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Provisional League Cup Final Dates Set, Season 2011-12

Watson Shield. Wednesday 25th April 2012. Cranfield United FC. Kick Off 7.30pm
Jubilee Cup. Wednesday 2nd May 2012. Biggleswade United FC. Kick Off 7.30pm
Centenary Cup. Friday 4th May 2012. Potton United FC. Kick Off 7.30pm
Britannia Cup. Saturday 5th May 2012. Biggleswade United FC. Kick Off 3.00pm

Bedfordshire FA Inter-League Centenary Cup Final

Bedfordshire County Football League v South Beds Sunday Football League.
Wednesday 22nd February 2012. Cranfield United FC. Kick Off 7.30pm.
Free admission and programme.

Action Round-Up Saturday 18th February 2012.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

With Caldecote away on County cup duty, Shefford Town & Campton took full advantage to climb above them onto the top of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table with a 5-3 home win over Arlesey Town Reserves to record their seventh win on the bounce. However things were far from straightforward, all started well enough when Michael Jones shot them into a fifth minute lead but two goals from David Drury and a strike from Wayne Smith saw the visitors lead 3-1 until Chris Clark reduced the deficit to just a single goal right on the stroke of half-time. Clark in the opening minute of the new period then made it 3-3 before strikes from Jones on 57 minutes and Andrew Hayday five minutes later saw the home side to victory.

Third place Bedford Hatters meantime were also closing in on Caldecote with a 7-2 home win over Blunham. Simon Pixley and Sam Bedingfield netting twice alongside single goals for Scott Alleyne, Mark Reed and Richard Cook against Blunham replies via Matt Hulett and Deep Banghard.

Elsewhere, Renhold United took their unbeaten ways up to 10 games with a 5-1 home win over bottom of the table Woburn. The Safari Boys took the lead with a strike from Stuart Skolsky before United via a brace from Aran Hazelwood and goals from Sheldon Washington, Ashley Banks and Alex Woolston ran out easy winners.

In a week in which second from bottom of the table Dunton looked to have lost the services of king pin Tom McGhee for the rest of the season with a serious ankle injury they came up with only their second home win of the season in beating Sharnbrook 2-1. Darren Wallinger giving the visitors a first half lead before two goals from Laurence Boshier including one from the penalty spot won the day for Dunton.

The final top-flight game seeing FlitwickTown beaten 2-3 at home by Wilshamstead.Paul Jones the sole destroyer with a hat-trick against home replies from Chris Bull and James Honeyman.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform Table at 18th February 2012.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Shefford Town & Campton	16	13	1	2	63	19	44	40
2	Caldecote	16	12	2	2	58	22	36	38
3	Bedford Hatters	18	11	3	4	46	33	13	36
4	Oakley Sports	17	8	5	4	47	24	23	29
5	Renhold United	17	9	2	6	39	27	12	29
6	Wilshamstead	17	8	3	6	40	40	0	27
7	Arlesey Town Reserves	19	8	2	9	32	34	-2	26
8	Blunham	18	7	1	10	36	51	-15	22
9	AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College	17	5	4	8	31	48	-17	19
10	Sharnbrook	18	5	4	9	27	52	-25	19
11	Flitwick Town	18	4	4	10	27	39	-12	16
12	Dunton	17	3	3	11	22	43	-21	12
13	Woburn	18	2	2	14	25	61	-36	8

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Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy Semi-final

Caldecote's quest for county cup honours was to end at the last four stage when beaten at home 5-2 in extra time against South Midlands League side Ampthill Town. All started well enough for the home side when first half goals from Tom Cookman and Dave Daniels took them into a 2-0 lead, but strikes from Danny Nicholls and Tyrone Taylor saw the game all square at 90 minutes before Town's George Ericson, Lee Coulter and Daniel Hart added to the tally in extra time.

Division One

With Lidlington United Sports sitting the afternoon out,Marston Shelton Rovers are now back on the top of the league table thanks to a 2-1 win at Henlow.Jim Burraway and John Wright netting the goals against a home reply via Jonathan Rowe.

