



Bedfordshire County **Football League**

Season 2021-22

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Noticeboard

Registration Forms (covered under league rule 8)

All registrations are now conducted in Whole Game via each individual clubs Team Administrators and likewise all transfers.

With regard to transfers please note the league will not approve any transfers under the waived banner until the leaving club have notified the league they are happy for the transfer to go ahead.

Signing on deadline for season 2021-22 is the 15th April 2022

Teamsheet Notes

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 2021-22.

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.

Result Sheets

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. **(in the now digital world this has been brought forward 24 hours)**

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.

Please note all result sheets are to be retained for possible inspection during the course of the season.

Match Day Reporting of Result (covered under league rule 11B)

The deadline for this to happen is within one hour of the match finishing. To clarify the actual time the league regards this to be three hours from the scheduled kick off time.

If 2pm Kick Off then its 5pm. If 2.30 pm Kick off then its 5.30pm. An additional 15 minutes will be allowed when involved in County Cup/ League Cup Tie that go to a penalty shoot-out.

Please remember if you are the away side in any County Cup Tie against opponents from outside our league then your club becomes responsible for reporting the result as above. Otherwise it's just the home side.

The preferred method is by text to 07779680269 – otherwise a phone call to the same number is quite acceptable – **please refrain from leaving messages on the answer phone**, if the line is busy then please wait a few moments and redial or send a text.

Match Day information required for Press Reports etc.

When reporting the above result please provide the name of your goalscorers and any additional information such as sequence of the scoreline, time of goals, red cards, penalty misses/saves or anything unusual of note.

It would also very much assist if when you are the away team that the same information is supplied.

Postponed Games due to Unfit Pitches from January 1st 2022

Clubs are reminded that under league rules that should your home pitch be unplayable due to adverse weather it's mandatory to switch the fixture to that of your opponents or a neutral ground if such a pitch is available.

Any club failing to comply will be deemed to not have fulfilled the fixture and dealt with under league rule 20E

Tuesday 22nd March 2022

Biggleswade FC will now contest the final of the 2021-22 season Britannia Cup following their Semi-final penalty shoot-out victory over Sharnbrook under the floodlights at Cranfield United. We were just eight minutes into the game when Bradley Raines shot Sharnbrook into the lead and just eight minutes from the final whistle when Josh Roberts levelled matters to take the game into a penalty shoot-out. FC were first up netting their first two kicks via Joe Worboys and Chris Richardson against an opening successful kick from Sharnbrook's Rory Watkinson to make the early scoreline 2-1. The first miss of the evening saw FC goalkeeper Taylor Spedding save well from Sharnbrook captain Harry Chinn. FC's joy being shorted lived with Henry Langley shooting their third kick well over the crossbar and Ross McMullen stepping up to bring Sharnbrook level at 2-2. Both fourth place kickers Jack Sarwn for the FC and Teddy Daniels for Sharnbrook being successful, however Daniels celebration towards the FC crowd earning him a second yellow/red card from referee Phil Wilkinson. Oscar Smith then made it 4-3 in favour of FC before Josh Griggs sent the fifth Sharnbrook kick skywards and with it their hopes of a place in the final.

Elsewhere Division One action saw St Josephs (Saturday) move up into fifth place in the standings when winning 8-2 at Barton Rovers Reserves. Arron Jarvis netting four times to go alongside an own goal plus strikes from Tom McMahon, Simon Richards and Kieran Doherty against Rovers replies via an own goal and Tyler Ingham.

Division One League Table at 22nd March 2022

1	Stotfold Development	18	13	3	2	79	21	58	42
2	Potton United Reserves	19	13	0	6	42	29	13	39
3	Sporting Lewsey Park First	19	10	5	4	44	39	5	35
4	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	18	9	4	5	45	38	7	31
5	St Josephs (Saturday) First	16	8	3	5	63	38	25	27
6	Barton Rovers Reserves	17	8	3	6	49	43	6	27
7	Henlow First	18	7	4	7	42	33	9	25
8	Totternhoe Reserves	17	10	1	6	33	25	8	24 *
9	Cranfield United Reserves	17	7	1	9	28	36	-8	22
10	Wilstead First	19	5	2	12	30	64	-34	17
11	Flitwick Town Reserves	19	1	3	15	20	64	-44	6
12	Pitstone & Ivinghoe United Reserves	17	1	1	15	21	66	-45	-6 *

* adjustment made

Wednesday 23rd March 2022

Shefford Town & Campton Reserves will now face a Britannia Cup Semi-final tie against Flitwick Town on Tuesday 5th April 2022 after running out 2-0 home winners over Biggleswade United U23's. Town going ahead just 65 seconds into the contest via Jonathan McNamara who then added the second goal just 10 minutes before half-time. Biggleswade FC Reserves await the winners of this Semi-final in the final to be played on Bank Holiday Monday May 2nd at Stotfold FC.

