



Bedfordshire County **Football League**

Season 2024-25

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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 become the league's mainline sponsor for season 2024-25.

Chairman, Peter Francis said, we are delighted to welcome HBC Logistics aboard for the 2024-25 season being our first mainline sponsor in its 120 year history 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 2025 Annual General Meeting.

HBC Logistics is delighted for this new partnership with the Bedfordshire County Football League. Football is a big part of our company, not only am i the first team manager of Biggleswade FC, but there are always heated debates and collective discussions in the office. It's a lot of fun and we are now excited to be able to follow and support teams more locally as a business with plenty of community spirit. Dave Northfield. Director at HBC Logistics.

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 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 2024-25 .

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.

When club are suspicious of their opposition line-up they are advised to gain photographic evidence to help the league with any breach of rule investigation

In past seasons 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 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 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, 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.

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 15th March 2025

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Marston Shelton Rovers lead at the head of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table is now down to just a single point after they were beaten 2-1 at home by third place Wootton Blue Cross. Gianni Battezzato and Alan Henman on the mark for the Blue Cross against a lone Rovers reply from Jamie Cerminara. The Rovers now just goal difference behind second place AFC Oakley who with goals from Joseph McDonagh and James Westwood were 2-0 home winners over Crawley Green Development.

Also very much in the title race are fifth place Queens Park Crescents who trail the Rovers by some 11 points having played four games fewer and the second and third place clubs by 10 points having played three games fewer after they ran out 4-1 away winners at Shefford Town & Campton Reserves to extend their unbeaten away record to six games. Faizan Fariad with a hat-trick and a goal from Hassen Yousaf doing the damage against a lone Town reply from Alex Burdett. Also enjoying life on the road were Riseley Sports in winning 3-1 at now bottom of the table Biggleswade FC Reserves where Freddie Spavins found the net twice and Matthew Smith once against a lone FC reply from Toran O'Brien.

Lifting themselves off of the bottom spot are Flitwick Town who with goals from Martyn Byrne and Bradley Johnson shared the spoils from a 2-2 draw at Caldecote., both of whom's goals came from Riley Evans. Also drawing 2-2 were Totternhoe Reserves at home against fourth place Cranfield United Reserves. Liam Andrews and Mathew Gordon on the home scoresheet against United replies via Kayode Akinijiola and James Manning.

Whilst elsewhere, Elstow Abbey have now failed to win any of their last five outings after being held to a 0-0 draw by Biggleswade United Reserves.

Division One

The lone game of the afternoon saw Wootton Blue Cross Reserves to a 7-1 away success at Bedford Albion. Keelan Coleman led the way with a hat-trick and joined on the scoresheet by goals from Tom Stanley, Reece Mills, Orestas Jonaitis and Jose Araniello against a lone Albion reply via Nathan France.

Beds FA Intermeadiate Semi-Finals

This season's final will be between Stopsley United and Ickwell & Old Warden after they both progressed their last four ties by a single goal margin. The United with a brace from Callum Frater and goals from Temitayo Akerele and Cheick Camara the 4-3 home winners over LU Donz whose replies came via Cameron Saunders with a brace plus a strike from David Byass. Whilst Ickwell & Old Warden were the 2-1 winners at Clifton thanks to goals from David Diavua and Jack Fox. with Tony Gibbs replying for the home side.

Division One League Table at 15th March 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Harlington Juniors First	14	13	0	1	69	17	52	39
2	Stopsley United First	16	12	1	3	56	21	35	37
3	Kempston United First	18	10	1	7	43	45	-2	31
4	Bedford Albion First	16	6	4	6	45	38	7	22
5	Bufs FC Saturday First	16	6	3	7	27	32	-5	21
6	Ickwell & Old Warden First	16	5	4	7	24	35	-11	18 *
7	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	13	4	3	6	29	36	-7	15
8	Clifton First	12	5	1	6	27	19	8	13 *
9	AFC Oakley Development	13	2	5	6	16	38	-22	10 *
10	Sporting Carpathians First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Bedford SA First	16	1	0	15	19	74	-55	0 *

Division Two North

AFC Bedford United remain in second place following their 5-1 home victory over Wixams Wanderers. Cameron Cain with a brace and goals from Tayvon Charles, Phoenix Togara- Mudzovera and Anashe Tinkenawo bringing up the nap hand against a lone reply from Harrison White for the Wanderer. This victory keeping them a point clear of third place Blunham who with braces from Max Smalley and Ricky Lawrence plus a goal from Matty Law won 5-4 at bottom of the table M&DH Clapham Sports whose replies came from Fred Shannon with a brace plus Ryan Prior and Jack Hedley.

