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Premier Division supported by Sportsform.

Caldecote remain with a 100% home record and still unbeaten this season after running out 4-1 winners over Dunton to stretch their lead at the head of the league table to four points. Mark Phillips with a brace plus Kai Griffiths-Shilton and Tom Cookman on their scoresheet against a lone reply from Nicky Threadgold.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 22nd October 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Caldecote	7	6	1	0	25	7	18	19
2	Oakley Sports	7	4	3	0	15	7	8	15
3	Shefford Town & Campton	6	4	1	1	18	6	12	13
4	Blunham	7	4	1	2	17	12	5	13
5	Arlesey Town Reserves	7	4	0	3	13	15	-2	12
6	Bedford Hatters	7	3	2	2	16	12	4	11
7	Wilshamstead	5	3	1	1	12	11	1	10
8	Sharnbrook	7	2	2	3	12	19	-7	8
9	AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College	7	2	2	3	10	17	-7	8
10	Woburn	7	1	1	5	10	17	-7	4
11	Flitwick Town	7	1	1	5	8	17	-9	4
12	Dunton	7	1	1	5	10	21	-11	4
13	Renhold United	7	1	0	6	11	16	-5	3

For second place Oakley Sports, it was the dropping of two home points when held to a 1-1 draw by AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College. Jamie Endersby on the mark for The Sportsman against an Alex Russell reply.

Now just two points behind and holding down third spot are Shefford Town & Campton, they ran out 5-1 victors at Woburn. Gary Ansell-Carter shooting them ahead in the 32nd minute to then see Daniel McClaren level matters just two minutes later, but second half strikes from Ansell-Carter, Adam Larsen and a brace from Andy Hayday won the day for the visitors.

Elsewhere, Blunham retained their seasons 100% home record and moved up into fourth place in the standings with a 3-1 victory over Sharnbrook. Andy Smith with a first half hat-trick doing all the damage before Dan Glos struck for the visitors 10 minutes from time.

Still well rooted to the bottom of the league are Renhold United following their 4-2 home defeat by Wilshamstead Kevin Butler with a hat-trick plus Michael Taylor netting for the visitors against home replies via Alex Woolston and Sheldon Washington.

For Bedford Hatters, it was a retention of their season's unbeaten away record with a 4-1 victory at Flitwick Town. Richard Cook on the mark twice alongside Darren Allen and Ashley Deverall, whilst The Town who have now failed to win in their last six outings replied via Dean Warren.

Division One

The lone league action of the day saw both Lea Sports PSG and AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves fail to come up with their first wins of the season when they played out a 3-3 draw. Daniel Hardacre netting all three PSG goals against replies from Tom Marvin twice and Richard Lightfoot.

Division One League Table at 22nd October 2011.

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

Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup Second Round

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

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

However, the top scorers of the day were Ickwell & Old Warden with a 9-1 victory at Aylesbury League club FC Spandits. Lee Threadgold netting five times, Zac Rowe twice alongside single strikes from Danny Fox and Paul Beith.

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

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

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

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

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

Division Two

With AFC Turvey sitting the afternoon out, Elstow Abbey took full advantage to climb above them on goal difference on to the top of the league table with a 6-1 home win over Clifton. Ed E'ratio netting the only goal of the opening half after 20 minutes to give them the lead before he doubled the scoreline seven minutes into the second period. Tony Norman with a strike 20 minutes from time reduced the arrears to just a single goal to give the visitors hope, but that lasted just 60 seconds before Dave McCarthy restored the Abbey's two goal advantage and after McCarthy had added a fourth goal six minutes from time, Glen Tumulty and Harry Ellis both netted to complete the rout.

