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Midweek Round-Up March 20-21st 2012

Tuesday evening action saw Cranfield United Reserves stretch their lead at the head of the division three league table to six points by netting a 2-1 home victory over Wilshamstead Reserves. James Armstrong and Adam Constable on the scoresheet for United against a Wilshamstead reply from Matt Johnson.

Wednesday evening action in the Premier Division supported by Sportsform saw Renhold United take their unbeaten ways to 13 games with a 4-2 victory at Arlesey Town Reserves. Sheldon Washington netting all four goals against Town replies from Gabriel Brooker and Dave Drury.

In Division Two, a lone Luke Sharples goal 27 minutes into the game gave Potton United Reserves a 1-0 home victory of Co-op Sports to record their fourth win on the bounce and take their current unbeaten run up to six games.

Elsewhere, East Beds Charity Cup action under Biggleswade United's Second Meadow floodlights saw Caldecote Reserves run out 2-1 winners over Gamlingay United to earn a place in this seasons final against Elstow Abbey which is scheduled for Friday 20th April at Forde Park, Langford FC. Trailing to a Ben Walker penalty, Matt Basta was to draw Caldecote level by the half-time break and then help himself to the winner from the penalty spot in the second period.

Action Round Up for Saturday 24th March 2012

Britannia Cup Semi-finals

This seasons Britannia Cup Final at Second Meadow Biggleswade United on Bank Holiday Monday 7th May will be a Shefford Town & Campton v Oakley Sports affair following home semi-final wins for them both. Holders, Shefford Town & Campton with braces of goals from Adam Larsen and Michael Jones alongside single strikes from Lee Bilcock, Andrew Hayday and Sam James running out easy 7-2 winners over Woburn for whom Martin Holland netted twice. Whilst Oakley Sports gained a 3-0 win over AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College, Shaun Barnett netting twice and Jason Angol once.

Centenary Cup Semi-finals

Potton United's Hollow Ground will be the venue for this seasons Centenary Cup Final on Friday 4th May between Ickwell & Old Warden and Sandy after they both successfully came through the semi-finals. Sandy after a recent poor run of league results finding their form to score a 2-0 home win over Marston Shelton Rovers thanks to goals from Daniel Stafford and Ian Hammett. Whilst Ickwell & Old Warden were 4-0 victors at Kings AFC. Lee Threadgold with a hat-trick plus a goal from Paul Beith doing the damage.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

The lone action of the afternoon saw Flitwick Town open a seven point lead at the relegation end of the league table over Dunton after ending a run of three straight home defeats with a 3-2 victory over them at Steppingly Road. Dean Warren, Richie Bevan and Peter Kouwenberg on the Town's scoresheet against Dunton replies from Barry Morris and Liam Brophy which failed to save Dunton falling to their fifth consecutive away defeat to remain in second bottom position.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 24th March 2012

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	HOME			AWAY			OVERALL			GDPTS							
			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A							
1	Shefford Town & Campton	19	8	1	0	38	9	8	0	2	35	11	16	1	2	73	20	53	49
2	Bedford Hatters	21	7	1	3	26	16	7	2	1	29	19	14	3	4	55	35	20	45
3	Caldecote	19	8	0	1	34	12	6	2	2	30	15	14	2	3	64	27	37	44
4	Renhold United	20	5	3	2	25	17	6	0	4	24	13	11	3	6	49	30	19	36
5	Oakley Sports	20	4	4	3	19	13	4	3	2	31	16	8	7	5	50	29	21	31
6	Arlesey Town Reserves	22	4	2	4	13	14	5	1	6	22	25	9	3	10	35	39	-4	30
7	Wilshamstead	21	3	2	5	21	26	5	3	3	23	20	8	5	8	44	46	-2	29
8	Blunham	22	7	0	4	27	22	1	2	8	12	30	8	2	12	39	52	-13	26
9	Sharnbrook	21	4	3	4	16	23	3	1	6	13	30	7	4	10	29	53	-24	25
10	AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College	20	3	1	5	19	27	3	4	4	20	26	6	5	9	39	53	-14	23
11	Flitwick Town	22	4	1	7	19	28	2	3	5	15	20	6	4	12	34	48	-14	22
12	Dunton	22	3	2	6	15	26	1	1	9	12	31	4	3	15	27	57	-30	15
13	Woburn	21	1	2	8	19	42	1	0	9	9	35	2	2	17	28	77	-49	8

