

Bedfordshire County **Football League**



Season 2023-24

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Noticeboard

Registration Forms (covered under league rule 8)

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 2023-24.

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 the opening weekends of the season 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 2023 AGM both clubs 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.

Having checked the SMS reporting log for last weekend there are still teams with items processed with errors. Please note the format for reporting your results is as per sample below.

Example for Caldecote 1st Team.

Caldecote 1 Riseley Sports 0

1-0 Cal1 : Being the score Home team and Away teams score plus your team's code.

Match Day information required for Press Reports etc.

With the passing of the amendment to league rule 21B, This will now have a major impact on the publication of our weekly News Bulletin.

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, 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 20th January 2024

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

With Caldecote away on Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy duty the leadership of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table is now in the hands of Stotfold Development who now lead the standings by two points albeit having played three games more than the boys from Harvey Close after they chalked up home win

number five on the bounce in beating Marston Shelton Rovers 5-0. Harry Buckle, Billy Little, Charlie Mallett, Ashley Kersey and a penalty from Josh Bamford bringing up the nap hand.

Returning to winning ways on home soil for the first time in five outings were Sharnbrook where goals from Finlay Box, Charlie Hurley, Joe Ackroyd and Josh Griggs took them to a 4-3 victory over Biggleswade FC Reserves, whose goals came from Rafael Miles with a brace plus David Lenton. However, for Biggleswade United Reserves it was a 2-1 victory at AFC Oakley thanks to goals from Nathan Mccalla and Alex Maxwell against a lone home reply via Bill Cox.

The frozen ground saw the games Queens Park Crescents v Shefford Town & Calmpton Reserves and Riseley Sports v AFC Kempston Town Hammers postponed.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 20th January 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stotfold Development	15	11	2	2	54	17	37	35
2	Caldecote First	12	11	0	1	38	9	29	33
3	Biggleswade United Reserves	14	8	2	4	41	26	15	26
4	Elstow Abbey First	11	8	1	2	28	12	16	25
5	Marston Shelton Rovers First	16	6	3	7	35	42	-7	21
6	AFC Oakley First	11	6	1	4	42	18	24	19
7	Crawley Green Reserves	13	5	2	6	22	24	-2	17
8	Sharnbrook First	11	4	2	5	24	23	1	14
9	Flitwick Town First	12	4	2	6	29	41	-12	14
10	Queens Park Crescents First	11	3	4	4	26	27	-1	13
11	Biggleswade FC Reserves	14	4	1	9	26	48	-22	13
12	Riseley Sports First	12	4	0	8	19	37	-18	12
13	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	10	2	1	7	18	37	-19	7
14	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	12	0	1	11	14	55	-41	1

Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy Quarter-Finals

Caldecote are now into the last four draw following their 4-2 home victory over South Midlands League side Ampthill Town. Giuseppe Follano with a brace plus goals from Rafe Goodman and Tashriq Andrews marking their scoresheet.

The games Flitwick Town v Elstow Abbey and The 61 FC Luton v Crawley Green Reserves being postponed.

Division One

Wootton Blue Cross are now 10 points clear at the head of the league table after retaining their seasons unbeaten ways with a 4-0 home victory over Lewsey Park. Keaton Marsh with a brace and goals from Mason Mason and James Campbell doing the damage. Whilst AFC Oakley Development missed the chance to climb the table into third spot when defeated 1-0 at Henlow. Colin Marshall on the home scoresheet to do the damage.

Postponed were the games Bedford Albion v Bedford SA and Totternhoe Reserves v Cranfield United Reserves.

