

Bedfordshire County **Football League**



Season 2023-24

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Noticeboard

Registration Forms (covered under league rule 8)

All registrations are now conducted in each club's club portal and their individual club's Team Administrators and likewise all transfers. (clubs.the fa.com)

Clubs are advised when making new registrations they search for the player by name and date of birth only.

The golden rule of making registrations is that if you know this player has played any previous competition football then he will already have a fan. If you cannot find him , then don't open a new fan, seek help to avoid the risk of making a duplicate registration and running the risk of a possible breach of league rules.

With regard to transfers please note the league will not approve any transfers under the waived banner until the leaving club has notified the league they are happy for the transfer to go ahead.

All clubs are advised/requested to check and ensure all registrations made have transferred correctly across from your clubs portal into Full Time.

Full Time Available Players List

Clubs are reminded of the note that appears on your match day available players list which reads. " Players above are registered with the competition on the above date of this game. These may include players who are cup tied, or otherwise not eligible to play because they are under suspension- clubs should check with their County FA or on the Whole Game system for details of current suspensions."

It is the clubs 100% total responsibility to ensure they do not play players who are serving a FA suspension and the league's recommendation they visit the Whole Game system prior to each game to check for any suspensions in place at any given date.

Teamsheet Notes (covered under league rule 21A)

.Please note the names of your players must show both forenames and family names and the number of the shirt each player is going to wear in the game.

Far too many clubs in the past couple of seasons failed to display the correct number shirt against their players, please ensure this does not happen again in season 2023-24.

This season, all match officials are being instructed to refuse any sheet not completed in this manner.

Please note the exchange of team sheets should take place at least 15 minutes prior to kick off in presence of the Match Day Referee.

In the opening weekends of the season several referee's are reporting that your exchanged team sheets are not being completed in Block Letters and not including details of your club officials in the technical area. Your failure to do so could well cause a delay to the start of the game and your club being reported for a late kick off.

Result Sheets (covered under league rule 21C)

_Please note the deadline for your entry onto the Full Time Website is within 3 days of the match.

Thus the deadline is Tuesday Midnight following any given Saturday game.

For Monday games it would be the Thursday Midnight following and for Wednesday games it's the Saturday Midnight following.

Please ensure you spend a minute or so checking your entry as in each of every weekend last season at least one club and often up to six clubs had omitted to submit a referee mark or list their goalscorers/ red and yellow cards .

Please note all team sheets are retained for possible inspection during the course of the season.

Match Day Reporting of Result (covered under league rule 21B)

In the passing of a rule change at the 2023 AGM both clubs are now required to submit the result of each competition match within 75 minutes of the end of the match in response to an SMS text prompt. Failure to comply will incur a fine in accordance with the fines tariff.

To clarify matters the following deadlines will be applied.

2.00pm Kick Off. 5.15pm deadline.

2.30pm Kick Off. 5.45pm deadline.

6.15pm Kick Off. 9.30pm deadline
7.30pm Kick off. 10.45pm deadline.

This being based on 90 minutes play, 15 minutes half-time, plus another 90 minutes, being the 75 minutes from the end of the game and an additional 15 minutes to allow for late kick offs and time added on etc.

Please note an addition 15 minutes will be added to these deadlines for cup games that go to a penalty shoot-out.

Having checked the SMS reporting log for last weekend there are still teams with items processed with errors. Please note the format for reporting your results is as per sample below.

Example for Caldecote 1st Team.

Caldecote 1 Riseley Sports 0

1-0 Cal1 : Being the score Home team and Away teams score plus your team's code.

Match Day information required for Press Reports etc.

With the passing of the amendment to league rule 21B, This will now have a major impact on the publication of our weekly News Bulletin.

It is still the leagues intention to produce a Weekly News Bulletin and to this effect would ask /request all teams text their goal scorers and other facts of interest to Peter Francis on 0779680269 either on match day or previous to loading your Full Time Result sheet in the hope publication can be made sooner rather than later in the week that follows.

Postponed Games under League Rules 20E (III)

All Home clubs are reminded of requirements under league rule 20E (iii) in event of any fixture being postponed. That they should without delay give notice to the secretary of the opposing club and the appointed Match Officials plus the competition. (preferred contact being Peter Francis via text 07779680269 or email at peter.francis30@ntlworld.com) this will enable the league to update its website and prevent people travelling to a game that is not going to take place. **Clubs are also reminded that from the first day of January in any season that it is mandatory to switch any such fixture to that of their opponents or a neutral ground should either be available.**

Christmas Break.2023

Please note there will be no fixtures on either Saturday 23rd December 2023 or Saturday 30th December 2023.

Here to Help

Should any clubs have problems with any of the above then please seek help, either on email at Peter.Francis30@ntlworld.com or by text/ telephone on 07779680269.

