



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.

Registrations/Transfers for season 2022-23 are now closed.

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.

Monday 15th May 2023

The Premier Division supported by Sportform season drew to a close with the campaign's final two games. With league champions Elstow Abbey just 48 hours ahead of their Britannia Cup final electing to take on Riseley Sports with a complete Reserves team line up and falling to a narrow 3-2 defeat. Sonny Newton-Coates shot the visitors ahead after just four minutes which the Abbey cancelled out from the penalty spot via Travis Joseph in the 32nd minute. The visitors were back in front when Jordan Harris netted in the 42nd minute, a lead which was to last just 60 seconds and cancelled out by a second Abbey penalty, this time converted by Henry

Nnaji. The visitors however were to claim all three points and their fifth away win on the bounce when Jamie Simmons netted just nine minutes into the new half.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table Season 2022-23

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Elstow Abbey First	30	22	6	2	81	29	52	72
2	Cranfield United First	30	21	4	5	73	23	50	67
3	Crawley Green Reserves	30	19	5	6	79	37	42	62
4	Biggleswade FC Reserves	30	19	3	8	69	38	31	60
5	AFC Oakley First	30	16	6	8	77	51	26	54
6	Stotfold Development	30	17	2	11	78	53	25	52 *
7	Caldecote First	30	14	4	12	63	56	7	46
8	Riseley Sports First	30	13	6	11	58	55	3	45
9	Sharnbrook First	30	12	5	13	65	51	14	40 *
10	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	30	11	4	15	63	66	-3	37
11	Flitwick Town First	30	11	4	15	55	77	-22	37
12	Biggleswade United Reserves	30	7	7	16	47	88	-41	28
13	Marston Shelton Rovers First	30	8	5	17	43	59	-16	25 *
14	Queens Park Crescents First	30	6	5	19	39	74	-35	21 *
15	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	30	5	2	23	43	121	-78	17
16	Barton Rovers Reserves	30	3	4	23	32	87	-55	12 *

Elsewhere, a 2-1 home defeat for Barton Rovers Reserves at the hands of Stotfold Development means they will now finish the season in bottom place. Callum Mullins and Temi Akinbusoye the visitors goal scorers against a lone Rovers reply from Cameron Saunders.

Wednesday 17th May 2023

Before a near on 200 plus crowd at Kempston Rovers Hillground Road stadium Elstow Abbey duly completed a 2002-23 season double in lifting the Britannia Cup with a 2-1 victory over Sharnbrook ,their first Britannia Cup cup success since season 2002-03 when North Park Rangers were likewise beaten 2-1.

The opening goal of the night fell to Sharnbrook in the 11th minute via James Barron until the Abbey drew level just five minutes before half-time when a goal bound effort from Glenn Tumulty took a wicked deflection passed Sharnbrook goalkeeper Daniel Bayley.

The winning goal arrived in the 65th minute from Steve Gentle.

Elsewhere there was action in Division Two supported by Hy-Pro. where Wootton Blue Cross Reserves took their unbeaten ways up to five games with a 2-0 away win

in a game played at their own Weston Park complex. Cullum Myers and Mason Marsh netted the goals. Whilst AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves ended a run of nine straight away defeats in drawing 2-2 at Sporting Carpathians. Michael Brako and Perez Mukisa on the home scoresheet against Hammers replies via Kevin Platts and Nico Stanchev.

For Bedford SA it was the gift of three points when Stopsley United failed to raise a side to meet them at Miller Road.

Friday 19th May 2023

Before a Hillground Kempston Rovers crowd of 200 plus Cranfield United Reserves quest to become only the second team to retain the Centenary Cup (Henlow being first in 2012-13 & 2013-14) was to fall at the last hurdle when they were beaten 4-2 in a penalty shoot out by Bedford Albion after 90 minutes play had seen the sides deadlock at 1-1.

Following a goal-less opening half the Albion were to take the lead in the 58 minute via a breakaway goal from Jamie Daniels, a lead they were to hold until the 90th minute when Martin Holland was on hand to take full advantage when the Albion fail to clear their lines following a free kick.

So now it was all down to a penalty shoot-out with United hoping to erase their memory of their 2017-18 season shoot-out loss to Totternhoe Reserves and the Albion seeking to collect their first ever league cup.

Up first were the Albion, Dan Jeffries making no mistake, United then saw Albion goalkeeper Kieran Wallace save their first effort from Robert White. and with Jamie Hall quickly making it 2-0 the pressure was now all on the United. Hold their nerve they did as up stepped Oliver Merritt to make it 2-1 which then Kaylen Wilson made it 3-1 before Wallace made his second save of the shoot-out from Leonard Valention Cimmino to retain their two goal advantage.

All it needed from fourth Albion taker Luke Pursey was a goal to claim the tie 4-1. Alas he pushed his effort wide of the posts and when Kristian Esposito made it 3-2 the pressure was now back on the Albion fifth taker to do what Pursey had failed to do to claim the cup for the Albion. This he duly did for the 4-2 final scoreline.

Division One supported by Hy-Pro League Table at 20th May 2023.