Brian Buck Travellers Tales

205. (13,586) Wednesday 23rd March 2022. Shefford Town & Campton 2 Biggleswade United U23 0 (Bedfordshire County League Britannia Cup Quarter Final) att 70 approx. With cup favourites Biggleswade winning their semi final tie against Sharnbrook at Cranfield on the previous evening the contest to find their opponents to play in the final continued here on this pleasant early spring evening. The game was made even more enjoyable because I was sitting amongst friends. But really the evening belonged to Jonny (Jonathan on his birth certificate, apparently) McNamara, who bagged both goals and he was a class above most of the other players on the pitch, until he got a bit fed up by the end, when his offerings were limited to some wild shooting and one complete miskick of the ball, which had his watching mates behind the goal in fits of laughter. But he did the business in the first half when it mattered most and it was he who opened the scoring from close range with just 65 seconds played and while I was still settling into my seat. But his second goal, on 35 minutes was more impressive and from roughly the corner of the area he smashed home an unstoppable shot, hit with power, to double the hosts lead. In this half the hosts had been largely in control and required little effort on their part to achieve this, as the visitors didn't seem to be at the races. But after the break United put more effort and energy into their game, thus forcing Shefford to up their game as well. This gave the spectators something more interesting to watch. But as time ticked on it soon became clear that United weren't going to be able to stop Shefford, who ultimately had a comfortable win.

Action Round Up Saturday 26th March 2022

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Elstow Abbey took their unbeaten away ways up to five games to remain on top of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform standings by coming from behind to win 2-1 at Stevington. Trailing to a first half strike from Louis Green, Abbey's Glenn Tumulty turned things around with goals in the 60th and 71st minutes to keep the Abbey goal difference ahead of Sharnbrook who took revenge for their midweek Britannia Cup Semi-final defeat at the hands of Biggleswade FC Reserves by beating them 2-1 on their own goal to end the hosts seven game winning run and extend their own unbeaten ways to eight games. Joe Ackroyd and Bradley Raines netting the goals against a lone home via from Josh Roberts.

Still very much in the title race are fifth place Crawley Green Reserves who took their unbeaten ways up to 16 games with a 2-1 home victory over AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College thanks to goals from Reece Green and Dominic Horn against a lone

Town reply from Will Drake. Whilst AFC Oakley returned to winning ways for the first time in six outings with a 3-1 home win over Shefford Town & Campton Reserves. Stuart Gilles netting twice and Oladejiafun-Ogidan once against a lone Town reply from Cameron Ward.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 26th March 2022

1	Elstow Abbey First	24	14	4	6	62	39	23	46
2	Sharnbrook First	22	14	4	4	61	39	22	46
3	Cranfield United First	20	12	4	4	52	28	24	40
4	Biggleswade FC Reserves	19	12	2	5	48	25	23	38
5	Crawley Green Reserves	18	12	3	3	40	19	21	38 *
6	Caldecote First	21	11	2	8	50	41	9	35
7	AFC Oakley First	20	10	4	6	60	37	23	34
8	Stevington First	19	9	3	7	32	32	0	30
9	Queens Park Crescents First	20	8	3	9	33	27	6	26 *
10	Marston Shelton Rovers First	19	8	1	10	39	58	-19	25
11	Flitwick Town First	20	5	3	12	39	51	-12	18
12	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	19	5	1	13	23	42	-19	16
13	AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Firs	22	4	4	14	27	56	-29	16
14	Riseley Sports First	17	3	1	13	27	53	-26	10
15	Biggleswade United U23	20	2	3	15	21	67	-46	9

* adjustment made

For sixth place Caldecote it was a 1-0 defeat at Queens Park Crescents for whom Shazad Sattar netted. Whilst Biggleswade United U23's claimed their first home victory of the season in beating Flitwick Town 2-1. Luke Starnes and Ollie Henton on their scoresheet against a Town reply from Cameron Lewis. Alas for United they remain on bottom of the standings following Riseley Sports 4-1 victory at Marston Shelton Rovers. It was the Rovers who took the lead via a Harry Baker penalty in the 24th minute but goals from Sonny Newton-Cootes in the 41st and Alex Taylor in the 43rd saw the visitors lead 2-1 at half-time. James Cooke quickly made it 3-1 six minutes into the new half and there was no way back for the Rovers after Newton-Cootes netted his second goal of the afternoon on 66minutes.

