

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) 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.

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Saturday 24th February 2024

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

With their nearest rivals Caldecote away on County Cup duty league leaders Stotfold Development took full advantage to skip seven points clear at the head of the league standings albeit having played four games more when they extended their current winning ways up to eight games with a 7-0 victory at bottom of the table AFC Kempston Town Hammers. Josh Bamford led the way with a hat-trick to go alongside single goals from Jo Fantom, Billy Little, Bobby Wilcock and Harry Smith. Whilst Biggleswade United Reserves climbed up into third spot following their 6-0 home win over Queens Park Crescents. Enoch Olwadimola with a hat-trick and single goals from Jed Warwick, Fred Steer and James Box doing the damage.

For the other half of Biggleswade it was a 4-2 defeat for Biggleswade FC Reserves at Riseley Sports. Alex Taylor, Lewis Donald, Dan Bennett, and Andrew Fields all found the net for the home side against FC replies via Dylan Defang Asonganyi and Rafael Sabado Miles. Elsewhere, Flitwick Town and Marston Shelton Rovers played out a 0-0 draw and a waterlogged pitch saw the Shefford Town & Campton Reserves home game with AFC Oakley postponed.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 24th February 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stotfold Development	17	14	1	2	61	15	46	43
2	Caldecote First	13	12	0	1	41	10	31	36
3	Biggleswade United Reserves	17	9	2	6	47	30	17	29
4	Elstow Abbey First	12	8	2	2	36	12	24	26
5	Marston Shelton Rovers First	19	7	5	7	37	40	-3	26
6	Crawley Green Reserves	15	7	1	7	37	28	9	22
7	AFC Oakley First	13	6	2	5	46	23	23	20
8	Flitwick Town First	16	5	4	7	34	46	-12	19
9	Riseley Sports First	16	6	0	10	29	45	-16	18
10	Biggleswade FC Reserves	15	5	1	9	29	46	-17	16
11	Queens Park Crescents First	12	3	4	5	25	34	-9	13
12	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	11	2	1	8	18	38	-20	7
13	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	16	0	1	15	14	87	-73	1
14	Sharnbrook First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy Semi-Finals

It was to be a last four exit for Caldecote who were beaten in a penalty shoot-out at South Midlands League Totternhoe after 90 minutes play had seen the sides

deadlocked at 0-0. The Crawley Green Reserves v Elstow Abbey encounter falling victim to a waterlogged pitch

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Division One

The lone game to beat the weather saw now fourth place AFC Oakley Development claim a 3-2 home victory over third place Buffs FC in a game that was switched and played at Clothall Road. Omojiseoluwa Bankole with a brace and a single goal from David Groom doing the damage against Buffs replies from Antony James and Andrew Truett.

Postponed were the games Bedford SA v Totternhoe Reserves, Clifton v Lewsey Park, Harlington Juniors v Wootton Blue Cross, and Renhold v Henlow as was the Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup encounter between Cranfield United Reserves and Lu Donz.

Division One League Table at 24th February 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Wootton Blue Cross First	14	12	2	0	48	16	32	38
2	Totternhoe Reserves	12	8	1	3	45	25	20	25
3	Buffs FC Saturday First	15	8	1	6	30	32	-2	25
4	AFC Oakley Development	17	7	3	7	39	34	5	24
5	Cranfield United Reserves	13	7	2	4	42	20	22	23
6	Bedford Albion First	14	7	1	6	34	31	3	22
7	Renhold First	13	6	3	4	28	32	-4	21
8	Henlow First	15	5	3	7	28	39	-11	17 *
9	Harlington Juniors First	11	4	2	5	21	26	-5	14
10	Clifton First	12	2	2	8	13	28	-15	8
11	Bedford SA First	13	2	2	9	19	38	-19	8
12	Lewsey Park First	15	1	4	10	18	44	-26	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 *

Division Two North

Kempston United are now four points clear at the head of Division Two North league table after taking their winning ways up to six games with a 3-2 victory at third place AFC Bedford United. In a game that was switched and played on the 4G at Kempston Rovers. Ashton Joyce. Elijah Haynes plus an own goal marking their scoresheet against AFC replies via Damon Hazelwood and Gary Townsend. Whilst Blunham were gifted the three points after AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves failed to raise a side to journey to meet them in Moggerhanger.

