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Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup Quarter-Final Draw season 2011-12

AFC Turvey v Sundon Park Colts
Sundon Park Rangers v St Josephs
M & DH Oakley v Pottun United Reserves
Elstow Abbey v Cranfield United Reserves

Games to be played on Saturday 21st January 2012.

Action Round-Up Saturday 10th December 2011

Premier Division Supported by Sportsform

With Shefford Town & Campton away on County Cup duty, Bedford Hatters took full advantage to climb above them in to second spot in the league table with a 2-1 victory at Arlesey Town Reserves. Scott Alleyne netting both goals to chalk up The Hatters fifth away win on the bounce and retain their season's unbeaten away record. Wayne Smith was the marksman for a Town side who were failing to win for the fourth consecutive game.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 10th December 2011.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Caldecote	11	9	2	0	41	12	29	29
2	Bedford Hatters	13	8	2	3	30	21	9	26
3	Shefford Town & Campton	11	8	1	2	44	13	31	25
4	Oakley Sports	13	6	5	2	33	17	16	23
5	Arlesey Town Reserves	14	6	1	7	22	25	-3	19
6	AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College	12	5	3	4	25	30	-5	18
7	Blunham	12	5	1	6	27	30	-3	16
8	Wilshamstead	12	4	3	5	21	30	-9	15
9	Sharnbrook	12	4	3	5	18	33	-15	15
10	Renhold United	11	4	1	6	24	21	3	13
11	Flitwick Town	12	2	3	7	13	27	-14	9
12	Woburn	13	2	2	9	20	38	-18	8
13	Dunton	12	1	3	8	12	33	-21	6

Also maintaining their interest in the title race are Oakley Sports, they took their unbeaten ways up to four games with a 6-1 win at Woburn. Ian Strange twice plus Harry Atherton, Ray Patrickson, Shaun Barnett and Darren Minney netting the goals that were only replied to once

by Martin Holland for The Safari Boys who have now failed to win any of their last six home games.

Sharnbrook were also enjoying life on the road, ending a run of three consecutive away defeats by winning 3-1 at Wilshamstead. Ryan Massey, Martyn Cain and Jack Hoogstraten on the scoresheet for the visitors against a lone home reply via Ray Baker whose side are now without a win in their last six outings.

Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy Round Three

Caldecote became the last Bedfordshire County Football League club standing in this season's trophy after they emerged 2-1 extra time winners at Shefford Town & Campton. Ahead via a strike from Kai Griffiths-Shilton in the sixth minute they were to be pegged back to 1-1 in the second period via a home strike from Ryan Welton before Tom Cookman netted what turned out to be the winner just six minutes into the first period of extra time to earn his side a place in the Semi-Final draw.

Making their exit at the last eight stage were both Renhold United and Blunham. United going down 4-0 at Molten South Midlands League Ampthill Town and for Blunham it was a 11-2 beating at another South Midlands League side, 61FC Luton. The brace of Blunham goals coming from Matthew McMahon and a Barry Ulyatt penalty.

Britannia Cup Round One

AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College eased their way into round two with a 4-2 home victory over Dunton, Thomas Behan with a hat-trick plus Roy Murnane on the home scoresheet against Dunton replies via James Cooper and Tom Burton.

Division One

Despite having their six game winning run halted in a 1-1 draw at Lea Sports PSG, Marston Shelton Rovers remain on the summit of the division one league table after their nearest two rivals at start of play, Lidlington United Sports and Bedford Sports Athletic were both also held to draws. Aaron Franks netting the United goal against a home reply from Danny Hardacre.

For second place Lidlington United Sports it was a 2-2 home stalemate with Ickwell & Old Warden. Steven Hall and Jon Smith on target for United against replies from Danny Fox and Wayne Morris to retain Ickwell's unbeaten away ways for the season, all this despite having to play the last 30 minutes with just nine men following red cards for Tim Gill and Dave Trundle.

However, this result saw Ickwell drop from fourth to fifth in the league standings after Sandy ended FC Meppershall's unbeaten away record for the season with a 4-1 victory at The Recreation Ground. Ian Hammett twice plus Daniel Stafford and Nathan Morris netting the home goals against a lone reply via Jamie McGregor.

