

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)

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 3rd November 2023

Following the November 2023 Management Committee Meeting held last night the following league table adjustments will now be made.

Please note once the official minutes of the meeting are published under league rule 7F all clubs have the right to appeal the decisions made within the next 14 Days with our Sanctioning Authority (Bedfordshire FA) Please see page 6 of the league rules for full details.

Division One. 28th October 2023. Wootton Blue Cross v Milton Keynes Dons Set Development. Postponed. Milton Keynes Dons Set Development found to be in breach of league rule 20E .The game to be now awarded to Wootton Blue Cross and Milton Keynes Development deducted one penalty point.

Division Four. 7th October 2023. Athletic FC 1 M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves 2 .M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves found to be in breach of league rules 18L/18M. The game to now be awarded to Athletic FC and M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves deducted one penalty point..

Division Two South. 30th September 2023. LU Donz 4 Sporting Carpathians 2. Sporting Carpathians found to be in breach of league rule 18M . Result of game to stand and Sporting Carpathians deducted one penalty point.

Division Two South. 28th October 2023. FC Haynes 2 New Bradwell St Peters Development 3. FC Haynes found to be in breach of league rule 18M .Result of game to stand and FC Haynes deducted one penalty point.

Amendments made Under league Rule 20E following games being abandoned

Division One. 9th September 2023. Wootton Blue Cross v Bedford SA. Game now to be awarded to Wootton Blue Cross.

Division Two South. 23rd September 2023. Sporting Carpathians v Stopsley United. Game now to be awarded to Stopsley United.

Saturday 4th November 2023

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

There is no change at the head of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table following big wins for the top two clubs. Caldecote remain five points clear at the top following their 10-0 home win over bottom of the table AFC Kempston Town Hammers. Giuseppe Follano leading the way with five goals, Joshua Roberts netted a brace and single goals came via Jake Bruce, Sonny Newton-Cootes and Bradley Janes. Whilst second place AFC Oakley took their unbeaten ways up to seven games in winning 8-1 at Riseley Sports. Chisom Amadi and Joe McDonagh both netted braces to go alongside single goals from Ben Webster, Ashbel Mensah, Jonny Butler and a Joel Ives penalty. The lone home reply came from Dan Bennett.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 4th November 2023

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Caldecote First	9	8	0	1	28	7	21	24
2	AFC Oakley First	8	6	1	1	38	10	28	19
3	Stotfold Development	8	5	1	2	27	12	15	16
4	Marston Shelton Rovers First	10	5	1	4	25	26	-1	16
5	Biggleswade United Reserves	7	4	1	2	19	11	8	13
6	Elstow Abbey First	7	4	1	2	16	9	7	13
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	8	3	1	4	17	25	-8	10
10	Sharnbrook First	6	2	1	3	14	14	0	7
11	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	8	2	1	5	18	30	-12	7
12	Biggleswade FC Reserves	8	2	1	5	15	29	-14	7
13	Riseley Sports First	8	2	0	6	11	28	-17	6
14	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	9	0	1	8	14	43	-29	1

Elsewhere, Marston Shelton Rovers climbed the table into fourth place with a 4-3 home victory over Crawley Green Reserves . Harry Baker with a brace plus goals from Luke Clifford and Harry Murray doing the damage against Green replies from Temitayo Akerele, Chris Butler and Robert Newman.

The Biggleswade United Reserves v Stotfold Development : Sharnbrook v Flitwick Town and Shefford Town & Campton Reserves v Elstow Abbey games were all postponed.

Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy 1st Round

Saw Biggleswade FC Reserves beaten 0-3 at home by South Midlands League Cranfield United who will now travel to Ampthill Town in round two. Dylan Asinganyi, Oscar Smith and Courtney Boughton netting the United goals.

Division One

We now have new leaders of the Division One league table in the shape of Totternhoe Reserves who made it five wins on the bounce with a 5-2 success at Renhold. Jordan Knight with a brace plus single goals from Blake Garner, Jacob Hubbock and Ryan Quinn bringing up the nap hand against a home brace in reply from Sean Byrne. Now in second place just two points behind the leaders and having played one game fewer are Wootton Blue Cross who maintained their season's unbeaten ways with a 5-0 victory at Clifton. Keaton Marsh with a hat-trick and goals from Joe Holmes and James Campbell doing the damage.

