

Bedfordshire County **Football League**



Season 2022-23

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Welcome to the 2022-23 Season

We shall commence the new season in a few day's time with a competition of five divisions comprising of 77 teams.

Joining us for the first time are Bedford Town FC Youth Development U23, Buffs FC (Baldock) Kempston Rovers Academy U23 and MK Donsset u23, in Division One. Whilst in Division Three you will find Caddington FC and Stotfold Junior Adult plus in Division Four, Bedford Wanderers, Caldecote U23, Kempston Athletic (old name new club) and Meltis Rangers.

We also welcome back, Bedford Albion (Division One) Westoning Recreation (Division Two) Ickwell & Old Warden (Division Three) and Marston Shelton Rovers Reserves (Division Four)

In additional to which there have been several name changes. In the Premier Division. AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College are now AFC Kempston Town Hammers. Biggleswade United U23 are now Biggleswade United Reserves and in Division One Sporting Lewsey Park are now just Lewsey Park FC.

There also being two changes in Division Two. AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves now being AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves and Shefford Town & Campton u23 becoming Shefford Town & Campton Development.

Whilst in Division Four Woodside Adult have become Leighton Woodside.

Noticeboard

Registration Forms (covered under league rule 8)

All registrations are now conducted in Whole Game via each individual clubs Team Administrators and likewise all transfers.

With regard to transfers please note the league will not approve any transfers under the waived banner until the leaving club have 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 Whole Game into Full Time.

Teamsheet Notes -

. 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 2022-23.

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.

Result Sheets

_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.

Please note all result sheets are to be retained for possible inspection during the course of the season.

Match Day Reporting of Result (covered under league rule 11B)

The deadline for this to happen is within one hour of the match finishing. To clarify the actual time the league regards this to be three hours from the scheduled kick off time.

If 2pm Kick Off then its 5pm. If 2.30 pm Kick off then its 5.30pm. An additional 15 minutes will be allowed when involved in County Cup/ League Cup Ties that go to a penalty shoot-out.

Please remember if you are the away side in any County Cup Tie against opponents from outside our league then your club becomes responsible for reporting the result as above. Otherwise it's just the home side.

The preferred method is by text to 07779680269 – otherwise a phone call to the same number is quite acceptable – **please refrain from leaving messages on the answer phone**, if the line is busy then please wait a few moments and redial or send a text.

Match Day information required for Press Reports etc.

When reporting the above result please provide the name of your goalscorers and any additional information such as sequence of the scoreline, time of goals, red cards, penalty misses/saves or anything unusual of note.

It would also very much assist if when you are the away team that the same information is supplied.

Bedfordshire FA Opening Round Cup Draws Season 2022-23

Senior Trophy

Leighton Town Reserves v Marston Shelton Rovers

Riseley Sports v Flitwick Town

Biggleswade United Reserves v Cranfield United

Queens Park Crescents v Barton Rovers Reserves

Langford v Crawley Green Reserves

Totternhoe v Stotfold Development

The 61 FC (Luton) v Ampthill Town

Elstow Abbey v AFC Kempston Town Hammers

Byes : AFC Caddington S&S, AFC Oakley, Biggleswade FC Reserves, Caldecote, Potton United Development, Real Bedford, Sharnbrook, Shefford Town & Campton Reserves.

Intermediate Cup

Westoning Recreation v Kempston Rovers Reserves

Bedford Town U23 v The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves

Clifton v AFC Bedford United

Lewsey Park v AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves

Renhold v AFC Oakley Reserves

Brache Phoenix v Bedford Albion

FC Haynes v Cranfield United Reserves

Wootton Blue Cross Reserves v Henlow

Caldecote Reserves v Wilstead

Totternhoe Reserves v Bedford SA

Flitwick Town Reserves v Stopsley United

AFC Dunstable Development v Kempston Rovers Academy u23

St Joseph (Saturday) v Sporting Carpathians

Byes: Harlington Juniors, Shefford Town & Campton Development , Wootton Blue Cross,

Junior Cup

Caddington v Bedford Wanderers

Sharnbrook Reserves v Blunham

Newman United v Square FC

FC Haynes Reserves v Kempston Rovers (BCFL)

