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Midweek Round Up

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Division One

AFC Kempston Town Reserves were to claim their fourth win on the bounce when beating fourth place Meltis Albion 5-1. Ed L'Erario with two goals alongside strikes from Danny Bibby, James Allen and Jordan Garrord doing the damage against an Albion reply from Michael Butler.

Division Two

Marston Shelton Rovers have now moved themselves up into third spot in the league table after winning 3-0 at Marabese Ceramics. Opening half goals from Lee Dudley and Aaron Franks being added to in the new period by Charlie Standish to take Rovers to their fourth consecutive away victory.

Division Three

Westoning Recreation Club Reserves are now without a win in their last seven games after goals from John Reynolds and Andrew Morris could not prevent them from going down to a 2-5 home defeat at the hands of Wilshamstead Reserves. The visitors goals coming via two own goals plus strikes from Glen Timulty, Aaron Smith and Matt Rosborough.

Division Four

Action at Whiston Crescent. Saw Clifton Reserves take their unbeaten ways to four games by sharing the spoils in a 2-2 draw with Eastcotts Greg King and Toby McNaughton on the scoresheet for the home side against Eastcotts replies from Sean Bolton and Liam Parker.

Wednesday 14th April 2010

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

AFC Kempston Town after a run of six games without a victory returned to winning ways when a Justin Patterson goal eight minutes from time took them to a 1-0 home win over Woburn, thus ending The Safari Boys five game unbeaten run.

Dunton plight at the wrong end of the league table deepen when they were beaten 4-1 at Oakley Sports who like AFC Kempston Town were netting their first win in six outings. Ben Brown twice plus Chris Boniface and Mark Funge netting the home side against a lone reply from Dave Pugh.

For Renhold United, it was their first win in 10 outings 4-1 at home over bottom of the table Westoning Recreation Club. Mo Banda claiming a hat-trick and Ryan Gascoyne striking once against a Rec Boys reply from Glen Robinson.

The final top-flight game of the evening seeing Southill Alexander net their fourth home win on the bounce when beating Wilshamstead 7-3. Jason Lynch and Bradley O'Donovan both grabbing hat-tricks alongside a goal from Kay Brown. Michael Jones bagging all the visitors replies, two of which were to see his team into a 2-0 lead.

Division One

League leaders Flitwick Town took another step forward to the 2009-10 season league title when a goal from Richard Davidson was good enough to earn them the full three points with a 1-0 home win over Sandy.

Leighton United meantime were dropping points for the third consecutive outing when held to a 1-1 draw at Campton Reserves. Dan Webb netting the home goal against a United reply from Alex Bradley.

Elsewhere, Marston Social kept their promotion hopes alive by taking their home winning ways to seven games with a 3-0 victory over AFC Kempston Town Reserves. Darren Rowlett, James Armstrong and Jack Constable all on the scoresheet.

Henlow after two straight home defeats, returned to winning ways 4-0 victors over Kempston. Adam Cavell with a brace plus goals from Steve Pateman and Dean Johnson doing the damage.

For bottom of the table Kempston Hammers Sports, it was a ninth defeat on the bounce, 1-4 at home against Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves Two goals from Lee Threadgold plus strikes from Matthew Bruney and Grant Humberstone winning the day against a home reply from Richard Garnham.

The evening other scheduled fixture between Stevington and Bedford Sports Athletic being postponed when the home side failed to raise a team.

Division Two

Potton Wanderers are the new league leaders on goal difference of the Division Two table after stretching their winning home ways to seven games with an 8-0 win over Clifton. Dean Hamilton with a hat-trick, James Hearson with a brace plus strikes from Dave Trundle, Chris Munns and Philip Dorrell taking them to the three points.

For third place Marston Shelton Rovers it was their second away win of the week, this time 6-0 at Shillington. Chris Cook netting twice alongside single strikes from Xenon Paul, Lee Dudley, Aaron Franks and Antony Henman.

Fourth place Brache Sparta Community Reserves meanwhile were maintaining their promotion push and retaining their season's unbeaten home record with a 3-2 win over Kings AFC. Glen Collins, Martin Collins and Mako Romano goals doing the damage against replies from Dave Sanson and Oliver Plested from the penalty spot.

