

Bedfordshire County **Football League**



Season 2011-12

Full Time Report.



Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Whilst it has not been the ""Annus Horribilis "" of a season like in 2010-11, the Premier division supported by Sportsform section was again fraught by early season problems. First before even a ball was kicked, Leighton United withdrew their membership and after playing just one game Potton Wanderers folded. Whilst during the season both Blunham twice and Woburn once failed to fulfil their fixtures and thus forfeited the games to their opposition.

All of this should not detract from the achievement of the name of Shefford Town & Campton being engraved on the trophy for the very first time as the 2011-12 season league champions. Of course the name of Campton pre-merge does appear in season 2007-08 and even further back in season 1961-62 Shefford Town Reserves and in season 1948-49 Shefford Town.

Town, in lifting the league title, remained unbeaten on home soil all season with only Caldecote in the opening game taking a point away from Rectory Road as they captured the league crown with a winning run of 14 games before on the last day of the campaign with the title won they made in 15 wins with a victory at Renhold United.

However, they did fail to achieve a league and cup double when beaten in The Britannia Cup final by Oakley Sports who alongside Bedford Hatters became the only clubs during the season to defeat them in league action.

In runners-up spot and jumping three places from their fifth placing of 2010-11 were Caldecote, they suffered just three league defeats all term when beaten by just Shefford Town & Campton on their own patch and away at Dunton and Renhold United.

Caldecote also enjoyed a good cup season, being the last Bedfordshire County Football League club left standing in The Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy before losing in extra time at the semi-final stage against Ampthill Town. Who then again beat them in a penalty shoot-out in the final of this seasons Biggleswade Knock-Out Cup.

Taking the bronze medal position were Bedford Hatters, last seasons division one champions. The Hatters losing just four times on the pitch all season, Caldecote doing the double over them whilst they were also beaten at home by Renhold United and away at Shefford Town & Campton. However, the record book will show they lost five times, the fifth occasion being a 2-0 home win over Wilshamstead which was later awarded to their opposition due to an administration error.

In fourth spot like in season 2010-11 were Renhold United, their championship hopes being blown away with just one win coming their way in their opening eight games before they embarked on a 14 game unbeaten run to sail up the league table to fourth come the seasons end.

Making progress from ninth spot last season to finish fifth this term were Oakley Sports, a position that might have been all so better but for them taking just two points from a possible 21 in their seven games at the start of the New Year. However, their season was to finish on a high with the lifting of the Britannia Cup for the very first time in the clubs history with a 1-0 final win over Shefford Town & Campton.

In sixth spot this term were Wilshamstead last seasons bronze medallists, just four home wins all season being the major factor to the downfall. Whilst after finishing in bottom spot last season, Arlesey Town Reserves this season leapt up into seventh spot all this despite gaining just three wins from their closing 14 games of the campaign.

Down in eighth spot we find last season champions Blunham, a mass exodus of most of their championship winning side of season 2010-11 always pointing from day one to them having a poor season. So it proved with them winning just once on the road all season at Dunton, whilst their home record of just being beaten only by the top three clubs making much better reading.

In ninth spot were Sharnbrook, a climb of one place from last season. This being contributed to their collection of points from the clubs around them at the bottom end of the table as the record book shows from their 10 games against the top five clubs, they gained just one point in a home draw against Bedford Hatters.

Also creeping up the league table into tenth spot were AFC Kempston Town and Bedford College, an improvement of two places from season 2010-11. This for them will almost certainly feel a disappointment as their season fell drastically away in the second half when only one win at home over Dunton was achieved.

Dropping down into eleventh spot from an eighth place finish in 2010-11 were Flitwick Town and but for taking seven of the eight points on offer in their games against the two clubs below them in the final standings they might themselves have occupied a possible relegation spot.

The first of those clubs in twelfth spot were last seasons eighth place Dunton, their record of 12 defeats from 14 outings on the road being a major factor in their decline. Whilst a home win over Caldecote would perhaps to them be their seasons highlight.

Basement spot this term failing to Woburn, a drop of two places from last term. Pre-season problems and the forfeit of their opening game of the season hardly setting them off on the right track, but to their credit they battled on to the end to gain just three wins during the season At home against Renhold United and away at Arlesey Town Reserves and Dunton.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform Final Table Season 2011-12.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Shefford Town & Campton	24	21	1	2	89	24	65	64
2	Caldecote	23	18	2	3	78	31	47	56
3	Bedford Hatters	24	16	3	5	60	40	20	51
4	Renhold United	24	12	3	9	58	39	19	39
5	Oakley Sports	24	10	7	7	57	39	18	37
6	Wilshamstead	24	10	6	8	53	51	2	36
7	Arlesey Town Reserves	24	9	3	12	38	44	-6	30
8	Blunham	24	9	3	12	45	54	-9	30
9	Sharnbrook	24	8	4	12	32	61	-29	28
10	AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College	24	6	5	13	43	64	-21	23
11	Flitwick Town	24	6	4	14	35	55	-20	22
12	Dunton	24	4	3	17	29	64	-35	15
13	Woburn	23	3	2	18	32	83	-51	11

Woburn v Caldecote, game not played.

Division One

The old saying "that home is where the heart is" proved to be the case once again as with the majority return of the exodus of players that left them in season 2010-11 which caused them to relinquish their premier division status, Ickwell & Old Warden will now return to the top flight for season 2012-13 after they engraved the clubs name on the famous Igranic Challenge Bowl for the first time since season 1963-64 in lifting the division one title.

Unbeaten on home soil all season, they suffered just one defeat on the road when beaten 4-3 at Luton Boys in early January and for good measure ended the season with a run of 13 straight wins before making it a league and cup double season with a 2-0 Centenary Cup victory over Sandy.

Picking up the silver medals just six points adrift were Bedford Sports Athletic, they remained unbeaten away from home all season and suffered just three home defeats at the hands of Ickwell & Old Warden, Lidlington United Sports and Sandy.

They were also the last Bedfordshire County Football League club left standing in this seasons Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup when making their

exit in extra time at the semi-final stage against Real FNE, the eventual winners.

Repeating their third spot of last season were Marston Shelton Rovers, just one defeat at Ickwell & Old Warden in their opening 19 games saw them emerge serious title challengers until just three wins from their closing seven games saw them drop out of the race.

For newly promoted Lidlington United Sports it was a similar story, just two wins from their closing nine games seeing them have to settle for fourth spot. The most hurtful of these defeats being 1-0 at home against FC Meppershall on April 25th which spoiled their seasons unbeaten home record in game number 13 of 13.

In fifth place just like in season 2010-11 were FC Meppershall, unlike Marston Shelton Rovers and Lidlington United Sports their story was the opposite. Just five wins from their opening 14 games leaving them in the bottom half of the league table until just three defeats in their closing 14 games saw them sail into that final fifth position.

Making up the top six were Sandy, a drop of two places from season 2010-11. Very much in the promotion race for the best part of the season they fell away mainly due to failing to win any of their last six home games. Yet this disappointment was quelled by an appearance in this seasons Centenary Cup Final where they were beaten by Ickwell & Old Warden.

Moving up from eighth to seventh this season were Caldecote Reserves to claim the unofficial best Reserves team award, their season very much finishing on a high with a run of four straight league wins plus the lifting of this seasons East Beds Charity Cup with a 2-1 victory over Elstow Abbey.

In eighth spot we find last seasons division two champions Lea Sports PSG. With no wins from their opening 12 games they looked set for a possible quick return to division two until an amazing recovery was achieved by losing just on home soil to Bedford Sports Athletic plus Ickwell & Old Warden in their last 14 games.

For Henlow it was a ninth place finish, one place up from season 2010-11. Just two wins from their closing 11 games preventing them making a serious challenge to claim a top six placing.

Also climbing one spot from eleventh to tenth were Luton Boys, just three away wins at Meltis Albion, Sandy and Westoning telling their seasons story as their home record of just five defeats was not bettered by any club outside the top six.

Having finished in bottom slot last season, AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves moved up to eleventh place this season, with just four home wins all season and a goal tally only not beaten by the divisions bottom two clubs being the main reason that prevented them finishing higher.

In twelfth spot were newly promoted Kings AFC. They achieved just two home wins all season over the two clubs below them in the league standing, Meltis Albion and Westoning, which coupled with just two defeats from their last seven away games prevented them making it a short stay in division one.

Taking up the first of the relegation slots in 13th place were Meltis Albion, a drop of seven places from last seasons sixth placing. The season saw them collect just one home point all term in a 1-1 draw with Bedford Sports Athletic but wins at AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves, Caldecote Reserves and Westoning kept them off the bottom spot.

That bottom spot going to last seasons division two runners-up Westoning. They recorded just one home win all season over AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves and ended the season by losing 12 of their last 13 games, broken up only by a 1-1 draw at Lidlington United Sports.