Division One

The top game of the day at Hurst Grove was to see Lidlington United Sports retain their seasons unbeaten home record and remain in fourth spot in the league table by sharing the spoils in a 1-1 draw with Bedford Sports Athletic. Mike Smith on the home scoresheet against a reply from Ashley Mead which not only retained his clubs unbeaten away record for the season but jumped them up into second spot in the league standings just goal difference shy of league leaders Ickwell & Old Warden.

Elsewhere, Lea Sports PSG took their unbeaten ways up to 11 games with a 3-0 win at Luton Boys. Martin Collins with a brace plus Ryan Coote netting the all important goals. Whilst Meltis Albion still await their first home win of the season after being defeated 4-0 by a Caldecote Reserves side who were winning in league action for the first time in seven outings. Kai Griffiths-Shilton giving the visitors a first half lead before Tom Cookman twice and Matt Basta struck in the second period.

Jubilee Cup Semi-finals

This seasons Jubilee Cup Final at Second Meadow Biggleswade United on Wednesday 2nd May will be between AFC Turvey and Elstow Abbey after they both came from behind to secure semi-final wins. The Abbey finding 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.

Division One League Table at 24th March 2012.

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	HOME			AWAY			OVERALL						GDPTS				
			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D		L	F	A	
1	Ickwell & Old Warden	19	8	2	0	34	9	6	2	1	32	16	14	4	1	66	25	41	46
2	Bedford SA	20	7	0	2	32	13	7	4	0	30	15	14	4	2	62	28	34	46
3	Marston Shelton Rovers	22	6	3	1	27	13	7	4	1	26	12	13	7	2	53	25	28	46
4	Lidlington United Sports	21	8	4	0	40	12	4	3	2	18	14	12	7	2	58	26	32	43
5	Sandy	22	5	3	4	41	27	6	1	3	24	20	11	4	7	65	47	18	37
6	FC Meppershall	20	5	3	3	34	18	4	2	3	21	16	9	5	6	55	34	21	32
7	Henlow	22	3	3	5	25	30	5	2	4	19	18	8	5	9	44	48	-4	29
8	Lea Sports PSG	22	2	6	3	20	19	3	6	2	19	12	5	12	5	39	31	8	27
9	Luton Boys	22	5	3	4	36	27	2	2	6	29	37	7	5	10	65	64	1	26
10	Caldecote Reserves	19	5	1	3	31	22	2	2	6	19	31	7	3	9	50	53	-3	24
11	AFC Kempston Tn & Bedford Coll Reserves	22	3	2	4	11	16	3	1	9	22	44	6	3	13	33	60	-27	21
12	Kings AFC	20	2	2	6	17	29	1	2	7	22	45	3	4	13	39	74	-35	13
13	Meltis Albion	22	0	1	9	3	36	3	2	7	17	54	3	3	16	20	90	-70	12
14	Westoning	23	1	1	10	17	40	1	1	9	13	34	2	2	19	30	74	-44	8

Division Two

Shefford Town & Campton Reserves now find themselves sitting in fourth place in the league table after they netted their fourth away win on the bounce in a 3-2 victory at M & DH Oakley. Sam Martin, Jordan Robbens and Carl Thripp on their scoresheet against home replies via Daniel Lupton and Chris Lau.

The days other action giving Marabese Ceramics a 6-2 home win over Stopsley Park. Lewis Littlechild with a hat-trick plus goals from Ricky Bruniges, Colin Stanley and Rhys Tudball only being replied to by Park's Lee West and Stuart Lyons.

Watson Shield Quarter-finals

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.

