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Wednesday Night April 11th 2012 Action Round-Up

Tonight's action in Division One still leaves Kings AFC deep in relegation trouble following their 5-2 home defeat by Caldecote Reserves. 2-0 down inside 10 minutes due to a brace of goals from Jack Boyd, that was to increase to 3-0 by half-time courtesy of a goal from Tom Wallace. However, Josh Clements was to reduce the arrears in the new half before another goal from Wallace and a strike from Matt Basta took Caldecote into a 5-1 lead until Ollie Plested netted the home sides second goal.

In Division Two, league leaders Elstow Abbey retained their season's unbeaten ways and moved to within six points of the league title after twice coming from two goals behind to secure a share of the spoils in a 4-4 draw at Sundon Park Rangers. Andrew Fox and Matt Conway giving the Rangers a 2-0 lead inside the opening 12 minutes which was cancelled out by a brace of goals from Harry Ellis in the 19th and 42nd minute to send the teams in at half-time level. However, goals from Samuel Kehinde and Nicky Buttigieg soon had the Rangers 4-2 ahead in the new period until Danny Pilgrim on 70 minutes and a 35 yard blockbuster from Travis Joseph five minutes later ensured the game finished all square.

Elsewhere, also sharing the spoils were Potton United Reserves and Queens Park Crescents in a 3-3 draw at The Hollow. James Hearson, James Tizard and Amit Aghera on the home scoresheet.

In Division Three, Eastcotts AFC kepted their promotion charge on course to now move to within a point of league leaders Cranfield United Reserves with a 2-1 home victory over Wilshamstead Reserves. Ciaran Alexander and Darren Masson netting the goals to take them to their eighth win on the bounce against a penalty reply from Paul Jones.

Now in third spot are Goldington, they leapfrogged above Renhold Village by beating them 6-4 on their own patch. James Morris and Karl Anderson both netting hat-tricks to do the damage against home replies via an own goal plus Dan Luke, Carl Townsend and Dan Goddard.

Elsewhere, Sundon Park Rangers were running out 3-0 home winners over Westoning Reserves thanks to a brace of goals from Ashley Wadhams and a strike from Robert Smith.

In Division Four, Bedford Park Rangers moved back onto the top of the league table on goal difference over Marsh Leys thanks to a 7-1 home win over Wootton Village. Shaun Finlay and Alex Liburd netting twice alongside single goals for Luke Rayner, Alex Liburd and Jordan Wright against a lone Village reply via Adam Flynn.

Now in third spot are Thurleigh, they jumped above the non-playing Clifton Reserves with a 6-4 home victory over Kempston Athletic. Josh Pierre St Claire and Steve Pledge both netting

twice alongside single goals from Jared Pierre and David Mulvhill, whilst on the Athletic scoersheet were Carl Catchpole with a brace plus Gary Whitbread and Dee Sayid.

The final game of the night took Bedford Panthers to a 2-0 victory at Stewartby Village, Kevin Southby and Michael Bailey netting the goals to do the damage.

Action Round-Up Saturday 14th April 2012.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Shefford Town & Campton made it 13 wins on the bounce and moved to within two points of the 2011-12 season league crown by winning 3-1 at AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College. A goal down early on following a strike by Paul Obuch they were to level the contest with a goal from Chris Clark on 32 minutes then win the game with second half strikes from Gary Ansell-Carter and Tom Scurfield.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 14th April 2011

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	HOME	AWAY	OVERALL	GDPTS
			WDLF A	WDL F A	WDL F A	
1	Shefford Town & Campton	22	10 1 0 45 109	0 2 38 12 19 1 2	83 22 61	58
2	Caldecote	22	11 0 1 46 156	2 2 30 15 17 2 3	76 30 46	53
3	Bedford Hatters	24	8 1 3 29 178	2 2 31 23 16 3 5	60 40 20	51
4	Renhold United	22	5 3 3 26 197	0 4 29 13 12 3 7	55 32 23	39
5	Oakley Sports	23	4 4 3 19 135	3 4 36 25 9 7 7	55 38 17	34
6	Wilshamstead	23	3 3 5 23 286	3 3 26 22 9 6 8	49 50 -1	33
7	Arlesey Town Reserves	24	4 2 6 16 195	1 6 22 25 9 3 12	38 44 -6	30
8	Blunham	24	8 0 4 31 221	3 8 14 32 9 3 12	45 54 -9	30
9	Sharnbrook	22	4 3 5 16 283	1 6 13 30 7 4 11	29 58 -29	25
10	AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College	22	3 1 6 20 303	4 5 21 30 6 5 11	41 60 -19	23
11	Flitwick Town	23	4 1 7 19 282	3 6 16 24 6 4 13	35 52 -17	22
12	Dunton	24	3 2 7 17 301	1 10 12 34 4 3 17	29 64 -35	15
13	Woburn	23	1 2 8 19 422	0 10 13 41 3 2 18	32 83 -51	11

