

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 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 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.

Clubs are also advised when checking eligible players data to gain this information via the fixture listings in Full Time and **not use The Players Seasons Total tab which can be accessed via the Full Time league tables.** This tab holds information stored from abandoned matches which under FA rules cannot be counted as an appearance.

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 28th March 2026

Britannia Cup Semi-Finals.

The 2025-26 season final at Kempston Rovers on Monday 4th May 2026 will be a repeat of last season's final Cranfield United Reserves v Caldecote. Holders Cranfield United Reserves emerged the 2-1 home winners over Marston Shelton Rovers. thanks to goals from Flynn Baker-Bond and Edas Razanauskas against a Justin Gittens reply for the Rovers. Whilst Caldecote required a 3-1 penalty shoot-out victory to win at AFC Oakley after 90 minutes play had seen the sides deadlock at 2-2 after the home side had fought back from being 2-0 down after half an hour's play. Sam Moore in the 22nd minute and an Evan Belton penalty eight minutes later seemingly placed the visitors in total control. However just 60 seconds later it was 2-1 and game back on following a strike from Chisom Amadi with the recovery being completed 17 minutes into the second half by a goal from Teddy Daniels to level the

score at 2-2. The penalty shoot-out was however to be one-sided with Caldecote's first three takers Jordan Goodman, Guiseppe Follano and Jake Bruce all finding the back of the net. Whilst the home sides first two up Joel Ives and Teddy Daniels seeing their efforts saved by goalkeeper Luke Knell. A successful kick from the home sides Harry Chinn reduced the arrears to 1-3 only for their fourth taker Harry Copley to blast his effort wide of the posts and game over.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Having lost their last two home games Queens Park Crescents returned to form with a bang in producing the biggest victory of the day 7-1 over Elstow Abbey who having failed to win any of their last eight outings to see them falling down the league standings into tenth place. Hassen Yousaf with a hat-trick plus braces from Faizan Fariad and Mohammed Omar doing the damage against a lone Lewis Parkin reply for the Abbey. Whilst the shock result of the day saw Riseley Sports having lost their previous six outings claim a 3-2 home success over Totternhoe Reserves who had travelled to Gold Street looking to take their own unbeaten ways up to seven games. Matthew Smith with a brace plus a goal from Alex Taylor marking the home scoresheet against replies from Samuel Adiko and Niall Tomlinson.

Returning from an even bigger winless run of 11 games were Flitwick Town with a 3-0 home victory over the bottom of the table Shefford Town & Campton Reserves who have now lost all of their last 16 outings thanks to goals from Matthew Bareham, Philip Matthews and Kenzie King.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 1st April 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Cranfield United Reserves	24	21	2	1	80	13	67	65
2	Caldecote First	20	18	1	1	85	20	65	55
3	Stopsley United First	23	15	2	6	70	38	32	47
4	AFC Oakley First	21	14	4	3	86	38	48	46
5	Marston Shelton Rovers First	22	12	3	7	51	39	12	39
6	Wootton Blue Cross First	22	11	3	8	52	41	11	36
7	Harlington Juniors First	19	10	5	4	45	36	9	35
8	Queens Park Crescents First	21	10	3	8	49	41	8	33
9	Totternhoe Reserves	21	8	4	9	38	60	-22	28
10	Elstow Abbey First	23	7	3	13	51	72	-21	24
11	Biggleswade United Reserves	25	5	4	16	48	65	-17	18 *
12	Biggleswade FC Reserves	24	4	6	14	47	80	-33	18
13	Riseley Sports First	22	5	1	16	36	86	-50	15 *
14	Flitwick Town First	25	3	3	19	32	82	-50	11 *
15	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	22	1	2	19	20	79	-59	4 *

Elsewhere, the other two games were to end with the points being shared. Robbie Hunt and Enoch Oladsmilola on the mark for Biggleswade United Reserves in a 2-2 home encounter with Stopsley United. whose replies came from Ashley Gardner and

Josiah Lee Ramsay. Whilst George Armstrong was the Wootton Blue Cross goalscorer in their 1-1 home draw with Biggleswade FC Reserves.whose reply came from Benjamin Bedingfield.

Centenary Cup Semi-Final

The 2025-26 season Centenary Cup Final at Biggleswade United on Friday 10th April 2026 will be between Baldock Victoria and Kempston United. The Vics with a brace from Antony James and a goal from Paul Morris winning 3-1 at FC Haynes whose reply came from Ross Airson. Whilst United emerged the 4-3 home penalty shoot-out winners over Thurleigh after 90 minutes of play had seen the sides deadlocked at 1-1. Elijah Haynes on the mark for United against a Thurleigh reply via Edward Hatfield-Shaw.

