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Mid-Week Round Up

Monday 5th April 2010

Division One

Caldecote Reserves moved to within five points of league leaders Flitwick Town with a stunning 6-0 away win at third place Leighton United, only United's second home defeat of the season, to leave them now trailing Caldecote by eight points and The Town by 13 points, but with five games in hand on both sides in their quest for Premier Division supported by Sportsform football next season.

Caldecote taking the lead via a Jack Boyd penalty 16 minutes into the game and within 60 seconds the lead had been doubled via a 20yard volley from Ryan Porter. United's Layne Eadie was then to hit the crossbar from close range, whilst at the other end Tom Wallace saw his header likewise come back off the woodwork.

The game however as a contest was settled by two further Caldecote goals in the closing three minutes of the opening period. Boyd netting his second penalty of the afternoon after being fouled by Robert Greenwood, then Joe Stevens took full advantage to stab home from close range after home goalkeeper Adam Fitzjohn dropped a Mark Endersby corner right at his feet.

Caldecote going 5-0 clear on the hour mark, Wallace driving in low from 25 yards to beat Fitzjohn on his near post, before man of the match Endersby completed the rout with the goal of the game 10 minutes later, a sweetly taken volley from the edge of the box.

Tuesday 6th April 2010

Division Two

Third placed Brache Sparta Community Reserves made it five wins on the bounce to take their unbeaten ways to ten games, thus moving to within four points of second place Potton Wanderers at the head of the Division Two table with a 13-2 win at bottom of the table Shillington.

Haydon Fletcher putting the visitors ahead in the games opening minute before Bob Lovelock squared matters for the home side just three minutes later. It then became The Haydon Fletcher show as he added another four goals in the next half-hour, one of which came from the penalty spot to see Brache leading 5-1 after just 33 minutes play.

Natham Prime was to make it 6-1 on 42 minutes before Fletcher sent his second penalty of the night crashing against The Shills crossbar.

The second half was 20 minutes old before David Banasiak added to the home sides woes, then just two minutes later Rondel Belfon made it 8-1. Richard Newbury for the home side reduced the arrears to 2-8 until Banasisk struck his second goal of the evening on 75 minutes to make it 9-2.

Thereafter the night belonged to Brache's Martin Collins who was to add another four goals to the visitors tally in the games closing 14 minutes.

Elsewhere, Premier Division supported by Sportsform Dunton were going out of the Biggleswade KO Cup at the Semi-Final stage to Langford Reserves. After trailing 2-0, goals from Dave Pugh and Jon Ranson took the tie to a penalty shoot-out in which Langford emerged 6-5 winners.

Wednesday 7th April 2010

Britannia Cup Semi-Final

Current holders Caldecote will defend their crown in this season's final against Woburn after running out 5-1 winners at Biggleswade United Reserves. United taking the lead via a Matthew McCarthy penalty, but by the break Caldecote were 2-1 ahead. Mark Phillips levelling matters from the penalty spot then adding a second from open play. In the new half, further strikes from Jack Boyd, Russell Kemp and Leeroy Odd saw them bring up the nap hand.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Blunham were to have a major dent blown into their league championship hopes when after leading Wilshamstead 2-0 at the break via goals from Antonio Rocco and Andy Smith, they were to lose their 14 unbeaten league run when the visitors with a brace of goals from Kevin Butler and a strike from Michael Jones fought back to win 3-2 to record their first victory in five outings.

The evening's other topflight game at Hillgrounds between AFC Kempston Town and Renhold United ending 0-0.

Division One

Caldecote Reserves, in running out 4-0 home winners over Bedford Sports Athletic, moved to within two points of league leaders Flitwick Town who were taking a night off. Tom Dupey opening the scoring in the opening half before the victory was sealed

after the break with a further two goals from Nathan Buckland and a strike from Ryan Porter.