Meantime, Caldecote at least ensured they will finish no lower than second by netting a 5-2 home win over bottom of the table Woburn. Jack Gabbitas with a hat-trick plus strikes from Barry Dellar and Tom Cookman only being replied to twice by Sam Blackburn.

This win for Caldecote now means Bedford Hatters will finish the season in third place. However, The Hatters ended their season by winning 2-1 at Renhold United to end their hosts 14 game unbeaten run. Darren Allen and Ashley Deverall on the scoresheet against a United reply from Alex Woolston.

Also enjoying life on the road were both Wilshamstead and Oakley Sports. For Wilshamstead after a run of five games without a win, it was a 3-2 victory at Arlesey Town Reserves. Colin Marshall, Darren Rowlett and Michael Taylor all finding the back of the net against Town replies from Dan St Ledger and Gabriel Thomas. Whilst, Oakley Sports ended a run of eight league games without a win with a 4-2 victory at Dunton. Shaun Barnett twice plus Ray Patrickson and Dan Kelly on the scoresheet against home replies via Dan Whitten and Joe Lewis.

Division One

The division one title race now looks down to a two club fight between Bedford Sports Athletic and Ickwell & Old Warden. Currently leading the way on goal difference are Ickwell & Old Warden who made it nine wins on the bounce with a 3-0 victory at Lea Sports PSG, thus ending their hosts 12 game unbeaten run. Tim Gill, Lee Threadgold and Jamie Scotcher goals doing the damage. Whilst Bedford Sports Athletic who have played one game more were taking their unbeaten ways up to 10 games and making it six home wins on the bounce with a 2-0 win over Marston Shelton Rovers whose hopes of a top two finish now look remote. Daniel Bond netting in the opening half before an Ashley Mead penalty on 70 minutes settled the points, just as well for Mead as he had missed from the same penalty spot just 20 minutes earlier.

For FC Meppershall it was a 3-1 home win over a Kings AFC side that has now failed to win any of their last nine outings, Joe Price with a brace plus a strike from Matthew Phelan only being replied to by Chris Greene.

Elsewhere, Henlow returned to winning ways for the first time in six starts with a 4-3 home win over Luton Boys. Joseph Spencer, Keith Milburn, Russell Ayles and Jonathon Rowe all finding the back of the net against an own goal and two goals from Jason Smith in reply.

Not so fortunate were Westoning who are now doomed to finish on the bottom of the league table following their 2-1 defeat at AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves. Kevin Brown giving the home side a second minute lead which was then doubled by a Lee Moon header just five minutes later until Scott Gadsden reduced the arrears on the 20th minute mark.

Division One League Table at 14th April 2012

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	HOME			AWAY			OVERALL			GD	PTS						
			W	D	L	F	A		W	D	L			F	A				
1	Ickwell & Old Warden	22	9	2	0	41	10	8	2	1	36	16	17	4	1	77	26	51	55
2	Bedford SA	23	10	0	2	42	16	7	4	0	30	15	17	4	2	72	31	41	55
3	Lidlington United Sports	23	8	4	0	40	12	6	3	2	26	15	14	7	2	66	27	39	49
4	Marston Shelton Rovers	24	7	3	1	30	14	7	4	2	26	14	14	7	3	56	28	28	49
5	Sandy	24	5	4	4	42	28	7	1	3	26	20	12	5	7	68	48	20	41
6	FC Meppershall	23	6	3	3	37	19	5	2	4	24	19	11	5	7	61	38	23	38
7	Henlow	24	4	3	6	29	36	5	2	4	19	18	9	5	10	48	54	-6	32
8	Lea Sports PSG	24	2	6	4	20	22	4	6	2	21	13	6	12	6	41	35	6	30
9	Caldecote Reserves	22	5	1	4	31	24	3	2	7	25	38	8	3	11	56	62	-6	27
10	Luton Boys	25	5	3	5	37	32	2	2	8	33	48	7	5	13	70	80	-10	26
11	AFC Kempston Tn & Bedford Coll Reserves	25	4	2	6	13	19	3	1	9	22	44	7	3	15	35	63	-28	24
12	Kings AFC	23	2	2	7	19	34	1	3	8	24	49	3	5	15	43	83	-40	14
13	Meltis Albion	23	0	1	9	3	36	3	2	8	18	57	3	3	17	21	93	-72	12
14	Westoning	25	1	1	11	18	42	1	1	10	14	36	2	2	21	32	78	-46	8

