



Bedfordshire County **Football League**

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**WISHING EVERYONE A VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy Semi-final Draw Season 2011-12

Caldecote v Ampthill Town
61FC Luton v Crawley Green

To be played on Saturday 4th February 2012.

Four Leagues Trophy put on hold until September 2012.

There will be no Inter-League Four Leagues Trophy competition played during season 2011-12. The Trophy will re-commence in September 2012 when the leagues taking part will be, The Bedfordshire County Football League, The Northampton Town League, The Northants Combination and The Peterborough & District League.

Bedfordshire FA Inter-League Centenary Cup Final

Bedfordshire County Football League v The South Beds Sunday League

Now fixed for Thursday 22nd December 2011. Barton Rovers FC Kick Off 7.45pm

Action Round-up Saturday 17th December 2011.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Caldecote's lead at the head of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table is now down to just three points after they were beaten for the first time this season in a 4-2 scoreline at Renhold United. Jason Alison, Shelton Washington, Warren Bentley and Ben Brown netting the United goals that took their sides unbeaten league run up to five games against replies from Barry Dellar and a Paul Gower penalty.

With Bedford Hatters sitting the afternoon out and Shefford Town & Campton away on Britannia Cup duty, now in second spot are Oakley Sports who ran out 7-3 winners at Sharnbrook. Jamie Lally hitting a hat-trick to go alongside strikes from Ray Patrickson, Mark Smith, Shaun Barnett and Ian Strange against home replies from Ricky Bulzis, Jamie Cross and Jordan Baxter.

Jumping up in to fifth spot are Blunham, for them it was their first away win of the season in a 4-3 victory at bottom of the table Dunton. The home side having looked odds on to end their dismal run of nine games without a win, when with just 20 minutes left to play they led the

game 3-1. Gareth Hughes twice plus Matt Hulett and Andy Smith on the visitors scoresheet against home replies via Laurence Boshier, Liam Brophy and Tom Burton.

Over at Hillgrounds, hosts AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College were beaten 4-2 by a Wilshamstead side tasting the smell of victory for the first time in seven outings. Paul Jones and Michael Taylor both netting twice against home replies via Tom Behan and Rob Jones.

Elsewhere, Flitwick Town eased their relegation worries with a 4-1 home victory over second from bottom Woburn. Dean Warren twice plus Richie Bevan and Jim Lewis netting the goals that did the damage against a lone reply from Mattha Busby.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 17th December 2011.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Caldecote	12	9	2	1	43	16	27	29
2	Oakley Sports	14	7	5	2	40	20	20	26
3	Bedford Hatters	13	8	2	3	30	21	9	26
4	Shefford Town & Campton	11	8	1	2	44	13	31	25
5	Blunham	13	6	1	6	31	33	-2	19
6	Arlesey Town Reserves	14	6	1	7	22	25	-3	19
7	AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College	13	5	3	5	27	34	-7	18
8	Wilshamstead	13	5	3	5	25	32	-7	18
9	Renhold United	12	5	1	6	28	23	5	16
10	Sharnbrook	13	4	3	6	21	40	-19	15
11	Flitwick Town	13	3	3	7	17	28	-11	12
12	Woburn	14	2	2	10	21	42	-21	8
13	Dunton	13	1	3	9	15	37	-22	6

Britannia Cup 1st Round

Shefford Town & Campton begun their defence of the famous old trophy by netting a 9-1 home win over Arlesey Town Reserves. Andrew Hayday bagging four goals, Gary Ansell-Carter a hat-trick, to go alongside single strikes from Adam Larsen and Michael Jones, the lone reply coming from Victoriano Gonzalez.

Division One

Spending Christmas on top of the division one league table are Lidlington United Sports having taking over the top spot from Marston Shelton Rovers after winning 2-0 at bottom table Kings AFC. Steve Flaherty and Kieren Wills netting the goals that now takes United's unbeaten run up to seven games.

For now second place Marston Shelton Rovers, it was a sharing of the spoils to retain season's unbeaten ways in a 1-1 draw at FC Meppershall. Antony Farr on the Rovers scoresheet against a home reply via Joe Pyke.

Meantime for start of play third spot Bedford Sports Athletic, it was an end to their five game unbeaten run and a drop down the league table in to fifth spot following a 1-2 home defeat at the hands of Sandy who are now the new occupiers of third place. Matt Evans and Daniel Stafford on the visitor's scoresheet against a home reply from James Mead.

Jumping up in to fourth slot are Ickwell & Old Warden, for them it was a 3-2 home victory over AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves to retain their season's unbeaten ways. Andrew Vallom, Matthew McCartney and Lee Threadgold all finding the back of the net against Town replies from Elliot West and Kevin Brown.

