

Bedfordshire County **Football League**



Season 2024-25

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MERRY XMAS AND A HAPPY NEW
YEAR

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.

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 7th December 2024

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Just two and a bit games were to survive dear old Storm Darragh. The bit game over at Gold Street being the only one to start on grass between Riseley Sports and Biggleswade United Reserves, alas conditions deteriorated so much that the referee was forced to call the game to a halt just 30 minutes into the contest.

In the other two games on the Artificial surface saw Marston Shelton Rovers retain their season's 100% away record and climb the league table into third spot with a 11-3 victory at Crawley Green Development. Jamie Cerminara led the way with four goals, Luke Clifford claimed a hat-trick to go alongside single strikes from Ben Cherry, Riley Clifford, Harry Murray and Ross Tompkins against home replies via Zepplin MacDonald twice and Robby Doran once.

The other game between Biggleswade FC and Totternhoe Reserves ended in a 3-3 draw. FC going in front after just seven minutes via Bailey Mapletoft who was making his FC debut following his transfer the previous day from Biggleswade United Reserves before Jordan Knight levelled matters in the 26th minute. Parity was to last just nine minutes before Rafael Sabado Miles shot the FC back in front and that's the way it stayed until the visitors drew level again five minutes into the new half when Chris Gibson was on hand to net the rebound after FC goalkeeper Jordan Townsend had beaten away a spot kick from Ryan Donoghue..

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 7th December 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Wootton Blue Cross First	9	8	0	1	38	15	23	24
2	AFC Oakley First	11	7	2	2	36	13	23	23
3	Marston Shelton Rovers First	10	6	3	1	30	17	13	21
4	Cranfield United Reserves	12	6	2	4	30	19	11	20
5	Caldecote First	12	6	1	5	24	23	1	19
6	Biggleswade United Reserves	10	4	2	4	31	28	3	14
7	Queens Park Crescents First	6	4	1	1	13	8	5	13
8	Elstow Abbey First	7	4	1	2	19	17	2	13
9	Riseley Sports First	11	4	0	7	18	21	-3	12
10	Totternhoe Reserves	10	3	3	4	17	21	-4	12
11	Biggleswade FC Reserves	12	2	4	6	23	39	-16	10
12	Crawley Green Development	11	2	2	7	20	41	-21	8
13	Flitwick Town First	9	2	1	6	18	32	-14	7
14	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	10	0	2	8	8	31	-23	2

With just 15 minutes to play a serious head injury to a Totternhoe player saw the game held up for some 25 minutes and had the venue not had the use of floodlights the game would have went the same way as the game at Gold Street. Once restarted within 60 seconds Ryan Donoghue made up for his penalty miss by shooting his side in front for the first time but with just five minutes left on the watch Bailey Mapletoft popped up to net his second of the afternoon to earn his new club a share of the spoils.

The postponed games being AFC Oakley v Queens Park Crescents: Flitwick Town v Cranfield United Reserves: Shefford Town & Campton Reserves v Cadecote and Wootton Blue Cross v Elstow Abbey.

Division One

All four scheduled games, Bedford Albion v Buffs FA: Bedford SA v Wootton Blue Cross Reserves; Clifton v Ickwell & Old Warden and Harlington Juniors v AFC Oakley Development being postponed.

Division One League Table at 7th December 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stopsley United First	9	8	0	1	35	12	23	24
2	Harlington Juniors First	9	7	1	1	45	15	30	22
3	Sporting Carpathians First	8	5	2	1	21	11	10	17
4	Ickwell & Old Warden First	10	3	3	4	18	20	-2	12
5	Clifton First	7	3	2	2	18	13	5	11
6	Buffs FC Saturday First	8	3	1	4	10	18	-8	10
7	Kempston United First	10	3	1	6	16	31	-15	10
8	Bedford Albion First	5	2	2	1	14	12	2	8
9	AFC Oakley Development	9	1	4	4	14	22	-8	6*
10	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	6	1	2	3	11	19	-8	5
11	Bedford SA First	9	0	0	9	5	34	-29	-3*

Division Two North

Just the one game of the five scheduled was to go ahead on the all weather at Wixams where Blunham returned to winning ways in beating their Wanderers hosts to move within goal difference of league leaders Thurleigh with a 3-2 victory. thanks to a brace from Connor Heaps and a strike from Max Smalley against Wanderers replies via an own goal plus Jack Norman.

The postponed games being FC Haynes v Caldecote Reserves: M&DH Clapham Sports v Green End Rovers: Shefford Town & Campton Development v Bedford Albion Development and Thurleigh v AFC Bedford United.

Division Two North League Table at 7th December 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Thurleigh FC	9	7	0	2	24	6	18	21
2	Blunham (BCFL)	11	6	3	2	27	19	8	21
3	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	9	5	3	1	22	15	7	18
4	Caldecote Reserves	9	5	1	3	25	12	13	16
5	FC Haynes First	10	5	1	4	21	24	-3	16
6	Green End Rovers First	9	4	1	4	22	18	4	13
7	Bedford Albion Development	11	2	3	6	18	27	-9	9
8	Wixams Wanderers First	9	3	1	5	16	22	-6	7 *
9	Shefford Town & Campton Development	8	2	1	5	15	28	-13	7
10	M&DH Clapham Sports First	9	0	2	7	8	27	-19	2

Division Two South

Again it was the 3G surface to the rescue which saw AFC Kempston Town Hammers move themselves off of the bottom of the league table at the expense of Brache Phoenix after running out 2-1 winners at Luton Panthers thanks to a brace of goals from Perry Ronayne both from the penalty spot with Ryan Spencer replying for the Phoenix.