Division Two

Elstow Abbey not only retained their seasons unbeaten league ways but moved to within three points of the league crown by ending Pavenham's 11 game unbeaten run by beating them 5-1 on their own soil. Jason Harrison with a brace plus strikes from Percy Chagwiza and Glen Tumulty taking The Abbey 4-0 clear by half-time before a second goal from Tumulty arrived in the 58th minute to bring up the nap hand some 12 minutes ahead of the lone home strike from Michael Bates.

Now back in second spot above Pavenham are AFC Turvey, for them it was the gift of three points when bottom of the table Great Barford failed to raise a side to face them at Stonefields.

In a week in which they announced they are to merge and join forces with Oakley Sports next season, M & DH Oakley ended a seven game losing run with a 3-1 home victory over Sundon Park Rangers. Dan Green, Lee Osmond and Thomas Donnelly on the scoresheet against a lone Rangers reply via Andrew Fox.

This defeat for The Rangers seeing Bromham United climb above them to fifth spot in the league table with a 2-0 home win over Marabese Ceramics thanks to a brace of goals from Jacob Hukin.

The day's final game in this division taking Co-op Sports to a 4-0 win at Stopsley Park, Tom Miller with a brace plus Chris Vardy and Tom McMillan netting the goals that did the damage.

Division Two League Table at 14th April 2012

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	HOME			AWAY			OVERALL			GDPTS					
			WDL	F	A	WDL	F	A	WDL	F	A						
1	Elstow Abbey	23	10	2	0	47	8	9	2	0	45	10	19	4	0	74	61
2	AFC Turvey	22	8	2	2	37	21	8	1	1	33	8	16	3	3	41	51
3	Pavenham	23	7	1	3	39	16	8	2	2	32	12	15	3	5	43	48
4	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	24	6	1	4	30	26	6	3	4	20	25	12	4	8	-1	40
5	Bromham United	24	6	2	5	30	19	6	0	5	21	24	12	2	10	51	38
6	Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	23	4	4	4	39	23	6	2	3	32	26	10	6	7	22	36
7	Co-op Sports	23	7	2	4	46	27	4	1	5	18	24	11	3	9	13	36
8	Potton United Reserves	23	7	1	3	28	24	4	2	6	26	25	11	3	9	5	36
9	Queens Park Crescents	24	4	3	4	24	18	4	4	5	29	43	8	7	9	-8	31
10	Stopsley Park	25	3	1	8	20	37	5	2	6	35	38	8	3	14	-20	27
11	Marabese Ceramics	23	4	2	5	19	19	3	2	7	16	26	7	4	12	-10	25
12	M & DH Oakley	23	3	0	8	15	29	4	0	8	16	36	7	0	16	-34	21
13	Clifton	26	1	2	10	13	34	4	1	8	18	37	5	3	18	-40	18
14	Great Barford	24	0	0	12	6	49	1	1	10	9	59	1	1	22	-93	4

Division Three

Cranfield United Reserves are now within three points of the league title following their 2-1 home victory over Kempston Hammers Sports, Simon Wade and James Armstrong netting the vital goals against a Hammers reply via Mark Cox.

Now looking certain to finish runners-up are Eastcotts AFC, for them it was a tenth win on the bounce with a 6-0 home win over bottom of the table Dunton Reserves. Ciaran Alexander and Sean McFarland both netting twice alongside single strikes from Adam Jacques and Kaylen Wilson.

However, Renhold Village might dispute that point following their 4-3 win at Westoning Reserves. Dan Luke with a hat-trick plus a goal from Ben Parratt seeing their goals replied to via an own goal and strikes from Michael Draycott and Adam Jellis.

Also enjoying life on the road were Royal Oak Kempston, following three straight defeats they returned to winning ways with a 3-0 victory at Wilshamstead Reserves. Lorenzo Jordan twice plus Martin Smith netting the goals to leave their hosts now without a win in five outings.

Still in the hunt for a top five finish are Riseley Sports, they moved to within three points and with a game in hand of fifth place Stevington by beating them 2-1 at Gold Street. Paul Brown and Tom Ellison on the scoresheet against a lone reply from Martin Whaton.

