

Bedfordshire County **Football League**



Season 2023-24

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Noticeboard

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.

Please note the deadline for season 2023-24 is Midnight Monday 15th April 2024.

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.

Friday 8th March 2024

Following the March 2024 Management Committee Meeting held last evening 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.

Bedford SA : in breach of league rule 20E(iii) /23D v Buffs FA on Saturday

10th February 2024. Game now awarded to Buffs FC and Bedford SA deducted one penalty point.

New Bradwell St Peter Development : in breach of league rule 18L(B) v Caddington on Saturday 17th February 2024. Game now awarded to Caddington and New Bradwell St Peter Development deducted one penalty point.

Amendments made under league rule 20E following games being abandoned

Division Two South. 3rd February 2024. Flitwick Town Reserves v Sporting Carpathians..**Game now awarded to Sporting Carpathians.**

Saturday 9th March 2024

Premier Division Supported By Sportsform

Stotfold Development in making it 10 wins on the bounce when a goal from Robert Wilcock took them to a 1-0 victory at Crawley Green Reserves now find themselves 13 points clear at the head of the league table albeit having played six games more than second place Caldecote who were away on Britannia Cup duty. Whilst third place Biggleswade United Reserves now trail the leaders by 20 points following their 2-3 home defeat at the hands of Riseley Sports for whom Alex Taylor from the penalty spot plus goals from Bradley Raines and James Cooke did the damage against a United brace in reply from Jamie Box.

The biggest win of the day went to the now fourth place Marston Shelton Rovers 5-0 at home over AFC Kempston Town Hammers. Harry Baker with a hat-trick plus goals from Riley Clifford and Luke Clifford bringing up the nap hand. Elsewhere it was a good day on the road for Biggleswade FC Reserves and Flitwick Town. The Town with goals from Ash Nelson and Phil Matthews winning 2-1 at Queens Park Crescents for whom Mohammed Raheem Jabber replied. Whilst the FC won 3-1 at AFC Oakley thanks to goals from Dylan Defang Asonganyi, Plamedi Kole Bomola and Daniel Lodevica against a lone reply via Chris Amadi.

Britannia Cup Semi-Final

Elstow Abbey will now defend their Britannia Cup crown against Stotfold Development after a goal from Toby Williams took them to a 1-0 victory at Caldecote.

Division One

For league leaders Wootton Blue Cross it was the loss of their seasons unbeaten ways when beaten 0-1 at home by Henlow for whom Aldous Taylor netted from the penalty spot. Whilst second place Buffs FC returned to winning ways for the first time in four outings with a 4-0 home success over Lewsey Park. Jonathan Polezuk with a brace plus goals from Joby Walsh and Ralph Baldwin doing the damage.

Still very much in the title race are third place Totternoe Reserves who retained their season's 100% home record in defeating Cranfield United Reserves 2-1. Shazan Idress and Oliver Richardson both found the back of the net against a lone United

reply from James Manning. Whilst fourth place AFC Oakley Development fell to a 3-0 defeat at Harlington Juniors for whom Jamie Small, Ash Ingham and Alex Frantellizzi netted.

Elsewhere, Clifton having lost their last four away games returned to winning ways on the road with a 3-2 victory at Renhold. Elliot Powell, Adam Ahmed-Pearce and Jared Libot on their scoresheet against home replies via Marko Tobdzic and Saba Maluku.

Division Two North

With league leaders Kempston United sitting the afternoon out second place Wilstead failed to close the four point gap between them by losing 4-2 at Sharnbrook Reserves. Zak Wilson netted both of their goals, with the home hero being Bradley Duffett with a hat-trick which was added to by astrike from Teddy Daniel. Now in third spot just five points behind the leaders are Shefford Town & Campton Development who with a penalty from Lewis Dickson and a goal from Will Boon won 2-0 at Wootton Blue Cross Reserves .

Elsewhere, Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves returned to winning ways following three straight defeats when goals from Luke and Jordan Gurney took them to a 2-0 home victory over Blunham. Whilst just down the road at Harvey Close, Sandy with a goal from Voni Maswangany shared the points in a 1-1 draw with hosts Caldecote Reserves whose reply came from Tom Wallace.

