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Cranfield United Reserves tonight missed the chance to go back onto the top of the Division Three league table when beaten 0-1 at home by Eastcotts AFC, Adam Jacques netting the goal to take Eastcotts AFC to their third win on the bounce and keep them right there in the promotion mix.

Action Round-Up Saturday 10th March 2012

Britannia Cup Quarter-finals

Woburn now face a trip on the road at the last four stage to face Shefford Town & Campton 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.

In the other half of the draw, Oakley Sports with four goals from Shaun Barnett against a lone reply from Darren Allen were 4-1 home win over Bedford Hatters to earn themselves a home semi-final tie against AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College who required a penalty shoot-out to see off Renhold United at Hillgrounds. The Town with goals from Lyndon Ingerson and Tom Behan, led 2-0 until strikes from United's Alex Woolston and Warren Bentley in the last 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.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

The shock of the day came at The Carlsberg Stadium where second from bottom of the table Dunton won for only the third time on home soil this season with a 2-0 win over third place Caldecote. Liam Brophy shooting them ahead after 41 minutes only then to see his team-mate Nicky Threadgold red carded two minutes later, but a Brophy header 10 minutes from time sealed the points for Dunton.

Whilst over at Rectory Road, Shefford Town & Campton stretched their lead at the head of the table to four points with a 2-1 win over Wilshamstead. It was the visitors who took the lead with a goal from Kevin Butler on the half-hour mark before Dan Webb levelled matters seven minutes into the new half and Gary Ansell-Carter hit the winner right on the stroke of full time.

The final scheduled game between Arlesey Town Reserves and Blunham being postponed after Blunham failed to raise a side to travel.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 10th March 2012

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	HOME			AWAY			OVERALL			GDPTS							
			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		A						
1	Shefford Town & Campton	18	7	1	0	30	9	8	0	2	35	11	15	1	2	65	20	45	46
2	Bedford Hatters	20	6	1	3	23	16	7	2	1	29	19	13	3	4	52	35	17	42
3	Caldecote	18	7	0	1	30	10	6	2	2	30	15	13	2	3	60	25	35	41
4	Oakley Sports	19	4	4	3	19	13	4	3	1	29	12	8	7	4	48	25	23	31
5	Renhold United	18	5	3	2	25	17	4	0	4	14	10	9	3	6	39	27	12	30
6	Wilshamstead	20	3	1	5	19	24	5	3	3	23	20	8	4	8	42	44	-2	28
7	Arlesey Town Reserves	20	3	2	3	11	10	5	1	6	22	25	8	3	9	33	35	-2	27
8	Blunham	20	7	0	4	27	22	1	2	6	12	30	8	2	10	39	52	-13	26
9	AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College	19	3	1	5	19	27	3	3	4	18	24	6	4	9	37	51	-14	22
10	Sharnbrook	20	3	3	4	16	23	3	1	6	13	30	6	4	10	29	53	-24	22
11	Flitwick Town	20	3	1	7	16	26	2	3	4	15	17	5	4	11	31	43	-12	19
12	Dunton	20	3	2	5	14	20	1	1	8	10	28	4	3	13	24	48	-24	15
13	Woburn	20	1	2	8	19	42	1	0	8	9	27	2	2	16	28	69	-41	8

Centenary Cup Quarter-finals

The biggest win of the day belonged to Ickwell & Old Warden who emerged 7-1 winners at Bedford Sports Athletic, Lee Threadgold netting four times alongside single goals for Zak Rowe, Matthew McCartney and Danny Fox against a lone Athletic reply from Paul Nigro. They now face a trip to Kings AFC in the semi-final after they netted a 3-0 home win over Lidlington United Sports, Josh Clements with a brace plus Nicho Stanchev bagging the goals to do the damage.

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 to send The Rovers to face Sandy at the last four stage after they netted a 4-2 extra time 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.

Division One

FC Meppershall took themselves above the cup playing Henlow into sixth spot in the league table with a 4-2 home victory over Luton Boys. Joe Price with a brace plus Kieran Walsh and Danny Wing seeing their goals only replied to by Richard Downer and Jordan Holmes.

