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Action Round-Up Saturday 1st October 2011.

Brian Buck Travellers Tales visits Sandy FC

74th game of the season. (Match 10,182) Tuesday 13th September 2011. Sandy 1 Caldecote Reserves 1 (East Beds Charity Cup 2nd Round) (6pm kick off) (Caldecote Reserves won 9-8 on penalties) att 25 approx. This was my 99th visit to Bedford Road and was for a match which was expected to be completed early enough to allow us plenty of time to get to Potton United for our second game of the evening, especially as this was a 35 minutes each way affair. The first half of this physical match belonged mainly to Sandy but I shall remember it more for the players moaning at the ref a lot and not just because he was wearing a grey outfit for some unexplained reason. Caldecote were only appearing here tonight because Blunham had been kicked out of the competition for fielding an illegible player in the previous round, but they did take the lead a minute into the second half when the Sandy keeper involuntarily kicked the ball into his own net following a corner. Later the ref was to have words and a card for the Caldecote manager and then just as I was set to go and get the car warmed up for our trip to Potton, Sandy equalised three minutes from time when the scorer caressed the ball across the keeper and into the far corner of the net. No extra time so straight onto penalties. This took ages to sort out and then when they were taken we witnessed 19 of them before the tie was resolved in Caldecote's favour. This was a repeat of last seasons match between the sides here, except that Caldecote won that shootout 4-3.

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Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy 1st Round

Premier Division supported by Sportsform league leaders Caldecote will now face a trip to Woburn in round two following their 3-2 home win over Flitwick Town. Barry Dellar with a brace plus David Lenton netting the vital goals against Town replies via Dean Warren and Peter Kouwenberg.

For Oakley Sports, it was a 4-2 win after extra time at Spartan South Midlands League Caddington. All four goals being netting by Shaun Barnett, two inside the normal 90 minutes and two in extra time. A home tie in round two against Shefford Town & Campton awaits.

Also in round two are Kempston Town & Bedford College, following their penalty shoot-out win at Bedford Hatters. 2-2 at 90 minutes and 120 minutes, during which time Scott Alleyne netted twice for the Hatters and David Kane did likewise for The Town, it was the visitors who prevailed 4-2 in the shoot-out thanks to successful kicks from Ricci Mandal, Daniel Church, Elliot West and Paul Obuch against home replies via Richard Cook and Ashley Deverall. Their reward being a trip to Blunham in round two.

Elsewhere, Wilshamstead with goals from Colin Marshall and Michael Taylor were leading 2-0 at United Counties League Wootton Blue Cross before the home side fought back, an own goal after 79 minutes via James Stratcher and a strike on 89 minutes from Darak Jozwiak

taking the tie into extra time where Bill Sells hit the winner for the home side seven minutes from time.

Alas for Dunton, they failed to raise a side for their scheduled visit to Ampthill Town.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Shefford Town & Campton are now just goal difference in arrears of league leaders Caldecote after a 24th minute goal from Adam Larsen ensured they retained their season's unbeaten ways with a 1-0 home win over bottom of the table Renhold United.

Elsewhere, Arlesey Town Reserves missed their chance to climb back on to the top of the table when beaten 6-2 at Blunham. Kier Banghard with a hat-trick, Carl Page with a brace and a strike from Deep Banghard on the home scoresheet against replies from Charlie Marshall and Tom James.

Over at Lodge Road, Sharnbrook netted their first home win of the season 3-2 over Woburn to move into the top six of the league standings. Dan Glos netting twice and Ryan Massey once against two Safari Boys penalties from Daniel McClaren.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 1st October 2011

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

Division One

Lidlington United Sports made it four wins on the bounce to remain on top of the division one league table with a 3-0 home win over Caldecote Reserves. Paul Nockels, Darren Sims and Ben Marwood all finding the back of the net.