Division One Final Table Season 2011-12

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Ickwell & Old Warden	26	21	4	1	94	27	67	67
2	Bedford SA	26	19	4	3	86	39	47	61
3	Marston Shelton Rovers	26	15	7	4	57	30	27	52
4	Lidlington United Sports	26	14	7	5	66	37	29	49
5	FC Meppershall	26	14	5	7	72	43	29	47
6	Sandy	26	13	5	8	80	56	24	44
7	Caldecote Reserves	26	11	3	12	62	65	-3	36
8	Lea Sports PSG	26	7	12	7	48	40	8	33
9	Henlow	26	9	5	12	49	61	-12	32
10	Luton Boys	26	8	5	13	70	80	-10	29
11	AFC Kempston Tn & Bedford Coll Reserves	26	7	3	16	36	68	-32	24
12	Kings AFC	26	4	5	17	49	96	-47	17
13	Meltis Albion	26	3	3	20	22	103	-81	12
14	Westoning	26	2	2	22	32	78	-46	8

Division Two

Following their ""Annus Horribilis"" ending to the 2010-11 season Elstow Abbey made the perfect recovery to lift the Division Two league crown by a seven point margin over AFC Turvey However, it was the said AFC Turvey who spolt what could have been a perfect season. With the league title already won they suffered their only league defeat of the campaign at Stonefields on April 28th 2012 then some 96 hours later were defeated again by them in the final of this seasons Jubilee Cup. The Abbey also suffering cup final heartache when beaten by Caldecote Reserves in The East Beds Charity Cup Final.

Having been promoted from division four as champions last season AFC Turvey should not be despondent with the silver medals, having the consolation of lifting the Jubilee Cup. Whilst in third spot were the newly promoted Pavenham, they remained very much in the promotion battle until a double defeat at the hands of Elstow Abbey and a loss at AFC Turvey in the closing month of the season meant they had to settle for the bronze medal position.

In fourth spot were Shefford Town & Campton Reserves from a ninth placing in season 2010-11, this seeming unlikely after they claimed just five wins from their opening 13 games until they ended the season with nine wins from their last 10 outings.

Taking up fifth spot were newly promoted Sundon Park Rangers, their away record of being beaten at only AFC Turvey, M & DH Oakley and Pavenham only being bettered by the top two clubs the major factor. Whilst they also made the semi-finals of the Jubilee Cup before being beaten by AFC Turvey and the final of this seasons Bedfordshire FC Junior Cup where they were defeated 2-0 by Sundon Park Rangers Colts.

In sixth spot one place down from last season were Bromham United, their season started off poorly with four defeats from their opening five games until recovery was made with just two defeats in their next 12 outings before finishing the season on a high with a four game unbeaten run.

For newly promoted Co-op Sports it was a seventh place finish, just four home defeats and five away wins telling the story of their season in 14 words.

Whilst league newcomers Potton United Reserves took up eighth slot, their season seeing them beaten just four times on home soil but a higher finish was never really on the cards after winning at just Great Barford in their opening nine away outings of the season.

Down from seventh to ninth place this season were Queens Park Crescents, they enjoyed a purple patch between early October and mid-January when defeated at just Bromham United in their 12 outings but with just three away wins all season it was a drop of two places come the seasons end.

The tenth spot for the second season running being occupied by Marabese Ceramics, their downfall being the period between mid-November and mid-February when just one victory was recorded from nine outings.

In eleventh spot an improvement of one place from last season were Stopsley Park. Just one win from their opening seven games and one win from their closing six games being the tale of their season.

Having finished runners-up in division three last term it was a massive disappointing season for twelfth place M & DH Oakley who will now merge with Oakley Sports for season 2012-13. Ending the season with 10 defeats from their last 11 games which included defaulting on two of them when being

unable to field a side. However, they will go down on record in season 2011-12 as being the only Bedfordshire County Football League side not to draw a league game all season.

For Clifton after an eighth place finish last term it was relegation spot number 13. Just one home win showing to their name all season against Great Barford and just one win against the same club coming in their last 10 outings to leave them facing division three football next season.

The bottom place being filled by Great Barford, a drop from three places from season 2010-11. Their home record of 13 defeats from 13 outings speaking for itself, whilst their haul of seven away points came from a opening day draw at Shefford Town & Campton Reserves plus three point gains handed to them when both Queens Park Crescents and M & DH Oakley defaulted on their fixtures with them.

Division Two Final Table Season 2011-12

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PPTS
1	Elstow Abbey	26	21	4	1	95	20	75	67
2	AFC Turvey	26	19	3	4	84	33	51	60
3	Pavenham	26	16	3	7	73	35	38	51
4	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	26	14	4	8	59	52	7	46
5	Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	26	13	6	7	81	53	28	45
6	Bromham United	26	13	3	10	58	46	12	42
7	Co-op Sports	26	12	3	11	67	55	12	39
8	Potton United Reserves	26	11	3	12	55	59	-4	36
9	Queens Park Crescents	26	9	7	10	55	63	-8	34
10	Marabese Ceramics	26	8	4	14	43	62	-19	28
11	Stopsley Park	26	8	4	14	57	77	-20	28
12	M & DH Oakley	26	7	0	19	35	70	-35	21
13	Clifton	26	5	3	18	31	71	-40	18
14	Great Barford	26	2	1	23	16	113	-97	7

Division Three

Having finished sixth last season, Cranfield United Reserves this term progressed to lift the division three title, their away form being the key point to their successful campaign. After losing their opening trip on the road at Sundon Park Rangers they went on to win 11 of their next 12 outings away from their Crawley Road base. The perfect record spoilt only by a 2-2 draw at Riseley Sports.

Winners of the silver medals were newly promoted Eastcotts AFC, 10 wins from their last 11 games seeing them come from behind to overhaul the challenge of Goldington and Renhold Village.

Leaving last seasons division four, silver medallists Goldington having to settle for a third place finish, for much of the early part of the season they had looked odds on for at least a top two finish until a run of just two wins from eight outings between mid-January and late March saw them drop away until recovery was made with the winning of their last three games. However, there was the consolation of them lifting the Watson Shield with a 4-2 final win over division four league champions Bedford Park Rangers.

In fourth spot were Renhold Village, an improvement from a seventh place finish last term. The Village like Goldington started the season in fine form winning their first eight home games before their form deserted them as they lost five of their last six home encounters during a period in which they claimed wins from their last three away games to end the season just six points adrift of the league champions and just three points shy of Eastcotts AFC.

Having been relegated last term, Stevington will not be unhappy with their fifth place finish. Falling just six points adrift of a promoted place mainly due to suffering six of their nine defeats on the road.

Making up the top six were league newcomers Sundon Park Rangers Colts. Just two wins from their opening nine games saw them never really in the promotion race despite only finishing eight points shy at the end. However, there was the consolation of them lifting The Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup with a 2-0 final victory over Sundon Park Rangers.

In seventh spot were Riseley Sports, a jump of five places from their 2010-11 season twelfth finish. At one stage with just one defeat from their opening eight away outings they looked likely to push themselves into the promotion mix, but defeats at Eastcotts AFC, Renhold Village and Goldington amongst their closing four away encounters left them nine points short of a promotion spot at the seasons end.

Jumping up from ninth to eighth spot were Wilshamstead Reserves, with just one win from their opening nine games recovery was made by winning nine of their next 11 outings before ending a topsy turvy season with just two wins from their last eight games.

For newly promoted Potton Town it was finishing spot number nine. Town being another club that threatened to join in the promotion race early doors before their last 10 outings saw them collect just five points with a home win over Flitwick Town Reserves and home draws against Goldington and Riseley Sports as they ended their campaign pointless from their last seven away games.

In tenth place were Westoning Reserves, an improvement of one spot from season 2010-11 mainly due to an end of season pick up in form which saw them defeated just three times in their closing eight games.

It proved to be another poor season for relegated Kempston Hammers Sports to finish in eleventh spot. Four wins from their opening six games offered hopes of a decent season before they suffered seven straight defeats to tumble down the league table. Yet with three wins from four outings in January, hopes were once again raised until their closing nine games brought about just a single win at Renhold Village in late March.

Down in twelfth place, some four below that of season 2010-11 were Royal Oak Kempston. Their home record of just two victories being their downfall as six wins were achieved on the road.

Taking up the first of the relegation spots were Flitwick Town Reserves. Town having to wait until game number 10 of the season for their first win in a campaign that saw them win just four times including just once on the road at Royal Oak Kempston in late March to end a run of 11 straight away defeats.

The bottom spot going to Dunton Reserves a drop of four places from season 2010-11. The boys from Horseshoes Close winning just twice all season, at home over Flitwick Town Reserves and away at Royal Oak Kempston.

Division Three Final Table Season 2011-12

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Cranfield United Reserves	25	19	1	5	68	30	38	58
2	Eastcotts AFC	26	18	1	7	65	43	22	55
3	Goldington	26	16	4	6	79	44	35	52
4	Renhold Village	26	17	1	8	70	44	26	52
5	Stevington	26	16	1	9	66	45	21	49
6	Sundon Park Rangers Colts	26	15	2	9	89	36	53	47
7	Riseley Sports	26	14	4	8	57	48	9	46
8	Wilshamstead Reserves	26	11	3	12	43	46	-3	36
9	Potton Town	26	9	4	13	48	61	-13	31
10	Westoning Reserves	26	9	2	15	54	66	-12	29
11	Kempston Hammers Sports	26	8	3	15	49	73	-24	27
12	Royal Oak Kempston	26	8	1	17	38	67	-29	25
13	Flitwick Town Reserves	26	4	1	21	40	89	-49	13
14	Dunton Reserves	25	2	2	21	27	101	-74	8

Cranfield United Reserves v Dunton Reserves game not played.

