

Bedfordshire County **Football League**



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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 continue as the league's mainline sponsor for season 2025-26.

Chairman, Peter Francis said, we are delighted that HBC Logistics will once again be abroad for the 2025-26 season 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 2026 Annual General Meeting.

Bedfordshire FA Club/Team Suspension

An increasing number of clubs/teams are being placed under a club/team suspension for failing to raise and make payment of their disciplinary invoices. The FA Competition Portal updates on each Wednesday morning and clubs are advised to visit their portal preferably on each Monday, Wednesday and Thursday to ensure they have no outstanding matters.

The consequence of playing games whilst under a club/team suspension will in the first instances bring about a Bedfordshire FA charge followed by an additional charge under league rule 20E(v) which has the power to deduct any points gained in these games from your club/team and the match points etc awarded to your opposition.

Whilst the league will do its best to monitor the situation on behalf of our clubs/teams it remains their 100% total responsibility to ensure their own house is in order, this being even more important as we approach the end of the season and games are scheduled to take place on Midweek evenings.

Please be aware that not all the current/recent items appear on the opening page of your club/teams portal and that you should make full use of the various filters.

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.

The deadline for the 2025-26 season has now passed.

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 Club Portal 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 Club Portal system prior to each game to check for any suspensions in place at any given date. Clubs should be aware that all suspensions commence seven days following the date the red card offence was committed.

Clubs are also advised when checking eligible players data to gain this information via the fixture listings in Full Time and **not use The Players Seasons Total tab which can be accessed via the Full Time league tables.** This tab holds information stored from abandoned matches which under FA rules cannot be counted as an appearance.

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. **All clubs should ensure the player's name listed corresponds 100% with that by which he is registered.**

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 2025-26.

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 referees 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 cards .

Please ensure 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 league's 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.

Hire of the 3G at Creasey Park Dunstable.

During this period of inclement weather can we bring to the attention of clubs that there may well be pitches available for hire at the Beds FA Creasey Park venue. For further details please contact the site manager Stephen Quirke on 07860-146196.

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 10th April 2026

Centenary Cup Final.

The Verdant Stadium home of Biggleswade United was the venue of this season's Centenary Cup Final where the kick off was delayed some 10 minutes to allow the near 300 crowd to click themselves through the turnstile for the clash between the league and cup double chasing Baldock Victoria and Kempston United both of whom were looking to become the 17th club to have their name engraved onto the famous trophy.

They had no need to fear missing any goals as the opening 90 minutes saw the sides deadlocked at 0-0 and destined to be decided by a penalty shoot-out.

Up first were the Victoria with Luke Hennessy placing them ahead which was quickly cancelled out by United's Luke Baker before the real drama started, Jack Bendon the second Victoria spot kick player having his effort saved by United goalkeeper Francois Homian only to see United's second man Santino Diniro slam his effort against the crossbar. Next up was Paul Morris and again Homian came up with a save only to see his opposite number Matthew Milson keep out United's third kick from Baise Powell to keep the scoreline at 1-1.

Callum McKenna then made no mistake to place the Victoria 2-1 in front and when Milson beat out the United's fourth kick from Ajan Thomas-Anderson all was needed was for Anthony James to convert the fifth Victoria kick to see the cup heading into Hertfordshire, this he duly did for the resulting 3-1 victory.

Saturday 11th April 2026

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

The destination of this season's Premier Division title still remains very much in the balance after the top two clubs second place Caldecote and current league leaders Cranfield United Reserves featured in a dramatic 4-4 draw at Harvey Close. The host went ahead 1-0 and then increased their advantage to 3-1 by half -time before they required a late goal to salvage a point after United had fought back in the second half to lead 4-3. Jordan Goodman twice plus Rafe Goodman and Joshua Roberts marking the home scoresheet with the United goals came via an Omojiseluwa Bankole hat-trick and Fynn Baker-Bond.

The biggest winners of the day were Marston Shelton Rovers who with a hat-trick from Harry Baker and goals from Charlie Cullen and Reece Kennington went nap with a 5-2 victory at Riseley Sports whose replies came via George Daize and Matthew Smith. Also enjoying life on the road and winning for the first time in six outings were Biggleswade FC Reserves 2-1 in their local derby encounter at Second Meadow with Biggleswade United Reserves. who were previously unbeaten in their last four home outings thanks to goals from Carlos Dorrill and Marius -Cosmin Patry with Seyram Hammond replying for the United.

