



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.

Change of Fixture Secretary:

PLEASE NOTE: FROM 1st FEBRUARY, SIMON DUTTON [07958 264613 duttonsp@gmail.com] WILL TAKE OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL FIXTURES.

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 February 2025

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

The leadership of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table is now in the hands of Marston Shelton Rovers who remain unbeaten on the road this season and in their last nine outings after winning 3-1 at Riseley Sports via a brace of goals from Luke Clifford and a strike from Justice Gittens. The Rovers moved three points clear of Wootton Blue Cross who lost their season's 100% away record when beaten 2-0 at third place AFC Oakley. The home goals coming via Joel Ives and Omojiseoluwa Bankole.

All the other four games were to go the way of the visitors with Totternhoe Reserves winning on the road for the first time in six outings with a 5-2 victory at Crawley Green Development. Sam Hazel with a hat-trick and goals from Tyler Roe and Ben Andrews bringing up the nap hand against home replies via Ciaran Maher and Kyle Dilley Smith. Whilst Elstow Abbey returned to winning ways on the road with a 4-1 victory at Shefford Town & Campton Reserves. Glenn Tumulty with a brace plus goals from Marko Tobdzic and Craig Damon doing the damage with Luca Phillips replying for the Town.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 15th February 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Marston Shelton Rovers First	15	11	3	1	44	23	21	36
2	Wootton Blue Cross First	14	11	0	3	47	21	26	33
3	AFC Oakley First	15	10	2	3	47	18	29	32
4	Cranfield United Reserves	17	7	4	6	36	26	10	25
5	Caldecote First	16	7	2	7	32	33	-1	23
6	Elstow Abbey First	13	7	1	5	40	30	10	22
7	Biggleswade United Reserves	14	6	2	6	43	36	7	20
8	Queens Park Crescents First	10	6	2	2	20	14	6	20
9	Crawley Green Development	17	5	3	9	34	53	-19	18
10	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	18	5	3	10	25	49	-24	18
11	Riseley Sports First	16	5	2	9	27	32	-5	17
12	Totternhoe Reserves	14	4	3	7	24	31	-7	15
13	Biggleswade FC Reserves	20	3	4	13	34	73	-39	13
14	Flitwick Town First	13	3	1	9	27	41	-14	10

Now unbeaten in their last five away outings are Queens Park Crescents who required just a goal from Hassen Yousaf to win 1-0 at Flitwick Town, whilst defending champions Caldecote won for the first time in seven league outings 3-0 at

Biggleswade FC Reserves thanks to goals from Louie Clarke, Chris Faulkner and Tobi Omotosho.

Division One

_Just two games to report upon, For Buffs FC in was a first victory in four outings with a 4-1 home success over Bedford Albion where Luke Hennessey grabbed all four goals against a lone Albion reply from Nathan France. Whilst second from bottom of the table Wootton Blue Cross Reserves scraped to a 5-4 home victory over bottom club Bedford SA. Josh Aranielle with a hat-trick and goals from Haydon Rothchild and Hentry Ledbetter-Hart bringing up the nap hand against SA Replies via Oskar Szarycz twice plus single goals from Nial Quigley and Jerome Smith.

Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup Quarter-Finals

_Stopsley United will now host AFC Oakley Development or LU Donz in the last four after a goal from Connor Waite took them to a 1-0 victory at Kempston United. In the other half of the draw it was a 7-0 away victory for Harlington Juniors at Clifton, James Sheridan and Freddie Knight with braces being joined on the scoresheet by Ben Thorton, Ben Whalley and Tyler Ingham to earn them a home encounter with Ickwell & Old Warden who with a goal from Jack Parratt were 1-0 home winners over Harlington Juniors Reserves.

Division One League Table at 15th February 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stopsley United First	15	11	1	3	54	21	33	34
2	Harlington Juniors First	13	10	2	1	60	19	41	32
3	Bedford Albion First	12	6	3	3	40	25	15	21
4	Kempston United First	16	6	1	9	34	46	-12	19
5	Clifton First	10	5	3	2	28	17	11	18
6	Sporting Carpathians First	8	5	2	1	21	11	10	17
7	Buffs FC Saturday First	13	5	2	6	21	27	-6	17
8	Ickwell & Old Warden First	15	4	4	7	24	31	-7	15 *
9	AFC Oakley Development	13	2	5	6	18	38	-20	10 *
10	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	11	2	3	6	19	35	-16	9
11	Bedford SA First	14	1	0	13	17	66	-49	0 *

Division Two North

_For league leaders Thurleigh it was the gift of three points when Bedford Albion Development failed to raise a side to host them at Woodlands Park and keep them five points ahead of now second place Caldecote Reserves who have played one game fewer after they chalked up win number nine on the bounce 2-1 at home over

Wixams Wanderers. Reece Glasgow and James Tubridy on the home scoresheet with Sam Maelzer hitting the visitors reply.

