



Bedfordshire County **Football League**

Season 2024-25

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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 become the league's mainline sponsor for season 2024-25.

Chairman, Peter Francis said, we are delighted to welcome HBC Logistics aboard for the 2024-25 season being our first mainline sponsor in its 120 year history 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 2025 Annual General Meeting.

HBC Logistics is delighted for this new partnership with the Bedfordshire County Football League. Football is a big part of our company, not only am i the first team manager of Biggleswade FC, but there are always heated debates and collective discussions in the office. It's a lot of fun and we are now excited to be able to follow and support teams more locally as a business with plenty of community spirit. Dave Northfield. Director at HBC Logistics.

Registration Forms (covered under league rule18)

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.

Please note the deadline for the 2024-25 season has now passed.

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 2024-25 .

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.

When club are suspicious of their opposition line-up they are advised to gain photographic evidence to help the league with any breach of rule investigation

In past seasons 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 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 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, 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.

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 25th April 2025

Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup Final

Before a crowd of 243 at the Hollow home of Pottton United, Kempston Athletic claimed this season's Beds FA Junior Cup with a 3-1 victory over Ampthill Town Colts. The only goal of the opening half arrived in the 14th minute from Nick Markovic to shoot the Athletic 1-0 ahead, a lead they were to double five minutes into the second period via Luke D'Arcy before Markovic made it 3-0 in the 62nd minute to put the game beyond the Colts. However it was not all roses for the Athletic in the closing stages, first a serious injury to their leading goalscorer Alex Wasilewski saw a lengthy hold-up in play then they were reduced to 10 men following a red card for Laurence McHugh before the final goal of the evening arrived from Jay Hartup in time added on to bring up the final 3-1 scoreline.

Peter Dean Memorial Cup Final

Under the floodlights at Forde Park, the home of Langford FC, Lea Sports PSG claimed this season's Peter Dean Memorial Cup with a 2-0 victory over Cambs County League club Gamlingay United. Sean Dixon on the hour mark and Taylor Davies three minutes from time netting the vital goals.

Saturday 26th April 2025

Premier Division supported by Sportform

AFC Oakley were to claim their third Premier Division supported by Sportsform league title (the previous two coming in season 2013-14 and 2015-16 under the AFC Oakley M&DH banner) when winning 2-0 at the previously unbeaten at home Totternhoe Reserves, with goals from Omojiseoluwa Bankole and Joel Ives to see them crowned league champions .

It was a day when all five games were to go to the visitors, the biggest of which saw now third place Queens Park Crescents win 7-0 at Crawley Green Development. Ismail Rakhman and Haseeb Fariad with braces joined on the scoresheet by single goals from Volter Capeco, Faizan Fariad and Godwin Imuentinyan. Whilst Caldecote took their winning ways up to five games with a 6-2 victory at Shefford Town & Campton Reserves.with single goals from Jake Bruce, Giuseppe Follano, Harry Roberts, Joshua Roberts, Rafe Goodman and Kyle Davis with Ryan Moore and George Starling netted the home replies.

Elsewhere, Elstow Abbey returned to winning ways on the road for the first time in five outings by winning 3-0 at the bottom of the table Flitwick Town who with only one game left to play can no longer climb out of the drop zone. Scott Joseph, Alessandro and Sheldon Washington on the Abbey scoresheet. Whilst Riseley Sports with goals from Lewis Donald, Freddie Spavins and Jay Willett were the 3-2 winners at Wootton Blue Cross whose replies came from Ben Holmes and Callum Myers.

Division One

The league champions Harlington Juniors ended their league season by taking their winning ways on the road up to 8 games when goals from George Nichlos, James Sheridan and Pearce Tomlinson took them to a 3-0 victory at AFC Oakley Development.

