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Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup Third Round Draw

Stotfold Reserves v Lewsey Park
Caldecote Reserves v 61FC Luton
Bedford Sports Athletic v Farley Boys
FC Meppershall v Kent Athletic
St Joseph v Totternhoe
Ickwell & Old Warden v Christians in Sport
Kings AFC v Crawley Green Reserves
Real FNE v Langford Reserves

All ties to be played on Saturday 26th November 2011.

Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup Third Round Draw.

Co-op Sports v Cranfield United Reserves
Potton United Reserves v Stopsley Park
Sundon Park Colts v Marsh Leys
AFC Turvey v Co-op Sports Reserves
M & DH Oakley v Goldington
Sundon Park Rangers v Bedford Park Rangers
Farley Boys Reserves v St Joseph Reserves
Queens Park Crescents v Elstow Abbey

All ties to be played on Saturday 3rd December 2011.

Tuesday 1st November 2011

Premier Division supported by Sportsform Arlesey Town Reserves made their exit from The Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy at the second round stage when beaten 4-1 at Crawley Road by South Midlands League Division One high flyers Cranfield United.

Trailing 4-0 following a brace of goals from Jack Leadbeater and strikes from Jermaine Ivy and Nathan Peacock they were to reduce the arrears from a 79th penalty from Wayne Smith.

Brian Buck Travellers Tales Re-visits The Hollow.

126 (10,234) Wednesday 26th October 2011. Potton United Reserves 1 Eastcotts 0 (Beds Junior Cup 2nd Round) (7.45pm kick off) att 40 approx. With a limited number of midweek first team home games to watch at the Hollow it's good that the newly reformed Reserve team has been filling the void. Attendances have been quite good as well and these games attract fans of both sides, which will naturally please the bar staff! Tonight the pitch looked in excellent condition and it had just been given its final cut of the year, so the grass was very short. However this still stopped the Potton number 7 missing two chances which even Torres of Chelsea would have put away. But in truth the nearest Potton came to scoring in the first half was when an Eastcotts player only just failed to find his own net as he kicked the ball out

for a corner. The second half saw the 18 year old ref have more to do in probably his biggest game of his career so far, especially as he was being watched by the eagles eyes of Messrs. Leonard and Redman, enough to put anyone off! At one point he told a Potton player to retreat 10 yards but he said that he could only count up to five. Looking at him no one in the crowd doubted his sincerity! The only goal of the match came on 53 minutes when St Leger came up from behind the pack unmarked to finish off a right sided cross. After this and as the game drew to a close the players put the ref under a lot of pressure and he rightly produced the requisite number of yellow cards to deal with it.

Action Round-Up Saturday 5th November 2011.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Third place Arlesey Town Reserves missed the chance to climb up into second spot in the league table when held to a 1-1 draw at Flitwick Town, Dean Warren on the scoresheet for the home side against a Mark Ellis reply.

Elsewhere, Bedford Hatters jumped up to fifth in the league standings when two goals from Simon Pixley saw them retain their season's unbeaten ways on the road with a 2-0 victory at Wilshamstead for whom it was the first home defeat of the season.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 5th November 2011.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Caldecote	8	7	1	0	30	7	23	22
2	Shefford Town & Campton	7	5	1	1	25	8	17	16
3	Arlesey Town Reserves	9	5	1	3	15	16	-1	16
4	Oakley Sports	8	4	3	1	15	8	7	15
5	Bedford Hatters	8	4	2	2	18	12	6	14
6	Wilshamstead	7	4	1	2	17	14	3	13
7	Blunham	8	4	1	3	19	19	0	13
8	AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College	8	2	3	3	13	20	-7	9
9	Sharnbrook	8	2	2	4	12	24	-12	8
10	Flitwick Town	9	1	3	5	9	18	-9	6
11	Dunton	8	1	2	5	10	21	-11	5
12	Renhold United	8	1	1	6	14	19	-5	4
13	Woburn	8	1	1	6	11	22	-11	4

Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy Second Round

The result of the day belonged to Renhold United who came from behind to net a 2-1 home win over United Counties League side Potton United. United going ahead in the opening half via Antony Schurek before strikes from Aran Hazelwood on the hour mark and Warren Bentley just five minutes from time saw the home side to victory.

Also winning on home soil were Blunham, they ran out 4-1 victors over AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College. Andy Smith netting a hat-trick alongside a strike from Kier Banghard against a lone reply from Alex Russell.