Dropping down into third spot are Blunham whose scheduled encounter with M&DH Clapham Sports was postponed after both clubs pitches were ruled unplayable. Whilst now up into fourth place are FC Haynes who ran out 4-1 home winners over Green End Rovers. Daniel Parker with a brace and goals from Sam Kelly and Tyler Winter doing the damage against a lone reply from Max Natola. The three points lifting them above AFC Bedford United who nevertheless remain unbeaten on the road this season after returning from Shefford Town & Campton Development with a share of the points from a 1-1 draw. Mkhokozisi Tabeloncube on the mark for the Town and Gary Townsend doing likewise for United.

Division Two North League Table at 15th February 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Thurleigh FC	14	11	0	3	43	8	35	33
2	Caldecote Reserves	13	9	1	3	36	16	20	28
3	Blunham (BCFL)	14	8	3	3	37	24	13	27
4	FC Haynes First	16	8	2	6	39	35	4	26
5	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	12	7	4	1	32	19	13	25
6	Green End Rovers First	13	5	2	6	32	31	1	17
7	Shefford Town & Campton Development	14	4	2	8	34	47	-13	14
8	Wixams Wanderers First	14	4	3	7	27	39	-12	12 *
9	Bedford Albion Development	16	2	3	11	23	57	-34	8 *
10	M&DH Clapham Sports First	12	0	2	10	11	38	-27	2

Division Two South

With second place New Bradwell St Peter Development sitting the afternoon out, taking full advantage to move five points clear at the head of the league standings were LU Donz who remain unbeaten on home soil this season following their 5-1 home success over AFC Kempston Town Hammers. Cameron Saunders and Troy Walker with braces plus a strike from Leroy White bringing up the nap hand against a lone Hammers reply from Giovanni Moscaritolo. Also still unbeaten on home soil this season are third place Lea Sports PSG who with a brace of goals from Matt Morton beat Bletchley Scot 2-0.

For now fourth place Caddington it was the biggest victory of the day 10-1 at now bottom of the table Brache Phoenix their first success on the road for seven outings.

Ryan Smith, Kwane Richards and Adam England all with braces to go alongside two own goals plus strikes from Mark Reilly and George Burden doing the damage against a lone home reply via Yassen Khan. This big victory lifting them goal difference ahead of Luton Panthers who were the 3-1 home winners over Stotfold

Juniort thanks to goals from Shakir Ghalam Kouser, Curtis Long and Andrew Francois against a lone reply from Joseph Evans.

Lifting themselves off of the bottom of the table were Caldecote A who ended a run of five straight defeats by sharing the points from a 2-2 draw at Flitwick Town Reserves.. Thomas Giggie and Thomas Barnett on the mark for the Town against replies via Ollie Plews and Isaac Warwick for the visitors.

Division Two South League Table at 15th February 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	LU Donz First	15	11	2	2	55	26	29	35
2	New Bradwell St Peter FC Development	15	10	1	4	38	20	18	30 *
3	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	15	8	5	2	52	29	23	29
4	Caddington (BCFL)	15	7	3	5	44	30	14	24
5	Luton Panthers First	17	7	3	7	53	43	10	24
6	Harlington Juniors Reserves	11	8	1	2	44	16	28	22 *
7	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	15	6	2	7	40	37	3	20
8	Flitwick Town Reserves	17	5	2	10	38	53	-15	17
9	Bletchley Scot First	10	4	2	4	27	32	-5	14
10	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	15	3	3	9	26	52	-26	12
11	Caldecote A	18	2	4	12	22	74	-52	9 *
12	Brache Phoenix First	13	2	2	9	24	51	-27	8

Division Three

With morning second place Sandy Reserves having their home encounter against The 61 FC Luton Reserves postponed due to the state of their Bedford Road pitch, now in second spot are Lewsey Park who made it four home wins on the trot in beating Flitwick Town A 5-3. Joshua Ogden with a brace plus goals from Jonathan Barnett, Kyle Lee Lincoln and Wayne O'Connor bringing up the nap hand whilst the Town replies came from Gareth Fossey, Liam Hyland-Knight and Matt Mann.