Division One League Table at 20th January 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Wootton Blue Cross First	12	10	2	0	42	15	27	32
2	Bufs FC Saturday First	12	7	1	4	26	21	5	22
3	Cranfield United Reserves	11	6	2	3	40	18	22	20
4	Renhold First	12	6	2	4	22	27	-5	20
5	Totternhoe Reserves	10	6	1	3	31	24	7	19
6	AFC Oakley Development	15	5	3	7	34	31	3	18
7	Bedford Albion First	11	5	1	5	21	21	0	15 *
8	Henlow First	12	4	3	5	24	34	-10	14 *
9	Harlington Juniors First	10	4	1	5	18	23	-5	13
10	Clifton First	10	2	2	6	12	21	-9	8
11	Lewsey Park First	12	1	4	7	16	34	-18	7
12	Bedford SA First	11	1	2	8	17	34	-17	5
13	Cambridge First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Milton Keynes Dons SET U19 Development S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-9 *

Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup Third Round

It was the end of the cup road for Harlington Juniors who had just a Tyler Ingham penalty to show for their 6-1 defeat at Kempston Rovers Reserves whose goals came via braces for Wayne Mubayi, Benjamin Sinclair and Rafel Milosz Wiedlad.

Division Two North

Wilstead are now just two points clear at the head of the league standings after being held to a 0-0 draw at Wootton Blue Cross Reserves. Now in second spot with a game in hand on the league leaders are AFC Bedford United who won 3-1 at Sandy. Antonio Filmarino, Andrew Sinclair and Gary Townsend all found the back of the net against a lone home reply from Samir Dima.

Missing out on the chance to go second were Caldecote Reserves who lost their seasons unbeaten home ways when defeated 3-0 by Kempston United who were extending their own unbeaten ways to five games thanks to a brace of goals from Elijah Haynes and a strike from Ashton Joyce.

Postponed were the games AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves v Ickwell & Old Warden, Bange Rouge v Shefford Town & Campton Development and M&DH Clapham Sports v Blunham.

Division Two North League Table at 20th January 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Wilstead First	15	9	2	4	37	27	10	29
2	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	14	8	3	3	37	20	17	27
3	Caldecote Reserves	11	8	1	2	36	12	24	25
4	Kempston United First	13	7	3	3	30	17	13	24
5	Sharnbrook Reserves	12	7	2	3	31	17	14	23
6	Ickwell & Old Warden First	10	7	1	2	36	16	20	22
7	Shefford Town & Campton Development	13	7	1	5	28	21	7	22
8	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	14	6	4	4	25	19	6	22
9	Sandy First	13	4	0	9	17	37	-20	12
10	Blunham First	13	4	2	7	21	27	-6	11*
11	Bande Rouge (Sat) First	15	4	1	10	22	39	-17	11*
12	M&DH Clapham Sports First	13	2	2	9	11	29	-18	8
13	AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves	12	0	0	12	7	57	-50	-1*

Division Two South

In retaining their seasons 100% home record and seasons unbeaten ways Stopsley United now head the Division Two South standings by seven points after beating FC Haynes 3-0 with goals from Connor Waite, Samuel John Willett and Reecon

Wiltshire . Whilst second place Sporting Carpathians were beaten 0-2 at home by Lea Sports PSG whose goals came from Joe Hennem and Liam Doyle.

Also enjoying life on the road were now fifth place New Bradwell St Peter Development with a 4-0 victory at Flitwick Town Reserves. Doneil Mahanzu netted twice alongside single goals from Connor Forman and Ted Brown. Whilst top scorers of the day were Bletchley Scot 6-2 at FC Polonia (Luton) who are now on a 12 game losing run. Ben Swepston bagged four goals to go alongside single strikes from Dake Found and Dean Reed with only Mateusz Antonium replying for the home side.

Postponed were the games Brache Phoenix v The 61 FC Luton Reserves, Caddington v Lu Donz and Westoning Recreation v Stotfold Juniors.