For Shefford Town & Campton it was a 4-2 away win at Oakley Sports, Michael Jones and Andrew Hayday both netting twice to obtain revenge for an earlier league defeat at the same venue. The home goals coming via Reece Allen and Carl Warner.

Caldecote joined the above trio in the hat for the third round draw after winning 6-2 at Woburn. Dan McClaren giving the home side the lead just two minutes into the contest but by

half-time Caldecote were 4-1 ahead thanks to a brace from Tom Cookman to go alongside strikes from Mark Franklin and Kai Griffiths-Shilton. Second period action saw Mark Phillips from the penalty spot increase the lead to 5-1 before Chris Green struck for the Safari Boys six minutes from time only to see Caldecote have the last word when Danny Lane netted goal number six three minutes later.

Alas for Sharnbrook, it was a 1-9 home defeat at the hands of South Midlands League side Crawley Green, Martyn Cain netting their lone goal.

Division One

There is a change of leadership at the head of the division one league table in the shape of Lidlinton United Sports after they ran out 3-1 home winners over Henlow to retain their season's perfect 100% home record. Darren Sims, Alex Burrows and Steve Hall netting the goals against a lone reply from Jake Rennie to take United above Ickwell & Old Warden who were held to a 1-1 home draw by Lea Sports PSG. Andrew Vallom on the scoresheet for the home side against a penalty spot reply from Danny Hardacre. The home sides day of woe also seeing leading goalscorer Lee Threadgold red carded just 35 minutes into the game.

Division One League Table at 5th November 2011.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Lidlinton United Sports	8	7	0	1	31	13	18	21
2	Ickwell & Old Warden	8	6	2	0	24	8	16	20
3	Marston Shelton Rovers	9	6	2	1	18	7	11	20
4	Bedford SA	8	6	1	1	20	10	10	19
5	Sandy	8	4	2	2	28	15	13	14
6	FC Meppershall	8	4	2	2	23	16	7	14
7	Caldecote Reserves	9	4	2	3	28	23	5	14
8	Henlow	9	4	1	4	17	17	0	13
9	Luton Boys	8	2	2	4	21	25	-4	8
10	Kings AFC	8	2	0	6	15	34	-19	6
11	AFC Kempston Tn & Bedford Coll Reserves	8	1	2	5	9	19	-10	5
12	Lea Sports PSG	8	0	4	4	9	14	-5	4
13	Meltis Albion	8	1	1	6	6	27	-21	4
14	Westoning	9	0	1	8	13	34	-21	1

Just goal difference behind Ickwell & Old Warden in third spot are Marston Shelton Rovers, for them it was a 4-1 away win at now second from bottom of the table Meltis Albion. Jim Burraway striking twice alongside Alan Cudjoe and Simon Craddock against an Albion reply from Louis Prince.

Elsewhere, fourth place Bedford Sports Athletic remain unbeaten on the road this season after running out 2-0 winners at AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves. Andrew Latimer and Robert Chapel netting the goals to leave Town still in search of their first home win of the season.

In fifth slot are Sandy, for them it was a third win on the bounce with a 4-1 victory at Kings AFC. Daniel Stafford netting three times and Matt Evans once against a lone home reply via Ollie Plested.

Making up the top six and still unbeaten on the road this season are FC Meppershall, all thanks to a 4-4 draw at Luton Boys. Craig Damon with a brace plus James Field and Jamie McGregor on their scoresheet against home replies via Famik Stephen-Gabriel twice plus Ibrahim Sal and Jason Blake.

Now moving up to seventh place on the same number of points as FC Meppershall are Caldecote Reserves following a 5-3 home win over bottom of the table Westoning to retain their seasons unbeaten home ways and make it four wins on the bounce. Matt Basta with a hat-trick joined on the home scoresheet by Craig Schurek and Dan Hall against Westoning replies via Lewis Wilson twice and Glen Cooksley.

Division Two

It's as you were at the head of the division two league table after all of the leading four clubs came up with wins. Elstow Abbey, the current league leaders retaining their seasons unbeaten ways when a hat-trick from Danny Pilgrim plus a strike from Ed E'rario took them to a 4-0 win at Shefford Town & Campton Reserves. Whilst second place AFC Turvey kept their seasons perfect 100% away record with a 7-0 victory at Potton United Reserves. Mark Allen netting twice alongside strikes from John Guiney, Tim Clarke, Martin Page, Daniel Bailey and Chris Winton.

