



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.

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.

Change of Fixture Secretary:

PLEASE NOTE: FROM 1st FEBRUARY, SIMON DUTTON [07958 264613 duttonsp@gmail.com] WILL TAKE OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL FIXTURES.

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 25th January 2025

Premier Division supported by Sportform

In retaining their season's unbeaten ways on the road Marston Shelton Rovers are now just goal difference behind Wootton Blue Cross at the head of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table. Harry Barker, Luke Clifford and Jamie Cerminara all found the back of the net in their 3-1 success at third place AFC Oakley whose reply came from Zach Ives .Whilst down at the other end of the standings Flitwick Town moved off of the bottom spot in winning for the first time on the road this season 6-2 at Biggleswade FC Reserves who now replace them in that most unwanted position.Callum Beer led the way with a hat-trick, Jack Banfield weigh in with a brace plus a single goal was added by Florin Filimon against Peter Zak Murphy and Harry Pyke replying for the FC.

For Shefford Town & Campton Reserves it was a third win on the bounce 2-1 at home over Totternhoe Reserves. Daniel Kemp and Toby Starling on the home scoresheet with Jordan Knight hitting the lone reply. Whilst Biggleswade United Reserves returned to winning ways on home soil when a brace of goals from Alex Maxwell and a strike from Jamie Essam took them to a 3-0 victory over Crawley Green Development.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 25th January 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Wootton Blue Cross First	11	10	0	1	42	15	27	30
2	Marston Shelton Rovers First	13	9	3	1	38	21	17	30
3	AFC Oakley First	13	8	2	3	42	17	25	26
4	Cranfield United Reserves	14	6	3	5	31	21	10	21
5	Caldecote First	14	6	2	6	27	30	-3	20
6	Elstow Abbey First	10	6	1	3	32	21	11	19
7	Biggleswade United Reserves	13	5	2	6	36	34	2	17
8	Queens Park Crescents First	7	4	2	1	14	9	5	14
9	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	14	4	2	8	20	37	-17	14
10	Crawley Green Development	14	4	2	8	27	48	-21	14
11	Riseley Sports First	13	4	1	8	22	27	-5	13
12	Totternhoe Reserves	12	3	3	6	18	26	-8	12
13	Flitwick Town First	11	3	1	7	26	37	-11	10
14	Biggleswade FC Reserves	17	2	4	11	30	62	-32	10

Britannia Cup Quarter-Finals

It was an afternoon for the away sides with all three winning. Leading the way were Riseley Sports who with a hat-trick from Matthew Smith, a brace from James Cooke and strikes from Mitchell Crook and Lewis Donald won 7-2 at Queens Park Crescents., both of those replies came from Mohammed Shehzard Ali.

For current holders Elstow Abbey it was a 2-3 home defeat at the hands of Cranfield United Reserves. Sean Byrne with a brace and a goal from Toby Starling the United marksmen. against a brace in reply from Abby's Glenn Tumulty. Whilst a brace of goals from Keaton Marsh and a goal from Michael Allen could not prevent Wootton Blue Cross going down 4-3 to Caldecote. The visitors goals come via a brace from Tashiq Andrews plus single strikes from Jake Bruce and Joshua Roberts.

Division One

Stopsley United's lead at the head of the Division One league table is now only up to three points from Harlington Juniors who have played three games fewer after they were held to a 1-1 draw at Buffs FC. Luke Hennessey on the home scoresheet against a United reply from Cheick Camara. Now in third spot are Bedford Albion following their 6-2 victory at Kempston United. Harry Davis with a hat-trick plus goals from Joshua Adeniyi, Nathan France and Reece Silvester doing the damage against United replies via Jack Spada and Elijah Haynes.

