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East Beds Charity Cup Semi-Final dates set season 2011-12

Wednesday 14th March 2012. Elstow Abbey v Ickwell & Old Warden
Wednesday 21st March 2012. Gamlingay United v Caldecote Reserves

Both games to be played at Second Meadow, Biggleswade United FC Kick Off 7.45pm

Final date set for Friday 20th April 2012 at Forde Park, Langford FC Kick Off 7.30pm.

Change of date for 2011-12 Season Britannia Cup Final

This seasons Britannia Cup final will now be played on Bank Holiday Monday 7th May 2012 at Second Meadow, Biggleswade United with a 7.30pm kick off.

Action Round Up for Saturday 3rd March 2012.

Britannia Cup Quarter-Final

Holders Shefford Town & Campton were to emerge the 5-4 winners against Caldecote at Harvey Close to earn a home semi-final tie against either Woburn or Flitwick Town. Ahead via a Stuart Haddow own goal after just seven minutes, they were to be pegged back to 1-1 when Kai Griffiths-Shilton netted from the penalty spot eight minutes later before a second own goal punched in by Caldecote goalkeeper Nathan Buckland put The Town back in front in the 23rd minute, only to see Jack Gabbitas level matters just five minutes later. Yet a strike from Andrew Hayday in the 45th minute ensured it was The Town who were leading 3-2 at the break.

Within seven minutes of the re-start Gary Ansell-Carter had made it 4-2, but back again came the home side with a header from Paul Gower reducing the arrears to just a single goal on 70 minutes until Ansell-Carter netted again just two minutes later to restore the Town's two goal advantage. That lead that was once again reduced to just a single goal by Tom Cookman in the 75th minute and but for a David Lenton effort coming back off the crossbar this thriller would have required extra time to settle its outcome.

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With Caldecote away on Britannia Cup duty, Bedford Hatters took full advantage to climb above them into second spot in the league table with a 5-2 victory at bottom of the table Woburn. Scott Alleyne with a brace plus goals from Mark Reed, Dean Lebrecht and Richard Cook only being replied to by Daniel McClaren and Liam Brandom.

For fourth spot Oakley Sports, its now four outings since they won after being held to a 0-0 home draw by a Wilshamstead side who were stretching their unbeaten away ways to four games. Whilst fifth place Renhold United took their unbeaten ways up to 11 games in a 0-0 home draw against Blunham.

Down at the other end of the league table, it was not a good day for second bottom Dunton who were defeated 4-0 at AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves. Lyndon Ingerson, Elliot West, Joseph Willie and Thomas Marvin netting the goals to end Town's run of six games without a victory and take them up into ninth spot in the league table.

In the day's final top-flight encounter, Sharnbrook ran out 2-1 winners at Flitwick Town. Ian Ludman and Jamie Cross on the scoresheet against a home reply from Dean Warren.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 3rd March 2012.

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	HOME			AWAY			OVERALL			GDPTS					
			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		A				
1	Shefford Town & Campton	17	6	1	0	28	8	0	2	35	11	14	1 2 63	19	44	43	
2	Bedford Hatters	20	6	1	3	23	16	7	2	1	29	19	13	3 4 52	35	17	42
3	Caldecote	17	7	0	1	30	10	6	2	1	30	13	13	2 2 60	23	37	41
4	Oakley Sports	19	4	4	3	19	13	4	3	1	29	12	8 7 4	48	25	23	31
5	Renhold United	18	5	3	2	25	17	4	0	4	14	10	9 3 6	39	27	12	30
6	Wilshamstead	19	3	1	5	19	24	5	3	2	22	18	8 4 7	41	42	-1	28
7	Arlesey Town Reserves	20	3	2	3	11	10	5	1	6	22	25	8 3 9	33	35	-2	27
8	Blunham	20	7	0	4	27	22	1	2	6	12	30	8 2 10	39	52	-13	26
9	AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College	19	3	1	5	19	27	3	3	4	18	24	6 4 9	37	51	-14	22
10	Sharnbrook	20	3	3	4	16	23	3	1	6	13	30	6 4 10	29	53	-24	22
11	Flitwick Town	20	3	1	7	16	26	2	3	4	15	17	5 4 11	31	43	-12	19
12	Dunton	19	2	2	5	12	20	1	1	8	10	28	3 3 13	22	48	-26	12
13	Woburn	20	1	2	8	19	42	1	0	8	9	27	2 2 16	28	69	-41	8

