



Bedfordshire County **Football League**

Season 2021-22

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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.

With regard to transfers please note the league will not approve any transfers under the waived banner until the leaving club have notified the league they are happy for the transfer to go ahead.

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 2021-22.

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.

Thus the deadline is Tuesday Midnight following any given Saturday game. **(in the now digital world this has been brought forward 24 hours)**

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.

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 its 5pm. If 2.30 pm Kick off then its 5.30pm. An additional 15 minutes will be allowed when involved in County Cup/ League Cup Tie 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.

Action Round-Up Saturday 4th September 2021

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

The biggest win of the day was to go the way of AFC Oakley who ran out 5-1 home winners over Marston Shelton Rovers. Nathan Aulsberry netting twice plus single goals from Shaun Barnett, Ali Smith and Alfred Dawson to bring up the nap hand against a lone Rovers reply via Harry Baker. Whilst the biggest away win of the afternoon took Queens Park Crescents to a 4-0 victory at Kempston Town & Bedford College. Matthew Taiwo leading the way with a hat-trick alongside a single goal from Daniel Rasol.

Also enjoying life on the road were Caldecote and Biggleswade FC Reserves. The boys from Harvey Close with goals from Dan Fennell, Liam Beech and Matt Sayes the 3-1 winners at Biggleswade United U23's for whom Ashley Campbell netted.

Whilst a lone goal from Sammy Fisher Diaz took Biggleswade FC Reserves to a 1-0 victory at Crawley Green Reserves.

For Elstow Abbey it was a 3-2 home win over Cranfield United. Wesley Lewis, Roberto D'Altilia and Dan Mattin all finding the back of the net against United replies via Sam Macrae and Josh Langlais. Whilst a lone goal from Luke Knight saw Stevington open their season 1-0 home winners over Shefford Town & Campton Reserves.

Elsewhere, for newly promoted Sharnbrook it was a share of the spoils in a 2-2 home draw with Flitwick Town. James Barron hitting a brace for the home side and the Town's goals coming from Dan Stafford and Jim Lewis.

Division One

The standout result of the afternoon saw Stotfold Development win 9-0 away at Pitstone & Ivinghoe Reserves. Kyle Watson leading the way with a hat-trick, Dominik Robertson netting a brace and single goals coming from Jack Edwards, Alfie Gardiner, George Bennett and Billy Little. Whilst the biggest home winners were St Joseph (Saturday) who beat Potton United Reserves 5-0 thanks to a brace from Aaron Jarvis and single goals from Tom McMahon, Ilir Hassani and Ultan Coonan.

For Cranfield United Reserves it was a 4-0 home win over Ickwell & Old Warden with goals from Nathan Evans, Luke Gray, Martin Holland and Alex Maxwell. Also enjoying life on home soil were Wilstead the 3-2 winners over Flitwick Town Reserves. Jay Hall, Sam Evans and Luke Pursey all on their scoresheet against Town replies via Dale Goldie and Curties O'Connell.

Elsewhere, league newcomers Barton Rovers Reserves were beaten 2-3 at home by Sporting Lewsey Park for whom Chris Gibson netted all three goals. Aaron Fulton scoring twice for the Rovers. Whilst Henlow with goals from Cameron Care twice and Ethan Taylor once won 3-0 at Kempston Athletic.

Division Two supported by Hy-Pro

Wootton Blue Cross ran out 7-1 home winners over AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves. Joe Holmes netting five times and single goals coming the way of Sam Marshall and Josh Burnapp against a lone Town reply from Stanley Gonese. Whilst also netting seven goals were FC Haynes in their 7-3 home victory over 61 FC Luton Reserves. Chris Clark netting four times alongside single goals for Scott Frusciatne, Hayden Dormer and a George Grahame penalty. The 61 replies coming via Nana Boffiah, Harry Friedrich and Leroy White.

Just a goal behind were AFC Bedford United the 6-0 home winners over Harlington Juniors. Goals inside the first 15 minutes from Glen Tumulty and Gary Townsend saw them lead 2-0 at half-time, then a 30 yarder from Jesse Van Agen shot them 3-0 ahead, before second goals for each of the previous goalscorers in the closing stages took the scoreline to 6-0. Whilst Clifton with goals from Toby Gibbs and Liam

Phillips in the opening half were 2-0 home winners over league newcomers Soccerlise.