Still in third spot are Bedford Sports Athletic; however they needed a 90th minute strike from Asa Mead to retain their season's unbeaten away ways in a 1-1 draw at Meltis Albion. The home side now without a win in their last 10 outings going ahead with a goal from Lewis Prince.

Holding down sixth place are Henlow, they took their unbeaten ways up to five games with a 2-0 win at bottom of the table Kings AFC. Jonny Rowe and Charlie Richardson netting the goals to send the home side to their fifth consecutive defeat.

The biggest winners of the day were Caldecote Reserves they remain unbeaten on home soil this season after sending AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves to their sixth consecutive defeat with a 5-1 victory. Mark Endersby twice plus Bruce Bass, Tom Wallace and Scott Lancaster netting the goals that were only replied to by Joseph Ogunremi.

Elsewhere, Luton Boys came up with their first win in seven outings via a 2-0 home success over Westoning, Steve O'dell and Famik Stephen-Gabriel the goalscorers.

Division One League Table at 10th December 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Marston Shelton Rovers	13	9	3	1	30	12	18	30
2	Lidlington United Sports	12	9	2	1	40	18	22	29
3	Bedford SA	12	8	3	1	33	16	17	27
4	Sandy	13	8	2	3	44	24	20	26
5	Ickwell & Old Warden	11	7	4	0	32	15	17	25
6	Henlow	14	6	4	4	27	24	3	22
7	Caldecote Reserves	12	6	2	4	35	28	7	20
8	FC Meppershall	11	5	2	4	35	20	15	17
9	Luton Boys	12	3	3	6	29	35	-6	12
10	AFC Kempston Tn & Bedford Coll Reserves	13	2	2	9	13	33	-20	8
11	Lea Sports PSG	12	0	7	5	15	21	-6	7
12	Westoning	14	2	1	11	22	44	-22	7
13	Meltis Albion	12	1	3	8	9	43	-34	6
14	Kings AFC	11	1	0	10	15	46	-31	3

Division Two

It's as you were at the head of the division two standings following wins for the leading five clubs. For league leaders Elstow Abbey it was a 5-0 away win at M & DH Oakley, Ed'L'Erario, Danny Pilgrim and Dave McCarthy all netting in the opening 13 minutes before second half strikes from Pilgrim and Travis Joseph brought up the nap hand to retain Abbey's unbeaten ways for the season.

Second place AFC Turvey were also retaining their season's unbeaten ways by going one better in a 6-0 win at Stopsley Park. Adam Broughton with a hat-trick plus goals from Mark Allen, Chris Winton and Mike Stephenson taking Turvey off to their Xmas party still 100% on the road this season.

For third place Sundon Park Rangers it was a 5-3 home victory over Potton United Reserves, Edward Lewis with a brace plus goals from Sam Chapman, Andrew Fox and Samuel Kehinde outscoring United replies from Sam Worthington twice and Sam Bonham.

In fourth spot are Pavenham, following two straight defeats they returned to winning ways with a 6-1 home victory over Shefford Town & Campton Reserves. James Owen with a brace plus strikes from David Neal, David Netherway, Daniel Doyle and Nick Atkins only being replied to by Kevin Rimmer.

For fifth place Bromham United it was a 2-1 win at Queens Park Crescents, the home sides first defeat in eight outings. Mark Daniels and Rob Hewitt the United marksmen against a home reply via Shahiaur Rahman.

This defeat dropping The Crescents down the table in to seventh place and replaced in the top six by Co-op Sports who ran out narrow 2-1 victors at bottom of table Great Barford. A Thomas Miller penalty and a goal from Chris Vardy only being replied to by a strike from George Harris.

Elsewhere, the local derby action at Second Meadow saw Clifton and Marabese Ceramics share the spoils in a 1-1 draw, a Barry Hallybone penalty for Clifton being cancelled out by a strike from Luke Deards for The Tilermen.

