

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.

Saturday 17th January 2026

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

With league leaders Cranfield United Reserves sitting the afternoon out second place Caldecote took full advantage to close the gap on them to just 10 points having played three games fewer by chalking up their fifth away win on the bounce 3-2 at AFC Oakley who were duly being beaten for the first time this season on home soil and ending their current nine game unbeaten run. Rafe Goodman, James Tubridy and Daniel Webb on the visitors scoresheet against home replies from Joel Ives and James Box. Whilst third place Stopsley United made it six wins on the bounce with a 4-0 home victory over Wootton Blue Cross thanks to an own goal plus strikes from Temitayo Akerele., Brandon Carney and Kiyan Newton.

For fourth place Marston Shelton Rovers it was a 1-2 home defeat at the hands of Queens Park Crescents, Hassen Yousaf and Mohammed Abbass on the mark for the Crescents against a Rovers reply from Will Kenington. Also enjoying life on the road were Elstow Abbey in winning 4-1 at Biggleswade FC Reserves.with goals from Wesley Iroegbu, Gael Miguel, Glenn Tumulty and Jethro Muniaga with Nathaniel Sherriff on the mark for the home side.

The Abbey then under the floodlights at Hitchin Road on Tuesday evening made their way into the last four of this season's Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy with a 3-1 penalty-shoot-out victory over the hosting South Midlands League Shefford Town & Campton after 90 minutes play had seen the clubs deadlock at 0-0.

Elsewhere, Riseley Sports claimed their first home win of the season with a 2-1 victory over bottom of the table Shefford Town & Campton Reserves who have now lost all of their last eight outings. Daniel Bennett and Alex Taylor marking the home scoresheet against a Town reply from Harry Plumley. Whilst just a single goal from Ellis Holden was enough to take Totternhoe Reserves to a 1-0 home success over second from the bottom of the table Flitwick Town.

The result of the afternoon perhaps belonging to Biggleswade United Reserves who thanks to a strike from Robbie Hunt were 1-0 home winners over Harlington Juniors.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 17th January 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Cranfield United Reserves	17	15	2	0	60	6	54	47
2	Caldecote First	14	12	1	1	53	15	38	37
3	Stopsley United First	15	10	1	4	47	20	27	31
4	Marston Shelton Rovers First	16	8	3	5	34	26	8	27
5	AFC Oakley First	13	7	4	2	54	27	27	25
6	Wootton Blue Cross First	13	7	2	4	36	27	9	23
7	Harlington Juniors First	14	6	4	4	27	29	-2	22
8	Elstow Abbey First	14	6	1	7	34	39	-5	19
9	Queens Park Crescents First	13	5	3	5	27	25	2	18
10	Totternhoe Reserves	15	5	3	7	22	43	-21	18
11	Riseley Sports First	15	4	1	10	26	59	-33	12 *
12	Biggleswade United Reserves	16	3	2	11	30	44	-14	10 *
13	Biggleswade FC Reserves	15	2	4	9	30	55	-25	10
14	Flitwick Town First	17	2	2	13	21	60	-39	7 *
15	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	13	1	1	11	14	40	-26	4

Division One

There is no change at the head of the Division One standings following three point hauls for all of the top four clubs. League leaders Baldock Victoria remained five points clear at the top following their 5-2 home victory over Clifton to retain their seasons unbeaten home ways and chalk up their eight home success on the bounce. Jack Bendon and Aldous Taylor with braces plus a goal from Elliot Flynn bringing up the nap hand against replies from Tony Gibbs and George Bird. Whilst second place Thurleigh also remained unbeaten at home this season and now

unbeaten in their last 11 outings after beating Kempston United 4-1. Edward Hatfield-Shaw and Charlie Hurley both hit braces against a lone United reply from Fabien Cataldo.

These points kept Thurleigh goal difference ahead of FC Haynes who were gifted their three points when Caldecote Reserves failed to raise a side to meet them. Whilst fourth place LU Donz made it six home wins on the bounce to likewise stay unbeaten at home this season in beating Wootton Blue Cross Reserves 3-2 thanks to a brace from David Byass plus an own goal against Blue Cross replies via George Armstrong and Peter Kerr.

The biggest winners of the day were now fifth place Blunham who won 9-3 at Bedford Albion. Ross Adams with four goals, Ricky Lawrence and Max Smalley with brace plus a goal from Ben Moore doing the damage with Daniel Jefferies twice and Nathan France replying for the Albion. Also enjoying life on the road were AFC Oakley Development who moved out of the drop zone when goals from Scott Armstrong, Jack Griggs and Mason Webb took them to a 3-1 victory at Lea Sports PSG for whom Liam Andrews replied.