Division Four

After a twelfth and third from bottom finish in season 2010-11, Bedford Park Rangers made significant progress to lift the 2011-12 season division four league crown by a margin of some eight points losing just three times en route. At home against Shefford Town & Campton A and Thurleigh plus away at Wootton Village. Rangers also enjoyed a run into the final of the Watson Shield final before losing out to Goldington.

The battle for the silver medals going down to the last day of the season before a 1-0 home victory by Marsh Leys over Dinamo Flitwick saw the silverware go their way rather than to Thurleigh whose suspension by The Beds FA for non-payment of fines prevented them playing their final game and having to settle for a third place finish. Marsh Leys successful season being built around a fine away record which saw them beaten just once 5-4 at Bedford Park Rangers in their 14th and last way encounter of the season.

Finishing in fourth spot, an improvement of four places from season 2010-11 were Clifton Reserves. This looked unlikely when they won just four of their opening 11 games until they ended the season victorious in 11 of their last 12 outings.

In fifth place were Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves, they hovered in the promotion mix all season until just two wins from their closing eight games saw them drop away badly.

Making up the top six were Stewartby Village, one place above their 2010-11 finish. At one stage they looked odds on for a top four finish but just two wins from their closing 11 games combined with the tag of most draws in the division during the season saw them fail to hit that target.

For relegated Caldecote A, it was a seventh place finish. Just one defeat in their opening nine games gave hopes of a good season but these soon evaporated away with just two wins from their next nine outings before recovery was made by winning five of their last nine starts.

In eighth spot, one place up from season 2010-11 were Sandy Reserves. The highlight of their season being of their 11 wins seven of those were achieved on the road.

Having finished bottom last term, Wootton Village progressed up to ninth this season and but for losing all of their last eight away outings a top six placing would not have been out of the question.

In tenth slot were relegated Shefford Town & Campton A, they kept their heads above the water with six home wins and four wins on the road, the best of which came at the already crowned league champions Bedford Park Rangers in early May.

Kempston Athletic this season climbed two places from last season to finish eleventh mainly due to six of their nine wins coming on home soil. Whilst in twelfth spot were league newcomers Bedford Panthers who like The Athletic enjoyed life far more on home soil where five of their season's eight wins were achieved.

For Dinamo Flitwick it was a drop from a top six finish last term to place number 13 this season, but I'm sure they will take encouragement from remaining unbeaten in their last six home outings.

Having finished eleventh last term, Goldington Hammers dropped three places this season into the second from bottom position. 13 defeats in their last 17 games tell the tale of their poor season, but at least they still remained 10 points clear of basement side Dunton A who recorded just two wins all season. At home against Kempston Athletic and away at Shefford Town & Campton A on January 21st after which they closed the season by losing their last 10 games.

Division Four Final League Table Season 2011-12

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Bedford Park Rangers	27	23	1	3	115	43	72	70
2	Marsh Leys	28	19	5	4	90	42	48	62
3	Thurleigh	28	19	3	6	100	48	52	60
4	Clifton Reserves	28	16	6	6	98	58	40	54
5	Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	28	14	5	9	63	50	13	47
6	Stewartby Village	28	11	7	10	66	61	5	40
7	Caldecote A	27	11	6	10	77	62	15	39
8	Sandy Reserves	28	11	4	13	71	85	-14	37
9	Wootton Village	28	11	3	14	55	64	-9	36
10	Shefford Town & Campton A	28	10	5	13	68	76	-8	35
11	Kempston Athletic	28	9	5	14	69	89	-20	32
12	Bedford Panthers	28	8	5	15	44	68	-24	29
13	Dinamo Flitwick [former Reserves]	28	7	6	15	71	83	-12	27
14	Goldington Hammers	28	5	3	20	52	115	-63	18
15	Dunton A	28	2	2	24	31	126	-95	8

Caldecote A v Bedford Park Rangers, game not played.

Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy Season 2011-12

The opening round ties began on October 1st when Premier Division supported by Sportsform league leaders Caldecote earned a trip to Woburn in round two following their 3-2 home victory over Flitwick Town. Barry Dellar with a brace plus David Lenton netting the vital goals against Town replies via Dean Warren and Peter Kouwenberg. Woburn making round two following the demise of Leighton United.

For Oakley Sports, it was a 4-2 win after extra time at Spartan South Midlands League Caddington. All four goals being netted by Shaun Barnett, two inside the normal 90 minutes and two in extra time. A home tie in round two against Shefford Town & Campton there reward.

Also in round two are Kempston Town & Bedford College, following their penalty shoot-out win at Bedford Hatters. 2-2 at 90 minutes and 120 minutes, during which time Scott Alleyne netted twice for the Hatters and David Kane did likewise for The Town, it was the visitors who prevailed 4-2 in

the shoot-out thanks to successful kicks from Ricci Mandal, Daniel Church, Elliot West and Paul Obuch against home replies via Richard Cook and Ashley Deverall. Their reward being a trip to Blunham in round two.

Elsewhere, Wilshamstead with goals from Colin Marshall and Michael Taylor were leading 2-0 at United Counties League Wootton Blue Cross before the home side fought back, an own goal after 79 minutes via James Stratcher and a strike on 89 minutes from Darak Jozwiak taking the tie into extra time where Bill Sells hit the winner for the home side seven minutes from time.

Alas for Dunton, they failed to raise a side for their scheduled visit to Amptill Town who were thus awarded the game.

In round two, the opening round tie took place on November 1st when Premier Division supported by Sportsform Arlesey Town Reserves made their exit when beaten 4-1 at Crawley Road by South Midlands League Cranfield United. Trailing 4-0 following a brace of goals from Jack Ledbetter and strikes from Jermaine Ivy and Nathan Peacock they were to reduce the arrears from the penalty spot in the 79th minute via Wayne Smith.

Action then moved onto November 5th when the result of the day belonged to Renhold United who came from behind to net a 2-1 home win over United Counties League side Potton United. United going ahead in the opening half via Antony Schurek before strikes from Aran Hazelwood on the hour mark and Warren Bentley just five minutes from time saw the home side to victory.

Also winning on home soil were Blunham, they ran out 4-1 victors over AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College. Andy Smith netting a hat-trick alongside a strike from Kier Banghard against a lone reply from Alex Russell.

For Shefford Town & Campton it was a 4-2 away victory at Oakley Sports, Michael Jones and Andrew Hayday both netting twice to obtain revenge for an earlier league defeat at the same venue. The home goals coming via Reece Allen and Carl Warner.

Caldecote joined the above trio in the hat for the third round draw after winning 6-2 at Woburn. Dan McClaren giving the home side the lead just two minutes into the contest but by half-time Caldecote were 4-1 ahead thanks to a brace from Tom Cookman to go alongside strikes from Mark Franklin and Kai Griffiths-Shilton. Second period action saw Mark Phillips from the penalty spot increase the lead to 5-1 before Chris Green struck for the Safari Boys six minutes from time only to see Caldecote have the last word when Danny Lane netted goal number six three minutes later.

Alas for Sharnbrook, it was a 1-9 home defeat at the hands of South Midlands League side Crawley Green, Martyn Cain netting their lone goal.

On December 10th, in the quarter-final games Caldecote became the last Bedfordshire County Football League club standing in this season's trophy after they emerged 2-1 extra time winners at Shefford Town & Campton.

Ahead via a strike from Kai Griffiths-Shilton in the sixth minute they were to be pegged back to 1-1 in the second period via a home strike from Ryan Welton before Tom Cookman netted what turned out to be the winner just six minutes into the first period of extra time to earn his side a place in the Semi-Final draw.

Making their exit at the last eight stage were both Renhold United and Blunham. United going down 4-0 at Molten South Midlands League Ampthill Town and for Blunham it was an 11-2 beating at another South Midlands League side, 61FC Luton. The brace of Blunham goals coming from Matthew McMahon and a Barry Ulyatt penalty.

On February 18th, Caldecote's quest for county cup honours was to end at the last four stage when beaten at home 5-2 in extra time against South Midlands League side Ampthill Town. All started well enough for the home side when first half goals from Tom Cookman and Dave Daniels took them into a 2-0 lead, but strikes from Danny Nicholls and Tyrone Taylor saw the game all square at 90 minutes before Town's George Ericson, Lee Coulter and Daniel Hart added to the tally in extra time. Town going on to win the trophy with a 1-0 final win over Crawley Green.

Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup Season 2011-12

Opening round action on September 24th saw Lidlington United Sports safely make it into round two to earn a home tie against Kent Athletic Reserves with a comfortable 3-0 away win at AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves. Kieren Wills, Darren Sims and Dominic Martins all finding the back of the net.

Joining them in round two are Luton Boys, their passage being gained without kicking a ball after Luton Leagrave withdrew from the competition in midweek. They now travel to Forde Park for a meeting with Langford Reserves. Plus Sandy following the demise of Blunham Reserves who now travel to Cristians in Sport in the next round.

Not so lucky were Lea Sports PSG, they were beaten in a penalty shoot-out 2-1 by St Joseph's after the previous 120 minutes play had failed to produce a goal. Sam Cuciano their lone succesful spot kicker.

On October 22nd the result of the day in round two perhaps belongs to Kings AFC, they ran out 1-0 home winners over Surburban League North Division league leaders Barton Rovers Reserves, Andy Mayes netting the vital goal.

