

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 7th February 2026

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

There is no change at the head of the league standings with league leaders Cranfield United Reserves moving 13 points clear of second place Caldecote whose away encounter at Riseley Sports was waterlogged off claiming victory number 14 on the bounce to retain their season's unbeaten ways with a 3-0 away success at Biggleswade FC Reserves who have now lost all of their last six outings. Flynn Baker-Bond, Sean Byrne and James Copley all found the back of the net. Whilst third place Stopsley United chalked up win number eight on the bounce with a 5-3 home win over Queens Park Crescents. Temitayo Akerele with a hat-trick and goals from Tejon Brown and Devante King bringing up the nap hand against Crescents replies via Mohammed Abbas, Mihammed Raheem Jabber and Adam Igbal.

Elsewhere, fourth place AFC Oakley returned to winning ways with a 5-2 victory at Wootton Blue Cross who have now lost their last four outings. Markel Cousins with a brace plus goals from Teddy Daniels, Chisom Amadi and Sonny Newton-Cootes bringing up the nap hand against home replies from Callum Myers and Keaton Marsh.

Postponed were the games, Marston Shelton Rovers v Flitwick Town and Totternhoe Reserves v Shefford Town & Campton Reserves.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 7th February 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Cranfield United Reserves	19	17	2	0	65	6	59	53
2	Caldecote First	15	13	1	1	57	16	41	40
3	Stopsley United First	17	12	1	4	53	23	30	37
4	AFC Oakley First	15	8	4	3	59	31	28	28
5	Marston Shelton Rovers First	17	8	3	6	35	30	5	27
6	Harlington Juniors First	15	7	4	4	30	31	-1	25
7	Wootton Blue Cross First	15	7	2	6	38	34	4	23
8	Elstow Abbey First	15	7	1	7	36	39	-3	22
9	Queens Park Crescents First	15	6	3	6	34	32	2	21
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	17	3	2	12	33	48	-15	10 *
13	Biggleswade FC Reserves	17	2	4	11	32	61	-29	10
14	Flitwick Town First	18	2	2	14	21	61	-40	7 *
15	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	13	1	1	11	14	40	-26	4

Britannia Cup Quarter-Final Draw.

Cranfield United Reserves v Totternhoe Reserves

Elstow Abbey v AFC Oakley

Marston Shelton Rovers v Biggleswade United Reserves

Wootton Blue Cross v Caldecote

Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy Semi-final

Harlington Juniors advanced to their first ever Senior Trophy final with a 4-3 penalty shoot-out win at Elstow Abbey after 90 minutes of play had seen the teams deadlock at 0-0. They will now face South Midlands League Cranfield United in next month's final.

Division One

Just two games to report upon, With their home pitch being ruled out unfit under league rules LU Donz travelled to Blunham to stage their home game which was to result in a 5-0 win to retain their season's unbeaten home ways. David Byass with a brace and goals from James Dawson, Ali Mohiyaldeen and Lee Mooney doing the damage. Whilst FC Haynes moved up into second place in the standings after being gifted the three points when Clifton failed to raise a side to host them.

The games postponed being: AFC Oakley Development v Bedford Albion: Bletchley Scot v Kempston United : Caddington Reserves v Thurleigh and Lea Sports PSG v Wootton Blue Cross Reserves.

Division One League Table at 7th February 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Baldock Victoria	15	11	2	2	52	29	23	34 *
2	FC Haynes First	17	10	3	4	39	26	13	33
3	Thurleigh FC	15	9	3	3	52	23	29	30
4	LU Donz First	16	9	3	4	62	35	27	30
5	Blunham Saturday	14	8	2	4	36	31	5	26
6	Clifton First	15	6	3	6	34	31	3	20 *
7	Kempston United First	15	6	2	7	38	37	1	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	16	5	2	9	27	39	-12	15 *
11	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	13	5	0	8	27	43	-16	15
12	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	17	4	0	13	25	54	-29	11 *
13	Bletchley Scot First	13	1	1	11	17	49	-32	4

Centenary Cup Quarter-Final Draw

Baldock Victoria v Bletchley Scot

Blunham v FC Haynes

Kempston United v Lea Sports PSG

Thurleigh v Wootton Blue Cross Reserves

Division Two

The lone game of the afternoon saw Wixams Wanderers claim a 4-2 away victory at Flitwick Town Reserves. Lukasz Leja with a brace plus goals from Louis Hartford-Smith and Samuel Hume on their scoresheet against a brace in reply from Town's Thomas Barnett.

Postponed were the games : Green End Rovers v Queens Park Crescents Reserves and St Josephs (Saturday) v Kempston Athletic.

