

Bedfordshire County **Football League**



Season 2025-26

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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 continue as the league's mainline sponsor for season 2025-26.

Chairman, Peter Francis said, we are delighted that HBC Logistics will once again be abroad for the 2025-26 season 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 2026 Annual General Meeting.

Bedfordshire FA Club/Team Suspension

An increasing number of clubs/teams are being placed under a club/team suspension for failing to raise and make payment of their disciplinary invoices. The FA Competition Portal updates on each Wednesday morning and clubs are advised to visit their portal preferably on each Monday, Wednesday and Thursday to ensure they have no outstanding matters.

The consequence of playing games whilst under a club/team suspension will in the first instances bring about a Bedfordshire FA charge followed by an additional charge under league rule 20E(v) which has the power to deduct any points gained in these games from your club/team and the match points etc awarded to your opposition.

Whilst the league will do its best to monitor the situation on behalf of our clubs/teams it remains their 100% total responsibility to ensure their own house is in order, this being even more important as we approach the end of the season and games are scheduled to take place on Midweek evenings.

Please be aware that not all the current/recent items appear on the opening page of your club/teams portal and that you should make full use of the various filters.

Registration Forms (covered under league rule 18)

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 Club Portal 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 Club Portal system prior to each game to check for any suspensions in place at any given date. Clubs should be aware that all suspensions commence seven days following the date the red card offence was committed.

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. **All clubs should ensure the player's name listed corresponds 100% with that by which he is registered.**

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 2025-26.

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 past seasons several referees 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 cards .

Please ensure 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 league's 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.

Hire of the 3G at Creasey Park Dunstable.

During this period of inclement weather can we bring to the attention of clubs that there may well be pitches available for hire at the Beds FA Creasey Park venue. For further details please contact the site manager Stephen Quirke on 07860-146196.

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 24th January 2026

Premier Division Supported by Sportsform

Once again there is no change at the head of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table following victories for the top three clubs. Cranfield United Reserves stayed 10 points clear at the summit after a brace of goals from Jack White saw them retain this season's unbeaten ways with a 2-0 home success over AFC Oakley. Whilst second place Caldecote who have played three games fewer took their winning ways up to 10 games with a 4-1 home win over Marston Shelton Rovers. Evan Beldon, Christopher Richardson, Rafe Goodman plus an own goal marking the home scoresheet against a lone Will Kennington reply for the Rovers.

For third place Stopsley United it required just a single goal from Renaldo Smith to extend their winning ways to seven games with a 1-0 victory at second from the bottom of the table Flitwick Town. Whilst Elstow Abbey won for the third time inside seven days with a 2-0 home win over Wootton Blue Cross with goals from Scott Joseph and Glenn Tummuly.

Enjoying life on the road were Queens Park Crescents who with goals from Mohammed Omar, Abdullah Rakhman, Hasnain Hussain and Faizan Faroad won 4-2 at Riseley Sports for whom Jay Willit and James Cooke replied. Whilst Totternoe

Reserves were the 4-3 winners at Biggleswade United Reserves with goals from Connor Bleanerhasset, Mthokozisi Neube, Ashat Jain and Nail Tomlinson against home replies via Archie Dougherty, Seyram Hammond and Danny Carter.

Elsewhere, Harlington Juniors returned to winning ways when goals from Jacob Proctor, Tyler Ingham and George Nichols moved them up the league standings into sixth place with a 3-2 home win over Biggleswade FC Reserves who were suffering their fifth defeat on the bounce whose replies came from Adam Ahmad-Pearce and Rafael Sabado Miles.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 24th January 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Cranfield United Reserves	18	16	2	0	62	6	56	50
2	Caldecote First	15	13	1	1	57	16	41	40
3	Stopsley United First	16	11	1	4	48	20	28	34
4	Marston Shelton Rovers First	17	8	3	6	35	30	5	27
5	AFC Oakley First	14	7	4	3	54	29	25	25
6	Harlington Juniors First	15	7	4	4	30	31	-1	25
7	Wootton Blue Cross First	14	7	2	5	36	29	7	23
8	Elstow Abbey First	15	7	1	7	36	39	-3	22
9	Queens Park Crescents First	14	6	3	5	31	27	4	21
10	Totternhoe Reserves	16	6	3	7	26	46	-20	21
11	Riseley Sports First	16	4	1	11	28	63	-35	12 *
12	Biggleswade United Reserves	17	3	2	12	33	48	-15	10 *
13	Biggleswade FC Reserves	16	2	4	10	32	58	-26	10
14	Flitwick Town First	18	2	2	14	21	61	-40	7 *
15	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	13	1	1	11	14	40	-26	4

