

Bedfordshire County **Football League**



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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)

All Home clubs are reminded of requirements under league rule 20E (iii) in event of any fixture being postponed. That they should without delay give notice to the secretary of the opposing club and the appointed Match Officials plus the competition. (preferred contact being Peter Francis via text 07779680269 or email at peter.francis30@ntlworld.com) this will enable the league to update its website and prevent people travelling to a game that is not going to take place. **Clubs are also reminded that from the first day of January in any season that it is mandatory to switch any such fixture to that of their opponents or a neutral ground should either be available.**

Christmas Break.2023

Please note there will be no fixtures on either Saturday 23rd December 2023 or Saturday 30th December 2023.

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 17th November 2023

In Weston Park action tonight before a crowd nearing the 100 mark Wootton Blue Cross were to retain their season's unbeaten ways and 100% home record in running out 5-1 winners over Harlington Juniors.

The game sparked into life just seven minutes before the break when the contest was reduced to ten a side following red cards for Marsh Marsh (Wootton Blue Cross) and the visiting George Goodall and with the watch showing 45 plus 4, Noah Marsh shot the home side ahead.

The Blue Cross then took control of the game in the second period to race into a three goal lead with goals from Keaton Marsh (51mins) and Joe Holmes (57mins) before an own goal some 13 minutes from time reduced the scoreline to 3-1.

However, it was to be the home side's night with strikes from Brynn Davies (83mins) and Callum Myers (89mins) bringing up the nap hand and the reward of the three points to take them to the top of the Division One league table ahead of the weekend's action.

Saturday 18th November 2023

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Caldecote retained their season's 100% away record and made it five wins on the bounce to skip eight points clear at the head of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table by winning 3-1 at second place AFC Oakley who were duly losing their own 100% home record and tasting defeat for the first time in eight outings. Sonny Newton Cootes did all the damage with a hat-trick and Chisom Amadi was the lone home goalscorer in reply.

Just goal difference behind AFC Oakley and now in third spot are Stotfold Development who returned to winning ways with a 4-0 home victory over Shefford Town & Campton Reserves thanks to goals from Ashley Kersey, Robert Wilcock, Michael Gooch and Charlie Kane. This victory lifted them above Biggleswade United Reserves who were held to a 5-5 home draw by Flitwick Town. Enoch Oluwadailola with a brace plus single goals from Alex Maxwell, Robbie Hunt and David Parkinson bringing up the United nap hand against Town replies via Phil Matthews with four goals and Florin Filimon to bring up their nap hand.

Now in fifth spot are Elstow Abbey who with a late penalty from Dan Mattin alongside a earlier goal from Joel Simpson took their home winning ways up to three games in beating Marston Shelton Rovers 2-1 for whom Dale Malciw netted. Whilst Riseley Sports collected their first away points of the season in winning 4-1 at

Biggleswade FC Reserves. Jay Willett, Jordan Harris, Alex Taylor and Lewis Donald all found the back of the net against a lone home reply from Oliver Pateman.

The AFC Kempston Town Hammers v Sharnbrook and Crawley Green Reserves v Queens Park Crescents games postponed.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 18th November 23

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Caldecote First	10	9	0	1	31	8	23	27
2	AFC Oakley First	9	6	1	2	39	13	26	19
3	Stotfold Development	9	6	1	2	31	12	19	19
4	Biggleswade United Reserves	9	5	2	2	27	16	11	17
5	Elstow Abbey First	8	5	1	2	18	10	8	16
6	Marston Shelton Rovers First	11	5	1	5	26	28	-2	16
7	Crawley Green Reserves	10	4	1	5	17	19	-2	13
8	Queens Park Crescents First	8	3	3	2	21	17	4	12
9	Flitwick Town First	9	3	2	4	22	30	-8	11
10	Riseley Sports First	9	3	0	6	15	29	-14	9
11	Sharnbrook First	6	2	1	3	14	14	0	7
12	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	9	2	1	6	18	34	-16	7
13	Biggleswade FC Reserves	9	2	1	6	16	33	-17	7
14	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	10	0	1	9	14	46	-32	1

Division One

Following the Wootton Blue Cross victory the previous evening that took them to the head of the Division One standings Totternhoe Reserves failed to regain the leadership of the table and now trail the Blue Cross on goal difference after being held to a 2-2 draw at Clifton. In fact only goals from Jamie Nolan and Emanuel Oxegoke in the closing 15 minutes earned them a point after the home side via Callum Saunders and Adam Ahmed-Pearce had raced into a 2-0 lead.

