

# **Bedfordshire County** **Football League**



**Season 2023-24**

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

### **Important Notice Re Full Time**

Please note the Full Time site will be offline for essential security updates during the period 5th March 2024 to 7th March 2024. Could all teams ensure that for their games played the previous weekend that they upload their result sheets by Midnight Monday 4th March.2024.

### **Derek forced to call it a day**

We have this week received notice from Derek Osbourne that after 35 years he is calling an end to his refereeing career. Published below is Derek's message to us, **the closing paragraph being something we wish all our clubs and players take serious notice of.**

Unfortunately, due to pulling ligaments in my knee, and the doctor telling me that due to the damage I will need a new one. I have reluctantly, decided to retire from refereeing after 35 years (some say about time 🤔)

I must say that during the last 35 years there has only been the odd occasion when I thought why I am doing this? But the following week, I know why. The teams have wanted to play football and chat to me and over this time I have made many friends both players and club officials.

People have asked me will I miss it and I say it was going to come, but yes, Saturday afternoons will be different, but now I can watch a referee being moaned at and think that could have been me!

However, may I say big thank you to the players and officials who over the years have supported me. A special thanks also must be given to the Beds County Football league and the Beds FA for all the support and help that they have also given me.

**Lastly may I wish everyone, who always enjoys playing, to remember it's only a game and look after the refs you cannot do without one!**

### **Saturday 17th 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 winning ways up to seven games and unbeaten run in double figures after a lone Josh Bamford goal took them to all three points at Biggleswade FC Reserves. Whilst second place Caldecote who trail them by just four points but having played three games less are still 100% away from home and on a nine game winning streak following their 4-2 victory at Flitwick Town. Bradley Janes with a brace and single goals from Jake Bruce and Sonny Newton- Cootes on the visitors scoresheet whilst Deven Brooke and Sam Killeen hit the Town replies. .

Now up into third place are Elstow Abbey who chalked up their sixth home win on the bounce in beating bottom of the table AFC Kempston Town Hammers 9-0. Lewis Parkin with a hat-trick, Steven Gentle with a brace plus single goals from James Copley, Daniel Mattin, Jordan Nice and Daniel Parkin completing the rout. Losing out on that third spot are Biggleswade United Reserves following their 2-0 away defeat at Marston Shelton Rovers for whom Fin Brown and Luke Clifford found the back of the net.

Climbing back into the top six are Crawley Green Reserves who with goals from Temitayo Akerele, Chris Butler and Lui Sarrington won 3-2 at AFC Oakley. The home replies come from Chisom Amadi and Joel Ives. Whilst a lone 72nd minute goal from Alex Taylor took Riseley Sports to a 1-0 home victory over Shefford Town & Campton Reserves.

## **Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 17th February 2024**

| Pos | Team                             | P  | W  | D | L  | F  | A  | GD  | PTS |
|-----|----------------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1   | Stotfold Development             | 16 | 13 | 1 | 2  | 54 | 15 | 39  | 40  |
| 2   | Caldecote First                  | 13 | 12 | 0 | 1  | 41 | 10 | 31  | 36  |
| 3   | Elstow Abbey First               | 12 | 8  | 2 | 2  | 36 | 12 | 24  | 26  |
| 4   | Biggleswade United Reserves      | 16 | 8  | 2 | 6  | 41 | 30 | 11  | 26  |
| 5   | Marston Shelton Rovers First     | 18 | 7  | 4 | 7  | 37 | 40 | -3  | 25  |
| 6   | Crawley Green Reserves           | 15 | 7  | 1 | 7  | 37 | 28 | 9   | 22  |
| 7   | AFC Oakley First                 | 13 | 6  | 2 | 5  | 46 | 23 | 23  | 20  |
| 8   | Flitwick Town First              | 15 | 5  | 3 | 7  | 34 | 46 | -12 | 18  |
| 9   | Biggleswade FC Reserves          | 14 | 5  | 1 | 8  | 27 | 42 | -15 | 16  |
| 10  | Riseley Sports First             | 15 | 5  | 0 | 10 | 25 | 43 | -18 | 15  |
| 11  | Queens Park Crescents First      | 11 | 3  | 4 | 4  | 25 | 28 | -3  | 13  |
| 12  | Shefford Town & Campton Reserves | 11 | 2  | 1 | 8  | 18 | 38 | -20 | 7   |
| 13  | AFC Kempston Town Hammers First  | 15 | 0  | 1 | 14 | 14 | 80 | -66 | 1   |
| 14  | Sharnbrook First                 | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   |

