



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 is midnight Tuesday 15th April 2025.

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.

Saturday 22nd March 2025

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

The leadership of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table is now back into the hands of AFC Oakley be it on goal difference from Wootton Blue Cross only after they extended their winning ways to five games by coming from behind to win 3-2 at Flitwick Town. with goals from Omojiseoluwa Bankole, Harry Chinn and Joel Ives against Town strikes from Florin Filimon and Phil Matthews. Whilst Marston Shelton Rovers missed the chance to go to the summit when held to a 1-1 draw at Totternhoe Reserves who were taking their unbeaten ways up to five games. Jordan Knight on the mark for the home side with the Rovers reply coming from Phil Matthews.

For Biggleswade FC Reserves it was an end to their five game losing run with a 4-3 home success over Elstow Abbey to lift them off the bottom of the table at the expense of Flitwick Town. Lawrence Zinga with a hat-trick and a goal from Giovanni Perisco doing the damage against Abbey replies via Andy Sinclair, Glenn Tumulty and Steve Gentle. Whilst winning for the first time in five outings, Crawley Green Development required just a Robby Doran goal to take them to the three points in a 1-0 home win over Caldecote.

Also winning 1-0 at home were Queens Park Crescents over Cranfield United Reserves who were losing for the first time in six outings, Mohammed Zahar the Crescents goalscorer. Whilst goals from Jamie Essam (24 mins) and Jack Webb (84mins) took Biggleswade United Reserves to a 2-0 victory at Riseley Sports.

Division One

Harlington Juniors moved ever closer to the Division One league title by chalking up win number 13 on the bounce with a 6-0 home victory over Wootton Blue Cross despite the game being played on their opposition's ground. Ben Whalley led the way with a hat-trick alongside goals from Jamie Small, Oscar Garner and Luke Jeffery. Whilst Bedford Albion saw their winless run increase to six games when held to a 2-2 home draw by Ickwell & Old Warden. Nathan France and Dominic Parrella on the home scoresheet with the visitors replies coming from Sam Evans and Luke Gurney.

Centenary Cup Semi-Final

Stopsley United duly made their way into this season's final when goals from Temitayo Akerele and Michael Bird took them to a 2-0 victory at AFC Oakley Development.

Division One League Table at 22nd March 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Harlington Juniors First	15	14	0	1	75	17	58	42
2	Stopsley United First	16	12	1	3	56	21	35	37
3	Kempston United First	18	10	1	7	43	45	-2	31
4	Bedford Albion First	17	6	5	6	47	40	7	23
5	Bufs FC Saturday First	16	6	3	7	27	32	-5	21
6	Ickwell & Old Warden First	17	5	5	7	26	37	-11	19*
7	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	14	4	3	7	29	42	-13	15
8	Clifton First	12	5	1	6	27	19	8	13*
9	AFC Oakley Development	13	2	5	6	16	38	-22	10*
10	Sporting Carpathians First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Bedford SA First	16	1	0	15	19	74	-55	0*

Division Two North

With the league title already in the bag Thurleigh were to lose their seven game winning run by losing 1-2 at home against now second place Caldecote Reserves, Charlie Hurley on the home scoresheet, and Reece Glasgow and Jay Iafancesca the visitors marksman, these three points lifting the boys from Harvey Close goal difference above now third place AFC Bedford United who were beaten 0-2 at home by Shefford Town & Campton Development who goals from George Starling and Joe Lewis ensured they will now finish the season out of the bottom two.

Division Two North League Table at 22nd March 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Thurleigh FC	18	14	0	4	58	12	46	42
2	Caldecote Reserves	16	11	1	4	41	20	21	34
3	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	17	10	4	3	43	28	15	34
4	Blunham (BCFL)	18	10	3	5	48	36	12	33
5	FC Haynes First	17	9	2	6	43	36	7	29
6	Green End Rovers First	17	7	2	8	41	42	-1	23
7	Wixams Wanderers First	18	6	3	9	35	50	-15	18*
8	Shefford Town & Campton Development	18	5	2	11	38	56	-18	17
9	Bedford Albion Development	17	3	3	11	27	59	-32	11*
10	M&DH Clapham Sports First	16	0	2	14	18	53	-35	2

Blunham's chances of a top two finish were to disappeared after they were beaten 2-3 at home by Green End Rovers whose goals came via a Max Natola brace and Zack Baker against home replies via Ricky Lawrence and Josh Staynor.

Jubilee Cup Quarter Finals

FC Haynes will now face a home Semi-final tie against Bedford Albion Development following their 5-3 away victory at Harlington Juniors Reserves. Reece Lewis with a hat-trick plus single goals from Tyler Winter and George Grahame bringing up the nap hand against home replies via Glenn Cooksley twice and Thomas Cooksley once. Whilst New Bradwell St Peter Development will now journey for a last four tie at Green End Rovers following their 6-0 home win over M&DH Clapham Sports. Liam Blake and Jesse Horn with braces joined on their scoresheet by single goals from Bradley Churchill and Joe Dean.

