

Bedfordshire County **Football League**



Season 2023-24

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Noticeboard

Registration Forms (covered under league rule 8)

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 2023-24.

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 the opening weekends of the season 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 2023 AGM both clubs 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.

Having checked the SMS reporting log for last weekend there are still teams with items processed with errors. Please note the format for reporting your results is as per sample below.

Example for Caldecote 1st Team.

Caldecote 1 Riseley Sports 0

1-0 Cal1 : Being the score Home team and Away teams score plus your team's code.

Match Day information required for Press Reports etc.

With the passing of the amendment to league rule 21B, This will now have a major impact on the publication of our weekly News Bulletin.

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)

All Home clubs are reminded of requirements under league rule 20E (iii) in event of any fixture being postponed. That they should without delay give notice to the secretary of the opposing club and the appointed Match Officials plus the competition. (preferred contact being Peter Francis via text 07779680269 or email at peter.francis30@ntlworld.com) this will enable the league to update its website and prevent people travelling to a game that is not going to take place. **Clubs are also reminded that from the first day of January in any season that it is mandatory to switch any such fixture to that of their opponents or a neutral ground should either be available.**

Christmas Break.2023

Please note there will be no fixtures on either Saturday 23rd December 2023 or Saturday 30th December 2023.

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 9th December 2023

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

With the games Queens Park Crescents v Shefford Town & Campton Reserves and Sharnbrook v Biggleswade FC Reserves postponed only two games that were to go ahead which saw wins for the top two clubs.

For league leaders Caldecote it was win number seven on bounce in going nap with a 5-1 home success over Flitwick Town. Giuseepe Fallano with a brace plus single goals from Jake Bruce, Kyle Davis and Sonny Newton-Coates bringing up the nap hand whilst Jim Lewis netted the only Town reply. Whilst second place Stotfold Development were 3-1 home winners over Biggleswade United Reserves. Codi Spavins, Billy Little and Charlie Mallett all found the back of the net against a lone United reply from Jordan Gear.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 9th December 23

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Caldecote First	12	11	0	1	38	9	29	33
2	Stotfold Development	12	8	2	2	41	16	25	26
3	Biggleswade United Reserves	11	6	2	3	34	19	15	20
4	Marston Shelton Rovers First	13	6	2	5	32	31	1	20
5	AFC Oakley First	9	6	1	2	39	13	26	19
6	Elstow Abbey First	9	6	1	2	20	11	9	19
7	Crawley Green Reserves	11	5	1	5	19	20	-1	16
8	Queens Park Crescents First	9	3	3	3	22	19	3	12
9	Flitwick Town First	10	3	2	5	23	35	-12	11
10	Sharnbrook First	8	3	1	4	19	18	1	10
11	Riseley Sports First	10	3	0	7	16	31	-15	9
12	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	10	2	1	7	18	37	-19	7
13	Biggleswade FC Reserves	11	2	1	8	16	40	-24	7
14	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	11	0	1	10	14	52	-38	1

Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy 2nd Round

For the second consecutive weekend the games AFC Oakley v Langford; Crawley Green Reserves v AFC Kempston Town Hammers; Elstow Abbey v Leighton Town Development and The 61 FC Luton v Riseley Sports were postponed.

Division One

Both Buffs FC and Renhold missed the chance to take up spot number two in the league table after playing out a 1-1 draw at Clothall Road. Ralph Baldwin on the home scoresheet and Sean Byrne replying for the visitors. Whilst Cranfield United Reserves are now up into fifth place following the maintenance of their seasons unbeaten home ways in beating Bedford Albion 3-1. Ryan Mellor netted twice and Jamie Snapes once against a lone Albion reply from Tyrell O'Connor.

The games Bedford SA v Clifton: Harlington Juniors v Lewsey Park: Milton Keynes Dons Set 19 v AFC Oakley Development and Wootton Blue Cross v Henlow postponed.

Division One League Table at 9th December 2023

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Wootton Blue Cross First	10	8	2	0	32	13	19	26
2	Totternhoe Reserves	11	7	1	3	34	25	9	22
3	Buffs FC Saturday First	12	7	1	4	24	19	5	22
4	Renhold First	11	7	1	3	25	24	1	22
5	Cranfield United Reserves	11	6	2	3	40	18	22	20
6	Bedford Albion First	11	6	1	4	21	18	3	18*
7	AFC Oakley Development	12	5	2	5	31	25	6	17
8	Henlow First	10	4	2	4	20	28	-8	13*
9	Harlington Juniors First	9	3	1	5	15	22	-7	10
10	Lewsey Park First	10	2	3	5	18	27	-9	9
11	Clifton First	9	2	2	5	12	19	-7	8
12	Bedford SA First	11	1	3	7	17	33	-16	6
13	Cambridge First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Milton Keynes Dons SET U19 Development S	11	0	1	10	9	27	-18	-5*

Division Two North.

Just one game was to beat the weather and take Kempston United to a 3-1 home victory over the bottom of the table AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves. Frank Touri, Fabien Cataldo and Benajim Wazbanga netted the goals to do the damage against a lone Hammers reply from Chistopher Seaman.

The postponed games being AFC Bedford United v M&DH Clapham Sports: Bande Rouge v Shefford Town & Campton Development ; Blunham v Sandy : Sharnbrook Reserves v Caldecote Reserves and Wilstead v Wootton Blue Cross Reserves.