### **Division One**

With league leaders Wootton Blue Cross away on cup duty their nearest rival is now Totternhoe Reserves who in maintaining their 100% home ways swapped places with Buffs FC in beating them 8-0 to end the visitors 12 game unbeaten run. Jacob Hubbock led the way with a hat-trick, Lyndon Smith and Jordan Knight both grabbed braces alongside a single goal from Blake Garner. Whilst the biggest away winners of the day were Bedford Albion in winning 5-1 at Clifton. Charlie Corcoran, Jamie Hall, Michael Michalski and Panashe Manyau all found the back of the net to bring up the nap hand against a lone home reply from Elliot Powell.

Elsewhere, a brace of goals from Joe Bygraves took fourth place Cranfield United Reserves to a 2-0 victory at Henlow and Bedford SA ended a 10 game winless run with a 2-1 victory at Lewsey Park to swap places with them at the

### **Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup Quarter Finals**

Two goals from Omojijiseoluwa Bankole and a single strike from Derek Amoako took AFC Oakley Development to a 3-2 victory at Renhold for whom Marko Tobdzic and Saba Maluku replied to earn them a home tie in last four four against Westoning Recreation who ran out 5-3 home winners over Kempston Rovers Reserves. James Sheridan with a hat-trick and single goals from Charlie Scott and Freddie Knight bringing up the nap hand against Rovers replies via Rafai Milosz-Wieldlad twice and Benajamin Sinclair once.

For Wootton Blue Cross it required a 3-2 home penalty shoot-out win to see off Ickwell & Old Warden after 90 minutes of play had seen the sides deadlocked at 1-1. Callum Myers the home scorer against a Will Robunson reply. They now await the winners of next weekend's Cranfield United Reserves v LU Donz tie.

### **Division One League Table at 17th February 2024**

| Pos | Team                                     | P  | W  | D | L  | F  | A  | GD  | PTS |
|-----|------------------------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1   | Wootton Blue Cross First                 | 14 | 12 | 2 | 0  | 48 | 16 | 32  | 38  |
| 2   | Totternhoe Reserves                      | 12 | 8  | 1 | 3  | 45 | 25 | 20  | 25  |
| 3   | Bufs FC Saturday First                   | 14 | 8  | 1 | 5  | 28 | 29 | -1  | 25  |
| 4   | Cranfield United Reserves                | 13 | 7  | 2 | 4  | 42 | 20 | 22  | 23  |
| 5   | Bedford Albion First                     | 14 | 7  | 1 | 6  | 34 | 31 | 3   | 22  |
| 6   | AFC Oakley Development                   | 16 | 6  | 3 | 7  | 36 | 32 | 4   | 21  |
| 7   | Renhold First                            | 13 | 6  | 3 | 4  | 28 | 32 | -4  | 21  |
| 8   | Henlow First                             | 15 | 5  | 3 | 7  | 28 | 39 | -11 | 17* |
| 9   | Harlington Juniors First                 | 11 | 4  | 2 | 5  | 21 | 26 | -5  | 14  |
| 10  | Clifton First                            | 12 | 2  | 2 | 8  | 13 | 28 | -15 | 8   |
| 11  | Bedford SA First                         | 13 | 2  | 2 | 9  | 19 | 38 | -19 | 8   |
| 12  | Lewsey Park First                        | 15 | 1  | 4 | 10 | 18 | 44 | -26 | 7   |
| 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**

We have new leaders at the head of the Division Two North league table in the shape of Kempston United who are now unbeaten in their last eight outings after romping to a 7-0 home victory over M&DH Clapham Sports. Fabien Cataldo with a brace plus single goals from Travis Joseph, Fran Touko, Diego Fortes, Jack Whitmore and Blaise Powell doing the damage. Losing out on that top spot are Wilstead who fell to a 4-1 defeat at Blunham. Connor Heaps with a brace plus goals from Matty Law and Ricky Lawrence marking the home scoresheet against a lone reply from Cullum Rust.

Elsewhere, a lone 77th Minute goal from Gary Townsend saw AFC Bedford United swap third and fourth places with Caldecote Reserves in winning 1-0 at Harvey Close.

