



Bedfordshire County **Football League**

Season 2024-25

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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.

Please note the deadline for the 2024-25 season is midnight Tuesday 15th April 2025.

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.

When club are suspicious of their opposition line-up they are advised to gain photographic evidence to help the league with any breach of rule investigation

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 12th April 2025

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

With league leaders AFC Oakley sitting the afternoon out second place Marston Shelton Rovers missed the chance to close the gap on them at the head of league standings to just one point when they had just a Luke Clifford goal to show from their 3-1 defeat at Caldecote who are now unbeaten in their last four home outings and up to sixth place in the league table. Sonny Newton-Cootes, Christopher Richardson and Joshua Roberts on the mark for the home side.

AFC Oakley's quest for the league title further enchanted with fourth place Queens Park Crescents being held to a 2-2 home draw by Biggleswade United Reserves to leave them seven points adrift albeit having played one game fewer. Haseed Fariad and Shazad Sattar on the mark for the Crescents against United replies via Jack Webb And Enoch Oluwadimola. Whilst Wootton Blue Cross kept their title hopes alive to jump above the Crescents on goal difference and also having a game in hand of the league leaders after goals from Noah Marsh and Micheal Allen took them to a 2-0 victory at Crawley Green Development.

Down at the other end of the league table Flitwick Town remain rooted to that bottom spot following their fifth defeat on the bounce 1-0 at home to Cranfield United Reserves whose goal came from Flynn Baker-Bond. Whilst Riseley Sports with goals from James Cooke, Daniel Bennett and Lewis Donald were 3-0 winners at Shefford Town & Campton Reserves.

Division One

The lone game of the afternoon saw Bedford Albion with a brace of goals from Nathan France and a strike from Shane Cox win for the first time in seven outings 3-2 at home against a Clifton side that had won their last three outings. Ryan Lamond and Sam Oakins on the mark for the home side.

Centenary Cup Semi-Final

This season's final on Friday 2nd May at Biggleswade United will be between Stopsley United and Harlington Juniors after a brace of goals from Freddie Knight took the Juniors to a 2-0 victory at Wootton Blue Cross Reserves.

Jubilee Cup Semi-Finals

This season's final at Kempston Rovers on Saturday 26th April will be between FC Haynes and Green End Rovers after they both progressed from their last four ties. FC Haynes the more easier when a brace of goals from Scott Frusciante and strikes from James Roach, Ross Airson and Daniel Parker took them to a 5-0 home victory over Bedford Albion Development. Whilst the Rovers needed a 6-5 penalty shoot-out to overcome New Bradwell St Peter Development after 90 minutes play has seen the sides all square at 3-3. Max Natola hitting a hat-trick for the Rovers against St Peter replies via Etan Couling, Joe Dean and Jesse Horn.

Division Two South

LU Donz have now won their last seven home outings and remain unbeaten on home soil this season after running out 6-0 winners over Bletchley Scot. Cameron Saunders with a brace plus an own goal and strikes from James Dawson, Troy Walker and Leroy White doing the damage to increase their lead at the head of league standings to four points over second place Lea Sports PSG who were sitting the afternoon out thus having now played one game fewer. Just a point behind the PSG in third spot having played two games fewer than them are Harlington Juniors Reserves who ended fourth place Caddington's seasons unbeaten home ways with a 5-1 victory. Ben Smith with a brace plus goals from Daniel Jump, Glenn Cooksley, and Connor Saunders bringing up the nap hand against a lone home reply from Kwane Richards.

Elsewhere, Stotfold Junior ended their season on a high with a 6-2 home success over Flitwick Town Reserves. Joseph Evans bagged four goals to go alongside a brace Joshua Butina against Town replies via George Roach and Kenzie King. This defeat saw Town end their own season without a victory from their last 12 outings to drop to third from bottom spot in the league standings.

Division Three

With league leaders Kempston Athletic away on Watson Shield duty second place Lewsey Park saw their title hopes take a major blow when beaten 3-2 at Queens Park Crescents Development to leave them a point behind the Athletic who now have two games in hand on them. Ibrahim Hyde with a brace and a goal from Shay Karavadra on the home scoresheet with Lee Mooney and Trevor Nkata hitting the Park's replies.