Elsewhere, Henlow are now unbeaten in their last six outings after winning 4-3 at Westoning. Jonathan Rowe with a brace plus Russ Ayles and Graeme Leger netting the goals that were only replied to by Ali Smith, Scott Gadsden and Glen Cooksley.

The final scheduled game in this division between hosts Lea Sports PSG and Luton Boys being postponed due to an unfit pitch.

Division One League Table at 17th December 2011.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Lidlington United Sports	13	10	2	1	42	18	24	32
2	Marston Shelton Rovers	14	9	4	1	31	13	18	31
3	Sandy	14	9	2	3	46	25	21	29
4	Ickwell & Old Warden	12	8	4	0	35	17	18	28
5	Bedford SA	13	8	3	2	34	18	16	27
6	Henlow	15	7	4	4	31	27	4	25
7	Caldecote Reserves	12	6	2	4	35	28	7	20
8	FC Meppershall	12	5	3	4	36	21	15	18
9	Luton Boys	12	3	3	6	29	35	-6	12
10	AFC Kempston Tn & Bedford Coll Reserves	14	2	2	10	15	36	-21	8
11	Lea Sports PSG	12	0	7	5	15	21	-6	7
12	Westoning	15	2	1	12	25	48	-23	7
13	Meltis Albion	12	1	3	8	9	43	-34	6
14	Kings AFC	12	1	0	11	15	48	-33	3

Centenary Cup 1st Round

Caldecote Reserves safely made their way into the hat for the second round draw with a 5-1 home win over Meltis Albion, 2-1 ahead at the break with goals from a Dan Hall penalty and Tom Dupey against an Albion reply from Tom Hughes, a second half hat-trick from Matt Basta brought up the nap hand.

Division Two

Elstow Abbey will take a three point lead at the head of the division two league table into 2012 after they retained their season's unbeaten ways with a 3-1 home win over Marabese Ceramics and then learnt that their nearest rivals, AFC Turvey, had been beaten for the first time in their 39 game league history on home soil by Clifton.

Abbey with a first half strike from Travis Joseph and a brace a goals in the second period from Danny Pilgrim had the points well sealed before Luke Deards injury time goal brought up the final 3-1 scoreline Whilst at Stonefields, a brace of goals from Adam Broughton were to be outscored by strikes from Paul Rowe, Andrew Mussutt and Max Cooper to give Clifton a shock 3-2 victory.

With the Sundon Park Rangers v Pavenham game in Stockwood Park a victim of Friday's snow, now jumping above both clubs in to third place in the league table are Bromham United who ran out 3-0 home winners over Stopsley Park. Dean Waghorn, Tom Prothero and Jacob Hukin netting the vital goals.

Dropping down the table from sixth to seventh spot are Co-op Sports, goals from Chris Vardy and Scott Davis failing to prevent them from losing 2-3 at home against the new occupiers of sixth place, Queens Park Crescents.

Returning to winning ways and now eighth in the league table are Potton United Reserves, for them it was a 2-1 home win over Shefford Town & Campton Reserves. Ben Talbot and Sam Worthington bagging the goals that were only replied to by Alex Toye.

Elsewhere due to an unfit pitch, the game between M & DH Oakley and Great Barford was postponed.

Division Two League Table at 17th December 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Elstow Abbey	13	11	2	0	51	9	42	35
2	AFC Turvey	13	10	2	1	50	17	33	32
3	Bromham United	15	8	1	6	29	28	1	25
4	Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	13	7	3	3	41	21	20	24
5	Pavenham	12	7	1	4	31	12	19	22
6	Queens Park Crescents	13	6	3	4	32	28	4	21
7	Co-op Sports	11	6	1	4	26	22	4	19
8	Potton United Reserves	13	6	0	7	27	33	-6	18
9	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	14	5	3	6	23	37	-14	18
10	M & DH Oakley	13	5	0	8	20	33	-13	15
11	Clifton	15	4	2	9	17	37	-20	14
12	Marabese Ceramics	14	3	3	8	15	27	-12	12
13	Stopsley Park	13	3	2	8	30	45	-15	11
14	Great Barford	14	0	1	13	11	54	-43	1

Division Three

League leaders Goldington took their unbeaten ways up to 10 games to hold onto a one point lead at the head of the standings with a 3-1 home win over Westoning Reserves. Chris Huckle netting twice and Damion Quigley once against a lone reply from Gareth White.

