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Bedfordshire FA Inter-League Centenary Cup Semi-Final game now rearranged.

Bedfordshire County Football League v North Home Counties Football League.
Wednesday Wednesday 9th March 2011. Second Meadow, Biggleswade United FC.
Kick Off 7.45pm.

The winners will face The Leighton & District Sunday Football League in the final to be played at Cranfield United FC on Wednesday 23rd March 2011.

Martin Wray reports on [www.footballgroundsinfocus .com](http://www.footballgroundsinfocus.com) of his visit to Elstow Abbey on Saturday 19th February 2011.

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Every cloud...

Who'd be a groundhopper? When it's been belting down with rain all morning, the forecast predicts even more of the same and fixtures are being cancelled everywhere you look, then it's true to say the chances of finding a game that's still on, are not very good at all. It really can be quite a stressful occupation at times can't it? In fact by mid-morning I was more than ready to throw in the towel (if you pardon the pun!) as my list of possible matchday hoppers had all fallen by the wayside, apart from one. Prompted by the recent excellent reports sent to *FGIF* by popular contributors and travellers Bob Davies and Keith Aslan, I can remember reading that matches at Elstow Abbey FC, members of the Bedfordshire County Football League, are very rarely called off in bad weather (see TT links below). So would my one remaining choice, a Second Division fixture against current league leaders, Clifton, still be on?

It's on days like this that you need help and fast! A click on the excellent Bedfordshire County Football League website provided a glimmer of hope though. The home page was bang up to date as news of postponed games came in thick and fast displayed on the ticker at the top. Within seconds it changed again as more updates came in. So far eleven matches had been lost through waterlogged pitches. With time running out I decided to contact the website administrator for some more help and guidance. What a result! Recognising my plight efficient website wiz Peter Francis certainly came to the rescue.

As a member of the Bedfordshire County Football League committee he not only promotes everything to do with football in this part of the world but he also provides an excellent resource for ground hoppers too. Although he had not heard anything to the contrary yet about my chosen game he promised to ring me back with some more up to date details. Within minutes and true to his word, Peter was back on the line to say that the game at Elstow was definitely going ahead having personally spoken to the secretary at Elstow Abbey moments earlier on his mobile. He also confirmed that a matchday programme would be issued for the game too. Now that's what I call great service! In fact many leagues higher up the pyramid would do well to follow Peter's fantastic example. Cheers mate!

As we pulled up into the neat and tidy car park we could already see the players warming up on the far side of the playing field. Considering the amount of rain that had fallen in the last twenty four hours there wasn't any sign of casual water lying on the top surface of the pitch which looked to be in excellent condition. There was just enough time to have a quick chat with affable club chairman Roland Simmonds who kindly dispensed the superb matchday programme and it was game on. It really did seem as though the hopping gods were now looking down on us it as the incessant rain briefly stopped as we reached pitchside.

After a fairly even but goalless first half the game quickly came to life after the interval with 'The Abbey' taking control of proceedings. Within minutes of the re-start Eduardo L'erario (47); David McCarthy (48) and Thomas Pitts (55) were all unlucky not to score as their close efforts brought out fine saves from Clifton keeper Josh Thomas who was on top form. The deadlock was finally broken however when Craig Cameron (70) managed to wriggle his way in between and past two defenders, prodding the ball home from ten yards. The skilful Ashley Windridge (80) added a second ten minutes later calmly converting a Harry Ellis (the club's top scorer this season) cross at the far post. Windridge (87) subsequently sealed the points with a cracking goal (the best of the game in my humble opinion) after cutting inside his marker and firing the ball perfectly between the angle of post and crossbar giving Thomas no chance. This marked a fine victory and will no doubt inspire the players ahead of their forthcoming Beds Junior Challenge Cup Semi-Final at Lea Sports PSG FC to be played next month. Good luck.

Fran and I were joined pitchside by fellow hoppers Dave (not Steve) and Tom (from Harlow) and Craig (an exiled Telfordian who had just moved down to the area). It was great catching up with all the many, varied but nevertheless essential hopping topics of conversation. We all agreed that our first experience of watching football in this division of the BCFL had been an encouraging one. We were also impressed by the superb 16 page matchday programme. Priced at £1 it comes complete with glossy colour cover and there is plenty of reading inside. Apart from Premier Division club Renhold United FC I believe this is the only other regular issuer in the entire Beds County Football League!

