

Bedfordshire County **Football League**



Season 2024-25

End of Season Review

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Premier Division supported by Sportsform

The Premier Division supported by Sportsform League title was to be won by AFC Oakley for the first time since season 2015-16 when they plied their trade under the Oakley Sports M&DH banner. In one of the closest championship races for many a season they were to eventually claim the title by some four points and run out worthy winners having won the most games (18) scored the most goals (75) and conceded the least goals (31) with the silver medals going to Marston Shelton Rovers who having finished only ninth in season 2023-24 were to many the surprise club of the season.

That title however might well be disputed by the followers of Wootton Blue Cross who having been promoted from Division One as runners-up last term were to claim third spot just two points adrift of the Rovers. The Blue Cross also enjoyed a long run in the Anagram Trophy before making their exit at the Semi-Final stage.

It was a jump from tenth place to fourth for Queens Park Crescents whilst the newly promoted Cranfield United Reserves took up fifth place and ended their campaign on a high to lift their first ever winning of the Britannia Cup with a victory over last season's league champions Caldecote who this term fell to occupy sixth place and on route collected their second silver medals of the season when beaten by Stotfold Reserves in the Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy Final.

The dead centre seventh placing went to Biggleswade United Reserves (down one place from last season) who were just goal difference ahead of Elstow Abbey (down four places this season) with last season's Division One champions Totternhoe Reserves taking up ninth place. The top ten was made up by Riseley Sports who climbed two places from a 12th place 2023-24 finish.

The bottom four places belonged to clubs showing a decline from the 2023-24 season. Crawley Green Development in 11th place (down from 8th) Shefford Town & Campton Reserves in 12th (11th last season) whilst the two drop zone positions saw Biggleswade FC Reserves (5th last season) just a point ahead of the bottom of the table Flitwick Town who finished 7th in season 2023-24.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform Final League Table Season 2024-25

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Oakley First	26	18	3	5	75	31	44	57
2	Marston Shelton Rovers First	26	16	5	5	74	47	27	53
3	Wootton Blue Cross First	26	16	3	7	71	43	28	51
4	Queens Park Crescents First	26	14	5	7	54	35	19	47
5	Cranfield United Reserves	26	13	6	7	58	36	22	45
6	Caldecote First	26	13	4	9	59	44	15	42 *
7	Biggleswade United Reserves	26	11	5	10	63	56	7	38
8	Elstow Abbey First	26	12	2	12	67	61	6	38
9	Totternhoe Reserves	26	9	8	9	53	45	8	35
10	Riseley Sports First	26	10	2	14	44	50	-6	32
11	Crawley Green Development	26	7	4	15	45	85	-40	25
12	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	26	6	3	17	35	79	-44	21
13	Biggleswade FC Reserves	26	4	5	17	42	94	-52	16 *
14	Flitwick Town First	26	4	3	19	47	81	-34	15

Division One

I will leave others to come up with words to describe the 2024-25 season in which we started with twelve teams and ended with ten teams following the withdrawal of Renhold United in early November and the removal of Sporting Capathians via a Special General Meeting early in the New Year.

The title race from a long way out being a two club affair and to be claimed by Harlington Juniors by a five point margin from Stopsley United. The Juniors went on to claim a league and cup double with a Centenary Cup victory over the the forth-mentioned Stopsley United who themselves enjoyed cup success in lifting the Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup with a final victory over Ickwell & Old Warden.

In third spot were Kempston United some twelve points adrift having been promoted from the Division Two North runners-up spot last season who in turn were five points ahead of Bedford Albion who improved from a 2023-24 season seventh placing to take up fourth spot.

For newly promoted Wootton Blue Cross Reserves it was a fifth place finish ahead of two clubs who will perhaps review their season in a disappointing way, Clifton only repeating their sixth place 2023-24 finish and Buffs FC dropping from third in season 2023-24 to take up seventh place.

The bottom three spots went the way of eighth place Ickwell & Old Warden promoted from last season's Division Two North. With AFC Oakley Development repeating

their previous seasons ninth place and Bedford SA finishing bottom of the pile having won just one of their eighteen outings.

