



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 21st December 2024

The lone game of the afternoon saw Sandy Reserves move to within three points of Division Three league leaders Kempston Athletic with a 5-2 away victory at Wilstead. Charlie Singleton with a hat-trick and goals from Raul Phillips and Adam Clark bringing up their nap hand against a brace in reply from Michael Jones for the home side.

Saturday 4th January 2025

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Marston Shelton Rovers are now just goal difference behind league leaders Wootton Blue Cross after they retained their seasons unbeaten ways on the road with a 3-2 victory at Elstow Abbey thanks to goals from Sam Smith, Luke Clifford and Harry Baker. against home replies via Daniel Green and Craig Damom. Whilst down at the other end of the table the records books will show Shefford Town & Campton Reserves claiming their first home win of the season to climb off of the bottom of the table in beating Biggleswade FC Reserves 4-2 but with their home pitch frozen off the game was in fact played on the 3G at Stratton School the home venue of the FC. Emmanuel Oyegoke with a brace plus goals from Oliver Kemp and Alfie Gauntlett doing the damage against Rafael Miles and Adam Ahmad-Pearce replying for the FC.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 4th January 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Wootton Blue Cross First	10	9	0	1	41	15	26	27
2	Marston Shelton Rovers First	12	8	3	1	35	20	15	27
3	AFC Oakley First	12	8	2	2	41	14	27	26
4	Cranfield United Reserves	13	6	3	4	31	20	11	21
5	Caldecote First	14	6	2	6	27	30	-3	20
6	Elstow Abbey First	9	5	1	3	28	20	8	16
7	Queens Park Crescents First	7	4	2	1	14	9	5	14
8	Biggleswade United Reserves	11	4	2	5	32	30	2	14
9	Riseley Sports First	13	4	1	8	22	27	-5	13
10	Totternhoe Reserves	11	3	3	5	17	24	-7	12
11	Crawley Green Development	12	3	2	7	23	43	-20	11
12	Biggleswade FC Reserves	14	2	4	8	25	50	-25	10
13	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	12	2	2	8	16	35	-19	8
14	Flitwick Town First	10	2	1	7	20	35	-15	7

The only other game to beat the frozen surfaces saw Caldecote take their winless run up to five games when held to a 2-2 home draw by Riseley Sports. Chris Richardson and Daniel Webb on the mark for the home side with James Cooke netting both of the visitors' replies.

Postponed were the games. AFC Oakley v Wootton Blue Cross: Crawley Green Development v Flitwick Town: Queens Park Crescents v Cranfield United Reserves and Totternhoe Reserves v Biggleswade United Reserves.

Division One

Bedford Albion produced the result of the day in claiming their first home win of the season in beating Stopsley United 1-0 to prevent the United climbing to the top of the league table. Joshua Adeniyi netting the all important goal. Whilst with goals from Fabien Cataldo and Junior Samuel Kempston United won for the first time on the road this season 2-0 at Buffs FC.

Also winning on the road for the first time in five outings was AFC Oakley Development 2-1 at Wootton Blue Cross Reserves. with goals from Joseph McDonagh and Charlie Corcoran with Josh Araniello replying for the Blue Cross.

Postponed were the games Clifton v Bedford SA and Harlington Juniors v Ickwell & Old Warden.

Division One League Table at 4th January 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Harlington Juniors First	10	8	1	1	50	16	34	25
2	Stopsley United First	11	8	0	3	36	18	18	24
3	Sporting Carpathians First	8	5	2	1	21	11	10	17
4	Clifton First	8	4	2	2	24	15	9	14
5	Bedford Albion First	7	4	2	1	20	13	7	14
6	Buffs FC Saturday First	10	4	1	5	15	21	-6	13
7	Kempston United First	12	4	1	7	20	37	-17	13
8	Ickwell & Old Warden First	11	3	3	5	19	25	-6	12
9	AFC Oakley Development	11	2	4	5	17	28	-11	9*
10	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	7	1	2	4	12	21	-9	5
11	Bedford SA First	9	0	0	9	5	34	-29	-3*

Division Two North

Caldecote Reserves took their winning ways up to six games to move up to third place in the league table with a 2-0 away victory at FC Haynes. thanks to goals from James Bright and James Tubridy. Whilst bottom of the table M&DH Clapham Sports

despite goals from Fred Shannon and Andy Sims are still awaiting their first victory of the season after being defeated 3-2 at Wixams Wanderers whose goals came via a Scott Gadsden brace and a single strike from Louis Harford-Smith.

Being postponed were the games AFC Bedford United v Green End Rovers : Blunham v Bedford Albion Development and Shefford Town & Campton Development v Thurleigh.