Whilst Lea Sports PSG are now unbeaten in their last nine outings following their 2-0 home win over bottom of the table Westoning, Dion Brown and Ian Hyde netting the vital goals.

Elsewhere, Meltis Albion are still in search of their first home win of the season after losing 5-0 to AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves. Paul Garrett twice plus goals from Lee Moon, Adam Cunningham and Rob Jones bringing up the nap hand.

Division One League Table at 10th March 2012

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	HOME	AWAY	OVERALL	GDPTS
			WDLF A	WDLF A	WDLFA	
1	Ickwell & Old Warden	18	7 2 0 27 9	6 2 1 32 16 13	4 1 59 25 34	43
2	Marston Shelton Rovers	21	6 3 1 27 13 6	4 1 21 10 12 7	2 48 23 25	43
3	Lidlington United Sports	19	8 3 0 39 11 4	3 1 18 12 12 6	1 57 23 34	42
4	Bedford SA	18	7 0 2 32 13 6	3 0 24 10 13 3	2 56 23 33	42
5	Sandy	21	5 3 3 37 22 6	1 3 24 20 11 4	6 61 42 19	37
6	FC Meppershall	19	4 3 3 32 18 4	2 3 21 16 8	5 6 53 34 19	29
7	Henlow	21	3 3 5 25 30 5	2 3 19 17 8	5 8 44 47 -3	29
8	Lea Sports PSG	20	2 5 3 18 17 2	6 2 16 12 4	11 5 34 29 5	23
9	Luton Boys	20	5 3 3 36 24 1	2 6 23 37 6	5 9 59 61 -2	23
10	Caldecote Reserves	17	5 1 2 29 17 1	2 6 15 31 6	3 8 44 48 -4	21
11	AFC Kempston Tn & Bedford Coll Reserves	21	2 2 4 10 16 3	1 9 22 44 5	3 13 32 60 -28	18
12	Kings AFC	19	2 2 6 17 29 1	1 7 20 43 3	3 13 37 72 -35	12
13	Meltis Albion	20	0 1 8 3 32 3	2 6 17 47 3	3 14 20 79 -59	12
14	Westoning	22	1 1 9 17 34 1	1 9 13 34 2	2 18 30 68 -38	8

Jubilee Cup Quarter-finals

For Sundon Park Rangers, it was 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 to earn them a home semi-final tie against AFC Turvey who ran out 3-2 home winners over Potton United Reserves. Mike Stephenson, Saimir Guri and a 90th minute penalty from Daniel Bailey winning the day over United replies from Dan Harvey and Sam Worthington.

Division Two

Elstow Abbey were to retain their seasons unbeaten league ways and move six points clear at the head of the division two league table with a 5-0 victory at Clifton. Danny Pilgrim netting the only goal of the opening half before in the second period he completed his hat-trick to go alongside strikes from Dave McCarthy and Harry Ellis to bring up the nap hand.

Meanwhile, third place Pavenham are now unbeaten in their last eight starts after winning 3-0 at M & DH Oakley. James Owen, Tom Rodger and Michael Bates netting the vital goals.

Whilst Shefford Town & Campton Reserves jumped up into sixth place in the standings with a 3-0 away win at Co-op Sports Jordan Ainslie, Sam Jones and Sam Martin all hitting the back of the net.

Elsewhere, Marabese Ceramics returned to winning ways for the first time in four home starts with a 3-2 win over Queens Park Crescents Lewis Littlechild, Gary Botazzi and Lewis Emery the goal scorers.

Alas for bottom of the table Great Barford, it was defeat number 20 of the season when beaten 5-1 at Stopsley Park. Simon Richards with a hat-trick plus goals from Rob Wilson and Dean Abrahams only being replied to from the penalty spot by George Harris.