Yet not far behind would be Bedford Sports Athletic, at half-time they were trailing AFC Kempston Town Reserves 0-1 before second period strikes from Ashley Mead and James Mead saw them emerge 2-1 home winners.

However, the top scorers of the day were Ickwell & Old Warden with a 9-1 victory at Aylesbury League club FC Spandits. Lee Threadgold netting five

times, Zac Rowe twice alongside single strikes from Danny Fox and Paul Beith.

Not far behind them was FC Meppershall, for them it was a 7-1 victory at Luton District & South Beds League Ewe & Lamb. Joe Price on target four times, James Field twice and Craig Damon once.

The fifth Bedfordshire County Football League side in the hat for the third round draw are Caldecote Reserves, they won 4-1 at home over Meltis Albion. Jack Gabbitas with a hat-trick and a goal from Matt Basta only being replied to by Lewis Prince.

For Sandy, it was the heartache of a penalty shoot-out defeat at Christian in Sports after a 120 minutes play had seen the sides deadlocked at 3-3. Mark Jennings twice and Phill Beall the Sandy goalscorers.

Elsewhere, five other Bedfordshire County Football League sides joined Sandy in exiting the competition. Westoning, despite an own goal and a strike from Chris Phelen were beaten 3-2 at Real F.N.E. Marston Shelton Rovers had just a Antony Henman goal to show for a 2-1 defeat at Farley Boys plus there were home defeats for Lidlington United Sports, 0-3 against Kent's Athletic Reserves and for Henlow by the same scoreline at home to Stotfold Reserves.

Alas, for the fifth side Luton Boys, it was the failure to raise a side to travel and face Langford Reserves at Forde Park.

On November 26th making their way into the hat for the quarter-final draw were Bedford Sports Athletic, FC Meppershall and Ickwell & Old Warden after they all netted third round home victories. At Grange Road, Bedford Sports Athletic edged their way passed Luton District & South Beds League Farley Boys by the odd goal in seven. They took the lead after just two minutes with a goal from Andrew Latimer, this then being doubled from the penalty spot by Ashley Mead just 60 seconds before Mead with a strike from 35 yards out made it 3-0 two minutes from the break.

The visitors having put Marston Shelton Rovers out of the competition in the previous round then fought back and with goals from Brendon Fields and Steven Snoxall in the opening 15 minutes of the new half were now back in the contest. However, Latimer struck again 12 minutes from time to take his side 4-2 clear until Snoxall netted his second of the afternoon in the 88th minute to bring up the final 4-3 scoreline.

Also knocking out opposition from the same league were Ickwell & Old Warden, for them it was a 3-1 home win over Christians in Sport. Jamie Scotcher, Zak Rowe plus an Andrew Vallom penalty doing the damage.

For FC Meppershall, it was a fine 5-2 home win over Spartan South Midlands League side Kent Athletic Reserves. Kerion Langley with a hat-trick plus a brace from Craig Damon bringing up the nap hand.

Alas for Caldecote Reserves, they had just a Dan Hall penalty to show for a 4-1 home defeat by 61FC Luton Reserves and Kings AFC even less, they went down 4-0 at home against Crawley Green Reserves, who like The 61FC Luton ply their trade in The Spartan South Midlands League.

In quarter-final action on January 14th, Bedford Sports Athletic safely made their way into the hat for the last four draw with a 4-2 win at 61FC Luton Reserves, Andrew Latimer and Ashley Mead both netting twice to do the damage.

Alas, a lone David Trundley goal could not prevent Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves losing 1-2 at home against Crawley Green Reserves. Whilst FC Meppershall were beaten 4-0 away at St Joseph (Saturday) FC.

On February 24th it was extra time semi-final heartbreak for Bedford Sports Athletic in a 4-5 home reverse against Real F.N.E after 90 minutes play had seen the game deadlock at 4-4 as the visitors levelled matters in the 87th minute. Andrew Latimer twice plus Gary Canzano and Carmine Defoe the Athletic goalscorers. With Real F.N.E. going on to lift the trophy with a 1-0 won over St Joseph (Saturday) FC on April 18th.

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In round one action on September 24th, the result of the day belonged to Renhold Village who netted a 2-1 home victory over last seasons beaten finalists Pavenham. Dan Luke and Carl Townsend on the scoresheet against a reply from Tom Rodger to earn the Village an away tie in round two at Cranfield United Reserves. They ran out 6-1 winners at Caddington Reserves. Dan Cockerton and Mark Dring netting twice alongside Adam Kerr and James Armstrong.

Also causing an upset were Royal Oak Kempston, 3-0 away winners at Great Barford. Lorenzo Jordan and Lewis Smith shooting The Oak 2-0 ahead in the opening half before Sean Boland put the tie to bed just four minutes into the second period to earn his side a home tie in round two against Farley Boys Reserves.

Joining in on the giant-killing act were both Thurleigh and Wilshamstead Reserves, with wins over higher division opposition. Thurleigh with two goals from Ben Stock and a strike from Josh Pierre St Clare against replies from Phill Kempself and Dean Waghorn, 3-2 home winners over Bromham United. Whilst Wilshamstead Reserves netted a 4-0 home win over Marabese Ceramics, all thanks to a brace from Jay Hill and strikes from Hani Thearra and Kieron Colclough to earn a visit from Bedford Park Rangers in round two after they won 5-1 at Wootton Village. Matthew Westwood netting twice alongside Shaun Finlay, Stephen Walsh and Josh Geary against a home reply via Andrea Capagghione.

The top scorers of the day were Elstow Abbey, they won 14-0 at North Sundon Wandrers. Danny Pilgrim and Glen Tumulty both netting twice plus an own goal to take them 5-0 up by half-time before another nine goals were added in the second period. Pilgrim and Tumulty completing their hat-tricks, Harry Ellis joining them as hat-trick men, alongside a brace for Ed L'Erario and penalties from Damian Matthews and Darren Ayre to complete the rout and bring Riseley Sports to The Warren in round two.

Winning big were Potton Town, 7-2 home winners over Stopsley Baptist Church. Chris Moore twice plus Chris Cooper, James Pyman, James Day, Nick Gilbert and Marcus Tait all finding the back of the net to take The Town to Sundon Park Rangers in round two.

Over at Whiston Crescent, Clifton saw their hopes of a cup run ended when going down 3-1 in a penalty shoot-out against Stopsley Park after 120 minutes had seen the sides deadlocked at 4-4. Tony Norman with a hat-trick plus Patrick Owen on the home scoresheet against Park replies from James Smart, Jack O'Shea, Lee West and Lee Russell. The Park now face a home tie against Shefford Town & Campton A who were given a bye when Bedford Panthers failed to raise a side to face them.

Another club needing more than 90 minutes to earn a place in round two were Sundon Park Rangers Colts, for them it was a 3-2 extra time win over Stevington. Ashley Wadhams netting all three goals against an own goal and a strike from Luke Cronin for Stevington. The Colts will now travel to Square Rangers in round two.

Elsewhere, Co-op Sports were 3-1 home winners over Westoning Reserves, goals from Scott Davis, Chris Vardy and Steve Smith against a reply from Joe Rogers doing the damage to take their side to Flitwick Town Reserves in round two after they emerged 4-2 home winners over Clifton Reserves. Grant Archer with a hat-trick plus an own goal only being replied to by strikes from Mason Bambridge and Harry Green.

Two clubs now destined to meet in round two are Goldington and Kempston Hammers Sports after both received walk-overs in round one. Goldington via the demise of Dinamo Flitwick in midweek and The Hammers after Caldecote A failed to raise a side to meet them at Cutler Hammer.

Strange how it might seem, still on the cup trail are Dinamo Flitwick Reserves, 4-0 home winners over Sandy Reserves. Dean Adams twice plus Ben Hannam and Joe Burton netting the goals that now take them to Queens Park Crescents in round two.

Also hitting the road in round two will be Shefford Town & Campton Reserves, they travel to face AFC Turvey after netting a 4-1 home victory over FC Spandits Reserves. Adam Chambers, Paul Still, Adam Larsen and Jordan Robbins their goal getters.

However, for Marsh Leys it will be a home tie in round two against Ickwell Reserves after they won 4-1 at Chrisitan in Sports Reserves. Alex Clipson netting three times including twice from the penalty spot alongside a goal from Jamie Carson.

Two other sides into round two are Potton United Reserves and M & DH Oakley. United will now entertain Eastcotts AFC after goals from Sam Barham and Jamie Steele took them to a 2-0 win at Four Model Reserves. Whilst M & DH Oakley will now travel to face Goldington Hammers after winning 4-1 at Kempston Athletic. Lee Leonard twice plus Lee Osmond and Jamie Underwood on target against a lone Athletic reply via Gary Whitbread.

Alas it was the end of the road for Stewartby Village and Dunton Reserves, a brace of goals from Tom Wheelhouse failing to save The Village being beaten 5-2 at 61FC Luton A, whilst despite strikes from Jon Fediw and Uqur Demir, Dunton Reserves were beaten 2-4 at home by Co-op Sports Reserves.

Round two action began on October 26th when Potton United Reserves became the first team to progress into the last 16 of this seasons Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup, when before a crowd of 37 at The Hollow they ran out 1-0 home winners over Eastcotts AFC. Daniel St Leger netting the games only goal 53 minutes into the contest. United victory coming at the cost of a possible snapped Achilles injury to George Rennie 10 minutes from time.