Division One League Table at 17th January 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Baldock Victoria	14	11	2	1	51	28	23	35
2	Thurleigh FC	14	9	3	2	51	21	30	30
3	FC Haynes First	15	9	3	3	37	20	17	30
4	LU Donz First	15	8	3	4	57	35	22	27
5	Blunham Saturday	11	6	2	3	31	23	8	20
6	Bedford Albion First	13	5	3	5	39	35	4	18
7	Clifton First	13	5	3	5	31	30	1	18
8	Kempston United First	14	5	2	7	31	35	-4	17
9	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	12	5	0	7	25	36	-11	15
10	AFC Oakley Development	14	3	4	7	19	38	-19	13
11	Caldecote Reserves	15	4	2	9	25	38	-13	12 *
12	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	16	4	0	12	24	51	-27	11 *
13	Bletchley Scot First	12	1	1	10	15	46	-31	4

Berks & Bucks Junior Cup 3rd Round

It was the end of the cup road for Bletchley Scot who were beaten 3-9 at home by Stoke Mandeville FC Stags Senior Reserves. George Scott with a hat-trick plus an own goal and strikes from Luke Norris, Christopher Tofte, Archie White, Joseph

Walker and Ryan McMahan doing the damage against Scot replies via Lewis Delahuge, Rowan Holland and Ben Swepston.

Division Two

AFC Kempston Hammers lead at the head of the Division Two league table is now down to just two points after they fell to a 0-1 home defeat at the hands of Queens Park Crescents Reserves. whose goal came from Adam Iqbal. With Second place AFC Bedford United failing to take full advantage despite retaining their seasons unbeaten ways when held to a 3-3 draw at third place Bedford SA. Gary Townsend with a brace plus Joshua Odhiambo on their scoresheet against SA replies from Shema Dixon, Stephane Bonhcur and Mase Smith.

Still 100% at home this season are fourth place Caddington Reserves after a brace from Ryan Smith and a goal from Nathan Miller saw them overcome Flitwick Town Reserves whose replies came from Jack Farthing and Claydon Hunt. With fifth place St Josephs (Saturday) making it four wins on the bounce when braces from Jimmy O'Donnell and Reece Doyle took them to a 4-0 success at Kempston Athletic who were suffering their sixth home defeat on the bounce.

Division Two League Table at 17th January 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	16	10	3	3	44	16	28	33
2	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	13	9	4	0	50	24	26	31
3	Bedford SA First	16	9	2	5	48	34	14	29
4	Caddington Reserves	15	8	2	5	33	30	3	26
5	St Josephs (Sat)	15	8	1	6	39	33	6	25
6	Queens Park Crescents Reserves	15	8	3	4	27	20	7	24 *
7	Green End Rovers First	14	6	2	6	36	35	1	20
8	Wixams Wanderers First	16	6	2	8	37	41	-4	20
9	Flitwick Town Reserves	16	4	2	10	32	50	-18	14
10	Kempston Athletic First	13	4	1	8	18	27	-9	13
11	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	17	3	2	12	18	41	-23	11
12	Westoning Club Reds	16	3	2	11	31	62	-31	8 *

Elsewhere, bottom of the table Westoning Reds with goals from Dale Goldie, Miles Laflin and Alan Henman picked up their first home win of the season in beating second from the bottom of the table Stotfold Junior 3-2 to close the gap between them to just three points. Ross Irving hit both of the Junior replies. Whilst Wixams Wanderers made it three home wins on the bounce in defeating Green End Rovers 4-1 thanks to goals from Rhys Calvane with a brace plus Liam Duggan and Louis Hartford-Smith against a lone Rovers reply from Ben Thompson.

Division Three

Dunstable Wanderers lead at the head of the Division Three league table is now up to seven points after they retained their season's 100% record with a 4-0 victory at second place Ampthill Town Colts. Shazan Arif with a brace plus an own goal and a strike from Charlie Broux doing the damage. Whilst third place Bedford Albion Development now only trails the Colts on goal difference after they extend their unbeaten ways up to six games in winning 4-1 at Athletic FC with goals from Adelana Gbolasi, Micheal Hudson, Kye Mackinnon and Panashe Manyau against a lone home reply via Aaron Romain.