Down at the other end of the table Bedford SA are still in search of their first points of the season following their 2-3 home defeat by Ickwell & Old Warden. Jack Fox, Kyle Johnasson and Luke Rudd on the visitors scoresheet against a home brace from Oliver Raymond in reply

Division One League Table at 25th January 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stopsley United First	14	10	1	3	54	21	33	31
2	Harlington Juniors First	11	9	1	1	54	17	37	28
3	Bedford Albion First	9	5	3	1	27	16	11	18
4	Clifton First	9	5	2	2	26	15	11	17
5	Sporting Carpathians First	8	5	2	1	21	11	10	17
6	Ickwell & Old Warden First	13	4	4	5	23	28	-5	16
7	Buffs FC Saturday First	12	4	2	6	17	26	-9	14
8	Kempston United First	14	4	1	9	22	45	-23	13
9	AFC Oakley Development	12	2	5	5	18	29	-11	10*
10	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	9	1	3	5	14	27	-13	6
11	Bedford SA First	11	0	0	11	8	49	-41	-3*

Centenary Cup Quarter Final.

Clifton made their way into the last four with a 3-2 penalty shoot-out win at Harlington Juniors after 90 minutes of play had seen the sides deadlocked at 3-3. Ashley Ingham with a brace plus Freddie Knight on the home scoresheet against replies via Kai Scarlett twice and Mateusz Zacharzewski once.

Division Two North

The lone game of the afternoon saw Green End Rovers return to winning ways for the first time in four outings with a 4-2 victory at Shefford Town & Campton Development. Zach Baker with a brace plus goals from Jake Davis and Jakob Addo on the Rovers scoresheet with the home replies coming from Jacob Jevon and Joe Carey.

Division Two North League Table at 25th January 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Thurleigh FC	11	8	0	3	32	7	25	24
2	Caldecote Reserves	11	7	1	3	29	12	17	22
3	FC Haynes First	13	7	1	5	29	26	3	22
4	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	10	6	3	1	29	17	12	21
5	Blunham (BCFL)	12	6	3	3	27	21	6	21
6	Green End Rovers First	11	5	2	4	28	22	6	17
7	Wixams Wanderers First	11	4	2	5	21	26	-5	11*
8	Shefford Town & Campton Development	11	3	1	7	23	40	-17	10
9	Bedford Albion Development	13	2	3	8	20	41	-21	9
10	M&DH Clapham Sports First	11	0	2	9	10	36	-26	2

Division Two South

With New Bradwell St Peter Development away on Jubilee Cup duty the leadership of the Division Two South league table is now in the hands of LU Donz following their 11-2 away win at Caldecote A. Cameron Saunders led the way with four goals, David Byass hit a hat-trick, Troy Walker grabbed a brace and single strikes came from Adrian Igria and Reece Hilton. The home replies came via Nicky Albone and Lorcan Saunders.

Elsewhere, following five straight defeats Luton Panthers returned to winning ways with a 6-0 away win at the bottom of the table Brache Phoenix. Troy Brand with a hat-trick and goals from Jaden Agyeman, Luciano Whitter and Asher Agyeman doing the damage.

Division Two South League Table at 25th January 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	LU Donz First	13	9	2	2	46	23	23	29
2	New Bradwell St Peter FC Development	13	9	1	3	36	16	20	27 *
3	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	13	7	4	2	49	28	21	25
4	Harlington Juniors Reserves	10	7	1	2	38	15	23	19 *
5	Luton Panthers First	14	5	3	6	45	38	7	18
6	Caddington (BCFL)	13	5	3	5	31	28	3	18
7	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	12	5	1	6	35	33	2	16
8	Flitwick Town Reserves	14	5	1	8	33	46	-13	16
9	Bletchley Scot First	8	3	2	3	24	28	-4	11
10	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	13	2	3	8	23	46	-23	9
11	Caldecote A	15	2	3	10	19	68	-49	9
12	Brache Phoenix First	10	2	2	6	22	32	-10	8

Jubilee Cup 1st Round

Into Round two are Bletchley Scot with a 7-3 home success over Flitwick Town Reserves. Dean Rees with a hat-trick, Ryan Williams with a brace plus goals from Musa Kareem and Rowan Holland marking their scoresheet against Town replies via Thomas Barnett twice and Kenzie King once.

Jubilee Cup 2nd Round

Going nap on the road were both Harlington Juniors Reserves and Stotfold Junior. The Junior with a hat-trick from Ben Gifford and goals from Lewis Cockrane and Joshua Butina winning 5-1 at AFC Kempston Town Hammers. Whilst the Juniors with braces from James Fletcher and Connor Saunders and a goal from George Peddar won 5-3 at Caldecote Reserves, those goals arrived via a brace from James Tubridy and a single goal for Conor Darnell.

