

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 21st March 2026

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

There is no change at the head of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table following big victories for the top two sides. Leaders Cranfield United Reserves remained 10 points clear at the summit after winning 5-0 at the start of play third place Stopsley United who had won all of their last eight home outings. Goals from Flynn Baker-Bond, James Copley, Finley Peat, Kwesi Sackey and Jordan Conway bringing up the nap hand. Whilst second place Caldecote who have played four games fewer took their winning ways up to 14 games with a 6-2 victory at Elstow Abbey. Giuseppe Follano led the way with a hat-trick, James Tubridy with a brace and a single goal from Joshua Roberts doing the damage against an own goal and a strike from Thomas Hole in reply.

Now in third spot are AFC Oakley who climbed above Stopsley United on goal difference with win number seven on the bounce 4-1 at Totternhoe Reserves who were losing for the first time in seven outings. Chisom Amadi with a brace plus goals from Teddy Daniels and Matteo Coullon only being replied to once by Wayne O'Connor for the hosts. Whilst fifth place Marston Shelton Rovers made it four away wins on the bounce when a Harry Baker hat-trick took them to a 3-1 success at the bottom of the table Shefford Town & Campton Reserves whose reply came from Ashley Healey.

Also enjoying life on the road were Biggleswade United Reserves with a 4-0 victory at Riseley Sports, Fenton Williams with a brace plus goals from Dylan Hughes and Seyram Hammond doing the damage. The lone home win of the day belonging to now seventh place Wootton Blue Cross in beating the second from the bottom of the table Flitwick Town 4-2. George Armstrong with a brace plus goals from Alfoe Young and Noah Marsh only being replied to by Town strikes from Daniel Ruddick and Kenzie King.

Division One

Baldock Victoria are now within six points of claiming the Division One league title after they chalked up win number eight on the bounce 2-0 at AFC Oakley Development thanks to goals from Elliot Flynn and Paul Morris. Whilst second place FC Haynes being one of only two clubs that can catch them won 3-1 at Bedford Albion with goals from Harry Collins, Sam Kelly and Tyler Winter against a lone Albion reply from Angelo Moscaritolo.

The other club being Thurleigh who sit in third place and were 6-2 home winners over Bletchley Scot, Edward Hatfield-Shaw led the way with a hat-trick to go alongside single goals from Dan Picciano, Josh Marshall and Tom Burnage against Scot replies Christopher Harris and Leon Herridge. Now in fourth spot are Kempston United who took their winning ways up to six games with a 5-1 victory at Blunham. Junior Samuel, Jack Spada, Zach Baker, Fabien Cataldo and Elijah Haynes all found the back of the net to bring up the nap hand with Ricky Lawrence hitting the lone home reply.

Division One League Table at 21st March 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Baldock Victoria	20	16	2	2	76	37	39	49 *
2	FC Haynes First	22	13	3	6	50	34	16	42
3	Thurleigh FC	19	12	3	4	66	32	34	39
4	Kempston United First	20	11	2	7	52	41	11	35
5	LU Donz First	20	10	4	6	71	47	24	34
6	Blunham Saturday	19	10	2	7	47	43	4	32
7	Clifton First	21	7	5	9	40	41	-1	25 *
8	Bedford Albion First	16	5	4	7	42	42	0	19
9	AFC Oakley Development	19	5	4	10	24	44	-20	19
10	Caldecote Reserves	20	6	2	12	31	49	-18	18 *
11	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	16	6	0	10	31	47	-16	17 *
12	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	21	5	0	16	33	69	-36	14 *
13	Bletchley Scot First	17	3	1	13	29	66	-37	10

Having lost their last five games it was a return to winning ways for Wootton Blue Cross Reserves at Lea Sports PSG with a 4-3 success, thanks to goals from Cody Copperwheat, Kiran Dosanjh, Madalin Secarea and Kai Yeomans with Ryan Darby, Josh Straker and Liam Andrews replying for the hosts. Whilst Clifton and Lu Donz

played out a 3-3 draw. Alister Moatt, Billy Perkins and Callum Saunders marked the home scoresheet against replies via David Byass twice and Ali Mohiyaldeen once for the Donz.