Saturday 11th November 2023

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

The lone top flight action of the day saw bottom of the table AFC Kempston Town Hammers beaten at home by now fourth place Biggleswade United Reserves 0-3 thanks to goals from Enoch Oludanilola, Alex Maxwell and Cullam Every.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 11th November 23

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Caldecote First	9	8	0	1	28	7	21	24
2	AFC Oakley First	8	6	1	1	38	10	28	19
3	Stotfold Development	8	5	1	2	27	12	15	16
4	Biggleswade United Reserves	8	5	1	2	22	11	11	16
5	Marston Shelton Rovers First	10	5	1	4	25	26	-1	16
6	Elstow Abbey First	7	4	1	2	16	9	7	13
7	Crawley Green Reserves	10	4	1	5	17	19	-2	13
8	Queens Park Crescents First	8	3	3	2	21	17	4	12
9	Flitwick Town First	8	3	1	4	17	25	-8	10
10	Sharnbrook First	6	2	1	3	14	14	0	7
11	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	8	2	1	5	18	30	-12	7
12	Biggleswade FC Reserves	8	2	1	5	15	29	-14	7
13	Riseley Sports First	8	2	0	6	11	28	-17	6
14	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	10	0	1	9	14	46	-32	1

Britannia Cup 1st Round

Just two of the opening round ties were to be settled in the opening 90 minutes. Caldecote the 3-1 home winners over Flitwick Town. Giuseppe Follano with a brace and a goal from Sonny Newton Coates only being replied to once by Town's Phil Matthews. Whilst Biggleswade FC Reserves won 3-2 at Queens Park Crescents thanks to goals from Stephen Enow, Bradley Baffour and Lucas Todd against Crescents replies from Mohammed Abbas and Dominic Parrella.

Of the other four games, all 2-2 at the 90 minute mark of which just one was to go the way of the home side with Shefford Town & Campton Reserves coming from 0-2

down to level at 2-2 thanks to goals from Dos Santos Jesus Jesus and Nathan Bell before seeing off Riseley Sports 4-2 in a penalty shoot-out. Don Bennett and Lewis Donald having netted the earlier Sports goals. Whilst current holders Elstow Abbey were 5-4 shoot-out winners at Crawley Green Reserves .Craig Damon and Daniel Mattin on the Abbey Scoresheet against Chris Butler and Lui Sarrington replies for The Green.

In the other two ties hosts Marston Shelton Rovers with goals from Dale Malciw and Luke Clifford against Sharnbrook replies from Harry Chinn and Bradley Raines lall square before the visitors won the shoot-out 4-3. Whilst AFC Oakley went down 2-3 in a shoot-out against the visiting Stotfold Development. whose goals in the 90 minutes came via Ashley Kersey and Charlie Mallett against AFC strikes from Elijah Hukin and Chisom Amadi.

Division One

Totternoe Reserves failed to increase their lead at the head of the Division One league table when their five game winning run was ended with a 4-2 defeat at Henlow. Tyler Lowden with a brace and single goals from Cameron Care and George Scott marking the home scoresheet against Totts replies via Lynden Smoth and Blake Garner.

Division One League Table at 11th November 2023

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Totternhoe Reserves	9	7	0	2	31	19	12	21
2	Wootton Blue Cross First	7	6	1	0	21	7	14	19
3	Bedford Albion First	9	6	1	2	20	15	5	19
4	AFC Oakley Development	10	5	1	4	25	18	7	16
5	Bufs FC Saturday First	9	5	0	4	20	16	4	15
6	Renhold First	8	5	0	3	19	21	-2	15
7	Cranfield United Reserves	7	3	2	2	25	13	12	11
8	Harlington Juniors First	8	3	1	4	14	17	-3	10
9	Lewsey Park First	10	2	3	5	18	27	-9	9
10	Clifton First	8	2	1	5	10	17	-7	7
11	Henlow First	8	2	2	4	15	27	-12	7*
12	Bedford SA First	9	1	3	5	14	21	-7	6
13	Cambridge First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Milton Keynes Dons SET U19 Development S	8	0	1	7	8	22	-14	0*

Centenary Cup 1st Round.

For Bedford SA it was a 4-2 penalty shoot-out victory at Bedford Albion after 90 minutes play had seen the sides all square at 2-2. Luke Pursey and Callum Riches netted the Albion goals against Tyrone Kelly and Colby Smith replies. Whilst the biggest winners of the day were Buffs FC in beating Milton Keynes Dons Set U19 in a game that was switched and played on their home soil. Paul Morris with a brace and goals from George Farrell and Jonathan Poleszuk doing the damage.