Centenary Cup Quarter-Finals

Cranfield United Reserves made their way into the last four by running out 3-1 home winners over St Josephs (Saturday) Martin Holland netting twice and Ryan Phillips once against a lone reply from Kieran Carty. They will now face Flitwick Town Reserves who were gifted a last four spot after Barton Rovers Reserves failed to raise a side to host them at Sharpenhoe Road.

Division Two supported by Hy-Pro

For league leaders Clifton it was an end to their season's 100% home record when beaten 2-1 by third place AFC Oakley Reserves. Mark Thyne and Josh Moran on the Oakley scoresheet against a lone home reply from Toby Gibbs. However they remain three points clear at the head of the standings after second place Wootton Blue Cross were held to a 3-3 home draw by FC Haynes. Joe Bygraves with a brace and Joe Holmes netting for the Blue Cross against a Matthew Clark brace and a Ben Fruscante penalty marking the visitors scoresheet.

Division Two supported by Hy-Pro League Table at 26th March 2022

1	Clifton First	17	15	0	2	61	20	41	45
2	Wootton Blue Cross First	18	13	3	2	53	18	35	42
3	AFC Oakley Reserves	18	12	1	5	47	22	25	37
4	Renhold First	17	11	1	5	50	21	29	34
5	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	21	9	3	9	48	38	10	30
6	Soccerlise First	20	9	2	9	42	47	-5	29
7	Harlington Juniors First	21	9	2	10	44	62	-18	28 *
8	Bedford SA First	18	5	2	11	36	31	5	27 *
9	Stopsley United First	21	9	1	11	36	49	-13	24 *
10	Brache Phoenix First	21	5	6	10	23	51	-28	21
11	FC Haynes First	14	7	2	5	40	22	18	20 *
12	AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Rese	19	2	3	14	23	60	-37	9
13	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	21	1	6	14	21	83	-62	9

* adjustment made

Meantime, fourth place Renhold were winning 2-0 at AFC Bedford United thanks to goals from Shane Cox and Roshan Chagger. Whilst Harlington Juniors took their winning ways up to five games with a 6-2 home victory over Stopsley United. Ben Whalley leading the way with a hat-trick and supported by single goals from Ollie

Murphy, Adam Walter and Matt Coffey against a brace in reply from United's Shane Scott.

Elsewhere, AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves claimed their first home point of the season from a 1-1 home draw against Brache Phoenix. Indbeer Sucha netting for the Town and Kyle Blaney for the Phoenix, the point lifting the Town off the bottom of the standings at the expense of the non-playing The 61FC Luton Reserves.

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro

Sharnbrook Reserves are now up to third spot in the league table after winning 5-1 at FC Haynes Reserves. Caleb Ives with a brace plus single goals from Charlir Hurley, Abban McCan and Matt Tierney bringing up the nap hand against a lone home reply from Michael Bates. Whilst Sandy were 2-0 home winners over Shefford Town & Campton U23's thanks to goals from Jack Fox and James Scott.

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro League Table at 26th March 2022

1	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	14	13	1	0	75	20	55	40
2	Sporting Carpathians First	13	9	2	2	68	23	45	29
3	Sharnbrook Reserves	16	10	1	5	42	29	13	28 *
4	Caldecote Reserves	17	8	4	5	38	39	-1	28
5	FC Polonia (Luton) First	16	8	2	6	41	31	10	26
6	FC Haynes Reserves	17	7	2	8	36	52	-16	23
7	Shefford Town & Campton U23	14	5	1	8	21	36	-15	15 *
8	Atletico Europa First	17	4	2	11	35	51	-16	11 *
9	CS Rovers First	16	3	2	11	21	53	-32	11
10	Sandy (Sat) First	16	2	1	13	21	64	-43	7
11	Marston Shelton Rovers Res [withdrawn]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2 *

* adjustment made

Division Four

There is no change at the head of the Division Four standings following away wins for the top two sides. League leaders Lea Sports PSG Reserves taking their unbeaten ways up to 11 games after goals from James Wildey and Warren Bell saw them win 2-0 at Shefford Town & Campton A. Whilst second place M&DH Clapham Sports were 5-0 winners at bottom of the table Catsbrook Wanderers. Andy Sims and Jack Tull netting twice and Louie Lee once to bring up the nap hand.