For Renhold it was a 4-1 away win at Bedford SA. Michael France, Liam Newton, Sergi Kadji and Sajan Khinda all finding the back of the net against a lone home reply via Tyrone Kelly. Also enjoying life on the road were AFC Oakley Reserves the 2-0 winners at league newcomers Brache Phoenix thanks to goals from Aaron Haine and Harvey Holland.

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro

The one away win of the day went the way of Sharnbrook Reserves the 3-2 victors at FC Polonia (Luton) thanks to goals from Josh Crook, Caleb Ives and Cormac McCann against a home brace in reply from Grzegorz Rudnicki. Whilst Atletico Europa were 3-2 home winners over Sandy. Junior Ngogang netting twice and Ajmal Khan once against Sandy replies via Curtis Hassell and Jack Fox.

Also winning 3-2 on home soil were Caldecote Reserves over CS Rovers. Carl Heath with a brace and Ricky Aris netting for the home side against Rovers replies via Aidan Carmody and Jack Matthews.

Elsewhere, Shefford Town & Campton U23's needed a 90th minute penalty from Charlie Dee to earn a point from a 1-1 home draw with FC Haynes Reserves for whom Jack Vincent netted. Whilst Sporting Carpathians drew 3-3 at home against Wootton Blue Cross Reserves. Nick Covileac, Peter Wilson and a James Nolan penalty marking the home scoresheet against Blue Cross replies via Ali Mohiyaideen twice and Lee Dimmock once.

Division Four supported by Hy-Pro

The biggest win of the day going to Elstow Abbey Reserves who won 7-0 at Catsbrook Wanderers. James Copley netting twice and single goals coming via an own goal plus strikes from Ollie Pearson, Lewis Duffield, Antony Sammut and Travis Joseph. Whilst Lea Sports PSG Reserves were 3-2 winners at M&DH Clapham Sports. Alex Bailey, Warren Bell and Ryan Bean all on the PSG scoresheet against home replies via Owen Tuffin and Fred Shannon.

For Kempston Rovers it was the gift of three points after Bedford Santos failed to raise a side to journey to Hillgrounds and for Bluham and Square FC it was a point each from a 3-3 draw. Matthew McCartney, David Garofalo and David Smith netting for the home side and Connor Taylor, Khahi Patrick and Ryan Luff for the visitors.

Division Five

For Newham United it was a 6-0 home win over Tunsian Community. Sam Woodman leading the way with a hat-trick alongside single goals from Lee Gaffney, Igor Zieba and Chris Wyatt. Also hitting six goals were Woodside Adult in a 6-1 home victory over M&DH Clapham Reserves. Dan Henry-Welsh with a hat-trick joined on their scoresheet by Alex Pearce, Saul Gunn and Aaron Dunn against a lone reply from James Kimber for the visitors.

Just a goal behind were Wootton Blue Cross U23's the 5-0 home winners over Revivalists. Zach Baker netting twice plus single goals from Jack Spada, Noah Marsh and Callum Myers bring up the nap hand. Also going nap were Luton Panthers who won 5-4 at Harlington Juniors Reserves. Leon Witter helping himself to a hat-trick and single goals coming the way of Luciano Witter-Morgan and Fahim Ahmed against home replies via Martin Bull twice and single goals for Lewis Osmore and Harry Hensby.

The Next Seven Days

Wednesday 8th September 2021.

Division One.