Division Two South League Table at 7th December 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	LU Donz First	10	7	2	1	27	18	9	23
2	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	10	6	3	1	37	21	16	21
3	Luton Panthers First	11	4	3	4	38	25	13	15
4	New Bradwell St Peter FC Development	9	5	1	3	20	13	7	15 *
5	Flitwick Town Reserves	11	5	0	6	29	34	-5	15
6	Harlington Juniors Reserves	8	5	1	2	25	11	14	13 *
7	Bletchley Scot First	6	3	2	1	20	16	4	11
8	Caddington (BCFL)	10	3	2	5	18	24	-6	11
9	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	10	3	1	6	26	29	-3	10
10	Caldecote A	12	2	3	7	13	43	-30	9
11	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	10	2	2	6	19	33	-14	8
12	Brache Phoenix First	7	1	2	4	15	20	-5	5

The postponed games being Bletchley Scot v Caldecote A: Brache Phoenix v Caddington : Flitwick Town Reserves v Stotfold Junior; Lea Sports PSG v Lu Donz and New Bradwell St Peter Development v Harlington Juniors Reserves.

Division Three

_Just two of the six games played and as Cilla Black would say Surprise Surprise they were both on the grass. In Allen Park, Queens Park Crescents Development retained their season's 100% home record in beating the previously unbeaten away from home Sandy Reserves 5-1 to take them up to fourth place in the league table. Muhamed Ibrahim and Qasim Tuffail with braces plus a goal from Daniel Bond bringing up the nap hand against a lone Sandy reply via Joe Gudgin. Whilst with goals from Paul Jackson and Michael Jones Wilstead were the 2-0 winners at Elstow Abbey Reserves.

_Postponed were the games, Dunstable Wanderers v Flitwick Town A : Everton Athletic v Kempston Athletic, FC Polonia (Luton) v Meltis Rangers and THE 61 FC Luton Reserves v Lewsey Park.

Division Three League Table at 7th December 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston Athletic First	11	9	2	0	43	4	39	29
2	Sandy Reserves	12	8	2	2	35	17	18	26
3	Lewsey Park First	10	7	1	2	39	21	18	22
4	Queens Park Crescents Development	10	6	1	3	44	25	19	19
5	Athletic FC First	10	6	1	3	34	21	13	19
6	Dunstable Wanderers First	8	4	2	2	23	15	8	14
7	Elstow Abbey Reserves	11	4	0	7	15	28	-13	12
8	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	10	4	1	5	24	40	-16	12 *
9	Wilstead First	11	4	0	7	15	27	-12	11 *
10	FC Polonia (Luton) First	11	4	0	7	31	32	-1	8 *
11	Flitwick Town 'A'	10	2	1	7	17	42	-25	7
12	Meltis Rangers First	10	2	2	6	15	40	-25	7 *
13	Everton Athletic FC First	10	0	1	9	14	37	-23	-2 *

Division Four

_With Henlow Hurricanes failing to raise a side to travel and meet Catsbrook Wanderers the gift of the three points to the Wanderers saw them swap eighth and ninth places in the league table.

The other four games, AFC Clophill v DTCC : Ampthill Town Colts v Everton Athletic Reserves : EB Lions U21 v M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves and Wootton Blue Cross A v Turvey all being postponed.

Division Four League Table at 7th December 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Ampthill Town Colts	9	8	1	0	37	14	23	25
2	Stopsley United Reserves	11	8	0	3	49	24	25	24
3	Wootton Blue Cross A	10	7	1	2	25	19	6	21*
4	Turvey First	10	6	0	4	35	25	10	17*
5	EB Lions AFC (Sat) Mens U21	9	6	1	2	33	16	17	16*
6	Dunstable Town Cricket Club DTCC FC Satu	10	5	1	4	35	23	12	16
7	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	9	2	1	6	17	32	-15	7
8	Catsbrook Wanderers First	10	2	1	7	10	25	-15	7
9	Henlow Hurricanes First	8	2	1	5	14	30	-16	4*
10	Everton Athletic FC Res	8	1	0	7	11	41	-30	3
11	AFC Clophill First	10	1	1	8	17	34	-17	1*
12	AFC Bedford United (Sat) U23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3*

Bedfordshire FA Quarter-Final Cup Draws Season 2024-25

Senior Trophy

Stotfold Reserves v Ampthill Town

Totternhoe Reserves v AFC Oakley

Caldecote v Flitwick Town

Queens Park Crescents v Marston Shelton Rovers

Intermediate Cup

Clifton v Harlington Juniors

Ickwell & Old Warden v Harlington Juniors Reserves

Kempston United v Stopsley United

Kempston Rovers Reserves v LU Donz