



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 11th January 2025

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

The only game to beat the frost came on the 3G at Stratton School and saw visitors Shefford Town & Campton Reserves take their winning ways up to three games and duly climb out of the relegation zone at the expense of their hosts Biggleswade FC. It was the FC who took the lead just five minutes into the contest via an own goal from Gabriel Bhinder if you wish to be cruel or via the home side's Nathan Chidi if you accept that the last person to send the ball goalwards is not always necessarily the goalscorer. This goal was then cancelled out nineteen minutes later by Town's Ashley Heley and that's the way it stayed until three minutes into time added on when up popped Heley again to head home the Town's winner.

Division One

Having lost their previous three games Stopsley United returned to winning ways with a 5-1 home victory over Wootton Blue Cross Reserves to move back onto the top of the league standings some two points clear of Harlington Juniors who have played two games fewer. Logan Burton with a brace plus single strikes from Thomas Moloney, Connor Waite and Michael Carter bringing up the nap hand with Charlie Dunne hitting the lone Blue Cross reply.

Division Two South

In winning 6-1 at Luton Panthers to extend their winning ways to five games it's a journey to the head of the league standings for New Bradwell St Peter Development. Luke Burrows with a hat-trick led the way and was joined on their scoresheet by single goals from Charlie Fisher, Sonny Foulkes and Zak Dowse. The lone reply came via Ryan Spencer from the penalty spot.

Whilst elsewhere Flitwick Town Reserves drew 2-2 at home against Caddinton. Thomas Barnett and Phil Matthews on the Town scoresheet with Max Cooper and Mark Reilly replying for the visitors.

Watson Shield 1st Round

Just the one game to report upon saw Wootton Blue Cross A progress into round two with a 4-2 home victory over Bedfordshire Saturday Youth League side Cranfield Colts U18 Cobras. Joshua Buckle and Alfie Young with braces each doing the damage and Alesio Cerrone from the penalty spot and Sonny Chambers replying for the visitors.

Saturday 18th January 2025

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Wootton Blue Cross made it eight wins on the bounce when a goal from Joe Holmes saw them to a 1-0 away victory at Cranfield United Reserves to retain their season's 100% away record and move three points clear at the head of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table from Marston Shelton Rovers who were away on Beds FA County Cup duty.. Also enjoying life on the road were Elstow Abbey with

a 4-1 victory at Biggleswade United Reserves. Andy Sinclair, Marko Tobdzic, Justin Newman And Glenn Tumulty all on the Abbey scoresheet against a lone United reply from Seyram Hammond.

Returning to winning ways on home soil were Crawley Green Development with a 4-2 victory over Biggleswade FC Reserves, Robby Doran with a brace and goals from Ethan Horwood and Thomas Bescoby doing the damage against FC replies via Bailey Mapletroft and Lawrence Zinga.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 18th January 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Wootton Blue Cross First	11	10	0	1	42	15	27	30
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	14	6	3	5	31	21	10	21
5	Caldecote First	14	6	2	6	27	30	-3	20
6	Elstow Abbey First	10	6	1	3	32	21	11	19
7	Queens Park Crescents First	7	4	2	1	14	9	5	14
8	Biggleswade United Reserves	12	4	2	6	33	34	-1	14
9	Crawley Green Development	13	4	2	7	27	45	-18	14
10	Riseley Sports First	13	4	1	8	22	27	-5	13
11	Totternhoe Reserves	11	3	3	5	17	24	-7	12
12	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	13	3	2	8	18	36	-18	11
13	Biggleswade FC Reserves	16	2	4	10	28	56	-28	10
14	Flitwick Town First	10	2	1	7	20	35	-15	7

Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy 2nd Round.

Saw Flitwick Town and The 61FC Luton deadlocked at 1-1 following 90 minutes play before the Town won the penalty shoot-out 3-1 to earn a quarter-final trip to Caldecote. Phil Matthews for the Town and Farel Taingwa for the 61 on the scoresheets.

Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy Quarter-Finals

Into the last four are AFC Oakley following their 2-1 away victory at Totternhoe Reserves thanks to goals from Omijiseoluna Bankole and Joseh McDonagh with . Shazan Idress replying for the home side. Joining them are Queens Park Crescents who were 4-2 home winners over Marston Shelton Rovers. Mohammed Omar with a brace plus goals from Matthew Taiwo and Faizan Fariad outweighing Rovers replies via Harry Baker and Luke Clifford.

Division One

There is no change at the head of the Division One standings following home wins for the top two clubs, leaders Stopsley United romping to a 12-1 victory over bottom of the table Bedford SA thanks to hat-tricks from Connor Waite and Callum Frater alongside braces from Aissa Bakkas, Logan Burton and Cheik Camara against a lone reply from Ollie Hughes. Whilst second place Harlington Juniors made it eight wins on the bounce to retain their season's 100% home record in beating Buffs FC 4-1. Alex Frantellizzi, Freddie Knight, George Nichols and Luke Willams all found the back of the net against a lone reply from Luke Hennessey.

Now in third place and still very much in the promotion race are Clifton who with goals from Billy Perkins and Troy Kwayle were 2-0 home victors over Kempston United, their fourth win on the bounce. The same can be said for Bedford Albion who are now up into fifth spot and still unbeaten on the road this season following their 1-1 draw at AFC Oakley Development. Josh Adeniyi on their scoresheet against a home reply from Ashbel Mensah.

Over on the Green it was a 1-1 draw between hosts Ickwell & Old Warden for whom Dean Craik netted against Wootton Blue Cross Reserves for whom Connor Blennerhasset replied.

Division One League Table at 18th January 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stopsley United First	13	10	0	3	53	20	33	30
2	Harlington Juniors First	11	9	1	1	54	17	37	28
3	Clifton First	9	5	2	2	26	15	11	17
4	Sporting Carpathians First	8	5	2	1	21	11	10	17
5	Bedford Albion First	8	4	3	1	21	14	7	15
6	Ickwell & Old Warden First	12	3	4	5	20	26	-6	13
7	Buffs FC Saturday First	11	4	1	6	16	25	-9	13
8	Kempston United First	13	4	1	8	20	39	-19	13
9	AFC Oakley Development	12	2	5	5	18	29	-11	10*
10	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	9	1	3	5	14	27	-13	6
11	Bedford SA First	10	0	0	10	6	46	-40	-3*

Division Two North

It was the end of their 100% season's home record for league leaders Thurleigh after a goal from Scott Frusciate saw them beaten 1-0 by now third place FC Haynes. This defeat saw their lead at the head of the standings reduced to just two points after the now second place Caldecote Reserves took their winning ways up to

seven games with a 2-0 success at Blunham thanks to goals from Chris Faulkner and Daniel Cave.

With games in hand on all those above them in the table fourth place AFC Bedford United remain firmly in the promotion race after retaining their seasons unbeaten away ways with a 7-2 victory at Bedford Albion Development who now drop into the bottom two of the table. Ellis Sharp led the way with four goals, Kyle Arundell-Kiszel with a brace plus an own goal adding to the scoreline. The Albion replies both coming from Kyle Mackinnon. Moving out of the bottom two are Shefford Town & Campton Development with their first away victory of the season 6-0 at the bottom of the table M&DH Clapham Sports. Kyle Cook with four goals plus strikes from Joe Lewis and Tychique Mienambolo doing the damage.

Elsewhere with goals from Angus Stewart and Graeme Buchanan Wixams Wanderers drew 2-2 at Green End Rovers with the Rovers goals coming from Max Natola and Callum Rust.