Division Three League Table at 17th December 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Goldington	14	10	2	2	52	19	33	32
2	Cranfield United Reserves	13	10	1	2	42	15	27	31
3	Renhold Village	12	9	1	2	37	13	24	28
4	Stevington	14	9	1	4	38	20	18	28
5	Riseley Sports	11	6	3	2	31	22	9	21
6	Eastcotts AFC	12	7	0	5	31	31	0	21
7	Potton Town	14	6	2	6	27	31	-4	20
8	Wilshamstead Reserves	14	6	2	6	19	26	-7	20
9	Sundon Park Rangers Colts	13	5	1	7	35	24	11	16
10	Westoning Reserves	14	5	1	8	27	34	-7	16
11	Royal Oak Kempston	12	4	0	8	18	29	-11	12
12	Kempston Hammers Sports	13	4	0	9	25	43	-18	12
13	Flitwick Town Reserves	13	1	1	11	18	47	-29	4
14	Dunton Reserves	13	1	1	11	13	59	-46	4

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With Renhold Village sitting the afternoon out, Cranfield United Reserves jumped above them in to second place after winning 8-2 at bottom table Dunton Reserves. Dan Cockerton netting four times alongside single strikes from Philip Distin, Richard Stimpson, James Armstrong and Adam Kerr to take United's unbeaten ways to 10 games against home replies via Scott Fisher and Ben Myler.

Just goal difference behind Renhold Village in fourth place are Stevington, for them it was a 3-2 home win over Kempston Hammers Sports who were losing for the seventh time on the bounce. Sam King with a brace plus Clinton Tatham seeing their goals only replied to by Jason Beddall and Richard Garnham.

Also enjoying a 3-2 home win were Wilshamstead Reserves over Flitwick Town Reserves. Jay Hill, Matt Johnson and Jay Steele on the scoresheet to give Wilshamstead their fourth home win on the bounce against replies from Cody Roberts and Adam Moss for a Town side losing their eighth consecutive away game.

The goal of the afternoon coming at Mill Lane in form of a James Day 75th minute free kick delivered from 30 yards inside his own half pass Sundon Park Rangers Colts goalkeeper Graham Hilton to give Potton Town a 1-0 victory.

Watson Shield 1st Round

Riseley Sports made their way into the hat for the second round draw with a home penalty shoot-out win over Royal Oak Kempston. Paul Brown for the home side and Lorenzo Jordan for the visitors netting in the opening 90 minutes and after extra time brought no further goals, it was the home side who won the shoot-out 5-4.

Division Four

With second place Thurleigh having their home game against Wootton Village postponed due to the state of their Keysoe Road pitch they thus lost the chance to draw level at the head of the league standing with the sitting the afternoon out Bedford Park Rangers.

Division Four League Table at 17th December 2011.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Bedford Park Rangers	12	10	1	1	51	16	35	31
2	Thurleigh	11	9	1	1	45	14	31	28
3	Marsh Leys	12	8	2	2	43	18	25	26
4	Stewartby Village	15	7	4	4	40	30	10	25
5	Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	14	7	2	5	25	24	1	23
6	Shefford Town & Campton A	14	7	2	5	36	40	-4	23
7	Clifton Reserves	14	5	5	4	41	29	12	20
8	Sandy Reserves	15	6	2	7	43	54	-11	20
9	Wootton Village	13	5	3	5	30	28	2	18
10	Caldecote A	14	4	5	5	43	39	4	17
11	Kempston Athletic	15	5	1	9	32	44	-12	16
12	Bedford Panthers	12	3	3	6	18	28	-10	12
13	Goldington Hammers	12	3	1	8	32	46	-14	10
14	Dinamo Flitwick [former Reserves]	12	2	2	8	29	45	-16	8
15	Dunton A	15	1	2	12	15	68	-53	5

Now just two points behind Thurleigh in third spot are Marsh Leys, for them it was a 6-1 home win over Kempston Athletic. Grant Williams and David Powell both netting twice alongside

single goals for Jamie Carson and Alex Clipston against a lone Athletic reply via Gavin Matthews.

Elsewhere, Stewartby Village are now unbeaten in their last five outings and still sitting in fourth spot following their 3-1 home victory over Caldecote A. Tom Wheelhouse with a brace and James Churchman on the Village scoresheet against a lone reply from Neil Giles.

Holding onto fifth place by the margin of goal difference only are Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves, after they were held to a 2-2 draw at Bedford Panthers. Lee Coan twice netting from the penalty against home replies via Adam Stothard and Michael Bailey.

Just that goal difference behind in sixth place are Shefford Town & Campton A, for them it was a 4-1 victory at Goldington Hammers. Scott Dora netting twice plus Sam Larsen and Jake Brown once against a Hammers reply via Danny Johnson.