Bufs FC who now sit fourth in the table took their winning ways up to seven games with a 3-2 home victory over AFC Oakley Development. Ralph Baldwin, George Farrell and Joe Jenkin marked their scoresheet against Oakley replies from Omojiseoluwa Bankole and Harry Atherton.

The biggest win of the day belonged to Cranfield United Reserves with a 7-1 away victory at Bedford SA to notch their third away success on the bounce. Joe Bygraves and Finn Peart with braces plus single goals from James Manning, Leo Cimmino and

Albara Elforjani doing the damage against a lone SA reply from Lucas Banton. Whilst also enjoying life on the road were Henlow with a 5-1 victory at bottom of the table MK Dons Set U19. Tyler Lowden and Jack Phillips with braces and a single strike from Brandon Care bringing up the nap hand. Against a lone home reply from Younes Benamraoui.

The Bedford Albion v Renhold game was postponed.

Division Two North

For the first time this season Ickwell & Old Warden no longer head the Division Two North league table after they lost their season's unbeaten ways when defeated 2-1 at home by Wootton Blue Cross Reserves for whom Reece Mills and Zepplin Macdonald netted against a lone home reply from Jack Fox. The new table toppers are AFC Bedford United who were 3-0 home winners over Sandy with goals from Papa Adarkwa Agyapong, Damon Hazelwood and Gary Townsend.

For third place Wilstead it was a return to winning ways on home soil in beating Kempston United 3-1. Sean Jones, Stef Jones and Harry Dynes all found the back of the net against a lone United reply from Tyrell O'Connor. Whilst fourth place Caldecote Reserves won 2-1 at Bande Rouge with goals from Tasqhriq Andrews and Tom Wallace against a lone home reply from Cameron Whiting.

Division Two North League Table at 18th November 2023

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	11	7	2	2	32	16	16	23
2	Ickwell & Old Warden First	9	7	1	1	35	14	21	22
3	Wilstead First	10	7	0	3	29	21	8	21
4	Caldecote Reserves	8	6	1	1	29	8	21	19
5	Shefford Town & Campton Development	10	6	0	4	23	17	6	18
6	Sharnbrook Reserves	10	5	2	3	21	16	5	17
7	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	10	5	2	3	20	16	4	17
8	Kempston United First	8	3	2	3	18	12	6	11
9	Bande Rouge (Sat) First	11	3	0	8	18	35	-17	8*
10	M&DH Clapham Sports First	9	2	1	6	7	19	-12	7
11	Sandy First	8	2	0	6	13	25	-12	6
12	Blunham First	9	2	1	6	16	20	-4	4*
13	AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves	9	0	0	9	5	47	-42	-1*

A third team to win 2-1 away from home was Shefford Town & Campton Development at M&DH Clapham Sports thanks to goals from Sam Cook and Isaac

Talbot against a lone home reply from Louis Lee. Whilst Sharnbrook Reserves were the 3-0 home winners over AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves thanks to a hat-trick from Edward Hatfield-Shaw.

Division Two South

Stopsley United's lead at the head of the Division Two South league standings is now down to four points after they were held to a 1-1 draw at Lea Sports PSG. Mikey Carter shot them into a 1-0 lead just two minutes from time as they looked to retain their season's 100% record only for Taylor Davis to spoil the party by levelling matters just 60 seconds later. For now second place Sporting Carpathians it was win number five on the bounce 5-1 at second from bottom of the table FC Polonia (Luton) who have now lost their last nine games. Single goals from Petru Ciochina, Adrian Luncasu, Petrut Negut, Julian Constantin Cojocariu and Constantin -Sefan Galca bringing up the nap hand against a lone home reply from Fabian Pawelee.