Division Two League Table at 24th March 2012

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	HOME			AWAY			OVERALL			GDPTS							
			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		A						
1	Elstow Abbey	19	9	1	0	41	8	8	1	0	3	65	17	2	0	77	13	64	53
2	AFC Turvey	19	7	2	2	37	21	8	0	0	3	14	15	2	2	68	25	43	47
3	Pavenham	20	7	1	2	38	11	6	2	2	28	11	13	3	4	66	22	44	42
4	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	22	5	1	4	26	24	5	3	4	18	25	10	4	8	44	49	-5	34
5	Bromham United	21	5	2	4	28	17	5	0	5	19	23	10	2	9	47	40	7	32
6	Potton United Reserves	20	6	0	2	18	17	4	2	6	26	25	10	2	8	44	42	2	32
7	Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	18	4	2	3	33	16	5	2	2	26	21	9	4	5	59	37	22	31
8	Co-op Sports	20	6	2	4	32	26	3	0	5	13	23	9	2	9	45	49	-4	29
9	Queens Park Crescents	21	4	3	4	24	18	3	3	4	24	34	7	6	8	48	52	-4	27
10	Stopsley Park	22	3	1	6	20	31	4	2	6	32	38	7	3	12	52	69	-17	24
11	Marabese Ceramics	20	4	2	4	18	17	2	2	6	13	22	6	4	10	31	39	-8	22
12	M & DH Oakley	20	2	0	6	12	23	4	0	8	16	36	6	0	14	28	59	-31	18
13	Clifton	24	1	2	9	11	29	4	1	7	17	32	5	3	16	28	61	-33	18
14	Great Barford	22	0	0	12	6	49	1	1	8	8	45	1	1	20	14	94	-80	4

Division Three

Dunton Reserves remain rooted to the bottom of the league table following their eighth consecutive home defeat in going down 6-3 to Westoning Reserves. Gareth White with a hat-trick, Tom Smith with a brace plus Ryan Curl on the visitors scoresheet against home replies from Dave Gibbs, Ben Myler and Dave Pugh.

At the other end of the league table, Eastcotts AFC edged even closer into the promotion race with win number six on the bounce in a 2-0 home victory over Riseley Sports. Tony Milioti opening the scoring after just six minutes which was doubled by a strike from Michael Sexton in the 68th minute.

Division Four

With Bedford Park Rangers away on Watson Shield duty. Marsh Leys took full advantage to climb above them onto the top of the league table and retain their seasons unbeaten away ways with a 3-1 victory at Sandy Reserves. Alex Clipston netting twice and Vinny Matu once against a home reply from Ryan Burgess.

Now sitting in third spot are Thurleigh, they took their unbeaten home ways up to seven games and climbed above the non-playing Clifton Reserves with a 4-0 victory over Stewartby

Village. Steve Pledge with a brace plus strikes from Dan Newton and Salvatore Ventriglia doing the damage.

Missing out on jumping into that third spot were Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves after they were beaten 2-1 at Dinamo Flitwick, Dale Goldie and Gareth Loadman on the home scoresheet against a lone reply from Ashley Turner.

Elsewhere, Kempston Athletic were 3-0 home winners over Goldington Hammers. Gary Whitbread, Carl Catchpole and James Maxwell all finding the back of the net.