For third place AFC Oakley it was win number nine on bounce with a 4-1 home victory over Stopsley United who came into the encounter unbeaten in their last six away outings. Goals from Elliot Bunday, Teddy Daniels, Joseph McDonagh and James Box only being replied to once by Sam Hazel for the United. Whilst returning to winning ways for the first time in four outings were Harlington Juniors who required just a single goal from Ben Smith to claim a 1-0 home success over second from the bottom of the table Flitwick Town.

Elsewhere, subject to league ratification Elstow Abbey will be awarded the three points after they arrived at Totternoe Reserves to find due to a car breakdown with five home players abroad they had insufficient players there to face them.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 15th April 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Cranfield United Reserves	25	21	3	1	84	17	67	66
2	Caldecote First	24	20	3	1	101	26	75	63
3	AFC Oakley First	24	17	4	3	92	40	52	55
4	Stopsley United First	26	16	3	7	75	44	31	51
5	Marston Shelton Rovers First	25	14	3	8	60	48	12	45
6	Queens Park Crescents First	24	13	3	8	61	44	17	42
7	Harlington Juniors First	23	11	5	7	46	42	4	38
8	Wootton Blue Cross First	23	11	3	9	53	43	10	36
9	Elstow Abbey First	26	8	5	13	55	76	-21	29
10	Totternhoe Reserves	24	8	5	11	42	66	-24	28 *
11	Biggleswade FC Reserves	27	5	6	16	49	89	-40	20 *
12	Biggleswade United Reserves	27	5	5	17	50	68	-18	19 *
13	Riseley Sports First	24	5	1	18	40	96	-56	15 *
14	Flitwick Town First	27	3	3	21	34	86	-52	11 *
15	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	25	2	4	19	27	84	-57	9 *

Division One

The biggest winners of the day were LU Donz who returned to winning ways for the first time in five outings by winning 5-1 at Lee Sports PSG. David Byass and Troy Walker with braces plus a single goal from Issac Twum seeing them go nap against a lone reply from Harrison Sheaf for the PSG.

Division One League Table at 15th April 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Baldock Victoria	21	17	2	2	79	38	41	52 *
2	FC Haynes First	23	14	3	6	52	34	18	45
3	Thurleigh FC	20	13	3	4	70	33	37	42
4	Blunham Saturday	23	13	2	8	55	48	7	41
5	Kempston United First	22	12	3	7	54	41	13	39
6	LU Donz First	22	11	5	6	77	49	28	38
7	Clifton First	22	7	5	10	41	45	-4	25 *
8	Bedford Albion First	21	6	6	9	47	48	-1	24
9	AFC Oakley Development	22	6	5	11	27	46	-19	23
10	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	20	6	1	13	35	61	-26	18 *
11	Caldecote Reserves	22	6	2	14	32	58	-26	18 *
12	Bletchley Scot First	20	5	1	14	40	70	-30	16
13	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	22	5	0	17	33	71	-38	14 *

The other two games ended 2-0 in favour of the home side. Goals from Connor Heaps and Max Smalley took now fourth place Blunham to victory over a Bedford

Albion side that has yet to win any of their last eight outings. Whilst AFC Oakley Development claimed a likewise success over the bottom of the table Wootton Blue Cross Reserves with goals from Callum Alleyne and Scott Armstrong.

Division Two

The 2025-26 season Division Two league champions are AFC Bedford United who despite losing 2-0 at Caddington Reserves claimed the title with the news that Queens Park Crescents Reserves had been beaten 4-3 at Green End Rovers. Josh Cann with a brace plus Max Natola and Ben Thompson on the Rovers scoresheet against Crescent replies via Anas Bechkoum with a brace and Mohammed Ibahim. The Caddington goals came from Ryan Smith and Andrew Robins.

Elsewhere for St Joseph's (Saturday) it was a 5-1 victory at Bedford SA who ended their season by being defeated for the first time in seven home encounters. Connor Fennelly with a brace plus goals from Liam Kelly, Jimmy O'Donnell and Simon Richards bringing up the nap against a lone Oliver Raymond reply for the SA. Whilst Kempston Athletic were the 1-0 home winners over AFC Kempston Hammers, with a goal from Alexander Wasilewski, a defeat that could yet see the Hammers miss out on this season's silver medals.

