

Bedfordshire County **Football League**



Season 2021-22

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Noticeboard

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.

Welcome to the 2021-22 Season

Next weekend we will welcome the opening of the Bedfordshire County League season for 2021-22. Having had to curtail the past two seasons all fingers are crossed that season 2021-22 will be completed in full. This will at least allow us to apply the promotion and relegation place issues for season 2022-23 and save us all the turmoil that has taken place during this close season.

We will start the season with 14 new teams, Barton Rovers Reserves joining us in Division One, Brache Phoenix and Soccerlise FC in Division Two whilst new names in Division Five will be Luton Panthers, Newman United, Tunisian Community and Woodside FC. Also returning to us after a few seasons away will be Potton United Reserves who have been placed in Division One. Plus addition extra teams for this new season are Wootton Blue Cross with a Reserves and Under 23's side and Reserves sides for Clifton, Harlington Juniors and M&DH Clapham (Saturday) On

the downside we have lost 17 teams most of whom have sadly folded. Arlesey Town Under23's, Eaton Park Rangers, Houghton Athletic, Langford Reserves, Ampthill Town Development Pines (Luton) and Wilstead Reserves missing from last season's Division One. Crawley Green U23's, Sundon Park Rangers, Lancot Park and Bedford Albion Reserves from Division Two. Whilst from Division Three we have lost Brickhill Wanderers, St Johns (Luton) Luton Allstars, Luton Leagrave AFC and Sundon Park Rangers Development. The total completed by no Bedford Albion A in Division Four.

Off the field of play Terry Sadler the League President since 1998 with start his 48th season with the league as a Life Vice-President and his Presidents post being taken up by Barry Watson who moves from League Chairman to start his 38th season of service to the league. A remarkable achievement by both the likes of which we are unlikely to ever see again. Having said that League Secretary and Fixture Secretary Barry Snelson will start his 44th season of service having first joined the league in 1977.

Taking over the Chair is Peter Francis who will also continue his Registrations and Press & Media Results duties. Whilst Roland Simmonds steps into the Vice-Chairman seat previously held by Peter and will also continue his League Charter Standard Coordinator duties.

Joining the committee for the first time will be Gary Sales who leaves his Chairmans role at Real Haynes who are changing their name to FC Haynes for season 2021-22.

Another name change sees Kempston Athletic become KA Great Barford mainly due to them switching their home venue to Great Barford. Whilst Shefford Town & Campton B have rebranded to Shefford Town & Campton U23

Opening Day Fixtures Saturday 4th September 2021

Premier Division Supported by Sportsform

AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College v Queens Park Crescents

AFC Oakley v Marston Shelton Rovers

Biggleswade United U23 v Caldecote

Crawley Green Reserves v Biggleswade FC Reserves

Elstow Abbey v Cranfield United

Sharnbrook v Flitwick Town

Stevington v Shefford Town & Campton Reserves

Division One

Barton Rovers Reserves v Sporting Lewsey Park

Cranfield United Reserves v Ickwell & Old Warden

KA Great Barford v Henlow

Pitstone & Ivinghoe Reserves v Stotfold Development

St Josephs (Saturday) v Pottton United Reserves

Wilstead v Flitwick Town Reserves

Division Two supported by Hy-Pro

AFC Bedford United v Harlington Juniors

Bedford SA v Renhold

Brache Phoenix v AFC Oakley Reserves

Clifton v Soccerlise

FC Haynes v The 61 FC Luton Reserves

Wootton Blue Cross v AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro

Atletico Europa v Sandy

Caldecote Reserves v CS Rovers

FC Polonia (Luton) v Sharnbrook Reserves

Shefford Town & Campton U23 v FC Haynes Reserves

Sporting Carpathians v Wootton Blue Cross

Division Four

Blunham v Square FC

Catsbrook Wanderers v Elstow Abbey Reserves

Kempston Rovers v Bedford Santos

M&DH Clapham Sports v Lea Sports PSG Reserves

Division Five

Harlington Juniors Reserves v Luton Panthers

Newman United v Tunisian Community

Woodside Adult v M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves

Wootton Blue Cross U23 v Revivalists

All Our Yesterdays

Tuesday/Wednesday 2nd/3rd September 2015

The league opened its doors for the 2015-16 season with a series of eight Premier Division supported by Sportsform games. On Tuesday evening Eastcotts AFC with a goal from Aaron Perrett ran out 1-0 home winners over Pavenham before 24 hours later the other 14 clubs commenced their own seasons.