Now in third place are Bedford Sports Athletic, for them it was a 5-1 home victory over bottom of the table Meltis Albion.Andrew Latimer with a hat-trick supported by goals from Aaron Edwards and Paul Nigro against an Albion reply from Lupher Prince doing the damage.

Up into fourth spot are Ickwell & Old Warden, for them it was a retention of their season's unbeaten home ways with a 4-1 victory over Sandy, a defeat that saw the visitors drop from third to fifth in the league standings. Steve Thomas, Zak Rowe, Anup Kalyan and an Andrew Vallom penalty on the home scoresheet against a lone reply from Daniel Stafford.

Elsewhere, FC Meppershall are now unbeaten in their last three away outings after winning 3-1 at Westoning.Padraig Walsh with a brace plus Craig Damon on the scoresheet against a home reply from Matt Barnes.

Following six straight away defeats,AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves returned to form on the road with a 4-2 win at Kings AFC. Kegan Roberts with a brace plus

goals from Joseph Ogunremi and Alex Russell being replied to by a home brace from Josh Clements.

Meantime, Lea Sports PSG took their unbeaten ways up to six games by sharing the spoils in a 2-2 home draw with Luton Boys. Dion Browne and Alex Awofisan their marksmen against replies from Nashan Bennett and Steve O'Dell.

Division One League Table at 18th February 2012.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Marston Shelton Rovers	19	12	6	1	47	21	26	42
2	Lidlington United Sports	17	12	4	1	55	21	34	40
3	Bedford SA	17	12	3	2	48	21	27	39
4	Ickwell & Old Warden	16	11	4	1	55	23	32	37
5	Sandy	19	11	3	5	58	38	20	36
6	Henlow	20	8	4	8	39	42	-3	28
7	FC Meppershall	16	7	4	5	47	29	18	25
8	Caldecote Reserves	15	6	3	6	40	38	2	21
9	Luton Boys	17	5	4	8	46	51	-5	19
10	Lea Sports PSG	17	2	10	5	29	27	2	16
11	AFC Kempston Tn & Bedford Coll Reserves	19	4	3	12	25	52	-27	15
12	Kings AFC	17	3	1	13	27	62	-35	10
13	Westoning	20	2	2	16	29	60	-31	8
14	Meltis Albion	17	1	3	13	10	70	-60	6

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Division Two

The victory of the day belonged to Pavenham who ran out 13-0 home winners over bottom of the table Great Barford. Tom Rodger and Michael Bates both netting four times, David Netherway hitting a hat-trick plus an own goal and a strike from Tom Ellis completing the rout.

Division Two League Table at 18th February 2012.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Elstow Abbey	16	14	2	0	67	11	56	44
2	AFC Turvey	16	13	2	1	62	21	41	41
3	Pavenham	16	9	3	4	54	20	34	30
4	Bromham United	18	9	2	7	40	32	8	29
5	Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	17	8	4	5	55	34	21	28
6	Queens Park Crescents	18	7	6	5	45	47	-2	27
7	Co-op Sports	15	8	2	5	39	37	2	26
8	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	18	7	4	7	35	43	-8	25
9	Potton United Reserves	17	7	2	8	36	41	-5	23
10	Stopsley Park	17	5	3	9	41	55	-14	18
11	M & DH Oakley	16	6	0	10	25	47	-22	18
12	Marabese Ceramics	17	4	4	9	22	32	-10	16
13	Clifton	20	4	3	13	23	49	-26	15
14	Great Barford	19	0	1	18	13	88	-75	1

Also winning big were Co-op Sports with a 7-3 home victory over M & DH Oakley. Michael Cawdell netting four times alongside single strikes from Conor Sherry, Chris Vardy and Scott Davis against replies via Daniel Guerin twice and Lee Osmond.

For Potton United Reserves, it was their first away win in nine league outings with a 2-0 win at Clifton. Amit Aghera in the 55th minute and Luke Sharples in the 89th minute netting the goals.