Division One Final League Table season 2024-25

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Harlington Juniors First	18	16	0	2	79	20	59	48
2	Stopsley United First	18	14	1	3	63	22	41	43
3	Kempston United First	18	10	1	7	43	45	-2	31
4	Bedford Albion First	18	7	5	6	50	42	8	26
5	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	18	7	3	8	40	49	-9	24
6	Clifton First	18	8	2	8	37	24	13	22 *
7	Bufs FC Saturday First	18	6	3	9	29	36	-7	21
8	Ickwell & Old Warden First	18	5	5	8	26	42	-16	19 *
9	AFC Oakley Development	18	3	6	9	23	51	-28	12 *
10	Sporting Carpathians First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Bedford SA First	18	1	0	17	19	78	-59	-3 *

Division Two South

The lone game of the afternoon saw Lea Sports PSG fail to gain the victory that would have seen them crowned the Division Two South league champions when falling to their first home defeat of the season to Harlington Juniors Reserves. Callum Giles shot the PSG ahead in the 28th minute before second half goals from Glenn Cooksley, Connel Saunders and Daniel Jump took the Juniors to victory thus leaving LU Donz the division's champions.

Jubilee Cup Final

Before a Kempston Rovers crowd nearing the 200 mark Green End Rovers were to claim this season's Jubilee Cup via a penalty shoot out over FC Haynes. It was FC Haynes who took the lead just a minute before half-time via George Grahame and that's the way it stayed until in time added on Sfeffan Jones struck to take the tie into a penalty shoot-out. With Green End going first, Zack Baker made no mistake to make it 1-0 before FC Haynes saw their first effort from Reece Lewis come back off the crossbar. The next five penalties were all to find the back of the net, Callum Rust, Ben Thompson and Ben Peachey for the Rovers against FC replies via Tyler Winter and Sam Lummis to take the Rovers into a 4-2 lead and leaving James Roach to step up to prolong the shoot-out, alas for him and FC Haynes it was Rovers

goalkeeper David O'Grady who won the duel with a fine save to win the cup for the Rovers.

Division Three

_Dunstable Wanderers are now up to sixth place in the league standings after taking their unbeaten ways up to eight games with a 3-2 victory at The 61 FC Luton Reserves thanks to goals from Jamie McMonagle-Quinn, Charlie Finn and Louie Parker against a 61 Fc brace in reply from Faz Hassen. Whilst for bottom of the table Everton Athletic it was their first home win of the season in beating second from bottom of the table Meltis Rangers 2-0 thanks to goals from Ben Antoni and James Scott.

Division Four

_For M&DH Clapham Sports it was home win number three on bounce in beating EB Lions U21, 3-1. The Lions opening the scoring just a minute into the contest before goals from Somto Nnamadi (26mins) Dylan Weeks (33mins) and Daniel Beddow (51mins) won the day for the home side. Elsewhere, Turvey was to lose for the first time in 10 outings when going down 2-3 at home to AFC Clophill. William Westwood with a brace marking the home scoresheet against visitors replies via Jonathan Smith, Harry Lewis and George Davis.

Tuesday 29th April 2025

_Hitchin Road Shefford the home of Shefford Town & Campton was the venue for this season's Division Two Play Off game when before a crowd nearing the three figure mark Lu Donz the South Section winners came from behind twice to beat Thurleigh the North Section winners 3-2. The opening goal arrived via Reece Williams in the 23rd minute to shoot Thurleigh ahead but within six minutes Cameron Saunders had levelled matters for the Donz. That was until 10 minutes into the second half when Brad Duffett restored the lead for Thurleigh, until the hero of the night emerged in the form of Brandon McIntosh who with a brace of goals inside two minutes 72nd-73th took the Donz 3-2 in front. The drama of the night was however far from over with the Donz reduced to 10 men just three minutes later when Lamin Coneth was red carded and then in the eight minutes of added on time it became 10v10 when Alfie Seville received two yellow cards all within a three minute period to even matters up players wise.

Wednesday 30th April 2025

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

With the league title safely in the hands of AFC Oakley, Marston Shelton Rovers missed the chance to ensure they would be finishing runners-up when beaten 5-1 at now third place Wootton Blue Cross who can still overhaul them should things go their way this coming weekend when both clubs embark on their final game of the season. Cullam Myers with a brace plus single goals from Ryan Aka, Mason Marsh and Noah Marsh bringing up the Blue Cross nap hand against a lone Rovers reply from Ben Cherry. Whilst fourth place Queens Park Crescents were beaten 4-0 at

Totternhoe Reserves. Jordan Knight with a brace plus goals from Jack Golder and Lee Loasby doing the damage.