Missing the chance to also climb above the boys from Bedford Road were Athletic FC who were held to a 2-2 draw at FC Polonia (Luton) Fabien Pawelec and Adam Wojityna on the home scoresheet against replies from Mo Banda and Aaron Van-Horn. Whilst Wilstead were the 4-0 home winners over Dunstable Wanderers. thanks to goals from Michael Taylor, Nat Gentle-King, Colin Marshall and Jude Thompson.

Division Three League Table at 15th February 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston Athletic First	15	13	2	0	63	8	55	41
2	Lewsey Park First	14	11	1	2	56	25	31	34
3	Sandy Reserves	16	10	2	4	45	29	16	32
4	Athletic FC First	15	9	3	3	55	29	26	30
5	Queens Park Crescents Development	14	8	2	4	53	31	22	26
6	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	13	6	1	6	30	48	-18	18 *
7	Dunstable Wanderers First	13	5	2	6	30	28	2	17
8	Wilstead First	15	6	0	9	26	37	-11	17 *
9	FC Polonia (Luton) First	16	6	1	9	42	48	-6	15 *
10	Elstow Abbey Reserves	15	4	0	11	20	44	-24	12
11	Flitwick Town 'A'	16	3	3	10	31	66	-35	12
12	Meltis Rangers First	14	3	2	9	22	53	-31	10 *
13	Everton Athletic FC First	14	1	1	12	23	50	-27	1 *

Watson Shield Second Round

_With two goals from Simon Wade and a strike from Tesfa Bernard, Meltis Rangers emerged the 3-0 winners at Elstow Abbey Reserves. Whilst Bedfordshire Saturday Youth side Cranfield Colts U18 Cobras won 5-0 at Everton Athletic.

Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup Quarter-Finals

_Nikola Markovic hit a hat-trick, Alexander Wasilewski weighed in with a brace and Kieran Carrington added a single strike against United replies from Alfie Alexander and Cameron Nagle. The Crescents themselves were the 4-2 home winners over Turvey. Goals from Volter Copelo, Ayaz Hussain and Hasen Nadeem plus and own goal outweighing Jake King being on the mark twice for the visitors.

In the other half of the draw Ampthill Town Colts with goals from Reece Bowling, Cathal Kitson, Lennan Pilgrim, George Shaw and Luke Tyrell ran out 5-2 home winners over Woburn & Wavendon to earn a home encounter with Cambs League Sandy FC who with goals from Jordan Cobb, Sam Heatley, Andy Williams, Callum Walter and Kai Smith won 5-1 at DTCC FC whose lone reply came from Ethan Kennedy.

Division Four

_For third place Wootton Blue Cross A it was home win number four on the bounce with a 6-2 home victory over Everton Athletic Reserves. Alfie Young led the way with a hat-trick, Ben Hall adding a brace to go alongside a single goal from Cody

Copperwheat. Whilst AFC Clophill were gifted the three points to take them up to eighth spot after Henlow Hurricanes failed to raise a side to journey to meet them.

Division Four League Table at 15th February 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stopsley United Reserves	15	12	0	3	68	31	37	36
2	Ampthill Town Colts	13	11	2	0	57	21	36	35
3	Wootton Blue Cross A	14	10	1	3	38	26	12	30 *
4	Turvey First	14	8	1	5	49	36	13	24 *
5	EB Lions AFC (Sat) Mens U21	12	8	2	2	42	21	21	23 *
6	Dunstable Town Cricket Club DTCC FC Satu	14	7	1	6	48	33	15	22
7	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	13	3	1	9	25	44	-19	10
8	AFC Clophill First	14	4	1	9	23	42	-19	10 *
9	Catsbrook Wanderers First	15	2	2	11	17	40	-23	8
10	Everton Athletic FC Res	14	1	1	12	23	75	-52	4
11	Henlow Hurricanes First	12	2	2	8	20	41	-21	2 *
12	AFC Bedford United (Sat) U23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3 *