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Royals Fall at the first hurdle

Potton United Reserves quest for South Midlands Floodlight Cup glory was to fall at the first hurdle on Wednesday evening when before a Hollow crowd of 40 they were beaten 7-2 by South Midlands League outfit Hoddesdon Reserves.

Trailing to goals from Colin Metivier and Herve Baka in the opening 10 minutes, a Sam Worthington header 21 minutes into the game gave United hope, that was before Baka completed his hat-trick with strikes just either side of the interval to take the scoreline up to 4-1 and in effect game over.

Metivier grabbed his second goal of the evening on 69minutes to bring up the nap hand for the visitors before six minutes later Amit Aghera reduced the score line to 5-2. However, Liam Russell made it 6-2 eight minutes from time and in time added on Metivier had the final word of the evening by completing his own personal hat-trick to bring up the final 7-2 scoreline.

Action Round –Up Saturday 19th November 2011.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

With league leaders Caldecote sitting the afternoon out their nearest persuaders in the league table are now Bedford Hatters after they netted their fourth win on the bounce with a 4-3 home victory over start of play second place Shefford Town & Campton. This result now means The Town drop down the standings to fourth spot. Scott Alleyne, Simon Pixley, Richard Cook and Ashley Deverall on target for The Hatters against Town replies from Michael Jones twice and Tom Scurfield.

Up in to third place are Arlesey Town Reserves, despite being held to a 3-3 draw at Woburn. Wayne Smith, Mark Ellis and Josh Howard-Dobson on the scoresheet against home replies from Martin Holland, Daniel McClaren and Scott Pawley to earn the point that lifts The Safari Boys off the bottom of the league table at the expense of Dunton. They are now without a win in their last seven outings after losing 6-0 at Oakley Sports. Shaun Barnett and Jamie Lally netting twice alongside single strikes from Harry Atherton and Mark Smith to end Oakley's run of four games without a victory and hold on to fifth spot in the league standings.

Now up to sixth spot are Blunham, they returned to winning ways for the first time in three outings with a 4-1 home win over Wilshamstead who they now leapfrog above in the league table. Matthew McMahon with a hat-trick plus a strike from Sam Lewis only being replied to by Matt Rosborough.

Elsewhere, AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College lost their season's unbeaten home record when beaten 5-1 by a Renhold United side that were collecting their first away points of the season. Justin Patterson with a hat-trick plus strikes from Sheldon Washington and Ben Brown only being replied to by Roy Murnane. These points lifting United out of the bottom

three of the standing at the expense of Flitwick Town, they have now failed to win any of their last 10 outings after being beaten 1-0 at Sharnbrook. Ben Singleton netting the goal to end his clubs run of five games without a win.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 19th November 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Caldecote	9	8	1	0	37	10	27	25
2	Bedford Hatters	10	6	2	2	26	17	9	20
3	Arlesey Town Reserves	11	6	2	3	21	20	1	20
4	Shefford Town & Campton	9	6	1	2	31	13	18	19
5	Oakley Sports	10	5	3	2	23	12	11	18
6	Blunham	10	5	1	4	24	23	1	16
7	Wilshamstead	9	4	2	3	20	20	0	14
8	AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College	10	3	3	4	18	27	-9	12
9	Sharnbrook	10	3	3	4	15	26	-11	12
10	Renhold United	9	2	1	6	19	20	-1	7
11	Flitwick Town	11	1	3	7	12	26	-14	6
12	Woburn	10	1	2	7	16	29	-13	5
13	Dunton	10	1	2	7	11	30	-19	5

Division One

Marston Shelton Rovers lead at the head of the league table is now up to two points following their 6-1 home win over Kings AFC to take them to their fifth win on the bounce and retain their season's unbeaten home record. Alan Cudjoe with a hat-trick plus goals from Lee Dudley, Peter Kerr and Mark Champkin only being replied to by Ollie Plested.

Dropping down the league table from second to fourth are Lidlington United Sports, they had their season's 100% home record destroyed when Lea Sports PSG held them to a 1-1 draw at Hurst Grove. John Smith on target for United against a PSG reply via Dean Barnes.

