

Bedfordshire County **Football League**



Season 2021-22

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Noticeboard 1

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.

Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup Third Round Draw

Renhold v The 61 FC Luton Reserves

FC Haynes v Stotfold Development

AFC Dunstable Development v Caddington

Totternhoe Reserves v Flitwick Town Reserves

Clifton v Barton Rovers Reserves

Sporting Lewsey Park v Stotfold Junior Town

St Josephs (Saturday) v Bedford SA

Wilstead v Potton United Reserves

Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup Third Round Draw

Caldecote Reserves v Atletico Europa

Square v Clifton Reserves

Sporting Carpathians Reserves v M&DH Clapham Sports or Wootton Blue Cross Reserves

Shefford Town & Campton A v Wootton Blue Cross U23

Newman United v Shefford Town & Campton U23

Bedford Santos v Flitwick Town A or Blunham

Sandy Reserves v Tunisian Community

Sporting Carpathians v Revivalists.

Brian Buck Travellers Tales

52. (13,433) Tuesday 7th September 2021. Caldecote Reserves 3 Soccerlise 3 (Soccerlise won 4-3 on penalties) (East Beds Charity Cup Quarter Final) att 25 approx. With the nights drawing in there was just enough time to squeeze this game in before darkness kicked in. However, in the latter stages of the game the training lights did make things a little clearer as they shone on part of the pitch. This was a sometimes feisty encounter, which the visitors, who play in a division higher than their hosts, were expected to win. But the problem was that by half time they were losing three nil and were up against a ref who resolutely limited their expectations, which included the sin binning of one of their players. Caldecote took the lead on 7 minutes when a direct free kick from 25 yards out curled over the visiting custodian. On 15 minutes the lead was doubled after the keeper was easily beaten by a low shot. Then on 37 minutes, in this 40 minutes each way game, the score became 3-0 following a spot kick after a player was grabbed in the box. On an exceptionally warm night that seemed to be it and all this decent looking Caldecote side needed to do was to see the game out and they succeeded until the 73rd minute when an equally experienced Soccerlise side pulled a goal back with a defected shot. But no sooner had I logged the goal in my statistics they then scored again. Suddenly they realised that all was not lost and so they went all out for the equaliser. This arrived on 80(+1) minutes from a close range header at the far post. So, onto spot kicks. Caldecote missed their first one, but scored their next three, before missing their fifth. Soccerlise scored with their first three shots, before missing with their fourth one, which had to be retaken, because the keeper moved off his line. They then also missed their fifth spot kick. Caldecote

then missed their sixth kick and then in very dark conditions Soccerlise scored with theirs to move into the semi finals.

53. (13,434) Wednesday 8th September 2021. Potton United Reserves 1 Flitwick Town Reserves 0 (Bedfordshire County League Division 1) att 25 approx. Tonight was a slightly cooler night for football and as I fought my way to the stand about ten minutes before kick to make sure I got a decent seat, I noticed that the visiting keeper seemed to be limping. Soon it transpired that he had twisted his ankle in the warm up. But despite the concern shown by his father, I think, he insisted in carrying on. Soon he appeared to shake this off and so was able to operate normally during the game. I was pleased to be joined tonight by former Potton manager Laurence Revell and his son. Since I last saw him, about a month earlier, he has now dispensed with his 'Gareth Bale' hairstyle and has returned to normality! This was nearly one of those nights when I got the teams mixed up, as tonight Potton were wearing yellow shirts rather than their usual blue ones. It didn't take long for what would be the only goal to arrive. It came on 8 minutes in favour of Potton after the aforementioned visiting keeper appeared to take out an on rushing forward. A small part of me felt that in diving for the ball he may have touched it before he felled the outfield player. But this small part of me wasn't a small part of anyone else's thoughts and so the resultant spot kick was awarded and subsequently converted. The remainder of the half saw Potton look to be the better side, but without actually dominating the game. Perhaps this scenario applied to the second half as well. Both sides contained good players, but by the end you, or I, felt that there will be more to come from them as the season progresses. However, by the end I made the Flitwick keeper the man of the match as he pulled off some great saves. In the closing stages of the game things became a bit techy and each side had a player sin binned. Then with 87 minutes played the floodlights went out on one side of the pitch. But after some discussion the ref decided to play out the concluding minutes anyway. As far as I am aware this is the first time this has happened here since 10th October 2000, when Potton United beat Cambridge University 2-1 in a friendly match (att 10 approx), when the whole match was played out with the lights only working on one side!