There were also away wins for Wootton Blue Cross who with goals from Keaton Marsh and Alan Henman won 2-0 at Harlington Juniors and for Clifton who with goals from Dan Saunders, Dylan Hughes, Luke Rowe and Cameron Lewis emerged the 4-1 victors at Lewsey Park. The home goal from Danny McGovern

The lone home victory of the day went to Renhold 2-1 against AFC Oakley Development. Jason Allison and Marko Tobdzic on the home scoresheet against a lone reply via Harvey Holland.

Division Two North

AFC Bedford United are now within two points of league leaders Ickwell & Old Warden after winning 5-1 at Bande Rouge. Gary Townsend and Joshua Odhiambo both netted braces alongside a single strike from Damon Hazelwood to bring up the nap hand against a lone home reply via Luca Darcy.

Division Two North League Table at 11th November 2023

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Ickwell & Old Warden First	8	7	1	0	34	12	22	22
2	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	10	6	2	2	29	16	13	20
3	Wilstead First	9	6	0	3	26	20	6	18
4	Caldecote Reserves	7	5	1	1	27	7	20	16
5	Shefford Town & Campton Development	9	5	0	4	21	16	5	15
6	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	9	4	2	3	18	15	3	14
7	Sharnbrook Reserves	9	4	2	3	18	16	2	14
8	Kempston United First	7	3	2	2	17	9	8	11
9	Bande Rouge (Sat) First	10	3	0	7	17	33	-16	8*
10	M&DH Clapham Sports First	8	2	1	5	6	17	-11	7
11	Sandy First	7	2	0	5	13	22	-9	6
12	Blunham First	9	2	1	6	16	20	-4	4*
13	AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves	8	0	0	8	5	44	-39	-1*

Division Two South.

Westoning Recreation now find themselves second in the league table following their 9-0 victory at FC Polonia (Luton) who having lost their last eight games are also still in search of their first home points of the season. Charlie Scott led the way with four goals, George Nicholls netted twice and single goals came the way of Josh Ireland, Benjamin Setchell and Daniel Smith.

Division Two South League Table at 11th November 2023

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stopsley United First	8	8	0	0	37	8	29	24
2	Westoning Recreation First	10	6	2	2	40	18	22	20
3	Sporting Carpathians First	9	6	1	2	38	13	25	18 *
4	LU Donz First	7	6	0	1	20	10	10	18
5	New Bradwell St Peter FC Development	9	5	1	3	21	20	1	16
6	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	8	5	0	3	28	22	6	12 *
7	Caddington (BCFL)	8	3	2	3	20	18	2	11
8	Flitwick Town Reserves	9	3	2	4	16	27	-11	11
9	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	9	3	1	5	22	32	-10	10
10	Brache Phoenix First	8	2	3	3	18	23	-5	9
11	Bletchley Scot First	6	1	3	2	20	16	4	6
12	FC Haynes First	8	2	1	5	28	25	3	6 *
13	FC Polonia (Luton) First	10	1	0	9	19	46	-27	3
14	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	9	0	0	9	4	53	-49	0

Jubilee Cup 1st Round

The biggest win of the day went the way of Stopsley United with a 7-0 home victory over The 61 FC Luton Reserves. Pat Daley with a brace plus single goals from Callum Frater, Robert Soper, Connor Macken, Cammeron Nagle and James Potter direct from a corner doing the damage. Whilst both FC Haynes and Sharnbrook Reserves netted nap hands in winning on the road. George Grahame, Ross Airson, Tyler Winter, Daniel Parker and Max Lannon on the FC scoresheet at Blunham in their 5-2 success against home replies via Max Plunkett. and Benjamin Spargo. Whilst Brache Phoenix had only an Ashley Barbour goal to show from being beaten 1-5 by Sharnbrook Reserves. Bradley Duffett twice plus single goals from Jason Hurley, James Muncey and Thomas Burnage bringing up the visitors' nap hand.

Also enjoying life on the road were Shefford Town & Campton Development who with a brace from Joe Bescoby and a single goal from Charlie Perrett won 3-2 at

Wilstead whose replies came from Harry Dynes and Stefan Jones. Plus LU Donz who with a hat-trick from Daniel Neilson to sit alongside a single goal from Cameron Saunders won 4-1 at Flitwick Town Reserves from whom Dale Goldie replied.

For current holders Wootton Blue Cross it was a 2-1 home win over Caddington with goals from Jerome Lowe and Stefan Frincu against a lone Callum Gardner reply and goals from Joe Donaldson and Toudssaint McGill-Hall saw Bletchley Scot to a 2-0 home victory over New Bradwell St Peter Development.

Elsewhere, a Joe Hennem hat-trick took Lea Sports PSG to a 3-2 home win over Kempston United for whom Israel Accison and Blake Powell replied.. Whilst Sporting Carpathians ran out 4-1 home winners over M&DH Clapham Sports. Julian Constanin Cojocariu and Petru Ciochina both netted twice against a lone reply from John Roomes for the Sports.