Division Two North League Table at 15th March 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Thurleigh FC	17	14	0	3	57	10	47	42
2	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	16	10	4	2	43	26	17	34
3	Blunham (BCFL)	17	10	3	4	46	33	13	33
4	Caldecote Reserves	15	10	1	4	39	19	20	31
5	FC Haynes First	17	9	2	6	43	36	7	29
6	Green End Rovers First	16	6	2	8	38	40	-2	20
7	Wixams Wanderers First	18	6	3	9	35	50	-15	18 *
8	Shefford Town & Campton Development	17	4	2	11	36	56	-20	14
9	Bedford Albion Development	17	3	3	11	27	59	-32	11 *
10	M&DH Clapham Sports First	16	0	2	14	18	53	-35	2

Jubilee Cup Quarter-Finals

With a brace of goals from Max Natola and single strikes from Othneil Ngiandu, Steffan Jones and Zack Baker, Green End Rovers were the 5-3 winners at Stotfold Junior those goals came from Joseph Evans with a brace and Ross Irving. Whilst Bedford Albion Development emerged the 5-4 penalty shoot-out winners at Luton Panthers after 90 minutes play had seen the sides deadlocked at 3-3. Shaker Guulam Kouser with a brace plus Marvin Onumonu on the home scoresheet against Albion replies via Kyle Mackinnon, James Wookey and Giovanni Zemenko.

Division Two South

Lea Sports PSG moved to within three points of the league leaders LU Donz to take their unbeaten ways up to six games with a 4-1 victory at the bottom of the table Brache Phoenix. Etan McEvoy with a brace plus goals from Liam Doyle and Joe Hennem doing the damage against a lone home reply via Yaseen Khan. Whilst now up into third spot just four points behind the PSG but having played three games fewer are Harlington Juniors Reserves who ran out 7-0 away winners at Flitwick Town Reserves. Connor Saunders with a hat-trick, Ben Cornwell with a brace plus goals from Eddie Prior and Benedict Whalley leaving the Town now without a victory from their last nine outings.

Division Two South League Table at 15th March 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	LU Donz First	17	12	2	3	59	30	29	38
2	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	17	10	5	2	57	30	27	35
3	Harlington Juniors Reserves	14	11	1	2	56	17	39	31*
4	New Bradwell St Peter FC Development	17	10	2	5	39	23	16	31*
5	Caddington (BCFL)	17	9	3	5	50	32	18	30
6	Luton Panthers First	18	7	3	8	53	44	9	24
7	Bletchley Scot First	14	7	3	4	39	36	3	24
8	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	18	7	2	9	45	43	2	23
9	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	18	5	3	10	32	57	-25	18
10	Flitwick Town Reserves	19	5	2	12	40	63	-23	17
11	Caldecote A	20	2	4	14	22	78	-56	9*
12	Brache Phoenix First	17	2	2	13	29	68	-39	8

Level on points with the Juniors but having played three games more are New Bradwell St Peter Development who were held to a 1-1 draw at Bletchley Scot. Dean Reed on the home scoresheet with Sam Dobson replying for the visitors. In fifth place sit Caddington who still remain 100% on home soil this season after beating

second from the bottom of the table Caldecote A 3-0 thanks to an own goal plus strikes from Mitch Chaney and Louis Octave.

Division Three

Kempston Athletic remain seven points clear at the head of the Division Three league table after they retained their season's 100% home record and unbeaten ways with a 2-0 success over Meltis Rangers thanks to a brace of goals from Hayden Bartram. Whilst second place Lewsey Park took their winning ways up to eight games with a 4-1 victory at Dunstable Wanderers. thanks to a brace of goals from Jack Doyle plus strikes from Patrick Daly and Trevor Nkate with Morgan Cook the lone Wanderers marksman.

Also enjoying life on the road were both FC Polonia (Luton) and The 61 FC Luton Reserves. The 61 by a 1-0 margin at Flitwick Town A thanks to a goal from Miles Tetigur with FC Polonia winning 3-0 at the bottom of the table Everton Athletic with goals from Fabien Pawelec, Sylwester Kraska and Marcin Ostrowski.

Elsewhere, Wilstead extended their unbeaten record on the road up to six games when goals from Michael Jones and Rahell Khan saw them draw 2-2 at Athletic FC whose came via Emmanuel Obodoechine and Alred Song. Whilst Queens Park Crescents Development was gifted the three points which keeps them in fifth spot after Elstow Abbey Reserves failed to raise a side to travel to meet them in Allen Park.