Division Two League Table at 5th November 2011.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Elstow Abbey	8	7	1	0	36	4	32	22
2	AFC Turvey	8	7	1	0	31	11	20	22
3	Pavenham	8	6	0	2	22	6	16	18
4	Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	9	5	1	3	31	14	17	16
5	Queens Park Crescents	8	4	1	3	16	19	-3	13
6	Potton United Reserves	8	4	0	4	16	19	-3	12
7	Bromham United	9	4	0	5	15	21	-6	12
8	M & DH Oakley	9	4	0	5	15	21	-6	12
9	Marabese Ceramics	9	3	2	4	11	13	-2	11
10	Co-op Sports	6	3	1	2	17	15	2	10
11	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	8	2	2	4	11	24	-13	8
12	Stopsley Park	8	2	1	5	22	28	-6	7
13	Clifton	9	1	1	7	7	29	-22	4
14	Great Barford	9	0	1	8	9	35	-26	1

For third spot Pavenham, it was a 2-1 home win over Bromham United, Tom Ellis and Tom Rodger netting the vital goals against United's reply from Darren Payne. Whilst fourth spot Sundon Park Rangers were easy 8-0 home winners over second from bottom of the table Clifton. Luke Evans bagging four goals, Nick Buttergieg two alongside single strikes from Sam Chapman and Edward Lewis.

Now in fifth place are Queens Park Crescents, for them it was a fourth win on the bounce with a 5-1 home victory over M & DH Oakley who were tasting defeat for the first time in five outings. Ayan Hussain with a hat-trick plus strikes from Nathan Larrier and Shah Rahman only being replied to by Kian Marashi.

Down at the other end of the table, Great Barford remain rooted to the bottom spot after losing 2-7 at home against a Stopsley Park side that was winning for the first time in six outings. Simon Richards with a hat-trick, Jack O'Shea with a brace plus strikes from Jake Lepick, James Smart and Stuart Lyons only being replied to by Adam Dunville and Mark Harlow.

Elsewhere, it was a 1-3 home defeat for Marabese Ceramics at the hands of Co-op Sports. Conor Sherry with a brace plus a goal from Tom McMillan only being replied to by a strike from Ricky Bruniges.

Division Three

It's all change again at the head of the league table after Stevington lost the top spot and their seasons perfect home record by being defeated 2-0 by now fourth place Cranfield United Reserves for whom Dan Cockerton netted twice to take United's winning away ways up to four games.

The new leaders are Goldington, for them it was an 8-1 home romp over Potton Town. Brian Day with a hat-trick, being added to by braces from Justin Muircroft and Kevin (cornfield) Evans plus Karl Anderson against Shane Clark's lone reply.

Division Three League Table at 5th November 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Goldington	9	6	1	2	37	13	24	19
2	Stevington	8	6	1	1	21	10	11	19
3	Renhold Village	7	6	0	1	27	10	17	18
4	Cranfield United Reserves	8	6	0	2	20	9	11	18
5	Eastcotts AFC	8	5	0	3	22	16	6	15
6	Westoning Reserves	8	4	0	4	16	13	3	12
7	Royal Oak Kempston	8	4	0	4	13	14	-1	12
8	Kempston Hammers Sports	7	4	0	3	17	21	-4	12
9	Riseley Sports	6	2	2	2	14	12	2	8
10	Sundon Park Rangers Colts	8	2	1	5	14	18	-4	7
11	Potton Town	8	2	1	5	9	21	-12	7
12	Wilshamstead Reserves	8	1	2	5	7	20	-13	5
13	Dunton Reserves	7	1	1	5	9	27	-18	4
14	Flitwick Town Reserves	8	0	1	7	8	30	-22	1

However, just a point adrift of them in third spot and with two games in hand are Renhold Village who claimed a 4-1 victory at Kempston Hammers Sports. Michael Luke striking twice alongside an own goal and Simon Wade against a Hammers reply via Jason Beddall.

Still very much in the promotion mix are fifth place Eastcotts AFC following their 2-1 win at Westoning Reserves. Courtney Broughton and Michael Sexton on the scoresheet against a home reply via Chris Rogers.