Also winning on the road were Stopsley Park, for them it was a 5-3 victory at Sundon Park Rangers. Simon Richards, Craig Pettit and Dean Abrahams plus two own goals outscoring home strikes from Edward Lewis, Sam Chapman and Nicky Buttigeig.

Jubilee Cup Quarter-final

Elstow Abbey now face a home semi-final tie against Pavenham after running out 2-0 home winners over Marabese Ceramics, goals from Dave McCarthy in the 59th minute and Ed L'Erario five minutes later winning the day.

Division Three

Its all change at the top of the division three league table with Cranfield United Reserves the new league leaders after netting a 1-0 home victory over Riseley Sports who were enduring their first away defeat of the season thanks to a United strike from Simon Wade.

Losing out on the top spot are Renhold Village, following six straight wins and an unbeaten run of eight games they were beaten 4-0 at Eastcotts AFC. Kaylen Wilson with a brace plus strikes from Sean McFarland and Jamie Risebrow netting the home sides goals.

Division Three League Table at 18th February 2012

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Cranfield United Reserves	17	13	1	3	51	21	30	40
2	Renhold Village	17	13	1	3	51	22	29	40
3	Goldington	19	11	4	4	60	30	30	37
4	Stevington	18	12	1	5	49	27	22	37
5	Riseley Sports	15	9	3	3	40	25	15	30
6	Wilshamstead Reserves	18	9	2	7	29	33	-4	29
7	Eastcotts AFC	16	9	0	7	39	37	2	27
8	Potton Town	19	8	3	8	38	40	-2	27
9	Sundon Park Rangers Colts	15	7	1	7	46	27	19	22
10	Kempston Hammers Sports	18	7	1	10	40	49	-9	22
11	Westoning Reserves	19	5	2	12	33	49	-16	17
12	Royal Oak Kempston	17	5	1	11	22	43	-21	16
13	Dunton Reserves	18	2	1	15	19	71	-52	7
14	Flitwick Town Reserves	18	1	1	16	23	66	-43	4

Also losing for the first time in nine home outings were third place Goldington who were beaten 7-1 by Sundon Park Rangers Colts. Ashley Wadhams with four goals, Kevin Hilton with a brace plus a strike from Michael Brunton only being replied to by Craig Daniels.

Goldington are thus now only goal difference clear of fourth place Stevington who notched up home win number four on the bounce with a 4-0 victory over now bottom of the table Flitwick Town Reserves. Gavin White, Ben Walsh, Mark Wharton and Aaron Coker all on the home scoresheet.

Moving off the bottom of the table are Dunton Reserves, following 10 straight defeats they won 3-1 at Royal Oak Kempston who have now failed to win any of their last seven home outings. Dan Cutmore with a brace plus Scott Fisher on the winners scoresheet against a lone reply from Lorenzo Jordan.

Elsewhere, Wilshamstead Reserves recorded their sixth home win on the bounce with a 4-2 victory over Potton Town. Sam Steel, Kieron Colclough, Matt Johnson and Harry Baker seeing their goals only replied to by Chris Cooper and James Pyman.

Following six straight defeats, Westoning Reserves ended the rot by sharing the spoils in a 2-2 draw at Kempston Hammers Sports. Sean O'Donnel and Joseph Rogers netting the goals against Hammers replies from Jimmy Grandidge and Adam Tysoe.

Division Four

Its as you were at the head of the division four league table following wins for the leading three sides. For league leaders Bedford Park Rangers, it was a 3-2 home win over Dinamo Flitwick. Shaun Finlay, Martin Danbobrega and Josh Geary the Rangers goalscorers against replies from Dale Goldie and Chaz-Lee Martin.