Division Two South League Table at 18th November 2023

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stopsley United First	9	8	1	0	38	9	29	25
2	Sporting Carpathians First	10	7	1	2	43	14	29	21*
3	Westoning Recreation First	10	6	2	2	40	18	22	20
4	LU Donz First	8	6	0	2	21	13	8	18
5	New Bradwell St Peter FC Development	10	5	2	3	22	21	1	17
6	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	9	5	1	3	29	23	6	13*
7	Caddington (BCFL)	9	3	3	3	21	19	2	12
8	Flitwick Town Reserves	9	3	2	4	16	27	-11	11
9	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	9	3	1	5	22	32	-10	10
10	FC Haynes First	9	3	1	5	31	26	5	9*
11	Brache Phoenix First	8	2	3	3	18	23	-5	9
12	Bletchley Scot First	6	1	3	2	20	16	4	6
13	FC Polonia (Luton) First	11	1	0	10	20	51	-31	3
14	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	9	0	0	9	4	53	-49	0

Elsewhere, Lu Donz were to lose their season's 100% away record when beaten 3-1 at FC Haynes who had lost their previous three home encounters. Lewis Hargraves (18mins) Cian Mitchell (31mins) and Tyler Winter (34mins) shooting the home side ahead until a penalty on 49 minutes from Donz Cameron Saunders reduced the

arrears. Whilst Caddington with a goal from Adam England drew 1-1 at home with New Bradwell St Peter Development whose reply came from Kian Forman.

The 61 FC Luton Reserves v Stotfold Junior and Westoning Recreation v Flitwick Town Reserves games postponed.

David Graninge Junior Trophy Second Round

Saw Bletchley Scot to a 2-1 victory at Real Saracens thanks to a brace of goals from Luke Morgan.

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro.

With league leaders Harlington Junior Reserves having their home game against Elstow Abbey Reserves postponed their lead at the head of the standings is now down to two points following the Caldecote A 4-1 home victory over GS Athletic with goals from Craig Skelton, Ryan Dobson, Adam Legate and Jamie Richardson against a lone reply from Owen Manning.

This victory lifted them goal difference above third place Bedford Albion Development who were beaten 3-2 at Leighton Woodside Rovers. for whom Marcin Baker, Thomas Bassett and Joshua Mooney found the back of the net against Albion replies via Jamie Daniels and Thomas Davis. Whilst Luton Panthers lost their season's 100% away ways when goals from Max Zih and Luciano Witter were only enough to earn them a share of the spoils in a 2-2 draw at Queens Park Crescents Development for whom Imuentinyan Godwin netted twice.

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro League Table at 18th November 2023

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Harlington Juniors Reserves	7	6	0	1	26	5	21	18
2	Caldecote 'A'	8	5	1	2	25	11	14	16
3	Bedford Albion Development	8	5	1	2	23	15	8	16
4	Clifton Reserves	9	4	4	1	12	10	2	16
5	Leighton Woodside Rovers	10	5	1	4	24	24	0	15 *
6	Luton Panthers First	8	4	1	3	27	18	9	13
7	Elstow Abbey Reserves	8	4	1	3	16	19	-3	13
8	CS Rovers First	9	3	2	4	25	21	4	8 *
9	Flitwick Town 'A'	12	2	1	9	16	37	-21	7
10	GS Athletic First	8	2	0	6	10	28	-18	6
11	Queens Park Crescents Development	9	1	2	6	12	28	-16	5

Elsewhere, Flitwick Town A returned to winning ways for the first time in seven outings with a 6-1 home victory over CS Rovers. David Lyons and Nathan Fossey with braces plus single goals from Benn Ward and Paul Francis only being replied to once by Rovers Charlie Thomas.