Division One

The new leaders of the division one league table are Ickwell & Old Warden after they retained their seasons unbeaten home ways with a 2-1 win over FC Meppershall. The visitors with a goal from Joe Price after just five minutes only being over hauled in the last 15 minutes by strikes from Lee Threadgold and Anup Kalyan.

Ickwell & Old Warden taking over the top spot from Marston Shelton Rovers, they took their unbeaten away ways up to eight games in a 0-0 stalemate at third place Lidlington United Sports, who in sharing the spoils remain unbeaten in their last 13 outings and undefeated on home soil this season.

This stalemate being good news for Bedford Sports Athletic who drew level on points with Lidlington United Sports via an 8-2 home win over AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves. Asa Mead netting four times, Ian Asplin twice alongside single goals for Ashley Mead and Daniel Bond which were only replied to by Paul Garrett and Kevin Brown for the visitors.

Elsewhere, Lea Sports PSG are now unbeaten in their last eight outings after winning 2-1 at Sandy. Dion Brown and Martin Collins on the scoresheet against a home reply from Dan Stafford.

Over at Groveside, it ended 5-5 between Henlow and Kings AFC. Russell Ayles striking four times and Jonathan Rowe once for Henlow against two goals for Josh Clements plus single strikes from Ben Leggott, Mark Keech and Ollie Plested marking the visitors scoresheet.

Meanwhile, bottom of the table Westoning are now without a win from their last eight outings after being beaten 6-1 at home by Meltis Albion. Scott Gadsden giving the home side a 1-0 half-time lead until Luther Prince with a hat-trick, Daniel Summerfield with a brace plus a goal from Ricky Matthews won the day for The Albion in the second period.

Also winning 6-1 were Luton Boys at home over Caldecote Reserves. Naashan Bennett with a hat-trick, Jason Blake with a brace plus a goal from Famik Stephen-Gabriel only being replied to by Matt Basta.

Division One League Table at 3rd March 2012.

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	HOME	AWAY	OVERALL	GD	PTS
			W D L F A	W D L F A	W D L F A		
1	Ickwell & Old Warden	18	7 2 0 27 9	6 2 1 32 16	13 4 1 59 25	34	43
2	Marston Shelton Rovers	21	6 3 1 27 13	6 4 1 21 10	12 7 2 48 23	25	43
3	Lidlington United Sports	19	8 3 0 39 11	4 3 1 18 12	12 6 1 57 23	34	42
4	Bedford SA	18	7 0 2 32 13	6 3 0 24 10	13 3 2 56 23	33	42
5	Sandy	21	5 3 3 37 22	6 1 3 24 20	11 4 6 61 42	19	37
6	Henlow	21	3 3 5 25 30	5 2 3 19 17	8 5 8 44 47	-3	29
7	FC Meppershall	18	3 3 3 28 16	4 2 3 21 16	7 5 6 49 32	17	26
8	Luton Boys	19	5 3 3 36 24	1 2 5 21 33	6 5 8 57 57	0	23
9	Caldecote Reserves	17	5 1 2 29 17	1 2 6 15 31	6 3 8 44 48	-4	21
10	Lea Sports PSG	19	1 5 3 16 17	2 6 2 16 12	3 11 5 32 29	3	20
11	AFC Kempston Tn & Bedford Coll Reserves	20	2 2 4 10 16	2 1 9 17 44	4 3 13 27 60	-33	15
12	Kings AFC	19	2 2 6 17 29	1 1 7 20 43	3 3 13 37 72	-35	12
13	Meltis Albion	19	0 1 7 3 27	3 2 6 17 47	3 3 13 20 74	-54	12
14	Westoning	21	1 1 9 17 34	1 1 8 13 32	2 2 17 30 66	-36	8