Division Four League Table at 18th February 2012.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Bedford Park Rangers	17	14	1	2	69	26	43	43
2	Marsh Leys	17	13	2	2	60	21	39	41
3	Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	19	11	3	5	45	27	18	36
4	Thurleigh	15	10	3	2	57	26	31	33
5	Stewartby Village	20	9	5	6	52	43	9	32
6	Clifton Reserves	19	8	5	6	59	43	16	29
7	Sandy Reserves	19	8	2	9	52	66	-14	26
8	Caldecote A	18	6	6	6	57	46	11	24
9	Wootton Village	18	7	3	8	41	41	0	24
10	Shefford Town & Campton A	19	7	3	9	42	53	-11	24
11	Kempston Athletic	19	6	3	10	42	55	-13	21
12	Bedford Panthers	16	4	3	9	21	40	-19	15
13	Dinamo Flitwick [former Reserves]	17	3	4	10	41	59	-18	13
14	Goldington Hammers	17	4	1	12	36	64	-28	13
15	Dunton A	20	2	2	16	22	86	-64	8

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Whilst second place Marsh Leys were taking their winning ways up to eight games with a 4-2 victory at Stewartby Village. David Powell with a hat-trick plus an Alex Clipson penalty only being replied to by James Churchman and Lee Collis for The Village.

Meantime, third place Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves were taking their unbeaten ways up to six games by winning 4-2 at Sandy Reserves, Jacob Evans twice plus Matthew Bruney and Marcus Ingham on their scoresheet against home replies via Jonnie Stafford and Nathan Morris.

Now in fourth spot and still in the promotion mix are Thurleigh despite being held to a 1-1 home draw by Shefford Town & Campton A. Mark Ansell-Carter giving the Town the lead before Josh Pierre St Clair levelled matters for the home side.

Down at the bottom of the table, Dunton A remain rooted to the bottom spot after goals from Chris Weustner and Chris Ashcroft failed to save them being beaten 4-2 on home soil by second from bottom of the table Goldington Hammers.

Also enjoying life on the road were Clifton Reserves who ran out 3-2 winners at Wootton Village, the home side with goals from Bradley Head and Thomas Beattie led 2-0 until strikes from Tony Norman, Sam Nightingale and Mark Gearing won the day for the visitors.

Elsewhere, Kempston Athletic and Caldecote A shared the spoils in a 3-3 draw. Nicholas Ememe, Troy Bossendorfer and an own goal marking the Athletic scoresheet against replies from Nicky Albone, Gary Allum and Elliott Brooker for the visitors.

Preview for Saturday 25th February 2012.

Action this weekend in The Premier Division supported by Sportsform section takes the new league leaders Shefford Town & Campton on the road to Lodge Road to be hosted by Sharnbrook, the home side having been beaten just three times on home soil all season should provide a stern test for the travelling Town who seek their fourth away win on the bounce. Whilst second place Caldecote also hit the road to Jubilee Playing Fields to face Wilshamstead, the hosts looking for their third home win on the bounce and revenge for their Britannia Cup exit at the hands of Caldecote on New Years Eve at the same venue.

For third place Bedford Hatters, its home action at Miller Road against second from bottom of the table Dunton who have won just once on the road all season. Whilst bottom of the table Woburn also seek just their second away win of the season when they journey to Moggerhanger Playing Fields to face Blunham.

A third club also looking for just their second away win of the season are Flitwick Town, for them its a trip to Hillgrounds to be hosted by an AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College side that will be looking to end a sequence of three straight home defeats.

The final action in this division coming at The Armadillo Stadium, where Arlesey Town Reserves seek out their first home win since beating Flitwick Town back in mid-October when paid a visit by an Oakley Sports side who look to end a two game losing run.

In division one the big game of the day takes place at Marston Playing Fields, the venue at which the league leaders Marston Shelton Rovers still unbeaten on home soil this season face fellow championship contenders Ickwell & Old Warden. The visitors in fourth place trailing them by just five points but with three games in hand. Whilst for second place Lidlington United Sports, now on an 11 game unbeaten run its a tough looking away game at Bedford Road Recreation Ground against a Sandy side that is still very much in the promotion mix themselves.