Division One

Blunham having lost their last three outings returned to form when goals from Connor Heaps, Rickly Lawrence and Max Smalley took them to a 3-1 away victory at Lea Sports PSG whose reply came from Callum Giles. Whilst for bottom of the table Bletchley Scot it was a 5-0 home victory over Caldecote Reserves. Ben Swebston

with a brace plus goals from Luke Belgrove, Diaran Browne and Shane Uings bringing up the nap hand.

Division One League Table at 1st April 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Baldock Victoria	20	16	2	2	76	37	39	49 *
2	FC Haynes First	22	13	3	6	50	34	16	42
3	Thurleigh FC	19	12	3	4	66	32	34	39
4	Kempston United First	21	11	3	7	52	41	11	36
5	Blunham Saturday	20	11	2	7	50	44	6	35
6	LU Donz First	20	10	4	6	71	47	24	34
7	Clifton First	21	7	5	9	40	41	-1	25 *
8	Bedford Albion First	17	5	5	7	42	42	0	20
9	AFC Oakley Development	20	5	5	10	24	44	-20	20
10	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	18	6	1	11	32	50	-18	18 *
11	Caldecote Reserves	21	6	2	13	31	54	-23	18 *
12	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	21	5	0	16	33	69	-36	14 *
13	Bletchley Scot First	18	4	1	13	34	66	-32	13

Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup Semi- Final.

Bedford Albion will now face St Josephs (Saturday) in this season's final after a 4-2 penalty shoot-out win at Queens Park Crescents Reserves after 90 minutes of play saw the sides deadlocked at 1-1. Benjamin Boxall on the Albion scoresheet with the Crescents reply coming from Taylor Bakogeorge.

Division Two

The lone game of the day saw league leaders AFC Bedford United lose their season's unbeaten away record when they were defeated 3-1 at Green End Rovers. Max Natola, Ben Peachey and Callum Rust on the Rovers scoresheet.

Division Two League Table at 1st April 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	19	11	6	2	70	38	32	39
2	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	19	11	4	4	54	23	31	37
3	Bedford SA First	21	11	3	7	57	46	11	36
4	Queens Park Crescents Reserves	19	12	3	4	33	22	11	36 *
5	Caddington Reserves	20	11	2	7	41	40	1	35
6	St Josephs (Sat)	19	10	2	7	45	39	6	32
7	Wixams Wanderers First	22	9	4	9	52	55	-3	31
8	Green End Rovers First	20	8	2	10	48	46	2	26
9	Flitwick Town Reserves	22	8	2	12	41	58	-17	26
10	Kempston Athletic First	19	7	2	10	26	38	-12	23
11	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	21	3	2	16	21	52	-31	10 *
12	Westoning Club Reds	21	3	2	16	31	62	-31	5 *

Jubilee Cup Semi-Final

Kempston Athletic will now contest this season's final against either AFC Bedford United or Wixams Wanderers following their 7-6 home penalty shoot-out win over AFC Kempston Town Hammers after 90 minutes of play saw the sides all square at 2-2. Alexander Waslewski with both Athletic goals against Hanners replies from Ryan Spencer and Dom Loadman.

Division Three

League leaders Dunstable Wanderers took another step towards being crowned champions by retaining their season's 100% away record in winning 5-1 at M&DH Clapham Sports. Shazan Arif with a brace plus goals from Charlie Broux, Andrew Gibson and Luke Smith bringing up the nap hand with the lone home reply coming from Fred Shannon. Yet still living in hope are second place Bedford Albion Development who trail them by 10 points but having played one game fewer after they took their unbeaten ways up to nine games with a 3-1 home success over Everton Athletic who were losing on the road for the first time in six outings. Kye Mackinnon with a brace plus a goal from Pasquale Grasso doing the damage against a lone reply from Logan Smith.

Elsewhere, goals from James Hall, Ryan Newins and Ashleigh Lewis took LU Donz Development to a 3-1 home victory over Wilstead whose lone reply came from Paul Jackson.

Division Three League Table at 1st April 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Dunstable Wanderers First	16	15	0	1	63	17	46	45
2	Bedford Albion Development	15	11	2	2	43	21	22	35
3	Amphill Town Colts	16	10	2	4	42	22	20	32
4	Atletic FC First	18	10	1	7	46	41	5	28 *
5	Everton Athletic FC First	18	7	2	9	40	36	4	23
6	Stopsley United Reserves	13	7	1	5	47	35	12	22
7	Wilstead First	16	7	0	9	42	40	2	20 *
8	LU Donz Development	17	6	2	9	32	37	-5	18 *
9	M&DH Clapham Sports First	15	4	4	7	27	38	-11	16
10	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	15	4	1	10	27	57	-30	13
11	Flitwick Town 'A'	18	4	1	13	24	55	-31	13
12	Turvey First	17	4	0	13	17	51	-34	12
13	Caldecote A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-6 *

Watson Shield Quarter-Final

Stopsley United Reserves will now travel to Cranfield United Development for a last four tie after goals from Owen Impey, Connor Waite and Trey Brand saw them win 3-2 at Meltis Rangers for whom Charlie Smith hit a brace in reply.