Division Two League Table at 17th March 2012

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	HOME			AWAY			OVERALL			GDPTS		
			W	D	L	F	A		W	D	L	F	A	
1	Elstow Abbey	18	8	1	0	39	7	8	1	0	36	5	16	2
2	AFC Turvey	18	7	2	2	37	21	7	0	0	29	3	14	2
3	Pavenham	19	7	1	2	38	11	5	2	2	25	10	12	3
4	Bromham United	20	5	2	3	25	13	5	0	5	19	23	10	2
5	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	21	5	1	4	26	24	4	3	4	15	23	9	4
6	Co-op Sports	18	6	2	4	32	26	3	0	3	12	20	9	2
7	Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	17	4	2	3	33	16	4	2	2	22	18	8	4
8	Queens Park Crescents	20	4	3	3	24	18	3	3	4	24	34	7	6
9	Potton United Reserves	18	5	0	2	17	17	3	2	6	23	24	8	2
10	Stopsley Park	20	3	1	5	19	28	4	2	5	30	32	7	3
11	Marabese Ceramics	19	3	2	4	12	15	2	2	6	13	22	5	4
12	M & DH Oakley	18	2	0	4	9	18	4	0	8	16	36	6	0
13	Clifton	23	1	2	8	10	26	4	1	7	17	32	5	3
14	Great Barford	21	0	0	12	6	49	0	1	8	8	45	0	1

Watson Shield Second Round

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 to earn a trip to Bedford Panthers at the Quarter-final stage after they 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 to earn Town a trip to face Bedford Park Rangers who 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. The Colts will now travel to face Stevington in the quarter-finals after they 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 the shoot-out was won by Stevington 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 to earn their side a home tie at the last eight stage against Renhold Village.

Division Three

Renhold Village were to miss their chance to move to the head of the division three league table when beaten 4-2 at home by a Westoning Reserves side that was winning for the first time in 12 outings. Gareth White with a hat-trick plus Michael Draycott on the visitors scoresheet against Village replies from Pete Neal and Mark Tobdzic.

Elsewhere, it was a red letter day for Flitwick Town Reserves who moved off the bottom of the league table by winning 4-2 at Royal Oak Kempston thus ending a run of 10 straight defeats. Ben Ward, Steve Smith, Daryl Stringer and Gary Stringer on the scoresheet against Oak replies via Lorenzo Jordan and Brendan Cunningham.

Meanwhile, Kempston Hammers Sports unbeaten run of five games was ended with a 3-0 defeat at Eastcotts AFC. Adam Jacques, Oliver Bates and Michael Sexton all finding the net for the home side.

Division Three League Table at 10th March 2012

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	HOME			AWAY			OVERALL			GD	PTS						
			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F			A					
1	Goldington	21	8	1	2	42	20	5	3	2	24	13	13	4	66	33	33	43	
2	Cranfield United Reserves	19	4	0	3	15	9	10	1	1	38	14	14	1	4	53	23	30	43
3	Renhold Village	19	7	0	2	30	11	6	1	3	24	17	13	1	5	54	28	26	40
4	Stevington	20	9	0	2	35	13	4	1	4	18	20	13	1	6	53	33	20	40
5	Eastcotts AFC	19	7	0	2	24	17	5	0	5	22	21	12	0	7	46	38		36
6	Riseley Sports	17	5	2	2	25	17	4	3	1	17	10	9	5	3	42	27	15	32
7	Potton Town	21	6	4	3	22	17	3	0	5	21	26	9	4	8	43	43	0	31
8	Wilshamstead Reserves	20	6	0	5	21	21	3	3	3	10	15	9	3	8	31	36	-5	30
9	Sundon Park Rangers Colts	16	3	1	3	20	11	5	0	4	31	16	8	1	7	51	27	24	25
10	Kempston Hammers Sports	21	4	3	4	19	25	3	0	7	23	29	7	3	11	42	54	-12	24
11	Westoning Reserves	21	3	0	7	17	29	3	2	6	22	26	6	2	13	39	55	-16	20
12	Royal Oak Kempston	20	1	1	8	12	35	5	0	5	17	18	6	1	13	29	53	-24	19
13	Flitwick Town Reserves	21	1	1	7	12	31	1	0	11	18	44	2	1	18	30	75	-45	7
14	Dunton Reserves	19	1	1	8	13	37	1	0	8	8	38	2	1	16	21	75	-54	7

Division Four

The biggest win of the day belonged to Dinamo Flitwick with an 8-1 home success over Goldington Hammers. Gareth Goodman with a brace being supported by strikes from Jake Taylor, Dale Goldie, Barrie Hannam, Scott Hannam, Alex Summers and James Burton.

