



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.

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.

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 15th October 2024

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

The leadership of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table for the first time this season belongs to last season's champions Caldecote after they maintained their season's 100% home record with goals from Rafe Goodman and Sonny Newton Cootes in a 2-0 home victory over the start of play table toppers Cranfield United Reserves who now drop down the standings into third spot to also be overtaken by AFC Oakley following their 1-1 draw at previously 100% Marston Shelton Rovers. Harry Baker on the Rovers scoresheet with Joel Ives replying for the visitors.

For fourth place Wootton Blue Cross it was a retention of their season's 100% away record when a brace of goals from Keaton Marsh took them to a 2-1 victory at Riseley Sports whose reply came via James Cooke. Whilst the biggest winners of the day and notching up their first victory of the season were Crawley Green Development who ran out 5-3 home winners over Biggleswade United Reserves with goals from Lucas Fisher, Kingsley Gibbons, Bill Lambley, Zepplin Macdonald and Stanley Efggleton against United replies via Jamie Essam, Syram Hammond and Enoch Oladamilola.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 15th October 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Caldecote First	7	5	0	2	13	10	3	15
2	AFC Oakley First	7	4	2	1	20	9	11	14
3	Cranfield United Reserves	6	4	1	1	15	8	7	13
4	Wootton Blue Cross First	5	4	0	1	18	11	7	12
5	Marston Shelton Rovers First	4	3	1	0	8	5	3	10
6	Riseley Sports First	7	3	0	4	10	11	-1	9
7	Totternhoe Reserves	7	2	2	3	12	13	-1	8
8	Elstow Abbey First	4	2	1	1	10	8	2	7
9	Biggleswade FC Reserves	6	1	2	3	14	17	-3	5
10	Biggleswade United Reserves	6	1	2	3	14	18	-4	5
11	Crawley Green Development	6	1	2	3	10	14	-4	5
12	Queens Park Crescents First	2	1	0	1	3	4	-1	3
13	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	6	0	2	4	5	16	-11	2
14	Flitwick Town First	5	0	1	4	6	14	-8	1

Elsewhere, Queens Park Crescents opened their belated home season with a 2-1 success over Shefford Town & Campton Reserves. Faizan Fariao and Hassen

Yousaf on their scoresheet against a Town reply from Ashley Heley. Whilst Totternhoe Reserves with goals from Shazan Idress and Jordan Knight won for the first time on the road 2-1 at the bottom of the table Flitwick Town whose came from Phillip Matthews.

Division One

There is no change at the head of the Division One standings following three points hauls by the top three clubs. League leaders Stopsley United remaining 100% for the season and a point clear at the summit after winning 3-1 at Ickwell & Old Warden. It was the home side who netted first via Glenn Tumulty who lobbed the United goalkeeper Rob Smith from just over the half-way line just 11 minutes into the game before Logan Burton levelled matters some 15 minutes later. United went 2-1 up in the 63th minute via Callum Frater before a successful free kick from the edge of the penalty area from Steve Wake made it 3-1 in the 70 minute. United then had to dig deep to retain their lead with just 10 men after Aissia Bakkas was shown a straight red card with 14 minutes left to play.

For second place Sporting Carpathians it was victory number five on the bounce in winning 4-1 at AFC Oakley Development. Emmamuel Asare with a brace plus goals from Marcel Buruiana and Petrut Negut doing the damage against a lone home reply from Dom Whiteley. Whilst third place Harlington Juniors were given the three points when Bedford SA failed to raise a side to travel to meet them.

Division One League Table at 15th October 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stopsley United First	6	6	0	0	26	8	18	18
2	Sporting Carpathians First	7	5	2	0	20	6	14	17
3	Harlington Juniors First	7	5	1	1	34	11	23	16
4	Buffs FC Saturday First	5	3	0	2	7	6	1	9
5	Ickwell & Old Warden First	7	2	3	2	13	15	-2	9
6	Clifton First	4	2	1	1	11	6	5	7
7	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	5	1	2	2	12	16	-4	5
8	Bedford Albion First	3	1	1	1	12	11	1	4
9	AFC Oakley Development	5	1	1	3	10	20	-10	4
10	Kempston United First	7	1	1	5	10	27	-17	4
11	Renhold United First	7	1	0	6	15	27	-12	3
12	Bedford SA First	5	0	0	5	2	19	-17	-3*

In fourth spot are Buffs FC who with goals from Antony James and Paul Morris won 2-0 at Clifton and also enjoying life on the road to gain their first points of the season were Renhold United the 3-2 victors at Kempston United. Strikes from Nathan

France, Alessandro Guarino and Adelana Gbolaji doing the damage with Elijan Haynes and Fabien Cataldo making the home replies.