The biggest winners of the night were AFC Oakley M&DH who ran out 5-0 home winners over Marston Shelton Rovers. Matt Barnes netting twice to go alongside strikes from Robbie Alder, Reuben Hukin and Ali Smith to bring up the nap hand whilst the biggest away winners were Shefford Town & Campton who won 5-1 at Ampthill Town Reserves. Jonnie Stratford and Adam Larsen both on the scoresheet twice to go with a single strike from Jake Renney against a lone reply via Neil Mangan.

Also enjoying life on the road were Sandy with a 2-0 victory at newly promoted Elstow Abbey. Both goals coming inside a two minute period early in the second half from Toren Purser and Ben Hall. For the other promoted club Cranfield United it was a 2-0 home win over Sharnbrook. Phil Kempself netting in the 65th minute and Martin Holland adding the second two minutes before time.

Last season's champions Renhold United got their defence of their title underway with a 3-1 win at Caldecote. Behind from a goal struck by James Adams they were soon level via Jason Allision before Carl Warner shot them in front in the 25th minute and Mark Reed added the third just before time.

Elsewhere just down the road on the Green, Ickwell & Old Warden had to come from behind to see off Wilstead 3-2 all started well enough when Connor Green netted after 10 minutes but a brace of goals from Michael Jones inside three minutes at the start of the second half placed the visitors in front. It was Ricky Aris who levelled matters in the 65th minute before Andrew Vallom shot home what turned out to be the winning goal four minutes later.

The final game at Hillgrounds seeing hosts AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College beat Flitwick Town 2-1. Courtney Boughton grabbing both goals against a lone Town reply from Oliver Banfield.

Brian Buck Travellers Tales

7th game of the season (Match 13,388) Tuesday 13th July 2021. AFC Oakley Reserves 4 Denham Raptors 3 (Friendly Match) att 30 approx. Thanks to *Twitter*, I picked up on this game earlier in the day. We arrived here about five minutes before kick off and parked near the scout hut. Here I think, the Scout Leader seemed keen to tie me up in knots, but I managed to 'woggle' my way away from her. We always seem to come here at around this time of the year and so everything stays the same. It's always sunny, there are plenty of people around, young and old and even though some of them aren't here for the football there is always a good atmosphere. This ground would always feature in my top ten Beds County League grounds. Tonight's match against Beds Sunday League Division Four side, Denham Raptors, is apparently an annual encounter because there are 'connections' between the two sides. So, on an excellent playing surface we encountered a keenly contested game. Oakley took the lead on 15 minutes when the scorer beat both the offside trap (if there was one) and the keeper to slot the ball past the keeper. The lead was doubled on 29 minutes when the ball was sided footed home from a bouncing cross from the left by the unmarked player at the back post. Four minutes later a spot kick, not quite sure what it was given for, made it 3-0. I found all of this rather strange, as in my humble opinion (others may disagree!) that Denham were having just as much possession, or more even, than Oakley. The second half saw this scenario continue. Then to partially prove my point, Denham pulled a goal back on 61 minutes. On 73 minutes Oakley had an appeal turned down, for what seemed to us to be, an obvious spot kick. Then on 77 minutes Denham reduced the arrears further by way of a header from a corner. Now the game became quite competitive and even more so, when three minutes later the comeback was complete when a 25 yard direct free kick was dinked over the wall for the equaliser. But all the visitors good work was undone when Oakley regained the lead two minutes later. On 90 minutes Denham thought that they had equalised once more, but the goal was quite rightly disallowed for offside, thus ending a very enjoyable game.