Division Two

In retaining their seasons 100% away record AFC Turvey are now back to within three points of league leaders Elstow Abbey after winning 3-1 at Co-op Sports. Martin Page, Tim Clarke and Chris Winton all finding the back of the net against a lone home reply from Chris Vardy.

Elsewhere, third place Pavenham took their unbeaten ways up to seven games with a 3-1 home victory over Stopsley Park. James Owen netting twice and Daniel Doyle once against a Park reply from Dean Laird.

For fourth place Bromham United it was a 3-1 victory at Shefford Town & Campton Reserves. Goals from Ruuben Hukin, Jacob Hukin and Darren Payne only being replied to by Jordan Ainslie.

Alas for bottom of the table Great Barford it was loss number 19 on the bounce when defeated 1-0 at home by Clifton whose lone strike came via Joe Marshall.

Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup Semi-Finals

The shock of the day saw Sundon Park Rangers emerge 2-1 home winners over an Elstow Abbey side that were losing for the first time in any competition this season. Matthew Conway netting both goals against an Abbey reply from Danny Pilgrim.

They will now face a final tie against Sundon Park Rangers Colts who ran out 5-3 home winners over Potton United Reserves. Ashley Wadhams with a brace plus strikes from Kevin Hilton, Luke Dolan and Cameron Forbes outscoring United strikes from Amit Aghera, Steve Gibbons and Bradley Voght.

Division Two League Table at 3rd March 2012

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	HOME			AWAY			OVERALL			GDPTS		
			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1	Elstow Abbey	17	8	1	0	39	7	7	1	0	31	5	15	2
2	AFC Turvey	18	7	2	2	37	21	7	0	0	29	3	14	2
3	Pavenham	18	7	1	2	38	11	4	2	2	22	10	11	3
4	Bromham United	20	5	2	3	25	13	5	0	5	19	23	10	2
5	Co-op Sports	17	6	2	3	32	23	3	0	3	12	20	9	2
6	Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	17	4	2	3	33	16	4	2	2	22	18	8	4
7	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	20	5	1	4	26	24	3	3	4	12	23	8	4
8	Queens Park Crescents	19	4	3	3	24	18	3	3	3	22	31	7	6
9	Potton United Reserves	18	5	0	2	17	17	3	2	6	23	24	8	2
10	Stopsley Park	19	2	1	5	14	27	4	2	5	30	32	6	3
11	Clifton	22	1	2	7	10	21	4	1	7	17	32	5	3
12	M & DH Oakley	17	2	0	3	9	15	4	0	8	16	36	6	0
13	Marabese Ceramics	18	2	2	4	9	13	2	2	6	13	22	4	4
14	Great Barford	20	0	0	12	6	49	0	1	7	7	40	0	1

Division Three

With Cranfield United Reserves sitting the afternoon out, Goldington are now back on top of the division three league table after winning 2-1 at Wilshamstead Reserves. James Allen and Damion Quigley on the scoresheet against a 30yard dipping volley reply from Jeff Hall.

Also keeping their promotion hopes alive were Stevington with a 4-1 home victory over Royal Oak Kempston. Matt Coles netting twice alongside one apiece for Gavin White and Aaron Fletcher against the lone Oak reply from Lorzeno Jordan.

Elsewhere, Kempston Hammers Sports are now unbeaten in their last five starts after sharing the spoils in a 1-1 home draw with Riseley Sports. Adam Tysoe the home marksman against a Sportsman's reply from Tom Ellison.