For second place Ickwell & Old Warden, things were far from easy as they retained their own 100% record for the campaign with a 3-2 win at Sandy. It was Sandy who took the lead after just three minutes via Ian Hammett before Danny Fox levelled matters on the half-hour mark only to see Hammett place the home side back in front eight minutes later. However, an injury to home goalkeeper Nathan Morris in the 69th minute prevented him doing better when Anup Kalyan levelled matters just 60 seconds later, at which point the home custodian was replaced by Luke Morgan between the posts who in turn could do little about Andrew Vallom's 85th minute winner to seal the points Ickwell & Old Warden's way.

Up into third spot and still unbeaten for the season are Bedford Sports Athletic, they ran out 3-1 home winners over Henlow. Andrew Latimer, Ashley Mead and James Dougan on the scoresheet against a lone reply from Andy Newton.

Now in fourth place are FC Meppershall, they netted their third win on the bounce with a 4-1 home victory over Westoning. Kieron Langley with a brace plus Craig Damon and Sam Walters seeing their goals only replied to by Jack Willison.

Down at the other end of the table, Kings AFC moved themselves off of the bottom spot with a 2-1 win at AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves who now slip to the base of the league standings. Chris Greene and Josh Clements strikes only being replied to by home striker Adam Fraser.

Elsewhere, Meltis Albion retained their season's unbeaten ways on the road by sharing the spoils in a 2-2 draw at Luton Boys. Ibrahim Sal and Embra Coskunganul on the home scoresheet against Albion replies via Lewis Prince and Daniel Kerriuan.

The seventh and final game in this division between Marston Shelton Rovers and Lea Sports PSG being postponed when PSG failed to raise a side to travel.

Division One League Table at 1st October 2011.

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

Division Two

All remains status quo at the head of the division two league table following wins for the leading four clubs. AFC Turvey the league leaders, making it five wins on the bounce when two goals from John Guiney plus strikes from Tim Clarke and Martin Page took them to a 4-3 home win over Queens Park Crescents. Whilst second place Elstow Abbey were far easier 8-1 home victors over Shefford Town & Campton Reserves. 5-1 ahead at half-time thanks to braces of goals from Ed L'erario and Glen Tumulty plus a strike from Danny Pilgrim against a Town penalty from Gary Gibson. The second period saw substitute Dave McCarthy come off the bench to claim himself a hat-trick to take the scorline up to eight by the final whistle.

For third place Pavenham, it was a 8-0 away win romp at Great Barford. Ben Greenwood with a hat-trick, James Owen and Tom Rodger with a brace plus Tim Bowers netting the goals that did the damage.

Meantime, Sundon Park Rangers remain 100% on the road this season and in fourth spot following their 4-2 win at Stopsley Park. Eddie Lewis with a brace plus a Luke Evans penalty and a strike from Matt Conway only being replied to via an own goal and a strike from Jake Lepick.

Having lost their opening four games M & DH Oakley started to redress the balance with a 8-3 home win over Co-Op Sports. Jack Goodacre netting three times, Shaun Cafferty twice and single strikes from Kieran McMahon, Tom Beattie and Ben Meaney only being replied to by Rowan Markland, Tom Furr and Thomas Miller for the visitors.

Over at Groveside, Marabese Ceramics came up with their first win of the season with a 2-1 home victory over Potton United Reserves. Gary Bottazzi and Dave Eastwood on the scoresheet against a United reply from Amit Aghera.

Also winning for the first time this season were Clifton with a 2-1 victory at Bromham United. Tony Norman and Paul Rowe on the scoresheet against a home reply via Phillip Kempself.

Division Two League Table at 1st October 2011.

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

Division Three

Still top of the division three league table and 100% for the season are Renhold Village who romped to a 4-0 home win over the previously unbeaten Eastcotts AFC. Carl Townsend, Alex Giscombe, Dan Luke and Marko Tobdzic claiming the vital goals.