Division Three League Table at 15th March 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston Athletic First	19	17	2	0	76	12	64	53
2	Lewsey Park First	18	15	1	2	70	29	41	46
3	Sandy Reserves	19	11	2	6	54	39	15	35
4	Athletic FC First	18	10	4	4	64	36	28	34
5	Queens Park Crescents Development	18	10	3	5	60	42	18	33
6	Wilstead First	19	9	1	9	47	42	5	27 *
7	FC Polonia (Luton) First	18	8	1	9	48	49	-1	21 *
8	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	16	7	1	8	32	56	-24	21 *
9	Dunstable Wanderers First	15	5	2	8	34	36	-2	17
10	Elstow Abbey Reserves	18	4	1	13	22	48	-26	12 *
11	Flitwick Town 'A'	19	3	3	13	34	76	-42	12
12	Meltis Rangers First	17	3	3	11	26	64	-38	11 *
13	Everton Athletic FC First	18	1	2	15	26	64	-38	2 *

Division Four

With Stopsley United Reserves sitting the afternoon out Amptill Town Colts regained the leadership of the Division Four league table in retaining their season's unbeaten home ways with a 5-2 victory over M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves. George Shaw and Luke Tyrell with braces plus a goal from Jay Hartup bring up the nap hand against Sports replies via Somto Nnamdi and Ben Luke-Hal.

For third place Turvey it was an extension of their unbeaten ways to six games when goals from Luca Hames and Jake king took them to a 2-1 victory at AFC Clophill those goal came via Finlay Newman. Whilst fifth place EB Lions U21 are now unbeaten in their last eight outings following a 4-0 home win over fourth place Wootton Blue Cross A thanks to goals from Daniel Gillard, Harrison Hunt, Sam Pheby and Sam Rolfe..

Elsewhere, Henlow Hurricanes and DTCC FC played out a 3-3 draw. Marley Baksalaka, Harry Hart and Jake Holness on the home scoresheet. against visitors replies via Daniel Tubb, Connor Taylor and Harry Stapleton-Chater.

Division Four League Table at 15th March 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Amptill Town Colts	16	13	2	1	64	24	40	41
2	Stopsley United Reserves	17	13	0	4	72	39	33	39
3	Turvey First	16	11	1	4	51	34	17	33 *
4	Wootton Blue Cross A	18	11	1	6	46	35	11	32 *
5	EB Lions AFC (Sat) Mens U21	14	10	2	2	50	24	26	29 *
6	Dunstable Town Cricket Club DTCC FC Satu	15	7	2	6	51	36	15	23
7	AFC Clophill First	16	5	1	10	28	44	-16	13 *
8	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	15	4	1	10	29	50	-21	13
9	Catsbrook Wanderers First	17	3	2	12	18	42	-24	11
10	Everton Athletic FC Res	16	1	1	14	26	83	-57	4
11	Henlow Hurricanes First	16	2	3	11	25	49	-24	3 *
12	AFC Bedford United (Sat) U23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3 *

Wednesday 19th March 2025

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

The leadership of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table is now back in the hands of Wootton Blue Cross who before a Weston Park crowd nearing the 200 mark ran out 3-0 home winners over Queens Park Crescents who were thus ending their five games unbeaten run.

The Blue Cross took early charge of the game with Mason Marsh netting a brace of goals within a three minute period some 15 minutes into the contest and when Ryan Aka added a third goal some six minutes before half-time it looked game over.

That turned out to be the outcome with the Crescents unable to battle their way back into the game in the second period despite the home side going down to 10 men after 65 minutes when home goalkeeper Cristiano Pletersky was red carded for a last defender offence.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 19th March 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Wootton Blue Cross First	18	13	2	3	56	26	30	41
2	Marston Shelton Rovers First	18	12	3	3	50	30	20	39
3	AFC Oakley First	17	12	2	3	51	19	32	38
4	Cranfield United Reserves	20	9	5	6	46	31	15	32
5	Queens Park Crescents First	15	8	4	3	33	23	10	28
6	Elstow Abbey First	17	8	2	7	46	37	9	26
7	Biggleswade United Reserves	18	7	4	7	47	38	9	25
8	Caldecote First	18	7	4	7	37	38	-1	25
9	Riseley Sports First	19	7	2	10	34	37	-3	23
10	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	22	6	3	13	28	57	-29	21
11	Totternhoe Reserves	17	5	5	7	37	36	1	20
12	Crawley Green Development	20	5	4	11	36	61	-25	19
13	Flitwick Town First	16	4	2	10	32	47	-15	14
14	Biggleswade FC Reserves	23	3	4	16	36	89	-53	13