Potton United Reserves v Flitwick Town Reserves

Division Three

Flitwick Town A v Shefford Town & Campton A

Saturday 11th September 2021

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College v Stevington

AFC Oakley v Riseley Sports

Caldecote v Elstow Abbey

Cranfield United v Crawley Green Reserves

Flitwick Town v Biggleswade FC Reserves

Marston Shelton Rovers v Queens Park Crescents

Sharnbrook v Biggleswade United U23

Division One

Henlow v Pitstone & Ivinghoe Reserves

Kempston Athletic v Barton Rovers Reserves

Sporting Lewsey Park v Lea Sports PSG

St Josephs (Saturday) v Stotfold Development

Totternhoe Reserves v Ickwell & Old Warden

Wilstead v Cranfield United Reserves

Division Two supported by Hy-Pro

AFC Bedford United v AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves

Bedford SA v The 61 FC Luton Reserves

Brache Pheonix v Stopsley United

Harlington Juniors v Clifton

Renhold v Soccerlise

Wootton Blue Cross v AFC Oakley Reserves

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro

Atletico Europa v CS Rovers

FC Haynes Reserves v Sporting Carpathians

Sandy v Caldecote Reserves

Wootton Blue Cross Reserves v Marston Shelton Rovers Reserves

Division Four

Blunham v Elstow Abbey Reserves

Catsbrook Wanderers v Flitwick Town A

Lea Sports PSG Reserves v Kempston Rovers

Shefford Town & Campton A v M&DH Clapham Sports

Square v Bedford Santos

Division Five

M&DH Clapham Reserves v Harlington Junior Reserves

Newman United v Luton Panthers

Revivalists v Clifton Reserves

Woodside Audit v Tunisian Community

Wootton Blue Cross U23 v Sandy Reserves

Brian Buck Travellers Tales

12. (13,393) Tuesday 20th July 2021. Letchworth Garden City Eagles 4 Marston Shelton Rovers 1 (Friendly Match) att 40 approx. After being very busy earlier in the day, despite the almost unbearable heat, I was very grateful when at short notice this game appeared on *Twitter*. This was my second visit of the season to Pixmore and after being beaten 6-1 by Potton United ten days earlier, Eagles had a more comfortable time of things tonight. They took the lead on 6 minutes following a well hit 20 yarder and then they doubled their lead on 20 minutes when a shot went in off the post. A feature of this game was the unforced errors made by both sides, with the visitors making more than their hosts. But at this early pre-season stage it was game time which counted most. Furthermore, the hosts seemed to be trying out new players rather than relying on a settled side. On 36 minutes we heard what was soon to be the first of many claps of thunder. Then on 41 minutes Rovers seemed to have pulled a goal back when the ball was headed home from close range following a corner, but the lively ref, who despite his advancing years, looked fitter than some of the players, blew for an infringement. Then two minutes later Eagles popped in their third goal when the scorer wriggled his way into a shooting position before finding the net from about 12 yards out. At half time, as the clouds gathered, it grew dark and the lights were switched on. Then just as the second half commenced the heavens opened and with thunder and lightning it poured down. However, this seemed to inspire Rovers and after just 50 seconds of the new half they pulled a goal back with another 'in off the post' effort. After about 20 minutes or so of serious rain, it stopped and the sun came out, as did a rainbow. Now the pitch looked glorious, bathed in sunshine as well as the light from the excellent floodlights they have here. There was only one further goal in the match and that came on 80 minutes from some 25 yards out when the ball was expertly lifted over the keeper. Then it was time to get the names of the scorers, which became a bit of a problem for a while, as no one, including the Eagles manager could initially remember their names, which is always a bit worrying for any new players at a club!

16. (13,397) Saturday 24th July 2021. Kempston Rovers 2 Cranfield United 1 (Friendly Match) att 50 approx. With the aforementioned rain presumably on its way, we elected to watch a game where we could keep in the dry. But apart from a light shower early in the morning we had no rain at all today. Before the start we elected to have, what is these days, a rare pre-match pint. This involved getting to the bar by walking up some stairs, where customers were warned by way of a notice, which read, 'Decking is extremely slippery when wet'. I shall remember this when I next want to deck someone! The pitch, as always here, is a decent one and today it looked

extremely lush. In fact, almost as lush as the host's green fluorescent kit. They normally play in red and white stripes, but so do Cranfield and it was they who got the nod today. The game itself wasn't one to linger long in the memory. Rovers were of course the favourites but they were playing a mixed team of first team triallists and young players and in the first half it was mainly a midfield battle. Rovers were slightly the more dangerous side in this half, but only if you were standing behind the goal they were shooting into as many of their goal attempts were on the wild side. The half time raffle was won by a club lino, which irked the new Beds County League Chairman slightly as he had the number before his. The second half saw Cranfield take the lead on 50 minutes. They had started the second half well and the goal came from a header from a cross following a corner. It looked like the score might stay that way to the end, but on 82 minutes Rovers equalised when a 20 yards direct free kick beat a five man wall.

Then six minutes later a triallist popped in the winner when from about ten yards out he managed to lift the ball over the keeper. Thank heavens for Mrs Triallist!