Meanwhile, bottom of the table Flitwick Town Reserves have now lost their last 10 games after being defeated 4-2 at Potton Town. Chris Cooper twice plus Jamie Hutchinson and Marcus Tait netting the goals to take Town's unbeaten home run up to seven games against visitors replies via Darryl Stringer and Stuart Turner.

Division Three League Table at 3rd March 2012.

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	HOME					AWAY					OVERALL					GDPTS
			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	
1	Goldington	21	8	1	2	42	20	5	3	2	24	13	13	4	4	66	33	43
2	Cranfield United Reserves	18	4	0	2	15	8	10	1	1	38	14	14	1	3	53	22	31
3	Renhold Village	18	7	0	1	28	7	6	1	3	24	17	13	1	4	52	24	28
4	Stevington	20	9	0	2	35	13	4	1	4	18	20	13	1	6	53	33	20
5	Riseley Sports	17	5	2	2	25	17	4	3	1	17	10	9	5	3	42	27	15
6	Potton Town	21	6	4	3	22	17	3	0	5	21	26	9	4	8	43	43	0
7	Eastcotts AFC	17	6	0	2	21	17	4	0	5	21	21	10	0	7	42	38	4
8	Wilshamstead Reserves	20	6	0	5	21	21	3	3	3	10	15	9	3	8	31	36	-5
9	Sundon Park Rangers Colts	16	3	1	3	20	11	5	0	4	31	16	8	1	7	51	27	24
10	Kempston Hammers Sports	20	4	3	4	19	25	3	0	6	23	26	7	3	10	42	51	-9
11	Royal Oak Kempston	19	1	1	7	10	31	5	0	5	17	18	6	1	12	27	49	-22
12	Westoning Reserves	20	3	0	7	17	29	2	2	6	18	24	5	2	13	35	53	-18
13	Dunton Reserves	19	1	1	8	13	37	1	0	8	8	38	2	1	16	21	75	-54
14	Flitwick Town Reserves	20	1	1	7	12	31	0	0	11	14	42	1	1	18	26	73	-47

Watson Shield Second Round

Renhold Village now face a quarter-final tie away at Wilshamstead Reserves or Goldington after winning 6-3 at Caldecote A. Ryan Ambrose from the penalty spot taking the home side into the lead before strikes from Dan Luke and Pete Neal saw The Village lead 2-1 at the break. In the second period, a second goal from Luke plus strikes from Carl Townsend, Matthew Bailey and Carl Ashwell took the visitors tally up to six, whilst adding to the home scoresheet were goals from Jordan Goodman and Carl Heath.

Division Four

Bedford Park Rangers lead at the head of the division four league table remains at two points following their 2-1 home win over Stewartby Village. Luke Rayner and Martin Danobrega netting the goals to send The Village to their first away defeat in eight outings despite a goal in reply from Tom Wheelhouse.

Keeping the pressure on The Rangers are Marsh Leys, for them it was a retention of their unbeaten away ways and win number 10 on the bounce with a 2-1 victory at bottom of the table Dunton A. Alex Clipson and Grant Williams the goalscorers against a home reply via Chris Weustner.

For Clifton Reserves, its now a climb into fourth spot after winning 4-3 at Kempston Athletic. Sam Nightingale and Tony Norman both netting twice against home replies via Gary Whitbread, James Maxwell and Nicholas Ememe.

Elsewhere, Dinamo Flitwick and Sandy Reserves shared the spoils in a 2-2 draw at Hinksley Road. Jay Del Boyer and Dale Goldie on the home scoresheet against Sandy replies from Jonnie Stafford and Adam Hales.

Also finishing all square but at 1-1 were Goldington Hammers and Bedford Panthers. Gareth Shrimpton on the home scoresheet against a Panthers reply from Michael Bailey.

The scheduled game between Thurleigh and Wootton Village being postponed after The Village failed to raise a side to travel.

Division Four League Table at 3rd March 2012.

