



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 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.

Midweek Britannia Cup 1st Round Action.

Action on Tuesday evening (12th November 2024) saw two goals from Matthew Souris and strikes from Joe Besoby and Sean Byrne take Cranfield United Reserves to a 4-0 away victory at Shefford Town & Campton Reserves then 24 hours later a brace of goals from Daniel Green saw defending cup holders Elstow Abbey to a narrow 2-1 success at Biggleswade United Reserves whose reply came via Seyram Hammond.

Sporting Carpathians

After an incident at the Bedford Albion v Sporting Carpathians Division One fixture on Saturday 16th November 2024 the league have decided to suspend Sporting Carpathians fixtures for their behaviour and actions. These actions were aimed at the match official. The league will not accept this type of behaviour and will stand by our match officials version of events until a case has been found either proven or unproven by the County FA.

I know the great majority of our clubs will understand and respect this decision, the league will not make any further statement on the events of the game until the matter has been dealt with by the Bedfordshire FA.

Peter Francis . Chairman Bedfordshire County Football League.

Saturday 16th November 2024

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Wootton Blue Cross took their winning ways up to six games to increase their lead at the head of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table to four points with a 5-1 home victory over Crawley Green Development. Michael Allen with a brace plus goals from Mason Marsh, Keaton Marsh and Joe Holmes bringing up the nap hand against a lone reply from Kayden Dearman. Now in second spot are AFC Oakley following their 2-0 home success over Riseley Sports thanks to goals from William Bangala and Alex Smith.

Dropping down into third spot are Caldecote after being held to a 0-0 draw at Marston Shelton Rovers.who take up fourth spot after Cranfield United Reserves lost their season's unbeaten home ways when defeated 3-2 by Elstow Abbey who were collecting their first away points of the season to climb the table into seventh place. Justin Newman with a brace plus a goal from Daniel Mattin taking the Abbey to victory whilst Charlie Cullen and an own goal marked the United scoresheet.

The top six being made up by Queens Park Crescents who needed a time added on goal to share the spoils at Biggleswade FC Reserves. It was the FC who took the lead on 33 minutes via Rafer Miles but within 30 seconds of the new half Hassen Yousaf had levelled matters for the Crescents only to see Harry Pyke restore the FC's lead just five minutes later. On the hour mark Crescents found themselves down to 10 men after goalkeeper Amaad Hussain was red carded for a last player foul outside his box on Miles with only a last ditch header from Faizen Fariad earning them a point.

Elsewhere, goals from Ryan Donoghue and Jordan Knight saw Totternhoe Reserves retain their season's 100% home record with a 2-0 victory over bottom of the table Shefford Town & Campton Reserves.

Division One

With league leaders Stopsley United sitting the afternoon out their lead at the head of the Division One standings is now down to just two points after Harlington Juniors made it six wins on the bounce with a 5-1 victory at bottom of the table Bedford SA. Freddie Knight with a brace plus goals from Luke Williams, Ben Whalley and George Goodhall bringing up the nap hand against a lone home reply from Finlay Box.

For Clifton it was a first home victory of the season with a 4-1 success over Wootton Blue Cross Reserves. Matthew Nugent with a brace plus goals from Jares Libot and Sam Oakins doing the damage against a lone reply from Orestas Jonsitis. Whilst following five straight defeats Kempston United returned to winning ways with a 3-1 home victory over Buffs FC. Frank Touko, Rhys Popham and Junior Samuel all found the back of the net against a lone reply from Billy Welch.

Division One League Table at 16th November 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stopsley United First	8	8	0	0	34	10	24	24
2	Harlington Juniors First	9	7	1	1	45	15	30	22
3	Sporting Carpathians First	8	5	2	1	21	11	10	17
4	Ickwell & Old Warden First	8	2	3	3	12	16	-4	9
5	Clifton First	6	2	2	2	16	12	4	8
6	Bedford Albion First	4	2	1	1	14	12	2	7
7	Buffs FC Saturday First	7	2	1	4	6	15	-9	7
8	Kempston United First	9	2	1	6	13	30	-17	7
9	AFC Oakley Development	8	1	3	4	14	22	-8	5*
10	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	6	1	2	3	11	19	-8	5
11	Bedford SA First	7	0	0	7	4	28	-24	-3*

Elsewhere, Ickwell & Old Warden were gifted the three points when AFC Oakley Development failed to raise a side to journey to the Green. Whilst the Bedford Albion v Sporting Carpathians game was abandoned early in the second half when at the time with two goals from Reece Martindale and a strike from Joshua Adeniyi Bedford Albion were leading 3-1. Florin Bejinar having replied for the visitors. Post match the league issued a formal club suspension upon Sporting Carpathians pending a Beds FA inquiry.