Division Three League Table at 14th April 2011

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	HOME			AWAY			OVERALL			GD	PTS	
			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F			A
1	Cranfield United Reserves	23	7	0	3	21	12	11	1	1	4	31	17	55
2	Eastcotts AFC	25	11	0	2	38	19	7	0	5	26	23	18	54
3	Renhold Village	24	8	0	4	37	20	8	1	3	30	21	16	49
4	Goldington	24	8	1	3	42	21	6	3	3	33	21	14	46
5	Stevington	23	10	0	2	38	15	4	1	6	20	24	14	43
6	Riseley Sports	22	6	2	3	28	20	6	2	3	22	16	12	40
7	Sundon Park Rangers Colts	21	5	1	4	27	14	7	0	4	39	17	12	37
8	Potton Town	23	6	4	3	22	17	3	0	7	24	33	9	31
9	Wilshamstead Reserves	23	6	0	6	21	24	3	3	5	12	19	9	30
10	Kempston Hammers Sports	25	4	2	6	21	29	4	1	8	27	33	8	27
11	Westoning Reserves	24	3	0	8	20	33	4	2	7	28	32	7	23
12	Royal Oak Kempston	22	1	1	9	14	38	6	0	5	20	18	7	22
13	Flitwick Town Reserves	25	3	1	8	21	39	1	0	12	19	47	4	13
14	Dunton Reserves	24	1	2	10	18	51	1	0	10	9	47	2	8

Division Four

The division four championship race for certain now looks a two way fight between Bedford Park Rangers and Marsh Leys, Rangers with two games in hand on their rivals holding onto the leadership of the table on goal difference with a 8-1 home win over Kempston

Preview for Saturday 21st April 2012.

The centre of attention this weekend comes at Rectory Road where Shefford Town & Campton subject to them securing an eleventh home win on the bounce over the visiting Flitwick Town will be the 2011-12 season Premier Division supported by Sportsform league champions. Kick off for this game being at 3.30pm and no doubt The Town will have spies at Hillgrounds for the 2.30pm kick off between hosts AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College and the visiting Caldecote who if they are to take the title race to the last game of the season know nothing less than the full three points will do.

Other top flight action takes place at Oakley Playing Fields, the venue at which hosts Oakley Sports look for just their fifth home win of the season when called upon by local rivals Sharnbrook for a spot of local derby action and at Jubilee Playing Fields, Wilshamstead with just three home wins to their name this season host a Renhold United side who hit the road in search of their eighth away win on the bounce.

In Division One, the game of the day comes on The Green where league leaders Ickwell & Old Warden play hosts to third place Lidlington United Sports. The hosts looking to retain their season's unbeaten home ways against a visiting United side who have lost just twice on the road this season at Marston Shelton Rovers and FC Meppershall.

Whilst for second place Bedford Sports Athletic, its a trip to King George VI Playing Fields to face hosts Kings AFC who having won just twice on home soil all season will start the second favourites to end their visitors unbeaten away record for the season. Meantime, fourth place Marston Shelton Rovers having been beaten just once on home soil all season will be expected to collect the full three points from the already relegated Westoning who will hit the road looking to end their season with their first win since beating AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves back in early December some 13 games ago.

Other action comes at Hillgrounds, the venue at which AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves receive a visit from Lea Sports PSG who hit the road now unbeaten in their last nine trips away from their Pirton base. Whilst just down the road at Miller Road, Meltis Albion seek out their first home win of the season that could yet save them from relegation when visited by Luton Boys. Plus in Mowsbury Park, hosts FC Meppershall take on Sandy in a game which could well decide which of them will end the season in fifth spot in the league table.

The game of the day in Division Two comes in Mowsbury Park where Pavenham play hosts to AFC Turvey, the outcome of which could well decide this seasons silver medallists. Whilst down at the other end of the table at Everton Playing Fields, bottom of the table Great Barford end their home season still searching out their first home success of the campaign when visited by a Bromham United side that has won its last two away outings.

Over at Rectory Road in a 1.30pm kick off, Shefford Town & Campton Reserves now on a four game winning run face a visit from Co-op Sports and in Stockwood Park, Sundon Park Rangers look to end a sequence of four games without an home win when visited by M & DH Oakley who have lost all of their last seven games to drop into the bottom three of the league table.