Division One

For league leaders Baldock Victoria it was a 6-2 away success at third place FC Haynes who were losing for the first time in seven outings. Antony Jones and Jack Bendon with braces plus single goals from Callum Atkins and Ralph Baldwin on their scoresheet against FC replies from Louie Dillon and Cian Mitchell. Whilst the biggest win of the day belonged to Kempston United who were 7-2 home winners over Lea Sports PSG. Jake Whittemore with a brace plus goals from William Bangala, Fabien Cataldo, Rhys Popham, Ajanii Thomas-Anderson and Blaise Powell doing the damage with Milton Tomlinson- Dennis replying twice for the PSG.

For Clifton with goals from Alister Moatt, Oliver Young and James Hatch it was a 3-1 away victory at Wootton Blue Cross Reserves. whose reply came from Kyal Hughes. Whilst Blunham took their unbeaten ways up to five games in winning 3-2 at the

bottom of the table Bletchley Scot. Ross Adams, Connor Heaps and Max Smalley on their scoresheet against a brace in reply from Ben Swepston.

Elsewhere, also enjoying life on the road were Caldecote Reserves who won for the first time in five outings 2-1 at AFC Oakley Development. thanks to goals from James Tubridy and Riley Daniels with Dominic Marino hitting the home reply.

Division One League Table at 24th January 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Baldock Victoria	15	12	2	1	57	30	27	38
2	Thurleigh FC	14	9	3	2	51	21	30	30
3	FC Haynes First	16	9	3	4	39	26	13	30
4	LU Donz First	15	8	3	4	57	35	22	27
5	Blunham Saturday	12	7	2	3	34	25	9	23
6	Clifton First	14	6	3	5	34	31	3	21
7	Kempston United First	15	6	2	7	38	37	1	20
8	Bedford Albion First	13	5	3	5	39	35	4	18
9	Caldecote Reserves	16	5	2	9	27	39	-12	15 *
10	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	13	5	0	8	27	43	-16	15
11	AFC Oakley Development	15	3	4	8	20	40	-20	13
12	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	17	4	0	13	25	54	-29	11 *
13	Bletchley Scot First	13	1	1	11	17	49	-32	4

Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup Quarter-Finals

With goals from Ryan Spencer, Will Wright and Hayden Rothchild AFC Kempston Town Hammers were the 3-2 away winners at LU Donz whose replies came via Ali Mohiyaldeen and Troy Walker to earn them a trip to face St Josephs (Saturday) who were the 3-1 winners at Kempston Athletic thanks to goals from Connor Fennelly, Jimmy O'Donnell and Simon Richards against a lone Athletic reply from James Watkinson.

In the other half of the draw, Queens Park Crescents won 7-1 at Westoning Reds. haroun Duguena with a brace plus goals from Mohammed Abbass, Fabio Sattar, Shazad Sattar, Zain Riasat and Qasim Tufall only being replied to once by Alan Henman for the Reds. and will now host Bedford Albion in the Semi-final after goals from Liam Fenton and Nathan France took them to a 2-1 home success over Wixams Wanderers whose goal came from Rhys Calvano.

Division Two

With Kempston Town Hammers away on cup duty, AFC Bedford United took full advantage to move back onto the top of the league table when they retained their season's unbeaten ways in winning 6-1 at the second from the bottom of the table Stotfold Juniors. Lamar Smithson and Gary Townsend with braces and single goals from Tayven Charles and Ellis Sharp doing the damage against a lone home reply from Lewis Cochrane.

Fourth place Caddington Reserves meantime were retaining their season's 100% home record in beating Green End Rovers 2-1 who have now failed to win in any of their last seven outings. Nathan Miller and Boyd Younger marked the home scoresheet and Harry Murrey hitting the Rovers reply. Whilst Bedford SA saw their seven games unbeaten run ended by losing 2-0 at Flitwick Town Reserves for whom Lewis Puddick hit both goals.