Division Two League Table at 15th April 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	22	13	6	3	72	41	31	45
2	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	22	12	4	6	57	26	31	40
3	Queens Park Crescents Reserves	21	13	3	5	38	27	11	39 *
4	Caddington Reserves	21	12	2	7	43	40	3	38
5	Bedford SA First	22	11	3	8	58	51	7	36
6	St Josephs (Sat)	21	11	2	8	50	42	8	35
7	Wixams Wanderers First	22	9	4	9	52	55	-3	31
8	Green End Rovers First	21	9	2	10	52	49	3	29
9	Kempston Athletic First	20	8	2	10	27	38	-11	26
10	Flitwick Town Reserves	22	8	2	12	41	58	-17	26
11	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	22	3	2	17	22	54	-32	10 *
12	Westoning Club Reds	22	3	2	17	31	62	-31	5 *

Division Three

With the league title claimed in midweek, Dunstable Wanderers saw their seven game winning run ended with a 0-1 home defeat by Bedford Albion Development who now look in pole position to claim the season's silver medals thanks to a goal from Julian Bentancourt. despite currently sitting in third spot behind Ampthill Town Colts who ran riot in sending Turvey to their fifth home defeat on the bounce with a 10-0 victory. Reece Bowling and Louis Thompson with hat-tricks plus goals from Albie Larman, William Lee Phillips, Luke Tyrell and Sam Wild doing the damage.

Fifth place Stopsley United Reserves saw their four game winning run on the road ended when they were held to a 4-4 draw at Everton Athletic. Logan Smith with a hat-trick and a strike from Adam Carter doing the damage against United replies via Cheick Camara, Owen Impey, Craig MCCann and Cameron Nagle. Whilst Flitwick Town A were 4-0 home winners over Wilstead thanks to a brace of goals from Jonathan Hill and strikes from Clayton Hunt and Hayden Dicker.

Elsewhere, The 61 FC Luton Reserves losing run is now up to eight games following their 0-3 home defeat at the hands of M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves whose goals came via Fred Shannon, Daniel Beddow and Ewan Macleod.

Division Three League Table at 15th April 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Dunstable Wanderers First	19	17	0	2	72	20	52	51
2	Amphill Town Colts	20	12	2	6	57	29	28	38
3	Bedford Albion Development	18	12	2	4	44	27	17	38
4	Atletic FC First	19	11	1	7	49	42	7	31 *
5	Stopsley United Reserves	17	9	2	6	59	43	16	29
6	Everton Athletic FC First	21	8	3	10	48	45	3	27
7	M&DH Clapham Sports First	19	6	5	8	34	40	-6	22 *
8	Wilstead First	20	8	1	11	47	49	-2	21 *
9	LU Donz Development	20	7	2	11	38	46	-8	21 *
10	Flitwick Town 'A'	21	6	1	14	32	59	-27	19
11	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	19	5	1	13	32	71	-39	16
12	Turvey First	19	5	0	14	21	62	-41	15
13	Caldecote A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-6 *

Division Four

The destination of the Division Four league title is still in the melting pot after current leaders DTCC FC were gifted the three points when M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves failed to raise a side to entertain them at King George V Playing Fields to keep them a point ahead of Luton Phoenix who won 5-1 at Everton Athletic Reserves. with goals from Konain Shah, Mohammed Hussain, Mohsin Muhmood, Prince Oduro and Rayhann Zaman against a lone home reply from Elliot Willoughby.

Also granted three points were third place Cranfield United Development after second from the bottom of the table Wootton Blue Cross A failed to raise a side to make the small journey down the A421. Whilst fourth place Westoning Blues returned to winning ways with a 5-1 home success over AFC Kempston Hammers Reserves. Thomas Walsh with a brace plus goals from Ronald Schapp-Garrett, Rocco Pearce and Oliver Sharp bringing up the nap hand against a lone Hammers reply from Nikola Stanhev.

Elsewhere, winning for the first time in eight outings was AFC Clophill 3-1 at home over Leighton Woodside Athletic. Jack Dempsey with a hat-trick landing the knockout blow for the home side. against a lone reply from Morgan Bailey. Whilst

with a hat-trick from Kyle Lewis and a goal from Jack Adams-Hollyhand Meltis Rangers were 4-1 home winners over Flitwick Eagles who were losing for the fifth time on the bounce away from home with Max Hurrell their lone goalscorer.

With goals from Jason McDonagh and Joe Olesin Catsbrook Wanderers shared the spoils from a 2-2 home draw with Queens Park Crescents Development whose replies came from Joshua Smith and Oliver Jun.

