



Bedfordshire County **Football League**

Season 2024-25

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Noticeboard

The Bedfordshire County Football League is pleased to announce that an agreement has been reached with HBC Logistics for them to become the league's mainline sponsor for season 2024-25.

Chairman, Peter Francis said, we are delighted to welcome HBC Logistics aboard for the 2024-25 season being our first mainline sponsor in its 120 year history and look forward to the positive impact this partnership will have on our clubs.

The revenue raised from this sponsorship will be distributed back to our clubs in various forms of rewards at the league's 2025 Annual General Meeting.

HBC Logistics is delighted for this new partnership with the Bedfordshire County Football League. Football is a big part of our company, not only am i the first team manager of Biggleswade FC, but there are always heated debates and collective discussions in the office. It's a lot of fun and we are now excited to be able to follow and support teams more locally as a business with plenty of community spirit. Dave Northfield. Director at HBC Logistics.

Registration Forms (covered under league rule18)

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.

Please note the deadline for the 2024-25 season is midnight Tuesday 15th April 2025.

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 2024-25 .

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.

When club are suspicious of their opposition line-up they are advised to gain photographic evidence to help the league with any breach of rule investigation

In past seasons 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 2024 AGM **home clubs only** 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.

Match Day information required for Press Reports etc.

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) and 23D

All Home clubs are reminded of the requirements under league rule 20E (iii) and 23D that in the event of any fixture being postponed, due to their ground being unfit or not available should their opponents or a neutral ground be available then it is mandatory to switch the venue of the game in question.

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 5th April 2025

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

With Biggleswade FC Reserves unable to raise a side to journey to face league leaders AFC Oakley for their final game of the season it means they will now finish the campaign in the drop zone just three seasons after being crowned league champions. Whilst with the gifted three points AFC Oakley are now six points clear at the top of the league standings after Marston Shelton Rovers took over second spot in returning to winning ways with a 5-1 home victory over bottom of the table Flitwick Town. Jamie Cerminara with four goals and a strike from Harry Baker bringing up the nap hand against a lone Town reply from Kairyon Muirhead.

The Rovers took over that second spot from Wootton Blue Cross who were away on Anagram Semi-final cup duty where they were defeated 4-2 at Sungate. Joe Holmes and Keaton Marsh on their scoresheet. The Blue Cross however are just the three points behind the Rovers and nine points behind AFC Oakley but having played two games fewer that both clubs remain very much in the title race.

Still hanging on in the title race are Queens Park Crescents who with a lone goal from Towheed Sharufuddin chalked up home win number seven on the trot in beating Elstow Abbey 1-0 to hold down fourth place 10 points adrift of the league leaders but having played two games fewer. Whilst last season's champions Caldecote who sit in eighth place were returning to winning ways with a 4-1 away success at seventh place Biggleswade United Reserves. Joshua Roberts with a brace plus goals from Riley Evans and Harry Roberts on the visitors scoresheet whilst the lone United reply came from Jamie Essam.

Elsewhere, ninth place Totternhoe Reserves are now unbeaten in their last seven outings following their 5-1 home victory over Riseley Sports. Sam Hazel with a brace plus goals from Tierlen Wilson, Liam Andrews and Ryan Dunoghue doing the damage against a lone Sports reply from Jamie Simmons.

Division One

For league leaders Harlington Juniors the wait to claim the Division One league crown will have to wait at least another game after they lost their 100% home record and lost for the first time in 14 outings when beaten 3-1 by second place Stopsley United who now trail the league leaders by just two points but with an inferior goal difference and only one game left to play will be relying on other clubs to do them a favour if they are to lift the league crown. Temitayo Akerele with a brace and a strike from Callum Frater outweighed a lone home reply from Freddie Knight.

Elsewhere, For fifth place Buffs FC it was a 3-2 home defeat at the hands of eighth place Wootton Blue Cross Reserves, Hayden Rothchild-Wilson, Keelan Coleman and Stefan Frincu on the visitors scoresheet against home replies via a Paul Morris penalty and Jack Roadknight. Whilst sixth place Clifton were gifted the three points when bottom of the table Bedford SA failed to raise a side to journey to Whiston Crescent.

