

Bedfordshire County **Football League**



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Noticeboard

Registration Forms (covered under league rule 8)

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 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.

Saturday 13th January 2024

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

In taking their unbeaten ways up to six games in winning 5-1 at Queens Park Crescents, Stotfold Development are now just a single point behind league leaders Caldecote albeit having played two games more. Codi Spavin with a brace plus single goals from Harry Buckley, Jack Stanton and Mitch Gooch bringing up the nap hand against a lone home reply from Benjamin Boxall. Whilst third place Elstow Abbey made it six wins on the bounce in winning 2-1 at Sharnbrook. Aaron Jones and Lewis Parkin on the Abbey scoresheet against a home reply from Fin Box. .

Now in fourth place are Biggleswade United Reserves following their 4-3 home victory over Crawley Green Reserves, Seyram Hammond with a hat-trick and a single goal from Jed Warwick marking the United scoresheet. against Green replies from Reece Green, Dominic Horn and Faral Taingwa. Losing out on that fourth spot are Marston Shelton Rovers who were beaten 3-0 at Riseley Sports. Jay Willett opened the scoring in the 23rd minute before two goals from Dan Bennett in the 75th and 89th minute sealed the Sports victory.

Elsewhere, Biggleswade FC Reserves won 4-3 at Flitwick Town. Rafael Miles with a hat-trick and a goal from Douglas Zure marking their scoresheet whilst Tom Barnett, Andy Graham and Phil Matthews netted the Town goals

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 13th January 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Caldecote First	12	11	0	1	38	9	29	33
2	Stotfold Development	14	10	2	2	49	17	32	32
3	Elstow Abbey First	11	8	1	2	28	12	16	25
4	Biggleswade United Reserves	13	7	2	4	39	25	14	23
5	Marston Shelton Rovers First	15	6	3	6	35	37	-2	21
6	AFC Oakley First	10	6	1	3	41	16	25	19
7	Crawley Green Reserves	13	5	2	6	22	24	-2	17
8	Flitwick Town First	12	4	2	6	29	41	-12	14
9	Queens Park Crescents First	11	3	4	4	26	27	-1	13
10	Biggleswade FC Reserves	13	4	1	8	23	44	-21	13
11	Riseley Sports First	12	4	0	8	19	37	-18	12
12	Sharnbrook First	10	3	2	5	20	20	0	11
13	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	10	2	1	7	18	37	-19	7
14	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	12	0	1	11	14	55	-41	1

Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy Second Round

Caldecote will now face a home Quarter final tie against Ampthill Town next weekend after winning 2-0 at Shefford Town & Campton Reserves. thanks to goals from Sonny Newton Cootes and Daniel Webb. But it was the end of the Trophy road for AFC Oakley who were beaten 0-1 at home by Langford.

Division One

Bufs FC are now unbeaten in their last 11 outings and up to second place in the league standings after winning 3-2 at Henlow. Luke Hennessey with a brace and a goal from Paul Morris outweighing home replies from Bameron Care and Aldous Taylor. Whilst Clifton returned to winning ways for the first time in six outings with a 2-1 home victory over Bedford SA who are now on a winless run of nine games. Cam Lewis and Callum Saunders on the mark for the home side against a SA reply via Josh Emmerton.

Division One League Table at 13th January 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Wootton Blue Cross First	11	9	2	0	38	15	23	29
2	Bufs FC Saturday First	12	7	1	4	26	21	5	22
3	Cranfield United Reserves	11	6	2	3	40	18	22	20
4	Renhold First	12	6	2	4	22	27	-5	20
5	Totternhoe Reserves	10	6	1	3	31	24	7	19
6	AFC Oakley Development	14	5	3	6	34	30	4	18
7	Bedford Albion First	11	5	1	5	21	21	0	15*
8	Harlington Juniors First	10	4	1	5	18	23	-5	13
9	Henlow First	11	3	3	5	23	34	-11	11*
10	Clifton First	10	2	2	6	12	21	-9	8
11	Lewsey Park First	11	1	4	6	16	30	-14	7
12	Bedford SA First	11	1	2	8	17	34	-17	5
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*

Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup Third Round

The Cup action began on Friday evening when before a packed Weston Park (crowd estimated at 200 plus) Wootton Blue Cross eventually overcame Wotton Blue Cross Reserves 5-3. They opened the scoring in the 17th minute via Keaton Marsh which was to last just 60 seconds before Jack Spada levelled matters up for the

reserves and then Cayden Greer-Roe shot the reserves 2-1 ahead in the 32nd minute only for the first team via Joe Holmes three minutes later strike to take the teams in at half-time all square.

