

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.

Friday 2nd February 2024

Following the February 2024 Management Committee Meeting held last evening the following league table adjustments will now be made.

Please note once the official minutes of the meeting are published under league rule 7F all clubs have the right to appeal the decisions made within the next 14 days with our Sanctioning Authority (Bedfordshire FA) Please see page 6 of the league rules for full details.

GS Athletic : breach of league rule 18M v Flitwick Town A on Saturday 6th January 2024. GS Athletic deducted one penalty league point with result of the game to stand.

Amendments made under league rule 20E following games being abandoned

Division Three. 28th October 2024. Elstow Abbey Reserves v Luton Panthers. Game now awarded to Elstow Abbey Reserves.

Adjustments to League Cup fixtures

_Kempston Athletic . Breach of Cup rule 3 in Watson Shield game v Elstow Abbey Reserves on Saturday 27th January 2024. (won 4-0)

Kempston Athletic removed from the competition and Elstow Abbey Reserves reinstated.

_Sharnbrook/ Sharnbrook Reserves. Breach of league rule 20E (iii) on Saturday 27th January 2024. Sharnbrook Reserves removed from the Jubilee Cup and Bande Rouge reinstated.

Saturday 3rd February 2024

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

There is no change at the head of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table following wins for the top two clubs. League leaders Stotfold Development took their current winning ways up to five games when goals from Charlie Mallett and Codi Spavins took them to a 2-0 victory at third place Biggleswade United Reserves. Whilst second place Caldecote who trail the leaders by just two points and having played three games fewer took their own winning ways up to eight games to retain their season's 100% away record with a 2-0 win at Marston Shelton Rovers. Elliot Bunday and Lloyd Jones finding the back of the net.

On a day of away wins there were also 0-2 victories for Flitwick Town and AFC Oakley. Town with goals from Phil Matthews and Pete Rogan winning at Crawley Green Reserves and AFC Oakley at Sharnbrook with goals from Zach Ives and Dave Groom.

Also winning on the road were Queens Park Crescents at Riseley Sports. Adam Iqbal, Dominic Parrell and Faruer Salimon all finding the back of the net against home replies from Dan Bennett and Alex Taylor to take them to a 3-2 victory ,whilst the lone home victory of the day saw Biggleswade FC Reserves beat Shefford Town & Campton Reserves 4-2. Dylan Defane Asonganyi and Piamedi Bornolo both netting braces.against Town replies via Kyle Cook and Kwane Richards.

Please note Sharnbrook have now withdrawn from the league and their record expunged from record as per below updated league table.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 3rd February 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stotfold Development	14	11	1	2	50	15	35	34
2	Caldecote First	12	11	0	1	37	8	29	33
3	Biggleswade United Reserves	15	8	2	5	41	28	13	26
4	Elstow Abbey First	10	7	1	2	26	11	15	22
5	Marston Shelton Rovers First	17	6	4	7	35	40	-5	22
6	AFC Oakley First	12	6	2	4	44	20	24	20
7	Flitwick Town First	13	5	2	6	31	41	-10	17
8	Crawley Green Reserves	13	5	1	7	22	26	-4	16
9	Biggleswade FC Reserves	13	5	1	7	27	41	-14	16
10	Queens Park Crescents First	11	3	4	4	25	28	-3	13
11	Riseley Sports First	13	4	0	9	24	40	-16	12
12	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	10	2	1	7	18	37	-19	7
13	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	13	0	1	12	14	59	-45	1
14	Sharnbrook First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Britannia Cup Quarter Final

Elstow Abbey will now face a trip to Caldecote at the last four stage following their 6-0 home victory over AFC Kempston Town Hammers. Daniel Mattin with a brace plus single goals from Kyle Andrews, James Copley, Aaron Jones and Jordan Nice doing the damage.

Division One

Like in the top Division there is no change at the head of the standings following wins for the top three clubs. League leaders Wootton Blue Cross retaining their seasons unbeaten ways when goals from Joe Holmes, Keaton Marsh and Mason Marsh took them to a 3-0 victory at Bedford SA who are now winless in their last 10 outings. Whilst second place Buffs FC who trail the Blue Cross by 10 points won for the fifth time on the bounce on the road to take their unbeaten ways up to 12 games in ending Cranfield United Reserves home season's unbeaten ways with a 2-0 victory thanks to goals from Jack Bendon and Luke Hennessary.

For third place Totternoe Reserves who have played two games fewer than the top two clubs it was a 6-1 away success at Bedford Albion. Jordan Knight led the way with four goals alongside single strikes from Scott Collins and Blake Garner against a lone Albion reply via Matthew Phelan. Now in fourth place are AFC Oakley Development who returned to winning ways for the first time in six outings when

goals from Scott Armstrong and Omojiseoluwa Bankole saw them win 2-1 at Lewsey Park whose reply came from the penalty spot by Jonathan Barnett.