Division Two League Table at 22nd October 2011.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Elstow Abbey	7	6	1	0	32	4	28	19
2	AFC Turvey	7	6	1	0	24	11	13	19
3	Pavenham	7	5	0	2	20	5	15	15
4	Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	8	4	1	3	23	14	9	13
5	Potton United Reserves	7	4	0	3	16	12	4	12
6	M & DH Oakley	8	4	0	4	14	16	-2	12
7	Queens Park Crescents	7	3	1	3	11	18	-7	10
8	Bromham United	7	3	0	4	12	18	-6	9
9	Marabese Ceramics	7	2	2	3	6	9	-3	8
10	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	7	2	2	3	11	20	-9	8
11	Co-op Sports	5	2	1	2	14	14	0	7
12	Stopsley Park	7	1	1	5	15	26	-11	4
13	Clifton	7	1	1	5	6	19	-13	4
14	Great Barford	7	0	1	6	6	24	-18	1

Slipping further behind the top two now are third place Pavenham, they lost their season's 100% away record when beaten 2-1 at Shefford Town & Campton Reserves. Jordan Robbins and Eddie Kemp on the home scoresheet against a reply from Tom Ellis.

Down at the other end of the table, basement club Great Barford are still looking for their first win of the season after losing 0-1 at home against M & DH Oakley. Adam Emms netting the goal to take the visitors to their fourth win on the bounce and up to sixth place in the league standings.

Now in fifth place are Potton United Reserves, they made it three home wins on the bounce with a 5-2 victory over Stopsley Park. All the goals coming in the second half, Dan St Ledger, Amit Aghera, Kieran Dempsey, Luke Sharpels and Sam Chester netting for United against replies from Gavin O'Brien and Jack O'Shea for a Park side that are now without a win in their last six outings.

Winning for the third time on the bounce were Queens Park Crescents, when goals from Zoheb Nadeem and Jatinder Bhangle took them to a 2-0 home win over Marabese Ceramics. Whilst Bromham United after two straight away defeats returned to form with a 2-1 victory at Sundon Park Rangers, Dave Baxter netting both goals against a Rangers own goal reply.

Division Three

There is no change at the head of the division three league table after all of the leading four sides came up with victories. For league leaders Goldington, it was an 8-3 home win over bottom of the table Flitwick Town Reserves. Chris Huckle with a hat-trick, James Morris and Kane Alexander with braces plus a goal from Jordan Kumar only being replied to twice by Grant Archer and once by Oliver Whiteside.

Division Three League Table at 22nd October 2011.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Goldington	8	5	1	2	29	12	17	16
2	Stevington	6	5	1	0	18	7	11	16
3	Renhold Village	6	5	0	1	23	9	14	15
4	Cranfield United Reserves	7	5	0	2	18	9	9	15
5	Eastcotts AFC	6	4	0	2	19	12	7	12
6	Kempston Hammers Sports	6	4	0	2	16	17	-1	12
7	Westoning Reserves	6	3	0	3	12	10	2	9
8	Royal Oak Kempston	7	3	0	4	11	13	-2	9
9	Riseley Sports	5	2	2	1	13	10	3	8
10	Sundon Park Rangers Colts	7	2	1	4	13	16	-3	7
11	Potton Town	7	2	1	4	8	13	-5	7
12	Wilshamstead Reserves	7	0	2	5	5	19	-14	2
13	Dunton Reserves	5	0	1	4	5	23	-18	1
14	Flitwick Town Reserves	7	0	1	6	7	27	-20	1

For second place Stevington, things were much tougher before they secured the maximum points and their fifth win on the bounce in a 2-1 win at Westoning Reserves. Ben Walsh netting both goals against a home reply from Sean O'Donnell.

Meantime, third place Renhold Village ended Riseley Sports unbeaten ways for the season with a 4-3 win at Gold Street. Carl Townsend, Simon Wade, Dan Luke and Marko Tubdzic the Village marksmen against home replies from Tom Ellison twice and Pete Bass.

Still in fourth slot are Cranfield United Reserves, thanks to an own goal and a strike from Dan Cockerton winning for the fourth time on the bounce 2-1 at Wilshamstead Reserves, for whom Matt Johnson replied.

Eastcotts AFC have now jumped up the table into fifth slot after emerging 6-1 away winners at second from bottom of the table Dunton Reserves. Michael Sexton twice plus Courtney Broughton, Kaylan Wilson, Shane Wilson and Gibran Pirbhai netting the goals that did the damage against a home reply from Laurence Boshier.

