

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 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 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 14th February 2026

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

For league leaders Cranfield United Reserves it was win number 15 on the bounce to retain their season's unbeaten ways with a 2-0 home success over the bottom of the table Shefford Town & Campton Reserves thanks to goals from Flynn Baker-Bond and Jim Manning. Whilst second place Caldecote took their winning ways up to 11 games with a 4-2 victory at Biggleswade United Reserves. Sam Moore with a hat-trick and a goal from Giuseppe Follano on the visitors scoresheet against United replies from Fenton Williams and Archie Dougherty.

Having won their last eight outings third place Stopsley United only had a Temtiayo Akerele goal to show when defeated 1-5 at home by fourth place AFC Oakley whose goals came via a Chisom Amadi brace plus single strikes from Teddy Daniels, James Box and Callum Alleyne. Whilst fifth place Marston Shelton Rovers returned to winning ways when goals from Luke Clifford, Charlie Cullen and Will Kennington saw them win 3-2 at Elstow Abbey. Whose replies came from Mark Tobdzic and Craig Damon.

Elsewhere with a brace of goals from Godwin Imueatinyan and a strike from David Melseaux it was a 3-0 home success for Queens Park Crescents over Biggleswade FC Reserves who were suffering their seventh defeat on the trot.

Postponed were the games ; Riseley Sports v Harlington Juniors and Totternhoe Reserves v Wootton Blue Cross.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 14th February 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Cranfield United Reserves	20	18	2	0	67	6	61	56
2	Caldecote First	16	14	1	1	61	18	43	43
3	Stopsley United First	18	12	1	5	54	28	26	37
4	AFC Oakley First	16	9	4	3	64	32	32	31
5	Marston Shelton Rovers First	18	9	3	6	38	32	6	30
6	Harlington Juniors First	15	7	4	4	30	31	-1	25
7	Queens Park Crescents First	16	7	3	6	37	32	5	24
8	Wootton Blue Cross First	15	7	2	6	38	34	4	23
9	Elstow Abbey First	16	7	1	8	38	42	-4	22
10	Totternhoe Reserves	16	6	3	7	26	46	-20	21
11	Riseley Sports First	16	4	1	11	28	63	-35	12 *
12	Biggleswade United Reserves	18	3	2	13	35	52	-17	10 *
13	Biggleswade FC Reserves	18	2	4	12	32	64	-32	10
14	Flitwick Town First	18	2	2	14	21	61	-40	7 *
15	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	14	1	1	12	14	42	-28	4

Division One

Baldock Victoria are now four points clear at the head of the Division One league table after braces of goals from Luke Hennessey and Paul Morris and a strike from Elliot Flynn saw them to a 5-2 away success at Thurleigh who were being beaten for the first time on home soil this season despite a brace of goals from Edward Hatfield-Shaw.

Now in second spot are Lu Donz who made it eight home wins on the bounce with a 4-1 victory over FC Haynes who had started the morning in second place but now dropped into third slot. Davis Byass, Ali Mohiyaldeem, Eryk Prystupa and Joshua Ogden on the home scoresheet against a lone reply from Louie Dillon for the visitors.

It was a success on the road for Blunham who won 2-0 at Caldecote Reserves with goals from Connor Heaps and Cameron Fraser. Whilst also enjoying life on the road were Kempston United 4-2 at Wootton Blue Cross Reserves. Ajani Thomas-Anderson with a hat-trick plus a goal from Rhys Popham doing the damage against home replies via George Armstrong and Alfie Young .

Elsewhere, for bottom of the table Bletchley Scot it was a first home victory of the season in beating Clifton 2-1with goals from Dwayne Simpson and Ben Sweepson against a visitors reply from Finn Shanley.

The game Lea Sports PSG v Bedford Albion was postponed.