CS Rovers v Catsbrook Wanderers

Stotfold Junior v M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves

FC Polonia (Luton) v Sandy Reserves

Caldecote U23 v Flitwick Town A

Revivalists v Meltis Rangers

Sporting Carpathians Reserves v Harlington Juniors Reserves

Leighton Woodside v Sandy

Luton Panthers v Wootton Blue Cross U23

Woburn & Wavendon v Clifton Reserves

Ickwell & Old Warden v M&DH Clapham Sports

Byes : Elstow Abbey Reserves, Marston Shelton Rovers Reserves

Brian Buck Travellers Tales

2. (13,654) Saturday 2nd July 2022. Eaton Socon 1 AFC Oakley 1 (Friendly Match) (Noon kick off) att 50 approx. These two sides tend to play each other in pre-season friendlies most seasons, but they usually meet at Oakley. Part of me wishes they had done so today, as the A1 Northbound was closed north of St Neots and so everyone seemed to be diverting through the town. The consequence of this was that we got stuck in a traffic jam, only arriving about three minutes before kick off. Eaton Socon will be playing Step 6 football this season and everything seems to be ready apart from the installation of the floodlights. The company which was going to do it for them seems to have pulled out, so the club are looking for another firm to erect them. This was an important day for the club and this game was part of a Family Fun Day, with two more matches to follow after ours had finished. So, the place was alive with bouncy castles and the like. As with the previous night's match it

was unnecessarily physical, with the ref again getting a not needed ear bashing from time to time. The teams were roughly even in terms of ability and possession and in the first half in particular, not many chances were created. However, Oakley did score in this period. A probing low cross from the right was met cleanly by the scorer who clipped the ball home from near the edge of the area. The second half saw both sides create a greater number of scoring opportunities, particularly Socon. On 77 minutes it looked like they might equalise from the spot after the Oakley keeper needlessly brought down a player moving away from goal and I asked the Socon manager for his name in anticipation of a successful penalty kick. But he told me that he would if he scored, as last season his side missed more spot kicks than any other side in the league. True to form then the resultant spot kick was saved! However, in added on time at the end they did deservedly equalise, with a powerful shot which went into the top left hand corner of the goal and I doubt if many keepers in the world would have stopped it.

14. (13,666) Friday 15th July 2022. Kempston Rovers Reserves 5 AFC Kempston Town Hammers 0 (Friendly Match) att 60 approx. We arrived here in good time for the start of the match, noticing immediately the excellent well-watered pitch. Tonight's visitors have changed their name during the close season and are no longer known as AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College, which is good news for me as their shorter name is easier to log in my records! This was another of those games which was designed more for the benefit of the participating players than it was for spectators. But they did move around a bit, created a few scoring chances and actually scored five goals, meaning that the game was quite watchable if not memorable. Rovers took the lead on 11 minutes with an angled shot which went in close to the far post. In this period they got on top without totally dominating. In the second half they doubled their lead with about 40 seconds played. Then, on 60 minutes, we had a moment which will embarrass one Town player. He had a shot which went so wide that it nearly went out for a throw in. The only reason that it didn't was that he was able to chase after the ball and retrieve it before it went out of play! In this period Town played much better but they still conceded three more goals before the end. Rovers looked good and on this observation alone, they look a good bet to win the UCL Reserve Division this season.

Opening Day Fixtures Saturday 3rd September 2022

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

AFC Oakley v AFC Kempston Town Hammers

Barton Rovers Reserves v Shefford Town & Campton Reserves

Biggleswade FC Reserves v Sharnbrook

Cranfield United v Caldecote

Crawley Green Reserves v Queens Park Crescents

Marston Shelton Rovers v Stotfold Development

Riseley Sports v Elstow Abbey

Biggleswade United Reserves v Flitwick Town

Division One

Bedford Town U23 v Bedford Albion

Buffs FC v Cranfield United Reserves

Lea Sports PSG v St Josephs (Saturday)

Lewsey Park v AFC Oakley Reserves

Renhold v Clifton

Totternoe Reserves v Henlow

Division Two supported by Hy-Pro

Bedford SA v Westonong Recreation

FC Haynes v The 61 FC Luton Reserves

Harlington Juniors v Caldecote Reserves

Shefford Town & Campton Development v AFC Bedford United

Sporting Carpathians v Stopsley United

Wilstead v Flitwick Town Reserves

Wootton Blue Cross Reserves v AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro

Atletico Europa v Square FC

Caddington v Lea Sports PSG Reserves

FC Polonia (Luton) v Kempston Rovers BCFL

M&DH Clapham Sports v FC Haynes Reserves

Sandy v Newman United

Stotfold Juniors v Sharnbrook Reserves

Division Four

Bedford Wanderers v Revivalists

Blunham v Leighton Woodside Adult

CS Rovers v M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves

Catsbrook Wanderers v Meltis Rangers

Kempston Athletic v Clifton Reserves

Luton Panthers v Marston Shelton Rovers Reserves