Division Two North

Following the withdrawal of Clifton Development during the week Thurleigh now find themselves top of the Division Two North league standings after goals from Charlie Hurley, Bradley Duffet and Ed Shaw took them to a 3-0 victory at the previously unbeaten Blunham who now trail them in second place on goal difference.

Also trailing the leaders on goal difference only are third place AFC Bedford United who also lost their season's unbeaten ways when going down 2-6 to Caldecote Reserves. Edward Tubridy with a hat-trick plus goals from Connor Darnell, Jay Lafrancesa and James Tubridy marking the visitors card against home replies via Phoenix Togara-Mudzvovera and Gary Townsend. Also enjoying life on the road were FC Haynes after two goals from Cian Mitchell and a strike from Reece Lewis saw them to a 3-1 victory at Shefford Town & Campton Development for whom Joe Ranson replied.

Elsewhere, M&DH Clapham Sports picked up their first home point of the season from a 1-1 with Wixams Wanderers. Flynn Bradley the home marksman against a Wanderers reply via Max Sharpe.

Division Two North League Table at 16th November 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Thurleigh FC	8	6	0	2	20	6	14	18
2	Blunham (BCFL)	9	5	3	1	24	12	12	18
3	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	9	5	3	1	22	15	7	18
4	FC Haynes First	10	5	1	4	21	24	-3	16
5	Caldecote Reserves	8	4	1	3	20	12	8	13
6	Green End Rovers First	7	4	1	2	19	13	6	13
7	Shefford Town & Campton Development	7	2	0	5	11	24	-13	6
8	Bedford Albion Development	9	1	2	6	10	20	-10	5
9	Wixams Wanderers First	7	2	1	4	13	19	-6	4*
10	M&DH Clapham Sports First	8	0	2	6	8	23	-15	2

Division Two South

With league leaders LU Donz sitting the afternoon out their lead at the head of the Division Two South league table is now down to just two points after Lea Sports PSG retained their season's 100% home record and unbeaten ways with a 3-2 victory over third place Luton Panthers. Josh Slack, Owen Hearty and Joe Champion on the home scoresheet against Panthers replies via Kamran Khan and Pedram Pishdar.

Now in fourth spot are New Bradwell St Peter Development who ran out 5-2 winners at AFC Kempston Town Hammers. Bradley Churchill, Ethan Couling, Joe Dean, Jesse Horn and Samuel Rene all found the back of the net to bring up the nap hand

with Giovanni Moscaritolo hitting both of the Hammers replies. Whilst Caddington remain 100% on home soil this season following their 3-2 success over Flitwick Town Reserves. Reece Burton, Mark Reilly and Ryan Smith marking their scoresheet against Town replies from Bradley Johnson and Daniel Ruddick.

Elsewhere, two goals from Ben Smith and strikes from Jack Colbourne and Glenn Cooksley took Harlington Junior Reserves to a 4-0 home win over Stotfold Junior. Whilst the Brache Phoenix v Caldecote A encounter ended 0-0.

Division Two South League Table at 16th November 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	LU Donz First	9	6	2	1	24	17	7	20
2	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	8	5	3	0	33	17	16	18
3	Luton Panthers First	9	4	3	2	36	21	15	15
4	New Bradwell St Peter FC Development	8	4	1	3	18	12	6	12 *
5	Flitwick Town Reserves	9	4	0	5	26	31	-5	12
6	Caddington (BCFL)	9	3	2	4	17	22	-5	11
7	Harlington Juniors Reserves	7	4	1	2	21	10	11	10 *
8	Bletchley Scot First	5	2	2	1	13	13	0	8
9	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	8	2	1	5	16	21	-5	7
10	Caldecote A	10	1	3	6	8	34	-26	6
11	Brache Phoenix First	6	1	2	3	14	17	-3	5
12	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	8	1	2	5	14	25	-11	5

David Grange Junior Trophy (Berks & Bucks Junior Trophy) 2nd Round

It was the end of the trophy road for Bletchley Scot who went out 4-1 in a penalty shoot-out at Stoke Mandeville Reserves after 90 minutes play had seen the sides deadlocked at 3-3.