Division One League Table at 14th February 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Baldock Victoria	16	12	2	2	57	31	26	37 *
2	LU Donz First	17	10	3	4	66	36	30	33
3	FC Haynes First	18	10	3	5	40	30	10	33
4	Thurleigh FC	16	9	3	4	54	28	26	30
5	Blunham Saturday	15	9	2	4	38	31	7	29
6	Kempston United First	16	7	2	7	42	39	3	23
7	Clifton First	16	6	3	7	35	33	2	20 *
8	Bedford Albion First	13	5	3	5	39	35	4	18
9	AFC Oakley Development	15	4	4	7	19	35	-16	16
10	Caldecote Reserves	17	5	2	10	27	41	-14	15 *
11	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	13	5	0	8	27	43	-16	15
12	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	18	4	0	14	27	58	-31	11 *
13	Bletchley Scot First	14	2	1	11	19	50	-31	7

Division Two

For league leaders AFC Bedford United it was defeat number one of the season 1-3 at home against Queens Park Crescents Reserves. Ekene Amadi with a brace and Anas Bechkoum on the Crescents scoresheet with Gary Townsend the United marksman .However they still head the table by a single point after second place AFC Kempston Town Hammers were beaten 3-2 at Flitwick Town Reserves. Matthew Bareham, Martin Byrne and Dan Stafford on the Town scoresheet and Will Wright plus Ryan Spence on the mark for the Hammers.

Division Two League Table at 14th February 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	15	10	4	1	57	28	29	34
2	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	17	10	3	4	46	19	27	33
3	Bedford SA First	17	9	2	6	48	36	12	29
4	Caddington Reserves	17	9	2	6	37	34	3	29
5	St Josephs (Sat)	16	9	1	6	42	35	7	28
6	Queens Park Crescents Reserves	16	9	3	4	30	21	9	27 *
7	Wixams Wanderers First	19	8	3	8	42	44	-2	27
8	Green End Rovers First	15	6	2	7	37	37	0	20
9	Flitwick Town Reserves	19	6	2	11	39	56	-17	20
10	Kempston Athletic First	14	4	2	8	19	28	-9	14
11	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	18	3	2	13	19	47	-28	11
12	Westoning Club Reds	17	3	2	12	31	62	-31	5 *

Losing their season's 100% home record were fourth place Caddington when defeated 3-2 by fifth place St Josephs (Saturday) who with goals from Fin

McManus, Simon Richards and Dani Placi where chalking up their fifth victory on the bounce with James Ray hitting both of the home goals. Whilst Wixams Wanderers were gifted the three points when Westoning Reds failed to meet their commitment to play them due to being under a Beds FA team suspension.

Postponed were the games Green End Rovers v Bedford SA and Kempston Athletic v Stotfold Junior.

Division Three

Bedford Albion Development are now up into second spot after two goals from Kye Mackinnon and strikes from Panashe Manyau and Jamie Carson took them to a 4-2 victory at Turvey. Those replies came from George Stonebridge and Samuel Jessop. Whilst also enjoying life on the road were M&DH Clapham Sports in winning 3-1 at Athletic FC. thanks to a brace of goals from Stephen Champion and a strike from Fred Shannon with Emmanuel Obodoechine replying for the home side.

Elsewhere, Flitwick Town A were given the three points when Caldecote A failed to raise a side to travel to the Football Centre. Post match Caldecote A have now withdrawn from the league and their record having not played 75% of their games for the season will now be expunged.

Postponed were the games: Ampthill Town Colts v Stopsley United Reserves: and The 61 FC Luton Reserves v Wilstead.