Division One Final League Table Season 2024-25

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Harlington Juniors First	18	16	0	2	79	20	59	48
2	Stopsley United First	18	14	1	3	63	22	41	43
3	Kempston United First	18	10	1	7	43	45	-2	31
4	Bedford Albion First	18	7	5	6	50	42	8	26
5	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	18	7	3	8	40	49	-9	24
6	Clifton First	18	8	2	8	37	24	13	22 *
7	Bufs FC Saturday First	18	6	3	9	29	36	-7	21
8	Ickwell & Old Warden First	18	5	5	8	26	42	-16	19 *
9	AFC Oakley Development	18	3	6	9	23	51	-28	12 *
10	Sporting Carpathians First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Bedford SA First	18	1	0	17	19	78	-59	-3 *

Division Two North

The Northern section title which at one stage looked likely to become a five team tussle turned out in the end to be a comfortable stroll for the newly revamped Thurleigh who finished some five points ahead of runners-up Caldecote Reserves who had only finished eighth in season 2023-24. The champions netted some 58 goals, ten more than the next best Blunham and conceded just 12 goals some thirteen less than Caldecote Reserves the next best. Thurleigh then failed to claim the overall Division Two title when beaten by LU Donz in the play-off final.

In third spot up three places from last season were AFC Bedford United just a point ahead of Blunham who were making a jump of five places, they in turn were a point ahead of fifth place FC Haynes who placed 10th in Division Two South the previous season.

For league newcomers Green End Rovers it was a sixth place finish but their season's highlight was the lifting the the league's Jubilee Cup with a final victory over FC Haynes. Some eight points behind them in seventh place were the returning Wixams Wanderers to nudge Shefford Town & Campton Development down into eighth place, a drop of four spots from season 2023-24.

The returning Bedford Albion Development were to take up the second from the bottom position but even they were twelve points clear of basement club M&DH Clapham Sports who failed to win any of their 18 league outings but must be congratulated on playing all their fixtures, a feat not achieved by some of our more established clubs.

Division Two North Final League Table Season 2024-25

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Thurleigh FC	18	14	0	4	58	12	46	42
2	Caldecote Reserves	18	12	1	5	46	25	21	37
3	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	18	10	4	4	45	31	14	34
4	Blunham (BCFL)	18	10	3	5	48	36	12	33
5	FC Haynes First	18	10	2	6	46	38	8	32
6	Green End Rovers First	18	8	2	8	44	44	0	26
7	Wixams Wanderers First	18	6	3	9	35	50	-15	18 *
8	Shefford Town & Campton Development	18	5	2	11	38	56	-18	17
9	Bedford Albion Development	18	4	3	11	31	61	-30	14 *
10	M&DH Clapham Sports First	18	0	2	16	22	60	-38	2

Division Two South

The race for the Division Two South title was to go to the last weekend of the season before Lea Sports PSG's defeat at Harlington Juniors Reserves saw the title go the way of LU Donz by a single point from the PSG boys. The Donz then went on to claim the overall Division Two title with a play-off victory over Thurleigh. Just a point behind PSG in third spot were the forth-mentioned Harlington Juniors Reserves who for the second consecutive season saw deducted penalty points deny them a league title.

Up two places from a sixth placing last season to finish fourth this term were Bletchley Scot who edged New Bradwell St Peter Development down into fifth place on goal difference but nevertheless this represented an improvement of three places for the Buckinghamshire club.

The top six was made up by Caddington who had placed seventh in season 2023-24, That place this season being taken by Stotfold Junior who had placed only eleventh in season 2023-24. Heading the lower half positions were newly promoted Luton Panthers who placed eighth some two points ahead of AFC Kempston Hammers who had taken a voluntary relegation from the Premier Division supported by Sportsform division in their quest to rebuild the club.

In the third from the bottom place seven points behind the Hammers were Flitwick Town Reserves who in turn were eight points clear of last season's Division Three Champions Caldecote A with last season's ninth placed Brache Phoenix in the basement spot and finishing the campaign with a negative points tally having failed to play any of their last three games.

Division Two South Final League Table Season 2024-25

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	LU Donz First	22	15	3	4	80	38	42	48
2	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	22	14	5	3	68	35	33	47
3	Harlington Juniors Reserves	22	16	1	5	86	27	59	44 *
4	Bletchley Scot First	22	12	4	6	67	56	11	40
5	New Bradwell St Peter FC Development	22	13	2	7	42	32	10	40 *
6	Caddington (BCFL)	22	11	4	7	56	43	13	37
7	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	22	9	3	10	53	48	5	30
8	Luton Panthers First	22	8	3	11	59	58	1	26 *
9	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	22	7	3	12	38	69	-31	24
10	Flitwick Town Reserves	22	5	2	15	45	79	-34	17
11	Caldecote A	22	2	4	16	23	87	-64	9 *
12	Brache Phoenix First	22	2	2	18	30	75	-45	-1 *

Division Three

Having won the Division Four title in season 2023-24 Kempston Athletic duly claimed this season's Division Three gold medals by a eight points margin from Lewsey Park who like the Hammers in the division above had taken a voluntary relegation from last season's Division One. The Athletic also lifted this season's Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup with a victory over Ampthill Town Colts who then denied them a season's treble by defeating them in this season's Watson Shield Final.

