

# **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.

### **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](mailto:Peter.Francis30@ntlworld.com) or by text/ telephone on 07779680269.

### **Saturday 31st January 2026**

#### **Britannia Cup 1st Round**

The result of the round belonged to Biggleswade United Reserves who with a brace of goals from Fenton Williams and a strike from Seyram Hammond were the 3-2 home winners over Harlington Juniors for whom Greg Bennett replied with a brace. There was no such joy across the town with Biggleswade FC Reserves falling to a 0-2 home defeat at the hands of Caldecote for whom Evan Beldon bagged both goals.

For AFC Oakley it was a straight passage into round two after Shefford Town & Campton Reserves failed to raise a side to travel to meet them. Whilst the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league leaders and current cup holders Cranfield United Reserves required just a goal from Sean Byrne to win 1-0 at Queens Park Crescents.

For Totternoe Reserves with goals from Akshat Jain and Ellis Holden it was a 2-1 home victory over Flitwick Town Reserves for whom Leighton Edwards replied. Whilst Marston Shelton Rovers with a brace from Harry Baker and a strike from

Jamie Snapes were the 3-2 home winners over Stopsley United whose goals came via William Coote and Adam Hughes.

Elsewhere the only game to go to a penalty shoot-out came at Gold Street where following a 3-3 draw visitors Elstow Abbey emerged the 5-4 spot winners over the hosting Riseley Sports. for whom Alex Taylor hit a brace to go alongside a goal from Tyler Prince with the Abbey goals coming from Lewis Parkin, Marko Tobdzic and Steven Gentle.

### **Division One**

The lone action of the afternoon saw Thurleigh fail to close the gap at the head of the league standings on Baldock Victoria when their 11 game unbeaten run was ended with a 2-1 defeat at Blunham who are now unbeaten in their last six outings. Connor Heaps and Ben Moore marking the home scoresheet against a lone reply from Charlie Hurley.

### **Division One League Table at 31st January 2026**

| Pos | Team                          | P  | W  | D | L  | F  | A  | GD  | PTS  |
|-----|-------------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|------|
| 1   | Baldock Victoria              | 15 | 12 | 2 | 1  | 57 | 30 | 27  | 38   |
| 2   | Thurleigh FC                  | 15 | 9  | 3 | 3  | 52 | 23 | 29  | 30   |
| 3   | FC Haynes First               | 16 | 9  | 3 | 4  | 39 | 26 | 13  | 30   |
| 4   | LU Donz First                 | 15 | 8  | 3 | 4  | 57 | 35 | 22  | 27   |
| 5   | Blunham Saturday              | 13 | 8  | 2 | 3  | 36 | 26 | 10  | 26   |
| 6   | Clifton First                 | 14 | 6  | 3 | 5  | 34 | 31 | 3   | 21   |
| 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   | Caldecote Reserves            | 16 | 5  | 2 | 9  | 27 | 39 | -12 | 15 * |
| 10  | Lea Sports PSG Saturday First | 13 | 5  | 0 | 8  | 27 | 43 | -16 | 15   |
| 11  | AFC Oakley Development        | 15 | 3  | 4 | 8  | 20 | 40 | -20 | 13   |
| 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 1st Round**

The biggest winners of the day were Wootton Blue Cross Reserves with a 5-0 victory at Caldecote Reserves. George Armstrong with a hat-trick and goals from Alfie Stoughton and Kai Yeomans bringing up the nap hand. Whilst Bedford Albion ran out 4-0 away winners at FC Haynes with a hat-trick from Nathan France and a strike from Daniel Jeffries. ( post match it was established the Albion had played an

ineligible layer so it will be FC Haynes whose name will go into the hat for the 2nd round draw )

The same fate was also to fall upon Lu Donz who after a home 5-3 penalty shoot-out victory over Baldock Victoria following a 4-4 draw they also were found to have used an ineligible player. Cameron Saunders with a brace plus David Byass and Reece Hilton on the Donz scoresheet and Paul Morris with a hat-trick and Liam Thompson replying for the visitors.

For Lea Sports PSG it was a walkover into round two when Clifton failed to raise a side to journey to meet them. Whilst Kempston United were the 2-0 home winners over AFC Oakley Development with goals from Rhys Popham and Ajani Thomas -Anderson.

## **Division Two**

With the Westoning Reds v Queens Park Crescents game postponed due to a waterlogged pitch the only action of the afternoon saw a 1-1 draw between Wixams Wanderers and the visiting Kempston Athletic. Louis Hartford-Smith with the home goal against a reply from Hayden Bartram for the Athletic.

