

Bedfordshire County **Football League**



Season 2025-26

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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 continue as the league's mainline sponsor for season 2025-26.

Chairman, Peter Francis said, we are delighted that HBC Logistics will once again be abroad for the 2025-26 season 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 2026 Annual General Meeting.

Bedfordshire FA Club/Team Suspension

An increasing number of clubs/teams are being placed under a club/team suspension for failing to raise and make payment of their disciplinary invoices. The FA Competition Portal updates on each Wednesday morning and clubs are advised to visit their portal preferably on each Monday, Wednesday and Thursday to ensure they have no outstanding matters.

The consequence of playing games whilst under a club/team suspension will in the first instances bring about a Bedfordshire FA charge followed by an additional charge under league rule 20E(v) which has the power to deduct any points gained in these games from your club/team and the match points etc awarded to your opposition.

Whilst the league will do its best to monitor the situation on behalf of our clubs/teams it remains their 100% total responsibility to ensure their own house is in order, this being even more important as we approach the end of the season and games are scheduled to take place on Midweek evenings.

Please be aware that not all the current/recent items appear on the opening page of your club/teams portal and that you should make full use of the various filters.

Registration Forms (covered under league rule 18)

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 Club Portal 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 Club Portal system prior to each game to check for any suspensions in place at any given date. Clubs should be aware that all suspensions commence seven days following the date the red card offence was committed.

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. **All clubs should ensure the player's name listed corresponds 100% with that by which he is registered.**

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 2025-26.

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 referees 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 cards .

Please ensure 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 league's 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.

Hire of the 3G at Creasey Park Dunstable.

During this period of inclement weather can we bring to the attention of clubs that there may well be pitches available for hire at the Beds FA Creasey Park venue. For further details please contact the site manager Stephen Quirke on 07860-146196.

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 10th January 2026

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

A combination of waterlogged and frozen pitches plus Beds FA Senior Trophy action saw just two top flight games go ahead. For league leaders Cranfield United Reserves it was an extension of their season's unbeaten ways and victory number 12 on the bounce with a 3-0 home success over Flitwick Town thanks to goals from Jack White, William Bolton and Edas Razauskas. Whilst returning to winning ways for the first time in six outings, were Marston Shelton Rovers with a 5-2 home win over Elstow Abbey. Jamie Snapes with a hat-trick plus goals from Luke Clifford and Conor Greensmith bringing up the nap hand against Abbey replies via Gael Miguel and an own goal.

The postponed games being AFC Oakley v Queens Park Crescents; Riseley Sports v Totternhoe Reserves; Shefford Town & Campton Reserves v Biggleswade FC Reserves; and Wootton Blue Cross v Biggleswade United Reserves.

Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy Quarter-Finals

Goals from Ben Smith and George Nichols saw Harlington Juniors progress in the last four with a 2-1 away victory at Caldecote, whose reply came from Mark

Ansell-Carter. Whilst Stopsley United made their exit when beaten 4-2 at South Midlands League Caddington. Kiefer Nwosu, Kadeem Maddix, Hayden Scantlebury and Milton Tomlinson- Dennis on the home scoresheet against a Temitayo Akerele brace in reply for the United.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 10th January 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Cranfield United Reserves	17	15	2	0	60	6	54	47
2	Caldecote First	13	11	1	1	50	13	37	34
3	Stopsley United First	14	9	1	4	43	20	23	28
4	Marston Shelton Rovers First	15	8	3	4	33	24	9	27
5	AFC Oakley First	12	7	4	1	52	24	28	25
6	Wootton Blue Cross First	12	7	2	3	36	23	13	23
7	Harlington Juniors First	13	6	4	3	27	28	-1	22
8	Elstow Abbey First	13	5	1	7	30	38	-8	16
9	Queens Park Crescents First	12	4	3	5	25	24	1	15
10	Totternhoe Reserves	14	4	3	7	21	43	-22	15
11	Biggleswade FC Reserves	14	2	4	8	29	51	-22	10
12	Riseley Sports First	14	3	1	10	24	58	-34	9*
13	Biggleswade United Reserves	15	2	2	11	29	44	-15	7*
14	Flitwick Town First	16	2	2	12	21	59	-38	7*
15	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	12	1	1	10	13	38	-25	4

Division One

There is no change at the head of the Division One standings following home wins for the top two clubs. League leaders Baldock Victoria staying five points clear at the head of the summit with home win number seven on the bounce 5-1 over AFC Oakley Development. Antony James with a hat-trick and goals from Luke Hennessey and Aldous Taylor bringing up the nap hand against a lone reply from Regan Scott. . Whilst second place Thurleigh are now unbeaten in their last 10 outings following their 3-1 victory over Clifton where Edward Hatfield-Shaw netted all three goals against a lone reply via Ryan Leonard.

