from Luke Kiteley and then settling the contest with three goals inside a five minute spell. Substitute Tom Wallace who had only been on the pitch less than two minutes

doubling the lead on 74 minutes, Kiteley heading home number three just 60 seconds later until Wallace completed the scoring by adding his second of the afternoon four minutes later.

Premier Division Supported by Sportsform League Table at 24th April 2010

14 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Ickwell & Old Warden	24	18	2	4	69	39	+30	56
Blunham	23	17	3	3	80	36	+44	54
Caldecote	24	14	4	6	64	36	+28	46
Oakley Sports	23	13	3	7	56	41	+15	42
Wilshamstead	24	10	7	7	61	51	+10	37
Campton	24	11	2	11	54	50	+4	35
Biggleswade United Reserves	24	10	2	12	50	62	-12	32
Southill Alexander	23	9	4	10	59	49	+10	31
Renhold United	26	7	9	10	44	57	-13	30
Woburn	23	8	3	12	51	58	-7	27
AFC Kempston Town	21	7	4	10	41	45	-4	25
Sharnbrook	23	7	4	12	37	49	-12	25
Dunton	25	6	4	15	35	57	-22	22
Westoning Recreation Club [Saturday]	23	2	1	20	33	104	-71	7

Down at the other end of the table Sharnbrook after four straight defeats, eased their relegation worries with a 3-0 home win over Campton. Jayme Harris, Ian Strange and Lawrence Bentham netting the vital goals.

Also nearly safe from relegation are Woburn, 4-1 winners at Biggleswade United Reserves. Jack Nicholls giving the Safari Boys the lead with the only goal of the opening period five minutes into the contest. Before second half strikes from Aaron Ripley, Martin Holland and Chris Allan saw them shoot 4-0 ahead until United's Tony Norman reduced the arrears with the last kick of the match.

For Southill Alexander, it was their sixth home win on the bounce with a 6-0 victory over Westoning Recreation Club. An goal goal plus a strike from Bradley O'Donovan saw them lead 2-0 at the break, until in the second period Greg Moorse McDougall with a hat-trick plus a goal from Marko Capontes added to the scoreline.

Still not yet safe from Division One football next term are AFC Kempston Town, beaten 0-3 at home by Wilshamstead. Colin Merritt, Travis Joseph and Paul Jones on the scoresheet for the visitors.

Division One

Division League Table at 24th April 2010.

16 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Flitwick Town	29	22	1	6	70	38	+32	67
Caldecote Reserves	29	18	5	6	83	50	+33	59
Marston Social	27	16	6	5	68	38	+30	54
Leighton United	24	15	4	5	69	40	+29	49
Bedford Sports Athletic	28	13	4	11	71	64	+7	43
Meltis Albion	28	12	7	9	59	52	+7	43
Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	28	13	3	12	62	62	+0	42
Kempston	27	13	1	13	65	63	+2	40
Sandy	29	12	2	15	76	57	+19	38
FC Meppershall	29	11	5	13	79	80	-1	38
Henlow	27	11	3	13	53	61	-8	36
AFC Kempston Town Reserves	28	10	2	16	50	72	-22	32
Blunham Reserves	28	9	4	15	40	65	-25	31
Campton Reserves	27	7	3	17	47	76	-29	24
Stevington	26	6	5	15	51	80	-29	23
Kempston Hammers Sports	26	4	1	21	49	94	-45	13

Saturday, 05 September 2009: FC Meppershall v AFC Kempston Town Reserves - Away Win was awarded
 Saturday, 03 April 2010: Flitwick Town v Kempston Hammers Sports - Home Win was awarded

Flitwick Town are now within a point of the Division One league title after netting their fifth win on the bounce 4-1 at home over Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves. Ben Wallington with a brace plus single strikes from Steve Parkhouse and Dean Warren only being replied to by a goal from Blair Woodward.

The only club that can now deny Flitwick Town of the championship are Leighton United, who were for the second time inside five days to suffer an enforced day off when AFC Kempston Town Reserves failed to raise a side to travel to meet them at Stanbridge Road.

More of a surprise was the fact that current third placers Marston Social have almost kissed their hopes of promotion away when they themselves failed to raise a side for the visit of Henlow.

Also failing to raise sides were Kempston Hammers for the visit of Stevington and Blunham Reserves for their trip to Campton Reserves, leaving us with just two other games to report on.

For FC Meppershall it was a return to winning ways after four straight defeats with a 2-1 home victory over Meltis Albion. Sam Canavan and Darren Bentley on the scoresheet against an Albion reply from Darren Ashpole.

The final game of the afternoon in this section giving Bedford Sports Athletic a 3-1 home win over Sandy. An own goal plus strikes from Ashley Mead and Tom Housden only being replied to by a strike from Andrew Wren.

Division Two

It's still all to play for in quest of the Division Two league title after both of the leading contenders came up with wins, league leaders Potton Wanderers taking their winning ways to 10 games with a 4-1 home victory over Harpur FC. Chris Sams netting twice alongside Sam Worthington and Danny Fox whilst the visitors reply came via Justin Dear.

Whilst second place Bedford Hatters who trail the leaders by three points but with a game in hand, it was a hard earned 3-2 win at Arlese Social Galacticos, to take their winning away run up to seven games. Simon Pixley with a brace plus Richard Cook on the scoresheet against home replies from Ryan Dobson and Adam Millard.

For Marston Shelton Rovers, it was a drop in the league table to fourth spot after they were beaten 4-0 at Clifton, for whom it was a first home win of the season. Will Pitts with a brace plus strikes from Mark Gearing and Tom Allen doing the damage.

Jumping above The Rovers into third spot are Brache Sparta Community Reserves, who maintained their season's unbeaten home record with a 1-0 win over Kempston Royals thanks to a goal from Rondell Belfon.