Still very much in the promotion race are Marston Social, who climbed up into fourth spot with a 3-0 home win over Stevington, to take their winning home ways up to six games. Jack Constable netting in the opening half, whilst Ashley Dean and Darren Rowlett joined him on the scoresheet in the second period.

Down at the other end of the table, basement club Kempston Hammers Sports were beaten 6-1 at Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves. Their eighth consecutive defeat. Dan Threadgold and Matthew Bruney taking the home side into a 2-0 half-time lead, before in the second period Bruney went on to complete his hat-trick alongside a brace of goals from Lee Threadgold against a lone Hammers reply from Richard Smith.

Second from bottom of the table Campton Reserves however were enhancing their hopes of beating the drop with a 3-1 home win over FC Meppershall. Their first win in eight outings. Andy Fennell netting twice and Adam Larsen once against a lone reply from Danny Wing.

Also enjoying a return to winning ways were Kempston 2-0 home winners over Henlow, to end a six game losing home run. Jamie Carson's brace of goals doing the damage.

Division Two

The lone game in this section seeing two goals from James Tizard take Marabese Ceramics to a 2-0 win at Kings AFC who have now failed to win any of their last six outings.

Division Three

Despite taking their unbeaten ways to nine games, Lidlington United Sports could only close the gap on league leaders Queens Park Crescents to five points when held to a 1-1 draw at Westoning Recreation Club. Chris Roberts on the mark for United after 26 minutes and Tim Harris squaring matters up for the home side a minute before the break.

Elsewhere, Renhold Village were 3-0 away winners at bottom of the table Sandy Reserves. Carl Townsend, Dan Luke, plus an own goal doing the damage.

Division Four

The evening's lone game in this division saw Eastcotts come up with only their second away win of the season 3-2 at Stewartby Village. Kieran Day with a brace and Ciaran Alexander their goalscorers against home replies from Ben Sparkes and George Wheelhouse.

Action Round-Up From Saturday 10th April 2010

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 10th April 2010

14 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Ickwell & Old Warden	21	15	2	4	58	35	+23	47
Blunham	20	14	3	3	66	34	+32	45
Caldecote	21	12	3	6	55	32	+23	39
Oakley Sports	20	11	3	6	50	35	+15	36
Campton	22	11	2	9	53	45	+8	35
Biggleswade United Reserves	23	10	2	11	49	58	-9	32
Wilshamstead	20	8	6	6	51	41	+10	30
Renhold United	24	6	9	9	39	53	-14	27
Woburn AFC	19	7	3	9	45	50	-5	24
Kempston Town	17	6	4	7	38	35	+3	22
Southill Alexander	19	6	4	9	43	43	+0	22
Sharnbrook	21	6	4	11	34	48	-14	22
Dunton	22	5	4	13	31	49	-18	19
Westoning Recreation Club [Saturday]	19	2	1	16	31	85	-54	7

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

League leaders Ickwell & Old Warden were to see their seven game winning home run halted when they were held to a 1-1 draw by Renhold United. 0-0 at half-time, United via man of the match Chris Huckle, were to take the lead in the opening minute of the second period and stay in front until Chris Sibley levelled matters just a minute from time.

Meanwhile over at Horseshoe Close, Blunham closed the lead on them at the head of the league table to just two points, with their seventh consecutive away win over hosts Dunton, whose plight at the wrong end of the league table worsens week by week. Andy Smith from the penalty spot placing Blunham in front on the half-hour mark, before just two minutes later Paul Beith levelled matters. However a second penalty for Smith plus strikes from Chris Johnson and Matthew McMahon in the second period saw Blunham to the three points.

For third place Caldecote, it was a fourth win on the bounce to end Campton's eight game unbeaten sequences. 0-0 at half-time, a second period penalty from Russell Kemp plus strikes from Paul Standen and Barry Dellar won the day for the visitors.

Elsewhere, Oakley Sports hopes of remaining in the championship race were blown apart with a 3-4 home defeat at the hands of Woburn. Martin Holland with a hat-trick plus Alex Otterway the Safari Boys marksmen against Sportsman replies from David Baxter with a brace and Delroy Prince.