Division Two North League Table at 18th January 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Thurleigh FC	11	8	0	3	32	7	25	24
2	Caldecote Reserves	11	7	1	3	29	12	17	22
3	FC Haynes First	13	7	1	5	29	26	3	22
4	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	10	6	3	1	29	17	12	21
5	Blunham (BCFL)	12	6	3	3	27	21	6	21
6	Green End Rovers First	10	4	2	4	24	20	4	14
7	Wixams Wanderers First	11	4	2	5	21	26	-5	11*
8	Shefford Town & Campton Development	10	3	1	6	21	36	-15	10
9	Bedford Albion Development	13	2	3	8	20	41	-21	9
10	M&DH Clapham Sports First	11	0	2	9	10	36	-26	2

Division Two South

There is no change at the head of the Division Two South league table following wins for the top three sides. For league leaders New Bradwell St Peters Development it was win number six on the spin with a 3-0 home victory over Flitwick Town Reserves who have now all their last seven away outings. Ethan Couling, Kian Forman & Jack Leask the home marksmen. Whilst second place LU Donz remain unbeaten on home soil this season following their 7-0 victory over Luton Panthers who have now lost their last five outings. Troy Walker and David Byass with braces plus goals from Adrain Igría, Brandon McIntosh and Cameron Saunders marking their scoresheet.

For third place Lea Sports PSG it was a return to winning ways on the road with a 9-1 victory at Caldecote A. Joe Campion led the way with four goals, Joe Hennem

grabbed a hat-trick to go alongside single goals from Sean Dixon and Ethan McEvoy. against a lone reply from Nicky Albane for the hosts. Also winning big on the road were fourth place Harlington Juniors Reserves with a 6-2 success at Bletchley Scot. Glenn Cooksley with a hat-trick and goals from James Fletcher, Sam Roberts and Ben Smith marking their scoresheet against home replies from Musa Kareem and Luke Morgan.

In fifth place and still 100% on home soil this season are Caddington who were 7-1 winners over AFC Kempston Town Hammers. Ryan Smith with a hat-trick, Steve Hunt with a brace plus goals from Adam England and George Burden doing the damage. Whilst Stotfold Junior with a brace from Joseph Evans and a strike from Ben Gifford were the 3-2 home winners over the bottom of the table Brache Phoenix for whom Ashley Barbour and Cleopas Makaza replied.

Division Two South League Table at 18th January 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	New Bradwell St Peter FC Development	13	9	1	3	36	16	20	27 *
2	LU Donz First	12	8	2	2	35	21	14	26
3	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	13	7	4	2	49	28	21	25
4	Harlington Juniors Reserves	10	7	1	2	38	15	23	19 *
5	Caddington (BCFL)	13	5	3	5	31	28	3	18
6	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	12	5	1	6	35	33	2	16
7	Flitwick Town Reserves	14	5	1	8	33	46	-13	16
8	Luton Panthers First	13	4	3	6	39	38	1	15
9	Bletchley Scot First	8	3	2	3	24	28	-4	11
10	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	13	2	3	8	23	46	-23	9
11	Caldecote A	14	2	3	9	17	57	-40	9
12	Brache Phoenix First	9	2	2	5	22	26	-4	8

Division Three

For league leaders Kempston Athletic it was a retention of their season's 100% home record and unbeaten ways with a 5-0 victory over The 61 FC Luton Reserves. Connor Crawford, Nikola Markovic, Alessandro Esposito, Lawrence McHugh and Alexander Wasliewski all found the back of the net to bring up the nap hand .Whilst second place Sandy Reserves with a brace from Prince Asare and a strike from Von Maswangany ran out 3-0 home winners over the bottom of the table Everton Athletic.

Now in third place are Lewsey Park following their 4-0 home victory over Dunstable Wanderers. Jonathan Barnett with a brace plus goals from Daniel Blackman and Patrick Daly doing the damage to enable the Park to climb above Queens Park Crescents Development who were held to a 2-2 draw at Flitwick Town A. Benn Ward

and Gareth Fossey the Town's marksmen against Crescents replies from Zain Riasat and Qasim Tufail.

