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League Side in action on Wednesday Evening

Our leagues representative goes into action on Wednesday evening 30th November 2011, when at Cranfield United FC they take on The Leighton & District Sunday League in a Semi-Final tie of this seasons Bedfordshire FA Inter-League Centenary Trophy. Kick Off is 7.45pm for which all support would be welcomed.

Brian Buck Travellers Tales sees Potton United Reserves make their cup exit.

149th game of the season. (Match 10,257) Wednesday 16th November 2011. Potton United 2 Hoddesdon Town 7 (South Midlands Floodlit Cup Reserve Section 1st Round) (7.45pm kick off) att 40 approx. This was my second game of the day having watched a very skillful game of youth team football at Histon in the afternoon. However tonights match was more about opportunism and crap defending! Most of the crap defending came from Potton, although when the 'Match of the Day' pundits review this match in due course they might like to double check that to see if the first Hoddesdon goal on 6 minutes was offside. The second goal also went the visitors way, on ten minutes. Although, like the scorer of the first goal, this scorer was to get a hattrick, but if his shooting had been more accurate then he could have at least doubled his tally. Tonight Potton were playing some of the players who were with them a few years ago, but who sneaked of to the now defunct Potton Wanderers and one of them, Sam Worthington, pulled a goal back on 21 minutes, but although they now showed signs that they could now get back into the match it started to slip from them again when Town regained the lead right at the end of the half. Then any hopes of them winning the match disappeared when Hoddesdon got their fourth goal three minutes into the restart. A further goal on 69 minutes made it 5-1 before Aghera (ex-Patel) pulled another goal back. After the score became 6-2 on 82 minutes Hoddesdon brought some comedy into the match. First of all they brought on a sub, so rotund that the Potton keeper asked the ref to move the 'wall' back when he was the only player in it! Then they had a player booked for verbals, moments before they scored their seventh goal right at the end. An enjoyable game, played mostly in a good spirit.

Action Round-Up Saturday 26th November 2011

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Caldecote's lead at the top of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table is now down to just three points after they were held to a 2-2 draw at Oakley Sports. Shaun Barnett shooting the home side ahead after 20 minutes before Jamie Lally doubled the scoreline on the hour mark only to then see late strikes from Tom Cookman and Kyle Griffiths-Shilton save the league leaders unbeaten ways for the season.

For second place Bedford Hatters, it was a fifth win on the bounce with a 2-0 home victory over bottom of the table Woburn. Ashley Deverall netting both goals to leave The Safari Boys still pointless on their travels this season.

Now up in to third slot are Shefford Town & Campton, for them it was the retention of their season's unbeaten home ways with a 6-0 victory over Sharnbrook. All the goals coming inside a 25 minute period during the second half, Michael Jones and Andrew Hayday netting braces alongside strikes from Tom Scurfield and Adam Larsen.

The losers of that third spot being Arlesey Town Reserves, they were beaten 2-1 at Renhold United. Jason Allison netting both of the home sides goals against a Town reply from Charlie Marshall.

Also losing ground at the top end of the table are Blunham, they were beaten for only the second time on home soil this season 4-1 by a AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College side that are now unbeaten in their last five trips away from Hillgrounds. David Kane striking twice alongside Paul Obuch and Thomas Behan against a home reply from Andy Smith.

Down at the other end of the table, Dunton are now without a win in their last eight outings and still second from bottom of the table after sharing the spoils in a 0-0 home draw with Wilshamstead.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 26th November 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Caldecote	10	8	2	0	39	12	27	26
2	Bedford Hatters	11	7	2	2	28	17	11	23
3	Shefford Town & Campton	10	7	1	2	37	13	24	22
4	Arlesey Town Reserves	12	6	2	4	22	22	0	20
5	Oakley Sports	11	5	4	2	25	14	11	19
6	Blunham	11	5	1	5	25	27	-2	16
7	Wilshamstead	10	4	3	3	20	20	0	15
8	AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College	11	4	3	4	22	28	-6	15
9	Sharnbrook	11	3	3	5	15	32	-17	12
10	Renhold United	10	3	1	6	21	21	0	10
11	Flitwick Town	11	1	3	7	12	26	-14	6
12	Dunton	11	1	3	7	11	30	-19	6
13	Woburn	11	1	2	8	16	31	-15	5

Division One

With Ickwell & Old Warden away on County Cup duty, Lidlington United Sports took full advantage to climbed above them in to second spot in the league standings with a 4-1 home victory over Westoning. Alex Burrows and Ben Marwood both netting twice to retain United's unbeaten home ways for the season, the lone reply coming from Tom Smith.