Southill Alexander meantime, were swapping places in the bottom four of the league standings with Sharnbrook following a 3-0 home win over them. Matty Pye twice and Bradley O'Donovan netting the goals that did the damage.

Alas for bottom of the table Westoning Recreation Club it was a seventh straight defeat, this time 0-3 at home against Wilshamstead. Michael Jones and Paul Jones netting in the opening half before a Michael Jones penalty 10 minutes from time settled matters.

The day's other top flight game at Hillgrounds between AFC Kempston Town and Biggleswade United Reserves finishing all square at 2-2. James Trundley shooting United ahead on 27 minutes and when Dan Thomas doubled the scoreline eight minutes into the new period the game looked up for The Town. That was until James Allen struck on 65 minutes and Justin Patterson equalized just five minutes from time.

Division One

Flitwick Town remain on course to collect this season's Division One league title after they came from behind to win 2-1 at Blunham Reserves. Garth Thomas giving the home side the lead in the closing minute of the opening period before two goals from Dean Warren, including one from the penalty spot won the day for The Town in the second period.

Second place Caldecote Reserves meanwhile were taking their unbeaten ways up to 11 games with a narrow 5-4 home win over FC Meppershall. Jack Boyd netting four times and Ryan Ambrose once against a Craig Damon hat-trick and a goal from Danny Wing in reply.

Up now into third spot are Marston Social, who chalked up their seventh straight home win on the bounce 6-0 over bottom of the table Kempston Hammers Sports. Darren Rowlett and James Armstrong both hitting braces alongside goals from Daniel Bullen and Simon Steele.

Losing out on that third spot and dropping down the table into fifth slot are Leighton United, who were beaten 3-2 at Meltis Albion, who thus climb up into fourth place. Derek McRae with a brace plus Asa Garlick on target for The Albion against United replies from Layne Eadie and Asim Munir.

Sandy are now unbeaten in their last six home starts after netting a 4-3 win over Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves. Sam Jones with a brace plus an own goal and a strike

from Phil Beal on the Sandy scoresheet against a hat-trick from Lee Threadgold in reply.

Elsewhere, Campton Reserves plight at the bottom end of the table deepens when they were beaten 4-0 at Kempston. David Powell twice plus Daniel Burraway and Dean Sturniolo netting the home sides goals.

For Bedford Sports Athletic, it was a return to winning ways on the road with a 3-1 victory at Henlow. Gary Cananzo, Ashley Mead and Aaron Edwards all hitting the back of the net against a home reply from Joe Fallano.

The final game of the day in this division giving AFC Kempston Town Reserves a 5-1 home win over Stevington. Shaun Barnes leading the way with a hat-trick supported by goals from Daniel Bibby and Ed L'Erario, the visitors reply coming from Aaron Fletcher.

Division One League Table at 10th April 2010

16 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Flitwick Town	26	19	1	6	61	36	+25	58
Caldecote Reserves	27	17	5	5	79	46	+33	56
Marston Social	23	13	5	5	57	32	+25	44
Meltis Albion	25	12	7	6	54	41	+13	43
Leighton United	21	13	3	5	60	35	+25	42
Kempston	24	12	0	12	54	58	-4	36
Sandy	25	11	2	12	68	48	+20	35
FC Meppershall	26	10	5	11	72	72	+0	35
Bedford Sports Athletic	24	10	4	10	59	56	+3	34
Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	23	10	2	11	52	54	-2	32
Blunham Reserves	26	9	4	13	39	57	-18	31
Henlow	23	9	2	12	44	56	-12	29
AFC Kempston Town Reserves	23	8	2	13	38	61	-23	26
Stevington	24	6	5	13	49	73	-24	23
Campton Reserves	25	6	2	17	44	75	-31	20