Down at the other end of the table, the clash between the bottom two sides was to see Dunton Reserves claim their first win of the season with a 3-1 home victory over Flitwick Town Reserves. Laurence Boshier twice plus Ben Myler on the scoresheet against a Town strike from Ed Wilcock.

Enjoying their first win on the road this season were Wilshamstead Reserves with a 2-1 victory at Riseley Sports. Chris McGurn plus a Rob Tanner penalty outscoring a home strike from Tom Ellison.

Elsewhere, Sundon Park Rangers Colts were beaten for the fourth time in as many outings when losing 1-2 at home against Royal Oak Kempston. Andrew Palomabella and Lorenzo Jordan the Oak marksmen against a Colts reply from Ryan Batchelor.

Division Four

Bedford Park Rangers lead at the head of the league table is now up to five points after they retained their seasons perfect away record and unbeaten ways with a 7-2 victory at Sandy Reserves. Matthew Westwood twice plus Mark Reynolds, Owen Rees, Jamie Carter, Shaun Finlay and Adrian Pinney seeing their goals only replied to by a brace from Matt Baines. Whilst second place Marsh Leys were held to a 1-1 draw at still unbeaten at home Caldecote A. Ryan Ambrose on the home scoresheet against an Alex Clipston penalty reply.

Still sitting in third spot are Thurleigh, for them it was a 8-1 home win over now bottom of the table Dunton A. Salvatore Ventriglia with a hat-trick, Josh Pierre St Claire with a brace being supported by strikes from Jared Pierre, Stefan Wilson and Ben Stock which were only replied to once by Nicky Threadgold.

In fourth slot are Stewartby Village, they ran out 3-0 winners at Kempston Athletic. Michael Darnell, Ben Sparks and a Ryan Collis penalty sending The Athletic to their fourth defeat on the bounce.

It was movement off of the bottom of the table for Dinamo Flitwick thanks to a first win of the season in a 2-1 home victory over Bedford Panthers who thus lost their seasons unbeaten away ways. Joe Burton and Dale Goldie on the home scoresheet against a reply from Joel Norris.

Elsewhere, Wootton Village were taking their unbeaten ways up to three games with a 3-2 home win over a Goldington Hammers side that has now lost its last five away outings. Adam Flynn netting all three goals against Hammers replies from Michael Stafford and Ashley Lanik.

The days final game between Clifton Reserves and Shefford Town & Campton Reserves ending all square at 2-2, Lee Austin with a home brace being matched by a Town brace from Shaun Jenkins.

Division Four League Table at 5th November 2011.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Bedford Park Rangers	8	7	1	0	40	11	29	22
2	Marsh Leys	7	5	2	0	30	9	21	17
3	Thurleigh	7	5	1	1	31	10	21	16
4	Stewartby Village	9	5	1	3	28	18	10	16
5	Caldecote A	8	3	4	1	31	23	8	13
6	Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	8	4	1	3	15	16	-1	13
7	Clifton Reserves	8	3	3	2	21	19	2	12
8	Wootton Village	8	3	2	3	22	20	2	11
9	Shefford Town & Campton A	8	3	2	3	23	29	-6	11
10	Kempston Athletic	9	3	1	5	18	25	-7	10
11	Bedford Panthers	7	2	2	3	11	16	-5	8
12	Sandy Reserves	9	2	2	5	27	39	-12	8
13	Goldington Hammers	7	1	1	5	19	29	-10	4
14	Dinamo Flitwick [former Reserves]	7	1	1	5	13	31	-18	4
15	Dunton A	10	0	2	8	11	45	-34	2

Preview for Saturday 12th November 2011

Premier Division supported by Sportsform action this weekend will see league leaders Caldecote make their way to Steppingley Road seeking to retain their seasons unbeaten ways against a home Flitwick Town side that has failed to win any of its last eight outings.

Whilst Shefford Town & Campton head for a Moggerhanger Playing Field meeting with Blunham just 14days after beating them 7-2 on home soil, but the reigning league champions still hold down a seasons 100% home record and the outcome this time around is expected to be much closer.

For Oakley Sports, its home action at their Oakley Playing Field headquarters against Bedford Hatters. The Sports defending their seasons unbeaten home ways against a Hatters side that travel still unbeaten on the road this season. Whilst Arlesey Town Reserves make the short journey to The Carlsberg Stadium to face a home Dunton side that will be looking to end a run of five games without a win.