Also climbing the table and now in sixth place are Kempston Hammers Sports, James Grandidge with a brace plus an own goal taking The Hammers to their third home win on the bounce over Potton Town whose replies came via Shane Clark and Matt Drew.

Elsewhere, it was a first home win of the season for Royal Oak Kempston with a 2-1 victory over Sundon Park Rangers Colts. Liam Boland and Lorenzo Jordan both finding the back of the net against a reply from Chris Scott.

Division Four

It was business as usual for league leaders Bedford Park Rangers as they retained their season's unbeaten ways with a 5-0 home win over yet to win and second from bottom of the table Dunton A. Josh Geary netting twice alongside single strikes from Stephen Walsh, Jhey Tompkins and Jordan Wright.

Division Four League Table at 22nd October 2011.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Bedford Park Rangers	7	6	1	0	33	9	24	19
2	Marsh Leys	6	5	1	0	29	8	21	16
3	Thurleigh	6	4	1	1	23	9	14	13
4	Stewartby Village	7	4	1	2	25	16	9	13
5	Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	8	4	1	3	15	16	-1	13
6	Clifton Reserves	6	3	2	1	17	12	5	11
7	Kempston Athletic	7	3	1	3	16	18	-2	10
8	Shefford Town & Campton A	7	3	1	3	21	27	-6	10
9	Caldecote A	6	2	3	1	25	20	5	9
10	Wootton Village	6	1	2	3	13	18	-5	5
11	Bedford Panthers	5	1	2	2	8	14	-6	5
12	Sandy Reserves	7	1	2	4	21	30	-9	5
13	Goldington Hammers	6	1	1	4	17	26	-9	4
14	Dunton A	8	0	2	6	10	31	-21	2
15	Dinamo Flitwick [former Reserves]	6	0	1	5	11	30	-19	1

Meantime, second place Marsh Leys were maintaining their 100% ways on the road this season with a 5-2 victory at previously unbeaten Clifton Reserves. Alex Clipston and Jamie Carson both netting twice and Matt Evans once against a home brace in reply from Mason Bambridge.

Slipping down the league table from third to fifth are Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves, they were held to a 1-1 draw at the ever improving Wootton Village. Lewis Atkin on target for The Village against a visitors reply from Matthew McCartney.

The third slot in the league table now belonging to Thurleigh, goals from Ben Stock, Steve Pledge and Stefan Wilson taking them to a 3-0 home win over Goldington Hammers, for whom it was a fourth consecutive away defeat.

Up into fourth slot are Stewartby Village, they still remain unbeaten on the road this season after winning 4-1 at Sandy Reserves. Sam Scutchings netting twice alongside Lee Collis and Michael Darnell against a home reply via Antony Roberts.

Down at the other end of the table, Dinamo Flitwick are still in search of their first win of the season after losing 3-4 on home soil against Shefford Town & Campton A. Sam Larsen twice plus Dan Cullerton and Scott Dora on target for The Town against home replies from Scott Hannam, Barrie-Lee Hannam and Dale Goldie.

Elsewhere, Bedford Panthers wait for their first win of the season is over after a lone Michael Bailey strike was enough to earn them a 1-0 victory at previously unbeaten at home Kempston Athletic.

Preview for Saturday 29th October 2011.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform action this weekend sees current league leaders Caldecote hit the road to Lodge Road looking to defend their season's unbeaten away ways when they are hosted by a Sharnbrook side that will be hoping to take their unbeaten home run up to four games.

However, the game of the day on paper perhaps will come at Oakley Playing Fields, where Arlesey Town Reserves are the visitors to take on second place and still unbeaten this season hosts Oakley Sports. Yet don't tell that to Shefford Town & Campton or Blunham who are due to clash at Rectory Road. The Town still unbeaten on home soil this season, whilst the visitors travel in search of their first away win of the season.

Another club on the road in search of their first away win of the season are Flitwick Town, they journey to The Carlsberg Stadium to be hosted by Dunton. Whilst at Crawley Road, Woburn take on Wilshamstead. Plus over at Renhold Playing Fields, hosts Renhold United will perhaps be the favourites to collect the spoils when visited by AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College.