These two clubs finished well clear of the newly formed Queens Park Crescents Development who placed third some eleven points behind the Park and just goal difference ahead of Sandy Reserves who had placed sixth in division four last season.

Last season's Division Four silver medalists Athletic FC placed fifth two points adrift of the boys from Bedford Road who in turn were seventh points ahead of sixth place Dunstable Wanderers who had placed fourth in Division Four last season.

Heading the bottom half of the standings were Wilstead, a third club to have taken a voluntary relegation in their case from last season's Division Two North. Whilst in eighth spot were the relegated The 61 FC Luton Reserves who were five points ahead of the also relegated from Division Two South FC Polonia (Luton) who took up ninth place.

Dropping from last season's seventh place to tenth spot this term were Elstow Abbey Reserves with Flitwick Town A down from last season's ninth place to eleventh this term.

Taking up the drop zone placings were Meltis Rangers having been promoted from Division Four last season some nine points clear of the bottom of the table Everton Athletic who had placed tenth in season 2023-24 under their GS Athletic banner.

Division Three Final League Table Season 2024-25

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston Athletic First	24	20	2	2	98	19	79	62
2	Lewsey Park First	24	18	2	4	88	43	45	56
3	Queens Park Crescents Development	24	13	6	5	75	50	25	45
4	Sandy Reserves	24	14	3	7	67	50	17	45
5	Athletic FC First	24	12	7	5	76	46	30	43
6	Dunstable Wanderers First	24	10	6	8	60	46	14	36
7	Wilstead First	24	11	3	10	58	53	5	35*
8	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	24	10	1	13	49	84	-35	30*
9	FC Polonia (Luton) First	24	9	2	13	58	70	-12	25*
10	Elstow Abbey Reserves	24	7	1	16	36	57	-21	21*
11	Flitwick Town 'A'	24	4	4	16	43	92	-49	16
12	Meltis Rangers First	24	4	4	16	34	81	-47	15*
13	Everton Athletic FC First	24	2	3	19	34	85	-51	6*

Division Four

Having only placed tenth in season 2023-24 Ampthill Town Colts were to enjoy a much improved campaign this term to not only claim the Division Four title but also achieve a season's double with a Watson Shied victory over Division Three champions Kempston Athletic. The Colts finished two points ahead of league newcomers Stopsley United Reserves who in turn were eight points ahead of third place Turvey who had placed seventh in season 2023-24.

The next three places were made up by league newcomers and headed by EB Lions U21 in fourth place just a single point ahead of Wootton Blue Cross A who themselves were eight points clear of sixth place DTCC FC.

Up from eighth spot to seventh this term were M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves with Catsbrook Wanderers jumping from a 2023-24 season eleventh spot to eighth this term.

The bottom three spots all belonged to league newcomers. AFC Clophill being just goal difference behind Catsbrook Wanderers in ninth place to head Everton Athletic Reserves by seven points and thus leaving Henlow Hurricanes to occupy the bottom spot.

Division Four Final League Table Season 2024-25

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Amphill Town Colts	20	16	2	2	73	26	47	50
2	Stopsley United Reserves	20	16	0	4	86	42	44	48
3	Turvey First	20	13	2	5	65	40	25	40 *
4	EB Lions AFC (Sat) Mens U21	20	12	3	5	65	45	20	36 *
5	Wootton Blue Cross A	20	12	1	7	52	45	7	35 *
6	Dunstable Town Cricket Club DTCC FC Satu	20	8	3	9	60	45	15	27
7	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	20	7	1	12	36	55	-19	21 *
8	Catsbrook Wanderers First	20	5	2	13	27	49	-22	17
9	AFC Clophill First	20	6	2	12	36	59	-23	17 *
10	Everton Athletic FC Res	20	3	1	16	34	93	-59	10
11	AFC Bedford United (Sat) U23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3 *
12	Henlow Hurricanes First	20	2	3	15	30	65	-35	-3 *