Division Two League Table at 10th December 2011.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Elstow Abbey	12	10	2	0	48	8	40	32
2	AFC Turvey	12	10	2	0	48	14	34	32
3	Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	13	7	3	3	41	21	20	24
4	Pavenham	12	7	1	4	31	12	19	22
5	Bromham United	14	7	1	6	26	28	-2	22
6	Co-op Sports	10	6	1	3	24	19	5	19
7	Queens Park Crescents	12	5	3	4	29	26	3	18
8	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	13	5	3	5	22	35	-13	18
9	Potton United Reserves	12	5	0	7	25	32	-7	15
10	M & DH Oakley	13	5	0	8	20	33	-13	15
11	Marabese Ceramics	13	3	3	7	14	24	-10	12
12	Stopsley Park	12	3	2	7	30	42	-12	11
13	Clifton	14	3	2	9	14	35	-21	11
14	Great Barford	14	0	1	13	11	54	-43	1

Division Three

It was much the same story in division three as in division two with wins for the leading four sides. For league leaders Goldington its now nine games unbeaten after netting a 2-0 home win over a Wilshamstead Reserves side that had won its last five games, Chris Huckle and Damion Quigley netting the vital goals.

Also winning 2-0 were second place Renhold Village at bottom of table Dunton Reserves, Carl Townsend and Mo Banda both on the scoresheet to send the home side to their fifth consecutive defeat.

For third place Cranfield United Reserves, its now eight games unbeaten away from home after winning 5-0 at Westoning Reserves. All the goals arriving in the opening half, James Armstrong hitting a hat-trick of headers to go alongside strikes from Simon Wade and Dan Cockerton.

In fourth place are Stevington, following three straight defeats they returned to winning ways with a 3-0 victory at Kempston Hammers Sports who have now lost their last six outings. Simon Ellis, Jon Devereux and Gavin White on the winner's scoresheet.

Now in fifth slot are Riseley Sports, they retained their season's unbeaten away ways with a 5-4 win at The Royal Oak Kempston. Karl Walker with a hat-trick being supported by goals from Alan Spurgeon and James Cooke against home replies from Lorenzo Jordan, David Bevan, Sean Boland and James Pickard.

Losing out on that fifth spot were Eastcotts AFC after they were defeated 8-1 at home by Sundon Park Rangers Colts. Ashley Wadhams netting three times, Kevin Hilton twice alongside single goals for Lee Remond, Ryan Batchelor and Cameron Forbes, the lone reply coming from Kalyan Wilson.

Also enjoying life on the road were Potton Town, they ran out 6-2 winners at Flitwick Town Reserves, Chris Cooper with a hat-trick, Tom Grinstead with a brace plus a goal from Tom Pyman only being replied to twice by Kevin Higby.

Division Three League Table at 10th December 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Goldington	13	9	2	2	49	18	31	29
2	Renhold Village	12	9	1	2	37	13	24	28
3	Cranfield United Reserves	12	9	1	2	34	13	21	28
4	Stevington	13	8	1	4	37	22	15	25
5	Riseley Sports	11	6	3	2	31	22	9	21
6	Eastcotts AFC	12	7	0	5	31	31	0	21
7	Potton Town	13	5	2	6	26	31	-5	17
8	Wilshamstead Reserves	13	5	2	6	16	24	-8	17
9	Sundon Park Rangers Colts	12	5	1	6	35	23	12	16
10	Westoning Reserves	13	5	1	7	26	31	-5	16
11	Royal Oak Kempston	12	4	0	8	18	29	-11	12
12	Kempston Hammers Sports	12	4	0	8	27	42	-15	12
13	Flitwick Town Reserves	12	1	1	10	16	44	-28	4
14	Dunton Reserves	12	1	1	10	11	51	-40	4

Division Four

Bedford Park Rangers remain 100% on the road this season and three points clear at the head of the division four league table following their 4-2 victory at Dinamo Flitwick. Jamie Carter, Luke Rayner, Shaun Finlay and Jordan Wright all finding the back of the net against home replies from Scott Hannam and Dale Goldie.

