



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.

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.

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.

Saturday 28th September 2024

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Cranfield United's lead at the head of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table is now down to a single point after they lost their season's 100% record when held to a 2-2 home draw by Biggleswade FC Reserves. Jake Doherty plus an own goal marking their scoresheet with The FC replies came via a brace for Temilola Akinbusoye. Closing the gap on them and now in second spot are last season's champions Caldecote who retained their season's 100% home record with a 2-1 victory over Biggleswade United Reserves. thanks to goals from Lloyd Jones and Sonny Newton-Coates whilst Seyram Hammond hit the United reply.

Dropping from second spot into third place are AFC Oakley who were held to a 1-1 draw at Crawley Green Development. Kingsley Gibbons marking the Green scoresheet against an AFC reply from James Box. Whilst fourth spot now belongs to Elstow Abbey after they shared the points from a 2-2 home draw against Totternhoe Reserves. Lewis Parkin and Joel Simpson marking the Abbey scoresheet with Shazan Idress and Jazhai Randino replying for the visitors.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 28th September 24

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Cranfield United Reserves	5	4	1	0	15	6	9	13
2	Caldecote First	5	4	0	1	8	6	2	12
3	AFC Oakley First	5	3	1	1	14	7	7	10
4	Elstow Abbey First	3	2	1	0	9	3	6	7
5	Wootton Blue Cross First	3	2	0	1	12	7	5	6
6	Marston Shelton Rovers First	2	2	0	0	4	2	2	6
7	Riseley Sports First	5	2	0	3	6	8	-2	6
8	Totternhoe Reserves	5	1	2	2	8	9	-1	5
9	Biggleswade United Reserves	5	1	2	2	11	13	-2	5
10	Crawley Green Development	4	0	2	2	4	7	-3	2
11	Biggleswade FC Reserves	5	0	2	3	10	16	-6	2
12	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	4	0	1	3	3	13	-10	1
13	Queens Park Crescents First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Flitwick Town First	3	0	0	3	4	11	-7	0

Elsewhere, Riseley Sports claimed the lone away victory of the day in winning 3-2 at Flitwick Town who still await their first point of the season. Mitchell Crook plus goals from the penalty spot from Alex Taylor and Lewis Donald onlt being replied to by Town's Filimon Florin and Harmer Hankey-Billy. The recent rain saw the games

Marston Shelton Rovers v Shefford Town & Campton Reserves and Queens Park Crescents v Wootton Blue Cross waterlogged off.

Division One

With League leaders Stopsley United sitting the afternoon out their lead at the head of the standings is now down to a single point after Sporting Carpathians retained their season's unbeaten ways with a 5-1 home victory over the previously unbeaten Ickwell & Old Warden. Justin Constantin Cojocariu with a brace plus single strikes from Marcel Buruiana, Trif Daniel and Petrut Negut bringing up the nap hand with Kyle Johnsasson hitting the lone visitors reply.

The biggest winners of the day were third place Harlington Juniors who remain unbeaten on home soil following their 9-0 success over Kempston United. Ben Whalley led the way with a hat-trick, Freddie Knight and Oscar Garner netted braces and single goals came from Jordan Impey and Jamie Small. For Buffs FC it was the gift of three points when Bedford SA failed to raise a side to visit them at Clothall Road.

Division One League Table at 28th September 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stopsley United First	4	4	0	0	17	6	11	12
2	Sporting Carpathians First	5	3	2	0	15	5	10	11
3	Harlington Juniors First	5	3	1	1	26	10	16	10
4	Ickwell & Old Warden First	5	1	3	1	10	11	-1	6
5	Buffs FC Saturday First	4	2	0	2	5	6	-1	6
6	Clifton First	2	1	1	0	7	4	3	4
7	AFC Oakley Development	3	1	1	1	8	10	-2	4
8	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	4	1	1	2	10	14	-4	4
9	Kempston United First	5	1	1	3	8	23	-15	4
10	Bedford Albion First	1	1	0	0	9	1	8	3
11	Renhold United First	5	0	0	5	11	23	-12	0
12	Bedford SA First	3	0	0	3	2	15	-13	-1*

Elsewhere, there was a first win of the season for AFC Oakley Development win a 5-4 home victory over Renhold United who fell to defeat number five on the bounce. Charlie Corcoran with four goals and a single strike from Dave Groom bringing up the nap hand. The United replies coming from Delroy Phillips with a brace plus single strikes from Lucas Banton and Nathan France. Whilst the Bedford Albion v Clifton game was waterlogged off.

