



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.

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 31st August 2024

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

The new season saw Caldecote begin the defence of their league title with a 2-0 home victory over Shefford Town & Campton Reserves thanks to goals from Tashriq Andrews and Giuseppe Follano. Whilst the biggest winners of the day were AFC

Oakley 4-0 at Biggleswade FC Reserves. Omojiseoluwa Bankole on the scoresheet three times to claim his hat-trick alongside a single goal from Chisom Amadi.

Elsewhere, a lone Joe Bescoby goal was enough to take Cranfield United Reserves to a 1-0 home success over Riseley Sports . Whilst Biggleswade United Reserves and Totternhoe Reserves played out a 1-1 draw. Seyram Hammond the home goalscorer and Jordan Knight replying for the visitors.

Division One

Five games to report upon and not a home win in sight. Harlington Community claiming the biggest victory with a 8-2 success at Kempston United. George Goodall netting twice to go alongside single strikes from Reece Smith, Freddie Knight, Matthew Coffey, Luke Renshaw and Tyler Ingham with the United replies coming via Glenn Tumulty and Marko Tobdzic. There was also a big win for Stopsley United who ran out 6-1 victors at Bedford SA. Callum Frater leading the way with four goals alongside single strikes from Temitayo Akerele and Logan Burton. The third away victory of the day saw Buffs FC with two goals from Paul Morris and a strike from Liam Thompson win 3-0 at Renhold.

The other two games ended in draws. 0-0 between Clifton and Sporting Carpathians. Whilst at Weston Park, Wootton Blue Cross were held to a 3-3 draw by visitors Ickwell & Old Warden. Stefan Frincu with a brace plus Orestas Jonatis on the Blue Cross scoresheet with a Jack Fox brace and David Duavun replying for the visitors.

Division Two North

The standout result of the afternoon saw goals from Ross Airson and Ben Lee-Phillips take FC Haynes to a 2-0 home victory over Thurleigh. Whilst goals from Harry Collins and Abdul Hakim took Shefford Town & Campton Development to a 2-1 home victory over Caldecote Reserves for whom Nick Thomas replied.

For Bedford Albion Development it was a 1-1 home draw against M&DH Clapham Sports. Kyle Mackinnon on the Albion scoresheet and Ewan Macleod replying for the Sportsmen. Whilst Blunham drew 2-2 at home against AFC Bedford United. Josh Staynor and Jack Westhead on the home scoresheet with the United replies coming via a brace for Joseph Sullivan.

Division Two South

For Lea Sports PSG it was a perfect start to the season with a 6-1 home victory over Caldecote A. Liam Doyle with a brace plus single goals from Josh Straker, Rohan Maher, Josh Slack and Harrison Sheaf from the penalty spot doing the damage against a lone Connor Blake reply for the visitors.

Elsewhere, Luton Panthers and LU Donz played out a 2-2 draw. Troy Walker hitting a brace for the Donz.

Division Three

Local derby action saw Everton Athletic held to a 2-2 home draw by Sandy Reserves. Taku JR Gotoru and Ricky Hussey-Bergonzi on the home scoresheet with

Chis Jenkins replying with a brace for the visitors. Whilst Kempston Athletic were gifted the three points when The 61 FC Luton Reserves failed to raise a side to host them at Beverley Road.

Division Four

Three games to report upon and all going the way of the home side. Wotton Blue Cross A the 4-2 victors over DTCC FC .Alan Henman with a hat-trick and a strike from Alex Handley doing the damage with Finlay Christie and Chris Sorrentino replying for the visitors. Whilst Stopsley United Reserves with goals from Zakariae Gaoui, Tyla McCabe and Cameron Nagle beat Turvey 3-2. whose replies came via Alfred Dawson and Luca Hames.

Elsewhere, EB Lions U21 were 2-1 home winners over Henlow Hurraines. Harry Milton netting both home goals and Nico Marcantonio replying for the visitors.