



Bedfordshire County **Football League**

Season 2022-23

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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.

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 in his life then he will already have a fan. If you cannot find him, 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 Whole Game into Full Time.

Clubs are not allowed to cancel players' registrations once the season has commenced; they can only leave via a transfer.

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 is they visit the Whole

Game system prior to each game to check for any suspensions in place at any given date.

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 2022-23.

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. Please note loading of these result sheets must be made via Full Time. The FA App does not link into the results system and should not be used.

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.

Would clubs please note that when submitting your goal scorers who have netted from the penalty spot you need to tick both the goals box and the penalty box otherwise the goal does not appear in Full Time for some reason if you only tick the penalty box.

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 it's 5pm. If 2.30 pm Kick off then it's 5.30pm. An additional 15 minutes will be allowed when involved in County Cup/ League Cup Ties 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 2023.

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 home club failing to comply will be deemed without a written explanation accepted by the Management Committee to not have fulfilled the fixture and dealt with under league rule 20E.

Bedfordshire County Football League Cup Qualification of Players Rules

All clubs / teams are reminded of cup Rules 2, 3 and 4 regarding player qualification. Special attention is advised to those players who have joined your club via a transfer during the current season.

Saturday 11th March 2023

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

With league leaders Cranfield United having their game waterlogged off at Shefford Town & Campton Reserves they now only lead the Premier Division supported by Sportsform standings by five points from Elstow Abbey who need to come from behind twice including a 11th minute added on time equalizer to earn a point from a 3-3 home draw against Marston Shelton Rovers to duly retain their seasons unbeaten ways. Justin Newman netting twice and Scott Alleyne once against Rovers goals from Harry Baker with a brace plus Sam Maddix.

With third place Biggleswade FC Reserves sitting the afternoon out they now drop a place in the standings to be replaced by Stotfold Development who with a 5-2 home victory over AFC Oakley duly took their unbeaten ways up to eight games. Ashley Kersey with a brace plus single goals from Harry Buckley, Aaron Hector and Callum Mullins bringing up the nap hand against Oakley replies via David Groom and Joe McDonagh.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 11th March 2023

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Cranfield United First	21	15	3	3	53	17	36	48
2	Elstow Abbey First	17	13	4	0	52	17	35	43
3	Stotfold Development	20	12	2	6	57	30	27	38
4	Biggleswade FC Reserves	20	11	3	6	42	25	17	36
5	Sharnbrook First	19	10	4	5	55	27	28	34
6	Crawley Green Reserves	16	10	4	2	43	16	27	34
7	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	22	10	3	9	52	44	8	33
8	Caldecote First	21	10	2	9	44	37	7	32
9	AFC Oakley First	20	9	3	8	49	37	12	30
10	Riseley Sports First	19	7	5	7	37	39	-2	26
11	Flitwick Town First	21	7	2	12	35	61	-26	23
12	Queens Park Crescents First	18	6	4	8	31	41	-10	22
13	Biggleswade United Reserves	19	4	4	11	28	60	-32	16
14	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	21	3	1	17	36	94	-58	10
15	Marston Shelton Rovers First	22	3	4	15	28	53	-25	9*
16	Barton Rovers Reserves	18	2	2	14	17	61	-44	7*

Returning to winning ways on home soil for the first time in three outings were Caldecote in beating Flitwick Town 2-0 thanks to goals from Giuseppe Follano and Matthew Sayers. Whilst AFC Kempston Town Hammers earned a valuable point in their quest to beat the drop in drawing 3-3 at Riseley Sports. James Metcalfe, Sam King and Jake Duxbury on their scoresheet against Sports replies via Lewis Donald twice and James Cooke once.

The Crawley Green Reserves v Biggleswade United Reserves game was waterlogged off and the postponement of the Queens Park Crescents v Sharnbrook encounter will now be subject to a league inquiry.

Division One

Lea Sports PSG are now six points clear at the head of the Division One table after winning 3-1 at Bedford Town Under 23's.. Joe Henneh with a brace plus Cameron Davies on their scoresheet against a lone Town reply from Aiden Kavanagh. The PSG have however played two games more than second place Totternhoe Reserves who were gifted a place into the last eight of this seasons Centenary Cup when Henlow failed to raise a side to journey to Dunstable Road to meet them.