Division Four

There is no change at the head of the Division Four league table following wins for the top three sides. League leaders Kempston Athletic stayed six points clear at the head of the standings with a 5-1 victory at Sandy Reserves. Toyheed Banghard with a hat-trick plus single goals from Hayden Bartram and Bradley O'Loughlin brought up their nap hand with James Scott the lone home scorer. Whilst second place Shefford Town & Campton U23 retained their season's unbeaten home ways and took their current unbeaten run up to 10 games in beating Dunstable Wanderers 3-0 with goals from Alex Burdett, Callum Carolan and Oliver Kemp.

Whilst just the goal difference behind in third spot are Athletic FC who remain unbeaten this season following their 8-1 home victory over Lidlington United Sports Club Colts. Sergi Kadji and Mo Banda both with braces and single strikes from Gjet Rabeli, Emmanuel Adjei, Mesunbe Rezhzong and Aaron Romain only being replied to once by Phoenix Togara- Mudzvovera for the Colts.

Division Four League Table at 18th November 2023

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston Athletic First	12	11	0	1	48	5	43	33
2	Shefford Town & Campton U23	12	8	3	1	42	17	25	27
3	Athletic FC First	11	8	3	0	35	16	19	27
4	Meltis Rangers First	10	4	4	2	32	18	14	16
5	Dunstable Wanderers First	10	4	3	3	26	24	2	15
6	Sandy Reserves	9	4	0	5	21	28	-7	12
7	Turvey	10	2	3	5	16	29	-13	9
8	Amphill Town Colts	9	3	0	6	16	35	-19	9
9	Lidlington United Sports Club Colts	10	2	2	6	19	34	-15	8
10	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	9	2	1	6	10	27	-17	6 *
11	Catsbrook Wanderers First	12	1	0	11	15	50	-35	2 *
12	Leighton Woodside Athletic	10	3	1	6	20	17	3	1 *
13	Biggleswade FC Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Still unbeaten on the road this season are Meltis Rangers who now sit in fourth spot after winning 6-2 at Catsbrook Wanderers who have now lost their last 10 games and are still in search of their first home points of the season. Ellis Sharp with four goals and strikes from Joshua Smith and Tom Hughes doing the damage against Wanderers replies via Adam Seremba and Brett Smith.

Elsewhere, Leighton Woodside Athletic collected their first away victory of the season when goals from Tommy Head, Luke Spivey, Kyran Hedges and Liam Milne took them to a 4-0 success at Turvey.

The Amptill Town Colts v M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves game was postponed.

Wednesday 22nd November 2023

Division One

In retaining their 100% home record and season's unbeaten ways with a 2-1 home victory over Cranfield United. Reserves. Wootton Blue Cross are now three points clear at the head of the Division One league standings. The home side went ahead in the 14th minute via Cullum Myres before United levelled matters up just eight minutes later with a successful penalty from Leonardo Valentino Cimmino. The winning goal arriving on 68 minutes from Noah Marsh.

Division One League Table at 18th November 2023

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Wootton Blue Cross First	9	8	1	0	28	9	19	25
2	Totternhoe Reserves	10	7	1	2	33	21	12	22
3	Bedford Albion First	9	6	1	2	20	15	5	19
4	Bufs FC Saturday First	10	6	0	4	23	18	5	18
5	AFC Oakley Development	11	5	1	5	27	21	6	16
6	Renhold First	8	5	0	3	19	21	-2	15
7	Cranfield United Reserves	9	4	2	3	33	16	17	14
8	Harlington Juniors First	9	3	1	5	15	22	-7	10
9	Henlow First	9	3	2	4	20	28	-8	10*
10	Lewsey Park First	10	2	3	5	18	27	-9	9
11	Clifton First	9	2	2	5	12	19	-7	8
12	Bedford SA First	10	1	3	6	15	28	-13	6
13	Cambridge First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Milton Keynes Dons SET U19 Development S	9	0	1	8	9	27	-18	0*