Taking over the second spot are Ickwell & Old Warden, they retained their season's unbeaten ways on the road with a 3-2 win at Westoning. Lee Threadgold with a brace plus Anup Kalyan finding the back of the net against a brace in reply from Ali Smith.

Third spot in the table now belongs to Bedford Sports Athletic who ran out 4-1 home winners over Luton Boys. An Ashley Mead penalty giving them a 1-0 half-time lead before an own goal plus strikes from Andrew Latimer and James Mead against a lone reply via Hayder Sal took them to their third consecutive win.

For Sandy, it was a fifth win on the bounce to retain fifth place in the table via a 4-2 home win over Caldecote Reserves. Daniel Stafford with a hat-trick plus a goal from Ian Hammett only being replied to by Tom Dupey and Jack Gabbitas.

The biggest winners of the day were sixth place FC Meppershall, for them it was a 11-0 home win over a Meltis Albion side who played the entire 90 minutes with just nine men. Jamie McGregor striking three times alongside braces of goals from James Field, Craig Damon and Kerion Langley.

Elsewhere, a lone goal from Andy Newton took Henlow to a 1-0 home win over AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves.

Division One League Table at 19th November 2011.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Marston Shelton Rovers	11	8	2	1	27	10	17	26
2	Ickwell & Old Warden	10	7	3	0	30	13	17	24
3	Bedford SA	10	7	2	1	27	14	13	23
4	Lidlington United Sports	9	7	1	1	32	14	18	22
5	Sandy	10	6	2	2	36	20	16	20
6	FC Meppershall	10	5	2	3	34	16	18	17
7	Caldecote Reserves	11	5	2	4	30	27	3	17
8	Henlow	11	5	2	4	21	20	1	17
9	Luton Boys	10	2	2	6	25	33	-8	8
10	AFC Kempston Tn & Bedford Coll Reserves	10	2	2	6	10	21	-11	8
11	Lea Sports PSG	10	0	6	4	13	18	-5	6
12	Westoning	11	1	1	9	17	37	-20	4
13	Meltis Albion	10	1	1	8	6	40	-34	4
14	Kings AFC	9	1	0	8	14	39	-25	3

Division Two

Elstow Abbey's lead at the head of the league table is now down to just goal difference after their season's 100% home record was broken when they were held to a 1-1 draw by Sundon Park Rangers, a point that now lifts The Rangers in to third spot in the league table. Matthew Conway giving them the lead before Tom Pitts squared matters level for The Abbey.

Division Two League Table at 19th November 2011.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Elstow Abbey	10	8	2	0	40	7	33	26
2	AFC Turvey	10	8	2	0	38	13	25	26
3	Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	11	6	2	3	34	16	18	20
4	Pavenham	10	6	1	3	25	10	15	19
5	Queens Park Crescents	10	5	2	3	26	22	4	17
6	Potton United Reserves	10	5	0	5	22	25	-3	15
7	Bromham United	11	5	0	6	19	25	-6	15
8	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	10	4	2	4	16	25	-9	14
9	Co-op Sports	8	4	1	3	20	18	2	13
10	M & DH Oakley	11	4	0	7	16	25	-9	12
11	Stopsley Park	10	3	2	5	27	32	-5	11
12	Marabese Ceramics	11	3	2	6	12	20	-8	11
13	Clifton	11	2	1	8	10	31	-21	7
14	Great Barford	11	0	1	10	9	45	-36	1

For second place AFC Turvey it was a 5-0 home win over Marabese Ceramics, Mark Allen twice plus Daniel Bailey, Andrew Wren and Chris Winton netting the goals to do the damage.

Elsewhere, for start of play third placers and now fourth in the league standings Pavenham it was a 2-1 defeat at Co-op Sports. An own goal plus a strike from Chris Vardy only being replied to by James Owen.

