

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 is 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.

Saturday 2nd March 2024

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

A switch of venues to an all-weather surface allowed just two games to beat the waterlogged pitches. For league leaders Stotfold Development it was win number nine on the bounce at the Pendleton Sports Centre with a 6-3 victory over Flitwick Town to increase their lead at the head of the standings to 10 points over Caldecote who have some five games in hand on them. Codi Spavins and Josh Bamford netted braces to go alongside single goals from Elliot Flynn and Aaran Hector against Town replies from Tim Barnett, Phil Matthews and Callum Beer. Whilst the new 3G at Stratton School in Biggleswade saw Queens Park Crescents host Biggleswade FC Reserves in a 3-3 draw. Haseed Fariad with a brace plus Mohammed Raheem Jabber marking the home scoresheet against FC replies via Piamedji Kole Bomola twice and Cameron O'Neil.

The postponed games being AFC Oakley v Riseley Sports and Shefford Town & Campton Reserves v Biggleswade United Reserves.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 2nd March 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stotfold Development	18	15	1	2	67	18	49	46
2	Caldecote First	13	12	0	1	41	10	31	36
3	Biggleswade United Reserves	17	9	2	6	47	30	17	29
4	Elstow Abbey First	12	8	2	2	36	12	24	26
5	Marston Shelton Rovers First	19	7	5	7	37	40	-3	26
6	Crawley Green Reserves	15	7	1	7	37	28	9	22
7	AFC Oakley First	13	6	2	5	46	23	23	20
8	Flitwick Town First	17	5	4	8	37	52	-15	19
9	Riseley Sports First	16	6	0	10	29	45	-16	18
10	Biggleswade FC Reserves	16	5	2	9	32	49	-17	17
11	Queens Park Crescents First	13	3	5	5	28	37	-9	14
12	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	11	2	1	8	18	38	-20	7
13	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	16	0	1	15	14	87	-73	1
14	Sharnbrook First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy Semi-Final

Elstow Abbey will contest their second consecutive final after emerging the 4-3 penalty shoot-out winners over Crawley Green Reserves after 90 minutes play had seen the sides deadlocked at 0-0. Their opponents will be South Midlands League Totternhoe.

Division One

Just one game was to beat the weather and even played on grass which saw Buffs FC have their seven game home unbeaten run ended in a 1-6 defeat against Harlington Juniors. Paul Morris from the penalty spot the lone home scorer with the Harlington goals coming from Jamie Small with a hat-trick, Ashley Ingham with a brace plus Luke Jefferey.

The postponed games being Bedford SA v Clifton : Henlow v Bedford Albion : Lewsey Park v Renhold and Wootton Blue Cross v Totternhoe Reserves.

Division One League Table at 2nd March 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Wootton Blue Cross First	14	12	2	0	48	16	32	38
2	Totternhoe Reserves	12	8	1	3	45	25	20	25
3	Buffs FC Saturday First	16	8	1	7	31	38	-7	25
4	AFC Oakley Development	17	7	3	7	39	34	5	24
5	Cranfield United Reserves	13	7	2	4	42	20	22	23
6	Bedford Albion First	14	7	1	6	34	31	3	22
7	Renhold First	13	6	3	4	28	32	-4	21
8	Harlington Juniors First	12	5	2	5	27	27	0	17
9	Henlow First	15	5	3	7	28	39	-11	17*
10	Clifton First	12	2	2	8	13	28	-15	8
11	Bedford SA First	13	2	2	9	19	38	-19	8
12	Lewsey Park First	15	1	4	10	18	44	-26	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*

Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup Quarter-Final

Cranfield United Reserves made their way into the Semi-final and now face an away trip to Wootton Blue Cross after running out 6-0 home winners over LU Donz.

Joseph Bygraves with a brace plus single goals from Luciano Cogo, Ryan Mellor, Albbara Elforjani and James Manning all marked the United scoresheet.

Division Two North

Kempston United are now seven points clear at the head of the Division Two league table after goals from Travis Joseph, Fabien Cataldo and Frank Touko took them to a 3-1 home victory over Caldecote Reserves. whose reply came via an own goal.

Whilst for third place Shefford Town & Campton Development it was a 4-2 home victory over Sandy. Isaac Talbot with a brace plus goals from Kyle Cook and Billy Lambley doing the damage against Sandy replies via Voni Maswangany and Charley Rawson.

Elsewhere, Blunham were the 2-0 home winners over M&DH Clapham Sports. Gials from Sam Moore and Jordan Cobb doing the damage.

The Wilstead v Wootton Blue Cross Reserves game was postponed.