Whilst for Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves it was an end to their seven game unbeaten run when beaten 6-3 at Clifton Reserves who were chalking up their sixth win on the bounce. Greg King and Sam Nightingale both netting twice plus an own goal and Darren Carter marking the home scoresheet against replies via Graham Weddell twice and Lee Coan.

Elsewhere, Sandy Reserves won for just the third time on home soil this season with a 3-0 win over Wootton Village. Jonnie Stratford, Adam Hales and Chris Gregory all finding the back of the net and Caldecote A with goals from Jordan Goodman and Brendan Cunningham ran out 2-0 home winners over Shefford Town & Campton A.

Division Four League Table at 10th March 2012.

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	HOME	AWAY	OVERALL	GDPTS
			WDL F A	WDL F A	WDL F A	
1	Bedford Park Rangers	19	7 1 1 30 129	0 1 44 17 161	2 74 29 45	49
2	Marsh Leys	19	7 1 2 30 138	1 0 34 9 152	2 64 22 42	47
3	Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	21	6 1 2 18 116	2 4 33 24 123	6 51 35 16	39
4	Clifton Reserves	22	6 3 4 50 315	2 2 24 19 115	6 74 50 24	38
5	Stewartby Village	22	5 0 5 29 285	5 2 28 18 105	7 57 46 11	35
6	Thurleigh	16	4 3 1 29 116	0 2 30 18 103	3 59 29 30	33
7	Sandy Reserves	22	3 1 6 25 397	2 3 34 30 103	9 59 69 -10	33
8	Caldecote A	20	4 4 3 38 263	2 4 22 24 7 6	7 60 50 10	27
9	Shefford Town & Campton A	21	5 0 5 23 273	3 5 24 29 8 3	10 47 56 -9	27
10	Wootton Village	20	4 2 4 20 213	1 6 21 25 7 3	10 41 46 -5	24
11	Kempston Athletic	21	4 1 6 25 242	2 6 21 40 6 3	12 46 64 -18	21
12	Dinamo Flitwick [former Reserves]	20	2 3 6 29 442	2 5 23 23 4 5	11 52 67 -15	17
13	Bedford Panthers	18	2 1 6 10 202	3 4 13 23 4 4	10 23 43 -20	16
14	Goldington Hammers	20	2 2 6 23 342	0 8 17 42 4 2	14 40 76 -36	14
15	Dunton A	21	1 2 7 13 371	0 10 10 51 2 2	17 23 88 -65	8

Preview for Saturday 17th March 2012

Premier Division supported by Sportsform action this weekend sees all of the leading three clubs enjoy home advantage. For league leaders Shefford Town & Campton the visitors to face them at Rectory Road are bottom of the table Woburn, with The Safari Boys having won just the once on the road this season and The Town still unbeaten on home soil this season this looks a banker home win.

For third place Caldecote, its home Harvey Close action against Oakley Sports. The visitors having failed to win any of their last four league outings will have to be at their very best if they are to inflict upon Caldecote only their second home league defeat of the season.

Elsewhere over at Miller Road, second place Bedford Hatters play hosts to Flitwick Town. With The Hatters now on a six game unbeaten league run you would expect them to collect the full three points but with The Town having lost just once on the road in their last four outings a shock could be on the cards.

Down at The Carlsberg Stadium, hosts Dunton face a Renhold United side that are now unbeaten in their last 11 league outings. Whilst at Jubilee Playing Fields, Wilshamstead will be looking for just their fourth home win of the season against an AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College side who have won just once in their last seven league outings.

The final top-flight action coming at Lodge Road, the venue at which hosts Sharnbrook entertain Blunham whose lone away win of the season came at Dunton back in mid-December.

In Division One the title/promotion race now looks down to a four club affair and this weekend just one of the quartet enjoy home advantage. That club being league leaders Ickwell & Old Warden who on The Green defend their seasons unbeaten home ways against the rapidly improving Meltis Albion who hit the road looking for their third away win on the bounce.

For second place Marston Shelton Rovers, it's a trip to Harvey Close looking to extend their current unbeaten away ways up to eight games against hosts Caldecote Reserves who have failed to win any of the last five league outings. Whilst third place Lidlington United Sports now unbeaten in their last 13 league outings it's a trip to Mowsbury Park to face the unpredictable FC Meppershall.