As Bob and Keith rightly mention in their reviews, Elstow have played at The Warren since the early 1920's. The exposed tree-lined venue off Wilstead Road accomodates both the local football and cricket clubs. A building at the end of the car park houses the changing rooms and toilets with the village hall next door. Further out buildings are found in the far left hand corner of the field and these provide storage for ground

and pitch equipment including the goal posts. Although the main pitch, marked out beyond the cricket square (fenced off), is unroped, it does benefit from having a three-bar wooden fence that runs parallel to the far touchline and extends behind both ends to give it more of an enclosed feel. Hoppers will no doubt appreciate vistas of the beautiful Elstow Abbey founded in 1078 (currently closed to visitors in the winter) which provides a terrific backdrop beyond the goal at the far end. In a grey dull conditions like today the silhouette of this magnificent building looked quite impressive and a little bit surreal as it peered out of the gloom.

The Warren is located some five or six miles to the south of Bedford. The ground can easily be reached by coming off the main Bedford by-pass (A421) at the A6 exit. Follow signs for Elstow (taking care as there is a new road layout along here). Continue into and through the village. The ground is visible on the right hand side of Wilstead Road. For hoppers relying on public transport I am informed that an hourly service (Stagecoach S1) runs from Bedford bus station to Elstow. For more travel details including a printable online map go to the club's excellent website at the address given below.

Considering the awful weather in the days leading up to our visit, we had been extremely lucky in finding a game. With a bit of luck and some help from Peter Francis this had been a most enjoyable day out at a hopper friendly, well-run club. We were certainly made to feel very welcome during our short stay. Ah the joys of Beds Hopping continue...if you get chance get down to The Abbey as soon as you can. You'll love it!

FGIF Match Stats

Scorers: (H) C Cameron (70); A Windridge (80; 87) and (A) N/A

Attendance: 13; Admission: None; Programme: 16pp, £1; Match rating: 3/5; Ground rating: 4/5.

Action Round-Up Saturday 5th March 2011

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

The result of the day came at Steppingley Road where Flitwick Town threw the Premier Division supported by Sportsform title race wide open by sending reigning champions Blunham to their first defeat in 12 outings with a 3-0 home victory, Jim Lewis, Peter Kowenberg and Dean Warren netting the goals that did the damage.

For current league leaders Shefford Town & Campton it was a fifth win on the bounce 2-0 away at Woburn. Adam Larsen and Adam Chambers both scoring in the closing 10 minutes to send their Safari Boys hosts to their fourth consecutive home defeat to keep them in the relegation mix.

Second place Wilshamstead meantime were extending their seasons unbeaten home ways with a 4-1 victory over Dunton. Colin Marshall on the scoresheet twice alongside Paul Jones and Paul Dwyer against a lone reply from James Cooper.

Still very much in the championship mix are Renhold United, for them it was a 5-1 home win over Arleseey Town Reserves. Tommy Foyle with a brace plus Alex

Woolston, Paul Beattie and Anup Kaylan seeing their goals only replied to by Dan Manning. A defeat that now takes The Town to the bottom of the league table.

Moving off that bottom spot are AFC Kempston Town thanks to the point gained in a 2-2 draw at Sharnbrook. Michael Hutton following his midweek transfer from Blunham plus Jamie Rodd their goal heroes against home replies via Dan Kelly and Alex Strange.

Elsewhere, Caldecote as good as said goodbye to their championship hopes for another season when beaten 3-5 at home by Oakley Sports. Mark Smith with a hat-trick plus Jamie Endersby with a brace on the mark for the winners against home replies via Nathan Buckland twice and Barry Dellar.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 5th March 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Shefford Town & Campton	16	11	3	2	45	24	21	36
2	Wilshamstead	17	11	3	3	60	40	20	36
3	Renhold United	15	9	4	2	41	25	16	31
4	Blunham	13	9	2	2	54	22	32	29
5	Caldecote	15	8	2	5	35	29	6	26
6	Oakley Sports	16	7	1	8	28	38	-10	22
7	Flitwick Town	15	6	2	7	25	29	-4	20
8	Leighton United	14	5	3	6	39	31	8	18
9	Dunton	15	4	2	9	22	38	-16	14
10	Sharnbrook	15	4	1	10	24	38	-14	13
11	Woburn	15	3	3	9	26	46	-20	12
12	AFC Kempston Town	14	2	4	8	18	37	-19	10
13	Arlesey Town Reserves	16	2	4	10	30	50	-20	10

Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup Semi-Final

Bedford Hatters will now face a Carlsberg Stadium Biggleswade Town final tie on Wednesday 20th April against AFC Dunstable Reserves after emerging 3-2 home winners over Luton District & South Beds League Stopsley Common Green. Darek Joswiak, Scott Alleyne and Simon Pixley netting the vital goals.

Division One

Potton Wanderers are now six points clear at the head of the Division One league table after they notched up their eighth consecutive home win on the bounce in defeating FC Meppershall 4-3. Daniel Redbond, Sam Worthington, Danny Fox and Conor Green all finding the back of the net against replies via Craig Damon twice and Matthew Ward.

Things seem to be going from bad to worse for Henlow, they suffered their fourth loss on the bounce in going down 1-3 at home to Meltis Albion. Pete Saunders shooting the home side ahead before strikes from Daniel Wells, Asa Garlick plus a Michael Butler penalty won the day for The Albion.

However on the up are Sandy, for them it was a 4-1 victory at AFC Kempston Town Reserves to extend their current unbeaten ways to 10 games. Ian Hammett, Craig Baker, Rod Tapley and Mark Westbrook on the scoresheet against a Town reply from Jamie Felts.

For Blunham Reserves it was a return to winning ways via a 3-1 home victory over Luton Old Boys. Daniel Whitten netting twice and Darren Ashpole once against a lone reply from Ashley Wadhams.

The final game of the day in this division seeing local rivals Caldecote Reserves and Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves share the points in a 2-2 draw. Matt Basta and Terry Lawrence on target for Caldecote against replies from Dave Trundle and Lee Threadgold.

Division One League Table at 5th March 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Potton Wanderers	17	14	0	3	70	17	53	42
2	Marston Shelton Rovers	14	12	0	2	39	19	20	36
3	Bedford Hatters	13	11	1	1	48	8	40	34
4	Meltis Albion	19	10	1	8	44	37	7	31
5	Sandy	18	7	4	7	40	43	-3	25
6	Bedford S.A.	17	7	2	8	42	45	-3	23
7	Henlow	18	6	4	8	36	49	-13	22
8	FC Meppershall	15	6	2	7	39	34	5	20
9	Blunham Reserves	19	5	4	10	24	45	-21	19
10	Caldecote Reserves	15	5	2	8	23	27	-4	17
11	Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	16	4	4	8	25	31	-6	16
12	Luton Old Boys [Saturday]	18	4	1	13	26	63	-37	13
13	AFC Kempston Town Reserves	17	4	1	12	17	55	-38	13

Division Two

League leaders Lea Sports PSG were to lose their 100% home record for the season when held to a 0-0 draw by Bromham United, to cushion the blow, their lead at the head of the league standings is now up to three points following start of play second placers Clifton being beaten 3-2 at Lidlington United Sports. Darren Sims twice plus an own goal on the United scoresheet against a Clifton brace in reply via Tony Norman.

Clifton now losing out on that second spot to Elstow Abbey, they ended Kings AFC run of seven consecutive wins by beating them 3-2 on their own patch. Chris Greene and Lee Morgan shooting the home side 2-0 ahead before Ed L'Erario and Dave McCarthy goals plus a Jason Harrison penalty won the day for The Abbey.

Down at the other end of the table, bottom club Kempston Hammers Sports are now six points adrift of Stevington after the visitors came up with their first away win of the season with a 4-3 victory. Eddie Haddow and Martin Williams both netting braces against Hammers replies via Sbna Kang twice and Kevin Simcoe.

Also winning on the road were Great Barford, 2-1 winners at Shefford Town & Campton Reserves. Freddie Windram plus an Adam Dunville penalty doing the damage against a home reply from Carl Thripp.

Alas for Arlesey Social Galacticos, it was the forfeit of three points when they failed to raise a side to travel to face Stopsley Park.

The final game of the day in this section taking Westoning Recreation Club to a 2-1 home win over Marabese Ceramics. Craig Stevens and Tom Smith seeing their goals only replied to by Charanjit Singh.