Elsewhere, Cranfield United Reserves completed their league season by extending their unbeaten ways to five games with a 2-1 victory at Riseley Sports. Thanks to goals from Sean Byrne and James Manning against a lone home reply from Alex Taylor. Whilst Flitwick Town now knows they will finish the season in the bottom spot after losing 2-4 at home to Biggleswade United Reserves. Alex Maxwell with a brace plus an own goal and a strike from Jack Webb marking the United scoresheet against Town replies via Phil Matthews and Caleb McNeil.

Division Three

League champions Kempston Athletic were to end their league season by losing for the first on the road this campaign when beaten 3-2 at FC Polonia (Luton) who were returning to winning ways for the first time in six outings.with goals from Sylwester Kraska, Grzegorz Rudnicki and Fabien Pawelec with Sam Chinchin and Kyle Malik replying for the Athletic goalscorers. Whilst Dunstable Wanderers completed their season drawing 1-1 at home against Queens Park Crescents Development to extend their unbeaten ways to nine games with a goal from Pierce Murray against a Qasim Tufail reply for the Crescents.

Division Four

Like in Division Three, the league champions in this case Ampthill Town Colts were to end the season with a defeat when they went down 2-0 at M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves whose goals came via Cameron Frogley-Smith and Somto Nnamdi.

Division Four League Table at 30th April 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Ampthill Town Colts	20	16	2	2	73	26	47	50
2	Stopsley United Reserves	20	16	0	4	86	42	44	48
3	Turvey First	20	13	2	5	65	40	25	40 *
4	EB Lions AFC (Sat) Mens U21	20	12	3	5	65	45	20	36 *
5	Wootton Blue Cross A	20	12	1	7	52	45	7	35 *
6	Dunstable Town Cricket Club DTCC FC Satu	19	8	2	9	59	44	15	26
7	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	20	7	1	12	36	55	-19	21 *
8	Catsbrook Wanderers First	20	5	2	13	27	49	-22	17
9	AFC Clophill First	19	6	1	12	35	58	-23	16 *
10	Everton Athletic FC Res	20	3	1	16	34	93	-59	10
11	AFC Bedford United (Sat) U23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3 *
12	Henlow Hurricanes First	20	2	3	15	30	65	-35	-3 *

Friday 2nd May 2025

Centenary Cup Final

Before a Biggleswade United FC Verdant Stadium crowd of 200+ Harlington Juniors duly completed a league and cup double to lift this season's Centenary Cup with a narrow 2-1 victory over Stopsley United. Freddie Knight headed them in front after just 12 minutes before in the 23rd minute Jamie Small struck to double their lead. The United were back in the game ten minutes later when Cullum Frater reduced the arrears from the penalty spot and when the Juniors Luke Williams was red carded little over two minutes later for a last man offence suddenly it looked like another game. However despite a second half in which United were mainly encamped in the Juniors half they were unable to find a way past a well drilled Juniors backline who hung on to claim victory.

Saturday 3rd May 2025

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

By taking their unbeaten home way up to five games with a resounding 7-2 victory over Crawley Green Development, Marston Shelton Rovers duly collected this season's silver medals by finishing in second spot just four points shy of champions AFC Oakley and two points ahead of third place Wootton Blue Cross. Jamie Cerminara led the way with four goals, Harry Baker grabbed a brace to go alongside a single strike from Luke Clifford against Green Replies via Robby Doran and Takahri Strachan-Williams. Whilst Wootton Blue Cross ended their campaign with a 2-1 home victory over champions AFC Oakley thanks to goals from Gianni Battezzato and Noah Marsh against a lone Teddy Daniels reply.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform Final League Table Season 2024-25