Division Four League Table at 10th December 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Bedford Park Rangers	12	10	1	1	51	16	35	31
2	Thurleigh	11	9	1	1	45	14	31	28
3	Marsh Leys	11	7	2	2	37	17	20	23
4	Stewartby Village	14	6	4	4	37	29	8	22
5	Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	13	7	1	5	23	22	1	22
6	Shefford Town & Campton A	13	6	2	5	32	39	-7	20
7	Wootton Village	13	5	3	5	30	28	2	18
8	Caldecote A	13	4	5	4	42	36	6	17
9	Clifton Reserves	13	4	5	4	30	29	1	17
10	Sandy Reserves	14	5	2	7	40	52	-12	17
11	Kempston Athletic	14	5	1	8	31	38	-7	16
12	Bedford Panthers	11	3	2	6	16	26	-10	11
13	Goldington Hammers	11	3	1	7	31	42	-11	10
14	Dinamo Flitwick [former Reserves]	11	2	2	7	27	42	-15	8
15	Dunton A	14	1	2	11	15	57	-42	5

For second place Thurleigh, it was also a retention of their 100% away ways for the season and win number seven on bounce with a 3-2 victory at Kempston Athletic. Stefan Wilson twice

plus Josh Pierre St Claire on the scoresheet against Athletic replies via Gary Whitbread and Carl Catchpole which failed to save The Athletic falling to their fifth consecutive home defeat.

In third spot now are Marsh Leys, for them it was a 2-0 win at fifth place Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves, a goal from David Powell and a penalty from Alex Clipston doing the damage.

Dropping out of that third spot and now fourth in the standings are Stewartby Village, they were held 0-0 at Clifton Reserves but at least had the consolation of extending their unbeaten ways up to four games.

Now in the top six are Shefford Town & Campton A, for them it was a fourth home win on the bounce with a 3-0 victory over Bedford Panthers, Simon Castle doing all the damage with a hat-trick.

Following five straight away defeats, Goldington Hammers put matters right with a 5-3 victory at Caldecote A who are now without an home win in their last six outings Jason Nice and Danny Johnson both netting twice alongside Ryan Hutton for The Hammers against home replies via Gary Allum, Jordan Goodman and Ryan Ambrose.

Also enjoying life on the road were Sandy Reserves, they ended Wootton Village's four game unbeaten home run with a 4-3 victory Jonnie Stratford and Chris Gregory both netting twice to do the damage against Village replies from Lewis Aitken, Ryan Stocker and Steven Woodford.

Preview Saturday 17th December 2011

With the league taking a weekend off on Christmas Eve and the New Year's Eve programme being dedicated to action in the various league cup competition's this weekend brings about the last league action of 2011. For current Premier Division supported by Sportsform league leaders Caldecote, that means involvement in the match of the day when they travel to Renhold Playing Fields to be hosted by Renhold United. The home side looking for their fourth league win on the bounce, whilst the visitors hope to maintain their unbeaten ways and complete a 2011-12 season's double over United who were beaten 1-0 at Harvey Close on the opening day of the campaign.

Over at Hillgrounds hosts AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College have been beaten just the once on home soil this term, so you would expect them to collect the spoils when they entertain a Wilshamstead side whose last win on the road came at Woburn back in late October. Whilst Blunham will perhaps start the favourites to collect their first away win of the season when they journey to The Carlsberg Stadium to be hosted by a Dunton side who are now without a home win in their last five outings.

Elsewhere at Lodge Road, Sharnbrook beaten just twice on home soil this season receive a visit from Oakley Sports whose away record to date suggests they will at least fancy their chances of sharing the spoils. Whilst the final action is a so-called six pointer at the bottom end of the league table between Flitwick Town and Woburn at Steppingley Road. Town looking to end a run of four games without a win against the visiting Safari Boys whose only win on the road in league action this season came at Dunton in their very last outing.

Away from the league action Shefford Town & Campton play hosts to local rivals Arlesey Town Reserves at Rectory Road in the opening round of this season's Britannia Cup. Town starting the likely firm favourites to progress into round two in their quest to hold on to the famous old trophy they won last season.

In division one it's a mixture of fixtures for the leading title challengers; Marston Shelton Rovers heading to Jubilee Park to be hosted by a FC Meppershall side that is very capable of causing a surprise on the day. Whilst Lidlington United Sports, beaten just once on the road

this season travel to King George VI Playing Fields where hosts Kings AFC will be desperate to at least share the spoils in their quest for points at the other end of the league table.