54. (13,435) Thursday 9th September 2021. Gamlingay United Reserves 1 AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves 2 (East Beds Charity Cup Quarter Final) att 20 approx. This game showed up on *Twitter* during the afternoon of the match and so off I went to it. On my arrival I walked past a young girl who asked me if I was here for the Youth Club. It was good of her to recognise that despite my age, I still have youthful looks! This was a generally cloudy night and as the game started there were a few spots of rain around. It seemed that more was to come later, but the nearest we got to it was a partial rainbow. So it was that this 35 minutes each way encounter started at 6.05pm and we were all done and dusted by 7.24pm. In the early stages of the game, it was all Kempston, egged on by their larger than life manager, who loudly encouraged his team, often straying from his invisible technical area. Soon an elderly lady appeared who I later ascertained was the grandmother of one of the Gamlingay players. It was probably him who asked two young lads to move off the only park bench near the pitch so that she could sit down, which they did. Kempston took the lead on 13 minutes with a tap in from a short pass, not cut out, after the

Gamlingay defence failed to clear the ball. After this the hosts worked their way into the game more, without dominating it. At the break I joined the aforementioned lady on her bench and we spent the rest of the game together. Gamlingay then equalised on 46 minutes, but I didn't see the goal, partly because some of their spectators on the line were blocking my view but mainly because at the time I was preoccupied as I was busy stroking a dog! However, I did see the Kempston winner, scored eleven minutes later when the Gamlingay keeper did well to block a powerful shot, but the ball spun away from his grasp and into the path of the same player who easily ran it into the now open goal. The hosts did all they could to try and get another equaliser but in the gathering gloom, it just would not come and by the end Kempston just about deserved their win.

55th game of the season (Match 13,436) Friday 10th September 2021. Wootton Blue Cross Reserves 4 Marston Shelton Rovers Reserves 4 (Bedfordshire County League Division 2) att 50 approx. The league had allocated each of the three Wootton teams a home game this weekend, so something had to give, hence this Friday night fixture. Since my last visit here they've installed a couple of speed cameras nearby, but I only spotted one of them! We'll see if anything transpires! This was a spicy, sometimes feisty encounter, which was well attended by many of the players mates. But as lovely as the other spectators probably are when they aren't holding their glasses of amber nectar, they were too excitable for us and so we moved down the other end of the stand. This was also to avoid one spectator who, on a warm night, chose to wear his large winter pink 'duvet' coat, which clashed with my smart casual look! The lights were put on just before the start, but not all of them worked, so the respective captains had a choice to make. Did they want to defend the dark end first or the brighter end first? It was the hosts who scored first, from about 30 yards out and on 11 minutes they scored again with a similar style goal. The goals then seemed to follow us as we made the move down to the other end of the stand and commencing on 19 minutes Rovers scored thrice to go into a half time lead. But not all was going well on the pitch. The ref was put under enormous pressure by some of the players and at the break as they stayed out on the pitch, had I been the ref, who did go back to the dressing rooms, then I might have been tempted to get changed and drive off unnoticed! But he did return and in the second half things went a bit better for him, as the players gave him less trouble. On 55 minutes Rovers increased their lead before Wootton equalised with goals on 65 and 68 minutes, with the last one being scored by Dimmock, in the dark end and that's the way things stayed. Just before the end a group of Wootton players got upset by something said to them by someone in the crowd and things nearly came to blows. But they didn't and by the end a passionate night both on and off the pitch was brought to a close.