Down at the other end of the league table, Great Barford were sent to their tenth consecutive defeat when beaten 3-0 at Clifton who thus ended their own six game losing run. Scott Walker, Paul Rowe and Andrew Mussett netting the vital goals. Following the game, Great Barford manager Richard Wheatley relinquished his position at the helm with the club immediately installing former manager Scott Moses into the hot seat to replace him.

Meantime, Queens Park Crescents five game winning run was halted at Stopsley Park who held them to a 3-3 draw thanks to goals from Lee West, Rob Wilson and Shane Roberts. Whilst at The Hollow, Potton United Reserves netted a 4-3 home win over Bromham United, Graham Tibbals and Sam Worthington both claiming braces against replies from Shane Contanzo, Alex Farr and Dean Waghorn.

The day's final action in this division bringing about a 3-1 home win for Shefford Town & Campton Reserves over M & DH Oakley, Jordan Robbins netting twice and Sam Martin once against a lone reply from Lee Osmond.

Division Three

Goldington's lead at the head of the league table is now up to three points following their 7-3 home win over Kempston Hammers Sports and Stevington's 1-0 defeat at Wilshamstead Reserves. Chris Huckle with a hat-trick plus braces of goals from Brian Day and Justin Muircraft on the Goldington scoresheet against a hat-trick reply from Hammers Jimmy Grandidge. Whilst Jay Hall netted the Wilshamstead Reserves goal that ended Stevington's unbeaten away ways for the season at Jubilee Playing Fields.

Division Three League Table at 19th November 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Goldington	11	8	1	2	46	17	29	25
2	Stevington	10	7	1	2	29	12	17	22
3	Cranfield United Reserves	10	7	1	2	25	12	13	22
4	Renhold Village	9	7	0	2	31	12	19	21
5	Eastcotts AFC	9	5	0	4	25	20	5	15
6	Westoning Reserves	10	5	0	5	22	18	4	15
7	Riseley Sports	8	3	3	2	20	17	3	12
8	Royal Oak Kempston	9	4	0	5	13	17	-4	12
9	Kempston Hammers Sports	9	4	0	5	22	31	-9	12
10	Wilshamstead Reserves	10	3	2	5	10	21	-11	11
11	Sundon Park Rangers Colts	10	3	1	6	21	20	1	10
12	Potton Town	10	3	1	6	13	26	-13	10
13	Flitwick Town Reserves	10	1	1	8	13	36	-23	4
14	Dunton Reserves	9	1	1	7	10	41	-31	4

Third place Cranfield United Reserves are now unbeaten in their last seven outings after running out 3-1 winners at Potton Town. James Armstrong, Stuart Pearce and James Kinns seeing their goals only replied to by Tom Grinstead for The Town.

Still very much in the title race are fourth place Renhold Village, they retained their season's 100% home ways with a 3-0 victory over Royal Oak Kempston. Marko Tubdzic netting twice and Carl Townsend once to end The Oak's three game winning run.

Having lost their last five outings, Sundon Park Rangers Colts returned to winning ways with a 6-0 home win over now bottom of the table Dunton Reserves. Ashley Wadhams with a hat-trick, plus Mike Brunton twice and Luke Dolan netting the goals to do the damage.

Off the bottom of the table are Flitwick Town Reserves, they claimed their first win of the season in a 3-1 home victory over Westoning Reserves. Ben Wallington the hat-trick hero against a lone Chris Rogers reply.

Whilst the final action of the day saw Riseley Sports return to winning ways for the first time in four outings with a 4-3 home win over Eastcotts AFC. Tom Ellison netting twice alongside strikes from Peter Baish and Paul Brown against Eastcott's replies via Courtney Broughton twice and Michael Sexton.

Division Four

Bedford Park Rangers lead at the head of the league table is now down to just three points after second place Thurleigh ended their season's unbeaten ways with a 2-0 win to retain their own 100% away record for the season. However, Thurleigh had to do it the hard way after Patrick Mulvihill was red carded just 38 minutes into the contest, but goals on 55 minutes from Docid Mulvihill and on 78 minutes from Ben Stock took them to their fifth consecutive win.