Division Two League Table at 24th January 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	14	10	4	0	56	25	31	34
2	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	16	10	3	3	44	16	28	33
3	Bedford SA First	17	9	2	6	48	36	12	29
4	Caddington Reserves	16	9	2	5	35	31	4	29
5	St Josephs (Sat)	15	8	1	6	39	33	6	25
6	Queens Park Crescents Reserves	15	8	3	4	27	20	7	24*
7	Green End Rovers First	15	6	2	7	37	37	0	20
8	Wixams Wanderers First	16	6	2	8	37	41	-4	20
9	Flitwick Town Reserves	17	5	2	10	34	50	-16	17
10	Kempston Athletic First	13	4	1	8	18	27	-9	13
11	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	18	3	2	13	19	47	-28	11
12	Westoning Club Reds	16	3	2	11	31	62	-31	8*

Division Three

The shock result of the day saw league leaders Dunstable Wanderers lose their season's 100% record in this game number 13 of the season when defeated on home soil 2-4 by Everton Athletic. Craig Bowler, Aidan Bull, James Scott and Logan Smith all found the back of the net for the visitors against home replies from Callum Kiteley and Louie Parker . Whilst also winning 4-2 on the road were Flitwick Town A at the bottom of the table Caldecote A. Thomas Giggie with a brace plus goals from Mark Barlett and Craig Phillips doing the damage against a home brace from Conor Darnell in reply.

Elsewhere, Athletic FC are now up into fourth place following their 2-0 home victory over Turvey. Moydean Banda and Mesumbe Kzhzung both found the back of the net. Whilst a waterlogged pitch saw the 61FC Luton Reserves v M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves game postponed.

Division Three League Table at 24th January 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Dunstable Wanderers First	13	12	0	1	42	16	26	36
2	Amphill Town Colts	15	9	2	4	41	21	20	29
3	Bedford Albion Development	13	9	2	2	34	18	16	29
4	Athletic FC First	15	8	1	6	45	36	9	22 *
5	Willstead First	12	7	0	5	40	32	8	21
6	Stopsley United Reserves	11	6	1	4	42	34	8	19
7	Everton Athletic FC First	13	6	1	6	32	27	5	19
8	Turvey First	15	5	0	10	17	43	-26	15
9	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	12	4	1	7	24	32	-8	13
10	Flitwick Town 'A'	16	4	1	11	24	48	-24	13
11	LU Donz Development	14	4	2	8	27	28	-1	12 *
12	M&DH Clapham Sports First	11	3	3	5	22	28	-6	12
13	Caldecote A	14	3	0	11	25	52	-27	8 *

Division Four

Having lost their last eight games Leighton Woodside Athletic were to return to winning ways with a 4-0 home victory over Queens Park Crescents Development. Freddie Richmond with a hat-trick and a goal from Alfie Atkins doing the damage. Whilst AFC Claphill claimed their first home win of the season when a brace from Jack Dempsey and a goal from Matthew Doyle saw them beat the bottom of the table Wootton Blue Cross A 3-1 for whom Riley John replied.

Winning on the road were Westoning Blues 2-1 at Meltis Rangers with a brace of goals from Sam Rolfe against a Tyrell O'Connor reply for the Rangers. Whilst second from the bottom of the table M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves ended their 12 game losing run when sharing the points from a 1-1 home draw with Catsbrook Wanderers. Jack Hedley on their scoresheet against a Wanderers reply from Jamel Matthews.

Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup Quarter-Finals

For Luton Phoenix it was a 2-0 away victory at Stopsley United Reserves thanks to goals from Kamran Khan and Shoaib Sayad to earn them a home last four tie against Cranfield United Development who were the 10-0 home winners over AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves. Max Ellis, Georgie Burden and Zac Coaker

hitting braces to go alongside single strikes from Ali Elforjani, George Goodman, Caleb Buckle and Jacob Hepton.

Division Four League Table at 24th January 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Dunstable Town Cricket Club DTCC FC Satu	15	14	0	1	52	13	39	42
2	Cranfield United Development	16	13	1	2	93	15	78	40
3	Luton Phoenix FC	15	12	1	2	61	16	45	37
4	Flitwick Eagles Development	17	11	1	5	43	29	14	34
5	Westoning Club Blues	15	11	0	4	44	20	24	32 *
6	Queens Park Crescents Development	15	6	3	6	22	43	-21	21
7	AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves	14	6	2	6	35	32	3	20
8	Catsbrook Wanderers First	13	5	3	5	20	24	-4	18
9	Everton Athletic FC Res	14	5	2	7	22	39	-17	17
10	Leighton Woodside Athletic	18	4	1	13	33	64	-31	13
11	Meltis Rangers First	15	4	3	8	22	27	-5	12 *
12	AFC Clophill First	13	2	1	10	11	41	-30	7
13	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	14	0	2	12	13	64	-51	0 *
14	Wootton Blue Cross A	12	0	0	12	9	53	-44	-1 *