Elsewhere, following four straight away defeats FC Polonia (Luton) returned to winning ways on the road with a 3-2 victory at Meltis Rangers who have now failed to win any of their last six home outings. Fabien Pawelec, Karol Pryslak and Adam Chlapinski on the visitors scoresheet against home replies via Joseph Smith and Elijah Stewart.

Division Three League Table at 18th January 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston Athletic First	13	11	2	0	56	5	51	35
2	Sandy Reserves	14	10	2	2	43	19	24	32
3	Lewsey Park First	11	8	1	2	43	21	22	25
4	Queens Park Crescents Development	12	7	2	3	48	27	21	23
5	Athletic FC First	12	7	2	3	45	25	20	23
6	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	12	5	1	6	28	47	-19	15*
7	Dunstable Wanderers First	10	4	2	4	23	21	2	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	13	5	0	8	35	42	-7	11*
11	Flitwick Town 'A'	13	2	3	8	23	55	-32	9
12	Meltis Rangers First	12	2	2	8	18	50	-32	7*
13	Everton Athletic FC First	12	1	1	10	21	41	-20	1*

Division Four

There is no change at the head of the Division Four league table following wins for the top two sides. League leaders Ampthill Town Colts retaining their season's unbeaten ways with a 6-2 home victory over Everton Athletic Reserves. Murray Gray with a brace plus goals from Cathal Kitson, William Lee-Phillips, Marus Sugrue and Jay Hartup doing the damage against Athletic replies from James Scot and Jamie Walker. Whilst second place Stopsley United Reserves took their winning ways up to five games in winning 4-1 at Catsbrook Wanderers. Owen Impey with a hat-trick and a goal from Tyla McCabe on the United scoresheet against a lone reply for the Wanderers via Jamel Matthews.

Also enjoying life on the road were AFC Clophill for the first time in five outings in winning 3-0 at Henlow Hurricanes. Tayler Kilcoyne, Hayden Stringer and Ryan Nayyar all found the back of the net. But for third place Wootton Blue Cross A it was an end to their three game winning run with a 2-1 defeat at DTCC FC. Chris

Sorrentino and Connor Taylor on the home scoresheet against a Blue Cross reply via Zyon Mureithi Njuguna.

Elsewhere, fifth place EB Lions U21 took their winning ways up to three games With a 3-1 home victory over M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves with a brace of goals from Daniel Gillard and a strike from Harrison Hunt with Jake Inskip replying for the visitors.

Division Four League Table at 18th January 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Ampthill Town Colts	11	10	1	0	47	18	29	31
2	Stopsley United Reserves	13	10	0	3	57	27	30	30
3	Wootton Blue Cross A	12	8	1	3	29	23	6	24 *
4	Turvey First	11	7	0	4	40	27	13	20 *
5	EB Lions AFC (Sat) Mens U21	10	7	1	2	36	17	19	19 *
6	Dunstable Town Cricket Club DTCC FC Satu	12	6	1	5	39	28	11	19
7	AFC Clophill First	12	3	1	8	23	35	-12	7 *
8	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	11	2	1	8	20	38	-18	7
9	Catsbrook Wanderers First	12	2	1	9	12	32	-20	7
10	Henlow Hurricanes First	10	2	1	7	16	37	-21	4 *
11	Everton Athletic FC Res	10	1	0	9	15	52	-37	3
12	AFC Bedford United (Sat) U23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3 *

Watson Shield Round One

Atletic FC will now host Everton Athletic Reserves in round two after winning 5-3 at Turvey. Jason Allison and Emmanuel Obodechine with braces plus a goal from Mesumbe Kezhong bringing up the nap hand against home replies via William Westwood twice and Jake King once. Whilst Elstow Abbey Reserves will host Meltis Rangers in round two following their 2-1 home victory over Wilstead. Sam Kidman and Tony Norman scored the Abbey goals.