

Bedfordshire County **Football League**



Season 2023-24

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Noticeboard

Registration Forms (covered under league rule 8)

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 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 6th January 2024

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

With the Biggleswade FC Reserves v Biggleswade United Reserves and Marston Shelton Rovers Reserves v Quenns Park Crescents games waterlogged off there were just three games that beat the weather.

For second place Stotfold Development it was a 3-0 home victory over bottom of the table AFC Kempston Town Hammers to move them to within four points of league leaders Caldecote. Harry Buckle, Billy Little and Charlie Mallet all finding the back of the net. Whilst Elstow Abbey are now up into third spot following their 6-0 home win over Riseley Sports. James Copley with a brace plus single goals from Daniel Mattin, Jordan Nice, Joel Simpson and Roland Ashby doing the damage.

Elsewhere, Crawley Green Reserves and Sharnbrook played out a 0-0 draw.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 6th January 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Caldecote First	12	11	0	1	38	9	29	33
2	Stotfold Development	13	9	2	2	44	16	28	29
3	Elstow Abbey First	10	7	1	2	26	11	15	22
4	Marston Shelton Rovers First	14	6	3	5	35	34	1	21
5	Biggleswade United Reserves	12	6	2	4	35	22	13	20
6	AFC Oakley First	10	6	1	3	41	16	25	19
7	Crawley Green Reserves	12	5	2	5	19	20	-1	17
8	Flitwick Town First	11	4	2	5	26	37	-11	14
9	Queens Park Crescents First	10	3	4	3	25	22	3	13
10	Sharnbrook First	9	3	2	4	19	18	1	11
11	Biggleswade FC Reserves	12	3	1	8	19	41	-22	10
12	Riseley Sports First	11	3	0	8	16	37	-21	9
13	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	10	2	1	7	18	37	-19	7
14	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	12	0	1	11	14	55	-41	1

Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy 2nd Round

Both the scheduled games, AFC Oakley v Langford and Shefford Town & Campton Reserves v Caldecote were postponed.

Division One

Wootton Blue Cross are now nine points clear at the head of the league standings after their 3-2 away win at Bedford Albion. Keaton Marsh with a brace and Noah Marsh marking their scoresheet against Albion replies via Dan Jeffries and Luke Pursey.. Whilst Buffs FC took their unbeaten ways up to eight games with a 2-0 home victory over Clifton with goals from Ralph Baldwin and Joe Jenkin.

Elsewhere, Henlow remain unbeaten on home soil this season after beating Lewsey Park 4-2. Tyler Lowden, George Scott, Cameron Care and Aldous Taylor all found the back of the net. against a Park braces in reply from Chris Gibson. Whilst for Renhold it was a share of the points with AFC Oakley Development from a home 2-2 draw. Marko Tobdzic and Haydon Rothchild Wilson the home goal scorers against AFC replies via Omojjiselowa Bankole and Harry Gray whose goal arrived deep into time added on.

The Bedford SA v Totternhoe Reserves game was postponed as was the Milton Keynes Dons Set U19 fixture with Cranfield United Reserves after the Dons withdrew from the league the previous day.

Division One League Table at 6th January 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Wootton Blue Cross First	11	9	2	0	38	15	23	29
2	Cranfield United Reserves	11	6	2	3	40	18	22	20
3	Renhold First	12	6	2	4	22	27	-5	20
4	Totternhoe Reserves	10	6	1	3	31	24	7	19
5	Bufs FC Saturday First	11	6	1	4	23	19	4	19
6	AFC Oakley Development	14	5	3	6	34	30	4	18
7	Bedford Albion First	11	5	1	5	21	21	0	15*
8	Harlington Juniors First	10	4	1	5	18	23	-5	13
9	Henlow First	10	3	3	4	21	31	-10	11*
10	Lewsey Park First	11	1	4	6	16	30	-14	7
11	Clifton First	9	1	2	6	10	20	-10	5
12	Bedford SA First	10	1	2	7	16	32	-16	5
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 Wilstead with a goal from Stef Jones it was a 1-1 draw at AFC Bedford United who sit in third place. The United reply came from Gary Townsend. Whilst Blunham collected their first home points of the season in beating Shefford Town & Campton Development 2-0 with goals from Adrain Ferguson and Connor Heaps.

The other two games to beat the weather both ended all square. Ant Edubatey and Cayden Green-Roe on the Wootton Blue Cross Reserves scoresheet in their 2-2

home draw with Kempston United for whom Fabien Cataldo and Diego Fortes netted. Whilst the Bande Rouge v M&DH Clapham Sports encounter finished 0-0.

Postponed were the games Ickwell & Old Warden v Caldecote Reserves and Sharnbrook Reserves v Sandy.

Division Two North League Table at 6th January 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Wilstead First	13	9	1	3	35	24	11	28
2	Caldecote Reserves	10	8	1	1	36	9	27	25
3	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	13	7	3	3	34	19	15	24
4	Ickwell & Old Warden First	10	7	1	2	36	16	20	22
5	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	13	6	3	4	25	19	6	21
6	Sharnbrook Reserves	11	6	2	3	28	16	12	20
7	Shefford Town & Campton Development	12	6	1	5	24	20	4	19
8	Kempston United First	11	5	3	3	24	15	9	18
9	Blunham First	13	4	2	7	21	27	-6	11*
10	Bande Rouge (Sat) First	14	4	1	9	22	37	-15	11*
11	Sandy First	11	3	0	8	14	34	-20	9
12	M&DH Clapham Sports First	12	2	2	8	10	26	-16	8
13	AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves	11	0	0	11	6	53	-47	-1*

Division Two South

The biggest scorers of the day were second place Sporting Carpathians who won 9-1 at The 61 FC Luton Reserves. Julian Constantin Cojocariu led the way with four goals, Bomba Remus weighed in with a brace alongside single goals from Trif Daniel, Adrain Luncasu and Marius Cosmin Patru to complete the rout. against a lone home reply from Taha Ed Dafaly.