Now swapping third and fourth spots are FC Haynes and Lu Donz after goals from James Roach, Cian Mitchell and William Lambey took the FC to a 3-0 home victory. Bletchley Scot remaining firming struck on the bottom of the table following their 3-1 defeat at Lea Sports PSG for whom Josh Slack, Liam Andrews and Rhys Cadger all found the back of the net against a lone reply from Scot's Dean Reed.

Also enjoying life on home soil to move out of the drop zone were Wootton Blue Cross Reserves with a 3-2 victory over Caldecote Reserves. Ryan Aka, Matt Graver

and Jason Bhatti on the Blue Cross scoresheet against a brace in reply from Riley Evans.

Postponed was the Blunham v Bedford Albion game.

Division One League Table at 10th January 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Baldock Victoria	13	10	2	1	46	26	20	32
2	Thurleigh FC	13	8	3	2	47	20	27	27
3	FC Haynes First	14	8	3	3	37	20	17	27
4	LU Donz First	14	7	3	4	54	33	21	24
5	Bedford Albion First	12	5	3	4	36	26	10	18
6	Clifton First	12	5	3	4	29	25	4	18
7	Blunham Saturday	10	5	2	3	22	20	2	17
8	Kempston United First	13	5	2	6	30	31	-1	17
9	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	11	5	0	6	24	33	-9	15
10	Caldecote Reserves	14	4	2	8	25	38	-13	13 *
11	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	15	4	0	11	22	48	-26	11 *
12	AFC Oakley Development	13	2	4	7	16	37	-21	10
13	Bletchley Scot First	12	1	1	10	15	46	-31	4

Division Two.

Now three points clear at the head of the Division Two standings are AFC Kempston Town Hammers following their 2-0 away success at Green End Rovers with goals from Ryan Spencer and Jerome Lowe. Whilst now sitting in second place having played three games fewer than the Hammers are AFC Bedford United who retained their season's unbeaten ways with a 2-1 home success over Caddington Reserves with goals from Cameron Cain and Gary Townsend against a lone reply from Lui Sarrington.

The biggest winners of the day were Queens Park Crescents Reserves in beating Wixams Wanderers 5-0 in a game switched to the Wanderers Wixams headquarters.. Mohameed Raheem Jabber with a brace plus goals from Saqib Hussain, Ameer Ali and Haseeb Fariad bringing up the nap hand.

Postponed were the games Flitwick Town Reserves v Bedford SA; Kempston Athletic v Stotfold Juniors and Westoning Reds v St Josephs (Saturday)

Division Two League Table at 10th January 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	15	10	3	2	44	15	29	33
2	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	12	9	3	0	47	21	26	30
3	Bedford SA First	15	9	1	5	45	31	14	28
4	Caddington Reserves	14	7	2	5	30	28	2	23
5	St Josephs (Sat)	14	7	1	6	35	33	2	22
6	Queens Park Crescents Reserves	14	7	3	4	26	20	6	21 *
7	Green End Rovers First	13	6	2	5	35	31	4	20
8	Wixams Wanderers First	15	5	2	8	33	40	-7	17
9	Flitwick Town Reserves	15	4	2	9	30	47	-17	14
10	Kempston Athletic First	12	4	1	7	18	23	-5	13
11	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	16	3	2	11	16	38	-22	11
12	Westoning Club Reds	15	2	2	11	28	60	-32	5 *

Division Three

Dunstable Wanderers remain 100% for the season and four points clear at the head of the league table following their 2-0 home victory over second from the bottom of the table Flitwick A who have now lost all of their last seven outings, goals from Charlie Broux and Louie Parker doing the damage. Losing ground on the Wanderers were second place Ampthill Town Colts who having played four games more lost their season's unbeaten away ways when defeated 4-1 at fourth place Wilstead who were chalking up their fourth home win on the bounce. Colin Marshall with a brace plus goals from Michael Jones and Edward Lamb marking the home scoresheet with George Shaw hitting the lone Colts reply..

