



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 23rd November 2024

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

AFC Oakley are now within a point of league leaders Wootton Blue Cross who have played two games fewer after they chalked up home win number four on the bounce with a 5-1 victory over the bottom of the table Shefford Town & Campton Reserves with goals from Harry Chinn, Teddy Daniels, Joel Benajim Ives, Omojseoluwa Bankole and Joseph McDonald with the lone Town reply coming from Taylor Robinson. Whilst Caldecote who sit in third spot saw a continuation of their poor away form when beaten 5-3 at the second from bottom of the table Flitwick Town. Phil Matthews with a hat-trick and Florin Filimon with a brace bringing up the nap hand for the Town against visitors replies via Lloyd James twice and Giuseppe Follano once.

For fourth place Marston Shelton Rovers and fifth place Cranfield United Reserves it was a share of the spoils from a 1-1 draw. Jamie Cerminara the Rovers marksman with Jordan Conway replying for the United. Whilst a serious player injury saw the Queens Park Crescents v Biggleswade United Reserves game abandoned after just 30 minutes of play.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 23rd November 24

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Wootton Blue Cross First	9	8	0	1	38	15	23	24
2	AFC Oakley First	11	7	2	2	36	13	23	23
3	Caldecote First	12	6	1	5	24	23	1	19
4	Marston Shelton Rovers First	9	5	3	1	19	14	5	18
5	Cranfield United Reserves	11	5	2	4	27	19	8	17
6	Queens Park Crescents First	6	4	1	1	13	8	5	13
7	Elstow Abbey First	7	4	1	2	19	17	2	13
8	Riseley Sports First	11	4	0	7	18	21	-3	12
9	Biggleswade United Reserves	9	3	2	4	27	27	0	11
10	Totternhoe Reserves	9	3	2	4	14	18	-4	11
11	Biggleswade FC Reserves	11	2	3	6	20	36	-16	9
12	Crawley Green Development	9	2	2	5	17	27	-10	8
13	Flitwick Town First	9	2	1	6	18	32	-14	7
14	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	9	0	2	7	7	27	-20	2

Elsewhere, the shock of the day saw Crawley Green Development collect their first away points of the season when winning 5-3 at the previously unbeaten at home Elstow Abbey. Kingsley Gibbons and Kayden Dearman both on the scoresheet twice

alongside a strike from Robby Doran against Abbey replies via Craog Damon twice and Steve Gentle once. Whilst also winning for the first time on the road this season were Biggleswade FC Reserves with a 2-1 success at Riseley Sports. Rafael Sabado Miles and Seth Robinson the FC goalscorers against a Sports reply from Jay Willett.

Away from the league the Totternhoe Reserves v Wootton Blue Cross Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy game fell victim to the weather.

Division One

The lone game of the afternoon took fourth place Ickwell & Old Warden to a 3-0 home victory over bottom of the table Bedford SA. Kyle Johannesen, Daniel Jeffries and Glenn Tumulty all found the back of the net.

Division One League Table at 23rd November 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stopsley United First	8	8	0	0	34	10	24	24
2	Harlington Juniors First	9	7	1	1	45	15	30	22
3	Sporting Carpathians First	8	5	2	1	21	11	10	17
4	Ickwell & Old Warden First	9	3	3	3	15	16	-1	12
5	Clifton First	6	2	2	2	16	12	4	8
6	Bedford Albion First	4	2	1	1	14	12	2	7
7	Bufs FC Saturday First	7	2	1	4	6	15	-9	7
8	Kempston United First	9	2	1	6	13	30	-17	7
9	AFC Oakley Development	8	1	3	4	14	22	-8	5*
10	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	6	1	2	3	11	19	-8	5
11	Bedford SA First	8	0	0	8	4	31	-27	-3*

Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup 1st Round

The biggest winners of the day were Harlington Juniors who won 6-0 at Thurleigh. Ben Whalley with a hat-trick leading the way to go alongside a successful penalty from Luke Jeffery and strikes from George Goodall and Louis Brandham to earn them a trip in the next round to Clifton who ran out 3-0 home winners over AFC Kempston Town Hammers.

