

Bedfordshire County Football League



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**MERRY XMAS AND A HAPPY NEW
YEAR**

Noticeboard

The Bedfordshire County Football League is pleased to announce that an agreement has been reached with HBC Logistics for them to become the league's mainline sponsor for season 2024-25.

Chairman, Peter Francis said, we are delighted to welcome HBC Logistics aboard for the 2024-25 season being our first mainline sponsor in its 120 year history and look forward to the positive impact this partnership will have on our clubs.

The revenue raised from this sponsorship will be distributed back to our clubs in various forms of rewards at the league's 2025 Annual General Meeting.

HBC Logistics is delighted for this new partnership with the Bedfordshire County Football League. Football is a big part of our company, not only am i the first team manager of Biggleswade FC, but there are always heated debates and collective discussions in the office. It's a lot of fun and we are now excited to be able to follow and support teams more locally as a business with plenty of community spirit. Dave Northfield. Director at HBC Logistics.

Registration Forms (covered under league rule18)

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 2024-25 .

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 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 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 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) and 23D

All Home clubs are reminded of the requirements under league rule 20E (iii) and 23D that in the event of any fixture being postponed, due to their ground being unfit or not available should their opponents or a neutral ground be available then it is mandatory to switch the venue of the game in question.

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 14th December 2024

Premier Division supported by Sportform

There is no change at the head of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table following wins for the top three clubs. For league leaders Wootton Blue Cross it was win number seven on the spin when goals from Keaton Marsh, Noah Marsh and Joe Holmes took them to a 3-0 home victory over Totternhoe Reserves . Whilst second place AFC Oakley went nap with a 5-1 success at Caldecote to end the home sides 100% home record for the season. Chisom Amadi with a brace plus goals from Omojiseoluwa Bankole, Fabiano Cammarano and Teddy Daniels bring up the nap hand with Chris Richardson being the lone home scorer.

In third spot are Marston Shelton Rovers who remain 100% on the road this season after goals from Jamie Cerminara and Ben Cherry took them to a 2-1 success at Biggleswade United Reserves who were losing for the first time on home soil this season despite a goal from Will Robinson.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 14th December 24

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Wootton Blue Cross First	10	9	0	1	41	15	26	27
2	AFC Oakley First	12	8	2	2	41	14	27	26
3	Marston Shelton Rovers First	11	7	3	1	32	18	14	24
4	Cranfield United Reserves	13	6	3	4	31	20	11	21
5	Caldecote First	13	6	1	6	25	28	-3	19
6	Elstow Abbey First	8	5	1	2	26	17	9	16
7	Queens Park Crescents First	7	4	2	1	14	9	5	14
8	Biggleswade United Reserves	11	4	2	5	32	30	2	14
9	Riseley Sports First	12	4	0	8	20	25	-5	12
10	Totternhoe Reserves	11	3	3	5	17	24	-7	12
11	Crawley Green Development	12	3	2	7	23	43	-20	11
12	Biggleswade FC Reserves	13	2	4	7	23	46	-23	10
13	Flitwick Town First	10	2	1	7	20	35	-15	7
14	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	11	1	2	8	12	33	-21	5

The biggest winners of the day were now sixth place Elstow Abbey who with games in hand on all those clubs above them could well yet figure in the title race come next April following their 7-0 home win over Biggleswade FC Reserves. Lewis Parkin and Steve Gentle both netting hat-tricks alongside a single goal from Jordan Nice. A comment that also applies to seventh place Queens Park Crescents who in sharing the spoils in a 1-1 draw at Cranfield United Reserves and are now unbeaten in their

last six away games. Sean Byrne the United marksman with Haseeb Fariad on the Crescents scoresheet.

Down at the other end of the league table basement club Shefford Town & Campton Reserves recorded their first victory of the season in winning 4-2 at Riseley Sports. Mitchell Crook and Lewis Donald on the home scoresheet. with the Town goals coming from Daniel Kemp, Oliver Kemp, Luca Phillips and Toby Starling. Whilst also winning on the road were Crawley Green Reserves who with goals from Daniel Basye, Kingsley Gibbons and Khamarni Patterson won 3-2 at second from bottom of the table Flitwick Town whose replies came via Andrew Graham and Dan Stafford.

Division One

Having led the Division One league table since day one Stopsley United will spend Christmas in second spot after being beaten 5-1 at home by Bedford Albion. Dominic Parrella with four goals and a single strike from Cullum Riches bringing up the nap hand against a lone United reply from Callum Frater. Taking over that top spot and going a point clear are Harlington Juniors who chalked up win number seven on the bounce 5-1 at Ickwell & Old Warden. James Sherdan, Luke Renshaw, Freddie Knight, Ash Ingham and Reece Smith all found the back of the net against a lone home reply from Luke Gurney.

