

Bedfordshire County **Football League**



Season 2025-26

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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 continue as the league's mainline sponsor for season 2025-26.

Chairman, Peter Francis said, we are delighted that HBC Logistics will once again be abroad for the 2025-26 season 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 2026 Annual General Meeting.

Bedfordshire FA Club/Team Suspension

An increasing number of clubs/teams are being placed under a club/team suspension for failing to raise and make payment of their disciplinary invoices. The FA Competition Portal updates on each Wednesday morning and clubs are advised to visit their portal preferably on each Monday, Wednesday and Thursday to ensure they have no outstanding matters.

The consequence of playing games whilst under a club/team suspension will in the first instances bring about a Bedfordshire FA charge followed by an additional charge under league rule 20E(v) which has the power to deduct any points gained in these games from your club/team and the match points etc awarded to your opposition.

Whilst the league will do its best to monitor the situation on behalf of our clubs/teams it remains their 100% total responsibility to ensure their own house is in order, this being even more important as we approach the end of the season and games are scheduled to take place on Midweek evenings.

Please be aware that not all the current/recent items appear on the opening page of your club/teams portal and that you should make full use of the various filters.

Registration Forms (covered under league rule 18)

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 Club Portal 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 Club Portal system prior to each game to check for any suspensions in place at any given date. Clubs should be aware that all suspensions commence seven days following the date the red card offence was committed.

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. **All clubs should ensure the player's name listed corresponds 100% with that by which he is registered.**

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 2025-26.

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 referees 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 cards .

Please ensure 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 league's 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.

Hire of the 3G at Creasey Park Dunstable.

During this period of inclement weather can we bring to the attention of clubs that there may well be pitches available for hire at the Beds FA Creasey Park venue. For further details please contact the site manager Stephen Quirke on 07860-146196.

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.

BCFC Cup Draws Season 2025-26

Britannia Cup Semi-Finals

AFC Oakley v Caldecote

Cranfield United Reserves v Marston Shelton Rovers

Final Planned for Monday 4th May 2026. Kempston Rovers 3pm kick off.

Centenary Cup Semi-Finals

FC Haynes v Baldock Victoria

Kempston United v Thurleigh

Final planned for Friday 10th April 2026. Biggleswade United 7.30pm Kick off

Jubilee Cup Semi-Finals

Kempston Athletic v AFC Kempston Town Hammers

AFC Bedford United or St Josephs (Saturday) v Wixams Wanderers or Queens Park Crescents Reserves.

Final planned for Friday 24th April 2026. Shefford Town & Campton 7.30pm

Watson Shield Quarter-Finals

Atletic FC v Bedford Albion Development

DTCC FC v Cranfield United Development.

Turvey v Ampthill Town Colts

Meltis Rangers v Stopsley United Reserves or M&DH Clapham Sports

Final Planned for Saturday 9th May 2026. Wootton Blue Cross.

Saturday 7th March 2026

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Britannia Cup Quarter-Finals

With goals from Harry Baker and Luke Clifford against a lone reply from Seyram Hammond, Marston Shelton Rovers ran out 2-1 home winners over Biggleswade United Reserves and will now travel to Cranfield United Reserves for a last four tie after United romped to a 7-0 home success over Totternhoe Reserves. Omojiseoluna Bankole and Fikile Mqobongo notched braces to go alongside single goals from Sean Byrne, Theo Souter and Kayode Akinjiola.

In the other half of the draw with goals from Teddy Daniels and Zach Ives it was a 2-0 away win for AFC Oakley at Elstow Abbey to earn them a last four home tie against Caldecote who won 4-0 at Wootton Blue Cross. thanks to a brace of goals from Joshua Roberts and strikes via James Tubridy and Sam Moore.

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For third place Stopsley United thanks to a brace of goals from Temtiayo Akerele and strikes from Erlind Deda and Luciano Witter it was a 4-0 home victory over Biggleswade FC Reserves. Whilst going nap were Harlington Juniors who took their winning home ways up to four games in beating Riseley Sports 5-0. Ben Whalley with a brace plus goals from George Pedder, Louis Brandham and Greg Bennett doing the damage.

Elsewhere, second from the bottom of the table Flitwick Town had only a Daniel Ruddock goal to show from their 1-3 home defeat at the hands of Queens Park Crescents whose goals came from Mohammed Abbass, Anas Bechkoum and Imuentinyan Godwin.

Centenary Cup Quarter-Finals

The biggest winners of the day were Kempston United with a 7-2 home victory over Lea Sports PSG. Junior Samuel, Zack Baker and Ajani Thomas Anderson all on the mark twice alongside a single goal from Fabien Cataldo against PSG replies via Connor Napper and Sean Morrison, they will now host Thurleigh after they emerged the 4-2 penalty shoot-out home winners over Wootton Blue Cross Reserves after 90 minutes play had seen the sides deadlocked at 2-2, Jordan Knight and Edward

Hatfield-Shaw the home marksman against Blue Cross replies from Bradley Mathews and George Armstrong.