Three days later on October 29th the top scorers of the day were Stopsley Park, they ran out 6-0 home winners over Shefford Town & Campton A. James Smart netting twice alongside single strikes from Dean Abrahams, Jack O'Shea, Shane Roberts and Kenny Ivy.

Just one goal behind them and the day's biggest away winners were M & DH Oakley with a 5-0 victory at Goldington Hammers. Daniel Lupton on target three times and supported by single goals from Adam Emms and James Dean.

Also going nap but on home soil were both AFC Turvey and Queens Park Crescents. Mohammed Raheem with a hat-trick and Ayaz Hussain with a brace taking The Crescents to a 5-0 win over Dinamo Flitwick Reserves. Whilst AFC Turvey were 5-2 victors over Shefford Town & Campton Reserves, Andrew Wren with a brace plus John Guiney, Tim Clarke and Adam Broughton netting the goals against Town replies via a Jordan Robbins penalty and Sam Larsen.

For Marsh Leys, it was a 3-0 home victory over Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves, Matt Evans, Jamie Carson and Justin Sturniolo all finding the back of the net. However, things were not that easy for Elstow Abbey, they required extra time to overcome Riseley Sports 3-1. Danny Pilgrim shooting The Abbey ahead after 38 minutes only for Tom Ellison to level matters 17 minutes into the second half to take the game beyond the 90 minutes mark, during that time both Tom Pitts and Dave McCarthy scored to secure a place in the round three hat for The Abbey.

Another 3-1 home winner was Sundon Park Rangers at the expense of Potton Town. Sam Chapman, Matthew Conway and Edward Lewis seeing their goals only replied to by Shane Clark.

The best win of the day perhaps belonged to Cranfield United Reserves with a 2-1 home victory over Renhold Village, Richard Stimpson and Adam Kerr the home marksmen against a Village reply from Michael Luke.

Elsewhere, Sundon Park Colts thanks to a brace of goals from Ashley Wadhams were 2-1 winners at Luton District & South Beds League outfit Four Square. Whilst going down to a 1-2 home defeat against Farley Boys Reserves from the same league were Royal Oak Kempston despite a goal from Lewis Smith.

Also winning 2-1 away from home were Co-op Sports with a victory at Flitwick Town Reserves. Conor Sherry and Chris Vardy on the scoresheet against a Town reply from Grant Archer.

Meantime, Goldington were 2-0 home winners over Kempston Hammers Sports thanks to a brace of goals from Chris Huckle and Bedford Park Rangers with goals from Josh Geary and Jordan Wright won 2-1 at Wilshamstead Reserves for whom Chris McGurn netted.

Alas for Thurleigh after goals from Liam Bolton and Josh Pierre St Claire had shot them 2-0 ahead against St Joseph Reserves, the visitors from the Luton District and South Beds League fought back to win 3-2.

December 3th was round three day when the top scorers of the day were Sundon Park Rangers Colts who netted a 6-0 home win over Marsh Leys, Ashley Wadhams netting four times alongside strikes from Lee Redmond and Mike Brunton. However, just one goal behind them were Cranfield United Reserves who ran out 5-0 away winners at Co-op Sports Dan Cockerton netting twice alongside Mark Dring and Philip Distin plus a James Armstrong penalty to bring up the nap hand.

It was not a good day for The Co-op after their Reserves also made their exit when losing 3-2 at AFC Turvey, Adam Broughton twice plus John Guiney on the home scoresheet.

For M & DH Oakley it was a 2-1 home win over Goldington, Daniel Lupton bagging both goals against a lone reply from Craig Daniels. Also winning 2-1 were Elstow Abbey away at Queens Park Crescents, Craig Cameron giving The Abbey the lead after 15 minutes before a penalty from Shajjam Miah levelled matters 20 minutes from time only to then see Abbey win the day from the penalty spot themselves via Travis Joseph eight minutes from time.

Elsewhere, Sundon Park Rangers required extra time to overcome Bedford Park Rangers 3-2. Andrew Fox, Nicky Buttigeig and Sam Chapman netting the vital goals against replies from Shaun Finlay and Martin Donabrega.

Needing even longer were Potton United Reserves, they made it into the hat for the last eight draw via a penalty shoot-out win over Stopsley Park after 120 minutes of play had seen the sides deadlocked at 4-4. James Godfrey twice plus Sam Worthington and James Hearson netting United's goals before the shoot-out was won 3-1. The Park goals coming from Robert Wilson, Lee West and Shane Roberts.

On quarter-final day January 21st the shock of the round came at Stonefields where AFC Turvey were beaten 5-3 on home soil by Sundon Park Rangers Colts, Kevin Hilton doing all the damage by bagging all five of the Colts goals against home replies via Martin Page, Mark Allen and John Guiney.

For Elstow Abbey, it was a 1-0 home win over Cranfield United Reserves thanks to a 38th minute goal from Percy Chagwiza. Joining them in the semi-final draw are Sundon Park Rangers who with goals from Samuel Kehinde and Sam Chapman netted a 2-1 home win over Luton District & South Beds League side St Joseph Reserves.

The fourth team in the semi-final hat are Potton United Reserves, for them it was a 4-2 penalty shoot-out win at M & DH Oakley after 120 minutes play had seen the sides deadlocked at 1-1. Lee Osmond on the home scoresheet against a United strike from Steve Gibbons.

Semi-final action on March 3rd saw Sundon Park Rangers emerge 2-1 home winners over an Elstow Abbey side that were losing for the first time in any competition this season Matthew Conway netting both goals against an Abbey reply from Danny Pilgrim.

They will now face a final tie against Sundon Park Rangers Colts who ran out 5-3 home winners over Potton United Reserves. Ashley Wadhams with a brace plus strikes from Kevin Hilton, Luke Dolan and Cameron Forbes outscoring United strikes from Amit Aghera, Steve Gibbons and Bradley Voght.

Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup Final. Sundon Park Rangers 0 Sundon Park Rangers Colts 2. Saturday 5th May 2012.

AFC Kempston Rovers Hillgrounds complex was the venue for this seasons all Bedfordshire County Football League clash bringing about a 2-0 win for division three Sundon Park Rangers Colts over their division two counterparts Sundon Park Rangers.

The game was just 10 minutes old when Kevin Hilton shot the Colts in front with the contests first chance, but rather than spark the game into life, the reverse happened and there was very little for both sets of supporters to shout about until suddenly in the last 10 minutes of the first period the game burst into life. First for the Rangers, Chris Hazel shot just wide from a Luke Evans corner, whilst at the other end Ashley Wadhams was twice denied by saves

from Rangers goalkeeper Brett Smith before the Rangers custodian was then again their hero to claw a Cameron Forbes header around his posts.

It was The Colts who came out in the second period all guns blazing, Lee Redmond sending an effort against the crossbar and from the rebound Wadhams could only stand and stare in horror as his effort hit the body of Smith in the Rangers goal and fell away to safety. However, it was not all one way traffic and perhaps at the other end Matthew Conway should have done better with his effort from the edge of the box until with 20 minutes left his side were left with an even bigger hill to climb when Mark Bonnar was red carded for his second yellow card offence by referee Alex Bassick.

That hill became a mountain five minutes later when The Colts doubled the scoreline to 2-0. Hilton supplying the telling cross which saw man of the match Rory McMullen twist and turn in front of goal to send an unstoppable low drive passed Smith into the corner of the net.

The Rangers were however far from ready to admit defeat and if only efforts from Conway and Nicky Buttigieg had not just gone the wrong side of the uprights the crowd might have been treated to a grandstand finish, but it was The Colts who finished the stronger and Smith was again forced to show his class in first beating away an effort from namesake Robert Smith and then producing a double barrelled save from substitute Daryl Smith in the games closing minute.

Sundon Park Rangers Colts: Graham Hilton, Sean Moore, Chris Scott, Colin Moore, Rory McMullen, Cameron Forbes, Lee Redmond, Mike Brunton, Robert Smith, Kevin Hilton, Ashley Wadhams, Subs Used: James Hart, Luke Dolan, Daryl Smith,

Sundon Park Rangers : Brett Smith, Luke Evans, Matthew Conway, Samuel Kehinde, Andrew Fox, Mark Bonnar, Martin Dawson, Steve Farkas, Chris Hazell, Nick Buttigieg, Daniel Viola, Subs Used: Eddy Lewis, Ben Stratful,

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Wednesday 30th November 2011. Bedfordshire County Football League 6 Leighton & District Sunday League 0

Under the Cranfield United's Crawley Road floodlights, the Bedfordshire County Football League eased their way into the final of this season's Bedfordshire FA Inter-League Centenary Cup with a 6-0 victory over The Leighton & District Sunday League.

Ahead via a 35minute own goal from Jon Carey, Shefford Town & Campton's Andrew Hayday was to double the scoreline just two minutes later before the second half became a story of one way traffic. Caldecote's Tom Cookman with a 53th minute header making it 3-0 and it was game well and truly over when Hayday notched his second of the night 72 minutes into the contest.

Ten minutes from time Renhold United's Alex Woolston made it 4-0 and appropriately on St Andrews Day, Hayday brought up his hat-trick and the nap hand two minutes from time.