In Division Three, Eastcotts AFC end their season when they travel to Wrest Park looking for away win number five on the bounce against the hosting Sundon Park Rangers Colts. Whilst at Renhold Playing Fields, visitors Stevington will require all three points if they are to finish above their hosts Renhold Village in the final league standings and earn a top four finish.

Over at Gold Street, hosts Riseley Sports will be fully expected to collect the full three points when visited by bottom of the table Dunton Reserves. Whilst at Greenfield Road, Westoning

Reserves now without a home win in their last five outings take on a Potton Town side that has lost its last four trips away from their Mill Lane base.

In Division Four, depending on the result of their earlier midweek clash with Marsh Leys, Bedford Park Rangers could all but capture the league title when they journey to Horseshoes Close to be hosted by bottom of the table Dunton A who will be looking for just home win number two of the season. However, should things have gone wrong in midweek then Marsh Leys will entertain Clifton Reserves in Mowsbury Park still very much in with a chance of lifting the league crown. That will be no easy task as Clifton look for their tenth win on the bounce.

Still in the hunt for a top three finish are Thurleigh, for them it's a visit to Harvey Close to take on Caldecote A. Whilst just down the road on The Green, Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves will be hosting Dinamo Flitwick.

Other action coming at Bedford Road Recreation Ground, the venue at which Sandy Reserves host a Goldington Hammers side that has lost its last three away games and at Stewartby Way, hosts Stewartby Village take on Kempston Athletic. Plus at the Bedford Hockey Centre, Bedford Panthers receive a visit from a Shefford Town & Campton A side that has won just three times on the road all season

The above fixtures for Bedford Panthers and Thurleigh being subject to the result of Thurleigh's protest against The Panthers for playing an ineligible player in their Watson Shield second round tie on 10th March 2012.

Should it be proven, then Thurleigh's game will be postponed and they will face a home Quarter-final tie against Cranfield United Reserves. However, should The Panthers have been cleared of all charges then their league game will be postponed and they will instead journey to Mowsbury Park to be hosted by Goldington in a Semi-final tie. The winners going forward to meet Bedford Park Rangers at Cranfield United FC on Friday 25th April 2012 in the final which will have a 7.30pm kick off.

Updated details of the protest will be posted onto website www.bedfordshirefootballleague.co.uk when known.

However, the weekend action starts the previous evening when at Forde Park Langford FC, Caldecote Reserves take on Elstow Abbey in the final of this seasons East Beds Charity Cup. Kick Off 7.30pm.

Action will then move onto Monday evening 23rd April when at Crawley Road, Cranfield United who by then could be division three champions play hosts to Goldington who for certain will travel in search of points to enhance their hopes of a top three finish.

In the nights only other game in division four, Bedford Park Rangers will be the visitors to The Green to face Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves perhaps already league champions but if not then the full three points could certainly seal the title for them.

Action will then resume 48 hours later on April 23rd with Arlesey Town's Armadillo Stadium being the venue for this season's Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup Final between Sundon Park Rangers and Sundon Park Rangers Colts, kick off at 7.30pm.

League action in division one sees a programme of five games, four of which will have a major bearing in settling the final league placings at the head of the table. On The Green, Ickwell & Old Warden face a visit from local rivals Henlow; at Pirton Recreation Ground, Lea Sports will be hosting Bedford Sports Athletic and at Hurst Grove, Lidlington United Sports take on FC Meppershall. Whilst Marston Shelton Rovers will be hosts for Caldecote Reserves at their Playing Field headquarters.

The fifth and final game coming at Miller Road where hosts Meltis Albion and their visitors Kings AFC do battle for points at the other end of the league table.

In division two it's a programme of just three games, all of which involve clubs at the top end of the standings. Mowsbury Park being the venue of two of those clashes, where Marabese Ceramics play hosts to AFC Turvey and Pavenham receive a visit from Co-op Sports. The third game being at The Hollow where Potton United Reserves will entertain Elstow Abbey.

In division three there are just two games at Gold Street, Riseley Sports play hosts to the visiting Royal Oak Kempston. Whilst at their Playing Field headquarters, Stevington play hosts to Renhold Village.

In division four the stand out fixture of the quartet of games taking place sees Marsh Leys host Thurleigh at Cutler Hammer Whilst the other three games concern teams at the bottom end of the table. In Hillgrounds, Kempston Athletic will be hosting Dunton A; at Bedford Road Recreation Ground, Sandy Reserves entertain local rivals Caldecote A and for Wootton Village, its home Wootton Playing Field action against the visiting Bedford Panthers.