Over at Crawley Road bottom of the table Woburn, also on a run of five games without a win, host AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College. The Town travel looking to build upon their four game unbeaten run, whilst at Lodge Road, hosts Sharnbrook search out their first win in five outings when visited by a Wilshamstead side that has won its last two away outings.

In Division One, just one of the serious title contenders Ickwell & Old Warden have the luxury of home action this weekend when on The Green they defend their seasons unbeaten ways in the game of the day against fellow title hopefuls Bedford Sports Athletic who make the short journey still unbeaten on the road this season.

For Marston Shelton Rovers, it's a trip to Hillgrounds and a meeting with AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves who are yet to win on home soil this season. Whilst FC Meppershall, still unbeaten on the road this season make tracks for Harvey Close to face still unbeaten on home soil hosts Caldecote Reserves.

Other action comes at Chaul End Lane, where Luton Boys will be hosting Sandy in a game that could go either way. Whilst at Groveside, its local derby action between Henlow and Lea Sports. The hosts having won at PSG 2-0 just 14days ago will be starting the favourites to net a quick fire double.

The final game of the day in this section takes place at Miller Road, when Meltis Albion search out their first home win of the season against fellow strugglers Westoning who journey looking for their opening win of the season.

In Division Two, its home encounters for the leading two clubs but neither face an easy task to collect the full three points. At The Warren, Elstow Abbey entertain Potton United Reserves. Whilst over at Stonefields, AFC Turvey hosts fellow promotion hopefuls Pavenham.

Also still very much in the promotion mix are M & DH Oakley, for them this weekend its a short trip on the road to Bromham Playing Fields to be hosted by Bromham United. Whilst if Sundon Park Rangers are not going to slip further behind the leading pack at the head of the league table they will have to find a way of collecting all three points to end Co-op Sports unbeaten home record when they journey to face them at Solway Road North.

Over at Everton Playing Fields, bottom of the table Great Barford will be hoping game number 10 of the season will produce their first victory when called upon by Queens Park Crescents. Whilst its local derby action at Whiston Crescent, the venue for Clifton's home clash with Shefford Town & Campton Reserves. The hosts looking to put home points on the board for the first time this season against The Town who are yet to win on the road this season.

Also looking for their first home win of the season will be Stopsley Park when at The Luton Regional Sports Centre they play hosts to Marabese Ceramics.

In Division Three, for new league leaders Goldington it's a trip on the road to Stockwood Park to face Sundon Park Rangers Colts. Whilst second place Stevington should return to winning ways when second from bottom of the table Dunton Reserves journey to face them at their Playing Field headquarters.

Of the other promotion hopefuls, Renhold Village will be expected to collect the full haul of the three points when they journey to face Wilshamstead Reserves at Jubilee Playing Fields whose home record to date reads, played four, lost four. Yet Cranfield United Reserves face on paper a much harder task to earn another three points to keep in the promotion mix when they make tracks for Gold Street to be hosted by Riseley Sports.

Over at Greenfield Road, its local derby action between hosts Westoning Reserves and Flitwick Town Reserves in an encounter you would expect to go to the home side, but it will perhaps not be so easy for Potton Town to chalk up just home win number two of the season when called upon at Mill Lane by Kempston Hammers Sports.

For the clash of the day in Division Four you need to be at Cutler Hammer, that is the venue where second place and still unbeaten Marsh Leys receive a visit from the likewise unbeaten league leaders Bedford Park Rangers.

Still in the chasing pack are both Thurleigh and Stewartby Village and for them its a meeting against each other at Stewartby Way. Whilst Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves will look to keep tabs on the promotion race by taking their unbeaten ways up to four games when they journey to Digswell Playing Fields to be hosted by Shefford Town & Campton A.

Elsewhere, over at Harvey Close, its home action for Caldecote A when they host a yet to be beaten on the road this season Clifton Reserves. Plus its local derby action at Horseshoes Close between yet to win Dunton A who host Sandy Reserves who are now unbeaten on their last three trips away from Bedford Road.

Other action due at The Bedford Hockey Centre, the venue at which hosts Bedford Panthers entertain Wootton Village and in Mowsbury Park, where Goldington Hammers look to retain their seasons unbeaten home league ways against Kempston Athletic who are yet to collect any points on the road this season.