We were just five minutes into the second period before the goal of the game from Ben Smith which nudged the first team 3-2 ahead only for an own goal on 67 minutes to make it 3-3. However it was to be the first teams night when goals from Zeppelin Macdonald (84 minutes) and Noah Marsh deep in time added on saw them home and earn a home tie against Ickwell & Old Warden

A day later, the result of the day belonged to Ickwell & Old Warden who with two goals from Jack Fox and a strike from Kyle Johnsson were the 3-2 home winners over Totternoe Reserves for whom Blake Garner and Oliver Richardson netted. Whilst also into the quarter-final are LU Donz following their 4-0 home win over AFC Bedford United where all the goals came in the second half via Troy Walker with a brace plus strikes from Brandon McIntosh and Leroy White. Their reward being a trip to Cranfield United Reserves who won 2-1 at Stopsley United. Leonardo Valentino Cimmino netted both United goals against a home reply from Craig Meyrick..

The one tie to go to a penalty shoot-out brought a home victory for Renhold over Bedford Albion after 90 minutes played had seen the sides deadlocked at 2-2. Glen Tumulty and Nathan France on the home scoresheet against Albion replies via Kyle Ingram and Michael Stephenson to earn them a home tie against AFC Oakley Development at the last eight stage who with goals from Omojiseocuwa Bankole and Harvey Holland won 2-1 at Caldecote Reserves for whom Nick Thomas netted.

Also enjoying life on the road were Westoning Recreation who won 3-0 at Blunham, they will now host Kempston Rovers Reserves or Harlington Juniors. in the Quarter Final. Charlie Scott with a brace plus Greg Bennett marking their scoresheet.

Division Two North

Kempston United took their unbeaten home ways up to four games with a 3-2 victory over league leaders Wilstead. Harvey Eagle with a brace and a goal from Travis Joseph doing the damage against visiting replies from Harry Dynes and Michael Jones. Whist Sandy collected their first away points of the season in winning 2-0 at Bande Rouge with goals from Michael Turner and Von Maswangany.

For Sharnbrook Reserves it was home win number five on the bounce in beating M&DH Clapham Sports 3-1. Edward Hatfield-Shaw netted twice and Bradley Duffett once against a lone Sports reply from Louis Lee .Whilst Shefford Town & Campton Development ran out 4-1 home winners over bottom of the table AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves. Kwane Richards, Kyle Fonseca, George Starling and Sam Cook all finding the back of the net for the Town against a lone Hammers reply via Reece Kennington.

Division Two North League Table at 13th January 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Wilstead First	14	9	1	4	37	27	10	28
2	Caldecote Reserves	10	8	1	1	36	9	27	25
3	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	13	7	3	3	34	19	15	24
4	Sharnbrook Reserves	12	7	2	3	31	17	14	23
5	Ickwell & Old Warden First	10	7	1	2	36	16	20	22
6	Shefford Town & Campton Development	13	7	1	5	28	21	7	22
7	Kempston United First	12	6	3	3	27	17	10	21
8	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	13	6	3	4	25	19	6	21
9	Sandy First	12	4	0	8	16	34	-18	12
10	Blunham First	13	4	2	7	21	27	-6	11 *
11	Bande Rouge (Sat) First	15	4	1	10	22	39	-17	11 *
12	M&DH Clapham Sports First	13	2	2	9	11	29	-18	8
13	AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves	12	0	0	12	7	57	-50	-1 *

David Grainge Berks & Bucks Junior Cup

It was the end of the road for Bletchley Scot who lost out 3-0 in the penalty shoot-out at Haddenham United after the sides were deadlocked at 2-2 come 90 minutes. Taigan Brooks and Ben Swepston netting the goals.

Division Two South

For second place Sporting Carpathians it was a 3-1 victory at FC Haynes. Julian Constantin Cojocariu with a brace plus Petrut Negut on their scoresheet against a lone Louie Dillon reply for the home side. Whilst the biggest winners of the day were Caddington who returned to winning ways for the first time in seven outings with a 6-3 home victory over bottom of the table The 61 FC Luton Reserves. Isaac Okelld led the way with four goals to go alongside single strikes from Max Cooper and Rayvan Bridgett. The 61 replies came via Cleopas Makaza twice and George Obeng.

