

Bedfordshire County **Football League**



Season 2023-24

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Noticeboard

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 season 2023-24 is Midnight Monday 15th April 2024.

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) 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, 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 16th March 2024

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

There is no change at the head of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table following wins on the road for the top four clubs. For league leaders Stotfold Development it was win number 11 on the spin when goals from Charlie Mallett and Elliot Flynn took them to a 2-0 victory at Flitwick Town to stay 13 points ahead of second place Caldecote who have played six games fewer, Caldecote

winning 3-0 at Riseley Sports to maintain their season's 100% away record and take their winning ways up to 10 games. Guiseppe Follano, Tashriq Andrews and Sonny Newton- Cootes all finding the back of the net.

For third place Elstow Abbey it was a 2-0 victory at Crawley Green Reserves to take their unbeaten ways up to 10 games thanks to a brace of goals from Aaron Jones. . Whilst fourth place Biggleswade United Reserves with a goal from Alex Maxwell claimed the local bragging rights with a 1-0 win at Biggleswade FC Reserves.

on a day when all six games were won by the visitors the biggest win belonged to AFC Oakley 9-0 at AFC Kempston Town Hammers. Joe McDonagh went nap with five goals and was joined on the scoresheet by Joel Ives, Zach Ives, Aiden McLean and Ali Smith. Whilst Queens Park Crescents returned to winning ways with a 4-2 victory at Marston Shelton Rovers. thanks to goals from Faizan Fariad, Scott Joseph, Ismail Rackman and Konain Ali Shah against a brace in reply from Rovers Dale Malciw.

Division One

In maintaining their season's 100% home record with a 1-0 home victory over Renhold, second place Totternhoe Reserves are now just seven points behind the league leaders Wootton Blue Cross and also with a game in hand. Shazan Idress hit the all important goal to collect them all three points.

Unlike in the top division three of the four games went to the home side. Bedford SA for the first time in seven outings collecting all three points with a 7-3 victory over Henlow. Michael Allen and Lucas Banton netted braces to go alongside single goals from Ollie Hughes, Oliver Raymond and Colby Smith. The Henlow replies coming via Cory Williams, George Scott and Branden Care. Whilst Clifton with a brace from Callum Saunders and goals from Adam Ahmed Pearce, Reece Stokes, Jensen Martin and Toby Gibbs were 6-2 winners over Lewsey Park who have now failed to win any of their last 10 outings. A Chris Gibson penalty and a goal from Josh Edwards marking their scoresheet

The lone game not to go to the hosts saw Bedford Albion with a goal from Tyrell O'Connor held to a 1-1 draw by Harlington Juniors for whom Luke William netted.

Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup Semi-finals

Westoning Recreation will now contest this season's final after running out 6-1 home winners over AFC Oakley Development. James Sheridan led the way with a hat-trick, Charlie Scott grabbed a brace and George Peddar struck one with Sam Phillips hitting the lone reply. However they must wait another week to find out who they will face after the Wootton Blue Cross v Cranfield United Reserves game was postponed due to an unfit pitch at Weston Park.

Division Two North

There is no change at the head of the Division Two North standings following wins for the top three clubs. For league leaders Kempston United it was win number eight on the bounce when goals from Fabien Cataldo and Travis Joseph took them to a

2-1 victory at Blunham. The home reply coming from Connor Heaps. Whilst second place Wilstead took their winning home ways up to four games in beating Sandy 5-2. Max Natola led the way with a hat-trick alongside single goals from Joe Sullivan and Sean Jones to bring up the nap hand.

Third place Shefford Town & Development remains just a point behind Wilstead and having played one game fewer after a goal from Kyerhys Joseph took them to a 1-0 home win over Caldecote Reserves. But still very much in the title/ promotion race are fourth place Ickwell & Old Warden who have played at least four games fewer than the three clubs above them after goals from Jack Fox and Luke Rudd took them to a 2-0 victory at M&DH Clapham Sports.

Elsewhere, goals from Zepp McDonald and Reece Mills saw Wootton Blue Cross Reserves share the spoils in a 2-2 draw at Sharnbrook Reserves. The home replies coming from Matus Navickas and Bradley Duffett.