Division Two

For league leaders AFC Bedford United it was a retention of their season's unbeaten ways on the road after they shared the points from a 2-2 draw at St Josephs (Saturday) with a brace of goals from Lamar Smithson.against a home brace in reply from Simon Richards. Whilst third place Bedford SA were gifted the three points after Stotfold Junior failed to raise a side to make the trip to Miller Road.

Elsewhere, goals from Dan Stafford and Oilver Daniels took Flitwick Town Reserves to a 2-1 victory at Green End Rovers. whose reply came from Joseph Bygraves. Whilst Caddington Reserves were 2-0 home winners over Kempston Athletic with a brace of goals from Ryan Smith.

Division Two League Table at 21st March 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	18	11	6	1	69	35	34	39
2	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	19	11	4	4	54	23	31	37
3	Bedford SA First	21	11	3	7	57	46	11	36
4	Caddington Reserves	20	11	2	7	41	40	1	35
5	Queens Park Crescents Reserves	18	11	3	4	33	22	11	33 *
6	St Josephs (Sat)	19	10	2	7	45	39	6	32
7	Wixams Wanderers First	22	9	4	9	52	55	-3	31
8	Flitwick Town Reserves	22	8	2	12	41	58	-17	26
9	Green End Rovers First	19	7	2	10	45	45	0	23
10	Kempston Athletic First	19	7	2	10	26	38	-12	23
11	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	21	3	2	16	21	52	-31	10 *
12	Westoning Club Reds	20	3	2	15	31	62	-31	5 *

Division Three

Dunstable Wanderers remain 100% on the road this season and now 10 points clear at the head of the Division Three table after winning 5-1 at Flitwick Town A . Shazan Arif with a hat-trick plus goals from Andrew Gibson and Harry Saint doing the damage with the lone Town reply coming from Matthew Cernuschi. Whilst Everton Athletic are now unbeaten in their last five away outings after winning 3-0 at LU Donz Reserves. Logan Smith with a brace and a strike from Aidan Bull marking their scoresheet.

Elsewhere, it was a 5-2 home success for Wilstead over The 61 FC Luton Reserves.Colon Marshall with a hat-trick and goals from Edward Lamb and Cain Gentle-King bringing up the nap hand against a brace in reply from Wesley Gittens.

Division Three League Table at 21st March 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Dunstable Wanderers First	15	14	0	1	58	16	42	42
2	Amphill Town Colts	16	10	2	4	42	22	20	32
3	Bedford Albion Development	14	10	2	2	40	20	20	32
4	Atletic FC First	18	10	1	7	46	41	5	28 *
5	Everton Athletic FC First	17	7	2	8	39	33	6	23
6	Stopsley United Reserves	12	7	1	4	47	34	13	22
7	Wilstead First	15	7	0	8	41	37	4	20 *
8	M&DH Clapham Sports First	14	4	4	6	26	33	-7	16
9	LU Donz Development	16	5	2	9	29	36	-7	15 *
10	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	15	4	1	10	27	57	-30	13
11	Turvey First	17	4	0	13	17	51	-34	12
12	Flitwick Town 'A'	17	3	1	13	23	55	-32	10
13	Caldecote A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-6 *

Watson Shield Quarter-Finals

It was a case of it being best to be on the road with all three ties going to the visitors.

Luca Jorge, Kyle Mackinnon and Panashe Manyau on the mark for Bedford Albion Development in their 3-1 success away at Athletic FC whose reply came from Mo Banda. Whilst Amphill Town Colts won 2-1 at Turvey. Freddie Stonebridge the home marksman.

Elsewhere, Cranfield United Development required a 4-3 penalty shoot-out win to see them overcome DTCC FC after 90 minutes of play had seen the sides deadlocked at 2-2. Joshua Araniello plus an own goal on the mark for United against DTCC strikes from Ben Cornwell and Chris Sorrentio.

Semi-Final Draw

Cranfield United Development v Meltis Rangers or Stopsley United Reserves

Bedford Albion Development v Amphill Town Colts.