A final tie now up coming against The South Beds Sunday League, who 24 hours later saw off The Luton District & South Beds League in a penalty shoot-out after the sides were deadlocked 1-1 at the 90 minutes mark.

Bedfordshire County Football League 6 South Beds Sunday Football League 0. February 22nd 2012

Wednesday's night action saw The Bedfordshire County Football League retain their hold on The Bedfordshire FA Inter-League Centenary Cup when under the management team of Caldecote's Neil and Adrian Mapletoft they eased to a 6-0 victory over The South Beds Sunday Football League.

Ahead after just three minutes when following an inter-exchange between Adam Larsen and Andrew Hayday, Mark Franklin had the simple task of netting from just six yards out, that lead was doubled in the 21st minute from the penalty spot by Larsen after Paul Jones had been dragged down when looking certain to score by South Beds goalkeeper Lee Slocombe.

Jones however was to get on the scoresheet seven minutes later when set free by Larsen to make it 3-0 and just 60 seconds later it was game over when Jones became the provider for goal number four netted by Alex Woolston.

It was now all one way traffic and but for two misses in front of goal by Hayday and a Matt Le-Dell effort coming back off the crossbar it could have been 7-0 by the half-time break.

The 80 plus crowd were to have to wait until the 66th minute before substitute Kai Griffiths-Shilton made it 5-0, with the rout being concluded by a second goal from Jones just four minutes from time.

Team: Nathan Buckland (Caldecote) Ollie Housden (Renhold) Paul Gower (Caldecote) Dan Webb (Shefford Town & Campton) Rick Smith (Shefford Town & Campton) Alex Woolston (Renhold United) Paul Jones (Wilshamstead) Mark Franklin (Caldecote) Matt Le-Dell (Caldecote) Adam Larsen (Shefford Town & Campton) Andrew Hayday (Shefford Town & Campton) Substitutes Used: Lee Bilcock (Shefford Town & Campton) Tom Cookman (Caldecote) Kai Griffiths-Shilton (Caldecote)

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Round One

Shefford Town & Campton began their defence of the famous old trophy on December 17th by netting a 9-1 home win over Arlesey Town

Reserves. Andrew Hayday bagging four goals, Gary Ansell-Carter a hat-trick, to go alongside single strikes from Adam Larsen and Michael Jones, the lone reply coming from Victoriano Gonzalez.

For Oakley Sports, round one action came on December 31st when they ran out 6-2 home winners over Sharnbrook. Shaun Barnett with a hat-trick, Harry Atherton with a brace plus a goal from James Cooper only being replied to via a Kevin Harris penalty and a goal from Tom King.

Other opening round action on December 31st saw Bedford Hatters emerge 5-1 winners at Blunham. Simon Pixley with a hat-trick plus a strike from Scott Alleyne and a Ashley Deverall penalty only being replied to by Matty McMahon for the home side. Whilst Caldecote were 2-0 winners at Wilshamstead. Barry Dellar and Matt Lee Dell striking in the opening half to do the damage.

Early action on December 10th had seen AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College ease their way into the last eight with a 4-2 home victory over Dunton, Thomas Behan with a hat-trick plus Roy Murhane on the Town scoresheet against Dunton replies via James Cooper and Tom Burton.

Joining these five clubs in the quarter-final was Woburn following the demise of Potton Wanderers plus Flitwick Town and Renhold United via the luck of the draw.

Quarter-Finals

In the tie of the round on March 3rd saw Shefford Town & Campton emerged 5-4 victors at Caldecote, two own goals plus a brace from Gary Ansell-Carter being added to by Andrew Hayday to outscore home goals from Kai Griffiths-Shilton, Jack Gabbitas, Paul Gower and Tom Cookman. Whilst just seven days later on March 10th Oakley Sports were 4-1 home winners over Bedford Hatters. Shaun Barnett netting all four goals against a lone Hatters reply from Darren Allen.

Whilst on the same afternoon AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College required a penalty shoot-out win at Hillgrounds to see off Renhold United. The Town with goals from Lydon Ingerson and Tom Behan led 2-0 until strikes from United's Alex Woolston and Warren Bentley in the closing 11 minutes took the contest into extra time. This period however saw no further goals arrive and it was The Town who held their nerve to win the shoot-out 5-4.

Also making the last four were Woburn after they emerged home 4-3 extra time winners over Flitwick Town. Goals from Mattha Busby, Ben Nichols and Aaron Ripley being cancelled out by Town strikes from Richie Bevan twice and Martin Byrne in normal time, before Martin Holland netted The Safari Boys winner in extra time.

Semi-Finals

Semi-final action on March 24th saw holders Shefford Town & Campton passage into the final achieved via a 7-2 home win over Woburn. Braces of goals from Adam Larsen and Michael Jones alongside single strikes from Lee Bilcock, Andrew Hayday and Sam James only being replied to twice by Martin Holland.

Whilst Oakley Sports gained a 3-0 home win over AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College, Shaun Barnett netting twice and Jason Angol once to do the damage.

Britannia Cup Final, Oakley Sports 1 Shefford Town & Campton 0

Before a Second Meadow Biggleswade United crowd of 194 on Bank Holiday Monday afternoon May 7th the league form book was turned upside down when a lone goal from Jamie Endersby 20 minutes from time took Oakley Sports to a 1-0 victory over Shefford Town & Campton to engrave their name on the famous old trophy for the very first time.

It was The Town who started the game much the brighter, Chris Clark driving his way into the Oakley penalty box only to see his effort come back off the legs of Oakley goalkeeper Stuart Kelly, before Kelly was again riding his luck 10 minutes later when after Clark had lobbed the ball into the path of Andrew Hayday he could only stand and watch as Hayday's chip over his head came back off the woodwork and away to safety.

The game was just 10 minutes from the break before Oakley's first live chance arrived, Paulo Barbarisi tackle on the half-way line on Town's Michael Jones breaking into the path of Shaun Barnett who raced clear only to push his final effort just wide of the posts until the last chance of the half fell to Town's Gary Ansell-Carter who failed to test Kelly from distance.

The second period begun with Oakley looking the more likely to break the deadlock, referee Stuart Wells waving away their penalty claims for handball against Adam Chambers then Barnett drawing a fine save out of Town goalkeeper Reece Lewis.

However, Town were soon regaining the ascendancy, Kelly needing two grabs to thwart Adam Larsen before his legs once again came to his sides rescue to keep out Hayday. It now looked odds on The Town would soon find a way to break the deadlock and on 68 minutes when Hayday skinned Barbarisi his effort once again found Kelly's legs blocking the way only to rebound back for him to set up Clark right in front of goal who completely miss kicked to waste the chance of the match thus far.

It proved to be a costly miss when 60 seconds later Oakley took the lead, Carl Warner out wide on the left flank cutting inside to find Barnett whose knock-on to Endersby allowed the veteran striker to slam the ball into the roof of the net passed a rooted to the spot Lewis.

Endersby then so nearly turned from hero to villain escaping with only a yellow card for his spot of handbags with Town's Larsen, but hero he was as Town despite Hayday going close in the final 10 minutes with two headers failing to find a way passed Kelly to take the game into extra time.

Oakley Sports : Stuart Kelly, Shaun Barnett, Paul Beattie, James Cooper, Jamie Endersby, Ray Patrickson, Mark Smith, Alex Strange, Carl Warner, Paulo Barbarisi, Harry Atherton, Subs Used: Daniel Kelly, Ian Strange, Rhys Allen,

Shefford Town & Campton : Reece Lewis, Lee Bilcock, Adam Chambers, Chris Clark, Andrew Hayday, Michael Jones, Adam Larsen, Tom Scurfield, Daniel Webb, Gary Ansell-Carter, Subs Used: Philip Bright, Adam Spoons,

Centenary Cup Season 2011-12

Round One

Ickwell & Old Warden's opening round action came on December 3rd when they claimed a 5-3 extra time win at Luton Boys. Anup Kalyan and Zac Rowe both netting twice and Andrew Vallom once against home replies from Steve Odell, Metin Bayram and Richard Green. Whilst Sandy alongside Bedford Sports Athletic were the lucky two clubs to gain a bye straight into the quarter-finals.

On December 17th Caldecote Reserves became the fourth side to make the last eight with a 5-1 home win over Meltis Albion. 2-1 ahead at the break with goals from a Dan Hall penalty and Tom Dupey against an Albion reply from Tom Hughes, a second half hat-trick from Matt Basta brought up the nap hand.

New Year's Eve December 31st saw the remaining four ties settled with three ties going the way of the home side. Henlow with goals from Joe Fallano, Graeme Leger and Charlie Richardson beating AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves 3-2 whose replies came via Joseph Ogunremi and Adam Fraser. Whilst Kings AFC turned league form upside down with a 2-1 victory over FC Meppershall, strikes from Oliver Plestead and Marcus Tomlin against a lone reply from Richard Andrews winning the day.

The third home winners were Lidlington United Sports, a Paul Nockels strike in extra time taking them to a 3-2 victory over Lea Sports PSG after 90 minutes play had seen the sides deadlocked 2-2. Kieran Willis and Niall Grady on the home scoresheet against PSG strikes from James Awofisan and Daniel Hardacre.

Bucking the trend and the lone home winners were Marston Shelton Rovers, for them it was a 3-0 victory at Westoning. Lee Dudley, Peter Kerr and Jamie Cerminara netting the trio of goals.