Dropping down into fifth place are Renhold who were held to a 3-2 draw at Harlington Juniors. Sean Byrne, Sheldon Washington and Marko Tobdzic all found the back of the net against Junior replies from Ashley Ingham twice and Ben Thornton once. Elsewhere, Henlow were the 2-0 home winners over local rivals Clifton with a brace of goals from George Scott.

Division One League Table at 3rd February 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Wootton Blue Cross First	13	11	2	0	45	15	30	35
2	Bufs FC Saturday First	13	8	1	4	28	21	7	25
3	Totternhoe Reserves	11	7	1	3	37	25	12	22
4	AFC Oakley Development	16	6	3	7	36	32	4	21
5	Renhold First	13	6	3	4	25	30	-5	21
6	Cranfield United Reserves	12	6	2	4	40	20	20	20
7	Bedford Albion First	13	6	1	6	28	27	1	18 *
8	Henlow First	13	5	3	5	26	34	-8	17 *
9	Harlington Juniors First	11	4	2	5	21	26	-5	14
10	Clifton First	11	2	2	7	12	23	-11	8
11	Lewsey Park First	14	1	4	9	17	42	-25	7
12	Bedford SA First	12	1	2	9	17	37	-20	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 *

Division Two North

With league leaders Wilstead sitting the afternoon out their lead at the head of the standings is now down to just two points after second place Kempston United took their unbeaten ways up to seven games with a 8-1 home victory over Sandy. Ashton Joyce, Elijah Haynes and Diego Fortes all grabbing braces to go alongside single goals from Jeff Gyasi and Daniel Domfeh against a lone Sandy reply via Leotin Marian Filip.

For third place Caldecote Reserves who have games in hand on the top two it was a 2-1 away success at Sharnbrook Reserves who were thus ending a five game winning run. Liam Beech and Christopher Clark marking their scoresheet against a lone home reply from Joshu Marshall.

In fourth place are Shefford Town & Campton Development who won 3-2 at Ickwell & Old Warden. George Starling, Billy Lambley and Will Boon on their scoresheet against home replies via Luke Gurney and Jack Fox. Whilst fifth place AFC Bedford United emerged the 3-0 away winners at Blunham thanks to goals from Gary Townsend, Papa Adakwa Agyatong and Jake Grogan.

Division Two North League Table at 3rd February 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Wilstead First	15	9	2	4	35	25	10	29
2	Kempston United First	14	8	3	3	43	16	27	27
3	Caldecote Reserves	11	8	1	2	36	12	24	25
4	Shefford Town & Campton Development	14	8	1	5	31	23	8	25
5	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	13	7	3	3	32	18	14	24
6	Sharnbrook Reserves	12	6	2	4	32	19	13	20
7	Ickwell & Old Warden First	10	6	1	3	30	19	11	19
8	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	12	5	4	3	19	15	4	19
9	Blunham First	14	4	3	7	19	26	-7	12*
10	M&DH Clapham Sports First	12	2	1	9	9	26	-17	7
11	Sandy First	13	2	1	10	16	45	-29	7
12	AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves	12	0	0	12	6	64	-58	-1*
13	Bande Rouge (Sat) First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2*

Division Two South

The biggest winners of the day were second from bottom of the table FC Polonia (Luton) who collected their first home points of the season to end a 12 game losing run to beat bottom of the table The 61 FC Luton Reserves. 8-0. Fabien Pawelec netted six times and Peter Wilson twice. Whilst the next highest scorers were Bletchley Scot in their 5-2 home success over New Bradwell St Peters Development. Ben Swepston led the way with a hat-trick alongside single goals from Connor Vincent and Taigan Brooks to bring up the nap hand against a brace in reply from Donell Mahanzu.

With league leaders Stopsley United sitting the afternoon out their lead at the head of the standings remains at seven points after second place Sporting Carpathians saw their away encounter at Flitwick Town Reserves abandoned midway through the first half. allowing Westoning Recreation to move within one point of them following their 3-0 away victory at Caddington. Whilst fourth place Lea Sports PSG saw their five game unbeaten run ended when beaten 2-3 at home by LU Donz. Troy Walker

with a brace and Gary King marking the Donz scoresheet against PSG replies via Liam Doyle and Sean Morrison.

Elsewhere following two straight home defeats FC Haynes returned to winning ways on home soil with a 4-1 victory over Brache Phoenix who were losing for the fifth time on the bounce. Max Lennon, Ben Lee Phillips, Scott Fruscante and Sam Lummis all found the back of the net for the home side against a lone reply from Ashley Barbour.