Thursday 30th September 2021

Potton United Reserves will now travel to Wilstead in the third round of this seasons Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup after tonight at a wet and windy Hutchinson's Hollow they run out 7-3 home winners over Stopsley United. It was the visitors who took the lead in the 20th minute via Emmanuel Ovegoke yet their joy was short lived

has the home side netted three goals in the six minutes leading up to the half-hour mark. Jordan Cobb levelling matters in the 24th minute, Craig Packman making it 2-1 in the 28th minute before two minutes later Kudakwashe Makurumu made it 3-1 and when Packman added his second of the night with the last action of the opening period to stretch the lead to 4-1 the game looked all done and dusted.

However, a goal from Ian McGuinness in the 59th minute reduced the scoreline to 4-2 to give the visitors hope, this hope quickly disappearing when like in the opening half the home side once again netted three quick goals, this time inside a four minute period. Marley Ugarte -Edwards bringing up the nap hand goal in the 71st minute, Ewen Finnie making it 6-2 just 60seconds later before Packman completed his hat-trick to extend the lead to 7-2 in the 75th minute.

The visitors however were to have the last say reducing the scoreline to 7-3 just 60 seconds from the end of the contest via Bogden Ion.

Action Round Up Saturday 2nd October 2021

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

The placings at the head of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform table remain unaltered after the top two clubs played out a 2-2 draw. Conor Collins and Daniel Rasol netting for leaders Queens Park Crescent and Gareth Hunt hitting a brace for the visiting Stevington. Whilst now up into third spot are Elstow Abbey who ran out 3-0 away winners at Shefford Town & Campton Reserves thanks to a brace of goals from Sheldon Washington plus an own goal.

Just goal difference behind the Abbey in fourth spot are Caldecote who won 2-1 at Cranfield United. Dan Fennell and Jordan Gurney marking their scoresheet against a United reply from Antony Mitri.

Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy First Round

Crawley Grreen Reserves will now face a trip to Shefford Town & Campton Reserves in round two after running out 11-0 home winners over Biggleswade United Under 23's. Timmy Akerele leading the way with a hat-trick, Tom Willett, Brendon Cowell and Rob Newman all hitting braces to go alongside single goals from Chris Butler and Ibby Elmagbari. Whilst just down the road at Stotfold will be Sharnbrook who with goals from Tom O'Neill and Alex Horn won 2-1 at South Midlands League Totternhoe.

Also winning away from home against South Midlands League opposition were Marston Shelton Rovers who won 3-2 at Bedford FC with two goals from Harry Murray and a strike from Sam Nelson. They will now travel to Langford in round two.

The third club to ko a South Midlands League club were Biggleswade FC Reserves the 4-3 home winners over The 61 FC Luton. Lavel Davis-Thomas with a brace and single goals from Oscar Smith and Mousa Jammeh doing the damage to earn them a second round home tie against Caldecote.

For AFC Oakley it was a 2-1 home win over Flitwick Town to earn a second round home tie against Queens Park Crescents. Shaun Barnett plus an own goal only being replied to once by Martin Byrne for the Town. Whilst AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College will now entertain Cranfield United in round two after netting a 3-1 home win over Bedford Albion. Josh Marshall netting twice and Ethan Weedon once against an own goal for the Albion.

Division One

For Division One league leaders Stotfold Development it was a 3-0 home victory over Flitwick Town Reserves with all the goals coming in the second half via Aaron Hector, Craig Skelton and Billy Little. Whilst just goal difference behind in second spot are Lea Sports PSG who won 4-3 at St Josephs (Saturday) Milton Tomlinson Dennis with a hat-trick and a single goal from Joe Hennem outweighing home goals from Simon Richards, Paddy Northern and Aaron Jarvis.

In third spot are Potton United Reserves who were the 3-2 winners at Wilstead thanks to a hat-trick from Terry Offeh against home goals via Luke Pursey and Colin Marshall. Whilst fourth place Sporting Lewsey Park were the 6-3 home winners over Pitstone & Ivinghoe Reserves. Chris Gibson netting four times alongside single goals from Cameron Morgan and goalkeeper Antony Hayden who also saved a penalty. The visitors goals coming via Harry Goodlake, Jack Harris and Dan Farmer.