Elsewhere, Flitwick Town A are now unbeaten in their last five home outings after beating Blunham 2-1. Reece Smith and Ryan White on the Town scoresheet against a lone reply from Benjamin Sheehan for the visitors. Whilst Square FC were gifted the three points that takes them up into sixth place in the standings after Bedford Santos failed to raise a side to host them in Russell Park.

Division Four League Table at 26th March 2022

1	Lea Sports PSG Saturday Reserves	14	11	1	2	41	24	17	34
2	M&DH Clapham Sports (Sat) First	15	10	2	3	56	23	33	32
3	Kempston Rovers (BCFL) First	16	9	2	5	46	34	12	29
4	Shefford Town & Campton 'A'	16	8	1	7	51	37	14	25
5	Flitwick Town 'A'	15	7	2	6	39	41	-2	23
6	Square	14	5	5	4	35	31	4	19 *
7	Elstow Abbey Reserves	13	5	1	7	45	39	6	16
8	Blunham First	16	5	1	10	32	43	-11	16
9	Bedford Santos First	13	6	3	4	29	26	3	15 *
10	Catsbrook Wanderers First	18	0	0	18	6	82	-76	-4 *

* adjustment made

Division Five

The clash of the top two sides saw league leaders Wootton Blue Cross U23's increase their lead at the head of the standings to six points and take their winning ways up to eight games with a 6-1 home victory over Newman United who were duly losing their six game winning run. Alan Henman twice plus single goals from Jacob Primett, Jude Thomson, Noah Marsh and Zack Baker only being replied to once by United's Sam Woodman. Whilst Fourth place Clifton Reserves who trail the Blue Cross by some 16 points but having played five games fewer won 1-0 at M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves thanks to a goal from Kieran Phillips.

Elsewhere, Luton Panthers returned to winning ways with a 4-0 home win over Woodside Adult. Kieron Witter, Jack McLaughlan, Luciano Witter and Kyle Perry all finding the back of the net.

Division Five League Table at 26th March 2022

1	Wootton Blue Cross U23	15	12	2	1	70	16	54	38
2	Newman United First	14	10	2	2	40	27	13	32
3	Sporting Carpathians Reserves	12	10	1	1	61	19	42	31
4	Clifton Reserves	10	7	1	2	29	18	11	22
5	Luton Panthers FC	16	5	5	6	41	34	7	20
6	Woodside Adult	15	5	2	8	21	31	-10	16 *
7	Revivalists First	16	5	0	11	29	49	-20	15
8	Harlington Juniors Reserves	14	2	3	9	27	50	-23	8 *
9	Sandy (Sat) Reserves	11	2	1	8	12	33	-21	6 *
10	M&DH Clapham Sports (Sat) Reserves	13	1	1	11	14	67	-53	4

* adjustment made

The Next Seven Days

Tuesday 29th March 2022

Division One

Potton United Reserves v Barton Rovers Reserves

Friday 1st April 2022

Watson Shield Round One

Wootton Blue Cross U23's v Wootton Blue Cross Reserves

Saturday 2nd April 2022

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College v Elstow Abbey

AFC Oakley v Flitwick Town

Biggleswade FC Reserves v Cranfield United

Crawley Green Reserves v Marston Shelton Rovers

Queens Park Crescents v Biggleswade United U23

Riseley Sports v Sharnbrook

Shefford Town & Campton Reserves v Stevington

Division One

Barton Rovers Reserves v Lea Sports PSG

Cranfield United Reserves v Potton United Reserves

Henlow v St Josephs (Saturday)

Pitstone & Ivinghoe Reserves v Wilstead

Sporting Lewsey Park v Flitwick Town Reserves

Stotfold Development v Totternhoe Reserves

Division Two supported by Hy-Pro

Clifton v Stopsley United

The 61 FC Luton Reserves v FC Haynes

Jubilee Cup Semi-Finals

Renhold v AFC Oakley Reserves

Wootton Blue Cross v Bedford SA

Division Four

Elstow Abbey Reserves v Blunham

Division Five

M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves v Revivalists

Sandy Reserves v Sporting Carpathians Reserves

Watson Shield Group F

Harlington Juniors Reserves v Lea Sports PSG Reserves

Watson Shield Round One

Bedford Santos v Caldecote Reserves

FC Polonia (Luton) v M&DH Clapham Sports

Sandy v FC Haynes Reserves

Shefford Town & Campton A v Sharnbrook Reserves

Sporting Carpathians v Square FC

Woodside Adult v Shefford Town & Campton U23