## **Division Two League Table at 31st January 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          | 17 | 6  | 3 | 8  | 38 | 42 | -4  | 21   |
| 8   | Green End Rovers First          | 15 | 6  | 2 | 7  | 37 | 37 | 0   | 20   |
| 9   | Flitwick Town Reserves          | 17 | 5  | 2 | 10 | 34 | 50 | -16 | 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 *  |

## **Jubilee Cup 1st Round**

With a brace of goals from Jack Konopka, Stotfold Junior were the 2-1 home winners over Flitwick Town Reserves whose goal came from Ibraima Balde. Whilst Bedford SA required a 4-3 penalty shoot-out success to emerge the home winners over St

Josephs (Saturday ) following a 2-2 draw. Sheema Dixon with a brace for the SA against Joe's replies via Harry Bermington and Decian Fennelly.

With a brace from Max Natola and a goal from Jack Perry Green End Rovers won 3-0 at AFC Bedford United before post match it was established they had used an ineligible player and as a consequence it will be AFC Bedford United who will go forward to round two.

### **Watson Shield 2nd Round**

With a brace of goals from Jacob Hepton and strikes from Max Ellis and Harry Griffiths Cranfield I United Development were the 4-0 away winners at Flitwick Eagles.

Whilst For Athletic FC it was a 4-2 home victory over AFC Clophill . Jason Allison, Moydean Banda, Cameron Browne and Gershom Makombe all found the back of the net against AFC replies from Hayden Stringer and Callum Hughes-Forde .Also scoring four on home soil were Turvey who with goals from Alfred Dawson from the penalty spot plus Owen Hubbard, Max Norman and Freddie Stonebridge to beat Everton Athletic 4-3 whose replies came from Jack Guiver, James Scott and Logan Smith.

Not needing to kick a ball to progress into the next round were Dunstable Wanderers after The 61 FC Luton Reserves failed to raise a side to meet them and likewise M&DH Clapham Sports after Dunstable Town U18 Lions withdrew from the competition.

With goals from Thomas Giggie and Jonathan Hill,.Flitwick Town A won 2-1 at Everton Athletic Reserves who reply came from Michael Freeman.Yet Stopsley United Reserves required a 4-1 penalty shoot-out success to emerge the winners at Catsbrook Wanderers after 90 minutes play had seen the sides deadlocked at 3-3. Jamel Matthews twice and Jason McDonagh marking the Wanderers scoresheet with the United goals came from Daniel Adenaya with a brace and Oluwajomiloju Akanmu.

There were two away victories for Bedfordshire Saturday Youth League sides, Leighton Town Youth U18 the 6-2 winners at Leighton Woodside Athletic whose goals came from Alfie Thorne and Josh Walduck. Whilst Leighton Park Rangers U18 Foxes won 4-2 at Queens Park Crescents Development., the home goals came from Haider Abbasi and Sam Young in a first round tie and will now travel to M&DH Clapham Reserves in round two.

Elsewhere, Westoning Blues needed a 6-5 penalty shoot-out success to emerge the winners at Wymondley Park U17 Panthe following a 4-4 draw where Freddie Hunt netted all four goals.

## **Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup Quarter-Finals**

It was a day for being on the road with both games going the way of the visitors. DTCC FC won 5-2 at Wilstead to earn a home last four encounter with Ampthill Town Colts who won 2-0 at Bedford Albion Development thanks to goals from Sam Wild and Lennan Pilgrim. For DTCC FC it was braces from Reese Brogan and Luke Janes plus a goal from Louie Blake that brought up their nap hand at Wilstead where Colin Marshall hit both of the home replies.

## **Division Four**

Going big were AFC Kempston Hammers Reserves who following three straight defeats were 6-0 home winners over M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves who are still in search of their first victory of the season and remain rooted to the bottom of the league table. The Hammers goals were bagged by Marcus Earey, Brendan Pettit, Matthew Capener, Robert Goodman, Kian Morey and Dylan Steffens. Whilst gaining their first point of the season following 12 straight defeats were second from bottom of the table Wootton Blue Cross A who drew 2-2 at Meltis Rangers. Joe Holmes and Benjamin Smith marking their scoresheet against Rangers replies from Kyle Lewis and Tyrell O'Connor.

## **Division Four League Table at 31st January 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 | 17   |
| 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 *  |