In an afternoon of home success it was a 4-0 victory for Dunstable Wanderers over Flitwick Town A. Whilst also netting four goals were the 61 FC Luton Reserves in seeing off the bottom of the table Everton Athletic 4-1 thanks to a brace of goals from Jordan Fuller and strikes from Tyrone Morton and Gavin Putney.

Elsewhere, Elstow Abbey Reserves posted their first home victory in seven outings in beating Meltis Rangers 2-1. with goals from Joseph Carey and Steven Gentle. with Tyrell O'Connor replying for the Rangers.

Division Four

With Ampthill Town Colts away on Watson Shield duty, Stopsley United Reserves ended their season with a 6-2 home victory over AFC Clophill to climb above the Colts to the top of the league standings who now require just two points from their remaining two outings to climb back above the United and claim the league title. Cameron Nagle led the way with four goals and was joined on the scoresheet by James Potter and Ashley Prospere against Aaron Stringer and George Davis replies for the visitors.

For fourth place EB Lions U21 it was a 2-0 away success at DTCC FC. Matthew Walsh plus a Sam Rolfe penalty marking their scoresheet. Whilst Everton Athletic Reserves emerged the 4-3 home winners over bottom of the table Henlow

Hurricanes. Owen Hurst with a brace plus goals from Michael John Freeman and James Scott outweighed Hurricanes replies from Niko Marcantonio twice and Dean Richardson.

Division Four League Table at 12th April 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stopsley United Reserves	20	16	0	4	86	42	44	48
2	Amphill Town Colts	18	15	2	1	71	24	47	47
3	Turvey First	18	13	1	4	61	35	26	39 *
4	EB Lions AFC (Sat) Mens U21	18	12	2	4	62	40	22	35 *
5	Wootton Blue Cross A	20	12	1	7	52	45	7	35 *
6	Dunstable Town Cricket Club DTCC FC Satu	18	8	2	8	59	42	17	26
7	Catsbrook Wanderers First	20	5	2	13	27	49	-22	17
8	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	18	5	1	12	31	54	-23	15 *
9	AFC Clapham First	18	5	1	12	32	56	-24	13 *
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 *

Watson Shield Semi-Finals

Kempston Rovers will be the venue for this season's Watson Shield Final on Saturday 3rd May between Amphill Town Colts and Kempston Athletic after they both overcame their last four ties. These two sides are also due to meet in the Beds FA Junior Cup Final some eight days earlier at Potton United.

Athletic with a hat-trick from Alexander Wasilewski and strikes from Luke Darcy, Nikola Markovic, Kieran Carrington and Kyle Malik won 7-3 at Cranfield Colts U18 Cobras. Whilst a brace of goals from Marcus Sugrue and strikes from Cathal Kitson and Murray Gray saw the Colts to a 4-0 home victory over Turvey.

Wednesday 16th April 2025.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

For sixth place Caldecote it was win number three on the bounce with a 5-1 home victory over a Elstow Abbey side that has lost its last four away outings. Joshua Roberts with a brace plus goals from Giuseppe Follano, Rafe Goodman and Daniel Webb bringing up the nap hand against a lone Abbey reply via Glenn Tumulty. Whilst fifth place Cranfield United Reserves extended their unbeaten home ways up to six outings in beating the bottom of the table Flitwick Town 4-0 who were suffering their sixth defeat on the spin. Sean Byrne with a brace plus goals from Finlay Peart and Marc Young doing the damage.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 16th April 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Oakley First	22	16	3	3	70	27	43	51
2	Marston Shelton Rovers First	23	14	5	4	62	37	25	47
3	Wootton Blue Cross First	21	14	2	5	60	33	27	44
4	Queens Park Crescents First	21	13	5	3	45	26	19	44
5	Cranfield United Reserves	25	12	6	7	56	35	21	42
6	Caldecote First	22	10	4	8	49	42	7	34
7	Biggleswade United Reserves	23	8	5	10	55	52	3	29
8	Elstow Abbey First	23	9	2	12	55	56	-1	29
9	Totternhoe Reserves	20	7	6	7	47	40	7	27
10	Riseley Sports First	23	8	2	13	38	46	-8	26
11	Crawley Green Development	23	7	4	12	43	67	-24	25
12	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	24	6	3	15	30	69	-39	21
13	Biggleswade FC Reserves	26	4	5	17	42	94	-52	16 *
14	Flitwick Town First	22	4	2	16	40	68	-28	14