Division Four

League Leaders Luton Phoenix are now unbeaten in their last 13 outings following their 5-1 home victory over AFC Claphill to stay four points clear of second place DTCC FC who having played two games fewer maintained their season's 100% home record in beating AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves 4-1. Honain Ali Shah, Muhammed Hussain, Mohsin Mahmood, Yousaf Zahir and Hassen Ali all found the back of the net for the Phoenix against a lone Harry Lewis reply for the AFC. Whilst on the mark for DTCC was Chris Sorrentino twice alongside Luke Janes and Jamie Traynor. with Kian Morey the lone Hammers goalscorer.

Elsewhere, Westoning Blues are just a point further back in third spot having played the same number of games as the league leaders after they made it seven wins on the bounce 2-1 at Cranfield United Development. thanks to goals from Lewis Cooksley and Rew Jennings with Oliver Merritt on the mark with the lone United reply. Whilst bottom of the table Wootton Blue Cross A claimed just their second win of the season 1-0 at home over Everton Athletic Reserves thanks to a goal from Maculay Denton.

Division Four League Table at 1st April 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Luton Phoenix FC	20	17	1	2	81	21	60	52
2	Dunstable Town Cricket Club DTCC FC Satu	19	17	0	2	60	18	42	51
3	Westoning Club Blues	21	16	0	5	69	28	41	47*
4	Cranfield United Development	20	15	1	4	104	24	80	46
5	Flitwick Eagles Development	24	14	1	9	62	44	18	43
6	AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves	21	10	2	9	57	53	4	32
7	Catsbrook Wanderers First	20	9	3	8	33	34	-1	30
8	Queens Park Crescents Development	18	7	4	7	27	53	-26	25
9	Everton Athletic FC Res	20	7	2	11	28	52	-24	22*
10	Meltis Rangers First	21	6	5	10	37	41	-4	20*
11	Leighton Woodside Athletic	22	5	1	16	46	83	-37	16
12	AFC Clophill First	18	2	2	14	16	59	-43	8
13	Wootton Blue Cross A	20	3	1	16	23	69	-46	4*
14	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	20	1	3	16	21	85	-64	4*

Wednesday 1st April 2026

Premier Division supported by Sportform action saw Caldecote take their winning ways up to 15 games and move to within 10 points of league leaders Cranfield United Reserves on whom they have some four games in hand after goals from Mark Ansell Carter, Christopher Richardson, Ross Taylor and James Tubridy took them to a 4-0 home victory over Flitwick Town. Whilst bottom of the table Shefford Town & Campton Reserves came within 11 minutes of claiming only their second victory of the season at home against Biggleswade FC Reserves. Zach Thompson shot them ahead 13 minutes into the game and when Russel Asante added a second in the 73th minute they looked set to gain all three points for the first since beating Flitwick Town back in mid-September. Alas it was not to be, Nathaniel Sherriff from the penalty spot reduced the arrears to 1-2 in the 79th minute and then a goal from Rafael Miles even up matters at 2-2 six minutes from time.

If it's goals you want then it was not an evening to be watching Division One football with both games AFC Oakley Development v Kempston United and Lea Sports PSG v Bedford Albion finishing goalless.

The lone action in Division Three saw promotion chasing Stopsley United Reserves having won their last five outings fall to a 0-1 home defeat against Flitwick Town A. Dale Goldie the Town marksman.

There were five games in Division Four, one of which saw a goal from Benjamin Griiffiths be enough to take second place DTCC FC to a 1-0 home success over Catsbrook Wanderers to move them within a point of league leaders Luton Phoenix . Whilst third place Westoning Blues lost for the first time in eight outings when beaten at home 2-4 by a Wootton Blue Cross A side who were lifting themselves off of the bottom of the table. Harry Fuller with a brace plus Joshua Buckle and Riley John

marking the visitors scoresheet against Blues replies from Lewis Cooksley and Thomas Walsh.

Now just a point behind the Blues in fourth spot are Cranfield United Development after a brace from Harry Griffiths and goals from Alesio Cerrone and Ali Elforjani took them to a 4-2 victory at Flitwick Town Eagles.

Elsewhere, a goal from Somto Naamdi could not prevent the now bottom of the table falling to a 1-2 home defeat at the hands of Everton Athletic Reserves. Whilst Merv Hussian and Joshua Smith were on the mark for Queens Park Crescents Development in their 2-2 home draw with Meltis Rangers whose replies both came from Charlie Smith.