Now up into second spot are Stevington, they extended their unbeaten ways for the season by winning 6-1 at Flitwick Town Reserves. Tristan Clark with a hat-trick, Aaron Fletcher with a brace plus Darren King seeing their goals only replied to by Craig Phillips.

Just behind them in third spot on goal difference only are Sundon Park Rangers Colts despite them having to share the spoils in a 2-2 home draw with Riseley Sports. Tony Clark and Ashley Wadhams the Colts marksmen against replies from Tom Ellison and Will Baish.

In fourth spot now are Potton Town, they missed the chance to climb up into second place when held to a 0-0 home draw by Wilshamstead Reserves.

However, perhaps the win of the day in this division belonged to Cranfield United Reserves who won 3-1 at Goldington. James Armstrong with a penalty plus strikes from Dan Cockerton and Stuart Proffered only being replied to by Karl Anderson.

Also winning on the road were Royal Oak Kempston, who won 5-2 at Dunton Reserves. Lorenzo Jordan with a hat-trick plus strikes from Andy Cunningham and Liam Boland only being replied to by a home brace from Nicky Threadgold.

Elsewhere, Westoning Reserves claimed their first win of the season with a 3-1 home victory over Kempston Hammers Sports. Gareth White with a hat-trick doing all the damage against a Hammers reply from Jason Bedall.

Division Three League Table at 1st October 2011.

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

Division Four

Marsh Leys lead at the head of the division four league table is now down to goal difference after they were held to a 3-3 home draw by Stewartby Village. Shaun Gilbert with a brace plus Alex Clipson on the mark for the home side against Village replies via a Ryan Collis penalty and strikes from Ben Sparks and Michael Darnell.

Just that goal difference behind are Bedford Park Rangers following their 5-1 away win at Bedford Pathers. Shaun Finlay with a brace plus goals from Mark Reynolds, Matthew Westwood and Stephen Walsh only being replied to by Rory Cochrane.

Now up into third spot are Clifton Reserves, they retained their season's unbeaten ways with a 3-0 home win over Wootton Village. Mason Bambridge, Christian Ackers and Harry Green grabbing the goals.

For fourth spot Thurleigh, it was a 6-2 away win at Shefford Town & Campton A. Liam Bolton with a hat-trick, Salvatore Ventriglia with a brace plus a goal from Ben Stock only being replied to by home goals from Scott Dora and Ryan Cooper.

The biggest winners of the day were now fifth place Caldecote A, 10-3 home victors over Kempston Athletic. Garry Allum on target five times, Dan Fennell and Ryan Ambrose netting twice alongside a strike from Jordan Goodman against Athletic replies via Gary Whitbread, James Maxwell and Dee Sayid.

Also winning big were Goldington Hammers, 8-1 home winners over Dunton A. Jason Nice with five goals to go alongside single strikes from Jimmy Jacob, Joe Hubbard and Steve Palmer against a lone Dave Gibbs reply.

Elsewhere, Sandy Reserves claimed their first win of the season with a 4-0 victory at Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves. Brad Dennis, Chris Gregory, Ryan Gregory and Reece Stratton all finding the back of the net.

Division Four League Table at 1st October 2011

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

Preview Saturday 8th October 2011.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform action this weekend sees the top action come at The Armadillo Stadium, hosts and third place Arlesey Town Reserves taking on league leaders Caldecote who make the short journey from Harvey Close looking to defend their season's unbeaten ways.

Apart from Caldecote, just three other clubs in the top flight remain unbeaten this season and two of them go head to head at Oakley Playing Fields, where hosts Oakley Sports receive a visit from Shefford Town & Campton. Whilst for the fifth unbeaten club Bedford Hatters, it's a trip on the road to The Carlsberg Stadium to take on Dunton.

Meantime, Sharnbrook make the short journey to Renhold Playing Fields still 100% on the road this season to face bottom of the table Renhold United and Blunham look for their first away win of the season when they head for a Crawley Road outing against Woburn.