Division Two League Table at 5th March 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Lea Sports PSG	15	11	2	2	53	16	37	35
2	Elstow Abbey 06	17	10	2	5	54	24	30	32
3	Clifton	19	9	5	5	46	39	7	32
4	Queens Park Crescents	18	10	2	6	44	41	3	32
5	Arlesey Social Galacticos	20	9	4	7	50	47	3	31
6	Westoning Recreation Club	19	9	3	7	48	37	11	30
7	Kings AFC	17	10	0	7	50	40	10	30
8	Bromham United	19	9	3	7	40	40	0	30
9	Lidlington United Sports	17	7	5	5	41	33	8	26
10	Great Barford	18	8	1	9	29	44	-15	25
11	Stopsley Park	17	6	2	9	39	40	-1	20
12	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	17	5	3	9	35	44	-9	18
13	Marabese Ceramics	14	4	2	8	20	24	-4	14
14	Stevington	19	4	1	14	30	59	-29	13
15	Kempston Hammers Sports	16	2	1	13	15	66	-51	7

Division Three

It was business as usual at the head of the Division Three league table with wins for the leading two sides, league leaders Pavenham maintaining their seasons unbeaten home ways when a hat-trick from Michael Bates plus a brace from James Owen took them to a 5-0 home win over Flitwick Town Reserves. Whilst Sharnbrook Reserves

were 5-3 winners away at Cranfield United Reserves. Jayme Harris, Darren Wallinger, James Whitmore, Dan Glos and Kevin Harris all finding the back of the net against United replies from Adam Kerr twice and Richard Stimpson. For the home side it was their first defeat in 11 outings.

Slipping off the promotion pace are M & DH Oakley Sports, they were held to a 2-2 home draw by Royal Oak Kempston. Dan Thompson with a brace seeing his goals cancelled out by strikes from Oaks Michael Field and Andrew Palombella.

Creeping even more into the promotion mix are Co-op Sports, they took their unbeaten ways to seven games with a 4-0 home win over Caldecote A, Rowan Markland twice plus Scott Davis and Ashley Jordan netting the goals that did the damage.

Also still in the promotion mix are Sundon Park Rangers despite being held to a 3-3 home draw by Renhold Village. Nick Buttergeig, Sam Chapman and Samuel Kehinde the Rangers scorers against Village replies via Carl Townsend twice and Simon Wade.

Over at Gold Street the points were also shared in a 1-1 draw between host Riseley Sports and Shefford Town & Campton A, Paul Brown with the home goal and Chris Fry netting the visitors.

For Westoning Recreation Club Reserves it was an eighth straight away defeat when beaten 2-1 at Dunton Reserves. Nick Albone and Dave Gibbs on target for the home side against a Rec Boys reply via Samuel Potten.

Division Three League Table at 5th March 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Pavenham	16	15	1	0	67	12	55	46
2	Sharnbrook Reserves	18	14	0	4	56	31	25	42
3	M & DH Oakley	16	11	2	3	50	20	30	35
4	Co-op Sports	18	10	4	4	49	27	22	34
5	Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	17	9	5	3	65	34	31	32
6	Cranfield United Reserves	15	8	3	4	32	27	5	27
7	Riseley Sports	19	7	4	8	41	41	0	25
8	Dunton Reserves	17	6	1	10	29	46	-17	19
9	Renhold Village	14	4	5	5	33	28	5	17
10	Wilshamstead Reserves	15	5	2	8	30	47	-17	17
11	Royal Oak Kempston	17	5	2	10	31	50	-19	17
12	Flitwick Town Reserves	16	4	2	10	23	46	-23	14
13	Caldecote 'A'	18	4	0	14	32	64	-32	12
14	Westoning Recreation Club Reserves	16	3	2	11	33	56	-23	11
15	Shefford Town & Campton 'A'	18	2	3	13	18	60	-42	9

Division Four

It's as you were at start of play after all of the leading five clubs came up with wins. For league leaders AFC Turvey it was win number 17 on the bounce with a 7-1 away victory at Sandy Reserves. John Guiney with a hat-trick, Saimir Guri with a brace plus strikes from Tim Clarke and Andrew Wren only being replied to by Darren Gipson. Whilst second place Goldington emerged 3-1 winners at Stewartby Village, Damien Quigley, Karl Anderson and Robert Brown netting the vital goals against a home reply from John Steele.