Elsewhere, Wootton Blue Cross Reserves still await their first home win of the season after being held to a 2-2 draw by Bedford Albion. Henry Leadbeate-Hart and Jamie Gachura netted for the Blue Cross against Albion replies via Shane Cox and Angelo Moscaritolo.

Division Two North

Thurleigh remain on top of the Division Two North standings after claiming their fifth win on the bounce to stay 100% on home soil with a 7-0 victory over Clifton Development. Ed Shaw and Josh Marshall led the way with braces to go alongside single strikes from Matas Navikas, Brandon Shoesmith and Charlie Hurley. Whilst now in second place are FC Haynes who with an own goal and strikes from Ross Airson and Sam Lummis won 3-1 at Bedford Albion Development for whom Ben Worbey replied.

Dropping down into third spot are Blunham who were held to a 1-1 draw at the still unbeaten and fourth place AFC Bedford United. Josh Staynor found the net for the visiting side with Gary Townsend doing likewise for the United. Whilst in fifth place are Green End Rovers who were held to a likewise 1-1 home draw by Caldecote Reserves..Callum Rust the home marksman against a Nick Thomas penalty in reply.

Elsewhere, Shefford Town & Campton Development returned to winning ways with a 4-2 home win over M&DH Clapham Sports who were falling to their fifth defeat on the bounce. Jacob Jevon with a brace plus goals from Luca Phillips and Joe Ranson marking the home scoresheet against Sports replies from Flynn Bradley and Fred Shannon.

Division Two North League Table at 15th October 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Thurleigh FC	6	5	0	1	19	4	15	15
2	FC Haynes First	7	4	1	2	15	16	-1	13
3	Blunham (BCFL)	6	3	3	0	16	5	11	12
4	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	5	3	2	0	13	6	7	11
5	Green End Rovers First	6	3	1	2	14	11	3	10
6	Shefford Town & Campton Development	5	3	0	2	12	11	1	9
7	Bedford Albion Development	7	2	1	4	10	13	-3	7
8	Caldecote Reserves	6	2	1	3	9	13	-4	7
9	Wixams Wanderers First	5	2	0	3	15	13	2	3*
10	M&DH Clapham Sports First	6	0	1	5	7	18	-11	1
11	Clifton Development	5	0	0	5	7	27	-20	0

Division Two South

Lu Donz made it four wins on the bounce to stay two points clear at the head of the standings with a 4-3 home success over Harlington Juniors Reserves. Leroy White with a brace plus goals from Alfie Seville and Brandon McIntosh doing the damage against Juniors replies from Ben Smith twice and Glenn Cooksley once. Whilst second place Luton Panthers ran out 5-2 home winners over Flitwick Town Reserves. Shakir Ghulanh Kouser led the way with a hat-trick alongside single goals from Qasim Digby and Ryan Spence to bring up the nap hand whilst the Town's goals came from Daniel Staniforth and Matt Mann.

There was a first victory of the season for Stotfold Junior 4-1 at home over Caddington thanks to goals from Jakob Akusihe, Joseph Evans, Rob Irving and Robert Syrne against a lone reply from Kwane Richards. A feat that was also achieved on the road by both AFC Kempston Town Hammers and Bletchley Scot. The Hammers with goals from Gavin Cheema and Christopher Seaman won 2-0 at Caldecote A with the Scot emerging as the 3-2 winners at New Bradwell St Peter Development thanks to goals from Rowan Holland, Ben Swepston and Ryan Thirkell., with the home replies coming from Charlie Fisher and Adil Kitiri.

Division Two South League Table at 15th October 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	LU Donz First	7	5	1	1	18	13	5	16
2	Luton Panthers First	7	4	2	1	30	14	16	14
3	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	4	3	1	0	18	4	14	10
4	Flitwick Town Reserves	6	3	0	3	19	23	-4	9
5	Bletchley Scot First	4	2	1	1	9	9	0	7
6	New Bradwell St Peter FC Development	5	2	1	2	8	6	2	6*
7	Caldecote A	7	1	2	4	5	21	-16	5
8	Brache Phoenix First	4	1	1	2	11	13	-2	4
9	Caddington (BCFL)	5	1	1	3	8	13	-5	4
10	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	5	1	1	3	5	11	-6	4
11	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	6	1	1	4	8	16	-8	4
12	Harlington Juniors Reserves	4	2	0	2	10	6	4	3*

Hertfordshire FA Junior Cup 2nd Round

It was the end of the cup road for Lea Sports PSG who had just an Ethan McEvoy goal to show from their 2-1 defeat by Harpenden Colts.