Division Four League Table at 19th November 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Bedford Park Rangers	10	8	1	1	44	13	31	25
2	Thurleigh	9	7	1	1	38	12	26	22
3	Stewartby Village	11	6	1	4	33	25	8	19
4	Marsh Leys	9	5	2	2	31	17	14	17
5	Shefford Town & Campton A	10	5	2	3	28	32	-4	17
6	Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	10	5	1	4	19	19	0	16
7	Caldecote A	10	3	5	2	35	28	7	14
8	Wootton Village	10	4	2	4	25	23	2	14
9	Sandy Reserves	11	4	2	5	34	40	-6	14
10	Clifton Reserves	10	3	4	3	24	24	0	13
11	Kempston Athletic	11	4	1	6	23	30	-7	13
12	Bedford Panthers	8	2	2	4	11	17	-6	8
13	Goldington Hammers	9	2	1	6	24	35	-11	7
14	Dunton A	12	1	2	9	15	50	-35	5
15	Dinamo Flitwick [former Reserves]	8	1	1	6	16	35	-19	4

Now in third place are Stewartby Village, they ran out 3-2 home winners over Wootton Village. Ben Sparks, James Greenslade and a Ryan Collis penalty outscoring goals from Adam Flynn and Tom Beattie. The Village taking over third place from Marsh Leys who were beaten 4-1 on home soil by Sandy Reserves, Jonnie Stratford with a hat-trick plus a strike from Matt Baines only being replied to by Lewis Osborne.

Edging closer to the promotion mix are Shefford Town & Campton A, they ran out 3-2 home winners over Caldecote A to take their unbeaten ways up to five games. Lee Shambrook with a brace plus Jake Brown seeing their goals only replied to by Ryan Ambrose and Nicky Albane and thus Caldecote were beaten for the first time in seven outings.

Losing their season's unbeaten away ways were Clifton Reserves in a 3-1 defeat at Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves, Matthew McCartney doing all the damage with a hat-trick against a lone reply from Nick Thomas.

After seven straight defeats, Dunton A climbed off the bottom of the league table with their first win of the season in a 4-2 home victory over Kempston Athletic Nicky Threadgold three times and David Pugh once netting the goals against a brace in reply from Gary Whitbread.

Now sitting bottom of the pile are Dinamo Flitwick, they were beaten 4-3 at Goldington Hammers. Jason Nice, Michael Stafford, Ashley Lanik and Jimmy Jacob on The Hammers scoresheet against replies via Barrie Lee Hannam twice and Scott Hannam.

Preview for Saturday 26th November 2011

Having been without a game last weekend, league leaders Caldecote return to action in their quest for a record breaking ninth league title sees them journey to Oakley Playing Fields to be hosted by Oakley Sports. Despite the home side having only been beaten once on home soil this season you would fancy the visitors to at least retain their seasons unbeaten ways and keep their title hopes fully on course.

For Shefford Town & Campton its home action at Rectory Road against Sharnbrook, the hosts still unbeaten on home soil this season the favourites to collect the spoils against a Sharnbrook side that has lost its last two away outings. Whilst Arlesey Town Reserves now unbeaten in their last four trips on the road make tracks for Renhold Playing Fields and a meeting with hosts Renhold United.

Over at Miller Road, hosts Bedford Hatters will be expected to collect the full three points when visited by a Woburn side that are yet to collect any points on the road this season. Whilst at Moggerhanger Playing Fields, Blunham entertain AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College just three weeks after beating them 4-1 at the same venue in The Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy.

The final top-flight action coming at The Carlsberg Stadium, where Dunton look for their first home win in four outings against visitors Wilshamstead who have been beaten just twice at Caldecote and Blunham on the road this season.

With action taking place in the third round of The Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup, the division one action is restricted to just four games. However, for two of the leading title contenders this means home action. At Hurst Grove, Lidlington United Sports defend their seasons unbeaten home ways when visited by a Westoning side that has won just once on the road this season, whilst Marston Shelton Rovers defend their own unbeaten home ways when visited by a Meltis Albion side that are now without a win in their last nine outings.