However, the biggest win of the day belonged to Barton Rovers Reserves who were the 15-0 victors at Ickwell & Old Warden. Aaron Fulton leading the way with five goals, Robbie Large, Luke Williams, Luke Renshaw and Tyler Ingham all netting twice plus single goals coming from Kyram Webb and Ben Thornton. Whilst Henlow were the 6-2 home winners over Totternhoe Reserves. Luke Hills netting twice alongside single goals from Matt Phelan, Dan Wilson, Brandon Care and Cameron Care against visitors replies via Ed Horne and Riley Keeble.

Division Two supported by Hy-Pro

AFC Bedford United remain on top of the Division Two supported by Hy-Pro standings despite being beaten 2-3 at home by Bedford SA. Ollie Raymond, Ollie Hughes and Andy Konklus netting for the winners against a United brace in reply from Glenn Tummuly. Just alphabetical behind in second place are Wootton Blue Cross who won 3-1 at FC Haynes. Ben Holmes, Joe Bygraves and Mason Smith netting their goals against a lone home reply from Scott Fruscante.

Just goal difference behind the top two clubs in third spot are Clifton who were gifted the three points when Stopsley United failed to raise a side to entertain them at Markyate. Whilst now in fourth place are Renhold who were 5-1 home winners over AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves. Neville Allen with a brace plus single goals from Shane Cole, Michael France and Oliver Housden bringing up the nap hand against a lone reply from Town's Eddy Mapfirakupa.

For Soccerlise it was a 4-2 home victory over AFC Oakley Reserves. John Turner netting twice alongside single goals from Sylvester Kraska and Aaron Atkins against replies via Mitchell Frezza and Joe Neeves for the visitors. Whilst The 61 FC Luton

Reserves drew 2-2 at home against Brache Phoenix. Josh Scrutton plus a Alex Eaton penalty marking the home scoresheet against a brace in reply from Masum Ahmed.

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro

Atletico Europa remain two points clear at the head of the Division Three standings following their 5-3 victory at Sandy. Paddy Almanji, Aaron Romain, Mohammed Awais, Aburi Sulyman and Dee Sayid all finding the back of the net to bring up the nap hand against home replies via Thomas Long, Aiden Howard and Jack Hutchinson. Whilst in second place are Wootton Blue Cross Reserves who retained their seasons unbeaten ways with a 4-3 home win over Sporting Carpathians. Ryan Smith netting three times and Bryan Davies once against Carpathians replies via Jordan Thomas twice and Petru Ciochina once.

In third spot and still unbeaten this season are Sharnbrook Reserves who ran out 3-0 home winners over Caldecote Reserves thanks to goals from Josh Crook, Nathan O'Halloran and Charlie Hurley. Whilst CS Rovers went nap in winning 5-1 at Marston Shelton Rovers Reserves. Kai Barton with a brace plus single goals from Luca Perkins, Joe Campion and Thomas Giles doing the damage against a lone Rovers reply from Ryan Maddock.

Elsewhere, FC Polonia (Luton) drew 3-3 at home with Shefford Town & Campton Under 23's. Rafal Zawisian, Mateusz Antoniun and Pawel Seliga netting for the home side and Charlie Dee, Callum Riggs and Darren Mitchell for the Town.

Division Four

Elstow Abbey Reserves now head the Division Four standings on goal difference following their 10-2 home victory over Catsbrook Wanderers. Steve Campion leading the way with a hat-trick, Bradley Duffet, Jhey Tompkins both netting braces alongside an own goal and single strikes from Devante Mahanzu and Marion Jones, Nathan Clovis netting a brace in reply for the Wanderers. In second spot are Flitwick Town A who won 4-2 at Kempston Rovers. Kenlan Jones, Reece Smith, Max Hughes and Benn Ward all on their scoresheet against Rovers replies via Benjamin Wazabanga and Omojiseluwa Bankole.