Division Two South

Lu Donz were to skip six points clear of Lea Sports PSG at the head of the Division Two South league table after winning 7-2 at Flitwick Town Reserves. David Byass and Cameron Saunders with braces plus single goals from Connor Jay, David Hamilton and Troy Walker against a Dan Stafford brace in reply for the Town. doing the damage. Whilst fourth place Caddington were to lose their season's 100% home record when held to a 0-0 draw by Stotfold Junior.

Division Two South League Table at 22nd March 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	LU Donz First	18	13	2	3	66	32	34	41
2	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	17	10	5	2	57	30	27	35
3	Harlington Juniors Reserves	14	11	1	2	56	17	39	31 *
4	Caddington (BCFL)	18	9	4	5	50	32	18	31
5	New Bradwell St Peter FC Development	17	10	2	5	39	23	16	31 *
6	Bletchley Scot First	15	8	3	4	41	37	4	27
7	Luton Panthers First	19	7	3	9	53	47	6	24
8	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	19	7	3	9	45	43	2	24
9	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	19	6	3	10	35	57	-22	21
10	Flitwick Town Reserves	20	5	2	13	42	70	-28	17
11	Caldecote A	21	2	4	15	23	80	-57	9 *
12	Brache Phoenix First	17	2	2	13	29	68	-39	8

Elsewhere, Bletchley Scot are now in sixth spot and unbeaten in their last five outings following their 2-1 home victory over second from the bottom of the table Caldecote A who are still looking for their first away win of the season. Dean Reed

and Benit Tshokuna on their scoresheet against a lone reply via Eddy Lungay for the visitors. Whilst AFC Kempston Town Hammers were 3-0 home winners over Luton Panthers with goals from Kyle Lewis, Dan Price and Nikolas Stanchev.

Division Three

With league leaders Kempston Athletic away on Beds FA cup duty their lead at the head of the Division Three league table is now down to four points after Lewsey Park made it nine wins on the bounce with a 4-2 home success over FC Polonia (Luton) two goals from Joshua Ogden plus a Jonathan Bennett penalty and a strike from Josh Edwards outweighing the visitors replies from Milosz Harchut and Niko Kicofer. Whilst third place Sandy Reserves saw their four game winning home run ended when held to a 3-3 draw by Dunstable Wanderers. Prince Asare, Aaron Seldon and Matt Turner on the mark for the home side against Wanderers replies via Jamie Mcminagle-Quinn twice and Louie Parker once.

The biggest winners of the day were Wilstead who took their unbeaten ways up to six games with a 5-1 home victory over Flitwick Town A. Michael Jones and Raheel Khan bagging braces alongside a single goal from Jake Whittemore to bring up the nap hand against a lone Town reply from Zaid Khider. Whilst fourth place Athletic FC are now unbeaten in the last four away outings after sharing the points in a 2-2 draw at Meltis Rangers thanks to goals from Gideon Ojo and Emmanuel Adjei against a Rangers brace in reply from Tyrell O'Connor.

Division Three League Table at 22nd March 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston Athletic First	19	17	2	0	76	12	64	53
2	Lewsey Park First	19	16	1	2	74	31	43	49
3	Sandy Reserves	20	11	3	6	57	42	15	36
4	Athletic FC First	19	10	5	4	66	38	28	35
5	Queens Park Crescents Development	18	10	3	5	60	42	18	33
6	Wilstead First	20	10	1	9	52	43	9	30 *
7	FC Polonia (Luton) First	19	8	1	10	50	53	-3	21 *
8	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	16	7	1	8	32	56	-24	21 *
9	Dunstable Wanderers First	16	5	3	8	37	39	-2	18
10	Elstow Abbey Reserves	19	5	1	13	24	49	-25	15 *
11	Meltis Rangers First	18	3	4	11	28	66	-38	12 *
12	Flitwick Town 'A'	20	3	3	14	35	81	-46	12
13	Everton Athletic FC First	19	1	2	16	27	66	-39	2 *

For bottom of the table Everton Athletic it is still the wait for their first home win of the season after going down 1-2 against Elstow Abbey Reserves who were returning

to winning ways for the first time in 10 outings. Connor Greensmith with a brace for the Abbey against a lone home reply via Christain Summers marking the sides scoresheets.

Division Four

With league leaders Ampthill Town Colts away on Beds FA Cup duty their previous leadership of the league table is back in the hands of Stopsley United Reserves who were 8-1 home winners over the previously unbeaten away from home EB Lions U21. Cameron Nagle led the way with four goals and was joined on their scoresheet by single goals from Milan Pancaal, Joshua Cosgrove, Tyla McCabe and Keven Proszkowie against a lone Lions reply from Sam Rolfe. Whilst third place Turvey were just a goal behind them in their 7-1 home success over Henlow Hurricanes. Samuel Jessop, Jake King and George Shingleton all bagged braces alongside a single strike from Freddie Stonebridge against a lone Hurricanes reply from Jack Holness.