Also climbing the table and now in fourth spot are Sandy, for them it was a sixth win on the bounce via a 3-1 victory at AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves. Daniel Stafford netting twice and Ian Hammett once against a home reply from Adam Fraser.

Now back in to the top six of the standings are Henlow, goals from Russell Ayles and Jo Fallano taking their unbeaten ways up to three games in a 2-2 draw at Luton Boys, for whom it was a sixth outing without a win despite both Richardo Green and Jason Blake finding the back of the net.

Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup Third Round

Going into the hat for the quarter-final draw with be 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 and a 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.

Division One League Table at 26th November 2011.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Marston Shelton Rovers	11	8	2	1	27	10	17	26
2	Lidlington United Sports	10	8	1	1	36	15	21	25
3	Ickwell & Old Warden	10	7	3	0	30	13	17	24
4	Sandy	11	7	2	2	39	21	18	23
5	Bedford SA	10	7	2	1	27	14	13	23
6	Henlow	12	5	3	4	23	22	1	18
7	FC Meppershall	10	5	2	3	34	16	18	17
8	Caldecote Reserves	11	5	2	4	30	27	3	17
9	Luton Boys	11	2	3	6	27	35	-8	9
10	AFC Kempston Tn & Bedford Coll Reserves	11	2	2	7	11	24	-13	8
11	Lea Sports PSG	10	0	6	4	13	18	-5	6
12	Westoning	12	1	1	10	18	41	-23	4
13	Meltis Albion	10	1	1	8	6	40	-34	4
14	Kings AFC	9	1	0	8	14	39	-25	3

Division Two

Goal difference is still all that separates Elstow Abbey from AFC Turvey at the head of the league table after both clubs came up with away wins. For league leaders Elstow Abbey, it was retention of their season's unbeaten ways with a 3-1 victory at Marabese Ceramics. 2-0 ahead at the break following goals from Dave McCarthy and Danny Pilgrim, a second strike from McCarthy was to take them three goals clear until a late penalty from Luke Deards reduced the arrears to 3-1.

Meantime, AFC Turvey retained their own season's unbeaten ways and 100% away record with a 4-1 win at yet to win and bottom of the table Great Barford. Andrew Wren netting twice alongside Mark Allen and Adam Broughton against a lone home reply via Mark Harlow.

However, third place Sundon Park Rangers lost ground on the leading two clubs after they had to settle for a share of the spoils in a 2-2 home draw with Shefford Town & Campton Reserves. Sam Chapman and Edward Lewis on the scoresheet for The Rangers against Town replies via Matthew Allen and Shaun Jenkins.

It was also not a good day for fourth place Pavenham, for them it was a 1-0 home defeat at the hands of second from bottom of the table Clifton for whom Steve Albone netted the vital goal.

Elsewhere, things were much better for fifth place Queens Park Crescents who are now unbeaten in their last seven outings after drawing 2-2 at Bromham United. Ayaz Hussain and Mehrbaan Hussain their goalscorers against United replies via Phill Kempself and Dave Baxter.

Sitting sixth in the league table are Co-op Sports, for them it was a 2-0 home win over Potton United Reserves thanks to goals from Thomas Furr and Chris Vardy. Whilst despite two goals from Rob Wilson and a strike from Simon Richards, Stopsley Park were beaten 4-3 at home by M & DH Oakley.

