



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 26th March 2025

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

AFC Oakley are now three points clear at the head of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform standings after they chalked up win number six on the bounce in winning 9-2 at Shefford Town & Campton Reserves. It took them just 15 seconds to take the lead via Joe McDonagh and the game was up for the Town by the 21st minute after the AFC raced into a 4-0 lead. Joe Ives from the penalty spot and goals from McDonagh and Chris Amadi doing the damage. By half-time it was 6-0 with Amadi adding his second and James Box joining him on the scoresheet. Second half action saw Town's Luca Phillips reduced the arrears with a header in the 52nd minute until Amadi completed his hat-trick on the hour mark to make it 7-1 and that's the way it stayed until the closing five minutes. Phillips for the home side making it 7-2 (86mins) before Nathan Aulsberry (88mins) and Zach Ives (90mins) completed the afternoon's scoring. Whilst Marston Shelton Rovers missed the chance to jump into second spot above Wootton Blue Cross when held to a 2-2 home draw by second from the bottom of the table Biggleswade FC Reserves. Jamie Cerminara hitting both of the Rovers goals against FC replies from Morgan Dean and Harry Pyke.

For goals you needed to be at Crawley Green Road where Crawley Green Development ran out 6-4 home winners over bottom of the league Flitwick Town. Robby Doran with a brace plus goals from Kayden Dearman, Kingsley Gibbons, Kyle Fonseca and Takahri Stachen-Williams marking the home scoresheet against Town replies via a Phil Matthews brace and strikes from Devon Brooke and Bradley Johnson. Sitting fourth in the table are Cranfield United who extended their unbeaten home ways to four games in beating Biggleswade United Reserves 3-1. Sean Byrne with a brace and a goal from James Copley on the home scoresheet with Jack Webb hitting the lone visitors reply.

Just a point behind United in fifth spot but having played five games fewer are Queens Park Crescents who took their unbeaten home ways up to five games when goals from Fabio Sattar and Haseed Fariad took them to a 2-0 victory over Riseley Sports. Whilst sixth place Elstow Abbey were beaten 4-2 at Totternhoe Reserves who are now moving well away from the drop zone in taking their unbeaten ways up to six games. Sam Hazel with a brace plus goals from Jordan Knight and Russell Wilson doing the damage against Abbey replies from Craig Damon and Lewis Parkin.

Division One

AFC Oakley Development returned to winning ways on home soil for the first time in six outings with a 4-0 success over bottom of the table Bedford SA via a Carlo Stramaglia penalty and goals from Robbie Alder, Scott Armstrong and Alistair Smith. Whilst a lone goal from Tony Gibbs was enough to see Clifton to all three points at Buffs FC.

Division One League Table at 26th March 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Harlington Juniors First	15	14	0	1	75	17	58	42
2	Stopsley United First	16	12	1	3	56	21	35	37
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	Bufs FC Saturday First	17	6	3	8	27	33	-6	21
6	Ickwell & Old Warden First	17	5	5	7	26	37	-11	19 *
7	Clifton First	13	6	1	6	28	19	9	16 *
8	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	14	4	3	7	29	42	-13	15
9	AFC Oakley Development	14	3	5	6	20	38	-18	13 *
10	Sporting Carpathians First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Bedford SA First	17	1	0	16	19	78	-59	0 *

Division Two North

Caldecote Reserves ensured they will finish the season in second spot after claiming a 3-2 home victory over bottom of the table M&DH Clapham Sports. Martin Faulkner with a brace plus a goal from Edward Tubridy on their scoresheet whilst Fred Shannon from the penalty spot and Adam Booth hit the Sports replies. AFC Bedford United missing out on a chance to claim that runners-up spot when beaten 3-2 at Green End Rovers who were returning to winning ways on home soil for the first time in four outings thanks to goals from Steffan Jones, Max Natola and Sean Jones against United replies via Gabriel Smith and Phoenix Togara- Mudzovera.

Division Two North League Table at 26th March 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	17	12	1	4	44	22	22	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	17	9	2	6	43	36	7	29
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	17	3	3	11	27	59	-32	11 *
10	M&DH Clapham Sports First	17	0	2	15	20	56	-36	2

Division Two South

With league leaders LU Donz sitting the afternoon out their lead at the head of the league table is now down to just three points after second place Lea Sports PSG retained their season's unbeaten home record with a 6-0 victory over New Bradwell St Peter Development, braces from Joe Campion and Sean Dixon plus single goals from Liam Doyle and Thomas Stevens doing the damage. Just seven points behind the league leaders having played three games fewer are third place Harlington Juniors Reserves who took their winning ways up to 10 games with a 7-0 home victory over second from bottom of the table Caldecote A. Ben Smith and James Fletcher with braces joined on the scoresheet by single goals from Glenn Cooksley, Thomas Cooksley and Daniel Jump.