The biggest winners of the day were now seventh place Clifton Reserves, for them it was a 11-0 home win over bottom table Dunton Reserves who were losing their eighth away game on the bounce. Tony Norman and Nick Thomas both netting hat-tricks, Vince Kernaghan and Laurie Bambridge twice apiece to go alongside a single strike from Mason Bambridge.

Up in to eighth place are Sandy Reserves, for them it was a first home win of the season 3-2 over second from bottom Dinamo Flitwick. Johnnie Stratford with a brace plus Ryan Gregory on the home scoresheet against Dinamo goals from Scott Hannam and Dale Goldie.

Preview Wednesday 28th December 2011

Wednesday evenings action comes in the shape of just two fixtures. At The Hollow, Potton United Reserves will play hosts to Clifton in a Jubilee Cup encounter that kicks off at 7.30pm. Whilst Weston Park is the venue for Eastcotts AFC home clash with a yet to win on the road this season Dunton A in Watson Shield action that kicks off at 7.45pm.

Preview Saturday 31st December 2011

The final action of the year for The Bedfordshire County Football League comes with the completion of all but two of the first round ties in the various league cup competitions. These are headed by the three outstanding ties in The Britannia Cup. For Blunham, that means home Moggerhanger Playing Field action against Bedford Hatters and with the visitors travelling still unbeaten on the road this season you would perhaps expect them to claim the last eight spot on offer.

Over at Jubilee Playing Fields, Wilshamstead have won just once on home soil all season, thus the visiting high flying league leaders Caldecote look the favourites to prevail into the Quarter-finals.

However, the third and final tie sees Oakley Sports and Sharnbrook locking horns for the second time inside 14 days at Oakley Playing Fields. The league encounter at Lodge Road going the way of Oakley Sports by a 7-3 scoreline to suggest The Sportsmen are the favourites to progress into round two.

In The Centenary Cup there are just four ties still to settle. At Hurst Grove, the visitors to face Lidlington United Sports are Lea Sports PSG. They drew 1-1 at the same venue in league action in mid-November but with United having already won the return match you would expect them to be the name in the hat for the last eight draw come the final whistle.

Over at Groveside, Henlow are now unbeaten in their last four outings which includes a 1-0 win over the visiting AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves and with The Town having won just once on the road all season it will be the home side who will start favourites to progress.

That comment being the reverse at Greenfield Road where Westoning play hosts to Marston Shelton Rovers. Rovers making the journey having lost just once on the road all season to face a home side who have themselves only won once on home soil this season.

The fourth and final tie again perhaps favouring the visitors when FC Meppershall make tracks for King George VI Playing Fields to be hosted by Kings AFC.

In The Jubilee Cup there are also four ties to settle. At The Warren, you would expect hosts Elstow Abbey to repeat their earlier seasons league win over Shefford Town & Campton Reserves but at Mowsbury Park, AFC Turvey look to face a much harder task to overcome hosts Queens Park Crescent if their name is to appear in the Quarter-final hat.

Over at Everton Playing Fields, hosts Great Barford are on a 10 game losing home run in all competitions and will not be expected to beat the visiting Bromham United. Yet at Solway Road North, you would expect hosts Co-op Sports to prevail over the visiting Marabese Ceramics who have won just one away league game all season.

In The Watson Shield which is played out by both division three and four sides there is a programme of 11 fixtures. The two stand-out ties looking to be on The Green, where division four Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves endeavour to upset the odds when they host division three high flyers Goldington and at Digswell Playing Fields, the same comments apply when hosts Shefford Town & Campton A receive a visit from Stevington.

Five other division four sides will also ply their trade against division three opposition in hope of causing an upset Caldecote A, who go in to home Harvey Close action against the visiting Kempston Hammers Sports whose journeys on the road this season have produced just one victory to date; Kempston Athletic, who will need to end a five game losing home run if they are to overcome Sundon Park Colts; Goldington Hammers who will need to find a way of ending Renhold Village's 100% perfect home record when they travel to face them at Renhold Playing Fields; whilst Wootton Village receive a visit from Wilshamstead Reserves at their Wootton Recreation Ground headquarters, and Stewartby Village go into home action at Stewartby Way against Flitwick Town Reserves.

This leaving just one all division three clash when at Mill Lane, Potton Town host Westoning Reserves just a month after the sides played out a 2-2 league draw at the same venue.

The remaining three ties thus being all division four encounters. At Cutler Hammer, you would expect Marsh Leys to prevail over a Clifton Reserves side they have already beaten in league action on their own patch. Whilst at Bedford Road Recreation, the visitors to face Sandy Reserves are Bedford Panthers who left The Rec in early October with a league point from a 3-3 draw and at Keysoe Road, you would expect Thurleigh to progress into the hat for the last 16 draw when called upon by Dinamo Flitwick.