



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 was 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 4th May 2024.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Having claimed the league title in midweek, Caldecote ensured they would remain unbeaten on the road for the season by concluding their season with a 3-1 away victory at Biggleswade FC Reserves thanks to goals from Elliot Bunday, Giuseppe Follano and Chris Richardson against a lone home reply from Rafel Sabado Miles.

Please note the below league table shows Crawley Green Reserves and Queens Park Crescents has having played one game fewer, this being due to their game on the 27th April 2024 being abandoned due to a serious player injury and there being insufficient time for the game to be rearranged this season

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table Season 2023- 24

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Caldecote First	24	21	1	2	78	23	55	64
2	Stotfold Development	24	19	2	3	79	21	58	59
3	AFC Oakley First	24	15	2	7	89	43	46	47
4	Elstow Abbey First	24	13	3	8	66	42	24	42
5	Biggleswade FC Reserves	24	11	2	11	70	57	13	35
6	Biggleswade United Reserves	24	10	2	12	60	59	1	32
7	Flitwick Town First	24	9	5	10	49	63	-14	32
8	Crawley Green Reserves	23	10	1	12	46	44	2	31
9	Marston Shelton Rovers First	24	8	5	11	45	57	-12	29
10	Queens Park Crescents First	23	7	5	11	52	59	-7	26
11	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	24	8	2	14	52	70	-18	26
12	Riseley Sports First	24	8	1	15	40	67	-27	25
13	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	24	0	1	23	17	138	-121	1
14	Sharnbrook First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Division One

The 2023-24 season was brought to a close in a totally unsatisfactorily manner when Bedford Albion despite having 83 players registered for the season failed to raise a side to journey to face Totternhoe Reserves., thus gifting the home side the three points which duly took them to the Division One league title on goal difference above second place Wootton Blue Cross. Whilst Clifton will now finish in the top six following their 6-1 victory at Bedford SA thanks to goals from Matty Nugent, Callum Saunders, Elliot Powell, Reece Stokes, Cameron Lewis and Josh Adams. The lone home goal coming from Ollie Hughes.

Division One League Table Season 2023-24

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Totternhoe Reserves	22	16	3	3	72	33	39	51
2	Wootton Blue Cross First	22	16	3	3	60	29	31	51
3	Bufs FC Saturday First	22	12	2	8	42	45	-3	38
4	Cranfield United Reserves	22	11	4	7	59	36	23	37
5	Harlington Juniors First	22	11	3	8	55	40	15	36
6	Clifton First	22	9	3	10	47	48	-1	30
7	Bedford Albion First	22	9	3	10	42	42	0	29 *
8	Renhold First	22	8	4	10	43	52	-9	26 *
9	AFC Oakley Development	22	7	4	11	44	49	-5	25
10	Henlow First	22	7	3	12	35	51	-16	18 *
11	Bedford SA First	22	4	4	14	36	68	-32	13 *
12	Lewsey Park First	22	2	4	16	26	68	-42	10
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 South

Caddington were to emerge the afternoon's biggest winners with a 4-2 home victory over Stotfold Junior to extend their unbeaten ways up to five games. Dan Fleming, Rayvaun Brodgett, James Ray and Isaac Okello all finding the back of the net against Junior replies via an own goal and Harrison Donnelly. Whilst Bletchley Scot took their winning ways up to four games with a 3-2 home success over Brache Phoenix..Cleon Tshikuna, Ryan Williams and Dale Fround all found the back of the net with Nana Boffah and Rupert Nderitu marking the Phoenix scoresheet.

Elsewhere, having lost their previous eight games Flitwick Town Reserves returned to winning ways in ending their season with a 3-2 home victory over second from the bottom of the table FC Polonia (Luton) Ibraima Balde, Bradley Johnson and Benn Ward found the back of the net for the Town against FC Replies via Mateusz Antoniun and Lukasz Leja.. Whilst bottom of the table The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves concluded their campaign in going down 0-2 at home to a New Bradwell St Peter Development side who were taking their unbeaten ways up to six games thanks to a brace of goals from Ted Brown.

Division Two Play-Off Final

Before a sun kissed crowd of 150 at Cranfield United's Crawley Road ground, Division Two South champions Stopsley United emerged the hard fought 3-1 winners over Division Two North champions Ickwell & Old Warden to claim the overall

2023-24 season Division Two league crown. James Potter shooting the United ahead in the 28th minute before Ickwell levelled matters with just 14 minutes left to play with a goal from Joel Jeff and with United's Ryan Northwood red carded just two minutes later it seemed the boys from the Green were now in the driving seat, alas for them United showed just why they had been beaten just once this season by retaking the lead in the 88th minute via Connor Waite and adding to the tally in stoppage time with a third goal from Mikey Carter.