Division Two South League Table at 20th January 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stopsley United First	13	12	1	0	64	14	50	37
2	Sporting Carpathians First	15	10	1	4	60	23	37	30 *
3	Westoning Recreation First	12	8	2	2	57	19	38	26
4	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	14	9	1	4	51	31	20	25 *
5	New Bradwell St Peter FC Development	14	7	2	5	33	29	4	23
6	LU Donz First	9	6	1	2	21	13	8	19
7	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	14	6	1	7	35	52	-17	19
8	Caddington (BCFL)	12	4	4	4	28	24	4	16
9	FC Haynes First	13	5	1	7	43	34	9	15 *
10	Flitwick Town Reserves	13	3	3	7	18	50	-32	12
11	Bletchley Scot First	8	2	3	3	27	21	6	9
12	Brache Phoenix First	9	2	3	4	19	26	-7	9
13	FC Polonia (Luton) First	15	1	0	14	26	72	-46	3
14	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	13	0	1	12	9	83	-74	1

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro

The lone game of the day saw league leaders Harlington Juniors Reserves draw 3-3 at home with second place Caldecote A who remain two points adrift but having also played two games more. James Fletcher from the penalty spot plus Taylor Clayton

and Eddie Prior finding the back of the net for the home side against replies from Ryan Dobson twice and Lee Hunt once for the visitors.

The Elstow Abbey Reserves v Leighton Woodside Rovers game frozen off.

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro League Table at 20th January 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Harlington Juniors Reserves	10	8	1	1	31	9	22	25
2	Caldecote 'A'	12	7	2	3	37	17	20	23
3	Clifton Reserves	12	6	4	2	17	13	4	22
4	Bedford Albion Development	9	5	1	3	23	17	6	16
5	Elstow Abbey Reserves	10	5	1	4	19	26	-7	16
6	Leighton Woodside Rovers	10	5	1	4	24	24	0	15*
7	Luton Panthers First	9	4	1	4	29	23	6	13
8	Flitwick Town 'A'	13	3	1	9	21	39	-18	10
9	Queens Park Crescents Development	10	2	2	6	17	30	-13	8
10	GS Athletic First	11	2	0	9	13	37	-24	6
11	CS Rovers First	10	3	2	5	25	21	4	5*

Division Four

There was also a top two encounter in Division Four which went the way of league leaders Kempston Athletic 8-2 at home over Athletic FC who now trail them by eight points albeit having played one game fewer. Lance Jeffers with a hat-trick, Alexander Wasilewski with a brace plus single goals from William Manser, Kristain Marciano and Kieran Carrington only being replied to twice by Moydean Banda and Serge Kadji for the visitors.

The Meltis Rangers v Dunstable Wanderers and Turvey v Catsbrook Wanderers games being postponed.

Watson Shield Round One

Amphill Town Colts in winning 3-1 at Leighton Woodside Athletic will now entertain either Clifton Reserves or Flitwick Town A in round two whose game was frozen off. Murray Gray with a brace plus Marcus Sugrue on the Town scoresheet against a lone Athletic reply from Andrew Puddifoot.

Postponed were the games, CS Rovers v Warden AFC U18 and Shefford Town & Campton U23 v Inspire Athletic U18 Academy.

Division Four League Table at 20th January 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston Athletic First	17	15	0	2	74	13	61	45
2	Athletic FC First	16	11	4	1	49	30	19	37
3	Shefford Town & Campton U23	15	10	3	2	55	23	32	33
4	Dunstable Wanderers First	13	5	3	5	31	34	-3	18
5	Meltis Rangers First	11	4	4	3	28	17	11	13*
6	Sandy Reserves	11	4	1	6	23	33	-10	13
7	Catsbrook Wanderers First	16	4	2	10	15	47	-32	13*
8	Turvey	13	3	3	7	24	36	-12	12
9	Lidlington United Sports Club Colts	13	3	3	7	25	40	-15	12
10	Amphill Town Colts	12	3	1	8	21	49	-28	10
11	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	11	2	2	7	11	35	-24	7*
12	Biggleswade FC Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Leighton Woodside Athletic	14	2	4	8	22	21	1	-1*