

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 is 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.

**CLUBS PLEASE NOTE: UNTIL NOTIFIED OTHERWISE, ALL
FIXTURE MATTERS FOLLOWING MATCHES PLAYED 23rd MARCH
2024 SHOULD BE ADDRESS TO THE CHAIR PETER FRANCIS
[07779680269] AND NOT TO FIXTURE SECRETARY BARRY
SNELSON.**

Wednesday 3rd April 2024

Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy Final

Before a JSJ Stadium crowd of 310, Elstow Abbey for the second successive season had to settle for the silver medals when going down 4-2 to South Midlands League Totternhoe.

It was the Abbey who enjoyed the better of the opening exchanges before they suffered a major setback when Totternhoe bagged two goals inside a three minute period. On 15 minutes Connor McKenna headed them ahead from a corner before Charlee Yearwood doubled the scoreline on 18 minutes.

The killer blow for the Abbey was however to arrive three minutes into stoppage time in the opening half with a third Totternhoe goal from Ryan Aka. to leave them with a mountain to climb in the second period.

That mountain appeared to be a peak too high until on 75 minutes Kye Andrews reduced the arrears to 3-1 and then suddenly it was game back on two minutes later when James Copley with a cool finish made it 3-2.

Alas for the Abbey there was not to be a third goal to take it to a penalty shoot-out, their fate sealed when on 90 minutes plus one James Ray scrambled home a fourth Totternhoe goal on the near post. The Totts then finished the evening with just 10 men after Jacob Taylor collected his second yellow card of the game from referee Connor Mackay.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

AFC Oakley made it four away wins on the spin when running out 4-3 winners at Shefford Town & Campton Reserves. David Groom with a brace plus goals from Chisom Amadi and Zach Ives doing the damage with the Town replies coming from Kyerhs Joseph, Kwane Richards and Adam Drakulic.

Division One

Cranfield United Reserves quest to keep in the promotion race suffered a setback when going down 3-4 at home to Clifton. Tony Gibbs with a brace plus goals from Billy Perkins and Elliot Powell on the visitors scoresheet against United replies from James Snapes twice and Martin Powell once.

Division Two North

Ickwell & Old Warden now now second in the league standings just two points behind league leaders Kempston United on whom they have three games in hand after running out 5-0 home winners over Wilstead. Jack Fox with a brace plus single goals from Kyle Johnanson, Michael Ruston and Jack Hutchinson bringing up the nap hand.

Division Two South

Westoning Recreation kept themselves firmly in the promotion race with home win number four on the bounce 9-1 over Flitwick Town Reserves. Freddie Knight with four goals, Charlie Scott with a hat-trick and single goals from James Sheridan and Greg Bennett doing the damage with Philip Matthews hitting the lone Town Reply Whilst LU Donz did likewise in ending Bletchley Scot's unbeaten seasons home record with a 3-2 victory. Troy Walker with a brace plus a single goal from Kennan Dogruer on the Donz scoresheet with Connor Vincent with a brace replying for the home side.

Elsewhere the other two games finished 1-1. Caddington ended a three game losing run at home to FC Polonia (Luton) who were collecting a point having lost their last five away outings. Isaac Okello on the home scoresheet. and Mateusz Antoniun replying for the visitors. Whilst bottom of the table The 61 FC Luton Reserves collected just their second draw of the season at home to FC Haynes. Courage Twumasi on their scoresheet while the visitors goal came from Daniel Parker.

Saturday 6th April 2024

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Stotfold Development remain 10 points clear at the head of the league table after they took their unbeaten home ways up to nine games with a 2-1 victory over third place Elstow Abbey thanks to goals from Ashley Kersey and Aaron Hector. with James Copley on the mark for the Abbey. Whilst second place Caldecote who have played six games fewer than the league leaders remain the firm favourites for the league crown by taking their unbeaten ways up to 13 games with a 2-0 home win over Crawley Green Reserves. with Giuseppe Fallano netting both goals.