Division Two North League Table at 9th December 2023

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Wilstead First	11	8	0	3	32	22	10	24
2	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	11	7	2	2	32	16	16	23
3	Caldecote Reserves	9	7	1	1	34	8	26	22
4	Ickwell & Old Warden First	9	7	1	1	35	14	21	22
5	Shefford Town & Campton Development	10	6	0	4	23	17	6	18
6	Kempston United First	10	5	2	3	22	13	9	17
7	Sharnbrook Reserves	10	5	2	3	21	16	5	17
8	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	11	5	2	4	20	17	3	17
9	Sandy First	10	3	0	7	14	27	-13	9
10	Blunham First	11	3	1	7	18	26	-8	7*
11	M&DH Clapham Sports First	10	2	1	7	8	22	-14	7
12	Bande Rouge (Sat) First	12	3	0	9	18	35	-17	7*
13	AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves	10	0	0	10	6	50	-44	-1*

Division Two South

Stopsley United are now eight points clear at the head of the Division Two league standings after they retained their season's unbeaten ways in winning 10-1 at Flitwick Town Reserves. Callum Frater and Michael Carter hit hat-tricks, Connor Waite netting a brace and single goals coming the way of Logan Burton and Ryan Northwood against a lone Dale Goldie for the home side. Whilst a lone goal from Sam Ricketts took Stotfold Junior to a 1-0 home victory over Caddington.

The games FC Haynes v Sporting Carpathians and Westoning v Bletchley Scot postponed.

Division Two South League Table at 9th December 2023

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stopsley United First	11	10	1	0	52	13	39	31
2	Westoning Recreation First	11	7	2	2	54	18	36	23
3	Sporting Carpathians First	11	7	1	3	43	19	24	21*
4	New Bradwell St Peter FC Development	11	6	2	3	27	21	6	20
5	LU Donz First	8	6	0	2	21	13	8	18
6	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	11	6	1	4	40	29	11	16*
7	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	12	5	1	6	30	43	-13	16
8	FC Haynes First	10	4	1	5	34	27	7	12*
9	Caddington (BCFL)	10	3	3	4	21	20	1	12
10	Flitwick Town Reserves	10	3	2	5	17	37	-20	11
11	Brache Phoenix First	8	2	3	3	18	23	-5	9
12	Bletchley Scot First	7	1	3	3	21	19	2	6
13	FC Polonia (Luton) First	12	1	0	11	23	56	-33	3
14	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	10	0	0	10	4	67	-63	0

Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup 2nd Round

LU Donz v Brache Phoenix being postponed.

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro

In the only game to be played, a single goal from 38 year old Tom Mephram (his first for the club) took Clifton Reserves to a 1-0 home victory over GA Athletic.

The Caldecote A v Leighton Woodside Rovers and Queens Park Crescents Development v Harlington Juniors Reserves games being postponed.

Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup 2nd Round

In a seven goal thriller Shefford Town & Campton u23 's were 4-3 home winners over Elstow Abbey Reserves. Cullum Caroln, Luca Phillips, Adam Thompson and Daniel Basye on the Town scoresheet against Abbey replies via Max Hughes, Charlie Strroud and Ali Mohiyaldeen. They will now host either Bedford Albion Development or Luton Panthers in round three after their scheduled game was postponed.

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro League Table at 9th December 2023

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Harlington Juniors Reserves	8	7	0	1	28	6	22	21
2	Caldecote 'A'	9	6	1	2	27	11	16	19
3	Clifton Reserves	11	5	4	2	14	12	2	19
4	Bedford Albion Development	9	5	1	3	23	17	6	16
5	Leighton Woodside Rovers	10	5	1	4	24	24	0	15*
6	Luton Panthers First	8	4	1	3	27	18	9	13
7	Elstow Abbey Reserves	8	4	1	3	16	19	-3	13
8	CS Rovers First	9	3	2	4	25	21	4	8*
9	Flitwick Town 'A'	12	2	1	9	16	37	-21	7
10	GS Athletic First	9	2	0	7	10	29	-19	6
11	Queens Park Crescents Development	9	1	2	6	12	28	-16	5

Division Four

With the Lidlington United Sports Club Colts v second place Athletic FC game postponed, Kempston Athletic now lead the Division Four league table by five points following their 7-0 away win at M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves. Hayden Bartram and Kyle Malik both netted braces to go alongside single goals from Aaron Anderson, Josh Humphries and Lance Jeffers. Whilst also enjoying life on the road were Turvey who ended a nine game winless run with a 5-1 victory at Ampthill Town Colts. Harry Costella with a brace plus single goals from Alfred Dawson, Luca Hames and Freddie Stonebridge doing the damage against a lone Marcus Sugrue reply for the Colts.

Elsewhere, a lone Sol Brown goal took Catsbrook Wanderers to a 1-0 home victory over Leighton Woodside Athletic and Dunstable Wanderers were 3-0 home winners over Sandy Reserves thanks to a brace from Alex Saka and a single strike from Andrew Gibson.

Division Four League Table at 9th December 2023

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston Athletic First	13	12	0	1	55	5	50	36
2	Athletic FC First	13	9	4	0	41	21	20	31
3	Shefford Town & Campton U23	12	8	3	1	42	17	25	27
4	Dunstable Wanderers First	11	5	3	3	29	24	5	18
5	Catsbrook Wanderers First	15	4	2	9	14	43	-29	13 *
6	Turvey	12	3	3	6	24	34	-10	12
7	Sandy Reserves	10	4	0	6	21	31	-10	12
8	Meltis Rangers First	10	3	4	3	26	16	10	10 *
9	Lidlington United Sports Club Colts	11	2	3	6	21	36	-15	9
10	Amphill Town Colts	10	3	0	7	17	40	-23	9
11	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	11	2	2	7	11	35	-24	7 *
12	Biggleswade FC Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Leighton Woodside Athletic	12	2	2	8	18	17	1	-3 *