Division Four

The biggest victory of the day saw Flitwick Eagles Development take their winning ways up to four games with a 7-1 home success over Leighton Woodside Athletic. Jack Bowsher, Jenkins John, Caleb McNeil, Lewis Sibley-Stamp, Elliot Surgue and Jack Thorne all found the back of the net with Morgan Bailey hitting the lone visitor's reply. Whilst just a goal behind them were AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves who with a hat-trick from Dan Price, a brace from Patrick Baclawski and a goal from Kian Morey make it three home wins on the bounce in running out 6-2 winners over the bottom of the table Wootton Blue Cross A whose replies came via an own goal and Dexter Cross.

Also hitting six goals were Meltis Rangers in winning 6-2 at M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves. Charlie Smith led the way with four goals with Goivanni Zermeno and Joshua Harris weighing in with single goals and Danny Armstrong and Luke Peatey in reply for the home side. Whilst Westoning Blues kept themselves firmly in the promotion race when taking their winning ways up to six games with a 4-1 home success over AFC Clophill. Ronald Schapp-Grant with a brace and strikes from Theo Briggs and Sam Rolfe doing the damage against a lone Jonathan Smith reply for the visitors.

Elsewhere, a brace of goals from Jason Mcdonagh took Catsbrook Wanderers to a 2-0 victory at Everton Athletic Reserves.

Division Four League Table at 21st March 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Luton Phoenix FC	19	16	1	2	76	20	56	49
2	Dunstable Town Cricket Club DTCC FC Satu	17	15	0	2	55	17	38	45
3	Westoning Club Blues	19	15	0	4	65	23	42	44 *
4	Cranfield United Development	18	14	1	3	99	20	79	43
5	Flitwick Eagles Development	23	14	1	8	60	40	20	43
6	AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves	20	10	2	8	56	49	7	32
7	Catsbrook Wanderers First	19	9	3	7	33	33	0	30
8	Queens Park Crescents Development	17	7	3	7	25	51	-26	24
9	Meltis Rangers First	20	6	4	10	35	39	-4	19 *
10	Everton Athletic FC Res	18	6	2	10	26	50	-24	19 *
11	Leighton Woodside Athletic	22	5	1	16	46	83	-37	16
12	AFC Clophill First	17	2	2	13	15	54	-39	8
13	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	19	1	3	15	20	83	-63	4 *
14	Wootton Blue Cross A	18	1	1	16	18	67	-49	-2 *

Wednesday 25th March 2026

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Cranfield United Reserves are now 13 points clear at the head of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table from second place Caldecote albeit having played five games more after they retained their season's unbeaten home ways with a 4-1 victory over Elstow Abbey. Ilse Bankole with a brace plus goals from Sean Byrne and Felix Moon only being replied to once by Marko Tobdzic for the Abbey. Whilst Wootton Blue Cross made it four wins on the bounce to climb back into the top six after a 90th minute header from Matt Graver took them to all three points and a 1-0 victory at home against Biggleswade United Reserves.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 25th March 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Cranfield United Reserves	24	21	2	1	80	13	67	65
2	Caldecote First	19	17	1	1	81	20	61	52
3	AFC Oakley First	21	14	4	3	86	38	48	46
4	Stopsley United First	22	15	1	6	68	36	32	46
5	Marston Shelton Rovers First	22	12	3	7	51	39	12	39
6	Wootton Blue Cross First	21	11	2	8	51	40	11	35
7	Harlington Juniors First	19	10	5	4	45	36	9	35
8	Queens Park Crescents First	20	9	3	8	42	40	2	30
9	Totternhoe Reserves	20	8	4	8	36	57	-21	28
10	Elstow Abbey First	22	7	3	12	50	65	-15	24
11	Biggleswade United Reserves	24	5	3	16	46	63	-17	17 *
12	Biggleswade FC Reserves	22	4	4	14	44	77	-33	16
13	Riseley Sports First	21	4	1	16	33	84	-51	12 *
14	Flitwick Town First	23	2	3	18	29	78	-49	8 *
15	Sheffield Town & Campton Reserves	20	1	1	18	18	74	-56	3 *