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Division Two action saw a Samuel Kehinde strike 32 minutes into the contest give Sundon Park Rangers the lead until 18 minutes from time when Luke Blackburn netted to ensure The Co-op a share of the spoils.

Action Round-Up Saturday 7th April 2012

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Shefford Town & Campton are now within five points of lifting the 2011-12 season league crown following their 3-0 home win over Dunton. Dan Webb and Chris Clark netting in the opening half before a strike from Michael Jones sealed the victory to retain Town's unbeaten home record for the season and record win number 12 on the bounce. Leaving Dunton now doomed to finish in the bottom two come the end of the season.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform Table at 7th April 2012

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	HOME	AWAY	OVERALL	GD	PTS
			WDL F A	WDL F A	WDL F A		
1	<u>Shefford Town & Campton</u>	21	10 1 0 4 5 10 8	0 2 3 5 11 18 1	2 8 0 21 5 9	55	
2	<u>Caldecote</u>	21	10 0 1 4 1 13 6	2 2 3 0 15 16 2	3 7 1 28 4 3	50	
3	<u>Bedford Hatters</u>	23	8 1 3 2 9 17 7	2 2 2 9 22 15 3	5 5 8 39 1 9	48	
4	<u>Renhold United</u>	21	5 3 2 2 5 17 7	0 4 2 9 13 12 3	6 5 4 30 2 4	39	
5	<u>Oakley Sports</u>	22	4 4 3 1 9 13 4	3 4 3 2 23 8 7	7 7 5 13 6 15	31	
6	<u>Wilshamstead</u>	22	3 3 5 2 3 28 5	3 3 2 3 20 8 6	8 4 6 48 -2	30	
7	<u>Arlesey Town Reserves</u>	23	4 2 5 1 4 16 5	1 6 2 2 25 9 3	11 3 6 41 -5	30	
8	<u>Blunham</u>	24	8 0 4 3 1 22 1	3 8 1 4 32 9 3	12 4 5 54 -9	30	
9	<u>Sharnbrook</u>	22	4 3 5 1 6 28 3	1 6 3 1 30 7 4	11 2 9 58 -29	25	
10	<u>AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College</u>	21	3 1 5 1 9 27 3	4 5 1 2 13 0 6	5 10 4 0 57 -17	23	
11	<u>Flitwick Town</u>	23	4 1 7 1 9 28 2	3 6 1 6 24 6 4	13 3 5 52 -17	22	
12	<u>Dunton</u>	23	3 2 6 1 5 26 1	1 10 12 3 4 4	3 16 2 7 60 -33	15	
13	<u>Woburn</u>	22	1 2 8 1 9 42 2	0 9 1 1 36 3 2	17 3 0 78 -48	11	

Now back into second spot are Caldecote they ended Bedford Hatters eight game unbeaten run and leapfrogged above them in the league table with a 3-0 home win at Harvey Close. Kai Griffiths-Shilton netting twice including one from the penalty spot and Barry Dellar once to do the damage.

Elsewhere, last season's champions Blunham became the first top flight club to finish their season when recording a 4-0 home win over Oakley Sports, Gareth Hughes, Matthew McMahon, Jordan Henry and substitute Alan Brown just one month short of his 50th birthday netting the goals.

Division One

There is no change at the head of the division one league table following wins for the top two clubs. League leaders Ickwell & Old Warden thanks to a strike from Lee Threadgold making it win number eight on the bounce at AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves to stay goal difference clear of Bedford Sports Athletic who were required to twice come from behind to win 3-2 at home against FC Meppershall. Gary Canzano, Asa Mead and Ashley Mead from the penalty spot with the 80th minute winner seeing their goals only replied to by Craig Damon and Danny Wing.

Now back up into third spot are Lidlington United Sports, they ran out 5-1 winners at Luton Boys. Darren Simms and Alex Burrows both netting twice alongside an own goal to bring up the nap hand which was only replied to by a home strike from Steve O'Dell.

Also winning on the road to claim their first victory in eight league outings were Sandy, for them it was a 2-0 win at Caldecote Reserves thanks to goals from Mark Jennings and Daniel Stafford.