Division Two North League Table at 2nd March 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston United First	17	11	3	3	56	19	37	36
2	Wilstead First	16	9	2	5	36	29	7	29
3	Shefford Town & Campton Development	16	9	1	6	35	31	4	28
4	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	15	8	3	4	35	21	14	27
5	Caldecote Reserves	13	8	1	4	37	16	21	25
6	Sharnbrook Reserves	13	7	2	4	38	19	19	23
7	Blunham First	17	7	3	7	25	27	-2	21*
8	Ickwell & Old Warden First	10	6	1	3	30	19	11	19
9	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	12	5	4	3	19	15	4	19
10	M&DH Clapham Sports First	14	2	1	11	9	35	-26	7
11	Sandy First	14	2	1	11	18	49	-31	7
12	Bande Rouge (Sat) First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2*
13	AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves	13	0	0	13	6	64	-58	-3*

Division Two South

Thanks to the plastic fanatic, two of the five scheduled games were to go ahead. For FC Haynes the reward of switching the game to Flitwick was a 4-2 victory over Flitwick Town Reserves to jump them up into fourth in the league standings. Dan Parker, Cian Mitchell, George Grahame and James Roach all found the back of the net. against Town replies from Dale Goldie and Jack Farthing. Whilst Third place Westoning Recreation were 6-1 home winners over Bletchley Scot. Daniel Smith with a brace plus single strikes from Louis Branham, Tyler Lockey, Charlie Scot and James Sheridan doing the damage against a lone reply from Logan Mead.

Brache Phoenix v The 61 FC Luton Reserves : Caddington v Stotfold Junior and Lea Sports PSG v New Bradwell St Peter Development the games postponed.

Jubilee Cup Quarter Finals

Stopsley United moved a step closer to their quest for a league and cup double with a 3-2 home victory over Sporting Carpathians. Connor Waite, Callum Patrick Frater and Roman Riley all marked the United scoresheet against Carpathians replies from Mihal Botosan and Marcel Buriana.

The AFC Bedford United v FC Polonia (Luton) game being postponed.

Division Two South League Table at 2nd March 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stopsley United First	15	14	1	0	66	14	52	43
2	Sporting Carpathians First	17	11	1	5	63	26	37	33 *
3	Westoning Recreation First	14	10	2	2	66	20	46	32
4	FC Haynes First	18	9	1	8	64	43	21	27 *
5	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	17	9	2	6	56	40	16	26 *
6	LU Donz First	12	8	1	3	28	18	10	25
7	New Bradwell St Peter FC Development	16	7	3	6	36	35	1	24
8	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	17	7	1	9	39	57	-18	21 *
9	Caddington (BCFL)	16	5	5	6	33	34	-1	20
10	Flitwick Town Reserves	18	5	3	10	33	65	-32	18
11	Bletchley Scot First	12	4	3	5	38	34	4	15
12	Brache Phoenix First	12	3	4	5	29	37	-8	13
13	FC Polonia (Luton) First	17	2	0	15	37	81	-44	6
14	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	15	0	1	14	10	94	-84	1

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro

Bedford Albion Development retained their season's 100% home record in beating the yet to win away GA Athletic 6-2. Will Bourne, Antony Esposito, Pasquale Grasso, Daniel Litchfield, Kye Mackinnon and Nyshadzashe Manyau all found the back of the net against Athletic replies via Benajamin Talbott and Matthew Bannister.

The games Clifton Reserves v Queens Park Development and Caldecote A v Luton Panthers postponed

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro League Table at 2nd March 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Harlington Juniors Reserves	12	8	2	2	38	16	22	26
2	Caldecote 'A'	12	8	1	3	42	14	28	25
3	Luton Panthers First	13	7	1	5	44	24	20	22
4	Elstow Abbey Reserves	12	7	1	4	26	28	-2	22
5	Leighton Woodside Rovers	13	7	0	6	26	31	-5	20 *
6	Bedford Albion Development	11	6	1	4	31	22	9	19
7	Clifton Reserves	11	5	4	2	17	13	4	19
8	Queens Park Crescents Development	12	2	4	6	23	32	-9	10
9	Flitwick Town 'A'	14	2	1	11	15	47	-32	7
10	GS Athletic First	14	2	1	11	18	53	-35	6 *
11	CS Rovers First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-6 *

Division Four

For Leighton Woodside Athletic it was a return to winning ways for the first time in eight outings with a 6-0 home victory over Turvey. Kyran Hedges led the way with a hat-trick alongside single goals from Tommy Head, Ouisdom Ogieogeezuwa and Luke Spivey.

Postponed was the M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves v Athletic game and the scheduled Watson Shield fixture between Catsbrook Wanderers and Shefford Town & Campton u23.

Division Four League Table at 2nd March 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston Athletic First	18	16	0	2	77	14	63	48
2	Athletic FC First	18	13	4	1	55	33	22	43
3	Shefford Town & Campton U23	15	10	3	2	55	23	32	33
4	Dunstable Wanderers First	14	6	3	5	37	34	3	21
5	Meltis Rangers First	14	6	4	4	40	24	16	19*
6	Sandy Reserves	15	6	1	8	34	43	-9	19
7	Turvey	17	4	4	9	33	48	-15	16
8	Catsbrook Wanderers First	18	5	2	11	19	53	-34	16*
9	Lidlington United Sports Club Colts	16	4	3	9	30	52	-22	15
10	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	14	4	3	7	17	38	-21	14*
11	Amphill Town Colts	15	3	1	11	26	62	-36	10
12	Leighton Woodside Athletic	18	3	4	11	32	31	1	2*
13	Biggleswade FC Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0