Going one better goal wise was fourth place Clifton with a 6-2 victory at Kempston United. Sammy Fisher-Diaz with a brace joined on the scoresheet by single goals from Romario Annon-Rodgers, Trey Kwayie, Sam Oakins and Kai Scarlett against United replies via Jude Thompson and Harvey Eagle. Whilst fifth place Buffs FC ran out 5-1 home winners over AFC Oakley Development. Luke Hennessey with a brace and goals from Joe Jekin, Jonathan Poleszuk and Elliot Flynn marking their scoresheet against a lone reply from Harvey Holland.

Division One League Table at 14th December 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Harlington Juniors First	10	8	1	1	50	16	34	25
2	Stopsley United First	10	8	0	2	36	17	19	24
3	Sporting Carpathians First	8	5	2	1	21	11	10	17
4	Clifton First	8	4	2	2	24	15	9	14
5	Buffs FC Saturday First	9	4	1	4	15	19	-4	13
6	Ickwell & Old Warden First	11	3	3	5	19	25	-6	12
7	Bedford Albion First	6	3	2	1	19	13	6	11
8	Kempston United First	11	3	1	7	18	37	-19	10
9	AFC Oakley Development	10	1	4	5	15	27	-12	6*
10	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	6	1	2	3	11	19	-8	5
11	Bedford SA First	9	0	0	9	5	34	-29	-3*

Division Two North

Thurleigh remained 100% at home this season and now three points clear at the head of the Division Two North league table following their 8-0 victory over Shefford Town & Campton Development. Ed Shaw with four goals, Josh Marshall with a hat-trick and a single goal from Brad Duffett doing the damage. Whilst FC Haynes are now up into third spot after running out 7-0 home winners over Bedford Albion Development. James Roach led the way with four goals to go alongside single strikes from Reece Lewis, Scott Frusciante and Ross Airson to do the damage.

The Green End Rovers v AFC Bedford United game was postponed after Stewartby Council ruled their pitches unplayable.

Division Two North League Table at 14th December 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Thurleigh FC	10	8	0	2	32	6	26	24
2	Blunham (BCFL)	11	6	3	2	27	19	8	21
3	FC Haynes First	11	6	1	4	28	24	4	19
4	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	9	5	3	1	22	15	7	18
5	Caldecote Reserves	9	5	1	3	25	12	13	16
6	Green End Rovers First	9	4	1	4	22	18	4	13
7	Bedford Albion Development	12	2	3	7	18	34	-16	9
8	Wixams Wanderers First	9	3	1	5	16	22	-6	7*
9	Shefford Town & Campton Development	9	2	1	6	15	36	-21	7
10	M&DH Clapham Sports First	9	0	2	7	8	27	-19	2

Division Two South

With league leaders LU Donz sitting the afternoon out Lea Sports PSG missed the chance to take over the leadership of the Division Two South league table when beaten 4-1 at Caddington who remain 100% at home for the season. Mark Reilly, Louis Octave, Reece Burton and a Callum Gardner penalty marking the home scoresheet against a lone PSG reply from Harrison Sheaf. Now just three points behind the PSG in third place and with a game in hand are New Bradwell St Peter Development who were 4-1 home winners over the now bottom of the table AFC Kempston Town Hammers.. Ethan Couling with a brace plus goals from Joe Dean and Sam Dobson doing the damage against a lone Hammers reply from Giovanni Moscaritolo

In fourth spot are Harlington Juniors Reserves who took their unbeaten ways up to five games with a 7-2 home success over Flitwick Town Reserves who have now lost their last six away outings. Thomas Cooksley, James Fletcher and Eddie Prior all

scored braces to go alongside a goal from Ben Smith against Town replies from Jack Farhing and Lawrence Minion. Scoring just one goal less were Stotfold Junior in their 6-2 home victory over Bletchley Scot. Joseph Evans with a hat-trick plus an own goal and strikes from Ross Irving and Lewis Cockrane doing the damage to end the visitors season's unbeaten ways, for whom Rowan Holland hit a brace in reply.

Lifting themselves off of the bottom of the league table be it only on goal difference were Brache Phoenix with a 5-3 victory at Caldecote A. Ashley Barbour with a brace and goals from Nana Osei Boffah and Akeem Barbour bringing up the nap hand against home replies via Nicky Albane twice and Eddy Lungay once.

Division Two South League Table at 14th December 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	LU Donz First	10	7	2	1	27	18	9	23
2	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	11	6	3	2	38	25	13	21
3	New Bradwell St Peter FC Development	10	6	1	3	24	14	10	18 *
4	Harlington Juniors Reserves	9	6	1	2	32	13	19	16 *
5	Luton Panthers First	11	4	3	4	38	25	13	15
6	Flitwick Town Reserves	12	5	0	7	31	41	-10	15
7	Caddington (BCFL)	11	4	2	5	22	25	-3	14
8	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	11	4	1	6	32	31	1	13
9	Bletchley Scot First	7	3	2	2	22	22	0	11
10	Caldecote A	13	2	3	8	16	48	-32	9
11	Brache Phoenix First	8	2	2	4	20	23	-3	8
12	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	11	2	2	7	20	37	-17	8

Division Three

With second place Sandy Reserves sitting the afternoon out Kempston Athletic extended their lead at the head of the Division Three league table to six points with a 8-1 home victory over FC Polonia (Luton) to remain 100% on home soil and still unbeaten this season. Hayden Bartram and Alexander Wasilewski with hat-tricks and single goals from Alessandro Esposito and Nikola Markivic doing the damage. against a lone reply from Michal Mazur. For third spot Queens Park Crescents Development it was the retention of their season's unbeaten home ways with a 2-0 victory over Dunstable Wanderers. AYAZ Hussain and Qasim Turfail marking their scoresheet.