For third place Buffs FC it was a 7-0 defeat at Cranfield United Reserves who now only trail them by a single point in fourth place having played four games fewer. Oliver Merritt with a brace joined on the United scoresheet by single goals from Joseph Gallagher, Nathan Evans, James Manning, Ryan Mellor and Albara Elforianni. A result that sends Renhold down into fifth place be it only on goal difference after their home encounter with Milton Keynes Dons Set U19 was waterlogged off.

Division One League Table at 11th March 2023

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	19	15	2	2	65	29	36	47
2	Totternhoe Reserves	17	13	2	2	49	21	28	41
3	Buffs FC Saturday First	20	9	3	8	53	46	7	29 *
4	Cranfield United Reserves	16	9	1	6	41	23	18	28
5	Renhold First	16	9	1	6	34	30	4	28
6	Bedford Albion First	19	7	6	6	39	46	-7	27
7	Henlow First	17	7	4	6	28	31	-3	25
8	Wootton Blue Cross First	17	7	3	7	38	38	0	24
9	Clifton First	17	6	4	7	45	40	5	22
10	Milton Keynes Dons SET U19 SET Developme	19	5	4	10	42	55	-13	19
11	Kempston Rovers Academy U23	21	5	3	13	53	70	-17	18
12	Lewsey Park First	18	5	2	11	30	51	-21	17
13	AFC Oakley Reserves	15	3	6	6	28	41	-13	15
14	Bedford Town FC (Youth Development) U23	19	3	3	13	35	59	-24	9 *

Bedford Albion are now up into sixth spot after taking their unbeaten home ways up to five games in beating Lewsey Park 3-2. Luke Pursey netting twice and Callum Riches once against Park replies via Owen Heart and Chris Gibson. Whilst after being 2-0 ahead with goals from Luke Freeman and Ali Moatt Clifton slipped to a 2-4 home defeat at the hands of Kempston Rovers Academy for whom Harry Williams hit a brace alongside single goals from Jaeden Pecco and Dave Boeteng.

The AFC Oakley Reserves v Wootton Blue Cross waterlogged off.

Division Two supported by Hy-Pro

There is no change at the head of the Division Two supported by Hy-Pro standing following wins for the top three clubs. League leaders Westoning Recreation retaining their seasons unbeaten away ways in winning 3-0 at Wilstead with goals from George Nicholls, Charlie Scott and Connor Macmillan to keep them a point ahead of second place Harlington Juniors who have played one game fewer after they took their winning ways up to six games with a 6-1 victory at FC Haynes who were losing for the first time in 14 outings. Matt Coffey led the way with three goals alongside single strikes from Luke Jeffery, Jamie Small and Chris Tillott against a lone reply from Tyler Winter.

Just two points behind in third spot are Sporting Carpathians who are now unbeaten in their last 11 outings after winning 3-0 at AFC Bedford United with goals from Franklin Ojumobi, Andrian Luncasu and Marcel Buruiana .Whilst still very much in the title race are now fourth place Bedford SA who only trail the league leaders by six points from two fewer games after they netted a 4-1 home win over Shefford Town & Campton Development. Kane Alexander, Aaron Baxter-Chaplin, Lewis Fox and Alex Hughes all finding the back of the net against a lone Town reply from Joe Bescoby.

Division Two supported by Hy-Pro League Table at 11th March 2023

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Westoning Recreation First	18	13	4	1	73	23	50	43
2	Harlington Juniors First	17	14	1	2	61	24	37	42 *
3	Sporting Carpathians First	18	12	4	2	57	24	33	40
4	Bedford SA First	16	12	1	3	46	23	23	37
5	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	16	11	2	3	61	20	41	34 *
6	FC Haynes First	20	9	6	5	49	42	7	33
7	Wilstead First	17	7	2	8	37	40	-3	23
8	Shefford Town & Campton Development	22	7	2	13	54	64	-10	23
9	Caldecote Reserves	16	6	4	6	31	31	0	22
10	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	18	7	1	10	31	52	-21	22
11	Stopsley United First	19	7	0	12	41	52	-11	21
12	Flitwick Town Reserves	15	4	3	8	20	43	-23	15
13	Brache Phoenix First	18	4	3	11	24	51	-27	15
14	AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves	16	0	1	15	10	67	-57	1
15	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	16	1	0	15	14	53	-39	-1 *

Elsewhere, Brache Phoenix returned to winning ways for the first time in eight outings with a 3-1 victory at Stopsley United who are now on a five game losing run. Ashley Barbour netting twice and Simon Glass once to do the damage against a lone United reply from Kelvin Chirandure.