Division Two North

The 2024-25 season was brought to a close with both games going to the visitors. For fifth place FC Haynes thanks to goals from Tyler Winter, Daniel Parker and Scott Frusciante it was a 3-2 victory at second place Caldecote Reserves. whose replies came via Edward Tubridy and Daniel Cave. Whilst second from the bottom of the table Bedford Albion Development won 4-2 at the bottom of the table M&DH Clapham Sports. Oliver Clarke, Nathan France, James Wookey and Hentry Nnaji on the mark for the Albion against home replies from Sonto Nnamdi and Adam Booth.

Division Two North League Table at 5th April 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Thurleigh FC	18	14	0	4	58	12	46	42
2	Caldecote Reserves	18	12	1	5	46	25	21	37
3	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	18	10	4	4	45	31	14	34
4	Blunham (BCFL)	18	10	3	5	48	36	12	33
5	FC Haynes First	18	10	2	6	46	38	8	32
6	Green End Rovers First	18	8	2	8	44	44	0	26
7	Wixams Wanderers First	18	6	3	9	35	50	-15	18*
8	Shefford Town & Campton Development	18	5	2	11	38	56	-18	17
9	Bedford Albion Development	18	4	3	11	31	61	-30	14*
10	M&DH Clapham Sports First	18	0	2	16	22	60	-38	2

Division Two South

The battle for the Division Two South title saw the top two clubs switch places with Lea Sports PSG moving back into top place by retaining their seasons unbeaten home ways with a 2-1 success over morning league leaders LU Donz who now trail them on goal difference only with both having just three games to play. Sean Dixon with a brace for PSG outweighing a lone reply from Cameron Saunders for the Dons. For third place Harlington Juniors Reserves it was a setback to their title hopes when beaten 2-1 at New Bradwell St Peter Development. Harvey Burrows and Ethan Couling on the home scoresheet against a lone Juniors reply from Ben Smith leaving them seven points adrift of the top two but having played three games fewer they nevertheless remain very much in the title race.

Elsewhere, Bletchley Scot took their unbeaten home ways up to five games in beating Stotfold Junior 3-0. thanks to goals from Connor Vincent, Dean Reed and Harry Dispaire. Whilst AFC Kempston Town Hammers were given the three points after bottom of the table Brache Phoenix failed to raise a side to journey to their scheduled Cutler Hammer meeting.

Division Three

Kempston Athletic missed the chance to claim the league title when they were beaten for the first time this season 3-1 at home by Queens Park Crescents Development 3-1. Anas Beckoum, Mohammed Ibrahim and Qasin Tufail on the mark for the Crescents against a lone home reply via Nikola Markovic. Whilst second place Lewsey Park kept their title hopes alive in winning 4-3 at fourth place Athletic FC. Joshua Ogden with a hat-trick plus a goal from Daniel Aradi doing the damage against home replies via Emmanuel Obodechine twice and Jason Allison once.

Third place Sandy Reserves are now unbeaten in their last seven home outings following their 5-1 home success over The 61 FC Luton Reserves. Raui Phillips with four goals and a strike from Adam Clark bringing up the nap hand against a lone Matthew James reply for the visitors. Whilst Dunstable Wanderers returned to winning ways for the first time in six outings with a 1-0 away victory at Elstow Abbey Reserves who have now failed to win any of their last five home outings. Charlie Broux with the lone Wanderers strike.

Elsewhere, sixth place Wilstead extended their unbeaten ways up to eight games by sharing the points from a 1-1 draw at seventh place FC Polonia (Luton) Niko Kicofer for the home side and Jake Whittemore for the visitors both finding the back of the net.

Division Four

Amphill Town Colts in retaining their season's unbeaten home ways moved to within two points of lifting the Division Four league title following a 7-0 victory over Wootton Blue Cross A. Murray Gray with a brace plus goals from Jay Hartup, Luke Tyrell, Harry Jones, Aaron Upton and Cathal Kitson doing the damage. Whilst second place Stopsley United Reserves still live in hope after they were gifted the three points when M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves failed to raise a side to journey for their scheduled meeting.