18. (13,399) Wednesday 28th July 2021. Shefford Town & Campton Reserves 3 AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College 1 (Friendly Match) att 25 approx. After hearing the sad news that one of my long time Groundhopping friends, Don Scott, had sadly passed away earlier in the day, I hoped, that it was going to be a quiet and peaceful night here when we turned up some 15 minutes before the start. Then, just before kick off the boys turned up, the Development team I suspect. They seemed to be a nice bunch of lads, but some of them weren't even watching the match with at least one of them was often standing back to goal, which is a tad annoying when you are actually trying to watch the match. The game in fact seemed to be going on without any animosity, but on 35 minutes the visiting skipper vented his feelings on the ref too much and was sin binned. Meanwhile, still in search of my 'peace and quiet', we moved to the other, unoccupied stand, but while we were doing this, we missed a rogue tackle on a Kempston player, which a Shefford player may have been booked for. After a while although the injured player was able to sit up, it was not going to be easy to move him off the pitch for some time and with it now raining as well the game appeared to get abandoned and indeed the tone of the refs whistle seemed to signify this. So, as the players trooped off the pitch, most of the spectators headed for their cars and went home, as we did. But later it transpired that the player did recover and that the second half got played. I wouldn't normally 'count' the game, but in this instance I will, because we were erroneously led to believe that it had been terminated early

21. (13,402) Saturday 31st July 2021. Renhold 5 Ickwell & Old Warden 2 (Friendly Match) att 10 approx. Although there were some competitive matches I could have watched today, I preferred to stay local and this game, which showed up on the radar late morning satisfied our needs. However, the irony of my choice was that on the previous Saturday, we went to Kempston Rovers, so we could get under cover because we thought that it might rain, whereas today we didn't think that it would rain and we got soaked! Apart from that it was good to bump into local ref Steve Feiger once more. He is one of the most colourful characters on the Beds County League circuit, even if some of the teams don't always agree with some of his decisions. But

he usually wins out because he talks longer and louder than those arguing with him. So, for my money, he is one of the best refs around at this level and quite often you get a better game when he is reffing. It's almost as if he inspires the teams to try harder. Furthermore, you always know when he has had a good game, because he tells you that he has! By virtue of the fact that Renhold play one division lower than Ickwell, an away win seemed likely here, but it was not to be on the day. Renhold took the lead on 21 minutes, doubling it five minutes later. By now we were on the way back to the car to put on our waterproofs, as we could see that it was soon going to rain. Then it did and boy did it rain and we got absolutely soaked, especially in the footwear department as we just couldn't get out of the torrential rain. While it was absolutely tipping it down Renhold scored again on 30 and 36 minutes with Ickwell popping in a goal in between. Steve told us that he played a brilliant advantage for one of the goals but we were too wet to see this. We'd have preferred it had he instigated an 'out of the water' break! At half time the rain ceased, the sun came out and it became very warm. The goals largely dried up as well and instead of 'raining' goals we were limited to just two more, for Ickwell on 64 minutes and Renhold twenty minutes later. An interesting afternoon.

28. (13,409) Wednesday 11th August 2021. Blunham 0 Soccerlise 6 (Friendly Match) (Played at Moggerhanger Recreation Ground) att 12. After all the drama of the previous night we settled for something more low key tonight, although this only applied if you weren't taking part in the match. Blunham have been around for years, but these days they operate in Division 4 of the Beds County League. Meanwhile, although Soccerlise are new to the league, they have been placed in Division 2. By the end of this game you could see just why. Apparently Blunham were without some of their key players tonight and soon it showed. By the sixth minute they were 2-0 down with the second goal being scored by a playing lying on the floor. Then after a third goal was scored on 21 minutes the fourth one arrived four minutes after that when a 50 yard direct free kick bounced its way into the goal, deceiving everyone. We were sitting on the only park bench at the break, so we heard the Blunham half time team talk, which didn't go well, especially as one player subbed himself immediately before the game was due to restart with all players back on the pitch. Soccerlise, looking to be a well organised side, made some changes themselves and in the second period the game became more even, compared to the first half. The visitors increased their lead on 69 minutes when the home keeper was caught too far off his line from 40 yards out and the last goal arrived twelve minutes from time. At the end we spent some time with the jovial ref and I had the feeling that we'd crossed paths before. It turned out that he told me that this was back in June when on one Saturday afternoon he was one of the lino's in a cup match at Sheering, near Bishop's Stortford, when he was a Hertfordshire based ref. Now he's moved to the greener pastures of Bedfordshire