Division Two North League Table at 9th March 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston United First	15	9	3	3	43	18	25	30
2	Wilstead First	16	8	2	6	31	31	0	26
3	Shefford Town & Campton Development	15	8	1	6	28	30	-2	25
4	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	14	7	3	4	29	19	10	24
5	Sharnbrook Reserves	13	7	2	4	39	21	18	23
6	Caldecote Reserves	13	7	2	4	27	17	10	23
7	Ickwell & Old Warden First	11	7	1	3	32	19	13	22
8	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	12	4	4	4	16	17	-1	16
9	Blunham First	16	5	3	8	20	29	-9	15 *
10	Sandy First	14	1	2	11	12	50	-38	5
11	M&DH Clapham Sports First	13	1	1	11	9	35	-26	4
12	Bande Rouge (Sat) First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2 *
13	AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3 *

Division Two South

There is no change at the head of the Division Two league standings following wins for the top three clubs. League leaders Stopsley United remaining seven points clear when they retained their season's 100% home record and unbeaten ways in beating bottom of the table The 61 FC Luton Reserves 4-0. Michael Carter with a brace plus single goals from Ryan Northwood and Ryan Sheridan marking their scoresheet. Whilst second place Sporting Carpathians were the 7-1 home winners over Caddington. Florin Andei Bejinar with a hat-trick, Marcel Buruiana with a brace and single goals from Mihai Botusan and Cosmin Miron doing the damage whilst Jamie England struck the lone Caddington reply.

For third place Westoning Recreation it was a fourth away win on the spin 6-1 at Flitwick Town Reserves. Charlie Scott led the way with a hat-trick, Cassius Ransey grabbed a brace with George Nicholls adding a single goal. against a lone Town reply from Memdi Gana. Whilst fourth place FC Haynes with goals from Louie Dillon and Cian Mitchell drew 2-2 at Lea Sports PSG for whom Joe Hennem and Sean Dixon found the back of the net.

Elsewhere, New Bradwell St Peters Development returned to winning ways for the first time in three outings with a 4-1 home victory over Brache Phoenix. The goals coming from Oliver Turnball, Doneil Mahanzu, Charlie Fisher and Josh Aris whilst Mana Osei Boffah was the lone Phoenix scorer.

Division Two South League Table at 9th March 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stopsley United First	16	15	1	0	70	14	56	46
2	Sporting Carpathians First	19	13	1	5	70	27	43	39*
3	Westoning Recreation First	15	11	2	2	72	21	51	35
4	FC Haynes First	19	9	2	8	66	45	21	28*
5	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	18	9	3	6	58	42	16	27*
6	LU Donz First	12	8	1	3	28	18	10	25
7	New Bradwell St Peter FC Development	17	8	2	7	39	35	4	25*
8	Caddington (BCFL)	17	6	4	7	33	40	-7	22
9	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	17	7	1	9	39	57	-18	21*
10	Flitwick Town Reserves	20	5	3	12	34	71	-37	18
11	Bletchley Scot First	12	4	3	5	38	34	4	15
12	Brache Phoenix First	13	3	4	6	30	41	-11	13
13	FC Polonia (Luton) First	17	2	0	15	37	81	-44	6
14	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	16	0	1	15	10	98	-88	1

Jubilee Cup Quarter-Finals

With goals from Jamie Adam, Connor Biennerhasset, TJ Powell and Troy Walker Lu Donz ran out the 4-1 home winners over Bletchley Scot for whom Ben Swepston netted to earn them a home Semi- Final tie against FC Polonia (Luton) who won 4-3 at AFC Bedford United. Gary Townsend twice and Jake Grogan once on the United scoresheet whilst the visitors goals came from Lukasz Lsja with a brace alongside single strikes from Fabien Pawelee and Mateusz Antonium.

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro

Caldecote A now head the Division Three supported by Hy-Pro league table after taking full advantage of Harlington Juniors being away on Watson Shield duty by winning 2-1 at Clifton Reserves thanks to goals from Stephen Fletcher and Derek Newton against a lone home reply from Khaled Phillips. Whilst third place Elstow Abbey Reserves with a brace of goals from Ashley Windridge won 2-0 against Queens Park Crescents Development.

The biggest victory of the day went to Leighton Woodside Rovers in winning 6-0 at GS Athletic. Alex Pearce led the way with a hat-trick alongside a brace of goals from Thomas Bassett. and a strike from Oscar Lomas.

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro League Table at 9th March 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Caldecote 'A'	13	9	1	3	44	15	29	28
2	Harlington Juniors Reserves	12	8	2	2	38	16	22	26
3	Elstow Abbey Reserves	13	8	1	4	28	28	0	25
4	Leighton Woodside Rovers	14	8	0	6	32	31	1	23 *
5	Luton Panthers First	13	7	1	5	44	24	20	22
6	Bedford Albion Development	11	6	1	4	31	22	9	19
7	Clifton Reserves	12	5	4	3	18	15	3	19
8	Queens Park Crescents Development	13	2	4	7	23	34	-11	10
9	Flitwick Town 'A'	14	2	1	11	15	47	-32	7
10	GS Athletic First	15	2	1	12	18	59	-41	6 *
11	CS Rovers First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-6 *

Watson Shield Third Round

It was the end of the Shield Road for Ampthill Town Colts who had just a lone goal from George Shaw to show from their 1-3 home defeat by Warden U18 PDA Luton of the Bedfordshire Youth Saturday League. Whilst Harlington Junior Reserves with goals from Glenn Cooksley, Suaun Cooksley and Eddie Prior won by the same scoreline at Bedford Albion Development for whom Thomas Davies replied.