For FC Haynes with goals from Scott Frusciante, Ben Lee -Phillps, George Grahame and Ross Airson were 4-1 home winners over Caddington for whom Dan Fleming replied.

Also into the next round are New Bradwell St Peter Development and M&DH Clapham Sports. The Sports with goals from Billy Buckland and Flynn Bradley the 2-1 home winners over AFC Bedford United whose reply came via Jake Grogan. Whilst New Bradwell St Peter Development won 2-0 in a home fixture over Thurleigh in a game played on their opposition's pitch. Ethan Couling and Bradley Churchill on the St Peter's scoresheet.

Elsewhere, the lone penalty shoot-out win of the afternoon 5-4 saw Bedford Albion Development to victory at Wixams Wanderers after 90 minutes play had seen the sides deadlocked at 3-3. Leigh Reynolds with a brace and Sam Stock marking the home scoresheet against Albion replies via Sean Abadom twice and James Wookey once.

Watson Shield Round One

It was like in the Britannia Cup an afternoon for the away sides with all four winning. AFC Cloughill with a hat-trick from Ryan Nayyar and a goal from Finlay Newman winning 4-2 at Henlow Hurricanes whose replies came from Harry Hart and Jake Holness. Whilst Bedfordshire Saturday Youth League AFC Oakley U18 Colts won 4-1 at Lewsey Park with the Park goal coming from Adam Hughes.

With a brace from Fabien Pawlec and a strike from Sylwester Kraska FC Polonia (Luton) won 3-1 at EB Lions U21. whose reply came via Daniel Gillard. But it took a 3-0 penalty shoot-out win for Queens Park Crescents to emerge the winners at Dunstable Wanderers after 90 minutes of play had seen the sides deadlocked at 1-1. Harry Saint marking the Wanderers scoresheet.

Watson Shield Round Two

The biggest win of the day going to Ampthill Town Colts who were 8-1 home winners over Leighton Town u18. William Lee-Phillips led the way with a hat-trick and was joined on their scoresheet by single goals from Jonah Doohan, Jay Hartup, Marcus Sugrue, Reece Bowling and George Shaw. Whilst just a goal behind were Kempston Athletic who beat Sandy Reserves 7-1. Alexander Wasliwski with five goals and strikes from Josh Humphries and Alessandro Esposito doing the damage against a lone reply via Edwin Jackson.

Elsewhere, Flitwick Town A won 1-0 at Everton Athletic. with a goal from Daniel Howarth.

Division Four

With Ampthill Town Colts away on Watson Shield duty the leadership of the Division Four league table now belongs to Stopsley United Reserves who made it six wins in the trot with a 4-1 home victory over DTCC FC. Cameron Nagle and Alfie Alexander both claimed braces against a visitors reply from Matthew Fitt. Also winning on home soil were Turvey the 4-2 winners over M&DHClapham Sports Reserves thanks to goals from Ewan Ball, Max Norman, George Shingleton and Freddie Stonebridge with Odhran Imiah and Somto Nnamdi replying for the visitors.

Elsewhere, goals from Jordan Holmes and Brett Smith saw Catsbrook Wanderers draw 2-2 at home against Everton Athletic Reserves. Michael John Freeman and James Scott with the Athletic replies.

Division Four League Table at 25th January 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stopsley United Reserves	14	11	0	3	61	28	33	33
2	Amphill Town Colts	11	10	1	0	47	18	29	31
3	Wootton Blue Cross A	12	8	1	3	29	23	6	24 *
4	Turvey First	12	8	0	4	44	29	15	23 *
5	EB Lions AFC (Sat) Mens U21	10	7	1	2	36	17	19	19 *
6	Dunstable Town Cricket Club DTCC FC Satu	13	6	1	6	40	32	8	19
7	Catsbrook Wanderers First	13	2	2	9	14	34	-20	8
8	AFC Clophill First	12	3	1	8	23	35	-12	7 *
9	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	12	2	1	9	22	42	-20	7
10	Henlow Hurricanes First	10	2	1	7	16	37	-21	4 *
11	Everton Athletic FC Res	11	1	1	9	17	54	-37	4
12	AFC Bedford United (Sat) U23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3 *