Down at the other end of the league table, Elstow Abbey's relegation fears increased when they were beaten 3-0 at Marabese Ceramics. Josh Pierre St Clair with a brace plus Denvar Donaldson netting the home sides goals.

For bottom of the table Shillington, it was a 0-6 home defeat at the hands of Shefford Town. Town with a hat-trick from Jordan Robbens and a goal from Adam Spoor leading 4-0 at half-time before goals from Kieran Best and Tom Scurfield arrived in the second period.

Division Two League Table at 24th April 2010.

14 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Potton Wanderers	24	20	2	2	117	25	+92	62
Bedford Hatters	23	19	2	2	102	33	+69	59
Brache Sparta Community Reserves	24	16	6	2	85	33	+52	54
Marston Shelton Rovers	24	16	4	4	81	36	+45	52
Arlesey Social Galacticos	24	13	5	6	57	46	+11	44
Shefford Town	24	9	5	10	64	54	+10	32
Marabese Ceramics	24	9	4	11	32	36	-4	31
Kings AFC	24	8	4	12	69	70	-1	28
Clifton	25	5	9	11	45	71	-26	24
Harpur FC	23	7	3	13	52	85	-33	24
Kempston Royals	25	6	5	14	40	70	-30	23
Great Barford	25	6	5	14	42	73	-31	23
Elstow Abbey 06	24	5	2	17	37	94	-57	17
Shillington [Saturday]	23	0	2	21	31	128	-97	2

Division Three

It was perhaps just as well that the Division Three title and promotion issues were settled in midweek after both of the top two clubs suffered defeats. League champions Queens Park Crescents losing their unbeaten home record when goals from Jimmy Grandidge, Tommy Dove and John Capper against replies from Ayaz Hussain and Shezad Satter saw them beaten 2-3 by Riseley Sports Reserves, to take the visitors hopes of beating the drop into their last game of the season.

Whilst Runners-up Lidlington United Sports lost their unbeaten 11 game run when defeated 5-0 at Stopsley Park. Andy Randell, Tyrone Patterson, Stuart Lyons, Matt Palmer and Rob Maina the home marksmen.

If Riseley Sports Reserves are to beat the drop then it will have to come at the expense of Westoning Recreation Club Reserves, who showed no signs of wanting that to happen when they returned to winning ways for the first time in nine outings with a 7-1 home win over Caldecote A. Braces of goals from John Bass, Liam Boyle and Alex Barnwell plus a strike from Andy Morris doing the damage against a lone reply from Lex Jackson.

Alas for Sandy Reserves, their relegation fate was sealed with a 2-1 defeat at Dunton Reserves. Nicky Albone and Tom Burton netting the home goals against a Craig Baker reply.

Division Three League Table at 24th April 2010.

10 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Queens Park Crescents	18	13	3	2	63	24	+39	42
Lidlington United Sports	17	10	4	3	42	28	+14	34
Dunton Reserves	18	9	4	5	48	36	+12	31
Stopsley Park	17	8	4	5	59	38	+21	28
Renhold Village	15	7	3	5	47	34	+13	24
Caldecote 'A'	18	7	2	9	40	73	-33	23
Wilshamstead Reserves	17	6	1	10	44	46	-2	19
Westoning Recreation Club [Saturday] Reserves	17	4	5	8	30	36	-6	17
Riseley Sports Reserves	17	5	0	12	43	65	-22	15
Sandy Reserves	18	3	2	13	26	62	-36	11

Division Four

With Sharnbrook Reserves already confirmed champions the race is on for that second promotion place. Now perhaps the firm favourites are Sundon Park Rangers who run out 9-2 away winners at Clifton Reserves, all the goals of the contest coming in the second half. Lawrence Mapp with a hat-trick, Matthew Conway with a brace plus Chris Conway, Luke Evans, Paul Raymond and Glen Murphy getting onto The Park scoresheet against a home brace in reply from George King.

Park now going three points clear of third place M & DH Oakley, with both clubs having two games to play, after they were beaten 4-1 at Kempston Athletic, for whom it was a first win in eight outings. Gary Whitbead with a hat-trick plus Shaun Betts the Athletic's scorers against a lone reply from Matty Vance.

Athletic's win now meaning Bedford Park Rangers will finish the season in bottom spot after they themselves were beaten 3-1 at Flitwick Town Reserves. Christian Breeds, Clive Craig and an own goal making up the Town tally against a lone reply from Shaun Canzano.

Elsewhere, a lone goal from Steve Stokes was enough to take Dinamo Flitwick to a 1-0 home win over Eastcotts. Whilst Stewartby Village were losing for the fifth time in as many outings when beaten 2-3 at home by Thurleigh, Steve Pledge with a brace plus Sam Queeley on the mark for the visitors against home replies from Michael Cook and Ben Sparks.

Division Four League Table at 24th April 2010.

11 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Sharnbrook Reserves	18	15	1	2	62	15	+47	46
Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	18	12	3	3	79	25	+54	39
M & DH Oakley	18	12	0	6	53	33	+20	36
Flitwick Town Reserves	19	9	2	8	49	53	-4	29
Dinamo Flitwick	19	8	3	8	48	40	+8	27
Thurleigh	18	8	3	7	44	42	+2	27
Clifton Reserves	19	7	4	8	50	55	-5	25
Eastcotts	18	7	3	8	38	37	+1	24
Stewartby Village	20	7	0	13	45	61	-16	21
Kempston Athletic	19	4	1	14	40	77	-37	13
Bedford Park Rangers	20	4	0	16	22	92	-70	12

Saturday, 06 March 2010: Flitwick Town Reserves v Stewartby Village - Away Win was awarded