

# **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 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 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](mailto:Peter.Francis30@ntlworld.com) or by text/ telephone on 07779680269.

### **Saturday 28th February 2026**

#### **Premier Division Supported by Sportsform**

\_There is no change at the head of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table following victories for the top four teams. League leaders Cranfield United Reserves took their winning home ways up to eight games with a 2-1 success over Riseley Sports. with a brace of goals from Edas Raznauskas with James Cooke hitting the Sports reply. This victory kept them 13 points ahead of second place Caldecote who have played five games fewer after they took their winning ways up to 12 games with a 3-0 victory at Queens Park Crescents thanks to goals from Rafe Goodman, Sam Moore and Joshua Roberts.

For third place Stopsley United it was a 5-2 home victory over Elstow Abbey where Temitayo Akerele with a brace plus goals from Tejon Brown, Luciano Whitter and Josiah Lee Ramsey brought up the nap hand against Abbey replies via Steve Gentle and Marko Tobdzic. Whilst fourth place AFC Oakley took their winning ways up to four games in winning 3-2 at Marston Shelton Rovers, with goals from Harry Chinn, Sonny Newton-Cootes, Takik Dallas with Harry Baker replying twice for the Rovers.

Elsewhere, a brace of goals from Lynden Smith and a strike from Connor Blennerhasset took Totternoe Reserves to their fourth win on the bounce 3-2 at home against Biggleswade United Reserves for whom Fenton Williams and Tom

Cooksley replied. Whilst Biggleswade FC Reserves were the 4-2 home winners over the second from the bottom of the table Flitwick Town who were falling to their seventh straight defeat. Nathaniel Sherriff with a brace plus goals from Tychique Mienambold and Andrews doing the damage with Daniel Stafford and Kenzie King replying for the Town.

A waterlogged pitch seeing the postponement of the Shefford Town & Campton Reserves v Harlington Juniors fixture.

### **Division One**

Baldock Victoria remain seven points clear at the head of the Division One league table after goals from Jack Bendon, Antony James , Kevin Jump and Callum Milson saw them to a 4-1 home victory over Caldecote Reserves whose reply came from Connor Darnell. Whilst second place FC Haynes with goals from George Grahame and Louie Dillon won 2-0 at Blunham.

With third place LU Donz having their game postponed at Bletchley Scot they are now just goal difference ahead of Thurleigh who ran out 3-1 home winners over Bedford Albion thanks to a hat-trick from Edward Hatfield-Shaw against a lone Albion reply from Liam Fenton.

Elsewhere, the other two games were to both go to the visitors by the same 1-0 margin, Connor Napper on the scoresheet for Lea Sports PSG at AFC Oakley Development. Whilst Kempston United won at Clifton with a goal from Elijah Haynes.

### **Division One League Table at 28th February 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                 | 18 | 6  | 4 | 8  | 36 | 35 | 1   | 21 * |
| 8   | Bedford Albion First          | 15 | 5  | 4 | 6  | 41 | 39 | 2   | 19   |
| 9   | Lea Sports PSG Saturday First | 14 | 6  | 0 | 8  | 28 | 43 | -15 | 18   |
| 10  | Caldecote Reserves            | 19 | 6  | 2 | 11 | 30 | 46 | -16 | 18 * |
| 11  | AFC Oakley Development        | 16 | 4  | 4 | 8  | 19 | 36 | -17 | 16   |
| 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

AFC Bedford United are now four points clear at the head of the Division Two league table following their 6-1 home success over Kempston Athletic. Lammar Smithson with five goals and a strike from Ellis Sharp doing the damage against a lone reply from Alexander Wasilewski for the Athletic. Whilst just a goal behind them were Wixams Wanderers who are now unbeaten in their last seven home outings and up to fifth place in the league table after beating Bedford SA 5-3. Louis Hartford-Smith and Likasz Leja with braces plus a goal from Leigh Reynolds bringing up the nap hand against SA replies from Ben Fairey twice and Shema Dixon once.

Now unbeaten in their last nine home outings are third place Queens Park Crescents Reserves who with a goal from Ekeme Amadi were 1-0 home winners over a Green End Rovers side falling to defeat number six on the bounce.

### Division Two League Table at 28th February 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          | 21 | 9  | 4 | 8  | 51 | 51 | 0   | 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   | Flitwick Town Reserves          | 20 | 7  | 2 | 11 | 39 | 56 | -17 | 23   |
| 9   | Green End Rovers First          | 16 | 6  | 2 | 8  | 37 | 38 | -1  | 20   |
| 10  | Kempston Athletic First         | 16 | 5  | 2 | 9  | 22 | 34 | -12 | 17   |
| 11  | Stotfold Junior First (Sat)     | 19 | 3  | 2 | 14 | 19 | 49 | -30 | 11   |
| 12  | Westoning Club Reds             | 19 | 3  | 2 | 14 | 31 | 62 | -31 | 5 *  |

## Jubilee Cup Quarter-Final

With Stotfold Junior unable to raise a side it was a home walk-over into the last four for AFC Kempston Town Hammers.

## Division Three

For league leaders Dunstable Wanderers it was a 8-0 home victory over The 61 FC Luton Reserves to stay four points ahead of Amptill Town Colts who were gifted the three points when Wilstead failed to raise a side to make the trip to Lawrence Park. Charlie Broux bagged six times alongside single strikes from Shazan Arif and Alex Walsh.

Elsewhere, the other two games both went to the visitors by the same 3-1 scoreline, goals from Daniel Beddow, Charlie Connelly and Shaum Williams taking M&DH Clapham to the three points at Turvey. whose reply came from William Westwood. Whilst Athletic FC won by the same scoreline at Everton Athletic where goals from

Cameron Browne, Edrine Kisakye and Emmanuel Obodochine were only replied to once by Logan Smith for the home side.