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	HOME	AWAY	OVERALL	GDPTS
			WDLF A	WDL F A	WDL F A	
1	Bedford Park Rangers	19	7 1 1 30 12 9 0 1 44 17 16 1 2 74 29 45 49			
2	Marsh Leys	19	7 1 2 30 13 8 1 0 34 9 15 2 2 64 22 42 47			
3	Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	20	6 1 2 18 11 6 2 3 30 18 12 3 5 48 29 19 39			
4	Clifton Reserves	21	5 3 4 44 28 5 2 2 24 19 10 5 6 68 47 21 35			
5	Stewartby Village	22	5 0 5 29 28 5 5 2 28 18 10 5 7 57 46 11 35			
6	Thurleigh	16	4 3 1 29 11 6 0 2 30 18 10 3 3 59 29 30 33			
7	Sandy Reserves	21	2 1 6 22 39 7 2 3 34 30 9 3 9 56 69 -13 30			
8	Shefford Town & Campton A	20	5 0 5 23 27 3 3 4 24 27 8 3 9 47 54 -7 27			
9	Caldecote A	19	3 4 3 36 26 3 2 4 22 24 6 6 7 58 50 8 24			
10	Wootton Village	19	4 2 4 20 21 3 1 5 21 22 7 3 9 41 43 -2 24			
11	Kempston Athletic	21	4 1 6 25 24 2 2 6 21 40 6 3 12 46 64 -18 21			
12	Bedford Panthers	18	2 1 6 10 20 2 3 4 13 23 4 4 10 23 43 -20 16			
13	Dinamo Flitwick [former Reserves]	19	1 3 6 21 43 2 2 5 23 23 3 5 11 44 66 -22 14			
14	Goldington Hammers	19	2 2 6 23 34 2 0 7 16 34 4 2 13 39 68 -29 14			
15	Dunton A	21	1 2 7 13 37 1 0 10 10 51 2 2 17 23 88 -65 8			

Preview for Saturday 10th March 2012.

This weekend's action sees the main spotlight fall upon the remaining quarter-final ties in the Britannia, Centenary and Jubilee Cup and the Second round ties in the Watson Shield. In The Britannia Cup, at Crawley Road, Woburn face the visiting Flitwick Town who in having won at the same venue in league action back in late January will start the favourites to earn a trip to Shefford Town & Campton at the semi-final stage.

In the other half of the draw, the tie of the round comes at Oakley Playing Fields, the venue at which Oakley Sports host Bedford Hatters, their league encounter back in mid-November at the same venue saw The Hatters win 4-2 and you would perhaps fancy them to journey into the last four to earn a home tie with either AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College or Renhold United who meet at Hillgrounds. United having taken four of the six points on offer from their league clashes this season the most likely club to earn that home last four tie.

Please note the kick off time at Oakley Playing Fields will be at the earlier time of 1.45pm to accommodate a division two league fixture between M & DH Oakley and Pavenham at the same venue later in the afternoon.

Away from the Britannia Cup there are three Premier Division supported by Sportform games taking place. At Rectory Road, league leaders Shefford Town & Campton will be looking to retain their season's unbeaten home ways and stretch their league winning ways to nine games when called upon by a Wilshamstead side that has only lost twice on the road all season. Whilst fellow title contenders Caldecote hit the road to the Carlsberg Stadium for local derby action against Dunton.

The third and final game coming at The Armadillo Stadium where hosts Arlesey Town Reserves look for their first home win since beating Flitwick Town back in mid-October when visited by a Blunham side who have won just the once on the road all season.

In the Centenary Cup, the tie of the round looks to be the Cople Playing Fields clash between hosts Bedford Sports Athletic and the visiting Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves, the award for the winners will be a trip on the road to face either Kings AFC or Lidlington United Sports who meet at King George VI Playing Fields. With United having already achieved a league double over their hosts, it will be them who will start the game favourites to progress to the last four.

In the other half of the draw, Sandy likewise will hit the road to Groveside having already achieved a league double over their hosts Henlow and be the firm favourites to entertain either Marston Shelton Rovers or Caldecote Reserves who meet at Marston Playing Fields at the last four stage.