Elsewhere, the biggest winners of the day were fourth place AFC Oakley who made it five wins on the bounce with a 5-1 home victory over Riseley Sports. Joel Ives and Omojiseoluwa Bankole both hitting braces alongside a single strike from Chisom Amadi whilst Bradley Raines was the lone Sports marksman. Whilst following six straight away defeats Shefford Town & Campton Reserves ended that sequence in winning 3-0 at Queens Park Crescents thanks to goals from Kwane Richards, George Burden and Kyle Cook.

Meantime, Flitwick Town took their winning ways up to three games after goals from William Buckland and Dan Stafford took them to a 2-0 home victory over Biggleswade United Reserves.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 11th April 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stotfold Development	23	18	2	3	73	21	52	56
2	Caldecote First	17	15	1	1	48	11	37	46
3	Elstow Abbey First	18	12	3	3	53	21	32	39
4	AFC Oakley First	19	11	2	6	69	31	38	35
5	Biggleswade United Reserves	21	10	2	9	53	41	12	32
6	Flitwick Town First	22	9	4	9	45	56	-11	31
7	Marston Shelton Rovers First	23	8	5	10	44	54	-10	29
8	Biggleswade FC Reserves	20	8	2	10	47	51	-4	26
9	Crawley Green Reserves	21	8	1	12	41	41	0	25
10	Riseley Sports First	22	7	1	14	36	60	-24	22
11	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	18	6	1	11	35	51	-16	19
12	Queens Park Crescents First	18	4	5	9	34	48	-14	17
13	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	20	0	1	19	14	106	-92	1
14	Sharnbrook First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Division One

Totternhoe Reserves are now within a point of league leaders Wootton Blue Cross after they retained their season's 100% home record in beating AFC Oakley Development 4-0. Blake Garner with a hat-trick and a goal from Jordan Knight doing the damage. Whilst goals from Tyler Ingham and Jamie Small took Harlington Juniors to a 2-0 victory at Henlow.

Elsewhere, following three straight defeats Renhold returned to winning ways when a lone Jason Allison goal saw them to the three points in a 1-0 victory at Bedford Albion.

Centenary Cup Semi-final

With goals from Callum McKenna and Luke Hennessey Buffs FC will now contest this season's final at Biggleswade United on Wednesday 17th April 2024 against Cranfield United Reserves after their 2-0 victory at Wootton Blue Cross.

Division One League Table at 11th April 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Wootton Blue Cross First	17	12	3	2	52	22	30	39
2	Totternhoe Reserves	17	12	2	3	58	31	27	38
3	Bufs FC Saturday First	20	12	1	7	39	40	-1	37
4	Cranfield United Reserves	18	9	3	6	52	30	22	30
5	Harlington Juniors First	18	9	3	6	42	34	8	30
6	Bedford Albion First	18	8	3	7	38	35	3	27
7	AFC Oakley Development	21	7	4	10	42	45	-3	25
8	Renhold First	18	7	3	8	33	42	-9	24
9	Henlow First	19	7	3	9	35	48	-13	23 *
10	Clifton First	17	6	2	9	30	38	-8	20
11	Bedford SA First	17	3	3	11	29	48	-19	11 *
12	Lewsey Park First	20	1	4	15	23	60	-37	7
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 North

The clash between the top two clubs saw the visitors Ickwell & Old Warden remain firm favourites for the league title in holding current league leaders Kempston United who they trail by just two points but having played three games fewer to a 2-2 draw. Jack Fox netted twice for the boys from the Green against home replies via Elijah Haynes and Ashton Joyce. All made even better by third place Shefford Town & Campton Development being held to a 0-0 draw at AFC Bedford United.

For M&DH Clapham Sports it was an end to their six games losing home run and their first victory in 11 outings when goals from Adam Booth and Louie Lee saw them to a 2-0 win over Sandy. Whilst fourth place Wilstead were beaten 2-1 at home by Wootton Blue Cross Reserves for whom Zeppelm Macdonald and Reece Mills found the back of the net. Colin Marshall doing likewise for the home side.