Division One League Table at 4th November 2023

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Totternhoe Reserves	8	7	0	1	29	15	14	21
2	Wootton Blue Cross First	7	6	1	0	21	7	14	19
3	Bedford Albion First	9	6	1	2	20	15	5	19
4	AFC Oakley Development	10	5	1	4	25	18	7	16
5	Buffs FC Saturday First	9	5	0	4	20	16	4	15
6	Renhold First	8	5	0	3	19	21	-2	15
7	Cranfield United Reserves	7	3	2	2	25	13	12	11
8	Harlington Juniors First	8	3	1	4	14	17	-3	10
9	Lewsey Park First	10	2	3	5	18	27	-9	9
10	Clifton First	8	2	1	5	10	17	-7	7
11	Bedford SA First	9	1	3	5	14	21	-7	6
12	Henlow First	7	1	2	4	11	25	-14	4*
13	Cambridge First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Milton Keynes Dons SET U19 Development S	8	0	1	7	8	22	-14	0*

For the morning league leaders Bedford Albion it was a loss of their season's 100% home record and a drop into third place when defeated 7-3 by Cranfield United Reserves. Ryan Mellor with a hat-trick, Joseph Bygraves with a brace and single goals from Leonardo Cimmino and Albara Elfoljani marking the United scoresheet against Albion replies from Paul Babbington, Reece Baker and Luke Pursey. Whilst

fourth place AFC Oakley Development were the 3-0 home winners over Bedford SA with two goals from Omojiseoluwa Bankole and a single strike from Harvey Holland.

Now in fifth spot are Buffs FC who have now won their last six games after winning 3-0 at Lewsey Park with goals from Luke Hennessey, Callum McKenna and Liam Thompson. Whilst the Harlington Juniors v Milton Keynes Dons Set U19 game was postponed.

Division Two North

Whilst league leaders Ickwell & Old Warden sat the afternoon out, their lead at the head of the Division Two North league table is now down to four points following the 3-2 victory of Wilstead at Shefford Town & Campton Development. Max Natola netted twice and Colin Marshall once against Town replies via Joe Bescoby and Harry Collins. But the biggest away win of the day went to Blunham with a 5-0 victory at bottom of the table AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves. Ricky Lawrence and Max Plunkett with braces and a goal from Alex Hudson doing the damage.

Division Two North League Table at 4th November 2023

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Ickwell & Old Warden First	8	7	1	0	34	12	22	22
2	Wilstead First	9	6	0	3	26	20	6	18
3	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	9	5	2	2	24	15	9	17
4	Caldecote Reserves	7	5	1	1	27	7	20	16
5	Shefford Town & Campton Development	9	5	0	4	21	16	5	15
6	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	9	4	2	3	18	15	3	14
7	Sharnbrook Reserves	9	4	2	3	18	16	2	14
8	Kempston United First	7	3	2	2	17	9	8	11
9	Bande Rouge (Sat) First	9	3	0	6	16	28	-12	8*
10	M&DH Clapham Sports First	8	2	1	5	6	17	-11	7
11	Sandy First	7	2	0	5	13	22	-9	6
12	Blunham First	9	2	1	6	16	20	-4	4*
13	AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves	8	0	0	8	5	44	-39	-1*

Also winning on the road were M&DH Clapham Sports who thanks to a goal from Louis Lee collected their first away points of the season with a 1-0 victory at Sandy and Sharnbrook Reserves who with a hat-trick from Edward Hatfield-Reece and a goal from Cormac McCann won 4-2 at Wootton Cross Reserves to end the hosts 100% home record. Reece Mills netting a brace for the home side.

The AFC Bedford United v Caldecote Reserves game was postponed.

Division Two South

With league leaders Stopsley United having their home game with FC Haynes postponed, their lead at the head of the Division Two North standings is now down to six points after Sporting Carpathians climbed the table into second spot with a 5-2 home win over bottom of the table The 61 FC Luton Reserves. Julian Constantin Cojocanu netted four times and Petrut Negut once against FC replies via Isaac Twun and Zoheb Shabaz. This win took them goal difference above now third place LU Donz who were sitting the afternoon out.