Over at King George VI Playing Fields, Kings AFC will face no easy task collecting the full three points when visited by Luton Boys. A comment that also applies to FC Meppershall, when in Mowsbury Park they are visited by Lea Sports PSG who are now undefeated in their last five away outings.

The final action in this division comes at Harvey Close, where Caldecote Reserves, beaten just once on home soil all season will start the firm favourites to collect the full three points when visited by bottom of the table Meltis Albion.

Away from the league, its Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup semi-final day and for Bedford Sports Athletic that means a home tie at Grange Road against Luton District & South Beds League outfit Real R.N.E.

In division two the championship battle already looks down to a two way fight between Elstow Abbey and AFC Turvey. This weekend, league leaders Elstow Abbey hit the road looking to retain their seasons unbeaten record against Bromham United at Bromham Playing Fields. However, the hosts are now unbeaten in their last seven home starts and will be no easy pushovers. Whilst for AFC Turvey, its home action at Stonefield's against Shefford Town & Campton Reserves where you would expect them to collect the full three points.

Over at Solway Road North, hosts Co-op Sports having been beaten just twice on home soil this season will fancy their chance of collecting the spoils when visited by a Clifton side that has won just once in their last seven outings. A comment that also applies to Queens Park Crescents when they go into home action in Mowsbury Park against Stopsley Park whose only away success of the season has come at lowly Clifton and Great Barford.

Other action sees M & DH Oakley seek revenge over Potton United Reserves for their Jubilee Cup exit at the same Oakley Playing Fields less than a month ago. Whilst at Shuttleworth College, Marabese Ceramics seek just their third home win of the season when visited by a Pavenham side looking to return to winning ways on the road for the first time since winning at Stopsley Park back in mid-October.

In division three, the venue for the big game of the day is Renhold Playing Fields where second place Renhold Village play hosts to league leaders Cranfield United Reserves. The hosts looking to retain their seasons perfect home record against a United side who are now unbeaten in their last 10 trips away from their Crawley Road base.

For third place Goldington, despite them not winning any of their last three away outings you would expect that to change when they head for a Horseshoes Close meeting against second from bottom of the table Dunton Reserves who have won just once on home soil this season. Yet for fellow promotion hopefuls Stevington, with just one away win from their last four journey's on the road the task looks much harder when they visit Wrest Park for a meeting with Sundon Park Rangers Colts.

Also still very much in the promotion mix are Riseley Sports, for them its a trip to Mill Lane to face hosts Potton Town who are now unbeaten in their last five home starts Whilst down at the other end of the standings, bottom of the table Flitwick Town Reserves host Eastcotts AFC at Steppingley Road. The Town having lost their last four home outings and the visitors their last four away outings.

Over at Cutler Hammer, hosts Kempston Hammers Sports look to continue their recent revival when called upon by a Wilshamstead Reserves side that has been beaten just twice in their last 11 outings. Whilst at Greenfield Road, Westoning Reserves seek to end a sequence of three straight home defeats when visited by a Royal Oak Kempston side that has won four of its last five away outings.

Division four action sees league leaders Bedford Park Rangers in away action at Mowsbury Park against a Goldington Hammers side that has lost its last four home outings. Whilst the game of the day in this division comes on The Green between two of the live promotion hopefuls when hosts Ickwell & Old Warden take on Thurleigh. Another promotion hopeful are Marsh Leys, for them its the quest of their fifth home win on the bounce when visited by near neighbours Wootton Village.

Over at The Bedford Hockey Centre, Bedford Panthers host a Sandy Reserves side that has been beaten just twice on the road this season and at Harvey Close, Caldecote A beaten just twice on home soil this season receive a visit from a Stewartby Village side that are now unbeaten in their last six away outings.

Other action comes at Whiston Crescent, the venue where Clifton Reserves look for their third home win on the bounce against Dinamo Flitwick and at Digswell Playing Fields, where

Shefford Town & Campton A look to end a three game losing home run at the expense of the visiting Kempston Athletic.