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro

With Harlington Junior Reserves having been deducted five points in midweek for breach of rules in their recent game with Caldecote A and in effect handing the league title to the boys from Harvey Close, the newly crowned league champions ended their season in being beat 0-4 at home by a Luton Panthers side who will now finish the season in third place thanks to goals from Pedram Pishdar, Faith Zih and Cameron Tree.

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro League Table Season 2023-24.

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Caldecote 'A'	18	12	2	4	52	21	31	38
2	Harlington Juniors Reserves	18	13	2	3	51	21	30	36 *
3	Luton Panthers First	18	11	1	6	69	32	37	34
4	Leighton Woodside Rovers	18	11	0	7	43	36	7	32 *
5	Bedford Albion Development	18	9	3	6	52	32	20	30
6	Clifton Reserves	18	8	4	6	30	37	-7	28
7	Elstow Abbey Reserves	18	9	1	8	32	37	-5	25 *
8	Queens Park Crescents Development	18	2	5	11	26	56	-30	11
9	Flitwick Town 'A'	18	2	3	13	20	56	-36	9
10	GS Athletic First	18	2	1	15	21	68	-47	5 *
11	CS Rovers First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-6 *

Monday 6th May 2024

Britannia Cup Final

Before a Kempston Rovers Hillground crowd of 310, Elstow Abbey were to retain their hold of the Britannia Cup with a narrow 2-1 victory over Stotfold Development.

Rather against the run of play Lewis Parkin shot the Abbey ahead some 25 minutes into the action which then was to explode into action in the opening 10 minutes of the second period. Just one minute into the action Parkin was to head the Abbey 2-0 ahead before five minutes later it seemed to be all up for Stotfold when the Abbey were awarded a penalty. Not so, Development goalkeeper Ibrahim Rashid getting down well to beat away Dan Mattin's kick to keep his side in the game.

Just four minutes later it really was game back on when Charlie Mallett reduced the arrears to 2-1. However a combination of stout defending by the Abbey and some poor finishing by the Development saw no further goals

Division Two South

For fourth place LU Donz it was a 6-1 home victory over Bletchley Scot , a result that leaves them requiring a win from their last game this coming weekend to lift themselves into a third spot finish for the season. Nash Bennett and Troy Walker both netted braces alongside single goals from Daniel Neilson and Cameron Saunders against a lone Scot reply from Ben Swepston. Whilst Stopsley United ended their championship winning season with a 0-0 home draw against a Caddington side who were taking their unbeaten ways up to six games.

Saturday 11th May 2024

Watson Shield Final

Before a Weston Park (Wootton Blue Cross) crowd of 183, Shefford Town & Campton U23 came from a goal down to complete a seasons County and League Cup double with a 4-1 victory over Harlington Juniors Reserves. It was the Juniors who were to take the lead in the 25th minute via Ben Smith before just three minutes later Ashley Heley levelled matters up at 1-1.

The Town then gained the lead ten minutes from the break with a goal from Alex Burdett before a late brace from Daniel Kemp on 83 minutes and 90th minutes took them to a 4-1 victory.

Division Two South

The league season came to close with LU Donz running out 7-3 home winners over Brache Phoenix to see them finish in third spot, a very noteworthy performance when you consider that they played 50% of their season's league games during the last 42 days of their campaign. Hasen Awan led the way with a hat-trick alongside single goals from Cameron Saunders, Troy Walker, Nash Bennett and Braddon McIntosh against Phoenix replies via Nana Osei Boffah, Edison Motato and Rupert Nderitu.

Please note a Full seasons review is now in production and will be published later in the month.

Division Two South League Table Season 2023-24.

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stopsley United First	26	23	2	1	100	25	75	71
2	Westoning Recreation First	26	17	4	5	111	40	71	55
3	LU Donz First	26	17	1	8	76	44	32	52
4	Sporting Carpathians First	26	16	3	7	95	41	54	50 *
5	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	26	15	3	8	78	54	24	45 *
6	Bletchley Scot First	26	13	3	10	86	60	26	42
7	Caddington (BCFL)	26	11	6	9	49	53	-4	39
8	New Bradwell St Peter FC Development	26	12	4	10	48	46	2	38 *
9	Brache Phoenix First	26	8	6	12	71	85	-14	30
10	FC Haynes First	26	10	4	12	77	60	17	28 *
11	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	26	9	1	16	57	95	-38	27 *
12	Flitwick Town Reserves	26	6	3	17	40	93	-53	20 *
13	FC Polonia (Luton) First	26	2	2	22	44	130	-86	8
14	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	26	1	2	23	18	124	-106	4 *