Chasing a league and cup double are Baldock Victoria who with four goals from Luke Hennessay and a brace from Elliot Flynn against a lone reply from Leon Herridge were 6-1 home winners over Bletchley Scot to earn a trip at the last four stage to FC Haynes who with goals from Reece Lewis, Scott Fruscante, Louie Dillon and Cian Mitchell won 4-3 at Blunham whose goals came from Rickly Lawrence, Ben Moore and Max Smalley.

Division One

The lone action of the afternoon saw AFC Oakley Development with goals from Callum Alleyne, Scott Armstrong and Dominic Marino net a 3-1 home victory over Clifton for whom Daniel Saunders replied.

Division One League Table at 7th March 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Baldock Victoria	18	14	2	2	70	34	36	43 *
2	FC Haynes First	20	11	3	6	42	31	11	36
3	LU Donz First	18	10	3	5	67	38	29	33
4	Thurleigh FC	17	10	3	4	57	29	28	33
5	Blunham Saturday	17	10	2	5	43	34	9	32
6	Kempston United First	18	9	2	7	44	39	5	29
7	Clifton First	19	6	4	9	37	38	-1	21 *
8	Bedford Albion First	15	5	4	6	41	39	2	19
9	AFC Oakley Development	17	5	4	8	22	37	-15	19
10	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	14	6	0	8	28	43	-15	18
11	Caldecote Reserves	19	6	2	11	30	46	-16	18 *
12	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	19	4	0	15	28	63	-35	11 *
13	Bletchley Scot First	15	2	1	12	21	59	-38	7

Division Two

Having lost their last six outings Kempston Athletic returned to winning ways with a 3-2 home success over the second from the bottom of the table Stotfold Junior who have now lost all of their last five outings Haydon Bartam, Nikola Markovic and Alexander Wasliewski on the mark for the hosts against replies via Lewis Cockrane and Sam Crow.

Also returning to winning ways following six straight defeats were Green End Rovers who with a brace from Max Natola and strikes from Callum Rust and Jack Perry were the 4-1 home winners over a Wixams Wanderers side who despite a goal from Louis Hartford-Smith were losing for the first time in seven outings.

Division Two League Table at 7th March 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	17	11	5	1	67	33	34	38
2	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	18	10	4	4	48	21	27	34
3	Queens Park Crescents Reserves	18	11	3	4	33	22	11	33 *
4	St Josephs (Sat)	18	10	1	7	43	37	6	31
5	Wixams Wanderers First	22	9	4	9	52	55	-3	31
6	Bedford SA First	19	9	3	7	53	43	10	30
7	Caddington Reserves	17	9	2	6	37	34	3	29
8	Green End Rovers First	17	7	2	8	41	39	2	23
9	Flitwick Town Reserves	20	7	2	11	39	56	-17	23
10	Kempston Athletic First	17	6	2	9	25	36	-11	20
11	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	20	3	2	15	21	52	-31	11
12	Westoning Club Reds	19	3	2	14	31	62	-31	5 *

Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup Semi-Final

St Josephs (Saturday) duly booked their passage into this season's final with a 4-1 home success over AFC Kempston Hammers and now await the outcome of the delayed Queens Park Crescents Reserves v Bedford Albion game. Harry Birmingham with a brace plus goals from Connor Fennelly and Simon Richards doing the damage with Hayden Rothchild the lone Hammers goalscorer.

Division Three

Stopsley United Reserves took their winning ways up to five games with a 9-1 away success at The 61 FC Luton Reserves who were falling to their fifth home defeat on the bounce. Connor Waite with four goals, Cameron Keat with a hat-trick and a strike from Owen Impey doing the damage.against a lone home reply from Jermaine Griffiths. Whilst M&DH Clapham Sports with a goal from Macauley Crane had to settle for a share of the points from a 1-1 home draw against Everton Athletic whose reply came from Logan Smith.

Division Three League Table at 7th March 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Dunstable Wanderers First	13	12	0	1	48	14	34	36
2	Amphill Town Colts	16	10	2	4	42	22	20	32
3	Bedford Albion Development	13	9	2	2	35	19	16	29
4	Atletic FC First	18	10	1	7	46	41	5	28 *
5	Stopsley United Reserves	12	7	1	4	47	34	13	22
6	Everton Athletic FC First	15	6	2	7	35	31	4	20
7	Wilstead First	13	6	0	7	35	30	5	17 *
8	M&DH Clapham Sports First	14	4	4	6	26	33	-7	16
9	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	13	4	1	8	24	47	-23	13
10	LU Donz Development	14	4	2	8	27	32	-5	12 *
11	Turvey First	17	4	0	13	17	51	-34	12
12	Flitwick Town 'A'	16	3	1	12	22	50	-28	10
13	Caldecote A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-6 *

Watson Shield Round Three

The biggest winners of the day were Cranfield United Development who won 7-1 at Flitwick Town A. Zac Coaker and Charlie Yearwood with braces plus goals from Joshua Araniello, Ali Effojani and Jacob Hepton against a lone Town reply via Thomas Giggle. doing the damage. They will now travel to DTCC FC at the last eight stages after goals from Louie Blake, Ben Cornwell and Luke Janes won 3-1 at Dunstable Wanderers whose reply came via Charlie Broux.