Division Four

Bedford Park Rangers were to move themselves off of the bottom of the league table above Kempston Athletic when a lone goal from Richard Patterson took them to a 1-0 victory at Eastcotts.

Action Round-Up from Saturday 17th April 2010.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Ickwell & Old Warden were to retain their two point lead at the head of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table by taking their unbeaten ways to 15 games with a 2-1 victory at Woburn. Zak Rowe shooting them ahead 10 minutes into the contest before an own goal by Rob Bowyer saw the home side on level terms after 35 minutes. The winning goal arriving via a Andrew Vallom penalty just six minutes from time.

For second place Blunham, it was an eighth away win on the bounce, 7-0 at bottom of the table Westoning Recreation Club. Antonio Rocco with four goals, Chris Johnson with a brace plus an own goal doing the damage.

Caldecote meantime, were having their four game winning run ended when after leading Wilshamstead 3-0, they had to settle for a share of the spoils in an away outing played on their own Harvey Close pitch. Leeroy Odd shooting them 2-0 ahead by the half-time break and when Paul Lawrence added to the scoreline it looked game over. That was until Paul Jones netted twice and Jim Struthers once in the closing 10 minutes to bring up a final 3-3 scoreline.

For Dunton, it was a much needed three points in their quest to beat the drop with a 2-0 home win over AFC Kempston Town. Ian Boshier in the opening period and Dave

Pugh after the break netting the goals to end Dunton's run of eight home games without a victory.

Elsewhere, Oakley Sports suffered the disappointment of having their scheduled home fixture with Biggleswade United Reserves postponed when the visitors failed to raise a side to travel to meet them.

Southill Alexander took their winning ways to five games with a 2-1 home victory over Campton. Bradley O'Donovan shooting them ahead on 32 minutes, which was cancelled out by a strike from Neil Ellis on 58 minutes until Lasalle Simon hit the home sides winner just 10 minutes later.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform Table at 17th April 2010.

14 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Ickwell & Old Warden	22	16	2	4	60	36	+24	50
Blunham	21	15	3	3	73	34	+39	48
Caldecote	22	12	4	6	58	35	+23	40
Oakley Sports	21	12	3	6	54	36	+18	39
Campton	23	11	2	10	54	47	+7	35
Biggleswade United Reserves	23	10	2	11	49	58	-9	32
Wilshamstead	22	8	7	7	57	51	+6	31
Renhold United	25	7	9	9	43	54	-11	30
Southill Alexander	21	8	4	9	52	47	+5	28
AFC Kempston Town	19	7	4	8	39	37	+2	25
Woburn	21	7	3	11	46	53	-7	24
Sharnbrook	21	6	4	11	34	48	-14	22
Dunton	24	6	4	14	34	53	-19	22
Westoning Recreation Club [Saturday]	21	2	1	18	32	96	-64	7

Division One

Flitwick Town are now within four points of lifting the Division One league title following their 4-1 win at AFC Kempston Town Reserves. Den Warren and Ben Wallington netting goals in the opening three minutes to shoot them 2-0 ahead until Daniel Bibby reduced the arrears for the home side 10 minutes from the break. Further

goals from Warren and Wallington followed in the opening seven minutes of the new period to see the league leaders home.

Division One League Table at 17th April 2010

16 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Flitwick Town	28	21	1	6	66	37	+29	64
Caldecote Reserves	28	17	5	6	81	49	+32	56
Marston Social	25	15	5	5	63	34	+29	50
Leighton United	23	14	4	5	66	38	+28	46
Meltis Albion	26	12	7	7	55	46	+9	43
Kempston	26	13	0	13	64	62	+2	39
Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	25	12	2	11	58	56	+2	38
Bedford Sports Athletic	25	11	4	10	62	57	+5	37
Sandy	27	11	2	14	70	54	+16	35
FC Meppershall	27	10	5	12	74	75	-1	35
Henlow	25	11	2	12	51	58	-7	35
AFC Kempston Town Reserves	27	10	2	15	49	70	-21	32
Blunham Reserves	27	9	4	14	40	60	-20	31
Stevington	26	6	5	15	51	80	-29	23
Campton Reserves	26	6	3	17	45	76	-31	21
Kempston Hammers Sports	25	4	1	20	49	92	-43	13

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

For second place Caldecote Reserves, it was their first defeat in 12 outings when beaten 3-2 at third place Marston Social, the home side thus claiming their ninth home win on the bounce. Darren Rowlett, Tim Warden and Jack Constable on the scoresheet for The Social against replies from Mark Endersby and Nathan Buckland.