Division Four League Table at 15th April 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Dunstable Town Cricket Club DTCC FC Satu	23	21	0	2	73	19	54	63
2	Luton Phoenix FC	24	20	1	3	93	29	64	61
3	Cranfield United Development	22	17	1	4	107	25	82	52
4	Westoning Club Blues	23	17	0	6	75	33	42	50*
5	Flitwick Eagles Development	26	14	1	11	64	55	9	43
6	AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves	23	11	2	10	60	59	1	35
7	Catsbrook Wanderers First	23	9	5	9	37	39	-2	32
8	Meltis Rangers First	25	9	5	11	55	50	5	29*
9	Everton Athletic FC Res	24	9	2	13	34	60	-26	28*
10	Queens Park Crescents Development	21	7	5	9	35	64	-29	26
11	Leighton Woodside Athletic	25	6	1	18	52	92	-40	19
12	AFC Clophill First	22	4	2	16	23	65	-42	14
13	Wootton Blue Cross A	22	3	2	17	23	69	-46	2*
14	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	23	1	3	19	24	96	-72	2*

Monday 13th April 2026

Division One

The lone action of the evening saw Bedford Albion return to winning ways for the first time in nine outings with a 4-1 home victory over Caldecote Reserves. It was the visitors who had the first chance to score when just five minutes into the contest Tom Cookman saw his penalty kick saved by the home goalkeeper who then via Josh Adeniyi went ahead in the 27th minute. The points all but settled in the opening eight minutes of the second half which saw Nathan France net twice to increase their lead to 3-0. Claudio Aca then made it 4-0 on 70 minutes before the final goal of the night arrived via Caldecote's Igor Maslowski ten minutes from time.

Wednesday 15th April 2026.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Having netted late goals in their last two home outings to secure vital points in their pursuit of the league title Caldecote made no mistake this evening by romping to a 8-0 victory over Bigglewade FC Reserves to take their unbeaten ways up to 19 games and leave them now just three points adrift of league leaders Cranfield United Reserves on whom they have a game in hand on but just as importantly now hold a

far better goal difference over. The points all but sorted by the half-hour mark via goals from James Tubridy (17th & 30th) plus Josh Roberts (35th) and when Rafe Goodman added a fourth three minutes from the break it really was curtains for the visiting FC. The goals continued to flow in the new half. Harry Roberts (50th & 70th) plus Tashriq Andrews with his first of the season (65th) taking the scoreline to 7-0 before the visitors had a chance to peg one back only for home goalkeeper Luke Knell to save a penalty from Jamie Hall six minutes from time before Chris Richardson bagged the final goal of the evening two minutes later.

Down at the other end of the league standings the bottom of the table Shefford Town & Campton Reserves won for the first time in 23 outings with a 4-2 victory over Totternhoe Reserves who have now failed to win any of their last six outings. Ibraheem Sabir-Lewis and Conner Blennerhassett on the Totts scoresheet. Whilst third place AFC Oakley took their winning ways up to 10 games with a 2-1 home success over Wootton Blue Cross who were losing for the first time in six outings thanks to a brace of goals from Chisom Amadi against a George Armstrong reply for the Blue Cross.

Elsewhere, Queens Park Crescents took their winning ways up to four games with a 5-2 home victory over Riseley Sports in a game played at Gold Street home of Riseley Sports. Towheed Sharufuddin, Hassen Yousaf, Mohammed Omar, Faizan Fariad and Adam Oqbal bringing up the nap hand against Sports replies via Ryan Simmons and Matthew Smith. Whilst Stopsley United returned to winning ways for the first time in five outings when a brace of goals from Erlind Deda took them to a 2-0 home victory over Harlington Juniors who have now failed to win any of their last five outings.

Division Three

Amphill Town Colts quest for the season's silver medals took a big knock when beaten 0-2 at home by The 61 FC Luton Reserves who entered the game losers of their last eight outings thanks to goals from Izadeen Shmen and Sylwester Kraska..Whilst with a brace of goals from Cameron Saunders and a strike from Eryk Prystupn LU Donz Development were the 3-0 home winners over Stopsley United Reserves.

Elsewhere, a goal from Louis Lee saw M&DH Clapham Sports share the points from a 1-1 home draw with Wilstead.

Division Four

There is no change at the head of the Division Four league table following wins for the top two clubs. League leaders DTCC FC retained their season's 100% home record and chalked up win number six on the bounce with a 2-0 victory over Leighton Woodside Athletic with goals from Ethan Kennedy and Jonathan Warren to stay two points ahead of Luton Phoenix who won 3-2 at Catsbrook Wanderers thanks to a brace of goals from Konain Ali Shah and a strike from Mohammed Khan with Joe Olesin and Jason Mcdongah on the Wanderers scoresheet.

Having lost their last seven away outings it was joy on the road for AFC Clapham who with a brace of goals from Hayden Stringer won 2-1 at Everton Athletic Reserves. Whilst Meltis Rangers with two own goals and strikes from Kyle Lewis and Giovanni Zermeno were the 4-2 home winners over Queens Park Crescents Development. Who replies came from Orlando Kakie and Irfan Khan.