The Flitwick Town A v Bedford Albion Development game waterlogged off.

### **Division Three League Table at 28th February 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   | 11 | 6  | 1 | 4  | 38 | 33 | 5   | 19   |
| 6   | Everton Athletic FC First  | 14 | 6  | 1 | 7  | 34 | 30 | 4   | 19   |
| 7   | Wilstead First             | 13 | 6  | 0 | 7  | 35 | 30 | 5   | 17 * |
| 8   | M&DH Clapham Sports First  | 13 | 4  | 3 | 6  | 25 | 32 | -7  | 15   |
| 9   | The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves | 12 | 4  | 1 | 7  | 23 | 38 | -15 | 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 * |

### **Division Four**

The shock result of the afternoon saw Wootton Blue Cross A claim their first victory of the season with a 4-1 home success over the start of play league leaders DTCC FC, Joel Simpson with a brace plus strikes from Riley Baxter and Dexter Cross marking their scoresheet. against a lone reply from Chris Sorrentino. This defeat now sees Luton Phoenix heading the league table following their 7-2 home victory over AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves. Muhamed Hussain with a hat-trick, plus braces from Konain Ali Shah and Mohsin Mahmood doing the damage against Hammers replies via Matthew Capener and Giovanni Moscaritolo

Going nap were fifth place Flitwick Town Eagles with a 5-1 home victory over Meltis Rangers. Daniel Golabek with a brace plus goals from Max Hurrell, Kaanan Lupata and Jacob McLaughlin doing the damage against a lone Rangers reply via Kaylan Di Paolo. Whilst Catsbrook Wanderers despite the gift of an own goal fell to a 1-3 home defeat at the hands of Everton Athletic Reserves for whom Adam Carter netted twice and Michael John Freeman once.

The game AFC Clophill v Leighton Woodside Athletic waterlogged off.

### **Watson Shield Second Round**

With a 3-0 away victory at M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves it will be another away trip to Meltis Rangers for Bedfordshire Saturday Youth League Leighton Park Rangers Foxes. in round three.

## Division Four League Table at 28th February 2026

| Pos | Team                                     | P  | W  | D | L  | F  | A  | GD  | PTS  |
|-----|------------------------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|------|
| 1   | Luton Phoenix FC                         | 18 | 15 | 1 | 2  | 75 | 20 | 55  | 46   |
| 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              | 20 | 12 | 1 | 7  | 53 | 38 | 15  | 37   |
| 6   | AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves       | 17 | 8  | 2 | 7  | 46 | 41 | 5   | 26   |
| 7   | Catsbrook Wanderers First                | 16 | 7  | 3 | 6  | 31 | 31 | 0   | 24   |
| 8   | Queens Park Crescents Development        | 16 | 6  | 3 | 7  | 23 | 51 | -28 | 21   |
| 9   | Everton Athletic FC Res                  | 15 | 6  | 2 | 7  | 25 | 40 | -15 | 19 * |
| 10  | Meltis Rangers First                     | 18 | 4  | 4 | 10 | 25 | 36 | -11 | 13 * |
| 11  | Leighton Woodside Athletic               | 19 | 4  | 1 | 14 | 36 | 70 | -34 | 13   |
| 12  | AFC Clophill First                       | 14 | 2  | 1 | 11 | 12 | 45 | -33 | 7    |
| 13  | Wootton Blue Cross A                     | 15 | 1  | 1 | 13 | 16 | 61 | -45 | 3 *  |
| 14  | M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves             | 16 | 0  | 2 | 14 | 13 | 73 | -60 | 0 *  |

## Wednesday 4th March 2026

### Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Under the floodlights at Hitchin Road, Premier Division supported by Sportsform action saw fourth place AFC Oakley take their winning ways up to five games with a 6-1 victory over the hosting bottom of the table Shefford Town & Campton Reserves who were falling to their 11th consecutive defeat. Hat-tricks from Sonny Newton-Coots and Joel Ives doing the damage against a lone Town reply from Jack Damore.

### Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 4th 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            | 20 | 14 | 1 | 5  | 64 | 31 | 33  | 43   |
| 4   | AFC Oakley First                 | 19 | 12 | 4 | 3  | 78 | 37 | 41  | 40   |
| 5   | Marston Shelton Rovers First     | 20 | 10 | 3 | 7  | 44 | 36 | 8   | 33   |
| 6   | Harlington Juniors First         | 16 | 8  | 4 | 4  | 35 | 33 | 2   | 28   |
| 7   | Queens Park Crescents First      | 18 | 8  | 3 | 7  | 39 | 35 | 4   | 27   |
| 8   | Totternhoe Reserves              | 18 | 8  | 3 | 7  | 33 | 51 | -18 | 27   |
| 9   | Wootton Blue Cross First         | 16 | 7  | 2 | 7  | 38 | 36 | 2   | 23   |
| 10  | Elstow Abbey First               | 19 | 7  | 2 | 10 | 45 | 53 | -8  | 23   |
| 11  | Biggleswade FC Reserves          | 20 | 4  | 4 | 12 | 42 | 69 | -27 | 16   |
| 12  | Riseley Sports First             | 18 | 4  | 1 | 13 | 32 | 71 | -39 | 12 * |
| 13  | Biggleswade United Reserves      | 21 | 3  | 3 | 15 | 41 | 62 | -21 | 11 * |
| 14  | Flitwick Town First              | 20 | 2  | 2 | 16 | 24 | 69 | -45 | 7 *  |
| 15  | Shefford Town & Campton Reserves | 16 | 1  | 1 | 14 | 16 | 53 | -37 | 3 *  |