The 61 FC Luton Reserves v AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves game being waterlogged off.

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro

Ickwell & Old Warden remain 12 points clear at the head of the Division Three supported by Hy-Pro standings after chalking up win number 13 on the bounce to retain their season's 100% away record in winning 2-0 at bottom of the table Atletico Europa with goals from Zak Robinson and Andrew Vallom. Whilst second place Stotfold Junior were ending a three game losing run by winning 8-1 at Lea Sports PSG Reserves. Joseph Evans led the way with four goals , Ross Irving weighed in with a brace alongside single goals from Lewis Cook and Ciaran Mahoney against a lone home reply from Joshua Marshall.

Just a point behind the Junior in third place having played three games fewer are Sharnbrook Reserves who have now won their last seven home games and are unbeaten in their last 13 outings after beating FC Polonoa (Luton) 4-1 with goals from Jack Constable, Joe Frensham, Gus Carlile and Cormac McCann. against a lone reply via Fabian Pawelec. Whilst Newham United were 3-1 victors at Sporting Carpathians Reserves. Aaron Jarvis netting all three goals against a lone home reply from Mayokun Okusanya.

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro League Table at 11th March 2023

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Ickwell & Old Warden First	18	16	1	1	65	12	53	49
2	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	18	12	1	5	50	28	22	37
3	Sharnbrook Reserves	15	12	1	2	35	11	24	36 *
4	Kempston Rovers (BCFL) First	17	9	3	5	51	28	23	30
5	FC Polonia (Luton) First	16	9	1	6	37	31	6	28
6	FC Haynes Reserves	17	6	5	6	49	42	7	23
7	M&DH Clapham Sports First	13	7	1	5	25	24	1	22
8	Newman United First	17	6	5	6	33	39	-6	20 *
9	Sandy First	15	5	4	6	27	32	-5	19
10	Caddington First	15	5	4	6	33	42	-9	19
11	Lea Sports PSG Saturday Reserves	17	5	2	10	25	50	-25	17
12	Sporting Carpathians Reserves	15	3	3	9	21	28	-7	11 *
13	Elstow Abbey Reserves	16	2	0	14	23	66	-43	5 *
14	Aletico Europa First	21	2	1	18	21	62	-41	1 *
15	Square First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	Wootton Blue Cross U23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Postponed were the games M&DH Clapham Sports v Caddington and Sandy v Elstow Abbey Reserves.

Division Four

There is no change at the head of the Division Four standings following wins for the top five sides. For league leaders Luton Panthers with goals via a Kamran Kahn hat-trick and a strike from Amari Woodrow-Stuart it was a 4-1 victory at Bedford Wanderers for whom Connor Steels netted to keep them a point in front of Blunham who retained their season's unbeaten home ways and made it 10 home wins on the bounce in beating CS Rovers 3-0 with two goals from William Sells and a single strike from Connor Heaps.

For third place Flitwick Town A it was a ninth straight home win in beating Sandy Reserves 5-0. Kyle Burnham, Ewan Brown, Steve Gibson, Joe Steele and Max Hughes all finding the back of the net to bring up the nap hand. Whilst fourth place Harlington Juniors Reserves are now on a six game winning home run after defeating Meltis Rangers 5-2. Martin Bull with a brace plus single goals from Cody

O'Neil, Daniel Jump and Edward Prior doing the damage against Rangers replies via Kyle Kiszal and Ellis Sharp.