Division Two North League Table at 4th January 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Thurleigh FC	10	8	0	2	32	6	26	24
2	Blunham (BCFL)	11	6	3	2	27	19	8	21
3	Caldecote Reserves	10	6	1	3	27	12	15	19
4	FC Haynes First	12	6	1	5	28	26	2	19
5	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	9	5	3	1	22	15	7	18
6	Green End Rovers First	9	4	1	4	22	18	4	13
7	Wixams Wanderers First	10	4	1	5	19	24	-5	10*
8	Bedford Albion Development	12	2	3	7	18	34	-16	9
9	Shefford Town & Campton Development	9	2	1	6	15	36	-21	7
10	M&DH Clapham Sports First	10	0	2	8	10	30	-20	2

Division Two South

In losing their 100% seasons unbeaten home record when held to a 2-2 draw by AFC Kempston Town Hammers, Lea Sports PSG missed the chance to go to the top of the league standings, Joe Hennem and Harrison Sheaf the PSG marksmen against Hammers replies from Max Donovan and Kyle Lewis. Whilst third place New Bradwell St Peters Development took their winning ways up to four games with a 3-1 home success over league leaders LU Donz. who were being beaten for the first time in eight outings. Zak Dowse, Ethan Couling plus an own goal doing the damage with Phil Saxby being the lone Donz goalscorer.

The games postponed being Bletchley Scot v Stotfold Junior and Flitwick Town Reserves v Harlington Juniors Reserves.

Division Two South League Table at 4th January 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	LU Donz First	11	7	2	2	28	21	7	23
2	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	12	6	4	2	40	27	13	22
3	New Bradwell St Peter FC Development	11	7	1	3	27	15	12	21*
4	Harlington Juniors Reserves	9	6	1	2	32	13	19	16*
5	Luton Panthers First	11	4	3	4	38	25	13	15
6	Flitwick Town Reserves	12	5	0	7	31	41	-10	15
7	Caddington (BCFL)	11	4	2	5	22	25	-3	14
8	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	11	4	1	6	32	31	1	13
9	Bletchley Scot First	7	3	2	2	22	22	0	11
10	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	12	2	3	7	22	39	-17	9
11	Caldecote A	13	2	3	8	16	48	-32	9
12	Brache Phoenix First	8	2	2	4	20	23	-3	8

Division Three

Third place Athletic FC are now unbeaten in their last four outings following their 2-2 draw at Flitwick Town A who were ending a five game losing run. Thomas Giggie and George Roach on the Town scoresheet with the visitors replies coming via Jason Allison and Asif Mzee. Whilst with goals from Nat Gentle-King, Luke Pursey and Tyler Davenport, Wilstead were the 3-1 home winners over Elstow Abbey Reserves who were losing for the fourth time on the bounce, their lone reply coming from George Whitmore.

Postponed were the games Dunstable Wanderers v Queens Park Crescents Development: Everton Athletic v Meltis Rangers; FC Polonia (Luton) v Kempston Athletic and Sandy Reserves v The 61 FC Luton Reserves.

Division Four

In the only game to beat the elements AFC Clophill gained their first home victory of the season and their first win in nine outings in beating Catsbrook Wanderers 3-1. Jonathan Smith with a brace plus a goal from Hayden Stringer doing the damage against a lone Wanderers reply from Jason McDonagh.

Postponed were the games Ampthill Town Colts v Henlow Hurricanes: EB Lions v Everton Athletic: Stopsley United Reserves v DTCC FC and Turvey v M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves.

Division Three League Table at 4th January 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston Athletic First	12	10	2	0	51	5	46	32
2	Sandy Reserves	13	9	2	2	40	19	21	29
3	Athletic FC First	12	7	2	3	45	25	20	23
4	Queens Park Crescents Development	11	7	1	3	46	25	21	22
5	Lewsey Park First	10	7	1	2	39	21	18	22
6	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	11	5	1	5	28	42	-14	15 *
7	Dunstable Wanderers First	9	4	2	3	23	17	6	14
8	Wilstead First	13	5	0	8	20	33	-13	14 *
9	Elstow Abbey Reserves	13	4	0	9	18	35	-17	12
10	FC Polonia (Luton) First	12	4	0	8	32	40	-8	8 *
11	Flitwick Town 'A'	12	2	2	8	21	53	-32	8
12	Meltis Rangers First	11	2	2	7	16	47	-31	7 *
13	Everton Athletic FC First	11	1	1	9	21	38	-17	1 *

Division Four League Table at 4th January 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Amphill Town Colts	10	9	1	0	41	16	25	28
2	Stopsley United Reserves	12	9	0	3	53	26	27	27
3	Wootton Blue Cross A	11	8	1	2	28	21	7	24 *
4	Turvey First	11	7	0	4	40	27	13	20 *
5	EB Lions AFC (Sat) Mens U21	9	6	1	2	33	16	17	16 *
6	Dunstable Town Cricket Club DTCC FC Satu	11	5	1	5	37	27	10	16
7	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	10	2	1	7	19	35	-16	7
8	Catsbrook Wanderers First	11	2	1	8	11	28	-17	7
9	AFC Claphill First	11	2	1	8	20	35	-15	4 *
10	Henlow Hurricanes First	9	2	1	6	16	34	-18	4 *
11	Everton Athletic FC Res	9	1	0	8	13	46	-33	3
12	AFC Bedford United (Sat) U23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3 *