Kempston Hammers Sports	23	4	1	18	48	78	-30	13
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Saturday, 05 September 2009: FC Meppershall v AFC Kempston Town Reserves - Away Win was awarded
 Saturday, 03 April 2010: Flitwick Town v Kempston Hammers Sports - Home Win was awarded

Division Two

With both of the leading two clubs winning again, it's a case of no change at the head of the Division Two league table. League leaders Bedford Hatters retaining their unbeaten ways on the road this season winning 6-2 at Shillington, thanks to a Simon Pixley hat-trick plus goals from Tom Redmond, Ashley Deverall and Danny De Feo, against home replies from Stuart Gibbs and Lewis Osborne. Whilst second place Potton Wanderers won by the same scoreline at Kings AFC. Sam Worthington with a hat-trick, Dean Hamilton with a brace plus Danny Fox on The Wanderers scoresheet against a brace in reply from Chris Greene.

Third place Brache Sparta Community Reserves meanwhile despite retaining their seasons unbeaten home record, are slipping off the promotion pace when held to a 0-0 draw by Marabese Ceramics.

For fourth place Arlesey Social Galacticos, it was a taking of their unbeaten ways up to eight games with a 3-1 home win over Harpur FC. Graeme Leger doing all the damage with a hat-trick against a lone reply from Kane Alexander.

Elsewhere, fifth place Marston Shelton Rovers continued their own promotion push with an 8-2 away win at Kempston Royals. Chris Patrickson on target four times, Xennon Paul with a brace plus Antony Henman and Sean McFarland the Rovers goalscorers, against home replies from Liam Boland and a Lorenzo Jordan penalty.

Elstow Abbey's plight in the drop zone was taking another turn for the worse when they were beaten 0-8 at home by Shefford Town. Braces of goals from Jordan Robbins and Sean Deanus plus a goal from Aaron Ram taking The Town 5-0 ahead at the break before Adam Spours twice and Graham Earl added to the scoreline in the second period.

The days final game in this division ending all square at 2-2 between Great Barford and Clifton. Shane Wheatley and Jason Ames the home scorers against Clifton replies from Lewis Good and Alex Fisher.

Division Two League Table at 10th April 2010

14 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Bedford Hatters	21	17	2	2	94	30	+64	53
Potton Wanderers	20	16	2	2	92	24	+68	50

Brache Sparta Community Reserves	21	13	6	2	78	31	+47	45
Arlesey Social Galacticos	22	13	5	4	53	39	+14	44
Marston Shelton Rovers	20	13	4	3	70	31	+39	43
Shefford Town	21	8	5	8	57	49	+8	29
Kings AFC	21	7	4	10	62	60	+2	25
Marabese Ceramics	21	7	4	10	24	33	-9	25
Harpur FC	21	7	3	11	51	76	-25	24
Great Barford	24	6	5	13	42	68	-26	23
Kempston Royals	23	6	4	13	38	67	-29	22
Clifton	22	4	8	10	39	61	-22	20
Elstow Abbey 06	23	5	2	16	37	91	-54	17
Shillington [Saturday]	20	0	2	18	31	108	-77	2

Watson Shield Round Three

Eastcotts will now host Renhold Village at the Semi-Final stage of this season's Watson Shield after running out 6-4 winners at Flitwick Town Reserves. Darren Mason with a hat-trick plus goals from Tony Milloti, Shane Wilson and Ben Eagles outscoring home braces from Mark Bartlett and Stuart Harvey.

The Village earned their Semi-Final spot via a 3-0 win at Lidlington United Sports, Dan Goddard, Dan Luke and Mark Tobdzic, all finding the back of the net.

Also into the last four and at home against Queens Park Crescents are M& DH Oakley, 4-3 extra time winners at Sundon Park Rangers. James Dean twice plus Dan Ellison and Ben Meaney on target for the winners against home replies from Paul Raymond with a brace plus Nick Buttiegieg.