Elsewhere, fourth place Caddington took their unbeaten ways up to nine games to retain their season's unbeaten home record with a 4-2 victory over Bletchley Scot. George Burden with a brace plus goals from Max Cooper and Ronnie Burden marking their scoresheet against visitors replies from Dean Reed and Ryan Thrussel. Whilst sixth place Luton Panthers were the 3-1 away winners at Flitwick Town Reserves with goals from Shakir Ghulah Kouser, Ryan Spencer and Luciano Witter against a lone Town reply from Tomas Barnett.

Also enjoying life on the road were Stotfold Junior who now sit in seventh spot after goals from Joshua Butina and Joseph Evans took them to a 2-0 victory at AFC Kempston Town Hammers.

Division Three

With league leaders Kempston Athletic away on cup duty second place Lewsey Park missed the chance to close the gap on them to just a single point when their nine game winning run was ended by a 2-0 defeat at third place Sandy Reserves whose goals came from Prince Asare and Matt Turner. Whilst fourth place Athletic FC were the 3-1 winners at The 61 FC Luton Reserves thanks to goals from Aaron Romain, Jason Allison and Cameron Browne against a lone home reply via Isaca Twun.

Moving out of the drop zone were Flitwick Town A who ended a five game losing run with a 4-2 away success at Elstow Abbey Reserves with goals from Thomas Giggie, Chris Lawson, Max Hughes and George Roach, the Abbey replies coming from Jack Adams-Hollyhand and Conor Greensmith. Whilst at the other end of the table fifth place Queens Park Crescents Development took their unbeaten home record up to eight games in sharing the spoils from a 1-1 draw against Wilstead who remain unbeaten in their last seven outings. Muhammed Ali on the home scoresheet and Jack Whittemore replying for the visitors.

Division Three League Table at 26th March 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston Athletic First	19	17	2	0	76	12	64	53
2	Lewsey Park First	20	16	1	3	74	33	41	49
3	Sandy Reserves	21	12	3	6	59	42	17	39
4	Athletic FC First	20	11	5	4	69	39	30	38
5	Queens Park Crescents Development	19	10	4	5	61	43	18	34
6	Wilstead First	21	10	2	9	53	44	9	31 *
7	FC Polonia (Luton) First	19	8	1	10	50	53	-3	21 *
8	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	17	7	1	9	33	59	-26	21 *
9	Dunstable Wanderers First	16	5	3	8	37	39	-2	18
10	Elstow Abbey Reserves	20	5	1	14	26	53	-27	15 *
11	Flitwick Town 'A'	21	4	3	14	39	83	-44	15
12	Meltis Rangers First	18	3	4	11	28	66	-38	12 *
13	Everton Athletic FC First	19	1	2	16	27	66	-39	2 *

Division Four

Having lost their last 11 games second from the bottom of the table Everton Athletic Reserves returned to winning ways with a 3-0 home victory over M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves thanks to goals from Michael John Freeman, Michael Freeman and Lewis Stafferton. But for the bottom of the table Henlow Hurricaines it was an extension of the winless run to 11 games when beaten at home 5-1 by Catsbrook Wanderers. Jamel Matthew with a brace plus goals from Abdellah El Moutaouakil, Oliver Baldwin and Jason McDonagh bringing up the nap hand against a lone Harry Hart reply.

Elsewhere, fourth place Wootton Blue Cross A were the 6-3 home winners over fifth place EB Lions U21. Callum Myers and Alfie Young with braces plus goals from Kyal Hughes and Joshua Buckle doing the damage against a Lions hat-trick in reply from Thomas Walsh.

Watson Shield Quarter -Finals

Kempston Athletic in running out 9-0 home winners over Stopsley United Reserves thanks to four goals from Alexander Wasilewski, a hat-trick from Nikola Markovic and single goals from Alessandro Esposito and Kristian Marciano will now travel to face Cranfield Colts u18 Cobras who were 4-1 away winners at Meltis Rangers. Ioanis Lera with a brace plus goals from Maz Ellis and Joshua Burdon-Reid only being replied to once by Ryan Harris for the Rangers.