Quarter-Finals

In the quarter-finals on March 10th Ickwell & Old Warden were to emerge the days biggest winners with a 7-1 victory at Bedford Sports Athletic, Lee Threadgold netting four times alongside single goals for Zac Rowe, Matthew McCartney and Danny Fox against a lone Athletic reply from Paul Nigro. Whilst Sandy required extra time to achieve a 4-2 win at Henlow. Neil and Joseph Spencer on the home scoresheet in the opening 90 minutes against replies from Ian Hammett and Dan Stafford before a second goal from Stafford and a strike from Charlie Seward won the day for the visitors.

For Marston Shelton Rovers, it was a 3-2 home win over Caldecote Reserves. Alex Goosby and Xennan Paul plus a Jamie Cerminara penalty outscoring strikes from Matt Basta and Andrew Spiers. Whilst Kings AFC were 3-0 home winners over Lidlington United Sports, Josh Clements with a brace plus Nicho Stanchev bagging the goals to do the damage.

Semi-Finals

Semi-final action on March 24th was to see Ickwell & Old Warden win 4-0 at Kings AFC, Lee Threadgold leading the way with a hat-trick plus a goal from Paul Beith doing the damage. Whilst Sandy scored a 2-0 home win over Marston Shelton Rovers thanks to goals from Daniel Stafford and Ian Hammett.

Centenary Cup Final. Ickwell & Old Warden 2 Sandy 0. Friday 4th May 2012

Ickwell & Old Warden duly completed a domestic Bedfordshire County Football League double when, before a crowd of 153 under the floodlights at Potton United, they recorded a 2-0 victory over Sandy.

The contest which was a little slow to unfold and some 22 minutes old before the Sandy supporters had their hearts in their mouths on seeing Philippe Beal slip as he attempted a routine clearance with Ickwell's Lee Threadgold at close quarters, they need not have feared, goalkeeper Mark Pallister was alert to the situation and off his line quickly to clear the danger.

Sandy again rode their luck five minutes later when Andrew Vallom hit the woodwork direct from a corner but within 60 seconds Sandy's Daniel Stafford at the other end brought out a flying save from Ickwell custodian Matthew Mann to keep the game goalless.

With the half-time break approaching both sides then went close to taking the lead, first Stafford lobbed an effort over the crossbar before at the other end Vallom curled a free kick from distance just inches wide of the woodwork.

The introduction after the break of Ickwell's Zak Rowe seemed to give the boys from The Green a big lift, first Nick Jones sent an effort from distance sailing over the crossbar then a teasing low cross from Rowe delivered across the Sandy six yard box saw Paul Beith arrive late at the backpost to spurn the chance of the night thus far.

Within two minutes Ickwell were in front, Vallom releasing Lee Threadgold down the left flank and his pinpointed cross was slotted home from close range by Anup Kalyan. Sandy then so nearly levelled the contest just after the hour mark when Mann in fielding a lofted Ian Hammett free kick under his crossbar dropped the ball into the path of Richard Seldon who sliced his moment of glory wide of the uprights.

By now Danny Fox had joined the action for Ickwell and like Rowe before him his appearance seemed to inspire his teammates to greater heights, Beith again arriving unmarked on the backpost just a second too late to polish home a telling free kick from Fox, who then played a major part in his sides second goal on 73 minutes. It was his corner that Sandy failed to clear at least twice that was to fall eventually to the feet of Rowe whose cross made it third time lucky for Beith as he arrived on the backpost to dive in and head home to double the scorline.

With eight minutes left, Mann in the Ickwell goal again showed his class to keep out an effort from Stafford, yet by now Ickwell were in cruise control and the only slight disappointment to their supporters was manager Lee Pike deciding to send on Dan Jones as their third substitute rather than the legendary Phil Dorrell.

Ickwell & Old Warden: Paul Beith, Tim Gill, Nick Jones, Anup Kalyan, Matthew Mann, Matthew McCartney, Jamie Scotcher, Lee Threadgold, Dave Trundle, Dan Threadgold, Subs Used: Danny Fox, Dan Jones, Zak Rowe,

Sandy: Philippe Beal, Matt Evans, Ian Hammett, Mark Jennings, Chris Nicholls, Mark Pallister, Shane Pope, Richard Seldon, Daniel Stafford, Robert Tapley, John Joe Peksic, Subs used: Olly Banfield, Craig Baker, Nathan Morris,

Jubilee Cup Season 2011-12

Round One

Began on New Year's Eve December 31st for Elstow Abbey when they netted a 3-2 home win over Shefford Town & Campton Reserves, Danny Pilgrim striking a hat-trick in the opening hour before replies in the closing four minutes from Shaun Jenkins and Sam Martin reduced the deficit to just a single goal by the final whistle. Whilst AFC Turvey ran out 4-1 winners at Queens Park Crescents. John Guiney, Mike Stephenson, Mark Allen and Tim Clarke seeing their goals only replied to by Matt Hefford.

Just three days earlier on December 28th, Potton United Reserves became the first side into the second round with a 3-0 home win over Clifton. Amit Aghera, Bradley Voght and Sam Worthington all finding the back of the net.

Other action on December 31st saw Bromham United require extra time to win 2-1 at Great Barford. Joe Rowley on the scoresheet for the home side and Phill Kempself for United in the opening 90 minutes until Sam Jones struck to win the day for the visitors in extra time.

On January 7th for Pavenham it was a 1-0 win at Stopsley Park thanks to a goal from James Owen to take them straight into the semi-finals after being the lucky club to draw the bye ball in the seven team quarter-final draw.

On the same day, Sundon Park Rangers were 4-0 extra time home winners over M & DH Oakley. Samuel Kehinde twice plus Edward Lewis and Matthew Conway netting the goals.

The last club to reach the second round were Marabese Ceramics, for them on January 28th it was a 3-2 away win at Co-op Sports. Colin Stanley, Richard Follano and Rhys Tudball netting the goals that were only replied to by Tom Miller and Conor Sherry.

Second Round

Joining Pavenham in the last four on February 18th were Elstow Abbey with a 2-0 home win over Marabese Ceramics, goals from Dave McCarthy in the 59th minute and Ed L'Erario five minutes later winning the day.

On March 10th, AFC Turvey joined them as they ran out 3-2 home winners over Potton United Reserves. Mike Stephenson, Saimur Guri and a 90th minute penalty from Daniel Bailey winning the day over United replies from Dan Harvey and Sam Worthington.

Elsewhere, Sundon Park Rangers netted a 2-1 home win over Bromham United for whom Edward Lewis and Samuel Kehinde netted the goals against a lone reply from Dave Baxter.

Semi-Finals

On March 24th, Elstow Abbey found themselves 2-0 down at home to Pavenham at half-time following strikes from Michael Bates and James Owen. However, second period goals on 51 minutes by Dave McCarthy and Aaran Carvell in the 72nd minute levelled matters all square before both Danny Pilgrim and Travis Joseph netted in the closing 10 minutes to take them to a 4-2 victory.

For AFC Turvey, an early goal from Sundon Park Rangers Edward Lewis had them trailing 1-0 in Stockwood Park until Andrew Wren squared matters up from the penalty spot by half-time and second period goals from Mark Allen and Adam Broughton saw them home 3-1.

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Second Meadow, Biggleswade United FC action saw AFC Turvey lift the Jubilee Cup for season 2011-12 with a 2-1 victory over Elstow Abbey before a near three figure crowd. Goalscoring chances in the opening half being far and few between, for Turvey, Mark Allen being denied by a fine save from Abbey goalkeeper Darren Ayre 25 minutes into the contest and perhaps Abbey's Dave McCarthy should have done better when from in front of goal he sent a effort well over the crossbar five minutes from the break.

However, it was Turvey who took the lead in the 68th minute when John Guiney supplied the telling ball to allow Michael Stephenson to slot home from inside the penalty box and three minutes later it appeared to be game over at 2-0 when Guiney himself netted after he latched onto a cross from Adam Broughton.

The game however was to have a sting in its tail when with 90 minutes played showing on the watch Turvey goalkeeper Aaron Austin pulled down Tom Pitts which saw referee Neville Stone pointing to the penalty spot to allow substitute Travis Joseph to step up to reduce the arrears to 2-1.

AFC Turvey: Mark Allen, Aaron Austin, Adam Broughton, Daniel Bailey, Tim Clarke, Oliver Dove, John Guiney, Martin Ivy, Martin Page, Michael Stephenson, Andrew Wren, Subs Used: Nathan Bavister, Jason Smith, Saimir Guri,

Elstow Abbey: Darren Ayre, Craig Cameron, Aaran Cavell, Percy Cegwiza, Mark Griffiths, Jason Harrison, Eduardo L'Erario, Dave McCarthy, Robert Mito, Danny Pilgrim, Tom Pitts, Subs Used, Travis Joseph, Glen Tumulty,

Watson Shield Season 2011-12

First Round

Watson Shield action began this season on December 17th when Riseley Sports were home penalty shoot-out winners over Royal Oak Kempston. Paul Brown for the home side and Lorenzo Jordan for the visitors netting in the opening 90 minutes and after extra time brought no further goals, it was Riseley who won the shoot-out 5-4.

The next action came on December 28th when Dunton A won 2-1 at Eastcotts AFC, Charlie Williams and Liam Brophy netting the vital goals against a home reply from Craig Fairly.