Division Three

Queens Park Crescents lead at the head of the Division Three league table is now up to eight points, after they ran out 2-1 home winners over Dunton Reserves to remain unbeaten on home soil this season. Mohammed Zahar and Junaid Miah the goalscorers against a Dunton reply from Tom Burton.

For Sandy Reserves, it was a first away win of the season 2-1 at Wilshamstead Reserves to move them off of the bottom of the league table. Adam Jones and Dean Haines netting the vital goals against a home reply from Dan Wisson.

Taking over that bottom spot now are Riseley Sports Reserves beaten 4-0 at Stopsley Park. The Park goals arriving via Andy Randell, Simon Richards, Tyrone Patterson and Stuart Lyons.

Division Three League Table at 10th April 2010

10 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Queens Park Crescents	15	11	3	1	52	20	+32	36
Lidlington United Sports	14	8	4	2	35	20	+15	28
Stopsley Park	16	7	4	5	54	38	+16	25
Dunton Reserves	16	7	4	5	40	35	+5	25
Renhold Village	15	7	3	5	47	34	+13	24
Caldecote 'A'	16	7	2	7	37	62	-25	23
Wilshamstead Reserves	14	5	1	8	38	33	+5	16
Westoning Recreation Club [Saturday] Reserves	14	3	5	6	21	29	-8	14
Sandy Reserves	16	3	2	11	25	56	-31	11
Riseley Sports Reserves	14	3	0	11	33	55	-22	9

Division Four

Sharnbrook Reserves were to take their winning ways up to eight games and stretch their lead at the head of the league table to eight points with a 5-0 home victory over Stewartby Village. Jordan Baxter netting twice alongside single strikes from James Whitmore, Stephen Smith and Brad Miles against a Village reply from Julian Caves.

Clifton Reserves meantime are now unbeaten in their last three starts after gaining a share of the spoils from a 4-4 home draw with Dinamo Flitwick. Greg King with a brace plus David Dye and Sam McNaught on target for the home side against a brace from Danny Hollis and strikes from Ben Canning and Dean Gates on the visitors scoresheet.

Elsewhere, Kempston Athletic put an end to their four game losing run by sharing the spoils in a 2-2 draw at Thurleigh. Steve Pledge and Ben Stock on the mark for the home side against Athletic replies from Sean Buckley and Gary Whitbread.

Division Four League Table at 10th April 2010

11 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Sharnbrook Reserves	17	14	1	2	59	15	+44	43
Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	17	11	3	3	70	23	+47	36
M & DH Oakley	16	11	0	5	48	27	+21	33
Flitwick Town Reserves	17	8	2	7	46	49	-3	26
Dinamo Flitwick	17	6	3	8	44	38	+6	21
Clifton Reserves	15	6	3	6	45	41	+4	21
Thurleigh	16	6	3	7	38	40	-2	21
Stewartby Village	18	7	0	11	41	54	-13	21
Eastcotts	14	6	2	6	34	33	+1	20
Kempston Athletic	16	3	1	12	34	71	-37	10
Bedford Park Rangers	17	3	0	14	20	88	-68	9

Saturday, 06 March 2010: Flitwick Town Reserves v Stewartby Village - Away Win was awarded

Preview for Saturday 17th April 2010

With the race for the Premier Division supported by Sportsform title now coming to the boil, both of the leading contenders this weekend face a trip on the road. League leaders Ickwell & Old Warden, making their way to Crawley Road to face Woburn now unbeaten in their last 14 outings, nine of which have come on the road against a home side that will be looking to take it's own unbeaten home ways up to four games. Blunham meantime are on route to Greenfield Road to face bottom of the table Westoning Recreation Club, where they will be fully expected to collect the full three points and their eighth away win on the bounce.

Down at the other end of the table, the race to beat the drop is also nicely coming to the boil. Dunton who currently sit in that second from the bottom of the table slot facing a home encounter at Horseshoes Close now without a home win in eight outings against a AFC Kempston Town side that has won just three times on the road all season and start the day just three points ahead of their hosts in the standings.

