



Bedfordshire County **Football League**

Season 2024-25

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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 become the league's mainline sponsor for season 2024-25.

Chairman, Peter Francis said, we are delighted to welcome HBC Logistics aboard for the 2024-25 season being our first mainline sponsor in its 120 year history 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 2025 Annual General Meeting.

HBC Logistics is delighted for this new partnership with the Bedfordshire County Football League. Football is a big part of our company, not only am i the first team manager of Biggleswade FC, but there are always heated debates and collective discussions in the office. It's a lot of fun and we are now excited to be able to follow and support teams more locally as a business with plenty of community spirit. Dave Northfield. Director at HBC Logistics.

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 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 2024-25 .

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 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 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 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, 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.

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.

Friday 18th October 2024

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Before a 200 plus Weston Park crowd Wootton Blue Cross took themselves to the top of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table with a 3-2 home victory over near neighbours Cranfield United Reserves. It was the United who struck first via Joe Bescoby just seven minutes into the game before Keaton Marsh levelled matters 11 minutes before the break to send the sides in at half-time all square.

Just four minutes into the new half Joe Holmes shot the Blue Cross in front and when Noah Marsh added to the scoreline five minutes later to make it 3-1 United were looking at a very steep hill to climb if they were to obtain the points that would have taken them to the top of the standings rather than their hosts. A climb that looked easier three minutes later when Bradley Raines reduced the arrears to 3-2 but alas for them that turned out to be the last goal of the evening and it was to be the Blue Cross heading into the weekend top of the pile.

Saturday 19th October 2024

Premier Division Supported by Sportsform

It's all changed again at the head of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table with AFC Oakley now standing at the top of the summit following their 8-1 home victory over bottom of the table Flitwick Town., the game having a sensational start with AFC racing into a 3-0 lead inside the opening four minutes of the contest all delivered by Teddy Daniels. Chisom Amadi with a hat-trick and goals from Omojiseoluwa Bankole and Joel Ives competing the rout. The lone Town reply came coming from Caleb McNeil. Missing out on the chance to regain that top spot were Caldecote who were beaten 3-0 at Queens Park Crescents. Goals from Mohammed Abbass, Mohammed Aqeeb and Benjamin Boxall marking the Crescents scoresheet.

Elsewhere, Marston Shelton Rovers retained their season's unbeaten ways in winning 4-1 at Biggleswade FC Reserves. Harry Baker with a brace plus goals from Luke Clifford and Riley Clifford doing the damage against a lone home reply from Carmichael Uzochukwa Uchenna.

The games Biggleswade United Reserves v Elstow Abbey and Shefford Town & Campton Reserves v Riseley Sports being waterlogged off.

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

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Oakley First	8	5	2	1	28	10	18	17
2	Wootton Blue Cross First	6	5	0	1	21	13	8	15
3	Caldecote First	8	5	0	3	13	13	0	15
4	Cranfield United Reserves	7	4	1	2	17	11	6	13
5	Marston Shelton Rovers First	5	4	1	0	12	6	6	13
6	Riseley Sports First	7	3	0	4	10	11	-1	9
7	Totternhoe Reserves	7	2	2	3	12	13	-1	8
8	Elstow Abbey First	4	2	1	1	10	8	2	7
9	Queens Park Crescents First	3	2	0	1	6	4	2	6
10	Biggleswade United Reserves	6	1	2	3	14	18	-4	5
11	Crawley Green Development	6	1	2	3	10	14	-4	5
12	Biggleswade FC Reserves	7	1	2	4	15	21	-6	5
13	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	6	0	2	4	5	16	-11	2
14	Flitwick Town First	6	0	1	5	7	22	-15	1

Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup 1st Round

The biggest winners of the day were Caddington with a 7-1 home victory over Renhold United thanks to a brace from Kwane Richards alongside goals from Louis Octave, Tau Roberts, Mark Brown, George Burden and Ryan Lambert to earn them a second round home tie against Kempston United who won 3-2 at Shefford Town & Campton Development. with Harvey Eagle netting twice and Jack Whittemore once against Town replies from Jacob Jevon and Luca Phillips .

Going nap were Ickwell & Old Warden who won 5-0 at home against Stotfold Junior thanks to a hat-trick from Jordan Gurney and single strikes from Glenn Tumulty and Kyle Johanesen. they will now host AFC Dunstable U21 in the next round who were the 6-1 home winners over Green End Rovers. Ben Thompson with the Rovers reply.