Division Four

Kempston Athletic in going down 2-0 at third place Shefford Town & Campton U23 for whom Joshua Zaniewicz-Neville netted both goals are now just two points clear at the head of the Division Four league standings after Athletic FC retained their season's unbeaten ways when a brace of goals from Emmanuel Adjei and strikes from Gjet Rabeli and Masumbe Kezhzong took them to a 4-0 home victory over Leighton Woodside Athletic,

Now in fourth spot are Meltis Rangers who with a brace of goals from Joshua Smith and strikes from George Cousins and Kyle Arundell-Kizel ran out 4-2 home winners over Sandy Reserves. The visitors replies came via James Scott and Ashley Bell. Whilst M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves are now unbeaten in their last four outings after winning 3-2 at Lidlington United Sports Club Colts. Tom Ellis with a brace plus a goal from Dan Beddow doing the damage against United replies via Antony Antoniou and Bradley Martin..

Elsewhere goals from Jordan Holmes and Joe Olesin earned Catsbrook Wanderers a share of the spoils from a 2-2 draw at Turvey whose replies came via Lucas Hames and George Shingleton.

Division Four League Table at 9th March 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston Athletic First	19	16	0	3	77	16	61	48
2	Athletic FC First	19	14	4	1	59	33	26	46
3	Shefford Town & Campton U23	16	11	3	2	57	23	34	36
4	Meltis Rangers First	15	7	4	4	44	26	18	22 *
5	Dunstable Wanderers First	14	6	3	5	37	34	3	21
6	Sandy Reserves	16	6	1	9	36	47	-11	19
7	Turvey	18	4	5	9	35	50	-15	17
8	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	15	5	3	7	20	40	-20	17 *
9	Catsbrook Wanderers First	19	5	3	11	21	55	-34	17 *
10	Lidlington United Sports Club Colts	17	4	3	10	32	55	-23	15
11	Amphill Town Colts	15	3	1	11	26	62	-36	10
12	Leighton Woodside Athletic	19	3	4	12	32	35	-3	2 *
13	Biggleswade FC Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Wednesday 13th March 2024

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Elstow Abbey took their unbeaten ways up to nine games with a 5-2 victory at Shefford Town & Campton Reserves who were losing for the fifth time on the bounce. Lewis Parkin with a brace plus goals from James Copley, Dan Mattin and Devante Mahanzu bringing up the Abbey nap hand against Town replies via Will Bolton and Kyle Cook.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 13th March 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stotfold Development	19	16	1	2	68	18	50	49
2	Caldecote First	13	12	0	1	41	10	31	36
3	Elstow Abbey First	13	9	2	2	41	14	27	29
4	Biggleswade United Reserves	18	9	2	7	49	33	16	29
5	Marston Shelton Rovers First	20	8	5	7	42	40	2	29
6	Crawley Green Reserves	16	7	1	8	37	29	8	22
7	Flitwick Town First	18	6	4	8	39	53	-14	22
8	Riseley Sports First	17	7	0	10	32	47	-15	21
9	AFC Oakley First	14	6	2	6	47	26	21	20
10	Biggleswade FC Reserves	17	6	2	9	35	50	-15	20
11	Queens Park Crescents First	14	3	5	6	29	39	-10	14
12	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	12	2	1	9	20	43	-23	7
13	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	17	0	1	16	14	92	-78	1
14	Sharnbrook First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Division One

AFC Oakley remain in fourth spot and Cranfield United Reserves a point behind in fifth slot after they shared the points in a 2-2 draw at Crawley Road. Joe Bygraves and Leonardo Valentino Cimmino on the United scoresheet against AFC replies via Andrew Massey and Harvey Holland for the visitors.

Division One League Table at 13th March 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Wootton Blue Cross First	15	12	2	1	48	17	31	38
2	Bufs FC Saturday First	18	10	1	7	35	38	-3	31
3	Totternhoe Reserves	13	9	1	3	47	26	21	28
4	AFC Oakley Development	19	7	4	8	41	39	2	25
5	Cranfield United Reserves	15	7	3	5	45	24	21	24
6	Bedford Albion First	14	7	1	6	34	31	3	22
7	Renhold First	14	6	3	5	30	35	-5	21
8	Harlington Juniors First	13	6	2	5	30	27	3	20
9	Henlow First	16	6	3	7	29	39	-10	20*
10	Clifton First	13	3	2	8	16	30	-14	11
11	Bedford SA First	14	2	2	10	19	38	-19	7*
12	Lewsey Park First	16	1	4	11	18	48	-30	7
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*