Elsewhere, Leighton United returned to winning ways for the first time in four outings and thus pushing themselves right back into the promotion race with a 5-2 win at Sandy. The home clubs first home defeat in seven outings. Sandy going ahead via a goal from Charlie Seward before two goals from Kevin Hilton and strikes from Layne Eadie, James Batten and Jake Forsythe saw United lead 5-1 until Sam King netted with the final kick of the game.

Blunham Reserves are now without a home win in five outings after losing 1-3 at the hands of Bedford Sports Athletic Ashley Mead with a brace plus a goal from Tom Housden placing Athletic 3-0 ahead until an late reply arrived via Jason Rainbow.

FC Meppershall's tale of woes away from home continues, now without a win in five outings after goals from Neil Spencer, Joe Fallano and Andy Newton condemned them to a 3-2 defeat at Henlow.

The tag of the top scorers of the day belongs to Kempston. 10-0 home winners over bottom of the table Kempston Hammers Sports, who were losing their 10th game on the bounce. Ricky Prince with a hat-trick, Josh Sturniolo with a brace plus an own goal and strikes from David Powell, Louis Prince, Rob Mirto and Justin Sturniolo doing the damage.

Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves meanwhile were 2-1 home winners over Stevington. Lee Threadgold netting both goals against a reply from Sanj Kalyan.

Division Two

Potton Wanderers took their winning ways to eight games to remain ahead of Bedford Hatters at the head of the Division Two league table on goal difference with a 5-0 victory at Great Barford. Dean Hamilton netting twice alongside single strikes for Ricky Aris, Sam Worthington and James Hearson.

For Bedford Hatters, it was a 5-1 away win at Kings AFC. The home sides sixth defeat on the bounce, Simon Pixley with four goals and a single strike from Tom Redmond seeing The Hatters remain unbeaten on the road this season. Ryan Kelly hitting the lone home reply.

Still very much in the promotion race are Marston Shelton Rovers, 2-1 home winners over Shefford Town to take their winning ways to six games. Antony Henman and Lee Dudley netting The Rovers goals against a Town reply from Jordan Robbens.

Marabese Ceramics meantime were running out 5-0 winners at Harpur FC, James Tizard with a hat-trick plus goals from Denver Donaldson and Andrew Goddard doing the damage.

Clifton however are still looking for their first home win of the season after being held to a 2-2 draw by Kempston Royals. Tom Allen from the penalty spot and Darren Carter on target for the home side against Royals replies from Lorenzo Jordan and Michael Cox.

Division Two League Table at 17th April 2010

14 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Potton Wanderers	22	18	2	2	105	24	+81	56
Bedford Hatters	22	18	2	2	99	31	+68	56
Marston Shelton Rovers	23	16	4	3	81	32	+49	52
Brache Sparta Community Reserves	22	14	6	2	81	33	+48	48
Arlesey Social Galacticos	22	13	5	4	53	39	+14	44
Shefford Town	22	8	5	9	58	51	+7	29
Marabese Ceramics	23	8	4	11	29	36	-7	28
Kings AFC	23	7	4	12	65	68	-3	25
Harpur FC	22	7	3	12	51	81	-30	24
Kempston Royals	24	6	5	13	40	69	-29	23
Great Barford	25	6	5	14	42	73	-31	23
Clifton	24	4	9	11	41	71	-30	21
Elstow Abbey 06	23	5	2	16	37	91	-54	17
Shillington [Saturday]	21	0	2	19	31	114	-83	2

Division Three

Lidlington United Sports were to keep their promotion hopes well and truly alive with a 1-0 home win over Westoning Recreation Club Reserves. Alex Burrows netting the goal to leave United now unbeaten in their last 10 outings.

Still also in the promotion race are Dunton Reserves, 6-0 home winners over Wilshamstead Reserves. Nicky Threadgold with four goals supported by single strikes from Steve Spiers and Jon Fediw doing the damage.