Elsewhere, Sharnbrook Reserves were the 6-0 winners at Shefford Town & Campton Development. Joshua Marshall led the way with a hat-trick alongside single goals from Abban McCann, Teddy Daniels and Thomas Burnage.

Postponed were the games Ickwell & Old Warden v Caldecote Reserves and M&DH Clapham Sports v Wootton Blue Cross Reserves.

Division Two North League Table at 24th February 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston United First	16	10	3	3	53	18	35	33
2	Wilstead First	16	9	2	5	36	29	7	29
3	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	15	8	3	4	35	21	14	27
4	Caldecote Reserves	12	8	1	3	36	13	23	25
5	Shefford Town & Campton Development	15	8	1	6	31	29	2	25
6	Sharnbrook Reserves	13	7	2	4	38	19	19	23
7	Ickwell & Old Warden First	10	6	1	3	30	19	11	19
8	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	12	5	4	3	19	15	4	19
9	Blunham First	16	6	3	7	23	27	-4	18*
10	M&DH Clapham Sports First	13	2	1	10	9	33	-24	7
11	Sandy First	13	2	1	10	16	45	-29	7
12	Bande Rouge (Sat) First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2*
13	AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves	13	0	0	13	6	64	-58	-3*

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Division Two South

Just two games to report upon which produced 24 goals. FC Haynes bagged nine in their 9-3 home win over FC Polonia (Luton) Ross Airson and Tyler Winter with hat-tricks supported by single strikes from George Grahame, Louie Dillon and Ian Buckingham. The FC replies came from Mateusz Antonium, Lukasz Leja And Fabian Pawelec. Whilst Brache Phoenix returned to winning ways for the first time in nine outings with a 7-5 home victory over Flitwick Town Reserves. Kurt-Antony Thomas went nap with five goals alongside single strikes from Nana Osei Boffah and Cheick Camara. The Town replies coming from Benn Ward with a brace plus Daniel Howarth, Robbie Newman and Duncan White.

For league leaders Stopsley United it was the gift of three points after Stotfold Junior failed to raise a side to host them.

Postponed were the games Lea Sports PSG v Caddington : The 61 FC Luton Reserves v New Bradwell St Peter Development and Westoning Recreation v Bletchley Scot.

Division Two South League Table at 24th February 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stopsley United First	15	14	1	0	66	14	52	43
2	Sporting Carpathians First	17	11	1	5	63	26	37	33 *
3	Westoning Recreation First	13	9	2	2	60	19	41	29
4	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	17	9	2	6	56	40	16	26 *
5	LU Donz First	12	8	1	3	28	18	10	25
6	FC Haynes First	17	8	1	8	60	41	19	24 *
7	New Bradwell St Peter FC Development	16	7	3	6	36	35	1	24
8	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	17	7	1	9	39	57	-18	21 *
9	Caddington (BCFL)	16	5	5	6	33	34	-1	20
10	Flitwick Town Reserves	17	5	3	9	31	61	-30	18
11	Bletchley Scot First	11	4	3	4	37	28	9	15
12	Brache Phoenix First	12	3	4	5	29	37	-8	13
13	FC Polonia (Luton) First	17	2	0	15	37	81	-44	6
14	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	15	0	1	14	10	94	-84	1

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro

Caldecote A now find themselves just a point behind league leaders Harlington Junior Reserves following their 8-0 home win over Leighton Woodside Athletic. Ryan Dobson and Stephen Fletcher both grabbed hat-tricks to go alongside single

goals from Ryan Spencer and Derek Newton. Whilst third place Luton Panthers were the 9-1 home winners over GS Athletic Pedram Pishdar led the way with four goals, Ryan Spencer netted a hat-trick and single goals came from Curtis Long and Elijah Cole. The lone reply was netted by Owen Manning.

Elsewhere, Elstow Abbey Reserves took their winning home ways up to four games in beating Queens Park Development 4-2. Steve Gentle, Will Phillips, Tony Miliot and Ali Mohyaldeen found the net for the Abbey against Crescents replies via Mohammed Omar and Sohail Hassin.