Whilst now up into fourth spot on goal difference ahead of the non-playing Lewsey Park are Athletic FC who took their unbeaten home ways up to five games with a 9-2 win over Flitwick Town A. Emmanuel Obodoechine with four goals, Niklay Mandinga

with a brace and goals from Mesunble Kezhzong, Denis Michaea and Kevin Pilcher doing the damage against Town replies from Thomas Giggie and Matt Mann.

For bottom of the table Everton Athletic it was win number one of the season 7-1 away at third from bottom of the table Meltis Rangers. Owen Manning led the way with a hat-trick to go alongside a Taku JR Gotoru penalty and single strikes from Andrew Cross, Connor Ryan and Aidan Bull with the Rangers lone reply arriving via Serren Slater-Thompson. Elsewhere, The 61 FC Luton Reserves made it three wins on the bounce with a 4-2 home success over Elstow Abbey Reserves. Lewis Grant, Burrel Hutson, Nathan Kiasala and Nisham Silva all finding the back of the net against Abbey replies from Charlie Bilton and Daniel Shaid.

Division Three League Table at 14th December 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston Athletic First	12	10	2	0	51	5	46	32
2	Sandy Reserves	12	8	2	2	35	17	18	26
3	Queens Park Crescents Development	11	7	1	3	46	25	21	22
4	Athletic FC First	11	7	1	3	43	23	20	22
5	Lewsey Park First	10	7	1	2	39	21	18	22
6	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	11	5	1	5	28	42	-14	15*
7	Dunstable Wanderers First	9	4	2	3	23	17	6	14
8	Elstow Abbey Reserves	12	4	0	8	17	32	-15	12
9	Wilstead First	11	4	0	7	15	27	-12	11*
10	FC Polonia (Luton) First	12	4	0	8	32	40	-8	8*
11	Meltis Rangers First	11	2	2	7	16	47	-31	7*
12	Flitwick Town 'A'	11	2	1	8	19	51	-32	7
13	Everton Athletic FC First	11	1	1	9	21	38	-17	1*

Division Four

There is no change at the head of the Division Four league table heading into the holiday break following wins for the top three sides. League leaders Amptill Town Colts still a point clear at the head of the standings after they retained their season's unbeaten ways and 100% away record in winning 4-2 at Henlow Hurricanies with goals from Murray Grey, Jay Hartup, Albie Larman and George Shaw against an own goal and a strike from Wilfred Razon in reply. Whilst second place Stopsley United Reserves won by the same scoreline at DTCC FC. Zakariae Gaoui, Owen Impey, Tyla McCabe and Cameron Nagle all found the back of the net against home replies via Chris Sorrentino and Luke Janes.

For third place Wootton Blue Cross A it was a 3-2 victory at M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves. Osestas Jonaitis, Sam Marshall and Finlay Watt on the Blue Cross scoresheet with Brendan Cunningham and Odhran Imiah replying for the hosts. The fourth away victory of the afternoon went to Turvey 5-2 at Everton Athletic Reserves. Samuel Jessop with four goals plus a strike from Alfred Dawson bringing up their nap hand against home replies via James Scott and Jamie Walker.

The AFC Clophill v Catsbrook Wanderers game was postponed after Stewartby Council ruled their pitches unplayable.

Division Four League Table at 14th December 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Amptill Town Colts	10	9	1	0	41	16	25	28
2	Stopsley United Reserves	12	9	0	3	53	26	27	27
3	Wootton Blue Cross A	11	8	1	2	28	21	7	24*
4	Turvey First	11	7	0	4	40	27	13	20*
5	EB Lions AFC (Sat) Mens U21	9	6	1	2	33	16	17	16*
6	Dunstable Town Cricket Club DTCC FC Satu	11	5	1	5	37	27	10	16
7	Catsbrook Wanderers First	10	2	1	7	10	25	-15	7
8	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	10	2	1	7	19	35	-16	7
9	Henlow Hurricanes First	9	2	1	6	16	34	-18	4*
10	Everton Athletic FC Res	9	1	0	8	13	46	-33	3
11	AFC Clophill First	10	1	1	8	17	34	-17	1*
12	AFC Bedford United (Sat) U23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3*

Please note our next league Bulletin will be issued following the games played on Saturday 4th January 2025.