Division Three League Table at 14th February 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Dunstable Wanderers First	11	10	0	1	36	14	22	30
2	Bedford Albion Development	13	9	2	2	35	19	16	29
3	Ampthill Town Colts	14	8	2	4	35	21	14	26
4	Athletic FC First	16	8	1	7	41	39	2	22 *
5	Wilstead First	11	6	0	5	35	28	7	18
6	Stopsley United Reserves	10	5	1	4	36	33	3	16
7	Everton Athletic FC First	12	5	1	6	28	27	1	16
8	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	10	4	1	5	23	25	-2	13
9	LU Donz Development	13	4	2	7	26	25	1	12 *
10	M&DH Clapham Sports First	11	3	3	5	22	27	-5	12
11	Turvey First	15	4	0	11	15	46	-31	12
12	Flitwick Town 'A'	16	3	1	12	22	50	-28	10
13	Caldecote A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-6 *

Division Four

With DTCC FC away on Watson Shield duty the new league leaders are Cranfield United Development following their 5-3 home success over Flitwick Town Eagles. where George Burden led the way with four goals alongside a single strike from Alessio Cerrone to bring up the nap hand against Eagles replies from Finley Canning

twice and Louis Sibley-Stamp once. Whilst third place Luton Phoenix are now unbeaten in their last nine outings following their 5-1 home victory over the yet to win this season Wootton Blue Cross A. The nap hand of goals coming from Faisal Ahmed, Kinain Ali Shah, Abdur-Raheem Feoz, Kamran Khan and Mohsin Mahmood with the lone reply coming from Riley John.

The biggest winners of the day were now fourth place Westoning Blues with an 8-1 home victory over Queens Park Crescents Development. Oliver Sharpe with a hat-trick and goals from Daniel Jump, Ben Gray, Sam Rolfe, Ronald Schapp-Grant and Ethan Young doing the damage. against a lone Crescents reply from Hasnain Iqbal. The only away success of the afternoon went to Catsbrook Wanderers 6-3 at Leighton Woodside Athletic. Jason Mcdonagh with a hat-trick, Jamel Matthews with a brace and a goal from Oliver Baldwin doing the damage. against home replies via Josh Walduck twice and Freddie Richmond once.

Postponed was the game AFC Clophill v Everton Athletic Reserves.

Division Four League Table at 14th February 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Cranfield United Development	17	14	1	2	98	18	80	43
2	Dunstable Town Cricket Club DTCC FC Satu	15	14	0	1	52	13	39	42
3	Luton Phoenix FC	16	13	1	2	66	17	49	40
4	Westoning Club Blues	16	12	0	4	52	21	31	35 *
5	Flitwick Eagles Development	18	11	1	6	46	34	12	34
6	AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves	15	7	2	6	41	32	9	23
7	Catsbrook Wanderers First	14	6	3	5	26	27	-1	21
8	Queens Park Crescents Development	16	6	3	7	23	51	-28	21
9	Everton Athletic FC Res	14	5	2	7	22	39	-17	16 *
10	Meltis Rangers First	16	4	4	8	24	29	-5	13 *
11	Leighton Woodside Athletic	19	4	1	14	36	70	-34	13
12	AFC Clophill First	13	2	1	10	11	41	-30	7
13	Wootton Blue Cross A	14	0	1	13	12	60	-48	0 *
14	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	15	0	2	13	13	70	-57	0 *

Watson Shield Second Round

On an afternoon DTCC FC lost the leadership of the Division Four league table it was a 4-1 home victory over LU Donz Development. Reese Brogan, Chris Sorrentino, Jamie Traynor and Adam Lewis all found the back of the net with the Donz reply coming from Ryan Newins. Whilst with goals from Aaron Nelson and Charlie Smith Meltis Rangers were 2-1 home winners over AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves whose reply came from Mazin Ibrahim.

The game M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves v Leighton Park Rangers Foxes being postponed.

Watson Shied Third Round Draw.

Atletic v Milton Keynes Irish U18

Bedford Albion Development v Wilstead

Dunstable Wanderers v DTCC FC

Flitwick Town A v Cranfield United Development

Leighton Town Youth U18 v Turvey

Westoning Club Blues v Ampthill Town Colts

Meltis Rangers v MDH Clapham Sports Reserves or Leighton Park Rangers Foxes.

Stopsley United Reserves v M&DH Clapham Sports.