Elsewhere, Sharnbrook Reserves kept themselves firmly in the promotion race in drawing 1-1 at Blunham. Robbie Richmond the home goalscorer whilst Teddy Daniels found the back of the net for the visitors.

Division Two North League Table at 11th April 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Ickwell & Old Warden First	16	11	2	3	46	22	24	35
2	Kempston United First	18	10	4	4	48	24	24	34
3	Shefford Town & Campton Development	18	10	2	6	33	32	1	32
4	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	17	9	4	4	36	23	13	31
5	Wilstead First	19	9	2	8	37	40	-3	29
6	Sharnbrook Reserves	17	8	4	5	46	27	19	28
7	Caldecote Reserves	16	7	3	6	30	22	8	24
8	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	15	6	5	4	23	21	2	23
9	Blunham First	19	5	4	10	23	35	-12	16*
10	M&DH Clapham Sports First	17	2	2	13	16	44	-28	8
11	Sandy First	18	1	2	15	16	64	-48	5
12	Bande Rouge (Sat) First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2*
13	AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3*

Division Two South

With FC Haynes failing to raise a side to host league leaders Stopsley United, the three gifted points kept United eight points clear of second place Weston Recreation who made it five home wins on the bounce with a 5-1 victory over Stotfold Junior. Freddie Knight with a brace plus single goals from Oscar Garner, Harrison Milton and Charlie Scot bringing up the nap hand whilst Ryan Lawrence was the lone Junior marksman.

Sporting Carpathians promotion hopes took another blow after being held to a 3-3 draw at Brache Phoenix. Ashley Barbour, Rupert Nderitu and Costin Tudor on the home scoresheet with the Carpathians replies coming from Marcel Buruiara, Arnold Onaki and Michael Opoku. Also having their promotion chances dented were LU Donz after a lone Max Cooper goal saw them beaten 1-0 at home by Caddington who were returning to winning ways for the first time in five outings.

Also winning on the road were Lea Sports PSG who took their unbeaten ways up to six games by winning 3-2 at The 61 FC Luton Reserves where Joe Hennem netted all three goals whilst the two in reply came from Isaac Twun. But there was no such joy on the road for Flitwick Town Reserves who fell to their fifth straight away defeat 4-1 at Bletchley Scot. Ben Swepston with a brace plus an own goal and a strike from Dean Reed only being replied to once by Daniel Howarth for the Town.

Division Two South League Table at 11th April 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stopsley United First	20	19	1	0	83	18	65	58
2	Westoning Recreation First	21	15	3	3	95	29	66	48
3	Sporting Carpathians First	22	14	2	6	84	36	48	43 *
4	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	22	13	3	6	70	46	24	39 *
5	LU Donz First	18	12	1	5	52	28	24	37
6	New Bradwell St Peter FC Development	21	9	3	9	43	44	-1	29 *
7	FC Haynes First	22	9	3	10	67	50	17	28 *
8	Bletchley Scot First	19	8	3	8	60	47	13	27
9	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	22	9	1	12	51	79	-28	27 *
10	Caddington (BCFL)	21	7	5	9	37	48	-11	26
11	Brache Phoenix First	18	5	5	8	43	56	-13	20
12	Flitwick Town Reserves	22	5	3	14	36	84	-48	18
13	FC Polonia (Luton) First	21	2	1	18	41	102	-61	7
14	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	21	0	2	19	14	109	-95	1 *

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro

With Harlington Juniors Reserves sitting the afternoon out, Caldecote A are now back onto the top of the league standings after chalking up home win number five on the spin 6-0 over Queens Park Crescents. Development. Ryan Dobson led the way with four goals alongside single strikes from James Tudibry and Nick Thomas. Whilst fourth place Luton Panthers retained their season's unbeaten away ways and ended Bedford Albion Developments 100% seasons home record in beating them 4-3. Ryan Spencer, Trey Brand, Shakir Gouser and Pedram Pisadas on their scoresheet against Albion replies from Jack Nike Adams, Juan Ramirez and Ben Wirbey.