Both the other games were to go to penalty shoot-outs, Turvey the 4-3 home winners over FC Polonia (Luton) after 90 minutes play had seen the sides deadlocked at 3-3. Aarone Haine with a brace plus George Shingleton on the home scoresheet against FC replies via Bartłomiej Nizol twice and Fabian Pawelec once with Ampthill Town Colts the 3-1 shoot-out winners at DTCC FC after 90 minutes play had seen the sides all square at 1-1. Matthew Fitt on the mark for the home side with Luke Tyrell the Colts goalscorer who will now host Turvey at the last four stage.

Division Four League Table at 26th March 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stopsley United Reserves	19	15	0	4	80	40	40	45
2	Ampthill Town Colts	17	14	2	1	64	24	40	44
3	Turvey First	17	12	1	4	58	35	23	36 *
4	Wootton Blue Cross A	19	12	1	6	52	38	14	35 *
5	EB Lions AFC (Sat) Mens U21	16	10	2	4	54	38	16	29 *
6	Dunstable Town Cricket Club DTCC FC Satu	16	7	2	7	54	40	14	23
7	Catsbrook Wanderers First	19	5	2	12	27	46	-19	17
8	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	18	5	1	12	31	54	-23	15 *
9	AFC Clophill First	16	5	1	10	28	44	-16	13 *
10	Everton Athletic FC Res	18	2	1	15	30	85	-55	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 *

Tuesday 1st April 2025

Wilstead were to make their exit from this season's Peter Dean Memorial Cup at the Quarter-Final stage when beaten 4-0 at home by Gamlingay United who will now face Eaton Socon Reserves in a Semi-final tie to be played on Wednesday 16th 2025 at Biggleswade United.

Wednesday 2nd April 2025

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

AFC Oakley are now six points clear at the head of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table when taking their winning ways up to seven games with a 5-2 victory at Biggleswade United Reserves. Omojiseoluwa Bnkole with a hat-trick plus goals from Chisom Amadi and James Box bringing up the nap hand with Jamie Essam and Cameron Watson on the United scoresheet. (that lead extending to nine points when Biggleswade FC Reserves gave notice 48 hours later that they were unable to raise a side for their scheduled Saturday 5th April fixture) Whilst Queens

Park Crescents kept their slim title hopes alive when taking their unbeaten home ways up to six games with a 2-1 victory over bottom of the table Flitwick Town thanks to goals from Vinnay Sidar and Hasseb Fariad against a lone Town reply from Kairyon Huirhead.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 2nd April 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Oakley First	21	16	2	3	68	25	43	50
2	Wootton Blue Cross First	19	13	2	4	58	29	29	41
3	Marston Shelton Rovers First	20	12	5	3	53	33	20	41
4	Queens Park Crescents First	18	11	4	3	38	24	14	37
5	Cranfield United Reserves	22	10	5	7	49	33	16	35
6	Elstow Abbey First	20	9	2	9	54	47	7	29
7	Biggleswade United Reserves	21	8	4	9	52	46	6	28
8	Caldecote First	19	7	4	8	37	39	-2	25
9	Crawley Green Development	22	7	4	11	43	65	-22	25
10	Totternhoe Reserves	19	6	6	7	42	39	3	24
11	Riseley Sports First	21	7	2	12	34	41	-7	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	19	4	2	13	39	58	-19	14

Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup Final

Before a 302 crowd at the Stotfold FC, JSJ Stadium Stopsley United were to lift the 2024-25 cup with a 2-0 victory over Ickwell & Old Warden. United took the lead in the 29 minute via an own goal from Luke Gurney and wrapped up the contest when Sam Willett added a second goal 16 minutes from time.

Division Two South

Bletchley Scot now sits sixth in the league table after taking their unbeaten home ways up to four games with a 4-2 success over seventh place Luton Panthers. Ryan Thrussel, Connor Vincent, Ryan Williams and Musn Kareem all found the back of the net for the Scot.

Division Two South League Table at 2nd April 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	LU Donz First	18	13	2	3	66	32	34	41
2	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	18	11	5	2	63	30	33	38
3	Harlington Juniors Reserves	15	12	1	2	63	17	46	34 *
4	Caddington (BCFL)	19	10	4	5	54	34	20	34
5	New Bradwell St Peter FC Development	18	10	2	6	39	29	10	31 *
6	Bletchley Scot First	17	9	3	5	47	43	4	30
7	Luton Panthers First	21	8	3	10	58	52	6	27
8	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	20	8	3	9	47	43	4	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 *