To continue the pattern of home wins,goals from Ryan Lawrence, Jacob Kirby and Thomas Wragg took Stotfold Junior into the next round in beating Sandy 3-2 for whom Ryan Dobson and Costantine Tauchira replied and for Caldecote Reserves it was a home walk-over AFC Kempston Kempston Town Hammers Reserves who failed to raise a side to travel to Harvey Close.

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro

Harlington Juniors Reserves in retaining their seasons 100% ways on the road after goals from James Fletcher and Glenn Cooksley took them to a 2-0 victory at Flitwick A now top the league standings two points clear of Bedford Albion Development who despite a brace of goals from Daniel Litchfield were held to a 2-2 draw At Clifton Reserves for whom Christain Faruggia and Kieron Phillips netted.

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro League Table at 11th November 2023

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Harlington Juniors Reserves	7	6	0	1	26	5	21	18
2	Bedford Albion Development	7	5	1	1	21	12	9	16
3	Clifton Reserves	9	4	4	1	12	10	2	16
4	Caldecote 'A'	7	4	1	2	21	10	11	13
5	Elstow Abbey Reserves	8	4	1	3	16	19	-3	13
6	Luton Panthers First	7	4	0	3	25	16	9	12
7	Leighton Woodside Rovers	9	4	1	4	21	22	-1	12*
8	CS Rovers First	8	3	2	3	24	15	9	8*
9	GS Athletic First	7	2	0	5	9	24	-15	6
10	Queens Park Crescents Development	8	1	1	6	10	26	-16	4
11	Flitwick Town 'A'	11	1	1	9	10	36	-26	4

Elsewhere, Caldecote A was to lose their season's 100% away record when beaten 4-3 at Luton Panthers. Trey Brand with a brace plus goals from Qasim Bigby and Leon Witter doing the damage against visiting replies via Derek Newton, Martin Chappell and Riley Evans. Whilst GS Athletic were 3-0 home victors over Queens Park Crescents Development. Jake Russo, Charlie Savill and Jamie Walker all found the back of the net.

Meanwhile, Elstow Abbey Reserves were given the three points after CS Rovers failed to raise a side to travel to The Warren.

Division Four

There is no change at the head of the Division Four league standing following wins for the top three teams. League leaders Kempston Athletic remain 100% on home soil this season with a 7-0 victory over M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves. Alexander Wasilewski led the way with a hat-trick, Hayden Bartram with a brace plus single goals from Bradley O'loughlin and Chris Leyya doing the damage. Whilst second place Shefford Town & Campton U23 made it six wins on the bounce in winning 2-1 at Meltis Rangers. Oliver Harvey and Adam Thompson on their scoresheet against a lone Ellis Sharp reply and third place Athletic FC remain unbeaten for the season following their 6-2 home win over Dunstable Wanderers.,with goals from Emmanuel Adieji, Abdul Adama, Aaron Romain, Sergi Kadji, Giet Rabeu and Mesumbe Kezhzong against Wanderers replies from Morgan Cook and Alex Saka.

Division Four League Table at 11th November 2023

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston Athletic First	11	10	0	1	43	4	39	30
2	Shefford Town & Campton U23	11	7	3	1	39	17	22	24
3	Athletic FC First	10	7	3	0	27	15	12	24
4	Dunstable Wanderers First	9	4	3	2	26	21	5	15
5	Meltis Rangers First	9	3	4	2	26	16	10	13
6	Sandy Reserves	8	4	0	4	20	23	-3	12
7	Turvey	9	2	3	4	16	25	-9	9
8	Amphill Town Colts	9	3	0	6	16	35	-19	9
9	Lidlington United Sports Club Colts	9	2	2	5	18	26	-8	8
10	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	9	2	1	6	10	27	-17	6 *
11	Catsbrook Wanderers First	11	1	0	10	13	44	-31	2 *
12	Biggleswade FC Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Leighton Woodside Athletic	9	2	1	6	16	17	-1	-2 *

Still 100% on home soil this season are Sandy Reserves who saw goals from Daniel Bond, Liam Brophy and Stewart Robertson take them to a 3-2 win over Lidlinton United Sports Club Colts for whom Jack Dempsey and Lennan Pilgrim replied . Whilst having lost their last five outings Leighton Woodside Athletic returned to winning ways with a 4-3 home victory over Catsbrook Wanderers who have now lost their last nine games. Ben Brooke, Dan Barnes, Jacob Collier and Reece Barron marked the home scoresheet against Wanderers replies from Connor Davey, Nathan Clovis and Paul May.

Elsewhere, following three straight defeats Ampthill Town Colts with goals from James Allen and Marcus Sugrue returned to winning ways with a 2-1 victory at Turvey for whom George Shingleton replied.