Jubilee Cup Round One

Moving into the last eight are AFC Kempston Town Hammers following their 4-0 away victory at Caddington Reserves. Hayden Rothchild with a brace and goals from Will Wright and Sam Creamer doing the damage.

Jubilee Cup Quarter-Final Draw

AFC Bedford United v Bedford SA

Wixams Wanderers v Queens Park Crescents Reserves

Westoning Club Reds v Kempston Athletic

AFC Kempston Town Hammers v Stotfold Junior.

Division Two League Table at 7th February 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	14	10	4	0	56	25	31	34
2	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	16	10	3	3	44	16	28	33
3	Bedford SA First	17	9	2	6	48	36	12	29
4	Caddington Reserves	16	9	2	5	35	31	4	29
5	St Josephs (Sat)	15	8	1	6	39	33	6	25
6	Queens Park Crescents Reserves	15	8	3	4	27	20	7	24*
7	Wixams Wanderers First	18	7	3	8	42	44	-2	24
8	Green End Rovers First	15	6	2	7	37	37	0	20
9	Flitwick Town Reserves	18	5	2	11	36	54	-18	17
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	16	3	2	11	31	62	-31	8*

Division Three

The lone action of the afternoon seeing Athletic FC run out 4-2 home winners over the visiting Flitwick Town Reserves, where Abdul Adama, Jason Allison, Emmanuel Obodochine and Mesumbe Kezhzong all found the back of the net with both the Town replies coming from Thomas Giggie.

Postponed were the games, Everton Athletic v Stopsley United Reserves: M&DH Clapham Sports v Dunstable Wanderers and The 61 FC Luton Reserves v Turvey.

Division Three League Table at 7th February 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Dunstable Wanderers First	13	12	0	1	42	16	26	36
2	Amphill Town Colts	15	9	2	4	41	21	20	29
3	Bedford Albion Development	13	9	2	2	34	18	16	29
4	Athletic FC First	16	9	1	6	49	38	11	25*
5	Wilstead First	12	7	0	5	40	32	8	21
6	Stopsley United Reserves	11	6	1	4	42	34	8	19
7	Everton Athletic FC First	13	6	1	6	32	27	5	19
8	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	12	5	1	6	23	28	-5	16
9	Turvey First	15	5	0	10	17	43	-26	15
10	Flitwick Town 'A'	17	4	1	12	26	52	-26	13
11	LU Donz Development	14	4	2	8	27	28	-1	12*
12	M&DH Clapham Sports First	11	3	3	5	22	28	-6	12
13	Caldecote A	14	2	0	12	21	51	-30	3*

Division Four

All four scheduled games being postponed: Catsbrook Wanderers v Cranfield United Development; AFC Clophill v M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves; Westoning Blues v Queens Park Crescents Development and Wootton Blue Cross A v Everton Reserves.

Division Four League Table at 7th February 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Dunstable Town Cricket Club DTCC FC Satu	15	14	0	1	52	13	39	42
2	Cranfield United Development	16	13	1	2	93	15	78	40
3	Luton Phoenix FC	15	12	1	2	61	16	45	37
4	Flitwick Eagles Development	17	11	1	5	43	29	14	34
5	Westoning Club Blues	15	11	0	4	44	20	24	32 *
6	AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves	15	7	2	6	41	32	9	23
7	Queens Park Crescents Development	15	6	3	6	22	43	-21	21
8	Catsbrook Wanderers First	13	5	3	5	20	24	-4	18
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	18	4	1	13	33	64	-31	13
12	AFC Clophill First	13	2	1	10	11	41	-30	7
13	Wootton Blue Cross A	13	0	1	12	11	55	-44	0 *
14	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	15	0	2	13	13	70	-57	0 *

Watson Shield Round Two

Both of the completed games went to penalty shoot-outs. Ampthill Town Colts emerging the 4-3 winners over Caldecote A after 90 minutes of play had seen the sides deadlock at 1-1. George Shaw on the Town scoresheet. against a visitors reply from Connor Darnell. Whilst Bedfordshire Saturday Youth League Milton Keynes Irish U18 were likewise 4-3 winners at Luton Phoenix following a 3-3 draw. Konain Ali Shah, Yousaf Zagir and Steven Weatumi on the Phoenix scoresheet.

Also progressing into the next round are Bedford Albion Development after Flitwick Town U18 pulled out of the competition and Wilstead after Wootton Blue Cross A did likewise.

Postponed were the games DTCC FC v LU Donz Development and Meltis Rangers v AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves both of whom will try again this weekend.