Division One

Stopsley United moved themselves back onto the top of the Division One league table with a 4-0 away success at Wootton Blue Cross Reserves thus extending their unbeaten ways up to eight outings to inch a point ahead of Harlington Juniors who have played two games fewer. Temitayo Akerele with a brace plus strikes from Cheick Camara and Roman Riley doing the damage. Whilst fifth place Clifton was held to a 2-2 home draw by AFC Oakley Development. Joshua Adams with a brace marking the home scoresheet against AFC replies via David Groom and Joshua Linton.

Division One League Table at 16th April 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stopsley United First	18	14	1	3	63	22	41	43
2	Harlington Juniors First	16	14	0	2	76	20	56	42
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	16	3	6	7	23	48	-25	14 *
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 South

The lone game of the evening saw Harlington Juniors Reserves move to within two points of league leaders LU Donz with a 6-1 home victory over Luton Panthers. Conner Saunders with a brace plus goals from Thomas Cooksley, Harry Flavell, Ben Smith and George Pedder only being replied to once by Ryan Spencer for the Panthers.

Division Three

Kempston Athletic are now just a maximum of three points away from lifting the Division Three title following their 5-0 away victory at Sandy Reserves who were losing on home soil for the first time in nine outings. The Athletic went ahead 23 minutes into the contest via Nikola Markovic and in effect sealed the points in a seven minute period either side of half-time. Hayden Bartram on 42 minutes, Alexander Wasilewski in time added on in the opening period plus Kieran Carrington on 49 minutes doing the damage before Wasilewski completed the scoring to bring up the nap hand 16 minutes from time. This defeat for Sandy allowed Athletic FC to jump above them into third spot on goal difference after they shared the points from a 1-1 draw at Dunstable Wanderers. Ousmane Sylia on the visitors scoresheet.

Elsewhere, The 61 FC Luton Reserves won for the third time on the bounce with a 2-1 home success over Meltis Rangers. thanks to goals from Nathan Kiasala and Kayden McMaster with Kaylan Di Paolo on the mark for the Rangers in reply.

Division Three League Table at 16th April 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston Athletic First	21	18	2	1	82	15	67	56
2	Lewsey Park First	22	17	1	4	80	39	41	52
3	Athletic FC First	23	12	6	5	74	44	30	42
4	Sandy Reserves	23	13	3	7	64	48	16	42
5	Queens Park Crescents Development	21	12	4	5	67	46	21	40
6	Wilstead First	23	11	3	9	58	46	12	35 *
7	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	21	10	1	10	45	68	-23	30 *
8	Dunstable Wanderers First	19	7	4	8	43	40	3	25
9	FC Polonia (Luton) First	21	8	2	11	53	59	-6	22 *
10	Elstow Abbey Reserves	23	6	1	16	28	56	-28	18 *
11	Flitwick Town 'A'	22	4	3	15	39	87	-48	15
12	Meltis Rangers First	21	3	4	14	31	74	-43	12 *
13	Everton Athletic FC First	20	1	2	17	28	70	-42	2 *

Thursday 17th April 2025

League Table Adjustment Division Two South.

Following a sub-committee meeting held this evening Harlington Juniors Reserves were found to be in breach of league rules 20F/18M in their game played against Lea Sports PSG on Wednesday 9th April 2025. As a result the game will now be awarded to Lea Sports PSG and Harlington Juniors Reserves deducted two penalty points.

Division Two South League Table at 17th April 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	LU Donz First	21	14	3	4	76	37	39	45
2	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	20	13	5	2	65	31	34	44
3	Harlington Juniors Reserves	19	14	1	4	75	21	54	38 *
4	Caddington (BCFL)	20	10	4	6	55	39	16	34
5	New Bradwell St Peter FC Development	19	11	2	6	41	30	11	34 *
6	Bletchley Scot First	20	10	4	6	53	52	1	34
7	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	22	9	3	10	53	48	5	30
8	Luton Panthers First	22	8	3	11	59	58	1	27
9	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	21	7	3	11	35	59	-24	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	18	2	2	14	29	68	-39	7 *