Division One League Table at 7th April 2012

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	HOME	AWAY	OVERALL	GD	PTS
			W D L F A	W D L F A	W D L F A		
1	Ickwell & Old Warden	21	9 2 0 41 10 7	2 1 3 3 16 16	4 1 7 4 26 48	52	
2	Bedford SA	22	9 0 2 40 16 7	4 0 3 0 15 16	4 2 7 0 31 39	52	
3	Lidlington United Sports	23	8 4 0 40 12 6	3 2 2 6 15 14	7 2 6 6 27 39	49	
4	Marston Shelton Rovers	23	7 3 1 30 14 7	4 1 2 6 12 14	7 2 5 6 26 30	49	
5	Sandy	24	5 4 4 42 28 7	1 3 2 6 20 12	5 7 6 8 48 20	41	
6	FC Meppershall	22	5 3 3 34 18 5	2 4 2 4 19 10	5 7 5 8 37 21	35	
7	Lea Sports PSG	23	2 6 3 20 19 4	6 2 2 1 13 6	12 5 4 1 32 9	30	
8	Henlow	23	3 3 6 25 33 5	2 4 1 9 18 8	5 10 4 4 51 -7	29	
9	Luton Boys	24	5 3 5 37 32 2	2 7 3 0 44 7	5 12 6 7 76 -9	26	
10	Caldecote Reserves	21	5 1 4 31 24 2	2 7 2 0 36 7	3 11 5 1 60 -9	24	
11	AFC Kempston Tn & Bedford Coll Reserves	24	3 2 6 11 18 3	1 9 2 2 44 6	3 15 3 3 62 -29	21	
12	Kings AFC	21	2 2 6 17 29 1	3 7 2 3 46 3	5 13 4 0 75 -35	14	
13	Meltis Albion	23	0 1 9 3 36 3	2 8 1 8 57 3	3 17 2 1 93 -72	12	
14	Westoning	24	1 1 1 1 18 42	1 1 9 1 34 2	2 20 3 1 76 -45	8	

Division Two

Elstow Abbey's lead at the head of the division two league table is now up to nine points following the retention of their season's unbeaten league ways with a 6-0 home win over Queens Park Crescents. Danny Pilgrim shooting them ahead after just 56 seconds, a lead that was increased to 4-0 by half-time via a Ed L'Erario hat-trick and added to in the closing 15 minutes by strikes from Travis Joseph and Harry Ellis.

Now in second spot by virtue of goal difference are Pavenham, they took their unbeaten ways up to 11 games and recorded win number seven on the bounce with a 2-1 victory at Sundon Park Rangers. James Owen netting both goals against a home reply from Matthew Conway.

All of which means AFC Turvey now drop down to third spot after they lost their season's unbeaten league away record when defeated 4-2 at Shefford Town & Campton Reserves. Alex Toyle, Sam Larsen, Sam Martin and Ryan Dobson netting the goals to complete a season's double over their visitors whose replies came via Mark Allen and Tim Clarke.

Division Two League Table at 7th April 2012

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	HOME	AWAY	OVERALL	GD	PTS
			WDL F A	WDL F A	WDL F A		
1	Elstow Abbey	21	10 2 0 47 8	1 0 3 6 5	18 3 0 83 13	70	57
2	Pavenham	22	7 1 2 38 11	8 2 2 32 12	15 3 4 70 23	47	48
3	AFC Turvey	21	7 2 2 37 21	8 1 1 33 8	15 3 3 70 29	41	48
4	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	24	6 1 4 30 26	6 3 4 20 25	12 4 8 50 51	-1	40
5	Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	21	4 3 4 35 19	6 2 2 31 23	10 5 6 66 42	24	35
6	Bromham United	23	5 2 5 28 19	6 0 5 21 24	11 2 10 49 43	6	35
7	Potton United Reserves	22	7 0 3 25 21	4 2 6 26 25	11 2 9 51 46	5	35
8	Co-op Sports	22	7 2 4 46 27	3 1 5 14 24	10 3 9 60 51	9	33
9	Queens Park Crescents	23	4 3 4 24 18	4 3 5 26 40	8 6 9 50 58	-8	30
10	Stopsley Park	24	3 1 7 20 33	5 2 6 35 38	8 3 13 55 71	-16	27
11	Marabese Ceramics	22	4 2 5 19 19	3 2 6 16 24	7 4 11 35 43	-8	25
12	M & DH Oakley	22	2 0 8 12 28	4 0 8 16 36	6 0 16 28 64	-36	18
13	Clifton	26	1 2 10 13 34	4 1 8 18 37	5 3 18 31 71	-40	18
14	Great Barford	23	0 0 12 6 49	1 1 9 9 59	1 1 21 15 108	-93	4

Also completing a season's double were Potton United Reserves with a 5-1 home victory over Clifton. Ben Talbot, James Tizard, Lee Garner, James Hearson and James Billington on the United scoresheet against a lone reply from James Croxford.