Just a goal behind them were Lea Sports PSG who are now unbeaten in their last five home starts following their 5-1 victory over second from bottom of the table FC Polonia (Luton) who have lost their last 11 games. Rhys Cadger, Liam Doyle, Sean Dixon, Josh Slack plus an own goal bringing up the nap hand against a lone reply from Fabian Pawelec. Whilst New Bradwell St Peter Development saw their four game unbeaten away run come to an end when going down 4-1 at Stotfold Junior. Bailey Mapletroft with a brace plus single goals from Corey Lyness and Joseph Evans doing the damage against a lone reply from Ben Wilson.

Division Two South League Table at 13th January 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stopsley United First	12	11	1	0	61	14	47	34
2	Sporting Carpathians First	14	10	1	3	60	21	39	30 *
3	Westoning Recreation First	12	8	2	2	57	19	38	26
4	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	13	8	1	4	49	31	18	22 *
5	New Bradwell St Peter FC Development	13	6	2	5	29	29	0	20
6	LU Donz First	9	6	1	2	21	13	8	19
7	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	14	6	1	7	35	52	-17	19
8	Caddington (BCFL)	12	4	4	4	28	24	4	16
9	FC Haynes First	12	5	1	6	43	31	12	15 *
10	Flitwick Town Reserves	12	3	3	6	18	46	-28	12
11	Brache Phoenix First	9	2	3	4	19	26	-7	9
12	Bletchley Scot First	7	1	3	3	21	19	2	6
13	FC Polonia (Luton) First	14	1	0	13	24	66	-42	3
14	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	13	0	1	12	9	83	-74	1

Division Four

League leaders Kempston Athletic saw their six game winning run and seasons 100% home record ended when beaten 4-1 by third place Shefford Town & Campton U23. Luke Baranowski with a hat-trick and a single goal from Luke Carter doing the damage. Whilst Ampthill Town Colts picked up their first home point of the season from a 2-2 draw against Leighton Woodside Athletic. Nathan Scott and Elliot Surgue on their scoresheet against a brace in reply from Freddie Richmond.

Watson Shield Round One

The biggest home winners of the day were Luton Panthers with a 6-1 home victory over GS Athletic to earn a trip to Caldecote A in round two. Ryan Spencer with a hat-trick, Shakir Gouser with a brace plus a single goal from Trey Brand doing the damage against a lone reply from Charlie Savill.. Whilst the biggest away winners were Harlington Juniors Reserves 6-0 at M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves to earn a trip to Bedford Albion Development in round two. Shaun Cooksley with a hat-trick and single goals from James Fletcher, Ben Smith and Edward Prior on their scoresheet. Whilst the Albion won 4-1 at Lidlington United Sports Club Colts with goals from Harry Clark, Daniel Litchfield, Josh Lummis and Ben Worbey against a lone Colts reply from Antony Antoniou.

For Athletic FC it will now be a trip in round two to Catsbrook Wanderers after winning 5-2 at Leighton Woodside Rovers. Erigert Toma with a brace plus goals from Emmanuel Adjei, Alfred Song and Cabduilhamid Oahir bringing up the nap hand against Rovers replies from Jonathon Ryan and George Somerfield. Whilst Elstow Abbey Reserves will journey to Kempston Athletic in round two following their 1-0 home victory over Meltis Rangers thanks to a goal from George Whitmore.

Following their 4-0 home victory over Queens Park Crescents Development, Dunstable Wanderers will now host either CS Rovers or Warden AFC U18 PDA Luton in round two. Whilst Turvey having been given a walk-over by Wing Raiders U17 will now travel to Shefford Town & Campton U23 or Inspire Athletic U18 Academy in round two.

Watson Shield Round Two.

Sandy Reserves, despite a brace of goals from Tom Howitt fell to a 2-4 home defeat against AFC Oakley U18 Colts.

Division Four League Table at 13th January 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston Athletic First	16	14	0	2	66	11	55	42
2	Athletic FC First	15	11	4	0	47	22	25	37
3	Shefford Town & Campton U23	15	10	3	2	55	23	32	33
4	Dunstable Wanderers First	13	5	3	5	31	34	-3	18
5	Meltis Rangers First	11	4	4	3	28	17	11	13*
6	Sandy Reserves	11	4	1	6	23	33	-10	13
7	Catsbrook Wanderers First	16	4	2	10	15	47	-32	13*
8	Turvey	13	3	3	7	24	36	-12	12
9	Lidlington United Sports Club Colts	13	3	3	7	25	40	-15	12
10	Amphill Town Colts	12	3	1	8	21	49	-28	10
11	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	11	2	2	7	11	35	-24	7*
12	Biggleswade FC Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Leighton Woodside Athletic	14	2	4	8	22	21	1	-1*