The biggest winners of the day were Athletic FC with a 6-1 home victory over The 61 FC Luton Reserves. Aaron Romain with a brace plus goals from Emmanuel Obodechine, Mesunbe Kezhong, Abdul Adama, and Uzoma Smith- Chinecherem on the home scoresheet with James Emmerson hitting the lone 61 reply. Just a goal behind them were Stopsley United Reserves who were 5-3 home winners over Turvey. Cameron Kent with a brace plus goals from Oluwajomiloju Akanmu, Adeel Khan and Trey Brand bringing up the nap hand with Max Norman, George Shingleton and Rhys Matthews hitting the visitors replies.

Elsewhere, having lost their previous three home games Everton Athletic Reserves returned to winning ways with a 4-0 success over the bottom of the table Caldecote A who were falling to away defeat number six on the bounce. James Scott with a brace plus goals from Jason Robertson and Tyler Lockey doing the damage. Whilst the Bedford Albion Development v Lu Donz Development game was postponed.

Division Three League Table at 10th January 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Dunstable Wanderers First	11	11	0	0	36	12	24	33
2	Amphill Town Colts	14	9	2	3	41	17	24	29
3	Bedford Albion Development	12	8	2	2	30	17	13	26
4	Wilstead First	12	7	0	5	40	32	8	21
5	Athletic FC First	13	7	1	5	42	32	10	19*
6	Stopsley United Reserves	10	5	1	4	37	34	3	16
7	Everton Athletic FC First	12	5	1	6	28	25	3	16
8	Turvey First	13	5	0	8	17	36	-19	15
9	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	11	4	1	6	23	28	-5	13
10	LU Donz Development	13	4	2	7	26	24	2	12*
11	M&DH Clapham Sports First	11	3	3	5	22	28	-6	12
12	Flitwick Town 'A'	14	2	1	11	16	45	-29	7
13	Caldecote A	12	2	0	10	19	47	-28	5*

Division Four

There is no change at the head of the Division Four league standing following wins for the top three teams. League leaders DTCC FC made it 13 wins on the bounce with a 6-2 away success at fourth place Flitwick Eagles who were losing for the first time in 10 outings. Reese Brogan and Jamie Traynor with braces plus goals from Luke Janes and Joe Thione marking the visitors scoresheet. against a home brace in reply from Max Hurrell. Whilst second place Cranfield United Development who trail them by two points but have played one game more ran out 11-0 winners at Wootton Blue Cross A. George Burden with a hat-trick, Jacob Griffiths with a brace plus single goals from David Balic, Josh Aranella, Ioannis Leka, Kwesi Sackey, Ali Elforjani and George Goodman dishing out the punishment.

For third place Luton Phoenix it was home win number four on the bounce in defeating Westoning Blues 4-1. Mohsin Mahmood, Konain Ali Shah, Hardon Ghafoor and Haman Raja all found the back of the net with Matthew Walsh hitting the lone Blues reply. Whilst recording their first home win of the season were Meltis Rangers with a 3-2 victory over Leighton Woodside Athletic who are now on a six game losing run. Mavinder Chana, Tyrell O'Connor and Oliver Greig on the home scoresheet against Athletic replies via Alfie Atkins and Freddie Richmond.

Postponed were the games Catsbrook Wanderers v Everton Athletic Reserves : M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves v AFC Claphill and Queens Park Crescents Development v AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves.

Division Four League Table at 10th January 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Dunstable Town Cricket Club DTCC FC Satu	14	13	0	1	46	13	33	39
2	Cranfield United Development	15	12	1	2	83	15	68	37
3	Luton Phoenix FC	14	11	1	2	59	16	43	34
4	Flitwick Eagles Development	16	10	1	5	41	29	12	31
5	Westoning Club Blues	13	9	0	4	37	19	18	26 *
6	AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves	14	6	2	6	35	32	3	20
7	Queens Park Crescents Development	13	5	3	5	19	39	-20	18
8	Catsbrook Wanderers First	11	5	2	4	19	21	-2	17
9	Everton Athletic FC Res	13	5	2	6	22	33	-11	17
10	Meltis Rangers First	13	4	3	6	21	23	-2	12 *
11	Leighton Woodside Athletic	16	3	1	12	29	54	-25	10
12	AFC Clophill First	12	1	1	10	8	40	-32	4
13	Wootton Blue Cross A	10	0	0	10	8	45	-37	-1 *
14	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	12	0	1	11	12	60	-48	-1 *