Division Two North League Table at 16th March 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston United First	16	10	3	3	45	19	26	33
2	Wilstead First	17	9	2	6	36	33	3	29
3	Shefford Town & Campton Development	16	9	1	6	29	30	-1	28
4	Ickwell & Old Warden First	12	8	1	3	34	19	15	25
5	Sharnbrook Reserves	14	7	3	4	41	23	18	24
6	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	14	7	3	4	29	19	10	24
7	Caldecote Reserves	14	7	2	5	27	18	9	23
8	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	13	4	5	4	18	19	-1	17
9	Blunham First	17	5	3	9	21	31	-10	15 *
10	Sandy First	15	1	2	12	14	55	-41	5
11	M&DH Clapham Sports First	14	1	1	12	9	37	-28	4
12	Bande Rouge (Sat) First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2 *
13	AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3 *

Division Two South

In taking their winning ways up to eight games and maintaining their season's unbeaten record Stopsley United are now 10 points clear at the head of the Division Two South league table after winning 6-1 at Brache Phoenix. Sean Kinsella with a brace plus strikes from Michael Carter, Logan Burton, Callum Frater and Cameron Nagle doing the damage against a lone reply from Kurt-Antony Thomas

Now in fourth spot are Lea Sports PSG who with a brace from Joe Campian and single goals from Kian Devers and Sean Dixon returned to winning ways for the first time in five outings with a 4-0 victory at FC Polonia Luton) who remain in second

from bottom position. Sitting below them are The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves who still seek their first win of the season after going down 1-3 at the hands of Stotfold Junior for whom Harrison Donnelly, Bailey Mapletoft and Dylan Moore found the back of the net against a lone home reply from Mohammed Khaled.

Also going down on home soil were Caddington who had just goals from Steve Hunt and Daniel Gyamfi to show for a 2-4 defeat against Bletchley Scot. The Scot goals came via Luke Belgrove, Dale Froud, Ben Swepston and Luke Morgan. Whilst LUDonz were the 3-1 home winners over New Bradwell St Peters Development with goals from Troy Walker, Conner Bienenrhasset and Leroy White. Charlie Fisher netted the lone reply for the visitors.

Division Two South League Table at 16th March 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stopsley United First	17	16	1	0	76	15	61	49
2	Sporting Carpathians First	19	13	1	5	70	27	43	39 *
3	Westoning Recreation First	15	11	2	2	72	21	51	35
4	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	19	10	3	6	62	42	20	30 *
5	FC Haynes First	19	9	2	8	66	45	21	28 *
6	LU Donz First	13	9	1	3	31	19	12	28
7	New Bradwell St Peter FC Development	18	8	2	8	40	38	2	25 *
8	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	18	8	1	9	42	58	-16	24 *
9	Caddington (BCFL)	18	6	4	8	35	44	-9	22
10	Bletchley Scot First	13	5	3	5	42	36	6	18
11	Flitwick Town Reserves	20	5	3	12	34	71	-37	18
12	Brache Phoenix First	14	3	4	7	31	47	-16	13
13	FC Polonia (Luton) First	18	2	0	16	37	85	-48	6
14	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	17	0	1	16	11	101	-90	1

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro

Just two games to report upon, one of which saw Leighton Woodside Rovers climb the table into third place with a 6-1 home victory over GS Athletic who have now failed to win any of their last 10 outings. Alex Pearce led the way with a hat-trick alongside single goals from Ricardo Santos, Thomas Bassett and Rory Burke., the lone reply came via Jack Russo. Whilst Bedford Albion Development with a goal from Kyle Mackinnon shared the points in drawiing 1-1 at Flitwick Town A whose goal came from Mghdi Gana.

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro League Table at 16th March 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Caldecote 'A'	13	9	1	3	44	15	29	28
2	Harlington Juniors Reserves	12	8	2	2	38	16	22	26
3	Leighton Woodside Rovers	15	9	0	6	38	32	6	26 *
4	Elstow Abbey Reserves	13	8	1	4	28	28	0	25
5	Luton Panthers First	13	7	1	5	44	24	20	22
6	Bedford Albion Development	12	6	2	4	32	23	9	20
7	Clifton Reserves	12	5	4	3	18	15	3	19
8	Queens Park Crescents Development	13	2	4	7	23	34	-11	10
9	Flitwick Town 'A'	15	2	2	11	16	48	-32	8
10	GS Athletic First	16	2	1	13	19	65	-46	6 *
11	CS Rovers First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-6 *

Watson Shied Quarter-Finals

Bedfordshire Saturday Youth League AFC Oakley U18 Colts made their way in the Semi-Final by winning 8-3 at Caldecote A. Marley Pitts and Brayden Callender each netted hat-trick alongside single goals from Piran Pollard and Joshua Yusuf. against home replies via Stephen Fletcher, Derek Newton and Lee Hunt. They will now face Harlington Juniors Reserves who ran out 5-1 winners at Elstow Abbey Reserves. Martin Bull with a hat-trick and single goals from Glen Cooksley and Eddie Prior doing the damage against a lone Abbey reply via Patrick Aduaye-Odiete.

Also into the last four are Shefford Town & Campton U23 following their 4-0 victory at Catsbrook Wanderers to earn a last four tie against Warden AFC U18 PDA Luton. Daniel Basye, Oliver Harvey, Luca Phillips and Adam Thompson all found the back of the net.