For fourth place Westoning Recreation it was a share of the spoils from a 3-3 draw at Stotfold Junior. Ross Irving with a brace plus Joseph Evans marking the home scoresheet against a brace from Charlie Scott and a single goal from Freddie Knight doing likewise for the visitors. Whilst fifth place New Bradwell St Peter Development extended their winning ways to four games in winning 3-0 at Flitwick Town Reserves thanks to goals from Joe Dean, Sam Dobson and Charlie Fisher.

Division Two South League Table at 4th November 2023

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stopsley United First	8	8	0	0	37	8	29	24
2	Sporting Carpathians First	9	6	1	2	38	13	25	18 *
3	LU Donz First	7	6	0	1	20	10	10	18
4	Westoning Recreation First	9	5	2	2	31	18	13	17
5	New Bradwell St Peter FC Development	9	5	1	3	21	20	1	16
6	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	8	5	0	3	28	22	6	12 *
7	Caddington (BCFL)	8	3	2	3	20	18	2	11
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	Brache Phoenix First	8	2	3	3	18	23	-5	9
11	Bletchley Scot First	6	1	3	2	20	16	4	6
12	FC Haynes First	8	2	1	5	28	25	3	6 *
13	FC Polonia (Luton) First	9	1	0	8	19	37	-18	3
14	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	9	0	0	9	4	53	-49	0

Also winning on the road were sixth place Lea Sports PSG who with goals from Callum Jones and Joe Hennem won 2-0 at FC Polonia (Luton) who have now lost their last seven outings. Whilst the Bletchley Scot v Brache Phoenix game was postponed.

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro

Clifton Reserves missed the chance to top the league standings when a goal from Dan Rock was only enough to earn them a share of the points in a 1-1 draw at second from bottom of the table Flitwick Town A whose goal came from Matthew Cernuschi. This stalemate dropped them into third spot after Bedford Albion Development climbed above them in winning 3-2 at Elstow Abbey Reserves. Pasquale Grasso, Patrick Aduaye-Odiote and Hicham Ben Alid Ben Said all found the back of the net against Abbey replies via Max Hughes from the penalty spot and Devante Mahanzu.

Elsewhere, Luton Panthers remain 100% on the road this season after goals from Leon Witter and Trey Brand took them to a 2-0 victory at Leighton Woodside Rovers. The CS Rovers v Caldecote A game was postponed.

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro League Table at 4th November 2023

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

Division Four

For League leaders Kempston Athletic it was an extension of their season's 100% home record with a 7-0 victory over Catsbrook Wanderers. Lance Jeffers with a hat-trick, Chris Leyva with a brace plus single goals from Josh Humphries and Will Manser doing the damage. Whilst now into second place are Shefford Town & Campton U23 who chalked up win number five on the bounce in winning 4-0 at M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves with goals from Luca Phillips, Josh Zaniewicz-Neville, Evan Hunt and Jurgen Lushi.

The Dunstable Wanderers v Sandy Reserves: Lidlington United Sports Club Colts v Ampthill Town Colts and Meltis Rangers v Athletic FC games all postponed.

Division Four League Table at 4th November 2023

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston Athletic First	10	9	0	1	36	4	32	27
2	Shefford Town & Campton U23	10	6	3	1	37	16	21	21
3	Atletic FC First	9	6	3	0	21	13	8	21
4	Dunstable Wanderers First	8	4	3	1	24	15	9	15
5	Meltis Rangers First	8	3	4	1	25	14	11	13
6	Sandy Reserves	7	3	0	4	17	21	-4	9
7	Turvey	8	2	3	3	15	23	-8	9
8	Lidlington United Sports Club Colts	8	2	2	4	16	23	-7	8
9	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	8	2	1	5	10	20	-10	6 *
10	Amphill Town Colts	8	2	0	6	14	34	-20	6
11	Catsbrook Wanderers First	10	1	0	9	10	40	-30	2 *
12	Biggleswade FC Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Leighton Woodside Athletic	8	1	1	6	12	14	-2	-5 *