In Division One, action on The Green will see league leaders Ickwell & Old Warden looking to retain their 100% home record and season's unbeaten ways when visited by bottom of the table Westoning. Whilst it's a second v third clash at Cople Playing Fields, when 100% at home second place Bedford Sports Athletic receive a visit from Lidlington United Sports.

Currently sitting in fourth spot are Marston Shelton Rovers, for them it's a trip on the road to Chaul End Lane to face a Luton Boys side that have been beaten just once on home soil this campaign. Whilst for fifth place FC Meppershall, now unbeaten in their last five outings, should be the collection of the spoils when they host AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves in Mowsbury Park.

Elsewhere, at Pirton Recreation Ground, it's local derby action between hosts Lea Sports PSG and only beaten once on the road this season Henlow. Whilst Bedford Road Recreation Ground is the venue Meltis Albion head to looking for their first win in five outings against hosts Sandy.

The day's other action in this division coming at Harvey Close, the venue where Caldecote Reserves defend their season's unbeaten home ways against Kings AFC.

For the majority of the lower division sides the centre of attention this weekend falls upon action in the second round of The Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup.11of the ties being all Bedfordshire County Football League affairs. In those ties there are seven opportunities for a spot of giant-killing, the best chance perhaps falling to division four Bedford Park Rangers who journey to Jubilee Playing Fields to take on division three hosts Wilshamstead Reserves.

In the other five ties, four division two sides have the luxury of home advantage against lower division opposition. At The Warren, Elstow Abbey receive a visit from division three Riseley Sports. Whilst Sundon Park Rangers play hosts in Stockwood Park to another division three side Potton Town.

Elsewhere, for Queens Park Crescents, its home Mowsbury Park action against division four Dinamo Flitwick and Stopsley Park go into Luton Regional Sports Centre battle against division four travellers Shefford Town & Campton A.

However, two other division two sides will be hitting the road, M & DH Oakley to Hillgrounds for a meeting with division four Goldington Hammers and Co-op Sports journey to Steppingley Road to be hosted by division three Flitwick Town Reserves.

Amongst the other four all Bedfordshire County Football League clashes we find perhaps the tie of the day. When at Crawley Road, Cranfield United Reserves host Renhold Village looking to repeat their division three league victory over The Villagers of earlier this month. Whilst at Cutler Hammer, the all division four meeting between hosts Marsh Leys and Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves could go either way.

Meanwhile over at Stonefields, you would expect hosts AFC Turvey to make home advantage pay when Shefford Town & Campton Reserves come calling in an all division two clash, a comment that also applies to Goldington when they go into Mowsbury Park action against Kempston Hammers Sports in an all division three clash.

The remaining three Bedfordshire County Football League sides facing ties against opposition from The Luton District & South Beds League. Over at Keysoe Road, Thurleigh play hosts to St Joseph Reserves; in Hillgrounds, Royal Oak Kempston receive a visit from Farley Boys Reserves and Sundon Park Colts hit the road for a meeting with Square Rangers

Away from the County Cup, the division two league action is thus reduced to a programme of just two games. At Second Meadow, Clifton go in search of their first home win of the season when visited by Bromham United and just down the road at Groveside, Marabese Ceramics play hosts to a Great Barford side that are yet to win on the road this season.

In division three, the lone action comes at Greenfield Road. The venue for Westoning Reserves home clash with a Dunton Reserves outfit who travel in search of their first away point/points of the season.

Whilst division four action is made up of four games. At Whiston Crescent, Clifton Reserves play hosts to a Caldecote A side that are yet to win on the road this season and at The Bedford Hockey Centre, Bedford Panthers search out their first home win when called upon by Stewartby Village.

The other action coming at Horseshoes Close, the venue at which Dunton A look for their first home win of the season against Stewartby Village and in Hillgrounds, where Kempston Athletic entertain Sandy Reserves.

Action will then move on to Tuesday evening when Arlesey Town Reserves will be in Bedfordshire FA Trophy action away at Crawley Road against South Midlands League Division One high flyers Cranfield United. Kick Off 7.45pm.