For Harlington Junior Reserves it was a 5-1 away victory at Caldecote A, Ben Cornell and Ben Smith both netted braces alongside a single strike from Martin Bull against a lone home reply from Riley Evans to send them on the road in the next round to FC Haynes who were given a walk-over when Wixams Wanderers failed to raise a side to host them at Wanderers Park.

With a hat-trick from David Byass LU Donz emerged the 3-1 winners at AFC Bedford United to earn themselves a home round two tie against Caldecote Reserves who were 4-0 victors at M&DH Clapham Sports. United's reply came from Gathin Jenkins.

with Reece Glasgow, Edward Tubridy, James Tubridy and Eddy Lungay all finding the back of the net for Caldecote Reserves.

Also enjoying life on the road were Clifton with a 4-2 success at Luton Panthers. Sammy Fisher-Diaz with a brace plus goals from Tony Gibbs and Elliot Powell doing the damage against home replies via Shakir Ghulam Kouser and Ryan Spencer they will now be at home in the next round to AFC Kempston Town Hammers who were the 3-2 home winners over Bedford Albion Development. thanks to goals from Joshua Hands, Naron Cheema and Reece Baker with Henry Nnaji and Ben Worbey replying for the Albion.

Meantime, Stopsley United ran out 4-0 victors at Blunham thanks to goals from Callum Frater, Logan Burton, Michael Carter and Ewen Finnie and will now travel to either Wootton Blue Cross Reserves or Bedford Albion in round two. Also on the road in the next round will be AFC Oakley Development to either Kempston Rovers Reserves or Brache Phoenix following their 5-2 victory at Flitwick Town Reserves. Carl Warner, Abel Mensah, Ashbel Mensah, Harry Holland and Ben Greenland found the back of the net to bring up the nap hand against Town replies from Oliver Hill and Jack Hyland-Knight.

Elsewhere, Thurleigh were the 3-2 winners at Sporting Carpathians to earn a next round home tie against Harlington Juniors who were given a home walk-over against Bedford SA. Edward Hatfield-Shaw, Charlie Hurley and Josh Marshall on the visitors scoresheet with Trif Daniel netting both of the home goals.

Hertfordshire FA Intermediate Cup 2nd Round

Bufs FC made their way into round three with a 6-5 penalty shoot-out at Wesmill FC after 90 minutes play had seen the sides deadlocked at 1-1 with Paul Morris the Bufs goalscorer.

Division Two South

The lone game of the afternoon saw Lea Sports PSG retain their season's 100% home record and unbeaten ways in beating Brache Phoenix 4-3. Liam Doyle with a brace and goals from Connor Napper and Matty Morton being replied to by Phoenix goals via Akeem Barbour, Sakib Islam and Christy Thomas.

Division Two South League Table at 19th October 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	LU Donz First	7	5	1	1	18	13	5	16
2	Luton Panthers First	7	4	2	1	30	14	16	14
3	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	5	4	1	0	22	7	15	13
4	Flitwick Town Reserves	6	3	0	3	19	23	-4	9
5	Bletchley Scot First	4	2	1	1	9	9	0	7
6	New Bradwell St Peter FC Development	5	2	1	2	8	6	2	6*
7	Caldecote A	7	1	2	4	5	21	-16	5
8	Brache Phoenix First	5	1	1	3	14	17	-3	4
9	Caddington (BCFL)	5	1	1	3	8	13	-5	4
10	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	5	1	1	3	5	11	-6	4
11	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	6	1	1	4	8	16	-8	4
12	Harlington Juniors Reserves	4	2	0	2	10	6	4	3*

David Grainge Junior Trophy (Berks & Bucks Junior Trophy)

Both our sides made their way into the next round. New Bradwell St Peter Development given a home walk-over against Aylesbury Royals and Bletchley Scot the 5-3 home winners over Long Crendon. Dean Reed with a brace plus goals from Berit Tshikuna, Ryan Williams and Musa Kareem bringing up the nap hand.

Bedfordshire FA Junior Trophy Round One

The biggest winners of the day were Queens Park Crescents Development who won 11-0 at Cambs League Tempsford Seniors to earn a trip to either Sandy Reserves or EB Lions U21 in round two. Mohammed Shezad Ali led the way with a hat-trick, Amir Sakhi and Ayaz Hussain netted braces plus single goals came the way of Anas Bechkoum, Zain Riasat, Bilal Hussain and Joshua Tabiri to complete the rout.