The sixth and final game in the top flight taking place at Steppingley Road, the venue where still 100% at home hosts Flitwick Town will perhaps start favourites to collect the full three points against AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College who seek their first away point/points of the season.

In Division One, league leaders Lidlington United will face no easy task retaining their seasons 100% record when visited by Sandy at Hurst Grove. Whilst on The Green, two more of the serious title contenders will come face to face when Marston Shelton Rovers still 100% on the road this season arrive to face 100% unbeaten second place hosts Ickwell & Old Warden.

Elsewhere at Greenfield Road you would expect still unbeaten on the road Bedford Sports Athletic to at least share the spoils when hosted by a home Westoning side that has lost its opening three encounters. Whilst at Pirton Recreation Ground, hosts Lea Sports PSG who

failed to raise a team last weekend to travel and face Marston Shelton Rovers will defend their unbeaten home record against 100% away from home FC Meppershall.

Other action comes at Miller Road, the venue where Meltis Albion seek their opening home point/points of the season when called upon by Henlow and just down the road at Hillgrounds, AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves go looking to put points on the board for the first time this season when visited by Caldecote Reserves.

The seventh and final game in this division being at Chaul End Lane where hosts Luton Boys will be expecting to collect their second home win of the season when visited by Kings AFC.

In Division Two, there is home action for the leading three title contenders and all look likely to collect another three points. AFC Turvey hosting Stopsley Park at Stonefields; Elstow Abbey in Warren action against Bromham United, whilst Pavenham will be Mowsbury Park hosts to Queens Park Crescents.

It is of course far too early in the season to rule out a title challenge from the remaining 11 sides and if one is to emerge then perhaps it will come from either Co-op Sports who travel to Second Meadow to take on Clifton or from Potton United Reserves who host Great Barford at The Hollow. Whilst also into that mix come both Shefford Town & Campton Reserves and Sundon Park Rangers who clash with each other at Rectory Road.

The seventh and final game in this division being due at Mowsbury Park, between hosts Marabese Ceramics and M & DH Oakley.

The Division Three action brings about a programme of seven games with several of the leading sides facing trips on the road in search of the points to keep them in the early promotion race. For Renhold Village, things will be far from easy when they defend their 100% away record for the campaign at Crawley Road against Cranfield United Reserves. A comment that also applies to Potton Town who head likewise 100% on the road for Gold Street to face Riseley Sports and Sundon Park Rangers Colts who journey to face 100% at home and second place Stevington.

Of the other early season promotion front runners, one would expect Goldington to collect the three Mowsbury Park points on offer when they host Dunton Reserves and for Eastcotts AFC to collect the spoils from their visit to Jubilee Playing Fields to take on Wilshamstead Reserves.

Other action coming at Cutler Hammer, Flitwick Town Reserves being the visitors to take on Kempston Hammers Sports and in Hillgrounds where Royal Oak Kempston open their home account for the season against Westoning Reserves.

In Division Four, second place Bedford Park Rangers should enhance their title claims by collecting the full three points from their home Mowsbury Park clash with Goldington Hammers, a comment that also applies to Kempston Athletic who will be in home Hillgrounds action against Shefford Town & Campton A.

Over at Keysoe Road, Thurleigh take on Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves in a game that should reveal their title credentials plus Stewartby Village will travel to Horseshoes Close looking to maintain their promising start to the campaign against hosts Dunton A.

Of the other fixtures, you would expect home advantage to help Caldecote A prevail over Wootton Village at Harvey Close and perhaps also be the deciding factor in the Bedford Road Recreation Ground meeting between hosts Sandy Reserves and their visitors Bedford Panthers.

The seventh and final fixture at Hinksley Road between hosts Dinamo Flitwick and Clifton Reserves, will see the third place visitors start the favourites to collect the spoils.

Action will then move onto Wednesday evening October 12th when at The Armadillo Stadium, Arlesey Town Reserves host Flitwick Town in their quest for another three Premier Division supported by Sportsform points.