For third place Westoning Recreation it was a 3-1 away victory at Brache Phoenix.. Greg Bennett with a brace and a single goal from Josh Ireland on their scoresheet against a Tenayi Hwiza strike for the home side. Whilst Flitwick Town Reserves drew 0-0 at home with LU Donz.

The postponed games being Caddington v FC Polonia, FCHatnes v Stotfold Junior and Lea Sports PSG v New Bradwell St Peters Development.

Division Two South League Table at 6th January 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stopsley United First	12	11	1	0	61	14	47	34
2	Sporting Carpathians First	13	9	1	3	57	20	37	27 *
3	Westoning Recreation First	12	8	2	2	57	19	38	26
4	New Bradwell St Peter FC Development	12	6	2	4	28	25	3	20
5	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	12	7	1	4	44	30	14	19 *
6	LU Donz First	9	6	1	2	21	13	8	19
7	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	13	5	1	7	31	51	-20	16
8	FC Haynes First	11	5	1	5	42	28	14	15 *
9	Caddington (BCFL)	11	3	4	4	22	21	1	13
10	Flitwick Town Reserves	12	3	3	6	18	46	-28	12
11	Brache Phoenix First	9	2	3	4	19	26	-7	9
12	Bletchley Scot First	7	1	3	3	21	19	2	6
13	FC Polonia (Luton) First	13	1	0	12	23	61	-38	3
14	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	12	0	1	11	6	77	-71	1

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro

Caldecote A now find themselves in second spot just two points behind the league leaders Harlington Juniors Reserves following their 7-1 home victory over Elstow Abbey Reserves. Ryan Dobson with a hat-trick, Stephen Fletcher with a brace and single goals from George Fox and Derek Newton doing the damage. The lone Abbey reply coming from Ali Mohiyaideen.

Elsewhere, Queens Park Crescents Development collected their first away points of the season in winning 5-2 at Luton Panthers. Mohammed Raheem with a brace plus goals from Ismail Rackman, Konain Ali Shah and Anas Bechoum bringing up the nap hand against home replies from Ryan Spencer and Derrin Kiernan. Whilst Flitwick Town A were the 5-2 home winners over GS Athletic, goals from Matthew Cernuschi, David Lyons, George Roach, Daniel Staniforth and Benn Ward bringing up the Town nap hand. against Athletic replies from Charlie Savill and Taku Jr Gotora.

The CS Rovers v Harlington Juniors Reserves and Clifton Reserves v Leighton Woodside Rovers games postponed.

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro League Table at 6th January 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Harlington Juniors Reserves	9	8	0	1	28	6	22	24
2	Caldecote 'A'	11	7	1	3	34	14	20	22
3	Clifton Reserves	12	6	4	2	17	13	4	22
4	Bedford Albion Development	9	5	1	3	23	17	6	16
5	Elstow Abbey Reserves	10	5	1	4	19	26	-7	16
6	Leighton Woodside Rovers	10	5	1	4	24	24	0	15*
7	Luton Panthers First	9	4	1	4	29	23	6	13
8	Flitwick Town 'A'	13	3	1	9	21	39	-18	10
9	Queens Park Crescents Development	10	2	2	6	17	30	-13	8
10	GS Athletic First	11	2	0	9	13	37	-24	6
11	CS Rovers First	10	3	2	5	25	21	4	5*

Division Four

For top of the table Kempston Athletic it was win number six on bounce 6-1 away at Dunstable Wanderers. Kieran Carrington with a hat-trick, Chris Leyva with a brace and a single goal from Lance Jeffers doing the damage against a lone Andrew Gibson reply for the home side.

For second place Athletic FC it was a 4-1 home win over Catsbrook Wanderers thanks to goals from Emmanuel Obodoechine, Emmanuel Adjei, Glet Rabeli and Niklay Mandinga against a lone reply from Jakarn Mfula . Whilst Lidlington United Sports Club Colts returned to winning ways for the first time in six outings with a shock 3-2 victory at third place Shefford Town & Campton U23 who were duly losing their seasons unbeaten home ways and ending a eight game winning run. Lennan Pilgrim, Antony Antoniou and Zak Nelson- Boudville the Colts goal scorers against Town replies from William Bolton and Adam Thompson.

Postponed were the games M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves v Meltis Rangers and Sandy Reserves v Leighton Woodside Athletic.

Division Four League Table at 6th January 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston Athletic First	15	14	0	1	65	7	58	42
2	Atletic FC First	15	11	4	0	47	22	25	37
3	Shefford Town & Campton U23	14	9	3	2	51	22	29	30
4	Dunstable Wanderers First	13	5	3	5	31	34	-3	18
5	Meltis Rangers First	11	4	4	3	28	17	11	13 *
6	Sandy Reserves	11	4	1	6	23	33	-10	13
7	Catsbrook Wanderers First	16	4	2	10	15	47	-32	13 *
8	Turvey	13	3	3	7	24	36	-12	12
9	Lidlington United Sports Club Colts	13	3	3	7	25	40	-15	12
10	Amphill Town Colts	11	3	0	8	19	47	-28	9
11	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	11	2	2	7	11	35	-24	7 *
12	Biggleswade FC Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Leighton Woodside Athletic	13	2	3	8	20	19	1	-2 *