The days final game in this division seeing Riseley Sports Reserves lift themselves off of the bottom of the league table with their first away win of the season 4-2 at Caldecote A. Jimmy Grandidge with a hat-trick plus Gareth Shrimpton the Sportsman's hero's against home replies from Barry Croxon and Gary Allum.

Division Three League Table at 17th 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	15	9	4	2	36	20	+16	31
Dunton Reserves	17	8	4	5	46	35	+11	28
Stopsley Park	16	7	4	5	54	38	+16	25
Renhold Village	15	7	3	5	47	34	+13	24
Caldecote 'A'	17	7	2	8	39	66	-27	23
Wilshamstead Reserves	16	6	1	9	43	41	+2	19
Westoning Recreation Club [Saturday] Reserves	16	3	5	8	23	35	-12	14
Riseley Sports Reserves	15	4	0	11	37	57	-20	12
Sandy Reserves	16	3	2	11	25	56	-31	11

Division Four

Sharnbrook Reserves were crowned 2009-10 season Division Four Champions following their 3-0 home win over Flitwick Town Reserves. Darren Wallinger, Jayme Harris and Dan Glos netting the championship winning goals to take them to their ninth win on the bounce.

Dinamo Flitwick meanwhile were returning to winning ways for the first time in five starts with a 3-2 home win over Kempston Athletic. Two own goals plus a strike from Kane Bunyan only being replied to by a brace from Gary Whitbread.

Elsewhere Clifton Reserves stretched their unbeaten ways to four games with a 1-0 win at Bedford Park Rangers, David Dice their goal hero.

Division Four League Table at 17th April 2010

11 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Sharnbrook Reserves	18	15	1	2	62	15	+47	46
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	18	8	2	8	46	52	-6	26
Clifton Reserves	17	7	4	6	48	43	+5	25
Dinamo Flitwick	18	7	3	8	47	40	+7	24
Eastcotts	16	6	3	7	36	36	+0	21
Thurleigh	16	6	3	7	38	40	-2	21
Stewartby Village	18	7	0	11	41	54	-13	21
Bedford Park Rangers	19	4	0	15	21	89	-68	12
Kempston Athletic	17	3	1	13	36	74	-38	10

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

Watson Shield Semi-Finals

This seasons Watson Shield Final at Harvey Close on Saturday 1st May will be between M & DH Oakley and Renhold Village after they both enjoyed extra time Semi-Final wins.

The Village with goals from Simon Wade, Michael Luke and Marcus Joseph running out 3-2 winners at Eastcotts for whom Tony Millioti hit a brace. Whilst the boys from Oakley were 4-2 home winners over Queens Park Crescents. An own goal plus strikes from James Dean, Dan Ellison and Jamie Underwood outscoring replies from Ayaz Hussain and Husnain Rahman.

Preview Saturday 24th April 2010.

This weekend brings about the final full weekend of Bedfordshire County Football League fixtures for the season, with still all to play for in all five divisions at the time of writing. The battle for the Premier Division supported by Sportsform crown between Ickwell & Old Warden and Blunham, seeing both clubs in home action before they go head to head at Moggerhanger Playing Fields on Wednesday April 28th in what could be the championship decider.

Ickwell & Old Warden now on a 15 game unbeaten run hosting Dunton on The Green, the visitors travel currently sitting in the drop zone and in desperate need of

points of their own to avoid relegation. Whilst Blunham go into home action against a Renhold United side that is now unbeaten in it's last five outings.

The battle for the bronze medal position sees the next two clubs in the table meet in what can only be described as a "six pointer". Current third placers Caldecote now on a five game unbeaten run hitting the road to face fourth place Oakley Sports.

Down at the other end of the table, basement club Westoning Recreation Club could well have their top flight status removed, should they not find a way of ending their current nine game losing run when they head to The Carlsberg Stadium to face a Southill Alexander side that has won its last five home games.

Other action comes at Hillgrounds, the venue for the meeting between AFC Kempston Town and Wilshamstead. Town starting the day now unbeaten in their last three home outings against a visiting side that has won just four times on the road all season.