Division Four League Table at 24th March 2012

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	HOME	AWAY	OVERALL	GDPTS
			WDLF A	WDL F A	WDL F A	
1	Marsh Leys	21	7 2 2 32 159	1 0 37 10 163	2 69 25 44	51
2	Bedford Park Rangers	19	7 1 1 30 129	0 1 44 17 161	2 74 29 45	49
3	Thurleigh	19	6 3 1 33 117	0 2 40 20 133	3 73 31 42	42
4	Clifton Reserves	23	6 3 4 50 316	2 2 27 21 125	6 77 52 25	41
5	Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	23	6 1 2 18 116	3 5 36 28 124	7 54 39 15	40
6	Stewartby Village	24	5 0 6 31 315	5 3 28 22 105	9 59 53 6	35
7	Sandy Reserves	24	3 1 7 26 427	3 3 36 32 104	10 62 74 -12	34
8	Caldecote A	21	4 4 3 38 264	2 4 24 24 8	6 7 62 50 12	30
9	Shefford Town & Campton A	22	5 1 5 25 293	3 5 24 29 8	4 10 49 58 -9	28
10	Kempston Athletic	23	5 1 6 28 243	2 6 24 41 8	3 12 52 65 -13	27
11	Wootton Village	22	4 2 5 20 233	1 7 21 25 7	3 12 41 48 -7	24
12	Dinamo Flitwick [former Reserves]	22	4 3 6 38 462	2 5 23 23 6	5 11 61 69 -8	23
13	Bedford Panthers	19	2 1 7 11 232	3 4 13 23 4	4 11 24 46 -22	16
14	Goldington Hammers	22	2 2 7 25 442	0 9 17 45 4	2 16 42 89 -47	14
15	Dunton A	22	1 2 7 13 371	0 11 11 58 2	2 18 24 95 -71	8

Preview for Saturday 31st March 2012.

Action this weekend in the Premier Division supported by Sportsform section sees all of the three title challengers enjoying home advantage. At Rectory Road, league leaders and title favourites Shefford Town & Campton will be looking to defend their seasons unbeaten home ways and for league win number 11 on the bounce when visited by an AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College side whose last away league success came way back in late-November at Blunham. Whilst for Caldecote, the visitors to their Harvey Close headquarters are Flitwick Town.

Still in that championship mix are Bedford Hatters, for them it's the quest of league win number five on the bounce when an Oakley Sports side that removed them from the Britannia Cup just three weeks ago coming calling upon them at Miller Road.

Other action takes Renhold United now unbeaten in their last 13 league outings to Lodge Road to face Sharnbrook and at The Armadillo Stadium, Arlesey Town Reserves will be expected to collect the full three points when visited by bottom table Woburn who have tasted defeat in all of their last nine league outings.

The final game scheduled for Jubilee Playing Fields, the venue at which Wilshamstead will be looking for just their fourth home win of the season when visited by a Blunham side whose lone away win of the season came at Dunton back in mid-December.

In division one, the promotion race is now looking a four club affair and this weekend three of those enjoy home advantage. For Ickwell & Old Warden that means a defence of their seasons unbeaten home ways on The Green when called upon by Luton Boys who inflicted upon them their only league defeat of the season so far back at the start of January. Whilst Marston Shelton Rovers will likewise be defending their own seasons unbeaten home record at their Playing Field Headquarters against the visiting Meltis Albion.

The third promotion candidate to enjoy home advantage are Bedford Sports Athletic, for them it's a visit from near neighbours Caldecote Reserves whose away record to date suggests they might well return to Harvey Close once again empty handed.

The lone promotion chasing club on the road are Lidlington United Sports, for them beaten just twice on the road all season it's a journey to Groveside to be hosted by a Henlow side who have won just one of their last seven league outings.

Elsewhere at Bedford Road Recreation Ground, Sandy now without a win from their last six league outings host the visiting Kings AFC who likewise have failed to win any of their last six league outings but will perhaps fancy their chances of at least a share of the spoils for the fifth time in their last seven starts.

Whilst at Hillgrounds, AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves will search out home win number three on the bounce when called upon by FC Meppershall and at Greenfield Road, Westoning now without a win from their last 10 league outings receive a visit from Lea Sports PSG who are now unbeaten in their last 11 league outings.

In division two the game of the day comes at The Warren with a meeting between the top two clubs, hosts Elstow Abbey the league leaders entering the game six points clear of second place AFC Turvey. Should the visitors retain their seasons 100% away record with a victory and with The Abbey still to visit them at their Stonefields headquarters it will be title race back on but should the Abbey retain their seasons unbeaten ways you would feel with just another six games to play the title is theirs.

For third place Pavenham, now on a nine game unbeaten league run of which the last six have been won it's a trip to Bromham Playing Fields to face hosts Bromham United who look to end a two game losing home run. Whilst at the other end of the league table, bottom table Great Barford hit the road for a Solway Road North meeting against Co-op Sports who have lost their last two home games and at Second Meadow, Clifton's task of achieving only their second home win of the season will not be easy as their visitors are a Sundon Park Rangers side whose only two away league defeats this season have come at AFC Turvey and Elstow Abbey.

