

Bedfordshire County **Football League**



Season 2026-27

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Noticeboard

County FA Club/Team Suspension

An increasing number of clubs/teams are being placed under a club/team suspension for failing to raise and make payment of their disciplinary invoices. The FA Competition Portal updates on each Wednesday morning and clubs are advised to visit their portal preferably on each Monday, Wednesday and Thursday to ensure they have no outstanding matters.

The consequence of playing games whilst under a club/team suspension will in the first instances bring about a County FA charge followed by an additional charge under league rule 20E(v) which has the power to deduct any points gained in these games from your club/team and the match points etc awarded to your opposition.

Whilst the league will do its best to monitor the situation on behalf of our clubs/teams it remains their 100% total responsibility to ensure their own house is in order, this being even more important as we approach the end of the season and games are scheduled to take place on Midweek evenings.

Please be aware that not all the current/recent items appear on the opening page of your club/teams portal and that you should make full use of the various filters.

Registration Forms (covered under league rule 18)

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 Club Portal 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 Club Portal system prior to each game to check for any suspensions in place at any given date. Clubs should be aware that all suspensions commence seven days following the date the red card offence was committed.

Clubs are also advised when checking eligible players data to gain this information via the fixture listings in Full Time and **not use The Players Seasons Total tab which can be accessed via the Full Time league tables**. This tab holds information stored from abandoned matches which under FA rules cannot be counted as an appearance.

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. **All clubs should ensure the player's name listed corresponds 100% with that by which he is registered.**

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 2026-27.

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 referees 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 cards .

Please ensure 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 league's 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.

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 4th September 2026

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With their home Allen Park venue still committed to cricket Queens Park Crescents journeyed to take on Wootton Blue Cross for their opening home game of the season under the floodlights at Weston Park before a noisy crowd of 138.

The opening half was to see just one goal, that being delivered 12 minutes in by Mohammed Raheem Jabber for the Crescents and for long periods of the game that looked likely to be the only goal of the night until the contest exploded into life in the closing stages. Following a lengthy delay for treatment to the Crescents goalkeeper Hamza En-Nahi at the start of the second half the game in effect was sealed with a brace of Crescents goals from Imuentinyan Bodwin (76mins & 81mins) before man of the match Ben Boxall took the Crescents into a 4-0 lead in the 88th minute before then in the added on time Mohammed Raheem Jabber grabbed his second of the evening to bring up the home nap hand only to see the Blue Cross via James Campbell reduce the arrears to 5-1 in what was now the 98th minute.

Saturday 5th September 2026

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With goals from Tashriq Andrews and Giuseppe Follano, Caldecote began the defence of their league title with a 2-0 home victory over league newcomers Stewkley. Whilst last season's silver medallist Cranfield United Reserves ran out 3-2 winners at Stopsley United. Tobin Marshall with a brace plus Dominic Fadoju doing the damage against home replies from Lewis Williams and Louis Octawe.

The battle of the promoted clubs was to go to the visitors when goals from Brad Duffett, Taylor Prince and Edward Hatfield-Shaw took Thurleigh to a 3-1 success at Baldock Victoria for whom Luke Hennessey replied. Whilst the biggest victory of the day saw the returning from level six Shefford Town & Campton win 7-0 at Riseley Sports. Nathan France with a hat-trick, Angelo Moscaritolo with a brace plus goals from George Armstrong and Callum Masterton doing the damage.

Elsewhere, Marston Shelton Rovers thanks to goals from Tom Beasley, Daniel Walker and Jamie Snaps enjoyed a 3-0 home victory over Biggleswade United Reserves and Harlington Juniors went nap with goals from Ben Whalley, Lee Britton, George Pedder, Luke Jeffery and Darien Graham with a 5-0 home win over Elstow Abbey. (the outcome of this game now being subjected to a league decision)

Division One

The biggest win of the day belonged to Shefford Town & Campton Reserves who romped to a 6-1 home victory over Lea Sports PSG. Ryan Spencer and Gio Moscarito with braces plus strikes from Hayden Rothchild and Reece Mills only being replied to once by PSG's Josh Straker. Whilst the biggest away victory of the day saw Totternhoe Reserves with goals from Harrison Bowles, Ben Hendry, Jayden Morgan and Ben Flynn win 4-1 at Biggleswade FC Reserves. The lone reply coming from Thomas Ross.

Also enjoying life on the road were Flitwick Town & Bedford Albion, Town with a brace from Glenn Tumulty and a goal from Matthew Bareham winning 3-1 at Kempston United for whom Frank Touko replied. Whilst the Albion with goals from Ben Cherry, Cameron Frogley-Cove and Nathan Olugberan won 3-2 at AFC Bedford United whose goals came via Joshua Odhambo and Gabreil Smith.