Division Four League Table at 11th March 2023

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Luton Panthers First	19	16	0	3	71	19	52	48
2	Blunham First	20	15	3	2	64	20	44	48
3	Flitwick Town 'A'	19	15	1	3	52	31	21	46
4	Harlington Juniors Reserves	22	14	2	6	69	51	18	44
5	Leighton Woodside Adult	21	13	3	5	51	38	13	42
6	Clifton Reserves	19	11	4	4	68	31	37	37
7	CS Rovers First	19	11	2	6	53	33	20	34 *
8	Caldecote U23	20	9	2	9	56	45	11	29
9	Bedford Wanderers First	19	9	1	9	42	42	0	27 *
10	Kempston Athletic First	22	9	0	13	55	47	8	26 *
11	Marston Shelton Rovers Reserves	20	4	4	12	29	51	-22	13 *
12	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	16	4	1	11	31	55	-24	13
13	Sandy Reserves	18	3	3	12	23	54	-31	12
14	Catsbrook Wanderers First	18	2	4	12	23	57	-34	10
15	Meltis Rangers (Sat) First	19	3	4	12	27	63	-36	10 *
16	Kempston Athletic (old) First (Folded)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Revivalists First	19	0	0	19	27	104	-77	0

There was also a home victory for fifth place Leighton Woodside 4-2 over Revivalists., Alex Pearce with a brace plus goals from Lewis Manu and Theo Davidson only being replied to by Alex Sarfas and Harold Stevens for the visitors. Also enjoying life on home soil were Catsbrook Wanderers who climbed out of the bottom two with a 2-0 home win over Kempston Athletic with goals from Sam Ayree and Lewis Holmes..

Elsewhere, Caldecote U23's drew 3-3 at home against Clifton Reserves with goals from Charlie Bull, Ricky H Begonzi and Max Plunket against Clifton replies via Christian Farrugia twice and Chime Ifeanyichukwa once.. Whilst the Marston Shelton Rovers Reserves game at home to M&DH Clapham Reserves was postponed after the Rovers gave notice to the league that they are folding their reserves side with immediate effect due to lack of player commitment and enthusiasm.

The Next Seven Days

Wednesday 15th March 2023

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Barton Rovers Reserves v Biggleswade FC Reserves

Division Two supported by Hy-Pro

Wootton Blue Cross Reserves v Caldecote Reserves

Britannia Cup 1st Round

Biggleswade United Reserves v AFC Kempston Town Hammers
Cranfield United v Crawley Green Reserves
Shefford Town & Campton Reserves v Sharnbrook
Stotfold Development v Queens Park Crescenrs

Saturday 18th March 2023

Premier Division supported by Sportsforn

AFC Kempston Town Hammers v Cranfield United
Crawley Green Reserves v Sharnbrook
Stotfold Development v Shefford Town & Campton Reserves
Biggleswade United Reserves v Queens Park Crescents

Britannia Cup 1st Round

Caldecote v Barton Rovers Reserves
Elstow Abbey v Marston Shelton Rovers
Flitwick Town v AFC Oakley
Riseley Sports v Biggleswade FC Reserves

Division One

Henlow v Totternhoe Reserves
Lewsey Park v Bedford Town U23

Centenary Cup 1st Round

AFC Oakley Reserves v Kempston Rovers Academy
Bedford Albion v Milton Keynes Dons Set u19
Lea Sports PSG V Clifton
Renhold v Buffs FC
Wootton Blue Cross v Cranfield United Reserves

Jubilee Cup 1st Round

AFC Bedford United v Westoning Recreation
Bedford SA v Flitwick Town Reserves
FC Haynes v Brache Phoenix
Harlington Juniors v The 61 FC Luton Reserves
Sporting Carpathians v AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves
Stopsley United v Shefford Town Development
Wilstead v Caldecote Reserves

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro

FC Polonia (Luton) v Elstow Abbey Reserves
Sandy v FC Haynes Reserves

Division Four

Leighton Woodside v M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves
Revivalists v Sandy Reserves

Watson Shield Round One

Houghton Athletic v Lea Sports PSG Reserves
Leighton Woodside U18 Reds v CS Rovers
Milton Keynes Athletic U18 Cobras v Harlington Juniors Reserves
Clifton Reserves v Pitstone & Ivinghoe Junior U18
M&DH Clapham Sports v Bromham Youth AFC U18
Newham United v Lidlington United Sports U18 Colts
Stotfold Junior v Bromham Youth AFC U18 Tigers

Watson Shield Round Two

Blunham v Shefford Saints U18 Whites
Caldecote U23 v Meltis Rangers
Ickwell & Old Warden v Sharnbrook Reserves
Kempston Athletic v Wilstead Harriers U18
Kempston Rovers BCFL v Bedford Wanderers
Sporting Carpathians Reserves v Caddington