Division Four

There is no change at the head of the Division Four league table following away wins for the top two clubs. League leaders Kempston Athletic winning 8-2 at Ampthill Town Colts where Nikola Markovio grabbed a brace to go alongside single strikes from Aaron Armstrong, Royheed Banghard, Lance Jeffers, Bradley O'Loughin, Kieran Carrington and Zaid Kihinder against home replies from James Allen and George Shaw. The Athletic staying two points ahead of Athletic FC who with goals from Marion Jones and Niklay Mandinga won 2-0 at Lidington United Sports Club Colts.

Also winning on the road were Meltis Rangers who took winning ways to four games with a 3-0 success at Turvey. thanks to a brace from Joshua Smith and a successful penalty from Gavin Matthews. Whilst Dunstable Wanderers were the 2-1 home

winner over M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves. Callum Benford with a brace on the Wanderers scoresheet whilst Somto Nnamdi hit the Sports reply.

Division Four League Table at 16th March 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston Athletic First	20	17	0	3	85	18	67	51
2	Atletic FC First	20	15	4	1	61	33	28	49
3	Shefford Town & Campton U23	16	11	3	2	57	23	34	36
4	Meltis Rangers First	16	8	4	4	47	26	21	25 *
5	Dunstable Wanderers First	15	7	3	5	39	35	4	24
6	Sandy Reserves	16	6	1	9	36	47	-11	19
7	Turvey	19	4	5	10	35	53	-18	17
8	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	16	5	3	8	21	42	-21	17 *
9	Catsbrook Wanderers First	19	5	3	11	21	55	-34	17 *
10	Lidlington United Sports Club Colts	18	4	3	11	32	57	-25	15
11	Amptill Town Colts	16	3	1	12	28	70	-42	10
12	Leighton Woodside Athletic	19	3	4	12	32	35	-3	2 *
13	Biggleswade FC Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Wednesday 20th March 2024

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Premier Division supported by Sportsform action tonight saw Shefford Town & Campton Reserves end a five game losing run with a 3-0 home victory over bottom of the table AFC Kempston Town Hammers who were falling to their twelfth consecutive defeat. William Bolton opened the scoring in the 21st minute which was doubled by Oliver Kemp just five minutes later and then added to from the penalty spot by Bolton ten minutes before half-time. The Hammers to be admired for keeping the Town out in the second period whilst only once did they look like netting themselves, a feat they last achieved some 13 league games ago on the 28th October 2023.

Division One

The gap at the head of the Division one league table remains at seven points after second place Totternhoe Reserves who have played one game fewer shared the points from a 3-3 draw with league leaders Wootton Blue Cross at Weston Park. Keaton Marsh, Mason Marsh and Ben Smith on the home scoresheet against Totternhoe replies from Jordan Knight twice and Blake Garner once.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 20th March 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stotfold Development	20	17	1	2	70	18	52	52
2	Caldecote First	14	13	0	1	44	10	34	39
3	Elstow Abbey First	14	10	2	2	43	14	29	32
4	Biggleswade United Reserves	19	10	2	7	50	33	17	32
5	Marston Shelton Rovers First	21	8	5	8	44	44	0	29
6	AFC Oakley First	15	7	2	6	56	26	30	23
7	Crawley Green Reserves	17	7	1	9	37	31	6	22
8	Flitwick Town First	19	6	4	9	39	55	-16	22
9	Riseley Sports First	18	7	0	11	32	50	-18	21
10	Biggleswade FC Reserves	18	6	2	10	35	51	-16	20
11	Queens Park Crescents First	15	4	5	6	33	41	-8	17
12	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	13	3	1	9	23	43	-20	10
13	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	19	0	1	18	14	104	-90	1
14	Sharnbrook First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Division One League Table at 20th March 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Wootton Blue Cross First	16	12	3	1	51	20	31	39
2	Totternhoe Reserves	15	10	2	3	51	29	22	32
3	Buffs FC Saturday First	18	10	1	7	35	38	-3	31
4	AFC Oakley Development	19	7	4	8	41	39	2	25
5	Cranfield United Reserves	15	7	3	5	45	24	21	24
6	Bedford Albion First	15	7	2	6	35	32	3	23
7	Harlington Juniors First	14	6	3	5	31	28	3	21
8	Renhold First	15	6	3	6	30	36	-6	21
9	Henlow First	17	6	3	8	32	46	-14	20*
10	Clifton First	14	4	2	8	22	32	-10	14
11	Bedford SA First	15	3	2	10	26	41	-15	10*
12	Lewsey Park First	17	1	4	12	20	54	-34	7
13	Cambridge First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Milton Keynes Dons SET U19 Development S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-9*