Division Two League Table at 26th November 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Elstow Abbey	11	9	2	0	43	8	35	29
2	AFC Turvey	11	9	2	0	42	14	28	29
3	Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	12	6	3	3	36	18	18	21
4	Pavenham	11	6	1	4	25	11	14	19
5	Queens Park Crescents	11	5	3	3	28	24	4	18
6	Co-op Sports	9	5	1	3	22	18	4	16
7	Bromham United	12	5	1	6	21	27	-6	16
8	Potton United Reserves	11	5	0	6	22	27	-5	15
9	M & DH Oakley	12	5	0	7	20	28	-8	15
10	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	11	4	3	4	18	27	-9	15
11	Stopsley Park	11	3	2	6	30	36	-6	11
12	Marabese Ceramics	12	3	2	7	13	23	-10	11
13	Clifton	12	3	1	8	11	31	-20	10
14	Great Barford	12	0	1	11	10	49	-39	1

Division Three

Goldington's lead at the head of the division three league table is now down to just a single point after they were held to a 1-1 home draw by now third place Renhold Village. Mo Banda on the scoresheet for The Village against the home reply from Justin Muircroft which stretches the league leaders unbeaten ways to seven games.

Now sitting between these clubs in second spot are Cranfield United Reserves, they took their unbeaten ways up to eight games with a 4-1 victory at Royal Oak Kempston. Simon Wade twice plus David Adderson and James Armstrong seeing their goals only replied to by a strike from Lorenzo Jordan.

Slipping down the standings and now in fourth place are Stevington, for them it was a 3-1 home defeat at the hands of Riseley Sports who thus remain unbeaten on the road this season. Tom Ellison, George Crawley and Andrew Patching on visitors scoresheet against a home reply via Jon Devereux.

Having lost their last two away outings, Sundon Park Rangers Colts returned to form on the road with a 6-2 victory at Westoning Reserves. Ashley Wadhams with a hat-trick, Dan Roche with a brace plus Robert Smith netting the goals that were only replied to twice by Gareth White.

Also returning to winning ways on the road were Potton Town, for them it was a 5-1 win at Dunton Reserves. Chris Moore, Chris Cooper, Matt Drew, Tom Pyman and James Pyman all finding the back of the net against a lone home reply via Liam Brophy.

Still on the march up the league standings are Wilshamstead Reserves, for them it was a fourth consecutive victory with a 3-1 home win over Kempston Hammers Sports. John Steele striking twice and Keiron Colclough once against a Hammers reply from Mick Freeman.

Elsewhere, very much keeping their promotion hopes alive are Eastcotts AFC following their 2-1 home win over Flitwick Town Reserves. Michael Sexton netting both goals against a Town reply via Kevin Higby.

Division Three League Table at 26th November 2011.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Goldington	12	8	2	2	47	18	29	26
2	Cranfield United Reserves	11	8	1	2	29	13	16	25
3	Renhold Village	10	7	1	2	32	13	19	22
4	Stevington	11	7	1	3	30	15	15	22
5	Eastcotts AFC	10	6	0	4	27	21	6	18
6	Riseley Sports	9	4	3	2	23	18	5	15
7	Westoning Reserves	11	5	0	6	24	24	0	15
8	Wilshamstead Reserves	11	4	2	5	13	22	-9	14
9	Sundon Park Rangers Colts	11	4	1	6	27	22	5	13
10	Potton Town	11	4	1	6	18	27	-9	13
11	Royal Oak Kempston	10	4	0	6	14	21	-7	12
12	Kempston Hammers Sports	10	4	0	6	23	34	-11	12
13	Flitwick Town Reserves	11	1	1	9	14	38	-24	4
14	Dunton Reserves	10	1	1	8	11	46	-35	4

Division Four

Bedford Park Rangers remain three points clear at the head of the division four league table and still 100% on the road for the season after winning 3-1 at Kempston Athletic. Stephen Walsh, Nick Lushi and Matthew Westwood on the scoresheet against a Athletic reply from Dee Sayid.

For second place Thurleigh, it was a sixth win on the bounce with a 4-0 home victory over a Sandy Reserves side that was losing for the first time on the road in six outings. Patrick and David Mulvihill giving them a 2-0 half-time lead before a goal from Josh Pierre St Clare and a Dan Newton penalty doubled the scoreline in the second period.