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Oakley First	26	18	3	5	75	31	44	57
2	Marston Shelton Rovers First	26	16	5	5	74	47	27	53
3	Wootton Blue Cross First	26	16	3	7	71	43	28	51
4	Queens Park Crescents First	26	14	5	7	54	35	19	47
5	Cranfield United Reserves	26	13	6	7	58	36	22	45
6	Caldecote First	26	13	4	9	59	44	15	42 *
7	Biggleswade United Reserves	26	11	5	10	63	56	7	38
8	Elstow Abbey First	26	12	2	12	67	61	6	38
9	Totternhoe Reserves	26	9	8	9	53	45	8	35
10	Riseley Sports First	26	10	2	14	44	50	-6	32
11	Crawley Green Development	26	7	4	15	45	85	-40	25
12	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	26	6	3	17	35	79	-44	21
13	Biggleswade FC Reserves	26	4	5	17	42	94	-52	16 *
14	Flitwick Town First	26	4	3	19	47	81	-34	15

Elsewhere, a lone goal from Jack Webb was enough to earn Biggleswade United Reserves all three points in a 1-0 success at Tottenham Reserves to see them finish the season in the dead centre seventh place.

Division Two South

With Brache Phoenix unable to raise a side for the second weekend running the gifted three points to New Bradwell St Peter Development will see them end the campaign in fifth spot and leave the Phoenix 10 points adrift at the bottom of the table.

Division Two South Final League Table Season 2024-25

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	LU Donz First	22	15	3	4	80	38	42	48
2	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	22	14	5	3	68	35	33	47
3	Harlington Juniors Reserves	22	16	1	5	86	27	59	44 *
4	Bletchley Scot First	22	12	4	6	67	56	11	40
5	New Bradwell St Peter FC Development	22	13	2	7	42	32	10	40 *
6	Caddington (BCFL)	22	11	4	7	56	43	13	37
7	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	22	9	3	10	53	48	5	30
8	Luton Panthers First	22	8	3	11	59	58	1	26 *
9	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	22	7	3	12	38	69	-31	24
10	Flitwick Town Reserves	22	5	2	15	45	79	-34	17
11	Caldecote A	22	2	4	16	23	87	-64	9 *
12	Brache Phoenix First	22	2	2	18	30	75	-45	-1 *

Division Three

In taking their unbeaten ways up to eight games with a 2-2 draw at bottom of the table Everton Athletic, Queens Park Crescents Development will now end the season in third spot. The Athletic goals came from James Scott and Michael Freeman with Crescents replies via Anuas Bechkium and Omar Tufail.

Watson Shield Final

Final action saw Amptill Town Colts take revenge for their Beds FA Junior County Cup defeat just eight days ago at the hands of Kempston Athletic by beating them 3-0 with goals from Lennan Pilgrim, George Shaw and Harry Jones to earn them a season's double having already collected the Division Four championship.

Division Three Final League Table Season 2024-25

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston Athletic First	24	20	2	2	98	19	79	62
2	Lewsey Park First	24	18	2	4	88	43	45	56
3	Queens Park Crescents Development	24	13	6	5	75	50	25	45
4	Sandy Reserves	24	14	3	7	67	50	17	45
5	Athletic FC First	24	12	7	5	76	46	30	43
6	Dunstable Wanderers First	24	10	6	8	60	46	14	36
7	Wilstead First	24	11	3	10	58	53	5	35 *
8	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	24	10	1	13	49	84	-35	30 *
9	FC Polonia (Luton) First	24	9	2	13	58	70	-12	25 *
10	Elstow Abbey Reserves	24	7	1	16	36	57	-21	21 *
11	Flitwick Town 'A'	24	4	4	16	43	92	-49	16
12	Meltis Rangers First	24	4	4	16	34	81	-47	15 *
13	Everton Athletic FC First	24	2	3	19	34	85	-51	6 *

Monday 5th May 2025

Britannia Cup Final

Before a 500 plus crowd at Hillgrounds, the home of Kempston Rovers, Cranfield United Reserves claimed their first ever Britannia Cup success with a 2-0 victory over Caldecote. A back post tap in for Sean Byrne in the 77th minute gave them the lead then just two minutes from time Courtney Boughton doubled the lead to make it 2-0 and game over for the Boys from Harvey Close leaving them to collect their second set of silver medals of the season having already earlier in the season done likewise when beaten in the final of the Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy.