

Bedfordshire County **Football League**



Season 2023-24

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Noticeboard

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 season 2023-24 was Midnight Monday 15th April 2024.

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.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 22nd April 2024: Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup Final. Wootton Blue Cross v AFC Oakley Development at Biggleswade United 7.30pm

Friday 26th April 2024: Jubilee Cup Final. FC Polonia (Luton) v Stopsley United at Stotfold FC. 7.30pm

Friday 26th April 2024 : Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup Final Shefford Town & Campton U23 v Woburn & Wavendon at Pottton United. 7.30pm

Friday 26th April 2024: The Peter Dean Memorial Cup Final. Gamlingay United v Wootton Blue Cross at Langford FC. 7.30pm

Saturday 4th May 2024 : Bedfordshire County Football League Division Two Play Off Final at Cranfield United. 3pm

Monday 6th May 2024: Britannia Cup Final : Elstow Abbey v Stotfold Development at Kempston Rovers 6.30pm

Saturday 11th May 2024: Watson Shield Final. Shefford Town & Campton U23 v Harlington Juniors Reserves at Wootton Blue Cross. 3pm

Tuesday 9th April 2024

Division Two North

Wootton Blue Cross Reserves took their unbeaten ways up to three games when goals from Jack Sparta, Stefan Frincu and Keegan Coleman took them to a 3-1 home victory over a Blunham side who have now failed to win any of their last five games. Joe McGilley the visitors lone goalscorer.

Wednesday 10th April 2024

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Elstow Abbey saw their slim hopes of retaining their Premier Division supported by Sportsform crown almost disappear when held to a 0-0 draw at Riseley Sports who were collecting their first league point following four consecutive defeats. Whilst Shefford Town & Campton Reserves ran out 2-1 home winners over Crawley Green Reserves. Kyerhs Joseph and George Burden on their scoresheet against a lone reply from Gulain Lusmabya for The Green.

Division One

Cranfield United Reserves remain in fourth spot after a brace from Cimmino Haywood and a goal from Albara Elforjani took them to a 3-2 home victory over Renhold for whom Nathan France and Jason Allison replied. The three points kept them goal difference ahead of fifth place Harlington Juniors who with a brace from Ashley Ingham ran out 2-1 home winners over Lewsey Park who were falling to their tenth consecutive league defeat with their lone goal coming via Chris Gibson.

Division Two North

Ickwell & Old Warden are now back on the top of the Division Two North standings, a point clear of Kempston United and having played two games fewer following their 2-1 home victory over Caldecote Reserves. Luke Gurney and Luke Rudd on their scoresheet against a lone reply from Zak Rowe.

Elsewhere, AFC Bedford United climbed the table into fourth place with a 5-3 home success over M&DH Clapham Sports. Joshua Odhiambo with a brace plus single goals from Gary Townsend, Daniel Jones and Andrew Sinclair bringing up the nap hand against Sports replies via Charlie Connelly, Louis Lee and Daniel Beddow.

Division Two South.

Stopsley United are now 10 points clear at the head of the Division Two South league table and still unbeaten this season following their 11th win on the spin 3-2 at home over Bletchley Scot. Harrison Donnelly, Ross Irving, Jacob Kirby and Joseph Evans all found the back of the net against Scot replies via an own goal and Dean Reed. Whilst second place Westoning Recreation were held to a 2-2 away at New Bradwell St Peter Development. Charlie Scott and James Tiller on the Recreation scoresheet against home replies from Sam Dobson and Charlie Fisher.

Elsewhere, LU Donz were 11-0 away winners at second from bottom of the table FC Polonia (Luton) Troy Walker led the way with a hat-trick, Daniel Neilson grabbed a brace to go alongside single goals from Connor Biennerrhasset, Kane Dempsey, George Okodi, Cameron Saunders and Brandon McIntosh. plus an own goal. Whilst following three straight defeats Stotfold Junior returned to winning ways with a 4-0 home victory over Beache Phoenix. thanks to goals from Harrison Donnelly, Ross Irving, Jacob Kirby and Joseph Evans.

Division Four

Kempston Athletic without kicking a ball became this season's Division Four champions after Shefford Town & Campton U23 were held to a 1-1 home draw by Ampthill Town Colts. Alex Burdett on the scoresheet for the Town with George Shaw replying for the Colts. Whilst Meltis Albion went nap in winning 5-0 at M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves. Ellis Sharp with a hat-trick and single goals from Alex Harwick and Kyle Arundell-Kischer doing the damage.

The Peter Dean Memorial Cup Semi-Final

Wootton Blue Cross will now face Cambs League Gainingay United in this season's final at Forde Park Langford on Friday 26th April 2024 after running out 4-1 winners over Henlow under the floodlights at Biggleswade United's Verdant Stadium. Tyler Lowden gave Henlow the lead which was quickly cancelled out by Keaton Marsh to send the teams in at the break all square at 1-1. It was all Blue Cross in the second half with Marsh going on to complete his hat-trick alongside a headed goal from James Campbell to bring up the final 4-1 scoreline.

Saturday 13th April 2024

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

There is no change at the head of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform standings following wins for the top three clubs. Current league leaders Stotfold Development completed their season with a 6-0 away victory at Shefford Town & Campton Reserves to remain 10 points clear at the head of the table from second place Caldecote who still have six games to play. Charlie Mallett, Billy Little, Bob Wilcock, Ashley Kersey, Josh Bamford and Codi Spavins on on the Development scoresheet. Whilst Caldecote took their unbeaten ways up to 14 games with a 6-2 home victory over Biggleswade United Reserves. Jonny Newton-Cootes and Rafe Goodman hot braces to go alongside single goals from Giuseppe Follano and Joshua Roberts with Seyram Hammond and Jamie Box replying for the United.

For third place Elstow Abbey it was a 3-1 away win at Marston Shelton Rovers. Strikes from Craig Damon, Lewis Parkin plus an own goal doing the damage with Harry Baker the lone Rovers marksman in reply. Whilst fourth place AFC Oakley took their winning ways up to six games with a 4-1 home success over Flitwick Town. Omojiseolwa Bankole with a brace plus Nathan Aulsberry and Chisom Amadi marking their scoresheet against a lone Town reply from Martin Byrne.

The biggest winners of the day were now fifth place Biggleswade FC Reserves who romped to a 17-0 home victory over AFC Kempston Town Hammers. Dylan Asonganyi led the way with six goals, Rafael Miles found the net five times, Jack Dickerson twice to go alongside single goals from Joseph Worboys, Peter Murphy, Othneil Ngiandu and Austin Sparkes. Whilst Crawley Green Reserves returned to winning ways on the road following three straight defeats by winning 3-2 at Queens Park Crescents. Temitayo Akerele with a hat-trick doing the damage and Mohammed Abbass replying twice for the Crescents who have now lost their last four games and without a home win from their last eight outings.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 19th April 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stotfold Development	24	19	2	3	79	21	58	59
2	Caldecote First	19	17	1	1	59	15	44	52
3	Elstow Abbey First	20	13	3	4	58	27	31	42
4	AFC Oakley First	20	12	2	6	73	32	41	38
5	Biggleswade United Reserves	22	10	2	10	55	47	8	32
6	Flitwick Town First	23	9	4	10	46	60	-14	31
7	Biggleswade FC Reserves	21	9	2	10	64	51	13	29
8	Marston Shelton Rovers First	24	8	5	11	45	57	-12	29
9	Crawley Green Reserves	22	9	1	12	44	43	1	28
10	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	20	7	1	12	40	58	-18	22
11	Riseley Sports First	23	7	1	15	37	65	-28	22
12	Queens Park Crescents First	20	5	5	10	43	51	-8	20
13	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	22	0	1	21	14	130	-116	1
14	Sharnbrook First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Division One

For league leaders Wootton Blue Cross it was a 4-3 away victory at Harlington Juniors thanks to a brace of goals from Conor Kavanagh and single strikes from Joe Holmes and Alan Henman against Juniors replies from Louis Dorsett with a brace and George Goodhall. The three points taking them three points clear at the head of the table from Totternhoe Reserves who lost their season's 100% home record when

held to a 2-2 draw by Clifton. Jordan Knight and Jamie Traynor on the Totts scoresheet against visitors replies via Elliot Powell and Toby Gibbs.

_For fourth place Cranfield United Reserves with a brace of goals from Leo Cimmino and a goal from Colin Merritt it was only a share of the spoils from a home 3-3 draw with Bedford SA. whose replies came via Ollie Hughes, Fabien Newell and Oliver Raymond. Whilst Renhold returned to winning ways on home soil following two straight defeats by beating Bedford Albion 3-1 thanks to goals from Marko Tobdzic, Glenn Tumulty and Nathan France against a lone reply from Adam Lewis.

Division One League Table at 19th April 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Wootton Blue Cross First	19	14	3	2	58	26	32	45
2	Totternhoe Reserves	18	12	3	3	60	33	27	39
3	Bufs FC Saturday First	20	12	1	7	39	40	-1	37
4	Cranfield United Reserves	19	9	4	6	55	33	22	31
5	Harlington Juniors First	19	9	3	7	45	38	7	30
6	Bedford Albion First	19	8	3	8	39	38	1	27
7	Renhold First	20	8	3	9	38	46	-8	27
8	AFC Oakley Development	21	7	4	10	42	45	-3	25
9	Henlow First	19	7	3	9	35	48	-13	23 *
10	Clifton First	19	6	3	10	33	42	-9	21
11	Bedford SA First	19	4	4	11	35	53	-18	15 *
12	Lewsey Park First	20	1	4	15	23	60	-37	7
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 *

Division Two North

_For league leaders Ickwell & Old Warden it was an extension of their unbeaten ways to seven games with a 6-3 away victory at Wootton Blue Cross Reserves. Luke Rudd with a hat-trick, Jack Fox with a brace and a single goal from Jordan Gurney doing the damage against home replies from Zepp McDonald twice and Callum Sword-Kelly once. Whilst second place Kempston United made it five away wins on the bounce with a 3-0 success at Shefford Town & Campton Development with goals from Travis Joseph, Frank Touko and Blaise Powell.

Elsewhere, third place AFC Bedford United were held to a 2-2 home draw by Caldecote Reserves. Sam Donadio and Damon Hazelwood on the United scoresheet and Nick Thomas with a brace replying for the visitors. Whilst Sharnbrook Reserves ran out 3-0 home winners over Sandy who have now failed to

win any of the last 10 outings. Edward Hatfield-Shaw with a brace and a single goal from Bradley Duffett doing the damage.

Meanwhile, a lone Fred Shannon goal was enough to take M&DH Clapham Sports to all three points with a 1-0 victory over Blunham.

Division Two North League Table at 19th April 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Ickwell & Old Warden First	17	12	2	3	52	25	27	38
2	Kempston United First	19	11	4	4	51	24	27	37
3	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	18	9	5	4	38	25	13	32
4	Wilstead First	20	10	2	8	39	40	-1	32
5	Shefford Town & Campton Development	19	10	2	7	33	35	-2	32
6	Sharnbrook Reserves	18	9	4	5	49	27	22	31
7	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	17	7	5	5	33	27	6	26
8	Caldecote Reserves	18	7	4	7	32	26	6	25
9	Blunham First	20	5	4	11	23	36	-13	16*
10	M&DH Clapham Sports First	18	3	2	13	17	44	-27	11
11	Sandy First	20	1	2	17	16	74	-58	5
12	Bande Rouge (Sat) First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2*
13	AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3*

Division Two South.

Stopsley United are now within one more victory of claiming the Division Two South title after they retained their season's 100% home record and seasons unbeaten ways with a 8-0 home win over FC Polonia (Luton) their 12th win on the bounce. Michael Carter, James Potter and Ryan Sherdian all scored twice to go alongside single goals from Sean Kinsella and Cullum Frater. Whilst second place Westoning Recreation who trail them by some 10 points took their unbeaten ways to six games in winning 5-1 at FC Haynes. Braces from Freddie Knight and Daniel Smith plus a goal from Oscar Garner bringing up the nap hand against a lone reply from Daniel Parker.

Still in the promotion race are third place Sporting Carpathians who ran out 6-1 home winners over Brache Phoenix. Lulian Constantin Cojocariu with a brace plus single goals from Constantin Stefan Galca, Petrut Negut, Michael Opoku and Cosmin Surin only being replied to once by Nana Osel Boffah tfor the Phoenix. Whilst Bletchley Scot ended Lea Sports PSG's six game unbeaten run with a 2-1 home victory. Logan Mead and Ben Swepston on their scoresheet against a lone reply from Rocco Goss.

Elsewhere, fourth place Lu Donz was gifted the three points when Flitwick Town Reserves failed to raise a side to travel and meet them. Yet the result of the day saw the bottom of the league The 61 FC Luton Reserves in game number 22 of the season claimed their first win of the season 2-1 at Stotfold Junior. Cleopas Makaza hit both of their goals.

Division Two South League Table at 19th April 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stopsley United First	22	21	1	0	94	20	74	64
2	Westoning Recreation First	23	17	3	3	104	30	74	54
3	Sporting Carpathians First	24	16	2	6	91	37	54	49 *
4	LU Donz First	20	13	1	6	52	29	23	40
5	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	24	13	3	8	72	51	21	39 *
6	New Bradwell St Peter FC Development	22	10	3	9	45	45	0	32 *
7	Bletchley Scot First	21	9	3	9	64	51	13	30
8	Caddington (BCFL)	22	8	5	9	40	49	-9	29
9	FC Haynes First	23	9	3	11	68	55	13	28 *
10	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	23	9	1	13	52	81	-29	27 *
11	Brache Phoenix First	20	6	5	9	50	62	-12	23
12	Flitwick Town Reserves	24	5	3	16	37	86	-49	17 *
13	FC Polonia (Luton) First	23	2	1	20	41	116	-75	7
14	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	23	1	2	20	16	114	-98	4 *

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro

_With Harlington Juniors Reserves away on Watson Shield duty, Caldecote A are now five points clear at the head of the league table but having played two games more after GS Athletic failed to raise a side to meet them at their Everton Recreation Ground base.

For third place Leighton Woodside Rovers it was a 2-0 away defeat at Bedford Albion Development for whom Kye Mackinnon scored twice. Whilst Clifton Reserves ran out the 4-1 home winners over Queens Park Crescents Development. Charlie McMurray, Khaled Phillips, Ache Atem and Tony Pepham all found the back of the net against a lone reply from Crescents Ramiz Safi.

Watson Shied Semi-Final

_Harlington Juniors Reserves will now face Shefford Town & Campton u23 in this season's final at Cranfield United on Saturday 4th May 2024 after winning 2-0 at AFC Oakley U18 Colts. Eddie Prior and Ben Smith in their scoresheet.

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro League Table at 19th April 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Caldecote 'A'	15	11	1	3	50	15	35	34
2	Harlington Juniors Reserves	14	10	2	2	43	19	24	32
3	Leighton Woodside Rovers	17	10	0	7	41	36	5	29 *
4	Luton Panthers First	16	9	1	6	54	30	24	28
5	Elstow Abbey Reserves	15	9	1	5	32	35	-3	28
6	Bedford Albion Development	15	8	2	5	43	27	16	26
7	Clifton Reserves	16	7	4	5	28	26	2	25
8	Queens Park Crescents Development	16	2	5	9	25	45	-20	11
9	Flitwick Town 'A'	18	2	3	13	20	56	-36	9
10	GS Athletic First	18	2	1	15	21	68	-47	5 *
11	CS Rovers First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-6 *

Division Four

_Meltis Rangers have now won their last five home outings after running out 6-1 home winners over Catsbrook Wanderers. Ellis Sharp led the way with four goals to go alongside single strikes from Gavin Matthews and Kyle Arudell-Kiszer against a lone Wanderers reply from Joe Olesin. Whilst fourth place Dunstable Wanderers took their winning ways up to six games with a 5-0_victory at Turvey. Callum Benford with a brace plus single goals from Ben Chapman, Andrew Gibson and Eryk Prystupa bringing up the nap hand.

Returning to winning ways following two straight defeats were Leighton Woodside Athletic with a 3-2 home victory over Ampthill Town Colts. Luke Spivey with a brace plus a goal from Andrew Puddifoot only being replied to twice by Colts goals from James Allen and Aaron Upton. Whilst promotion seeking Shefford Town & Campton U23 who sit in third place were held to a 1-1 draw at Sandy Reserves. James Scott the home scorer and Alex Burdett replying for the Town.

Division Four League Table at 19th April 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston Athletic First	21	18	0	3	93	18	75	54
2	Athletic FC First	22	16	4	2	68	36	32	52
3	Shefford Town & Campton U23	20	13	5	2	68	27	41	44
4	Dunstable Wanderers First	19	11	3	5	56	39	17	36
5	Meltis Rangers First	20	11	4	5	61	35	26	34 *
6	Sandy Reserves	20	7	3	10	43	54	-11	24
7	Lidlington United Sports Club Colts	22	6	3	13	41	65	-24	21
8	Turvey	22	5	5	12	38	68	-30	20
9	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	20	5	4	11	24	56	-32	18 *
10	Catsbrook Wanderers First	21	5	3	13	22	65	-43	17 *
11	Amphill Town Colts	20	3	2	15	34	80	-46	11
12	Leighton Woodside Athletic	21	4	4	13	36	41	-5	5 *
13	Biggleswade FC Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0