A third side enjoying life on the road were Stopsley United Reserves who with a brace from Cameron Kent and goals from Trey Brand, Owen Impey and Cameron Nagle won 5-0 at Turvey Whilst bottom of the table Caldecote A were the 4-1 home winners over The 61 FC Luton Reserves. Daniel Cave, Riley Evans, Reed Godden and Ogor Maslowski all found the net for the home side against a lone William Fergie-Campbell reply for the visitors.

Division Three League Table at 17th January 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Dunstable Wanderers First	12	12	0	0	40	12	28	36
2	Ampthill Town Colts	15	9	2	4	41	21	20	29
3	Bedford Albion Development	13	9	2	2	34	18	16	29
4	Wilstead First	12	7	0	5	40	32	8	21
5	Stopsley United Reserves	11	6	1	4	42	34	8	19
6	Athletic FC First	14	7	1	6	43	36	7	19*
7	Everton Athletic FC First	12	5	1	6	28	25	3	16
8	Turvey First	14	5	0	9	17	41	-24	15
9	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	12	4	1	7	24	32	-8	13
10	LU Donz Development	14	4	2	8	27	28	-1	12*
11	M&DH Clapham Sports First	11	3	3	5	22	28	-6	12
12	Flitwick Town 'A'	15	3	1	11	20	46	-26	10
13	Caldecote A	13	3	0	10	23	48	-25	8*

Elsewhere, having lost their last seven outings second from the bottom of the table Flitwick Town A returned to winning ways with a likewise 4-1 home success over Lu Donz Development. Thomas Giggie with a brace plus goals from Scott Gadsden and Carl Owen only replied to once by Demario Legister for the Donz.

Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup 2nd Round

Wilstead will now face a home encounter at the Quarter-Final stage with DTCC FC after goals from Edward Lamb and Joseph Sullivan saw them win 2-0 at M&DH Clapham Sports.

Division Four

League Leaders DTCC FC retained their season's 100% home record and took their winning ways up to 14 games with a 6-0 victory over Everton Athletic Reserves thanks to a brace of goals from Jamie Traynor and single strikes from Benjamin Griffiths, Sam Barrett, David Perkins and Chris Sorrention to remain two points ahead of second place Cranfield United Development who were 10-0 home winners over Leighton Woodside Athletic. David Balic with a hat-trick plus goals from Max Ellis, George Burden, Harry Griffiths, Josh Aranello, Josh Burden-Reid and Alessio Cerrone dishing out the punishment.

For third place Luton Phoenix it was an extension of their unbeaten ways to eight games with a 2-0 home victory over Meltis Rangers with goals from Konain Ali-Shah and Muhammed Jaward Hussain. Whilst fourth place Flitwick Eagles Development with goals from Jack Bowsher and Max Hurrell won 2-0 at home against Catsbrook Wanderers.

The only away win of the afternoon belonged to fifth place Westoning Blues in winning 5-0 at Wootton Blue Cross A where goals from Jay Atkinson, Rocco Pearce, Ronald Schapp -Garrett, Matthew Walsh and Freddie Hunt brought up the nap hand.

For sixth place Queens Park Crescents Development it was home victory number three on the bounce when goals from Haider Abbasi, Orlando Kakie and Ibrahim Miah saw them beat bottom of the table M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves 3-0.

The game AFC Clophill v AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

Division Four League Table at 17th January 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Dunstable Town Cricket Club DTCC FC Satu	15	14	0	1	52	13	39	42
2	Cranfield United Development	16	13	1	2	93	15	78	40
3	Luton Phoenix FC	15	12	1	2	61	16	45	37
4	Flitwick Eagles Development	17	11	1	5	43	29	14	34
5	Westoning Club Blues	14	10	0	4	42	19	23	29 *
6	Queens Park Crescents Development	14	6	3	5	22	39	-17	21
7	AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves	14	6	2	6	35	32	3	20
8	Catsbrook Wanderers First	12	5	2	5	19	23	-4	17
9	Everton Athletic FC Res	14	5	2	7	22	39	-17	17
10	Meltis Rangers First	14	4	3	7	21	25	-4	12 *
11	Leighton Woodside Athletic	17	3	1	13	29	64	-35	10
12	AFC Clophill First	12	1	1	10	8	40	-32	4
13	Wootton Blue Cross A	11	0	0	11	8	50	-42	-1 *
14	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	13	0	1	12	12	63	-51	-1 *