Whilst for Southill Alexander, it's also home action at The Carlsberg Stadium where they look to take their unbeaten home ways to four games against the visiting Campton. This game having a delayed 5.30pm Kick Off.

The afternoon's other two top flight games see Oakley Sports looking to return to winning home ways against a Biggleswade United Reserves side that has won just one of its nine trips away from Second Meadow this season. This game kicking off at 2pm. Whilst Wilshamstead host Caldecote at Houghton Conquest Playing Fields, the hosts looking for their first win in four home encounters against a Caldecote side that travels in search of it's fifth win on the bounce.

Division One action brings about away games for all of the top three sides. League leaders Flitwick Town heading for Hillgrounds and a meeting with AFC Kempston Town Reserves. Whilst second place Caldecote Reserves are involved in the match of the day, when they journey to face Marston Social at Marston Playing Fields. The visitors hitting the road now unbeaten in their last 11 starts to face a Social side that has won its last seven home games. Kick Off for this game being 30 minutes earlier than normal at 2pm.

The trio of title contenders on the road being made up by Leighton United, who head to Bedford Road Recreation Ground to face Sandy. United in search of their first win in three outings against a Sandy side that is unbeaten in its last six home encounters.

For Blunham Reserves, its home Moggerhanger Playing Fields action against Bedford Sports Athletic. Whilst at Groveside, Henlow are in local derby home action against FC Meppershall.

The day's final action in this Division comes in form of another local derby at Cutler Hammer, between hosts Kempston and their ground-sharing partners Kempston Hammers Sports who will be desperate to end their eight game losing run that has seen them drift to the bottom of the league table.

In Division Two, like in the top two divisions, the pattern of away games follows for the leading title contenders. League leaders Befford Hatters still unbeaten on the road this season head for a King George VI Playing Fields encounter with Kings AFC, who will enter the game having failed to win any of their last seven games. Whilst second place Potton Wanderers now on a eight game unbeaten run make the short journey to face a Great Barford side that is unbeaten in it's last four home starts.

The only other promotion candidate in action this afternoon are Marston Shelton Rovers, who will be hosting Shefford Town in a 4.15pm Kick Off at Marston Playing Fields, where you would expect them to collect the full three points from a Town side that has won just three times on the road all season.

Elsewhere, over at The Bedford Hockey Centre, Harpur look for their first home win in three outings when Marabese Ceramics come calling. Whilst the final action in this division comes at Whiston Crescent, where Clifton host Kempston Royals, the home side still in search of their first home win of the season against a Royals outfit that has won just two away games all season.

It's Semi-Final day in this season's Watson Shield. At Hillgrounds, Eastcotts host Renhold Village, whilst for M& DH Oakley it's a 4.15pm kick off when they host Queens Park Crescents.

Division Three, league action is thus reduced to a programme of just three games. At Harvey Close, Caldecote A receive a visit from bottom of the table Riseley Sports Reserves, who have lost on all of their seven league trips away from Gold Street this season. Whilst at Horseshoes Close, Dunton Reserves look for their first home win in six outings when Wilshamstead Reserves winners of their last two away games come calling.

The final game in this division seeing second place Liddington United Sports look to take their unbeaten league ways up to 10 games when they host Westoning Recreation Club Reserves at Hurst Grove.

Division Four league action is likewise just a programme of three games. League leaders Sharnbrook Reserves looking for their ninth win on the bounce when Flitwick Town Reserves come calling at Lodge Road. Whilst Bedford Park Rangers have a chance to move off of the bottom of the league table should they come up with the full three points from their home Mowsbury Park encounter with Clifton Reserves.

The day's final game coming at Hinksley Recreation Ground between hosts Dinamo Flitwick, now without a win in their last four outings and visitors Kempston Athletic, who travel without a win from their last five outings.

NB, Please note this preview has been written ahead of the midweek games taking place on April 12th and 14th.