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro League Table at 24th February 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Harlington Juniors Reserves	12	8	2	2	38	16	22	26
2	Caldecote 'A'	12	8	1	3	42	14	28	25
3	Luton Panthers First	13	7	1	5	44	24	20	22
4	Elstow Abbey Reserves	12	7	1	4	26	28	-2	22
5	Leighton Woodside Rovers	13	7	0	6	26	31	-5	20 *
6	Clifton Reserves	11	5	4	2	17	13	4	19
7	Bedford Albion Development	10	5	1	4	25	20	5	16
8	Queens Park Crescents Development	12	2	4	6	23	32	-9	10
9	Flitwick Town 'A'	14	2	1	11	15	47	-32	7
10	GS Athletic First	13	2	1	10	16	47	-31	6 *
11	CS Rovers First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-6 *

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Division Four

Following two straight defeats Catsbrook Wanderers with goals from Keane Price and Nathan Cloves returned to winning ways with a 2-1 home victory over Sandy Reserves, whose reply came from Chris Jenkins. Whilst Leighton Woodside Athletic saw their winless run extend to seven games when goals from Tommy Head and Jacob Gibb could not prevent them from going down 2-4 at home to Meltis Rangers. The Rangers goals came from George Cousins, Tom Hughes, Ellis Sharp and Joshua Smith.

Postponed were the games Lidlington United Sports Club Colts v Shefford Town & Campton U23 and Turvey v Dunstable Wanderers.

Watson Shield Round Two

Amphill Town Colts booked themselves a place into the last eight when goals from Murray Gray and Daniel Howell took them to a 2-1 home victory over Clifton Reserves whose reply came from Khaled Phillips. Elsewhere, the Bedford Albion Development v Harlington Juniors Reserves tie was postponed.

Division Four League Table at 24th February 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston Athletic First	18	16	0	2	77	14	63	48
2	Athletic FC First	18	13	4	1	55	33	22	43
3	Shefford Town & Campton U23	15	10	3	2	55	23	32	33
4	Dunstable Wanderers First	14	6	3	5	37	34	3	21
5	Meltis Rangers First	14	6	4	4	40	24	16	19 *
6	Sandy Reserves	15	6	1	8	34	43	-9	19
7	Turvey	16	4	4	8	33	42	-9	16
8	Catsbrook Wanderers First	18	5	2	11	19	53	-34	16 *
9	Lidlington United Sports Club Colts	16	4	3	9	30	52	-22	15
10	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	14	4	3	7	17	38	-21	14 *
11	Amphill Town Colts	15	3	1	11	26	62	-36	10
12	Biggleswade FC Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Leighton Woodside Athletic	17	2	4	11	26	31	-5	-1 *

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Wednesday 28th February 2024

Before a 188 JSJ Stadium crowd Stotfold Development eased their way into the final of this season's Britannia Cup with a resounding 8-1 home victory over Biggleswade United Reserves to await the winners of the forthcoming Caldecote v Elstow Abbey tie in the final. The game in effect being all over as a contest inside the first half an hour has they raced into a 3-0 lead with goals from Josh Bamford (5mins) Charlie Mallett (17mins) and Codi Spavins (28mins)

If United were to come back a early second half goal was to be a must, alas for them by the hour mark further goals from Charlie Mallett (54mins) Jack Stanton (58mins) and Robert Wilcock (60mins) had seen the home side double their lead to

6-0. United via Nathan Mccalla pulled a goal back a minute later only see see Charlie Mallett complete his hat-trick on 63 minutes and Codi Spavins added to the scoreline on 70 minutes to bring the final scoreline to 8-1 come the final whistle.

Elsewhere. Cranfield United Reserves made their way into the final of this season's Centenary Cup where they will face either Wootton Blue Cross or Buffs FC following their 5-2 home win over Renhold. A brace from Ryan Mellor plus goals from Albara Elforjani, Ryan Mellor and Joseph Bygraves bringing up the nap had against Renold replies via Neville Allen and Marko Tobdzic.

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