In third spot are Turvey who took their winning home ways up to four games in beating Catsbrook Wanderers 3-0. with Jake King netting twice from the penalty spot and Stanley Jennings joining him on the scoresheet. Whilst fifth place EB Lions U21 made it six home wins on the spin in beating AFC Clophill 6-2. Harrison Milton with a hat-trick plus goals from Daniel Gillard, Kian Snelling and Matthew Walsh doing the damage whilst the visitors goals came from Jonathan Smith and George Davis.

Elsewhere, DTCC FC went nap with a 5-0 home victory over Everton Athletic Reserves. Connor Taylor with a hat-trick plus goals from Ethan Kennedy and Luke Janes bringing up the nap hand.

Division Four League Table at 5th April 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Ampthill Town Colts	18	15	2	1	71	24	47	47
2	Stopsley United Reserves	19	15	0	4	80	40	40	45
3	Turvey First	18	13	1	4	61	35	26	39 *
4	Wootton Blue Cross A	20	12	1	7	52	45	7	35 *
5	EB Lions AFC (Sat) Mens U21	17	11	2	4	60	40	20	32 *
6	Dunstable Town Cricket Club DTCC FC Satu	17	8	2	7	59	40	19	26
7	Catsbrook Wanderers First	20	5	2	13	27	49	-22	17
8	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	18	5	1	12	31	54	-23	15 *
9	AFC Clophill First	17	5	1	11	30	50	-20	13 *
10	Everton Athletic FC Res	19	2	1	16	30	90	-60	7
11	AFC Bedford United (Sat) U23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3 *
12	Henlow Hurricanes First	19	2	3	14	27	61	-34	-3 *

Midweek Action Tuesday/Wednesday 8-9th April 2025

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

AFC Oakley had their lead cut at the top of the Premier Division standings to just four points after they were held to a 2-2 draw at Cranfield United Reserves. The game not coming to life until the closing quarter, Sam Moore shooting the United ahead in the 68th minute then he saw his team-mate Nathan Evans red carded just two minutes later for his second yellow card of the evening and when Harry Chinn levelled matters with ten minutes to play it seemed the league leaders would now go onwards to victory, alas for them Joel Ives netted an own goal to place the home side back in front in the 82nd minute until with just two minutes left Omojiseoluwa Bankole levelled matters for the second time to earn them a share of the points to retain the tag of title favourites.

In hot pursuit of AFC in second spot are Marston Shelton Rovers who enjoyed a 3-0 home victory over Elstow Abbey thanks to a brace from Harry Baker and a single strike from Lewis Steele. However both clubs are still looking over their shoulder to find third place Queens Park Crescents just eight points adrift of the top spot having played two games fewer following their 4-0 home success over now fourth place Wootton Blue Cross to extend their unbeaten home ways to eight games and chalk up win number five on the spin. Faizan Fariad with a brace plus goals from Abdullah Rakhman and Fabio Sattar doing the damage.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 9th April 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Oakley First	22	16	3	3	70	27	43	51
2	Marston Shelton Rovers First	22	14	5	3	61	34	27	47
3	Queens Park Crescents First	20	13	4	3	43	24	19	43
4	Wootton Blue Cross First	20	13	2	5	58	33	25	41
5	Cranfield United Reserves	23	10	6	7	51	35	16	36
6	Elstow Abbey First	22	9	2	11	54	51	3	29
7	Biggleswade United Reserves	22	8	4	10	53	50	3	28
8	Caldecote First	20	8	4	8	41	40	1	28
9	Totternhoe Reserves	20	7	6	7	47	40	7	27
10	Crawley Green Development	22	7	4	11	43	65	-22	25
11	Riseley Sports First	22	7	2	13	35	46	-11	23
12	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	23	6	3	14	30	66	-36	21
13	Biggleswade FC Reserves	26	4	5	17	42	94	-52	16 *
14	Flitwick Town First	20	4	2	14	40	63	-23	14

Division One

Clifton in winning for the third outing on a bounce with a 5-0 home victory over Ickwell & Old Warden are now up into fifth spot in the league table. Sam Oakins with a hat-trick and goals from Ryan Lamond and Jared Libot bringing up the nap hand. Whilst Wootton Blue Cross Reserves now sit in sixth place following their 8-1 away win at AFC Oakley Development. Keelan Coleman with a hat-trick, Richard Latouche with a brace plus an own goal and strikes from Stefan Frincu and Josh Araniello doing the damage against a lone Harvey Holland penalty in reply.