Division Three

Kempston Athletic remain unbeaten this season and now three points clear at the head of the league table following their 3-0 home victory over Athletic FC. Lance Jeffers with a brace and a goal from Hayden Bartram ending the visitors 100% away record for the season. Whilst second place Sandy Reserves lost their season's unbeaten ways when beaten 0-2 at home by Elstow Reserves whose goals came from Craig Damon and Mikey Rosborough.

For third place Dunstable Wanderers it was the gift of three points when Meltis Rangers failed to raise a side to host them at Miller Road. Whilst now in fourth spot are Lewsey Park who were 5-3 home winners over Queens Park Crescents Development. Patrick Daly led the way with a hat-trick and joined on their scoresheet by Jay Sharpe and a Lee Mooney penalty to bring up the nap hand. The Crescents replies came via Hassan Nadeem, Joshua Tabiri and Volter Copelo.

Winning for the third time on the road this season was FC Polonia (Luton) 3-2 at Wilstead thanks to a brace from Mateusz Antoniuk to go alongside a strike from Fabien Pawlec. against home replies via Terry Griffiths and Colin Marshall. Whilst Flitwick Town A collected their first away point of the season from a 2-2 draw at The 61 FC Luton Reserves thanks to goals from Max Hughes and Ridwan Giwa. Jordan Fuller with a brace marking the home scoresheet.

Division Three League Table at 15th October 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston Athletic First	6	5	1	0	18	2	16	16
2	Sandy Reserves	6	4	1	1	14	7	7	13
3	Dunstable Wanderers First	4	3	1	0	13	2	11	10
4	Lewsey Park First	5	3	1	1	18	13	5	10
5	Athletic FC First	5	3	0	2	21	14	7	9
6	Queens Park Crescents Development	5	3	0	2	21	18	3	9
7	FC Polonia (Luton) First	6	3	0	3	17	14	3	8*
8	Elstow Abbey Reserves	5	2	0	3	9	12	-3	6
9	Flitwick Town 'A'	5	1	1	3	13	19	-6	4
10	Meltis Rangers First	5	1	1	3	9	14	-5	3*
11	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	5	1	1	3	10	25	-15	3*
12	Everton Athletic FC First	5	0	1	4	9	20	-11	1
13	Wilstead First	4	0	0	4	6	18	-12	0

Division Four

The leadership of the Division Four table is now in the hands of EB Lions AFC U21 following their 5-4 home victory over Stopsley United Reserves. Thomas Walsh with a brace plus goals from Sam Rolfe, Daniel Gillard and Theo Briggs bringing up the nap hand. against home braces in reply from Camron Nagle and Craig McCann. Whilst just the goal difference behind in the second spot are Ampthill Town Colts who were gifted the three points when Wootton Blue Cross A failed to raise a side to entertain them.

The biggest win of the day went the way of DTCC FC who were 10-1 home victors over Henlow Hurricanes to chalk up their fifth win on the bounce. Connor Talyor led the way with four goals, Chris Sorrentino grabbed a brace to go alongside single strikes from Luke Janes, Connor O'Neill, Ben Griffiths and George Adams-Rimmer with the loan reply coming from Armaan Haria. For sixth place Turvey it was a 5-0 home success over the still pointless Everton Athletic Reserves.. Luca Hames with a brace plus goals from Jake King, William Westwood and James Vinnicombe bringing up the nap hand.

Elsewhere, M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves and AFC Clophill after both losing their last two outings played out a 1-1 draw. Haydon Stringer replying for the visitors.

Division Four League Table at 15th October 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	EB Lions AFC (Sat) Mens U21	6	5	0	1	22	11	11	15
2	Ampthill Town Colts	5	5	0	0	16	5	11	15
3	Wootton Blue Cross A	7	5	1	1	15	9	6	15*
4	Stopsley United Reserves	6	4	0	2	37	14	23	12
5	Dunstable Town Cricket Club DTCC FC Satu	6	4	0	2	28	12	16	12
6	Turvey First	6	4	0	2	29	12	17	9*
7	AFC Clophill First	5	1	1	3	10	17	-7	4
8	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	5	1	1	3	7	17	-10	4
9	Henlow Hurricanes First	5	1	0	4	3	23	-20	2*
10	Catsbrook Wanderers First	5	0	1	4	6	17	-11	1
11	Everton Athletic FC Res	4	0	0	4	4	28	-24	0
12	AFC Bedford United (Sat) U23	4	0	0	4	3	15	-12	-3*