

Bedfordshire County **Football League**



Season 2023-24

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Noticeboard

Registration Forms (covered under league rule 8)

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 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)

All Home clubs are reminded of requirements under league rule 20E (iii) in event of any fixture being postponed. That they should without delay give notice to the secretary of the opposing club and the appointed Match Officials plus the competition. (preferred contact being Peter Francis via text 07779680269 or email at peter.francis30@ntlworld.com) this will enable the league to update its website and prevent people travelling to a game that is not going to take place. **Clubs are also reminded that from the first day of January in any season that it is mandatory to switch any such fixture to that of their opponents or a neutral ground should either be available.**

Christmas Break.2023

Please note there will be no fixtures on either Saturday 23rd December 2023 or Saturday 30th December 2023.

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 2nd December 2023

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Stotfold Development could only close the gap on league leaders Caldecote to seven points after they were held to a 3-3 draw at now fourth place Marston Shelton Rovers. Ashley Kersey with a brace and a lone strike from Mitch Gooch marking their scoresheet against a home Rovers hat-trick in reply from Harry Baker. Whilst Biggleswade FC Reserves are still in search of their first home points of the season and sitting in second from bottom spot in the league standings after Sharnbrook returned to winning ways for the first time in six outings in beating them 5-0. Braces from Josh Griggs and James Box plus a goal from Charlie Cocorane bringing up the nap hand.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 2nd December 23

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Caldecote First	11	10	0	1	33	8	25	30
2	Stotfold Development	11	7	2	2	38	15	23	23
3	Biggleswade United Reserves	10	6	2	2	33	16	17	20
4	Marston Shelton Rovers First	13	6	2	5	32	31	1	20
5	AFC Oakley First	9	6	1	2	39	13	26	19
6	Elstow Abbey First	9	6	1	2	20	11	9	19
7	Crawley Green Reserves	11	5	1	5	19	20	-1	16
8	Queens Park Crescents First	9	3	3	3	22	19	3	12
9	Flitwick Town First	9	3	2	4	22	30	-8	11
10	Sharnbrook First	8	3	1	4	19	18	1	10
11	Riseley Sports First	10	3	0	7	16	31	-15	9
12	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	10	2	1	7	18	37	-19	7
13	Biggleswade FC Reserves	11	2	1	8	16	40	-24	7
14	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	11	0	1	10	14	52	-38	1

Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy 2nd Round

With two goals from Callum Beer and a strike from Dan Stafford Flitwick Town ran out the 3-2 home winners over Queens Park Crescents whose replies came via Shahinur Rahman and Mohammed Abbass. Whilst Biggleswade United Reserves with a single goal from Nathan McCalla made their exit when beaten 3-1 at South Midlands League Totternoe who goals came from Benedict Whalley with a brace and Mark Smith.

The games AFC Oakley v Langford: Crawley Green Reserves v AFC Kempston Town Hammers; 61 FC Luton v Riseley Sports and Elstow Abbey v Leighton Town Development all postponed and now rearranged for this coming weekend.

Division One

For league leaders Wootton Blue Cross it was an end to their seasons 100% home record when held to a 4-4 draw by AFC Oakley Development. Keaton Marsh, Jack Spada, Zepp McDonald and Ertone Bomole all finding the back of the net against AFC replies via Scott Armstrong with a brace plus David Groom and Omojiseoluwa Bankole . However, their lead at the head of the standings is now up to four points after second place Totternhoe Reserves were beaten 4-1 at Cranfield United Reserves. for whom Joseph Bygraves netted a hat-trick to go alongside a single goal from Ryan Mellor against a lone Totts reply from Lynden Smith.