Division Two South

League leaders LU Donz with a brace of goals from Troy Walker and a penalty from Cameron Saunders were held to a 3-3 draw at Bletchley Scot yet remain on the top of the table after second place Lea Sports PSG who trail them by just a single point saw their eight game unbeaten run ended with a 2-1 defeat at third place Harlington Juniors Reserves who only trail the Donz by five points having played three games fewer.

Sean Dixon shot the PSG in front in the opening half before goals from Thomas Cooksley and James Fletcher in the second period took the Juniors to victory. to chalk up their fifth home win on the bounce.

Division Three

Wilstead took their unbeaten ways up to nine games with a 4-1 home victory over Meltis Rangers. Cain Gentle-King, Ryan Lammin, Jamie Nash and Jake Whittemore all found the back of the net against a lone reply from Rangers Ryan Harris. Whilst a lone goal from Alfred Song took Athletic FC unbeaten ways up to six games with a 1-0 victory at Elstow Abbey Reserves.

Elsewhere, The 61 FC Luton Reserves were the 5-2 away winners at FC Polonia (Luton) Ahmed Osman with a brace plus goals from Kayden McMaster, Tyrone Morton and Jordan Smith bringing up the nap hand.

Division One League Table at 9th April 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Harlington Juniors First	16	14	0	2	76	20	56	42
2	Stopsley United First	17	13	1	3	59	22	37	40
3	Kempston United First	18	10	1	7	43	45	-2	31
4	Bedford Albion First	17	6	5	6	47	40	7	23
5	Clifton First	15	8	1	6	33	19	14	22*
6	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	16	6	3	7	40	45	-5	21
7	Bufs FC Saturday First	18	6	3	9	29	36	-7	21
8	Ickwell & Old Warden First	18	5	5	8	26	42	-16	19*
9	AFC Oakley Development	15	3	5	7	21	46	-25	13*
10	Sporting Carpathians First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Bedford SA First	18	1	0	17	19	78	-59	-3*

Division Two South League Table at 9th April 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	LU Donz First	20	13	3	4	70	37	33	42
2	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	20	12	5	3	66	33	33	41
3	Harlington Juniors Reserves	17	13	1	3	66	20	46	37 *
4	Caddington (BCFL)	19	10	4	5	54	34	20	34
5	New Bradwell St Peter FC Development	19	11	2	6	41	30	11	34 *
6	Bletchley Scot First	19	10	4	5	53	46	7	34
7	Luton Panthers First	21	8	3	10	58	52	6	27
8	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	21	8	3	10	47	46	1	27
9	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	21	7	3	11	35	59	-24	24
10	Flitwick Town Reserves	21	5	2	14	43	73	-30	17
11	Caldecote A	22	2	4	16	23	87	-64	9 *
12	Brache Phoenix First	18	2	2	14	29	68	-39	7 *

Division Three League Table at 9th April 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston Athletic First	20	17	2	1	77	15	62	53
2	Lewsey Park First	21	17	1	3	78	36	42	52
3	Sandy Reserves	22	13	3	6	64	43	21	42
4	Athletic FC First	22	12	5	5	73	43	30	41
5	Queens Park Crescents Development	20	11	4	5	64	44	20	37
6	Wilstead First	23	11	3	9	58	46	12	35 *
7	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	19	8	1	10	39	66	-27	24 *
8	FC Polonia (Luton) First	21	8	2	11	53	59	-6	22 *
9	Dunstable Wanderers First	17	6	3	8	38	39	-1	21
10	Elstow Abbey Reserves	22	5	1	16	26	55	-29	15 *
11	Flitwick Town 'A'	21	4	3	14	39	83	-44	15
12	Meltis Rangers First	19	3	4	12	29	70	-41	12 *
13	Everton Athletic FC First	19	1	2	16	27	66	-39	2 *