Harlington Juniors Reserves also made it into the next round when two goals from Ben Smith and a strike from James Fletcher saw them win 3-1 at FC Haynes to take them on the road in the next round to Ickwell & Old Warden. Daniel Parker replying for the FC. Whilst Kempston United required a 7-6 penalty shoot-out success to prevail at Caddington after 90 minutes play had seen the sides all square at 1-1 to earn them a home tie against either Wootton Blue Cross Reserves or Stopsley

United whose game was postponed due to a waterlogged surface at Weston Park. Isaac Lubanga-Kene Okello on the home scoresheet against a United reply from Frank Touko.

Elsewhere, Lu Donz with goals from Brandon McIntosh, Harrison Awan and Conor Jay were 3-1 home winners over Caldecote Reserves whose goal came from Chrisopher Clark to take them to meet Kempston Rovers Reserves in the next round after they ran out 3-0 home winners over AFC Oakley Development thanks to goals from Tony Gibbs, Luke Rowe and Jim Taylor.

David Grainge Junior Trophy (Berks & Bucks Junior Cup)

It was the end of the road for New Bradwell St Peter Development who were beaten 2-0 at Grendon Rangers. The Rangers goals came from Kieron Moreton and Ben Harrington.

Division Two North

A lone goal from Harrison White gave Wixham Wanderers a 1-0 home victory over Green End Rovers. Whilst make what you will of this, Bedford Albion Development having lost their last three home games were obliged with their home pitch ruled unplayable having their game switched to the home venue of Shefford Town & Campton Development who were seeking their first away points of the season. The outcome a 4-4 draw. Shema Dixon with a brace plus Jacob- Huxley-Duggan and Pan Ashe Manyan marking the Albion scoresheet against Town replies via Jayden Walker with a brace plus Jake Cardy and Luther Ayatsambo.

Division Two North League Table at 23rd November 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Thurleigh FC	8	6	0	2	20	6	14	18
2	Blunham (BCFL)	9	5	3	1	24	12	12	18
3	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	9	5	3	1	22	15	7	18
4	FC Haynes First	10	5	1	4	21	24	-3	16
5	Caldecote Reserves	8	4	1	3	20	12	8	13
6	Green End Rovers First	8	4	1	3	19	14	5	13
7	Wixams Wanderers First	8	3	1	4	14	19	-5	7*
8	Shefford Town & Campton Development	8	2	1	5	15	28	-13	7
9	Bedford Albion Development	10	1	3	6	14	24	-10	6
10	M&DH Clapham Sports First	8	0	2	6	8	23	-15	2

Division Two South

Lea Sports PSG missed the chance to go to the top of the Division Two South league table when losing their season's unbeaten ways in going down to a 3-2 defeat at Flitwick Town Reserves in a game that was played on their own patch. Thomas Barnett with a brace plus Liam Keane on the Town scoresheet against PSG replies via a Matt Morton penalty and Joe Harrison. Whilst winning for the first time on the road this season was Stotfold Junior 9-4 at Caldecote A. Joseph Evans led the way with four goals alongside single goals from Beau Packenas, Ben Gifford, Ross Irving, Ryan Lawrence and Joseph Cleverly against home replies from Fyn Stevens, Antony Bowskill, Dan Cave and Marquis Howlett.

The Bletchley Scot v Luton Panthers game being postponed due to an unfit pitch.

Division Two South League Table at 23rd November 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	LU Donz First	9	6	2	1	24	17	7	20
2	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	9	5	3	1	35	20	15	18
3	Luton Panthers First	9	4	3	2	36	21	15	15
4	Flitwick Town Reserves	10	5	0	5	29	33	-4	15
5	New Bradwell St Peter FC Development	8	4	1	3	18	12	6	12*
6	Caddington (BCFL)	9	3	2	4	17	22	-5	11
7	Harlington Juniors Reserves	7	4	1	2	21	10	11	10*
8	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	9	3	1	5	25	25	0	10
9	Bletchley Scot First	5	2	2	1	13	13	0	8
10	Caldecote A	11	1	3	7	12	43	-31	6
11	Brache Phoenix First	6	1	2	3	14	17	-3	5
12	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	8	1	2	5	14	25	-11	5

Division Three

The FC Polonia (Luton) v Elstow Abbey Reserves game failing to beat the weather.