Just three days later on December 31st another 11 ties took place. The lone giant killing action belonging to division four Caldecote A, they ran out 3-2 home winners over division three side Kempston Hammers Sports. Nicky Albane with a hat-trick doing all the damage against a brace in reply from James Grandidge. However, despite being beaten 2-1 on home soil by

Flitwick Town Reserves there was a place in the last 16 for Stewartby Village after it was established that Dean Warren the scorer of both of The Town's goals was not eligible to take part in the game having earlier in the season played for Flitwick Town in The Beds Senior Trophy, for the record Michael Darnell was the home goalscorer.

The top scorers of the day were Renhold Village, for them it was a 9-1 home win over Goldington Hammers. Marko Tubdzic netting five times, Dan Luke twice plus single goals from Michael Luke and Daniel Avis only being replied to by Jason Nice for The Hammers.

Biggest away winners of the day were Wilshamstead Reserves, with a 6-1 victory at Wootton Village. Liam Philip and Jay Hall with braces being supported by single strikes from Matt Johnson and John Steele against a lone home reply from Lewis Aitkin.

Elsewhere, Goldington, Stevington and Bedford Panthers also all enjoyed wins on the road. The Panthers with two goals from Gary Phillipson and single strikes from Rory Cochrane and Richard Suberwal winning 4-1 at Sandy Reserves, for whom Johnnie Stratford netted. Whilst winning by the same scoreline were Stevington at Shefford Town & Campton A. Gavin White with a hat-trick and Steff Watts having their goals only replied to by a lone strike from Ollie Morgan.

Meantime, Goldington emerged 4-2 victors at Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves. James Allen the sole destroyer with all four goals against a home brace in reply from Wayne Morris.

Over at Cutler Hammer, it was a 3-1 home victory for Marsh Leys over Clifton Reserves. Michael Partridge, David Powell and an Alex Clipson penalty only being replied to by Mark Gearing. Whilst, Thurleigh were 4-3 home winners over Dinamo Flitwick at Keysoe Road. Salvatore Ventriglia twice plus Dan Newton and Steve Pledge netting the goals that polished off the visitors whose strikes came via Jamie Burton, Alex Sommers and Jay Del Boyer.

The lone game to go to extra time came at Mill Lane, the venue where Potton Town netted a 6-4 home win over Westoning Reserves. For The Town, Nick Gilbert, Tom Pyman and Chris Cooper were on target in the opening 90 minutes to cancel out strikes from James Bennett, Liam Boyle and Thomas Joseph. Before in extra time, Town goals from Mark Mijalski, Chris Moore and Jamie Hutchinson were only replied to by a second goal of the afternoon from Bennett.

The final opening round game coming on January 28th when Sundon Park Rangers Colts emerged 4-2 winners at Kempston Athletic. Ashley Wadhams, Lee Redmond, Michael Brunton plus an own goal doing the damage against a home brace in reply from Gavin Matthews.

Joining these 14 sides in the next round having been given a bye were Cranfield United Reserves and Dunton A.

Second Round

Second round action began on March 3rd with Renhold Village winning 6-3 at Caldecote A. Ryan Ambrose from the penalty spot taking the home side into the lead before strikes from Dan Luke and Pete Neal saw The Village lead 2-1 at the break. In the second period, a second goal from Luke plus strikes from Carl Townsend, Matthew Bailey and Carl Ashwell took the visitors tally up to six, whilst adding to the home scoresheet were goals from Jordan Goodman and Carl Heath.

Seven days later on March 10th just three of the seven ties got settled inside the first 90 minutes. For Cranfield United Reserves it was an easy 4-0 home win over Dunton A thanks to goals from James Armstrong, Dan Cockerton, Adam Kerr and Josh Whetlor. Whilst Bedford Panthers produced the result of the round with a penalty shoot-out win at Thurleigh. Michael Bailey and Scott King on their scoresheet in normal time against replies from Salvatore Ventriglia and David Mulvhill before Michael Garcia O'Brien's extra time strike was cancelled out by Liam Bolton until The Panthers won the shoot-out 4-1.

Also winning inside 90 minutes were Potton Town, for them it was a 3-1 victory at Marsh Leys. Alex Clipston shooting the home side into a 1-0 half-time lead before Chris Cooper, Nick Gilbert and Jamie Hutchinson all netted in the second period. Whilst Bedford Park Rangers were home penalty shoot-out winners over Stewartby Village. For the Rangers, Shaun Finlay and Jordan Wright netted in the opening 90 minutes whilst a Ryan Collis penalty and a Paul Welling goal marked The Village scoresheet to make it 2-2 and after extra time failed to add to the scoreline it was The Rangers who won the shoot-out 8-7.

The third 90 minute winners were Sundon Park Rangers Colts with a 4-3 victory at Riseley Sports, Ashley Wadhams, Kevin Hilton, Luke Dolan and Cameron Forbes on the scoresheet against home replies from Alan Spurgeon, Will Baish and Tom Ellison. Whilst Stevington emerged home penalty shoot-out winners over Dunton Reserves. Gavin White and Andre Bonadies on the Stevington scoresheet against replies from Ben Myler and Dan Cutmore to make it 2-2 after 90 minutes and 120 minutes before in the shoot-out Stevington won 4-2.

Also into the quarter-final are Goldington, for them it was a 5-2 extra time win at Wilshamstead Reserves. Justin Muircroft with a hat-trick plus strikes from Kevin Evans and Jason Calvert only being replied to by Matt Johnson and Harry Barker..

Quarter-Finals

On March 24th the result of the day belonged to division four Bedford Panthers who netted a 2-1 home victory over division three league leaders

Cranfield United Reserves. Rory Cochrane netting both goals against a United reply from James Armstrong.

Elsewhere, division four Bedford Park Rangers were 6-4 home winners over Potton Town. Martin Danorega leading the way with a hat-trick and supported by a brace from Josh Geary and a single strike from Shaun Finlay against Town goals from Tom Pyman twice plus Jamie Hutchinson and Adam Giddings.

Also hitting six goals were Goldington with a 6-1 home victory over Renhold Village, Karl Anderson on target three times, Justin Muircroft twice and Bryan Day once against the lone Village reply via Dan Luke.

The fourth semi-finalists are Stevington who thanks to two own goals against a reply from Colin Moore were 2-1 home winners over Sundon Park Rangers Colts.

Semi-Finals

The first of which was played on April 7th when a lone goal from Shaun Finlay took Bedford Park Rangers to a 1-0 victory at Stevington and in the delayed second tie on April 21st, Goldington were 5-0 winners over Bedford Panthers. Chris Huckle netting twice alongside single goals for James Morris, Jamie Muircroft and Steve Daniels

Watson Shield Final, Bedford Park Rangers 2 Goldington 4

Just 88 spectators were present at Second Meadow Biggleswade United in the evening on May 7th for last of this season's Bedfordshire County Football League finals which turned out to be the best of the quartet as Goldington ran out 4-2 winners over Bedford Park Rangers.

Action came from minute one, first Goldington's Brian Day and Karl Anderson saw their efforts blocked away inside a crowded Rangers penalty box, whilst at the other end Goldington goalkeeper James Morris needed to be quickly off his line to thwart Shaun Finlay and then save well at his near post from the same player.

Goldington finally taking the lead 20 minutes into the contest when after Rangers had failed to clear their lines from a corner Justin Muircroft was on hand to punish them with the games opening goal. Within six minutes the scoreline had been doubled, Chris Huckle delivering a free kick from his own half deep onto Rangers territory which saw Muircroft take the gamble and ghost in for his second strike of the evening as the Rangers defence stood and watched.

Rangers now knew they needed a goal before the break and but for Morris in the Goldington goal standing up well to save from Finlay and then blocking out the rebound sent flying in by Martin Danobrega that would have arrived in

the 35th minute, or even two minutes from the break when Morris raced off his line to boot away just ahead of the in rushing Finlay.

It looked game over on 51 minutes when from a Karl Anderson cross Muircroft claimed his hat-trick in sending a powerful header flying passed Rangers goalkeeper Michael Patterson to place his side 3-0 ahead, but someone had forgotten to tell The Rangers. Eight minutes later a long punt from Jamie Carter found Danobrega on the far post who headed home for 3-1, then with just 12 minutes to play, Danobrega raced clear to reduce the deficit to a single goal with a cool finish to set up a grandstand finish.

Tempers were now rising high to such an extent that Jordan Wright who had already been booked and substituted saw red from The Rangers dugout as only a fine save from Morris prevented his replacement Josh Geary levelling matters in the 85th minutes until in time added on Goldington sealed their victory when Anderson arrived late on the backpost to overhead kick goal number four.

Bedford Park Rangers: Michael Patterson, Jamie Carter, Martin Danobrega, Shaun Finlay, Warren Godfry, George Pinney, Luke Rayner, Elliot Stamp, Jordan Wright, Dan Carter, Mark Reynolds, Subs Used: Josh Geary, Adrian Pinney, Matthew Westwood,

Goldington: James Morris, Karl Anderson, Steve Daniels, Brian Day, Kevin Evans, Nicky Ginn, Chistoper Hutchinson, Justin Muircroft, Damion Quigley, Chris Huckle, Tom Mills, Subs Used: Jason Calvert, Jonthan Hutchinson, Charlie Rogers,