Also winning big on the road were Kempston Athletic who won 5-0 at Catsbrook Wanderers thanks to a brace of goals from Aaron Anderson plus single strikes from Lucas Cain, Kyle Malik and Bradley O'Loughlin to earn them a home round two tie against Everton Athletic Reserves who won 3-2 at Meltis Rangers with goals from Owen Hurst, Tyler Lockey and James Scott with the home replies came from Ellis Sharp and Joshua Smith.

Going nap at home were Turvey the 5-0 winners over AFC Clophill to earn another home encounter in round two against Athletic FC. Jake King with a brace plus single goals from Rohan Banghard, William Westwood and James Vinnicombe bringing up the nap hand.

For DTCC FC it was a 3-1 home success over Leighton Woodside Rovers to see them at home again in the next round against either The 61 FC Luton Reserves or Elstow Abbey Reserves. Ethan Kennedy, Harry Stapleton-Charter and Luke Janes all found the back of the net.

Elsewhere, Wootton Blue Cross A won 2-1 at FC Polonia to now host Woburn & Wavendon or Leighton Woodside Athletic in round two. Reece Lee and Sam Marshall netted for the Blue Cross against a Fabien Pawelec home reply.

Division Three

Kempston Athletic's lead at the head of the Division Three league table is now down to just goal difference after Sandy Reserves won 6-1 at Elstow Abbey Reserves to gain revenge for the Abbey winning seven days earlier at Bedford Road. Prince Asare with a hat-trick plus single goals from Liam Brophy, Voni Maswan Garry and Raul Phillips doing the damage against a lone Abbey reply from Jed Coles.

For third place Lewsey Park it was win number four on the bounce to retain their season's unbeaten home ways in beating The 61 FC Luton Reserves 5-1. Adam Hughes with a brace plus goals from Mano Langlais, Daniel Blackman and Jonathan Barnett brought up the nap hand against a lone reply from Isaac Twum. Whilst just a point behind them in fourth spot are Athletic FC who with goals from Emmanuel Adjei and Serge Kadji won 2-1 at the bottom of the table Wilstead whose reply came from Colin Marshall.

Division Three League Table at 19th October 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston Athletic First	6	5	1	0	18	2	16	16
2	Sandy Reserves	7	5	1	1	20	8	12	16
3	Lewsey Park First	6	4	1	1	23	14	9	13
4	Athletic FC First	6	4	0	2	23	15	8	12
5	Dunstable Wanderers First	4	3	1	0	13	2	11	10
6	Queens Park Crescents Development	5	3	0	2	21	18	3	9
7	FC Polonia (Luton) First	6	3	0	3	17	14	3	8*
8	Flitwick Town 'A'	6	2	1	3	15	20	-5	7
9	Elstow Abbey Reserves	6	2	0	4	10	18	-8	6
10	Meltis Rangers First	5	1	1	3	9	14	-5	3*
11	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	6	1	1	4	11	30	-19	3*
12	Everton Athletic FC First	6	0	1	5	10	22	-12	1
13	Wilstead First	5	0	0	5	7	20	-13	0

Elsewhere, Everton Athletic lost their fifth home game on the bounce to remain in the second from bottom spot when losing 1-2 to Flitwick Town A who were chalking up

their first away victory of the season thanks to goals from Max Hughes and Alex Taylor Law. against a lone reply from Charlie Savill.

Division Four

The lone game of the afternoon took Ampthill Town Colts to the top of the league table when they retained their season's 100% ways in winning 4-2 at Stopsley United Reserves. Murray Gray with a brace plus goals from Luke Tyrell and Marcus Sugrue doing the damage against United replies via Ayoub Fekhari and Zak Gaoui.

Division Four League Table at 19th October 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Ampthill Town Colts	6	6	0	0	20	7	13	18
2	EB Lions AFC (Sat) Mens U21	6	5	0	1	22	11	11	15
3	Wootton Blue Cross A	7	5	1	1	15	9	6	15 *
4	Stopsley United Reserves	7	4	0	3	39	18	21	12
5	Dunstable Town Cricket Club DTCC FC Satu	6	4	0	2	28	12	16	12
6	Turvey First	6	4	0	2	29	12	17	9 *
7	AFC Clophill First	5	1	1	3	10	17	-7	4
8	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	5	1	1	3	7	17	-10	4
9	Henlow Hurricanes First	5	1	0	4	3	23	-20	2 *
10	Catsbrook Wanderers First	5	0	1	4	6	17	-11	1
11	Everton Athletic FC Res	4	0	0	4	4	28	-24	0
12	AFC Bedford United (Sat) U23	4	0	0	4	3	15	-12	-3 *