Just a goal behind them were Meltis Rangers who with a hat-trick from Charlie Smith and goals from Kaylan Di Paolo, Kyle Lewis and Max Martin were 6-0 home winners over Bedfordshire Saturday Youth league, Leighton Park Rangers U18 Foxes., their reward to be a home tie against either Stopsley United Reserves or M&DH Clapham Sports who face each other this coming weekend.

Also beating a BSYL side were Turvey who with goals from Georhe Shingleton and William Westwood won 2-0 at Leighton Town Youth U18 to earn a home encounter with Amphill Town Colts who were granted a walkover against Westoning Club Blues.

Another team granted a walkover were Bedford Albion Development after Wilstead failed to raise a side and they will now journey to Atletic FC who emerged the 4-3 home winners over BSYL Milton Keynes Irish U18. thanks to a brace from Jason Allison and strikes from Cameron Browne and AARon Romain.

Division Four

For league leaders Luton Phoenix it was home win number nine on the bounce when a goal from Mohsin Mahmood took them to a 1-0 home success over Flitwick Eagles. Enjoying the biggest victory was Leighton Woodside Athletic who ran out 6-2 home winners over AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves. Alfie Thorne with a hat-trick and single goals from Jonathan McLean, Freddie Richmond and Josh Walduck doing the damage with Matthew Capener and Robert Goodman replying for the Hammers.

It was a return to winning ways following five straight defeats for Queens Park Crescents Development who with goals from Orlando Kakie and Joshua Smith won 2-0 at Everton Athletic Reserves. Whilst Cransbrook Wanderers were gifted the three points after Wootton Blue Cross A failed to raise a side to host them.

Elsewhere with a goal from Somto Naamdi ,M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves collected their first away point of the season in drawing 1-1 at AFC Clophill; those reply came from Jonathan Smith.

Division Four League Table at 7th March 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Luton Phoenix FC	19	16	1	2	76	20	56	49
2	Dunstable Town Cricket Club DTCC FC Satu	17	15	0	2	55	17	38	45
3	Cranfield United Development	18	14	1	3	99	20	79	43
4	Westoning Club Blues	17	13	0	4	55	21	34	38 *
5	Flitwick Eagles Development	21	12	1	8	53	39	14	37
6	Catsbrook Wanderers First	17	8	3	6	31	31	0	27
7	AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves	18	8	2	8	48	47	1	26
8	Queens Park Crescents Development	17	7	3	7	25	51	-26	24
9	Everton Athletic FC Res	16	6	2	8	25	42	-17	19 *
10	Leighton Woodside Athletic	20	5	1	14	42	72	-30	16
11	Meltis Rangers First	18	4	4	10	25	36	-11	13 *
12	AFC Clophill First	15	2	2	11	13	46	-33	8
13	Wootton Blue Cross A	16	1	1	14	16	61	-45	1 *
14	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	17	0	3	14	14	74	-60	1 *

Wednesday 11th March 2026

Premier Division Supported by Sportsform

Action tonight under the floodlights at Hitchin Road saw Harlington Juniors with a brace of goals from George Nichols and a strike from Luke Williams climb the league standings into fifth place with a 3-1 away victory over the hosting bottom of the table Shefford Town & Campton Reserves who despite a goal from Jake Edwards were falling to their 12th defeat on the bounce.

Whilst over at the Verdant Stadium hosts Biggleswade United Reserves returned to winning ways for the first time in six outings when a goal from Dylan Hughes 20 minutes into the contest saw them claim all three points with a 1-0 victory over Wootton Blue Cross who were falling to their sixth consecutive to leave them ninth in the league table.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 11th March 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Cranfield United Reserves	22	19	2	1	71	12	59	59
2	Caldecote First	17	15	1	1	64	18	46	46
3	Stopsley United First	21	15	1	5	68	31	37	46
4	AFC Oakley First	19	12	4	3	78	37	41	40
5	Harlington Juniors First	18	10	4	4	43	34	9	34
6	Marston Shelton Rovers First	20	10	3	7	44	36	8	33
7	Queens Park Crescents First	19	9	3	7	42	36	6	30
8	Totternhoe Reserves	18	8	3	7	33	51	-18	27
9	Wootton Blue Cross First	17	7	2	8	38	37	1	23
10	Elstow Abbey First	19	7	2	10	45	53	-8	23
11	Biggleswade FC Reserves	21	4	4	13	42	73	-31	16
12	Biggleswade United Reserves	22	4	3	15	42	62	-20	14 *
13	Riseley Sports First	19	4	1	14	32	76	-44	12 *
14	Flitwick Town First	21	2	2	17	25	72	-47	7 *
15	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	17	1	1	15	17	56	-39	3 *