The Friday evening Wootton Blue Cross Reserves v Shefford Town Development and Saturday AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves v Sandy games postponed due to unfit pitches.

## Division Two North League Table at 17th February 2024

| Pos | Team                                | P  | W | D | L  | F  | A  | GD  | PTS |
|-----|-------------------------------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1   | Kempston United First               | 15 | 9 | 3 | 3  | 50 | 16 | 34  | 30  |
| 2   | Wilstead First                      | 16 | 9 | 2 | 5  | 36 | 29 | 7   | 29  |
| 3   | AFC Bedford United (Sat) First      | 14 | 8 | 3 | 3  | 33 | 18 | 15  | 27  |
| 4   | Caldecote Reserves                  | 12 | 8 | 1 | 3  | 36 | 13 | 23  | 25  |
| 5   | Shefford Town & Campton Development | 14 | 8 | 1 | 5  | 31 | 23 | 8   | 25  |
| 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                       | 15 | 5 | 3 | 7  | 23 | 27 | -4  | 15* |
| 10  | M&DH Clapham Sports First           | 13 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 9  | 33 | -24 | 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

League leaders Stopsley United are still 100% at home and unbeaten this season after goals from Erlind Deba and James Potter took them to 2-0 victory over second place Sporting Carpathians. who they now head by seven points and also having played three games fewer. Also still unbeaten at home this season are Bletchley Scot who saw off Stotfold Junior 4-2. Dean Reed with a brace plus goals from Ben Swepston and Connor Vincent doing the damage against Junior replies via Bailey Mapletoft and Ross Irving.

For fourth place Lea Sports PSG it was a share of the spoils from a 2-2 home draw with Brache Phoenix. Joe Hennem netted both PSG goals against Phoenix replies via Nanaosei Boffah and Kurt-Anthony Thomas. Whilst also sharing the spoils were Caddington who with a goal from Dan Fleming drew 1-1 at New Bradwell St Peters Development whose goal came via Bradley Churchill.

Elsewhere, goals from Ross Airson and James Roach took FC Haynes to a 2-0 win at LU Donz and also winning on the road were Flitwick Town Reserves 3-1 at the bottom of the table The 61 FC Luton Reserves where Daniel Staniforth netted twice and Jack Farthing once against a lone home reply from Cleopas Makaza.

### Division Two South League Table at 17th February 2024

| Pos | Team                                 | P  | W  | D | L  | F  | A  | GD  | PTS  |
|-----|--------------------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|------|
| 1   | Stopsley United First                | 14 | 13 | 1 | 0  | 66 | 14 | 52  | 40   |
| 2   | Sporting Carpathians First           | 17 | 11 | 1 | 5  | 63 | 26 | 37  | 33 * |
| 3   | Westoning Recreation First           | 13 | 9  | 2 | 2  | 60 | 19 | 41  | 29   |
| 4   | Lea Sports PSG Saturday First        | 17 | 9  | 2 | 6  | 56 | 40 | 16  | 26 * |
| 5   | LU Donz First                        | 12 | 8  | 1 | 3  | 28 | 18 | 10  | 25   |
| 6   | New Bradwell St Peter FC Development | 16 | 7  | 3 | 6  | 36 | 35 | 1   | 24   |
| 7   | Stotfold Junior First (Sat)          | 16 | 7  | 1 | 8  | 39 | 57 | -18 | 22   |
| 8   | FC Haynes First                      | 16 | 7  | 1 | 8  | 51 | 38 | 13  | 21 * |
| 9   | Caddington (BCFL)                    | 16 | 5  | 5 | 6  | 33 | 34 | -1  | 20   |
| 10  | Flitwick Town Reserves               | 16 | 5  | 3 | 8  | 26 | 54 | -28 | 18   |
| 11  | Bletchley Scot First                 | 11 | 4  | 3 | 4  | 37 | 28 | 9   | 15   |
| 12  | Brache Phoenix First                 | 11 | 2  | 4 | 5  | 22 | 32 | -10 | 10   |
| 13  | FC Polonia (Luton) First             | 16 | 2  | 0 | 14 | 34 | 72 | -38 | 6    |
| 14  | The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves           | 15 | 0  | 1 | 14 | 10 | 94 | -84 | 1    |

### Division Three supported by Hy-Pro

Harlington Juniors Reserves now lead the Division Three supported by Hy-Pro league standings by four points after goals from Shaun Cooksley, Luke Jeffery and Sam Taylor saw them share the points in a 3-3 home draw with Queens Park Crescents Development., whose replies came via Haseeb Farind, Adam Hasan Abbas and Zian Fiasat. Whilst Luton Panthers are now in fourth spot after they retained their seasons unbeaten away ways in winning 3-0 at Flitwick Town A.. Qasim Bigby with a brace and a goal from Ryan Spencer doing the damage.