In third spot are Thurleigh, they won 5-1 at Kempston Athletic. Steve Pledge netting twice, Sam Queeley once and both Pasquale Ventriglia and Dan Newton from the penalty spot against an Athletic reply from Gary Whitbread. The defeat sending The Athletic to the bottom of the league table following Wootton Village's first home win of the season 3-0 over Bedford Park Rangers, Ryan Stocker, Adam Flynn and Kyrone Layne goals giving the Village their first win in 11 outings.

Still in fourth slot in the league table are Dinamo Flitwick, they won 4-2 at Clifton Reserves to end the home sides unbeaten home run of five games. Ross Lockey, Scott Hannam, Andy Carlin and Jason Del-Boyer netting for the Dinamo in this their fifth consecutive away win against home replies from George King and Jason Woodhouse.

For fifth place Eastcotts, after three straight defeats it was a return to winning ways 7-0 at Goldington Hammers. Tony Milioti with a hat-trick, Michael Sexton with a brace plus strikes from Ben Eagles and Adam Jacques doing the damage.

With games in hand and still very much in the promotion race are Potton Town, they emerged 5-0 home winners over Lea Sports PSG. Chris Cooper with a brace plus Chris Moore, James Pyman and Tom Pyman the goalscorers.

Division Four League Table at 5th March 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Turvey	17	17	0	0	101	19	82	51
2	Goldington	17	13	0	4	87	28	59	39
3	Thurleigh	15	11	1	3	52	26	26	34
4	Dinamo Flitwick	18	10	3	5	49	42	7	33
5	Eastcotts AFC	17	10	2	5	55	25	30	32
6	Potton Town	14	9	1	4	34	20	14	28
7	Clifton Reserves	19	8	2	9	57	67	-10	26
8	Stewartby Village	19	6	3	10	35	58	-23	21
9	Lea Sports PSG Reserves	16	5	3	8	24	40	-16	18
10	Goldington Hammers	18	6	0	12	33	76	-43	18
11	Bedford Park Rangers	20	5	2	13	43	65	-22	17
12	Sandy Reserves	16	3	1	12	20	48	-28	10
13	Wootton Village	15	2	2	11	19	56	-37	8
14	Kempston Athletic	15	2	2	11	23	62	-39	8

Preview Saturday 12th March 2011.

Today could well be the day that the destination of the 2010-11 season Premier Division supported by Sportsform crown becomes all that much clearer, Blunham having manoeuvred themselves into a position where the title looked theirs to lose rather than the others to win before their shock defeat at Flitwick Town last weekend today defend their seasons unbeaten home ways at Moggerhanger Playing Fields when they host a Leighton United outfit who have lost their last two away outings.

For their four main rivals it's head to head clashes. At Harvey Close, Caldecote having failed to win either of their last three home outings which now seems to have put them out of the championship race receive a visit from a Renhold United side that are still unbeaten on the road this campaign. United starting the day just two points ahead of fourth place Blunham in third spot but having played two games more than the reigning champions.

Whilst the other head to head clash comes at Jubilee Playing Fields between the current top two clubs when Wilshamstead play hosts to Shefford Town & Campton. The home side still unbeaten on home soil this season facing a visiting side who have won their last five games.

Down at the other end of the table the big game of the day comes at Hillgrounds, the venue for AFC Kempston Town's home clash with Woburn. Town looking for their third home win on the bounce against a Safari Boys side that has won just once on the road all season.

Other action is due at Lodge Road, Sharnbrook looking for just their second home win of the season when called upon by Flitwick Town who have failed to win any of their last four away outings. Whilst just down the road at Oakley Playing Fields, hosts Oakley Sports seek revenge for their 1-0 defeat at Horseshoes Close back in mid-November when called upon by Dunton.

In Division One for league leaders Potton Wanderers its home Mill Lane local derby action against Caldecote Reserves. The Wanderers, beaten just once on home soil all season firm favourites to collect the spoils against a visiting Caldecote side that has won just once away from Harvey Close all season.