The fourth promotion candidates are Bedford Sports Athletic, for them the destination is Bedford Road Recreation Ground and a meeting with hosts Sandy. The home side having failed to win any of their last five league outings to drop out of the promotion race looking to end Athletic's unbeaten away ways for the season.

Other action comes at Hillgrounds, the venue at which AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves seek only their third home win of the season against a Henlow side that has lost just three times on the road this season. Whilst hosts Westoning search out just their second home win of the season against the visiting Luton Boys. With their Greenfield Road ground being used for a St Patrick's Day event this games venue at the time of writing is unknown, please log onto www.bedfordshirefootballleague.co.uk during the week for details.

The final action in this division coming at Pirton Recreation Ground, the venue at which Lea Sports PSG now unbeaten in their last nine outings host Kings AFC whose sole away win of the season came at Westoning back in mid-January.

In Division Two, league leaders Elstow Abbey will be defending their seasons unbeaten ways at The Warren against Co-op Sports. Whilst second place AFC Turvey, still with a 100% away record this season journey the short distance to Oakley Playing Fields to be hosted by M & DH Oakley.

Whilst meeting for the second consecutive weekend will be Bromham United and Sundon Park Rangers, with hosts United looking to avenge their Jubilee Cup defeat in Stockwood Park last weekend.

Elsewhere at Second Meadow, Clifton without a home win since beating Great Barford in mid-November play host to a Pavenham side who are now unbeaten in their last eight outings. Whilst in Mowsbury Park, Queens Park Crescents will start the firm favourites to collect the full three points when paid a visit by bottom table Great Barford.

The final game in this section taking place at The Luton Regional Sports Centre where hosts Stopsley Park search out home number three on the bounce against the visiting Potton United Reserves who are now unbeaten in their four league trips away from The Hollow.

In Division Three the championship/promotion race is perhaps still a six club affair with just two of them this weekend enjoying home advantage, for Renhold Village that means a visit from fellow championship contenders Riseley Sports to their Renhold Playing Field headquarters in what is the division's game of the day. Whilst Stevington, now on a five game winning home run entertain Potton Town at their own Playing Field headquarters.

Of those hitting the road, Goldington now unbeaten in their last four away outings journey to Steppingly Road to face bottom table Flitwick Town Reserves who look to end a run of five consecutive home defeats. Whilst for Cranfield United Reserves now unbeaten in their last 11 trips away from Crawley Road, the destination is Cutler Hammer and a meeting against a Kempston Hammers Sports side that looks to take its unbeaten home ways up to five games.

The fifth promotion contender being Eastcotts AFC, they make their way to Hillgrounds to face a Royal Oak Kempston side that has won just the once on home soil all season.

Whilst other action takes place at Horseshoes Close, the venue at which hosts Dunton A look to end a six game home run against the visiting Sundon Park Rangers.

In Division Four, the championship race is now turning into a two club affair and with current league leaders Bedford Park Rangers sitting the afternoon out Marsh Leys will take over at the top of the table should they make it six home wins on the bounce when visited by Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves. However it will not be easy as the visitors have been beaten just the once in their last eight outings.

Over at Stewartby Way, hosts Stewartby Village will be looking to return to winning ways on home soil following two consecutive defeats when visited by Clifton Reserves. Whilst in Mowsbury Park, Goldington Hammers now without a home win since beating Dinamo Flitwick back in mid-November, some seven games ago, face a Thurleigh side that has lost its last two away outings.

Likewise, Dinamo Flitwick's home form is poor but you would perhaps fancy their chances of putting this right when visited by bottom of the table Dunton A at Hinksley Recreation Ground.

Other action comes at The Bedford Hockey Centre where Bedford Panthers search out just their third home win of the season against the visiting Kempston Athletic who journey in search of their own third away win of the season. Whilst at Digswell Playing Fields, Shefford Town & Campton A clash with local rivals Sandy Reserves whose impressive away form suggests they may well emerge the winners.

The final action taking place at Wootton Recreation Ground, the venue at which Wootton Village, losers of their last two home games, entertain a Caldecote A side that are unbeaten on their last two trips away from Harvey Close.