Elsewhere there were away wins for Stopsley Park and Bromham United. The Park after three consecutive defeats returning to winning ways with a 3-0 win at M & DH Oakley who were losing for the seventh consecutive time on home soil, Rob Wilson with a brace plus a strike from Kenny Ivy doing the damage. Whilst United won 2-1 at Marabese Ceramics, James

Hukin shooting them ahead after 68 minutes which was cancelled out by a strike from Lewis Emery six minutes later until United's Dean Waghorn headed United's 89th minute winner.

Division Three

Eastcotts AFC made it eight wins on the bounce and closed to within four points of the non-playing league leaders Cranfield United Reserves with a 4-1 home victory over Potton Town. Michael Sexton with a hat-trick plus a strike from Tony Milioti only being replied to by Matt Drew for the Town.

Now up into third spot are Renhold Village, for them it was a return to winning ways with a 2-1 victory at Sundon Park Rangers Colts to end the home sides five game winning run. Dan Luke and Carl Townsend on The Village scoresheet against a home reply from Kevin Hilton.

Also winning on the road for the first time in six outings were Riseley Sports with a 4-2 victory at second from bottom of the table Flitwick Town Reserves, Tom Ellison netting twice alongside strikes from Peter Baish and Alan Spurgeon against two in reply from Town's Liam Keane.

For bottom of the table Dunton Reserves, it was a share of the spoils in a 2-2 home draw against Kempston Hammers Sports to end a run of eight consecutive home defeats. Dan Cutmore and Charlie Williams on the scoresheet against a brace in reply from Hammers Jim Grandidge.

Division Three League Table at 7th April 2012

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	HOME			AWAY			OVERALL			GDPTS							
			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		A						
1	Cranfield United Reserves	22	6	0	3	19	11	11	1	1	43	17	17	1	4	62	28	34	52
2	Eastcotts AFC	23	9	0	2	30	18	7	0	5	26	23	16	0	7	56	41	15	48
3	Renhold Village	22	8	0	3	33	14	7	1	3	26	18	15	1	6	59	32	27	46
4	Goldington	23	8	1	3	42	21	5	3	3	27	17	13	4	6	69	38	31	43
5	Stevington	22	10	0	2	38	15	4	1	5	19	22	14	1	7	57	37	20	43
6	Riseley Sports	21	5	2	3	26	19	5	3	3	23	17	10	5	6	49	36	13	35
7	Sundon Park Rangers Colts	19	3	1	4	21	13	7	0	4	39	17	10	1	8	60	30	30	31
8	Potton Town	23	6	4	3	22	17	3	0	7	24	33	9	4	10	46	50	-4	31
9	Wilshamstead Reserves	21	6	0	5	21	21	3	3	4	11	17	9	3	9	32	38	-6	30
10	Kempston Hammers Sports	24	4	3	5	22	30	4	1	7	26	31	8	4	12	48	61	-13	28
11	Westoning Reserves	22	3	0	7	17	29	4	2	6	28	29	7	2	13	45	58	-13	23
12	Royal Oak Kempston	21	1	1	9	14	38	5	0	5	17	18	6	1	14	31	56	-25	19
13	Flitwick Town Reserves	24	3	1	8	21	39	1	0	11	18	44	4	1	19	39	83	-44	13
14	Dunton Reserves	23	1	2	10	18	51	1	0	9	9	41	2	2	19	27	92	-65	8

Division Four

With Bedford Park Rangers away on Watson Shield duty, Marsh Leys took over their spot at the top of the league table by winning 2-1 at Thurleigh. Grant Williams netting both goals to retain Leys unbeaten league ways on the road this season and extend their current overall unbeaten run to 14 games, whilst the home reply came via Josh Pierre St Claire.

Now jumping above Thurleigh into third spot in the league table are Clifton Reserves, for them it was win number nine on the bounce via a 4-1 home success over Goldington Hammers. Mason Bambridge netting twice alongside Lewis Goddard and Robert Harradine.