### **Division Three supported by Hy-Pro League Table at 17th February 2024**

| Pos | Team                              | P  | W | D | L  | F  | A  | GD  | PTS  |
|-----|-----------------------------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|-----|------|
| 1   | Harlington Juniors Reserves       | 12 | 8 | 2 | 2  | 38 | 16 | 22  | 26   |
| 2   | Caldecote 'A'                     | 11 | 7 | 1 | 3  | 34 | 14 | 20  | 22   |
| 3   | Leighton Woodside Rovers          | 12 | 7 | 0 | 5  | 26 | 23 | 3   | 20 * |
| 4   | Luton Panthers First              | 12 | 6 | 1 | 5  | 35 | 23 | 12  | 19   |
| 5   | Clifton Reserves                  | 11 | 5 | 4 | 2  | 17 | 13 | 4   | 19   |
| 6   | Elstow Abbey Reserves             | 11 | 6 | 1 | 4  | 22 | 26 | -4  | 19   |
| 7   | Bedford Albion Development        | 10 | 5 | 1 | 4  | 25 | 20 | 5   | 16   |
| 8   | Queens Park Crescents Development | 11 | 2 | 4 | 5  | 21 | 28 | -7  | 10   |
| 9   | Flitwick Town 'A'                 | 14 | 2 | 1 | 11 | 15 | 47 | -32 | 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 * |

### **Division Four**

Athletic FC are now within five points of league leaders Kempston Athletic following their 3-1 victory at Sandy Reserves thanks to goals from Giet Rabeli, Dee Sayid and Niklay Mandinga. against a lone reply from Chris Jenkins. Whilst the biggest winners of the day were Meltis Rangers with a 7-2 home victory over Amothill Town Colts. Ellis Sharpe led the way with a hat-trick, Kyle Arundell Kiszal weighed in with a brace and single goals came via Joshua Smith and Ryan Harris with Murray Gray and Oscar Shaw replying for the Colts.

Elsewhere, M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves with goals from Kyle Brewer-Allan and Somto Nnamdi drew 2-2 at home against Turvey. The visitors replies coming via Alfred Dawson and Luca Hames.

### **Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup Quarter- Finals**

\_Leighton Woodside Rovers went nap when a hat-trick from Alex Pearse and goals from James Calver and George Somerfield took them to a 5-0 home victory over Liddington United Sports Club Colts to earn them a last four home tie with Shefford Town & Campton U23 who won 2-1 at Bedford Abion Development. The Albion reply came via Juan Bentancourt.

For Kempston Athletic it was a 4-0 home win over GS Athletic thanks to a brace of goals from Lance Jeffers and single strikes from Kristian Marciano and Nikola Markovic to earn them a Semi-final home encounter with Woburn & Wavendon who were 5-0 home winners over Dunstable Wanderers. Charley Cain with a brace and single goals from Christopher Cutler, Daniel Smith and Jakob Knappitt bringing up the nap hand.

## Division Four League Table at 17th 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                    | 18 | 13 | 4 | 1  | 55 | 33 | 22  | 43   |
| 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                      | 14 | 6  | 1 | 7  | 33 | 41 | -8  | 19   |
| 6   | Meltis Rangers First                | 13 | 5  | 4 | 4  | 36 | 22 | 14  | 16 * |
| 7   | Turvey                              | 16 | 4  | 4 | 8  | 33 | 42 | -9  | 16   |
| 8   | Lidlington United Sports Club Colts | 16 | 4  | 3 | 9  | 30 | 52 | -22 | 15   |
| 9   | M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves        | 14 | 4  | 3 | 7  | 17 | 38 | -21 | 14 * |
| 10  | Catsbrook Wanderers First           | 17 | 4  | 2 | 11 | 17 | 52 | -35 | 13 * |
| 11  | Amphill Town Colts                  | 15 | 3  | 1 | 11 | 26 | 62 | -36 | 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 * |