Division One League Table at 2nd December 2023

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Wootton Blue Cross First	10	8	2	0	32	13	19	26
2	Totternhoe Reserves	11	7	1	3	34	25	9	22
3	Bufs FC Saturday First	11	7	0	4	23	18	5	21
4	Renhold First	10	7	0	3	24	23	1	21
5	Bedford Albion First	10	6	1	3	20	15	5	18*
6	Cranfield United Reserves	10	5	2	3	37	17	20	17
7	AFC Oakley Development	12	5	2	5	31	25	6	17
8	Henlow First	10	4	2	4	20	28	-8	13*
9	Harlington Juniors First	9	3	1	5	15	22	-7	10
10	Lewsey Park First	10	2	3	5	18	27	-9	9
11	Clifton First	9	2	2	5	12	19	-7	8
12	Bedford SA First	11	1	3	7	17	33	-16	6
13	Cambridge First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Milton Keynes Dons SET U19 Development S	11	0	1	10	9	27	-18	-5*

Having lost their last two home outings Renhold returned to winning ways with a 5-2 victory over Bedford SA. Glen Tumulty and Nathan France with doubles plus a goal from Marko Tobdzic bringing up the nap hand against SA replies from Oliver Raymond and Colby Smith. Whilst Henlow retained their season's unbeaten home ways after being gifted the three points when Milton Keynes Dons Set Development failed to raise a side to meet them at Groveside.

The Bufs FC v Harlington Juniors game being postponed.

Division Two North

With AFC Bedford United having their home encounter with Shefford Town & Campton Development postponed the leadership of the Division Two North league

table is now in the hands of Wilstead following their 3-1 home victory over M&DH Clapham Sports. Max Natola with a brace and a goal from Colin Marshall doing the damage against a lone reply via Adam Booth. Whilst climbing the table into third place are Caldecote Reserves who made it five wins on the bounce with a 5-0 home success over Blunham to leapfrog Ickwell & Old Warden on goal difference after their game at AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves was postponed. Nick Thomas with a brace plus goals from Christain Lamb, Christopher Clarke and Riley Evans being up the nap hand.

For Kempston United it was a return to winning ways for the first time in four outings when a goal from Harvey Eagle took them to a 1-0 home victory over Wootton Blue Cross Reserves. Whilst Sandy duly climbed out of the drop zone when gifted the three points after Bande Rouge failed to raise a side to journey to Bedford Road and now drop in the standings to that second from bottom spot.

Division Two North League Table at 2nd December 2023

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Wilstead First	11	8	0	3	32	22	10	24
2	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	11	7	2	2	32	16	16	23
3	Caldecote Reserves	9	7	1	1	34	8	26	22
4	Ickwell & Old Warden First	9	7	1	1	35	14	21	22
5	Shefford Town & Campton Development	10	6	0	4	23	17	6	18
6	Sharnbrook Reserves	10	5	2	3	21	16	5	17
7	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	11	5	2	4	20	17	3	17
8	Kempston United First	9	4	2	3	19	12	7	14
9	Sandy First	10	3	0	7	14	27	-13	9
10	Blunham First	11	3	1	7	18	26	-8	7*
11	M&DH Clapham Sports First	10	2	1	7	8	22	-14	7
12	Bande Rouge (Sat) First	12	3	0	9	18	35	-17	7*
13	AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves	9	0	0	9	5	47	-42	-1*

Division Two South

With second place Sporting Carpathians sitting the afternoon out they now find themselves down in third spot after Westoning Recreation climbed above them and took their unbeaten home ways up to six games in beating bottom of the table The 61 FC Luton Reserves 14-0. Charlie Scott led the way with four goals, Daniel Smith, George Nicholls, Sam Mumford and Bradley Freeman all netted braces and single goals came from Oscar Garner and Freddie Knight. However, Stopsley United increased their lead at the top of the table and remain 100% at home following a 4-3 home success over Lea Sports PSG thanks to goals from Bradley Collins, Callum Frater, James Potter and Jason Penman against PSG replies via Kian Davies, Rob Hennem and Jordan Parker.

For Stotfold Junior it was a 5-3 home victory over second from bottom of the table FC Polonia (Luton) Ross Irving with a brace plus single goals from Joseph Evans, Sam Ricketts and Jacob Kirby bringing up the nap hand against replies via Andrew Martin, Fabien Pawelec and Peter Wilson for the visitors.