In division one league action there are three fixtures, the pick of which looks to be the Mowsbury Park clash between hosts FC Meppershall and Luton Boys. Whilst at Pirton Recreation Ground, Lea Sports PSG will be looking to extend their unbeaten home ways to five games against a Westoning side that has lost all but two of their 10 away outings to date this season.

The third and final game coming at Miller Road, where you would perhaps fancy the chances of Meltis Albion achieving their first home league win of the season when called upon by local rivals AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves who have won just three times on the road all season.

In The Jubilee Cup there are just two remaining ties. In Stockwood Park, Sundon Park Rangers will be looking to avenge a league defeat at the hands of the visiting Bromham United back in late October and should they achieve that target then a last four home tie awaits against either AFC Turvey or Potton United Reserves who go head to head at Stonefields. The hosts having already beaten United twice already in league action the favourites to hit the road at the semi-final stage.

In division two league action there are five fixtures. For unbeaten league leaders Elstow Abbey that means a trip on the road to Second Meadow to face a Clifton side whose lone home win to date this season came over bottom table Great Barford back in mid-November.

Over at Solway Road North, the visitors to face Co-op Sports are Shefford Town & Campton Reserves who hit the road now unbeaten in their last three away starts and at The Luton Regional Sports Centre you would expect hosts Stopsley Park to collect the full three points when called upon by bottom table Great Barford.

Other action coming at Shuttleworth College, the venue at which Marabese Ceramics seek their first home win since late October when called upon by Queens Park Crescents and at Oakley Playing Fields, it's a 4.30pm kick off for the clash between M & DH Oakley and local rivals Pavenham.

In The Watson Shield action there are just two chances for a spot of giant killing, the best of which might well come at Cutler Hammer where division four high flyers Marsh Leys receive a visit from division three outfit Potton Town. The reward for the winners will be a visit to face the victors of the all division four clash in Mowsbury Park between Bedford Park Rangers and Stewartby Village.

As over at Crawley Road you would expect division three hosts Cranfield United Reserves to have too much in the locker not to overcome division four visitors Dunton A and earn the right to travel to meet the winners of the all division four clash at Keysoe Road between hosts Thurleigh and the visiting Bedford Panthers.

The tie of the round could well be the all division three clash at Gold Street between hosts Riseley Sports and Sundon Park Colts, where for the winners awaits a trip on the road at the last eight stage to face either Stevington or Dunton Reserves who go head to head in another all division three clash at Stevington Playing Fields.

Over at Jubilee Playing Fields there is an all division three meeting between hosts Wilshamstead Reserves and Goldington for the right to entertain Renhold Village at the quarter-final stage.

Division three league action thus being confined to just three games. At Renhold Playing Fields, hosts Renhold Village will be expected to collect the full three points from the visiting Westoning Reserves who have failed to win any of their last seven trips on the road away from Greenfield Road. Whilst at Hillgrounds, Royal Oak Kempston now without a home win since beating Sundon Park Colts back in late October receive a visit from Flitwick Town Reserves who hit the road in search of their first away win of the season.

The third game taking place at Weston Park, the venue at which Eastcotts AFC seek their third home win on the bounce against the visiting Kempston Hammers Sports who travel looking for their third away win on the bounce.

In division four there are just four games. At Harvey Close, Caldecote A look for just their fourth home win of the season when they entertain Shefford Town & Campton A. Whilst at Whiston Crescent, Clifton Reserves will not find it easy to achieve their fourth home win on the bounce when visited by an Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves side that were last defeated on the road back in mid-November at Shefford Town & Campton A some six outings ago.

At Bedford Road Recreation Ground, Sandy Reserves with just two home wins to their name all season take on the visiting Wootton Village who have lost all of their last three away outings. Whilst at Hinksley Recreation Ground, Dinamo Flitwick search out their own second home win of the season when called upon by Goldington Hammers.