A third club winning on the road was St Joseph (Saturday) who with a goal from Jimmy O'Donnell won 1-0 at Blunham. Whilst FC Haynes emerged 4-1 home winners over Queens Park Crescents Reserves, Ben Lee Phillips, Tyler Winter, Toby Abbot and Ben Frusciate all found the back of the net against a lone reply from Haahid Ali.

Division Two

Kempston Athletic kicked off their season with a bang with a 7-0 home victory over Bedford Albion Development, Alexander Wasilewski with a hat-trick plus goals from Noah Biswell, Sam Chinchin and Connor Crawford doing the damage. Just a goal behind them was Bedford SA with a 6-1 home victory over Stopsley United Reserves. Ollie Hughes with a brace plus goals from Thomas Andrews, plus strikes from Jordan Farmer, Lucas Grasso and Andrew Koncius with the lone United reply coming from Connor Jay.

For league newcomers Olney with a brace from Ben Kirkham and goals from Eddie Matthews and Jake Matthews it was a 4-1 home victory over Dunstable Wanderers whose goal came via Shazan Arif. Whilst returning to the league Sandy with a brace from Luke Rudd and a goal from Andy Williams drew 3-3 at Caddington Reserves for whom Abubakar Muhamed, Scott Nash and Lewis Weedon found the back of the net.

Elsewhere, Wootton Blue Cross Reserves drew 0-0 at home with Real Bedford Wixams.

Division Three

Stotfold Junior recorded the biggest win of the day in all the divisions when seven goals from Ross Irving and a strike from Beau Packenas saw them to an 8-0 home victory over Henlow Hurricanes. Just one goal behind were Flitwick Eagles Development the 7-0 winners at Ollie United where an hat-trick from Jenkins Josh, plus a brace from Finn Titmus and single goals from Archie Phelan, and Kannan Lupata saw them win 7-0.

Going nap were Luton Phoenix the 5-0 home winners over Flitwick Town A, Moisin Mahmood with a brace plus goals from Prince Odura, Muhammed Jawrd Hussain and Mohammed Khan. Whilst Club Lewsey with goals from Ryan Camp, Luke Dolan, Wayne O'Connor and Zion Selassie- Yoseph won 4-1 at Wilstead whose lone reply came from Colin Marshall.

The other two games both finished all square, Aaron Romain on the mark for Athletic FC in their 1-1 home stalemate with Green End Rovers Reserves for whom Gavin Cheema hit the reply. Whilst Cranfield United Development with goals from Michael Durojaiye, George Goodman and Luke Gray drew 3-3 at home to league newcomers Woburn & Wavendon for whom Jordan Douglas, Ricki Reeve and Daniel Kenneally replied.

Division Four

The biggest win of the day went to Catsbrook Wanderers with a 6-1 home success over Henlow Hurricaines Reserves. Nathan Clover and Joe Olesin with braces plus goals from Oliver Baldwin and Clive Aryee only being replied to once by Michael John Freeman. Whilst Buffs FC marked their league entrance with a 5-0 home victory over Kempston United Reserves, Liam Tyler with a brace plus goals from Jamie Gooderham, Charlie Ball and Keiron Buttigeig bringing up the nap hand.

The one away victory of the day belonged to Meltis Rangers who with goals from Tyler O'Connor, Morgan Qualey, Charlie Smith and Kyle Lewis won 4-1 at Leighton Woodside Athletic whose lone game came from Aflie Thorne. Whilst with a goal from Luke Norman, Sandy Reserves drew 1-1 at home against Turvey for whom Samuel Jessop replied.

Elsewhere, Everton Athletic were 2-0 home winners over M&DH Clapham Reserves. thanks to goals from Jordan Hall and Elliot Willoughby.

Tuesday 8th September 2026

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AFC Oakley opened up their 2026-27 season by winning 4-0 to send Riseley Sports to their second home defeat of the campaign. Josh Bamford with a brace plus goals from Sonny Newton-Coates and Joseph McDonagh doing the damage.

Wednesday 9th September 2026

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On an evening where all of the five games were to go the way of the hosts the biggest winners were Stopsley United with a 7-3 victory over Harlington Juniors. Liam Hayden led the way with a hat-trick to go alongside strikes from Callum Frater, Louis Octave, Tejon Brown and Darius Fletcher against visitors goals from Ben Smith, Ben Whalley and George Pedder in reply.

For Cranfield United Reserves it was win number two on the bounce when goals from Flynn Baker-Bond, Tosin Marshall and Emmanuel Durojaiye took them to a 3-0 success over Stewkley and also winning for a second time were Shefford Town &

Campton who needed just a single goal from Dwayne Grant to see off Queens Park Crescents 1-0.

1-0 being the scoreline of the evening, at the Verdant Stadium it came from Audley Bennett in the 71st minute to give Biggleswade United Reserves victory over Elstow Abbey and at Weston Park from Brynn Davies to gain all three points for Wootton Blue Cross against Marston Shelton Rovers.