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Totternhoe Reserves	26	19	3	4	59	33	26	60
2	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	26	18	5	3	74	36	38	59
3	Renhold First	26	16	1	9	54	42	12	49
4	Cranfield United Reserves	26	14	1	11	65	42	23	43
5	Clifton First	26	12	6	8	64	51	13	42
6	Bufs FC Saturday First	26	12	4	10	61	55	6	39 *
7	Henlow First	26	11	7	8	43	39	4	39 *
8	Wootton Blue Cross First	25	10	4	11	49	54	-5	33 *
9	Lewsey Park First	26	8	4	14	51	67	-16	28
10	Bedford Albion First	26	8	6	12	48	66	-18	27 *
11	AFC Oakley Reserves	26	6	8	12	55	69	-14	26
12	Milton Keynes Dons SET U19 SET Developme	26	5	5	16	48	71	-23	20
13	Kempston Rovers Academy U23	26	5	5	16	57	78	-21	17 *
14	Bedford Town FC (Youth Development) U23	25	6	3	16	47	72	-25	12 *

Saturday 20th May 2023

Before a Crawley Road crowd of 250 (Cranfield United) on a pitch that would not have been out of place in the Premier Division let alone at the third tier of the Bedfordshire County Football League, Bedford SA were for the second consecutive season beaten in the final of the Jubilee Cup 3-1 this time at the hands of Wootton Blue Cross Reserves.

It all started well for SA when they took the lead in the very opening minute of the game when from a free kick Jordan Farmer was left unmarked on the back post to head them ahead. The Blue Cross were level just 13 minutes later when Callum Myers fired in an unstoppable shot from the edge of the penalty area.

Within six minutes the Blue Cross were ahead via Keaton Marsh who then made it 3-1 just five minutes from the half-time break.

In the final Division Three supported by Hy-Pro league action of the season,second place and the 2022-23 season silver medal winners Sharnbrook Reserves went nap with a 5-0 victory at Sporting Carpathians Reserves . Jack Constable netted twice alongside single goals from Gus Carlile, Ethan Peart and Tom Phelan.

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro League Table Season 2022-23

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Ickwell & Old Warden First	24	21	1	2	86	19	67	64
2	Sharnbrook Reserves	24	18	2	4	55	23	32	55*
3	Kempston Rovers (BCFL) First	24	14	5	5	60	33	27	47
4	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	24	13	4	7	59	40	19	43
5	FC Polonia (Luton) First	24	13	3	8	59	47	12	42
6	Caddington First	24	12	5	7	60	54	6	37*
7	M&DH Clapham Sports First	24	9	5	10	39	50	-11	32
8	Sandy First	24	8	7	9	40	44	-4	31
9	FC Haynes Reserves	24	7	6	11	60	52	8	24*
10	Sporting Carpathians Reserves	24	7	3	14	39	42	-3	18*
11	Lea Sports PSG Saturday Reserves	24	6	1	17	29	68	-39	16*
12	Elstow Abbey Reserves	24	4	1	19	34	96	-62	12*
13	Square First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Wootton Blue Cross U23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Newman United First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3*
16	Atletico Europa First	24	2	1	21	22	74	-52	-3*

* adjustment made

Whilst the final Division Four action of the season saw Caldecote u23 and Leighton Woodside play out a 2-2 draw. Owen Manning and Harry Hurst on the home scoresheet against Woodside replies via Brett Smith and Rory Burke.

Division Four Table Season 2022-23

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Luton Panthers First	28	22	1	5	100	26	74	67
2	Blunham First	28	21	3	4	102	27	75	66
3	CS Rovers First	28	20	3	5	85	42	43	62*
4	Flitwick Town 'A'	28	20	2	6	64	46	18	62
5	Harlington Juniors Reserves	28	18	4	6	84	54	30	58
6	Leighton Woodside Adult	28	17	5	6	66	48	18	56
7	Clifton Reserves	28	14	6	8	83	49	34	48
8	Bedford Wanderers First	28	13	1	14	50	56	-6	37*
9	Caldecote U23	28	11	4	13	68	58	10	36*
10	Kempston Athletic First	28	9	2	17	65	72	-7	28*
11	Sandy Reserves	27	6	3	18	39	84	-45	21
12	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	28	7	1	20	50	81	-31	20*
13	Catsbrook Wanderers First	28	3	3	22	34	88	-54	9*
14	Meltis Rangers (Sat) First	28	5	4	19	37	89	-52	7*
15	Revivalists First	27	2	0	25	38	145	-107	5*
16	Kempston Athletic (old) First (Folded)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Marston Shelton Rovers Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3*

Sandy Reserves v Revivalists Null & Void no points awarded.

Division Two supported by Hy-Pro League Table at 20th May 2023

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Harlington Juniors First	26	22	2	2	89	29	60	68
2	Bedford SA First	26	21	2	3	76	35	41	65
3	Westoning Recreation First	26	19	4	3	98	39	59	61
4	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	24	15	4	5	82	35	47	48 *
5	Sporting Carpathians First	25	14	5	6	71	43	28	47
6	FC Haynes First	26	11	7	8	65	58	7	40
7	Caldecote Reserves	26	8	9	9	39	45	-6	31 *
8	Shefford Town & Campton Development	25	9	2	14	60	71	-11	29
9	Stopsley United First	26	9	1	16	51	66	-15	25 *
10	Wilstead First	26	7	5	14	50	61	-11	23 *
11	Brache Phoenix First	26	5	5	16	39	72	-33	19 *
12	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	25	7	1	17	30	63	-33	19 *
13	Flitwick Town Reserves	25	3	6	16	29	84	-55	15
14	AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves	26	1	3	22	18	96	-78	5 *
15	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-10 *