Division Two North

Blunham remain on top of the Division Two North league table by retaining their season's unbeaten record with a 5-0 victory at the previously 100% Shefford Town & Campton Development. Connor Heaps and Max Smalley with braces and a single goal from Matty Law doing the damage. Now up into second spot are Thurleigh who made it three wins on the bounce with a 4-1 home success over Green End Rovers thanks to goals from Matas Navilkas, Ed Shaw, Brad Duffett and Tom Phelan against a lone Zac Baker reply for the Rovers.

The biggest winners of the day were Wixams Wanderers who ran out 7-1 home victors over Clifton Development who are still seeking their opening point of the season. Max Sharpe and Joe Stephens netted braces alongside single strikes from Kaine Park, Louis Harford-Smith and Darren Burling to do the damage. Whilst Caldecote Reserves retained their season's 100% home record with a 1-0 victory over Bedford Albion Development all thanks to a goal from Chris Faulkner.

Elsewhere, FC Haynes claimed their first away points of the season in winning 4-2 at M&DH Clapham Sports. thanks to goals from Ben Lee Phillips, Tyler Winter, Cian Mitchell and James Roach against home replies via Brendan Cunningham and Louis Lee.

Division Two North League Table at 28th September 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Blunham (BCFL)	5	3	2	0	15	4	11	11
2	Thurleigh FC	4	3	0	1	10	4	6	9
3	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	3	2	1	0	8	3	5	7
4	FC Haynes First	5	2	1	2	9	13	-4	7
5	Wixams Wanderers First	4	2	0	2	13	9	4	6
6	Green End Rovers First	4	2	0	2	10	9	1	6
7	Shefford Town & Campton Development	3	2	0	1	6	6	0	6
8	Caldecote Reserves	4	2	0	2	8	10	-2	6
9	Bedford Albion Development	5	1	1	3	5	7	-2	4
10	M&DH Clapham Sports First	4	0	1	3	4	11	-7	1
11	Clifton Development	3	0	0	3	4	16	-12	0

Division Two South

Luton Panthers lead at the head of the Division Two league table is now down to goal difference after losing on home soil 6-2 to Harlington Junior Reserves for whom Ben Smith with a brace plus single strikes from Lewis Cooksley, Glenn Cooksley via the penalty spot, James Fletcher and Connor Saunders did the damage. The Panthers replies coming via Trey Brand and Amari Woodrow-Stuart. Now up into

second spot are LU Donz who remain 100% on home soil after beating Caldecote A 2-1 with a brace of goals from Brandon McIntosh against a lone reply from Nick Thomas.

In third spot now are the 100% Lea Sports PSG who ran out 7-1 winners over the previously 100% Flitwick Town Reserves. Jimmy O'Donnell with a hat-trick and single goals from Callum Giles, Harrison Sheaf, Joe Campion and Kian Devers marking their scoresheet. against a lone Town reply from Kenzie King. Whilst New Bradwell St Peter Development remain unbeaten and 100% on the road following their 2-1 success at Stotfold Junior thanks to goals from Bradley Churchill and Sam Dobson against a lone home reply from Ross Irving.

The Brache Phoenix v Bletchley Scot being waterlogged off.

Division Two South League Table at 28th September 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Luton Panthers First	5	3	1	1	23	10	13	10
2	LU Donz First	5	3	1	1	11	9	2	10
3	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	3	3	0	0	16	2	14	9
4	Flitwick Town Reserves	4	3	0	1	16	15	1	9
5	Harlington Juniors Reserves	2	2	0	0	11	3	8	6
6	Caldecote A	5	1	1	3	4	18	-14	4
7	New Bradwell St Peter FC Development	3	1	1	1	3	2	1	3*
8	Brache Phoenix First	3	1	0	2	9	11	-2	3
9	Caddington (BCFL)	3	1	0	2	6	8	-2	3
10	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	3	0	1	2	3	10	-7	1
11	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	4	0	1	3	3	12	-9	1
12	Bletchley Scot First	2	0	0	2	5	10	-5	0

Division Three

With the Kempston Athletic v Sandy Reserves top of the table clash waterlogged off closing the gap on them and now taking up third spot are Athletic FC who were 10-0 home winners over The 61 FC Luton Reserves. Emmanuel Obodechine and Aaron Romain both hitting hat-tricks, Serge Kadji a brace alongside single strikes from Alred Song and Dennis Michen.

Also enjoying life on home soil were Meltis Rangers who claimed their first win of the season 3-1 over Elstow Abbey Reserves. Ellis Sharpe with a brace and Gary Philpson marking their scoresheet against a lone Abbey reply from Ali Mohijaldeen Whilst claiming their first win of the season was Lewsey Park in winning 4-1 at Wilstead. Patrick Daly with a brace and single goals from David Gittens and Wayne O'Conner only being replied to once by Michael Jones for the hosts.

Also enjoying life on the road to collect their first away points of the season were Queens Park Crescents Development in winning 4-3 at FC Polonia (Luton) Fabien Pawelec with a brace and a goal from Mateusz Antoniuk on the home scoresheet. The game Everton Athletic v Flitwick Town A being abandoned just six minutes into the contest due to a serious injury to home player Nick Freeman.

Division Three League Table at 28th September 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston Athletic First	4	4	0	0	14	1	13	12
2	Sandy Reserves	4	3	1	0	10	3	7	10
3	Athletic FC First	4	3	0	1	21	11	10	9
4	Dunstable Wanderers First	2	2	0	0	12	1	11	6
5	Queens Park Crescents Development	3	2	0	1	12	11	1	6
6	Lewsey Park First	3	1	1	1	8	10	-2	4
7	Meltis Rangers First	3	1	1	1	7	10	-3	4
8	Elstow Abbey Reserves	3	1	0	2	7	7	0	3
9	Flitwick Town 'A'	3	1	0	2	10	12	-2	3
10	FC Polonia (Luton) First	4	1	0	3	9	11	-2	2*
11	Everton Athletic FC First	4	0	1	3	7	14	-7	1
12	Wilstead First	2	0	0	2	1	8	-7	0
13	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	3	0	0	3	1	20	-19	-1*

Division Four

There is no change at the head of the Division Four league standings following maximum points for the top two teams, League leaders Stopsley United Reserves retaining their 100% ways with a 4-2 home victory over Catsbrook Wanderers. who still await their opening point of the season. Craig Mccann, Nathan Gouldboure, Owen Ompey and Cameron Nagle all found the back of the net with Ehtan O'Mera and Jason Mcdonagh replying for the Wanderers. Whilst Wootton Blue Cross A was gifted the three points when Henlow Hurricanes failed to raise a side to journey to meet them.

Elsewhere, the biggest winners of the day were DTCC FC who were 5-0 home winners over M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves. Ciaran Newton, Jack Perch, Chris Sorrentino, Connor Taylor and Matthew Fitt all found the back of the net to bring up the nap hand. Whilst the other three scheduled games AFC Bedford United Reserves v Everton Athletic Reserves: Ampthill Colts v EB Lions U21 and Turvey v AFC Clophill were postponed.

Division Four League Table at 28th September 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stopsley United Reserves	4	4	0	0	31	5	26	12
2	Wootton Blue Cross A	5	4	0	1	13	10	3	12
3	Turvey First	4	3	0	1	20	9	11	9
4	Amphill Town Colts	3	3	0	0	12	3	9	9
5	EB Lions AFC (Sat) Mens U21	4	3	0	1	12	5	7	9
6	Dunstable Town Cricket Club DTCC FC Satu	4	2	0	2	15	9	6	6
7	AFC Clophill First	3	1	0	2	7	13	-6	3
8	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	3	1	0	2	2	8	-6	3
9	Catsbrook Wanderers First	4	0	0	4	3	14	-11	0
10	Everton Athletic FC Res	2	0	0	2	2	18	-16	0
11	Henlow Hurricanes First	3	0	0	3	2	13	-11	-1 *
12	AFC Bedford United (Sat) U23	3	0	0	3	3	15	-12	-1 *