Division Four League Table at 22nd March 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stopsley United Reserves	18	14	0	4	80	40	40	42
2	Ampthill Town Colts	16	13	2	1	64	24	40	41
3	Turvey First	17	12	1	4	58	35	23	36 *
4	Wootton Blue Cross A	18	11	1	6	46	35	11	32 *
5	EB Lions AFC (Sat) Mens U21	15	10	2	3	51	32	19	29 *
6	Dunstable Town Cricket Club DTCC FC Satu	16	7	2	7	54	40	14	23
7	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	16	5	1	10	31	51	-20	16
8	Catsbrook Wanderers First	18	4	2	12	22	45	-23	14
9	AFC Clophill First	16	5	1	10	28	44	-16	13 *
10	Everton Athletic FC Res	17	1	1	15	27	85	-58	4
11	Henlow Hurricanes First	17	2	3	12	26	56	-30	3 *
12	AFC Bedford United (Sat) U23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3 *

Elsewhere, Catsbrook Wanderers with a brace from Oliver Baldwin and goals from Brett Smith and Jamel Matthews won 4-3 at DTCC FC whose replies came from Connor Taylor twice and Ethan Kennedy once. Whilst Everton Athletic Reserves fell to defeat number 11 on the bounce when beaten 2-1 at M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves. whose goals came via Jason Bako and Somto Nnamdi against a Michael John Freeman in reply for the Athletic.

Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup Semi-Finals

It will be an all Bedfordshire County Football League final after a brace of goals from Lennan Pilgrim took Ampthill Town Colts to a 2-0 home win over Cambs League Sandy. They will now face Kempston Athletic who ran out 3-0 home winners over

Queens Park Crescents Development. with goals from Lawrence McHugh, Alexander Wasilewski and Nikola Markovic.

Tuesday 25th March 2025

Before a crowd nearing the 500 mark,(just 212 watched the Real Bedford Southern League game across the car park on the same night) Caldecote's quest to lift this season's Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy was to fail at the last hurdle when beaten 1-0 by South Midlands League Stotfold Reserves, the lone goal arriving via the head of Robert Wilcock some 64 minutes into the game.

Elsewhere, Wootton Blue Cross Reserves were to make their way into this season's Peter Dean Memorial Cup Final with a penalty shoot-out success over Lea Sports PSG after 90 minutes play had seen the sides all square at 2-2. The PSG led 2-0 at half-time with goals from Joe Hennem and Sean Dixon before Blue Cross goals from Josh Araniello and Reece Lee took the tie to those dreaded spot kicks from which the Blue Cross emerged 5-4 winners. They will now have to wait to find out their opposition with the other half of the draw still at the Quarter-Final stage where Wilstead are due to host Gamlingay United next week before the winners go forward to a Semi-final game against Eaton Socon Reserves on Wednesday 16th April under the floodlights at Biggleswade United.

Wednesday 26th March 2025

Action under the floodlights at Weston Park saw hosts Wootton Blue Cross miss the chance to regain the leadership of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table when beaten for just the third time on home soil this season by Elstow Abbey by the odd goal in five.

It was the visitors who took control of the game in the opening stages and it was no surprise to see Glenn Tumulty shoot them ahead in the 15th minute, a lead that was doubled eight minutes before the break by Scott Joseph. If the Blue Cross were going to get back into the contest an early second half goal was needed, this duly arrived just three minutes in via Ryan Aka and when Joe Holmes levelled matters in the 66th minute they looked more likely to be the side to go on and claim all three points. Alas the Abbey were having nothing off it and duly sealed the points when Jordan Nice rose on the back post to head home the winning goal just seven minutes from time.

This victory for the Abbey being their third away win in their last four outings on the road to lift them into sixth spot in the table whilst the Blue Cross remain just goal difference behind league leaders AFC Oakley who having played one game fewer now perhaps take over the mantle of title favourites.

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2	Wootton Blue Cross First	19	13	2	4	58	29	29	41
3	Marston Shelton Rovers First	19	12	4	3	51	31	20	40
4	Cranfield United Reserves	21	9	5	7	46	32	14	32
5	Queens Park Crescents First	16	9	4	3	34	23	11	31
6	Elstow Abbey First	19	9	2	8	52	43	9	29
7	Biggleswade United Reserves	19	8	4	7	49	38	11	28
8	Caldecote First	19	7	4	8	37	39	-2	25
9	Riseley Sports First	20	7	2	11	34	39	-5	23
10	Crawley Green Development	21	6	4	11	37	61	-24	22
11	Totternhoe Reserves	18	5	6	7	38	37	1	21
12	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	22	6	3	13	28	57	-29	21
13	Biggleswade FC Reserves	24	4	4	16	40	92	-52	16
14	Flitwick Town First	17	4	2	11	34	50	-16	14