Also enjoying life on the road were M&DH Clapham Sports who won 5-1 at Blunham. Fred Shannon with a brace plus single goals from Louis Lee, Jack Sheers and Jack Hedley only being replied to once by Robbie Richmond for the home side. Whilst Bedford Santos were the 4-1 winners at Shefford Town & Campton A. Francois Homain with a brace plus single goals from Jakub Olendzki and Mateuz Zacharzeweki only being replied to once by Charlie Perrett for the Town.

Hertfordshire FA Junior Cup Round One

Lea Sports PSG Resrves made their cup exit at the first hurdle when beaten 3-2 at Holyroad despite goals from Alex Bailey and Warren Bell.

Division Five

Wootton Blue Cross Under 23's are still 100% for the season and three points clear at the head of the Division Five standings after they netted a 9-0 home win over Harlington Juniors Reserves. Zach Baker netting six times to go alongside single goals from Callum Myers, Jacob Primett and Hayden Rothchild-Wilson. Whilst Luton Panthers took over second spot on goal difference after winning 12-0 at M&DH Clapham Reserves. Ryan Spencer and Leon Witter both netting hat-tricks and single goals coming the way of Aaron Matthews, Jack Clerkin, Kyle Perry, Miles Judge, Jack Charles and Conan Richardson.

In third spot are Clifton Reserves who remain 100% for the season following their 7-2 home victory over Revivalists. Liam Phillips and Toby Gibbs netting braces alongside an own goal plus strikes from Craig Buxton and Josh Angol against visitors replies via Connor Strong and Konnor Steeles. Just goal difference behind them in fourth place are Newman United who were 3-0 home winners over Woodside Audlt thanks to a brace from Ryan Moyaihan and a strike from Joe Benton.

Elsewhere, Sandy Reserves won for the first time this season at Tunisian Community 6-4. Stewart Robertson leading the way with a hat-trick, Russell Saddler netting a brace and Jimmy Scott once against home braces in reply from Nabil Khazzar and Ayub Ahmed.

Updated League Tables can be found on the league website
www.bedfordshirefootballleague.co.uk

The Next Seven Days

Saturday 9th October 2021

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Biggleswade United u23 v AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College

Cranfield United v Riseley Sports

Crawley Green Reserves v AFC Oakley

Elstow Abbey v Biggleswade FC Reserves

Flitwick Town v Shefford Town & Campton Reserves

Queens Park Crescents v Marston Shelton Rovers

Sharnbrook v Caldecote

Stevington v Bedford Albion

Division One

Ickwell & Old Warden v Henlow

Pitstone & Ivinghoe Reserves v Barton Rovers Reserves

Potton United Reserves v Cranfield United Reserves

Sporting Lewsey Park v Stotfold Development

Totternoe Reserves v Flitwick Town Reserves

Wilstead v St Josephs (Saturday)

Division Two supported by Hy-Pro

AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves v Harlington Juniors

AFC Oakley Reserves v Renhold

Clifton v Bedford SA

FC Haynes v Stopsley United

Soccerlise v The 61 FC Luton Reserves

Wootton Blue Cross v Brache Phoenix

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro

CS Rovers v Shefford Town & Campton U23

Caldecote Reserves v Sharnbrook Reserves

FC Polonia (Luton) v Wootton Blue Cross Reserves

Marston Shelton Rovers Reserves v Sandy

Sporting Carpathians v FC Haynes Reserves

Division Four

Bedford Santos v Catsbrook Wanderers

Blunham v Kempston Rovers

Flitwick Town A v Lea Sports PSG Reserves

M&DH Clapham Sports v Square FC

Shefford Town & Campton A v Elstow Abbey Reserves

Division Five

Harlington Juniors Reserves v Clifton Reserves

Luton Panthers v Newman United

Revivalists v M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves

Sandy v Woodside Adult

Tunisian Community v Wootton Blue Cross U23