Other action comes at Oakley Playing Fields, the venue at which hosts M & DH Oakley look for their first home win since mid-October when visited by a Queens Park Crescents outfit who have won just twice on the road all season. Whilst at The Hollow, the visitors to face Pottton United Reserves are Marabese Ceramics who like The Crescents have won just twice on the road all season.

The final action in this division coming at The Luton Regional Sports Centre, the venue at which hosts Stopsley Park receive a visit from the in form Shefford Town & Campton Reserves.

In division three, the five game programme includes two games which could have a major bearing on the end of season championship/promotion outcome. At Crawley Road, league leaders Cranfield United Reserves host a Stevington side whose recent away form suggests it

will be United collecting the full three points and in Mowsbury Park, Goldington go head to head with fellow promotion candidates Eastcotts AFC who travel looking for away win number four on the bounce.

Still in the promotion mix are Renhold Village and at their Playing Field Headquarters you would expect them to collect the full three points when visited by a Kempston Hammers Sports side that have failed to win any of their last five league outings. Plus Riseley Sports are also far from out of the promotion race and for them it's the quest of home league win number four on the bounce when visited by Sundon Park Rangers Colts who hit the road for Gold Street looking for their fourth away league win on the bounce.

The final action in this division taking place at Steppingly Road with a clash between the bottom two sides, second from bottom hosts Flitwick Town Reserves now winners of last two games taking on Dunton Reserves.

Division Three League Table at 24th March 2012

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	HOME			AWAY			OVERALL			GD	PTS	
			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F			A
1	Cranfield United Reserves	21	5	0	3	17	10	11	1	1	4	31	16	4
2	Goldington	22	8	1	2	42	20	5	3	3	27	17	13	4
3	Renhold Village	20	8	0	2	33	13	6	1	3	24	17	14	1
4	Stevington	21	10	0	2	38	15	4	1	4	18	20	14	1
5	Eastcotts AFC	21	8	0	2	26	17	6	0	5	25	23	14	0
6	Riseley Sports	19	5	2	2	25	17	4	3	3	19	15	9	5
7	Potton Town	22	6	4	3	22	17	3	0	6	23	29	9	4
8	Wilshamstead Reserves	21	6	0	5	21	21	3	3	4	11	17	9	3
9	Sundon Park Rangers Colts	17	3	1	3	20	11	6	0	4	37	16	9	1
10	Kempston Hammers Sports	22	4	3	5	22	30	3	0	7	23	29	7	3
11	Westoning Reserves	22	3	0	7	17	29	4	2	6	28	29	7	2
12	Royal Oak Kempston	21	1	1	9	14	38	5	0	5	17	18	6	1
13	Flitwick Town Reserves	22	2	1	7	16	34	1	0	11	18	44	3	1
14	Dunton Reserves	21	1	1	10	16	49	1	0	8	8	38	2	1

In division four the title race now just looks like a two club fight between Bedford Park Rangers and Marsh Leys, for The Rangers this weekend its home Mowsbury Park action looking for their fifth league win on the bounce against a visiting Sandy Reserves side who travel unbeaten in their last four trips on the road. Whilst Marsh Leys seek to retain their seasons unbeaten away ways when they head to face Kempston Athletic at Hillgrounds.

Over at Digswell Playing Fields there is local derby action between hosts Shefford Town & Campton A and the visiting Clifton Reserves who make the short journey looking to extend their current seven game winning run. Whilst at The Bedford Hockey Centre, hosts Bedford

Panthers losers of their last two home starts receive a visit from a Dinamo Flitwick side that have lost their last two away outings.

Other action comes at Horseshoes Close, the venue at which bottom table Dunton A seek out just their second home win of the season against Thurleigh and back in Mowsbury Park where hosts Goldington Hammers now without an home win in seven outings host a Wootton Village side who have lost their last five away games.