Meantime over at Second Meadow, Biggleswade United Reserves seek to end a two game losing home tag when they host Woburn. Whilst the final top flight encounter takes place at Lodge Road with the meeting between hosts Sharnbrook, currently without a win in their last four outings, and Campton.

In Division One, depending on the results in midweek and elsewhere, the champagne corks could be popping at Steppingley Road should Flitwick Town collect the three home points from their encounter with Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves which will see them pass the post and this seasons Division One league champions.

With current second place Caldecote Reserves sitting the afternoon out, its a big afternoon for their two main rivals for the runners-up spot. Marston Social looking for home win number 10 on the bounce against Henlow at Marston Playing Fields, whilst Leighton United host AFC Kempston Town Reserves at Stanbridge Road.

Down at the other end of the table, basement club Kempston Hammers Sports now on a 10 game losing run, know it will be Division Two football for them next season unless they can collect the three points from their home Cutler Hammer encounter with third from bottom of the table Stevington. Whilst the team sandwiched between them in the standings, Campton Reserves, have a must win home Rectory Road meeting with Blunham Reserves.

Other action in this Division coming at Cople Playing Fields, the venue for Bedford Sports Athletic home game with Sandy, who will be looking to end a four game losing away run. Whilst in Mowsbury Park, FC Meppershall host Meltis Albion, who have won just once in their last seven trips away from Miller Road to drop out of the promotion race.

The Division Two title race looks destined to go right to the wire with both of the leading two contenders back in action this afternoon. Potton Wanderers in home action at Mill Lane less than 24 hours after their Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup Final against Renhold Village, facing a Harpur FC side that has won just twice on the road all season. Whilst Bedford Hatters make their way to Arlesey Playing Fields to face

Arlesey Social Galacticos.Hatters still unbeaten on the road this season against a Social side that is unbeaten in it's last eight home encounters.

Also still in the promotion frame are Brache Sparta Community Reserves.They seek to retain their season's unbeaten home ways when they host Kempston Royals at Dallow Road and Marston Shelton Rovers who head for a Whiston Crescent meeting with hosts Clifton seeking out their sixth consecutive away victory.

The day's other action in this Division coming at Greenfield's, the venue for bottom of the table Shillington's home local derby outing against Shefford Town and at Groveside, where visitors Elstow Abbey now without a win in their last six outings to drop into the relegation zone, seek to collect some points off of hosts Marabese Ceramics.

Like in Division One, the Division Three league title could be claimed this afternoon by Queens Park Crescents.Assuming they collected points from their midweek visit to Sandy Reserves, the title could be won with a home Mowsbury Park victory over second from the bottom of the table Riseley Sports Reserves, who travel having won their first away game of the season last weekend at Caldecote A.

The race for the other automatic promotion place however is still very much in the melting pot.Having a big bearing on the outcome will be the Stockwood Park clash between hosts Stopsley Park and visitors Lidlington United Sports.United currently holding down second spot and travel unbeaten in their last seven outings away from Hurst Grove.

For Dunton Reserves to remain in the race for promotion, it's a home Horseshoes Close clash with local rivals Sandy Reserves where only the full three points will do. Whilst the final action in this Division comes at Greenfield Road, where Westoning Recreation Club Reserves host Caldecote A.

With Sharnbrook Reserves having collected the league title last weekend, only pride is at stake in their home encounter at Lodge Road against Flitwick Town Reserves.Leaving the centre of attention in this afternoon's five games to fall on the race for the runners-up spot.

Current second place Sundon Park Rangers making their way to Whiston Crescent to face Clifton Reserves.Whilst still very much in the hunt for those silver medals are M & DH Oakley who head to Hillgrounds and a meeting with Kempston Athletic.The visitors on the travel seeking win number four on the bounce against a home side that is without a win from it's last seven starts.

Other action comes at Steppingley Road, the venue for Flitwick Town Reserves home encounter with Bedford Park Rangers, who travel looking for away win number three on the bounce.Plus just down the road at Hinksley Recreation Ground,Dinamo Flitwick look to end a two game losing home run when paid a visit by Eastcotts.

The final game of the day seeing Thurleigh make their way to Stewartby Way to be entertained by Stewartby Village, where the home side look to end a three game losing run.

NB, Please note this preview was written ahead of the midweek games played on Monday 19th and Wednesday 21st April.