However, perhaps the game of the day in this section belongs to the Cople Playing Fields clash between promotion hopefuls Bedford Sports Athletic and Sandy. Athletic beaten by just Lidlington United Sports on home soil this season, whilst Sandy have tasted defeat at just Lidlington United Sports and Marston Shelton Rovers in their seven away outings to date this season, all which suggests a close encounter is on the cards.

For another of the leading title challengers, Ickwell & Old Warden, it's the defence of their current unbeaten home ways for the season when visited by AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves who have now failed to win any of their last **six** outings to tumble down to the wrong end of the league standings.

Other action coming at Pirton Recreation Ground, where hosts Lea Sports PSG will be looking for their first home win of the season against the visiting Luton Boys who travel in search of their first away point/points of the season; and at Greenfield Road where hosts Westoning search out just their second home win of the season against a Henlow side that have tasted defeat just **once** in their last nine outings.

Whilst over at Harvey Close away from the league action, Caldecote Reserves will be hosting Meltis Albion in round one of this season's Centenary Cup. The home side having beaten The Albion in the Beds FA Junior Cup at the same venue in late October starting the favourites for a place in round two.

In division two it's home action for both of the leading two title contenders. At Stonefields, AFC Turvey defend their season's unbeaten ways when called upon by a Clifton side that have won just twice on the road this season. Whilst at The Warren, Elstow Abbey likewise defend their own season's unbeaten ways when they entertain a Marabese Ceramics side having won at just bottom of the table Great Barford on the road this season.

Elsewhere, perhaps the two most interesting fixtures of the day in this division take place in Luton. At Stockwood Park, Sundon Park Rangers host a Pavenham side that are now without an away win in their last three outings. Whilst at Solway Road North, Co-op Sports beaten just once on home soil all season receive a visit from a Queens Park Crescent side that have won just once on the road this season.

Other action will take Shefford Town & Campton Reserves on the road to The Hollow to face Potton United Reserves, the hosts despite having been beaten just twice this season on home soil this season finding it no easy task to collect the full three points from a Town outfit that have lost just once in their last five outings. Whilst at Bromham Playing Fields, Bromham United will look to take their current unbeaten home run up to five games when called upon by Stopsley Park.

The final game of the day in this division being at Oakley Playing Fields. The venue where you would expect hosts M & DH Oakley to collect the full three points from bottom of table visitors Great Barford.

In division three, it looks like winnable games for all of the leading promotion hopefuls. Goldington in home Jubilee Park action against a Westoning Reserves side that has won just twice on the road all season and Stevington locking horns again with Kempston Hammers Sports at their Playing Field headquarters just seven days after defeating them 3-0 at their own Cutler Hammer base.

Elsewhere, Cranfield United Reserves should have enough in the locker to collect the spoils when they journey to Horseshoes Close to face Dunton Reserves. Beginning to knock on the promotion door are Wilshamstead Reserves, for them it's the search of their fourth home win on the bounce when at Jubilee Playing Fields they play hosts to a Flitwick Town Reserves

side that has lost all of their opening seven away games this season. The final game of the day in this division sees Sundon Park Rangers Colts head for Mill Lane to be hosted by Potton Town.

Meanwhile it's Watson Shield round one action at Gold Street, Riseley Sports hosting Royal Oak Kempston just seven days after meeting them in league action when they emerged the 5-4 winners.

In division four with league leaders Bedford Park Rangers sitting the afternoon out, second place Thurleigh will hope to at least draw level on points with them at the head of the standings when at Keysoe Road they look for home win number four on the bounce when visited by Wootton Village. Whilst fellow promotion hopefuls Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves head to The Bedford Hockey Centre to take on hosts Bedford Panthers.

Also still in the promotion hunt are Marsh Leys, for them it's home Cutler Hammer action against Kempston Athletic where the full three points look on the cards and that comment also applies to Stewartby Village, they being in home Stewartby Way action against the visiting Caldecote A.

Elsewhere at Bedford Road Recreation Ground, Sandy Reserves might well fancy their chances of collecting their first home win of the season when visited by Dinamo Flitwick and at Whiston Crescent, Clifton Reserves should collect just home win number two of the season when Dunton A losers of all their seven away games to date come calling.

The final game of the day taking place in Jubilee Park, being the venue for Goldington Hammers home clash with Shefford Town & Campton A, in a game which on current form could go either way.