Division Two South League Table at 3rd February 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stopsley United First	13	12	1	0	64	14	50	37
2	Sporting Carpathians First	15	10	1	4	60	23	37	30 *
3	Westoning Recreation First	13	9	2	2	60	19	41	29
4	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	15	9	1	5	53	34	19	25 *
5	New Bradwell St Peter FC Development	15	7	2	6	35	34	1	23
6	LU Donz First	10	7	1	2	24	15	9	22
7	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	14	6	1	7	35	52	-17	19
8	FC Haynes First	14	6	1	7	47	35	12	18 *
9	Caddington (BCFL)	14	4	4	6	29	31	-2	16
10	Flitwick Town Reserves	14	4	3	7	22	51	-29	15
11	Bletchley Scot First	9	3	3	3	32	23	9	12
12	Brache Phoenix First	10	2	3	5	20	30	-10	9
13	FC Polonia (Luton) First	16	2	0	14	34	72	-38	6
14	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	14	0	1	13	9	91	-82	1

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro

League leaders Harlington Juniors Reserves were to lose their seasons 100% away record when beaten 3-1 at now third place Leighton Woodside Rovers. Alex Pearse with a brace plus Theo Davison netted for the Rovers against a lone Juniors reply from Glenn Cooksley.

The only other game played saw Queens Park Crescent Development and GS Athletic play out a 2-2 draw. Josh Frood and Josh Staynor the GS goalscorers against Crescents replies from Zain Riasat and Mohammed Ibrahim.

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro League Table at 3rd February 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Harlington Juniors Reserves	11	8	1	2	35	13	22	25
2	Caldecote 'A'	11	7	1	3	34	14	20	22
3	Leighton Woodside Rovers	11	7	0	4	26	20	6	20 *
4	Clifton Reserves	11	5	4	2	17	13	4	19
5	Bedford Albion Development	10	5	1	4	25	20	5	16
6	Elstow Abbey Reserves	10	5	1	4	19	26	-7	16
7	Luton Panthers First	10	4	1	5	29	23	6	13
8	Queens Park Crescents Development	10	2	3	5	18	25	-7	9
9	Flitwick Town 'A'	12	2	1	9	15	41	-26	7
10	GS Athletic First	12	2	1	9	15	38	-23	6 *
11	CS Rovers First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-6 *

Watson Shield Round One

Clifton Reserves with goals from Kieran Phillips after 13 minutes and Khaled Phillips ten minutes into the second half won 2-0 at home against Flitwick Town A and will now journey to Ampthill Town Colts in round two. Whilst Shefford Town & Campton U23 will now host Turvey in round two following their 1-0 home victory over Inspire Athletic U18 Academy thanks to a goal from Joshua Zankwicz-Neville.

Watson Shield Round Two

Caldecote A required a penalty shoot-out win to see off visitors Luton Panthers after 90 minutes play had seen the sides deadlocked at 1-1. Del Newton on the home scoresheet against a Panthers reply from Kamaran Khan.

Division Four

Kempston Athletic remain eight points clear at the head of the league standings following their 3-1 home victory over Meltis Rangers. thanks to goals from Nikola Markovic, Bradley O'Loughin and Lance Jeffers. against a lone reply via Kyle Arundell-Kissel. Whilst second place Athletic FC with two goals from Dee Sayid and a strike from Giet Rabeli won 3-2 at Ampthill Town Colts whose replies came via Oscar Shaw and Marcus Sugrue.

Having lost their last three home games M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves returned to winning ways on home soil when a lone Joshua Gristwood goal saw them to a 1-0 win over Leighton Woodside Athletic who have now failed to win any of their last six outings. Whilst Dunstable Wanderers following two straight defeats they returned to winning ways with a 6-0 home victory over Lidlington United Sports Club Colts.

Charlie Broux led the way with a hat-trick alongside single goals coming from Ben Chapman, Alex Saka and Adam Smith.

Sandy Reserves are now unbeaten in their last three outings after a winner deep into time added on took them to a 4-3 home victory over Turvey. Lewis Cogan with a brace plus Isaiah Drummond and Chris Jenkins marking their scoresheet against a hat-trick in reply from William Muldowney for the visitors.

Division Four League Table at 3rd February 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston Athletic First	18	16	0	2	77	14	63	48
2	Atletic FC First	17	12	4	1	52	32	20	40
3	Shefford Town & Campton U23	15	10	3	2	55	23	32	33
4	Dunstable Wanderers First	14	6	3	5	37	34	3	21
5	Sandy Reserves	13	6	1	6	32	38	-6	19
6	Turvey	15	4	3	8	31	40	-9	15
7	Meltis Rangers First	12	4	4	4	29	20	9	13*
8	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	13	4	2	7	15	36	-21	13*
9	Catsbrook Wanderers First	16	4	2	10	15	47	-32	13*
10	Lidlington United Sports Club Colts	15	3	3	9	25	50	-25	12
11	Amphill Town Colts	14	3	1	10	24	55	-31	10
12	Biggleswade FC Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Leighton Woodside Athletic	16	2	4	10	24	27	-3	-1*