Top scorers of the day were Dinamo Flitwick, they recorded home win number four on the bounce and took their unbeaten ways up to six games with a 6-3 victory over Caldecote A. Dale Goldie on the scoresheet three times alongside James Burton, Scott Hannam and James Watson against replies via an own goal plus Jordan Goodman and Nicky Albone.

Elsewhere having lost their last seven games Wootton Village returned to winning ways with a 3-2 home win over Shefford Town & Campton A, Adam Flynn with a brace plus an own goal doing the damage.

Division Four League Table at 7th April 2012

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	HOME			AWAY			OVERALL			GDPTS			
			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
1	Marsh Leys	23	7	2	2	32	15	10	2	0	43	15	17	45	55
2	Bedford Park Rangers	20	8	1	1	36	13	9	0	1	44	17	17	50	52
3	Clifton Reserves	25	7	3	4	54	32	7	2	2	29	22	14	54	29 47
4	Thurleigh	21	6	3	2	34	13	8	0	2	46	20	14	33	47 45
5	Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	24	6	1	3	18	16	6	3	5	36	28	12	44	10 40
6	Stewartby Village	24	5	0	6	31	31	5	5	3	28	22	10	5	9 35
7	Sandy Reserves	25	3	1	7	26	42	7	3	4	37	38	10	4	11 63 80 -17 34
8	Caldecote A	23	4	4	3	38	26	5	2	5	32	30	9	6	8 70 56 14 33
9	Shefford Town & Campton A	24	5	1	6	26	31	3	3	6	26	32	8	4	12 52 63 -11 28
10	Kempston Athletic	24	5	2	6	32	28	3	2	6	24	41	8	4	12 56 69 -13 28
11	Wootton Village	24	5	2	5	23	25	3	1	8	22	29	8	3	13 45 54 -9 27
12	Dinamo Flitwick [former Reserves]	24	5	3	6	44	49	2	2	6	24	26	7	5	12 68 75 -7 26
13	Bedford Panthers	20	3	1	7	14	24	2	3	4	13	23	5	4	11 27 47 -20 19
14	Goldington Hammers	24	3	2	7	29	45	2	0	10	18	49	5	2	17 47 94 -47 17
15	Dunton A	23	1	2	8	13	43	1	0	11	11	58	2	19	24 101 -77 8

Watson Shield Semi-Finals

Bedford Park Rangers will contest this season's final at Cranfield United on Friday April 27th after a lone goal from Shaun Finlay took them to a 1-0 victory at Stevington.

However, they must wait a while to find out who their final opponents will be after the second scheduled tie between Goldington and Bedford Panthers was called off on Thursday evening pending the outcome of a protest from Thurleigh against Bedford Panthers for playing an ineligible player against them in their Quarter-final tie on March 10th which is yet to be resolved.

Preview For Saturday 14th April 2012

With just three weeks of the season left action in The Premier Division supported by Sportsform section sees Shefford Town & Campton head to Hillgrounds to face AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College knowing that win number 13 on the bounce would all but seal the league title for them even if Caldecote collect the expected three home points when they host bottom of the table Woburn at Harvey Close.

However, perhaps the game of the day will come at Renhold Playing Fields where hosts Renhold United now unbeaten in their last 14 league outings receive a visit from Bedford Hatters who travel in the knowledge that only the full three points will do if their silver medal hopes are still to be alive come the final whistle.

Other action comes at The Carlsberg Stadium where Dunton look to continue their recent run of good home form against the visiting Oakley Sports who have failed to win any of their last seven league outings and at The Armadillo Stadium where Arlesey Town Reserves with just one home win from their last seven outings take on Wilshamstead who travel looking for their first win since successful at Flitwick Town some six games ago back in mid-February.

Division One action brings about two games which will have significant bearing on where the championship trophy will land come the end of the month. Pirton Recreation Ground being the venue where Ickwell & Old Warden visit now on a eight game winning run to face hosts Lea Sports PSG who themselves are now unbeaten in their last 12 league outings which has taken them into the top half of the league standings. Whilst at Cople Playing Fields, Bedford Sports Athletic now unbeaten in their last nine league outings host a Marston Shelton Rovers side who have lost just the once on the road all season at Ickwell & Old Warden back in early October.