Elsewhere, Elstow Abbey Reserves made it six home wins on the bounce in beating GS Athletic 3-2. Rhys Joswiak, Ali Mohiyaldeen and Jed Coles all found the back of the net for the Abbey against GS replies via a brace for Taku JR Gotor. Whilst Flitwick Town A are still in search of their first away win this season after being beaten 4-1 at Clifton Reserves. Tony Gibbs with a brace plus Tony Mephram and Matt Nugent on the home scoresheet against a lone Town reply from Evan French.

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro League Table at 11th April 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Caldecote 'A'	14	10	1	3	50	15	35	31
2	Harlington Juniors Reserves	13	9	2	2	41	18	23	29
3	Leighton Woodside Rovers	16	10	0	6	41	34	7	29*
4	Luton Panthers First	15	9	1	5	53	28	25	28
5	Elstow Abbey Reserves	15	9	1	5	32	35	-3	28
6	Bedford Albion Development	14	7	2	5	41	27	14	23
7	Clifton Reserves	15	6	4	5	24	25	-1	22
8	Queens Park Crescents Development	15	2	5	8	24	41	-17	11
9	Flitwick Town 'A'	18	2	3	13	20	56	-36	9
10	GS Athletic First	17	2	1	14	21	68	-47	6*
11	CS Rovers First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-6*

Division Four

Kempston Athletic are now almost certain to be crowned this season's Division Four champions following their 8-0 home victory over Turvey. Chris Leyva with four goals, Lance Jeffers with a brace and single goals from Aaron Anderson and Gianluca Testa dishing out the punishment. Whilst the biggest away victory fell to Dunstable Wanderers who made it five wins on the spin 4-1 away at Leighton Woodside Athletic. The one Athletic goal netted by Andrew Puddifoot.

Elsewhere, Sandy Reserves returned to winning ways for the first time in six outings with a 2-1 home victory over M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves. Prince Asare and James Scott on the home scoresheet against a lone reply from Ryan Macfarlane. Whilst a brace of goals from Oscar Emery-King took Lidlington United Sports Club Colts to a 2-1 home win over Ampthill Town Colys for whom George Shaw replied.

Watson Shield Semi-Final

Shefford Town & Campton U23 made their way into this season's final with a 2-0 home victory over Bedfordshire Youth Saturday League Warden U18 PDA Luton. They will now face the winners of this coming weekend tie between AFC Oakley U18 Colts and Harlington Juniors Reserves. Ben Crofts and Toby Starling being their goalscorers.

Division Four League Table at 11th April 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston Athletic First	21	18	0	3	93	18	75	54
2	Athletic FC First	22	16	4	2	68	36	32	52
3	Shefford Town & Campton U23	18	12	4	2	65	25	40	40
4	Dunstable Wanderers First	18	10	3	5	51	39	12	33
5	Meltis Rangers First	19	10	4	5	55	34	21	31 *
6	Sandy Reserves	19	7	2	10	42	53	-11	23
7	Lidlington United Sports Club Colts	21	6	3	12	40	63	-23	21
8	Turvey	21	5	5	11	38	63	-25	20
9	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	20	5	4	11	24	56	-32	18 *
10	Catsbrook Wanderers First	20	5	3	12	21	59	-38	17 *
11	Amphill Town Colts	19	3	2	14	32	77	-45	11
12	Leighton Woodside Athletic	20	3	4	13	33	39	-6	2 *
13	Biggleswade FC Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Revised League Cup Final Arrangements

Jubilee Cup Final : FC Polonia (Luton) v Stopsley United Friday 26th April 2024
at JSJ Stadium Stotfold FC. Kick off 7.30pm

Watson Shield Final : Shefford Town & Campton U23 v AFC OAKley Colts u18 or
Harlington Junior Reserves. Saturday 4th May 2024 at Cranfield United Kick off 3pm