The lone game of the afternoon saw Sandy Reserves retain their season's unbeaten away ways and climb the standings into second place when sharing the spoils from a 3-3 draw at Meltis Rangers. Ryan Harris, Joshua Smith and Thomas Wade all found the back of the net for the Rangers whilst Prince Asare, Voni Maswangary and Raul Phillips did likewise for the visitors.

Division Three League Table at 23rd November 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston Athletic First	10	8	2	0	38	3	35	26
2	Sandy Reserves	10	7	2	1	29	12	17	23
3	Lewsey Park First	9	7	1	1	38	16	22	22
4	Athletic FC First	9	5	1	3	31	20	11	16
5	Dunstable Wanderers First	7	4	2	1	22	9	13	14
6	Queens Park Crescents Development	8	4	1	3	32	24	8	13
7	Elstow Abbey Reserves	9	4	0	5	14	23	-9	12
8	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	9	3	1	5	19	37	-18	9*
9	FC Polonia (Luton) First	10	4	0	6	28	27	1	8*
10	Meltis Rangers First	9	2	2	5	15	33	-18	7*
11	Flitwick Town 'A'	9	2	1	6	17	37	-20	7
12	Everton Athletic FC First	10	1	1	8	18	40	-22	4
13	Wilstead First	9	1	0	8	10	30	-20	2*

Division Four

With league leaders Ampthill Town Colts having their home encounter with Catsbrook Wanderers postponed the lone game of the afternoon left AFC Clophill still awaiting their first home points of the season after falling to a 3-4 defeat against M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves for whom Somto Nnamdi, Dylan Weeks, Cash Baxter and Jake Inskip all found the back of the net against home replies via Johnathan Smith twice and Hayden Stringer once.

Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup 2nd Round

The biggest winners of the afternoon were Stopsley United Reserves who ran out 11-1 home winners over Everton Athletic. Cameron Nagle with four goals, Liam Toomey with a hat-trick plus single goals from Tyla McCabe, Shane Scott, Ryan Sheridan and Zak Gaoul against a lone reply from Micheal Freeman to earn them another home encounter in the next round against Kempton Athletic who with two goals from Alexander Wasilewski and a strike from Alessandro Esposito were 3-2 home winners over Everton Athletic Reserves. The Athletic replies coming from James Scott and Jamie Walker.

For DTCC FC it was a 5-4 penalty home shoot-out win over The 61 FC Luton Reserves after 90 minutes of play had seen them all square at 2-2. Chris Sorrentino and Jonathan Walsh on the home scoresheet against 61FC replies via Jordan Fuller and Lewis Grant, they will now welcome Cambs League, Sandy in the next round who required just a goal from Andy Williams to earn a 1-0 home victory over Dunstable Wanderers.

It was the end of the cup road for Wootton Blue Cross A who were beaten 1-4 at home by Woburn & Wavendon. Alfie Young their lone marksman with the visitors coming via Matthew Carr with a brace plus Nicholas Mentiplay and a Chris Cutler penalty to take them for a meeting with either Ampthill Town Colts or Henlow Hurricanes in the next round.

Elsewhere, with a brace of goals from Kodi Briggs and a strike from Thomas Walsh EB Lions U21 were 3-2 home winners over Queens Park Crescents Development to earn them another home tie in round three against Turvey who were the 3-1 home victors over Athletic FC. Emmanuel Obodechine hitting the lone visitors reply.

Division Four League Table at 23rd November 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Ampthill Town Colts	9	8	1	0	37	14	23	25
2	Stopsley United Reserves	11	8	0	3	49	24	25	24
3	Wootton Blue Cross A	10	7	1	2	25	19	6	21 *
4	Turvey First	9	6	0	3	33	17	16	17 *
5	EB Lions AFC (Sat) Mens U21	8	5	1	2	25	14	11	13 *
6	Dunstable Town Cricket Club DTCC FC Satu	9	4	1	4	32	22	10	13
7	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	8	2	1	5	16	29	-13	7
8	Henlow Hurricanes First	7	2	1	4	14	30	-16	6 *
9	AFC Clophill First	10	1	1	8	17	34	-17	4
10	Everton Athletic FC Res	7	1	0	6	10	39	-29	3
11	Catsbrook Wanderers First	8	0	1	7	8	24	-16	1
12	AFC Bedford United (Sat) U23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3 *