Down at the other end of the league table, Kings AFC having drawn their last four league outings head to Mowsbury Park to take on FC Meppershall who are unbeaten in their last three home starts. Whilst bottom of the table Westoning head to Hillgrounds in the knowledge that it will be division two football for them next season should they not achieve their first win since successful at Meltis Albion back in mid-November.

The final game in this section coming at Groveside, the venue at which hosts Henlow now without a win in their last five league outings receive a visit from Luton Boys.

In Division Two, league leaders Elstow Abbey journey to Hillgrounds to face their first of two meetings with third place Pavenham inside a week and should they retain their season's unbeaten ways you would feel the league crown will be theirs. However, their main rivals AFC Turvey are in home Stonefield's action against bottom of the table Great Barford and it will be a major surprise if they do not collect the full three points on offer.

Over at Bromham Playing Fields, hosts Bromham United will be looking to end a three game losing home run when visited by Marabese Ceramics who they face for the second weekend running having beaten them 2-1 on their own turf last weekend.

Whilst at Oakley Playing Fields, hosts M & DH Oakley now without a home win in their last seven outings which has seen them tumble down the league table into the relegation zone

receive a visit from Sundon Park Rangers who hit the road now unbeaten in their last four away outings.

Plus at The Luton Regional Sports Centre, Stopsley Park losers of their last two home games take on local rivals Co-op Sports.

In Division three depending on results elsewhere you might well hear the champagne corks popping at Crawley Road to celebrate the lifting of the league title should hosts Cranfield United Reserves collect the expected three points from the visiting Kempston Hammers Sports. However, should they fail then they will be anxious to hear of the outcome of Eastcotts AFC home encounter at Weston Park against bottom of the table Dunton Reserves and of Renhold Village's result from Greenfield Road where they travel to face a home Westoning Reserves side that last won on home soil back in mid-November against Flitwick Town Reserves.

Elsewhere, there is local derby action at Gold Street where hosts Riseley Sports receive a visit from a Stevington side that are still in the promotion race despite losing five of their last six away outings. Whilst at Wrest Park, Sundon Park Rangers Colts will be the firm favourites to collect the full three points from the visiting Flitwick Town Reserves.

Meanwhile over at Jubilee Playing Fields, Wilshamstead Reserves will be looking to return to winning ways when called upon by a Royal Oak Kempston side that have lost their last three league outings.

In Division Four, Bedford Park Rangers should inch ever closer to the championship title when in Mowsbury Park they receive a visit from Kempston Athletic. Whilst at the same venue their nearest rival Marsh Leys are the visitors to face Goldington Hammers.

For Thurleigh, it's a journey on the road to Bedford Road Recreation Ground to take on Sandy Reserves. With other action coming at Horseshoes Close, the venue at which bottom of the table Dunton A look to repair a losing home run of five straight defeats against local rivals Caldecote A. Plus on The Green, where Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves will be expected to collect the full three points from the visiting Wootton Village.

The final game of the day taking Dinamo Flitwick on the road to Stewartby Way looking to end a run of three straight away defeats against their hosts Stewartby Village.

Following on from the weekend, action will then resume on Wednesday evening 18th April. In Division One, it's an all important short journey down the road for Ickwell & Old Warden to take on Caldecote Reserves at Harvey Close. Whilst in Division Two at The Warren, Elstow Abbey resume battle for the second time in a week with Pavenham, the outcome of which could yet decide the league crown if things were to go wrong for AFC Turvey when they journey into Mowsbury Park to face Queens Park Crescents.

Other Division Two action comes at The Hollow where Sundon Park Rangers are the visitors to face Potton United Reserves, plus at Oakley Playing Fields, the venue for M & DH Oakley's home clash with Marabese Ceramics.

In Division Three there are just three games. At Crawley Road, Cranfield United Reserves take on Royal Oak Kempston. Whilst at Steppingley Road, Flitwick Town Reserves will be the hosts for the visiting Sundon Park Colts and at Jubilee Playing Fields, Wilshamstead Reserves take on Riseley Reserves.

In Division Four, the big game comes in Mowsbury Park with the meeting between Bedford Park Rangers and Marsh Leys which could well decide the outcome of the league title. Whilst over at Keysoe Road, Thurleigh receive a visit from Bedford Panthers.