Now holding down third spot are Marsh Leys, with two goals from Jamie Frear alongside strikes from Jarvis Anderson and Shaun Gilbert they ran out 4-0 home winners over a Shefford Town & Campton A side that was losing for the first time in six outings.

Dropping out of the top three in to fourth place are Stewartby Village after they were held to a 3-3 draw at Dinamo Flitwick, Ryan Collis twice plus Ben Sparks on the mark for The Village against strikes from Barrie Lee Hannam, Jamie Burton and Brendan Kane which gained the point to lift the home side off the bottom of the league standings.

That bottom position now being taken up by Dunton A, for them it was a 1-0 defeat at Wootton Village for whom Ryan Stocker netted a 80th minute penalty to claim the points.

Over at Harvey Close, Caldecote A lost their season's unbeaten home tag when a late goal from Matthew McCartney took local rivals Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves to a 1-0 victory. Whilst Clifton Reserves are now without a win in six outings after being beaten 3-2 on home soil by Bedford Panthers, Richard Suberwal, Ashley Farooqui and Michael Bailey netting for The Panthers against a brace in reply from Nick Thomas.

Division Four League Table at 26th November 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Bedford Park Rangers	11	9	1	1	47	14	33	28
2	Thurleigh	10	8	1	1	42	12	30	25
3	Marsh Leys	10	6	2	2	35	17	18	20
4	Stewartby Village	12	6	2	4	36	28	8	20
5	Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	11	6	1	4	20	19	1	19
6	Wootton Village	11	5	2	4	26	23	3	17
7	Shefford Town & Campton A	11	5	2	4	28	36	-8	17
8	Caldecote A	11	3	5	3	35	29	6	14
9	Sandy Reserves	12	4	2	6	34	44	-10	14
10	Clifton Reserves	11	3	4	4	26	27	-1	13
11	Kempston Athletic	12	4	1	7	24	33	-9	13
12	Bedford Panthers	9	3	2	4	14	19	-5	11
13	Goldington Hammers	9	2	1	6	24	35	-11	7
14	Dinamo Flitwick [former Reserves]	9	1	2	6	19	38	-19	5
15	Dunton A	13	1	2	10	15	51	-36	5

Preview Saturday 3rd December 2011.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform action this weekend at Harvey Close sees league leaders Caldecote defend their 100% home record for the season against a Arlesey Town Reserves side who travel having been beaten just three times on the road this season. Whilst second place Bedford Hatters look to take their current winning run up to six games when they go in to home action at Miller Road against a Renhold United side that are now hitting form and unbeaten in their last three outings.

For Shefford Town & Campton, its a visit to Jubilee Playing Fields to face Wilshamstead who have been beaten just once on home soil this season. Whilst on paper things should be a little easier for Oakley Sports to pick up the full three points when they head for a Steppingley Road meeting against a Flitwick Town side that has failed to win any of their last 10 outings.

Down at The Carlsberg Stadium, its a clash between the bottom two clubs when Dunton take on Woburn. The hosts looking for just their second home win of the campaign against a Safari Boys outfit who come in search of their first away point/points of the season.

Elsewhere, the final top-flight action comes at Hillgrounds, the venue for AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College home clash with Blunham just seven days after their meeting at Moggerhanger Playing Fields. That game ended 4-1 in the Town's favour and with Blunham yet to win on their travels this season, a quick fire double looks on the cards for the home side.

The division one league programme this week is restricted to just a five game programme. The game of the day coming at Marston Playing Fields, where hosts Marston Shelton Rovers still unbeaten on home soil this season, search out win number six on the bounce when visited by a Sandy side who travel looking to go one better and chalk up win number seven on the bounce.

Also still very much in the title race are Bedford Sports Athletic, for them its home Cople Playing Fields action against Kings AFC who travel seeking out their first away point/points of the season. Whilst Lidlington United Sports travel to Pirton Recreation Ground to face a Lea Sports PSG side that ended their perfect home record at Hurst Grove just 14 days ago by sharing the spoils in a 1-1 draw.