The games Bletchley Scot v Flitwick Town Reserves and New Bradwell St Peters Development v Caddington postponed.

Division Two South League Table at 2nd December 2023

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stopsley United First	10	9	1	0	42	12	30	28
2	Westoning Recreation First	11	7	2	2	54	18	36	23
3	Sporting Carpathians First	11	7	1	3	43	19	24	21 *
4	New Bradwell St Peter FC Development	11	6	2	3	27	21	6	20
5	LU Donz First	8	6	0	2	21	13	8	18
6	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	11	6	1	4	40	29	11	16 *
7	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	11	4	1	6	29	43	-14	13
8	FC Haynes First	10	4	1	5	34	27	7	12 *
9	Caddington (BCFL)	9	3	3	3	21	19	2	12
10	Flitwick Town Reserves	9	3	2	4	16	27	-11	11
11	Brache Phoenix First	8	2	3	3	18	23	-5	9
12	Bletchley Scot First	7	1	3	3	21	19	2	6
13	FC Polonia (Luton) First	12	1	0	11	23	56	-33	3
14	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	10	0	0	10	4	67	-63	0

Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup Second Round

The two scheduled games , LU Donz v Brache Phoenix and Shefford Town & Campton u23 v Elstow Abbey Reserves postponed.

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro

With the GS Atletico v Leightom Woodside Rovers and Queens Park Development v Flitwick Town A games postponed the lone encounter to go ahead saw Harlington Juniors Reserves move back onto the top of the league table in winning 2-1 at Clifton Reserves to retain their seasons 100% away record. James Fletcher netted both goals against a home reply from Jensen Martin.

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro League Table at 2nd December 2023

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Harlington Juniors Reserves	8	7	0	1	28	6	22	21
2	Caldecote 'A'	9	6	1	2	27	11	16	19
3	Bedford Albion Development	9	5	1	3	23	17	6	16
4	Clifton Reserves	10	4	4	2	13	12	1	16
5	Leighton Woodside Rovers	10	5	1	4	24	24	0	15 *
6	Luton Panthers First	8	4	1	3	27	18	9	13
7	Elstow Abbey Reserves	8	4	1	3	16	19	-3	13
8	CS Rovers First	9	3	2	4	25	21	4	8 *
9	Flitwick Town 'A'	12	2	1	9	16	37	-21	7
10	GS Athletic First	8	2	0	6	10	28	-18	6
11	Queens Park Crescents Development	9	1	2	6	12	28	-16	5

Division Four

With the games Ampthill Town Colts v Kempston Athletic: Dunstable Wanderers v M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves and Meltis Rangers v Sandy Reserves all postponed, the two games to go ahead saw them both end in 2-2 draws.

Second place Atletico FC retained their season's unbeaten ways at Leighton Woodside Athletic thanks to a brace of goals from Gjet Rabeli against home replies from Freddie Richmond and Luke Spivey. Whilst Lidlinton United Sports Club Colts goals came from Zak Nelson-Boudville and Stephen Rourke in their home outing against Catsbrook Wanderers for whom Jordan Holmes and John Gillians scored.

Division Four League Table at 2nd December 2023

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston Athletic First	12	11	0	1	48	5	43	33
2	Atletic FC First	13	9	4	0	41	21	20	31
3	Shefford Town & Campton U23	12	8	3	1	42	17	25	27
4	Dunstable Wanderers First	10	4	3	3	26	24	2	15
5	Sandy Reserves	9	4	0	5	21	28	-7	12
6	Meltis Rangers First	10	3	4	3	26	16	10	10 *
7	Catsbrook Wanderers First	14	3	2	9	13	43	-30	10 *
8	Turvey	11	2	3	6	19	33	-14	9
9	Lidlinton United Sports Club Colts	11	2	3	6	21	36	-15	9
10	Ampthill Town Colts	9	3	0	6	16	35	-19	9
11	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	10	2	2	6	11	28	-17	7 *
12	Biggleswade FC Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Leighton Woodside Athletic	11	2	2	7	18	16	2	-3 *