For their two main title rivals its trips on the road, Bedford Hatters on a seven game unbeaten league run heading for The Green to face an Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves outfit who can only claim to have won just once on home soil all season. Whilst Marston Shelton Rovers make for Groveside and a meeting with Henlow. Rovers in search of their fifth league win on the bounce against an out of form home side who have lost all of their last four games.

Down at the other end of the table its trips on the road for the bottom two sides. AFC Kempston Town Reserves having lost their last four away games heading to Cople Playing Fields to face a Bedford Sports Athletic side that has been beaten just twice on home soil this season. Whilst Luton Old Boys make for Bedford Road Recreation

Ground and a meeting against Sandy. The hosts unbeaten in their last 10 outings firm favourites to collect the full three points.

Other action in this division is due at Miller Road, the venue for Meltis Albion's home clash with FC Meppershall. Albion now unbeaten in their last six home outings facing a Meppershall outfit that have lost their last three away outings.

Today is also Semi-Final day in this season's Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup. At Pirton Recreation Ground, it will be an all Division Two clash when Lea Sports PSG take on Elstow Abbey in a game that could go either way, but in the other tie at Hillgrounds, Pavenham will more than fancy their chances when hosting fellow Division Three rivals Renhold Village.

In Division Two league action, its must win games for several of the promotion hopeful's. Clifton in home local derby action at Whiston Crescent against Marabese Ceramics, whilst Queens Park Crescents head to Stevington Playing Fields looking for their third away win on the bounce against hosts Stevington. Kings AFC will be well aware away win number six on the bounce will not be easy to collect when they hit the road to Hurst Grove to face a Lidlington United Sports side who have suffered just one defeat on home soil all season.

Over at Arlesey Playing Fields, Arlesey Social Galacticos who failed to raise a side last weekend are expected to be in home action against bottom of the table Kempston Hammers Sports. Should The Social be unable to fulfil their commitments for a second weekend running then The Hammers will instead divert to Rectory Road to be hosted by Shefford Town & Campton Reserves.

Whilst other action in this division, sees Bromham United following two straight home defeats face a home encounter against a Stopsley Park side that are unbeaten in their last three away outings. Plus Great Barford losers of their last three home games, entertain Westoning Recreation Club at their Barford Playing Field headquarters.

In Division Three with Pavenham away on cup duty, its a chance for second place Sharnbrook Reserves to close the gap on them at the head of the league standings to just a single point should they manage to come away from their Greenfield Road meeting with Westoning Recreation Club Reserves with all three points. With the hosts having not won any of their last five home outings this looks the likely outcome despite Sharnbrook having lost their last two away games.

For fellow promotion candidates Sundon Park Rangers its home Stockwood Park action against Dunton Reserves. The Park having lost just once on home soil this season firm favourites to collect the spoils off a Dunton side that has won just twice on the road this campaign.

Also still in the promotion mix are Cranfield United Reserves, for them now beaten just once in their last 11 starts its home Crawley Road action against Royal Oak Kempston whose away record for the season shows just one win.

Other action comes at Harvey Close, the venue for Caldecote A's home clash with Wilshamstead Reserves. The visitors arriving looking for their third win on the bounce

against a host side that has lost its last seven games to leave them now with a relegation battle on their hands. Whilst the final game in this division will take place at Steppingley Road where Flitwick Town Reserves receive a visit from promotion seeking Co-op Sports. The visitors unbeaten in their last seven outings likely to collect all three points from a Town side that have lost their last four home games.

In Division Four, champions elect AFC Turvey still 100% for the season in league action face a home encounter at Stonefields against Goldington Hammers. The Hammers having won just three times on their travels this season most certainly starting the game second favourites.

Over at Hinksley Recreation Ground, its a must win game for both hosts Dinamo Flitwick and their visitors Clifton Reserves if either of them are to remain in the promotion race beyond this weekend, a comment that also applies to Eastcotts who make their way to Wootton Playing Fields to face bottom of the table Wootton Village.

For Potton Town who with games in hand are still there in the promotion mix, its home Sunderland Road action against Stewartby Village. Town now on a four game winning run facing a Village side that has won just once on the road all season.

Other action comes at Hillgrounds, the venue for Kempston Athletic's home encounter with Lea Sports PSG Reserves, plus at Mowsbury Park where Bedford Park Rangers host a Sandy Reserves side that has lost its last six away outings.