Over at Groveside, Henlow, now unbeaten in their last three home outings face a visit from Meltis Abion who travel looking to end a run of six consecutive defeats and at Greenfield Road, Westoning having lost their opening five home league games look to put that right when visited by AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves.

However, for two other division one sides the action comes in shape of a first round tie in this seasons Centenary Cup, when at Chaul End Lane hosts Luton Boys receive a visit from Ickwell & Old Warden.

The spotlight for the lower division sides this weekend falls upon the third round ties in this season's Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup. Bedfordshire County Football League sides having involvement in all but one of the eight ties, including six all Bedfordshire County Football League affairs. The exceptional to the rule being AFC Turvey who receive a visit from Luton District & South Beds League side Co-op Sports Reserves at their Stonefields headquarters.

However, Co-op Sports first eleven are members of The Bedfordshire County Football League and at Solway Road North they have a far from easy task to make it into the hat for the last eight draw when visited by in form Cranfield United Reserves.

Having already beaten them in league action at The Hollow in late October, Pottton United Reserves will fancy their chances when Stopsley Park come re-visiting and in another all division two clash in Mowsbury Park, hosts Queens Park Crescents, winners of their last four home games could yet come up with the surprise result of the day when visited by the high flying Elstow Abbey.

Meantime over at Oakley Playing Fields, second division hosts M & DH Oakley will need to be at their best if they are to progress at the expense of the visiting division three league leaders Goldington. A comment that also applies to division three Sundon Park Rangers Colts who host division four title challengers Marsh Leys in Wrest Park.

The seventh and final tie involvement at Stockwood Park being potential banana skin territory for division two Sundon Park Rangers when they are visited by division four high flyers Bedford Park Rangers.

All these ties kicking off at 1.30pm apart from the Potton United Reserves v Stopsley Park encounter which will commence at 2pm.

With all this cup action taking place the division two league programme is reduced to just two games. At Bromham Playing Fields, you would expect hosts Bromham United to collect the full three points when visited by bottom of the table Great Barford and in the local derby action at Rectory Road, perhaps home advantage will help decide the issue in favour of hosts Shefford Town & Campton Reserves when they take on Clifton.

In division three there is a programme of just five games, for Renhold Village that means a chance to edge closer to the title race when at Renhold Playing Fields they defend their seasons 100% home record against bottom of the table Dunton Reserves. Whose away record to date reads, played five lost five.

Yet the game of the day will perhaps come at Weston Park, the venue for Eastcotts AFC home clash with Stevington. The hosts going in to the game having been beaten just the once on home soil this campaign against a Stevington outfit who have tasted defeat on the road this season on just the same one occasion.

Over at Mill Lane, Potton Town will be hosting Westoning Reserves in a game that could go either way. Whilst at Gold Street, you would expect hosts Riseley Sports to collect the full three points on offer when visited by Kempston Hammers Sports.

The fifth and final game in this section coming at Hillgrounds, where hosts Royal Oak Kempston face an in form Wilshamstead Reserves who travel looking for their fifth win on the bounce.

In division four with the leading two clubs away on County Cup duty, its a chance for Stewartby Village to edge closer to the summit of the league table when they make the short journey to Wootton Recreation Ground to face hosts Wootton Village. Alas with the home side having been beaten just the once on home soil all season, the task will not be a easy one.

However, the pick of the six fixtures looks to be the clash on The Green between Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves the hosts and Shefford Town & Campton A, with the home side having been beaten just the once on home soil this season you would perhaps favour them to collect the spoils.

Its a big day at Horseshoes Close, the venue for the clash between the division's bottom two sides, hosts and bottom of the table Dunton A looking for just their second home win of the season against a Dianmo Flitwick side that are yet to win on the road this season.

Elsewhere, at Bedford Road Recreation Ground, Sandy Reserves surprisingly will be looking for their first home win of the season against a Kempston Athletic side they beat 4-2 on their own patch just five weeks ago. Whilst over at The Bedford Hockey Centre, Bedford Panthers will have to be at their very best if they are going to collect the full three points from the visiting Caldecote A.

The final game of the day comes in Mowsbury Park, where you would expect the visitors Clifton Reserves to collect the spoils from hosts Goldington Hammers.