Over at Hillgrounds, Sandy seek out their third away win on the bounce when they visit AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves who have collected the full three points on home turf just once this season and at Chaul Lane End, Luton Boys look to return to winning ways on home soil for the first time in four outings when called upon by Henlow.

In those Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup ties all of our five sides involved enjoy home advantage in their quest for a last eight place. Bedford Sports Athletic at Cople Playing Fields hosting Luton District & South Beds League Farley Boys, whilst just down the road on The Green, Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves receive opposition from the same league in the shape of Christians In Sports.

For the other three sides its ties against South Midlands League opponents. At Harvey Close, Caldecote Reserves take on 61FC Luton Reserves; at King George VI Playing Fields, the visitors for Kings AFC are Crawley Green Reserves and in Mowsbury Park, FC Meppershall will be hosting Kent Athletic Reserves. All these ties kicking off at the earlier time of 1.30pm.

In the division two action its trips on the road for the leading two title challengers, AFC Turkey making tracks for Everton Playing Fields still 100% away from home to be hosted by a Great Barford side that has lost its opening seven home games. Whilst Elstow Abbey still unbeaten on the road this season, head for Groveside and an outing against a Marabese Ceramics side that has been beaten just once on home soil this season.

Of the sides in the chasing pack behind the leading duo, Sundon Park Rangers go into home action in Stockwood Park against a Shefford Town & Campton Reserves outfit that has won just once on the road this season and for Paveham, its also home action in Mowsbury Park against Clifton, who likewise have collected the full three points on the road this season just the once.

Also still in that promotion mix are both Bromham United and Queens Park Crescents, they go head to head at Bromham Playing Fields. Whilst at Solway Road North, if Co-op Sports are to muscle their way in to the promotion mix only the full three points will do when they host a Potton United Reserves side who have lost their last three away outings.

The final action in this division taking place at The Luton Regional Sports Centre where hosts Stopsley Park receive a visit from M & DH Oakley, who like The Co-op could yet muscle their way in to the promotion mix.

In division three, its home action for the leading two title challengers, Stevington looking for their third home win on the bounce when they host a Riseley Sports side at their Playing Field headquarters who are yet to taste defeat on the road this season. Whilst in Mowsbury Park, Goldington look to have just a tricky fixture trying to take their unbeaten ways to eight games when called upon by Renhold Village.

Of the others still in the promotion mix, Cranfield United Reserves now unbeaten on their last six trips away from Crawley Road make tracks for Hillgrounds to face Royal Oak Kempston and at Weston Park, Eastcotts AFC beaten just once on home soil this season receive a visit from a Flitwick Town Reserves side that will be looking for their first away win of the campaign.

Elsewhere over at Greenfield Road, Westoning Reserves will be in home action against Sundon Park Colts, both sides going in to the game knowing a three point haul should place them back in to the promotion mix. Yet its points required at the other end of the table by Dunton Reserves, who at Horseshoes Close receive a visit from local rivals Potton Town.

Other action in this division comes at Jubilee Playing Fields, Kempston Hammers Sports being the visitors to be hosted by Wilshamstead Reserves, winners of their last three games.

In division four, league leaders Bedford Park Rangers make the short journey across town to Hillgrounds in search of away number six on the bounce against hosts Kempston Athletic who have lost their last three home outings. Whilst at Keysoe Road, second place Thurleigh look for home win number three on the bounce when they host the travelling Sandy Reserves currently unbeaten in their last five trips away from Bedford Road.

Of the other promotion hopefuls, Marsh Leys host Shefford Town & Campton A at their Cutler Hammer base. Whilst Stewartby Village, beaten just once on the road this season, make the journey to Hinksley Recreation Ground to take on Dinamo Flitwick.

Meantime over at Harvey Close, Caldecote A will go in to local derby action against Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves looking to retain their season's unbeaten home ways and at Wootton Recreation Ground, hosts Wootton Village will be expecting to collect the haul of all three points when called upon by a Dunton A side that has lost all of its six away games to date this season.

The final action coming at Whiston Crescent, the venue for Clifton Reserves home clash with Bedford Panthers.