Division Three.

Kempston Athletic now finds their lead at the head of the Division Three league table is one of four points after they were held to a 1-1 draw at Queens Park Crescents Development. Kristain Marciano on their scoresheet against a home reply from Joshua Tabiri. With Sandy Reserves sitting the afternoon out they now drop from second spot to third spot and be replaced by Lewsey Park on goal difference after they were gifted three points after Wilstead failed to raise a side to journey into Luton to meet them.

In fourth and fifth spots are Athletic FC and Dunstable Wanderers who played out a 3-3 draw. Aaron Romain, Oluwafemi Igbekovi and Emmanuel Adjei on the home scoresheet against Wanderers replies via Ben Chapman, Piece Murray and Louie

Parker. Whilst Elstow Abbey Reserves were the 2-1 home winners over FC Polonia (Luton) thanks to goals from Ethan Hubbard and Matt Poulton with Mateusz Antoniuk replying for the visitors.

There were wins on the road for both The 61 FC Luton Reserves and Meltis Rangers. The 61 won 3-1 at Everton Athletic. Isaac Twum with a brace plus Wellington Banda found the back of the net for the 61. against a lone home reply from Michael John Freeman. Whilst the Rangers won 3-2 at Flitwick Town A. thanks to goals from Ryan Harris, Gary Philpson and Dean Latimar with Jamie Evans and George Roach replying for the Town.

Division Three League Table at 16th November 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston Athletic First	10	8	2	0	38	3	35	26
2	Lewsey Park First	9	7	1	1	38	16	22	22
3	Sandy Reserves	9	7	1	1	26	9	17	22
4	Athletic FC First	9	5	1	3	31	20	11	16
5	Dunstable Wanderers First	7	4	2	1	22	9	13	14
6	Queens Park Crescents Development	8	4	1	3	32	24	8	13
7	Elstow Abbey Reserves	9	4	0	5	14	23	-9	12
8	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	9	3	1	5	19	37	-18	9*
9	FC Polonia (Luton) First	10	4	0	6	28	27	1	8*
10	Flitwick Town 'A'	9	2	1	6	17	37	-20	7
11	Meltis Rangers First	8	2	1	5	12	30	-18	6*
12	Everton Athletic FC First	10	1	1	8	18	40	-22	4
13	Wilstead First	9	1	0	8	10	30	-20	2*

Division Four

There is no change at the head of the Division Four standings following wins for the top two sides. For league leaders Ampthill Town Colts it was a 6-1 home victory over Turvey to retain their season's unbeaten ways where James Allen, Ashton Blake, George Shaw, Marcus Surrue, Aaron Upton and Murray Gray all found the back of the net against a lone reply from James Vinnicombe. Whilst second place Stopsley United Reserves with goals from Owen Impey and Thomas Moloney won 2-1 at AFC Clophill. for whom Hayden Stringer replied.

EB Lions U21 are now unbeaten in their last five outings following their 4-3 home win over DTCC FC. Daniel Gillard with a brace plus goals from Harrison Milton and Thomas Walsh doing the damage whilst Etan Kennedy with a brace and Luke Janes replying for the visitors. Whilst two goals from Nico Marcantonio took Henlow

Hurricanes to a 2-1 home victory over Everton Athletic Reserves whose reply came from Owen Manning.

Elsewhere, goals from Jason Bako and Michael Burke took M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves to their first away points of the season in winning 2-1 at Catsbrook Wanderers who still await their first home points of the season despite a goal from Sam Aryee.

Division Four League Table at 16th November 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Amphill Town Colts	9	8	1	0	37	14	23	25
2	Stopsley United Reserves	11	8	0	3	49	24	25	24
3	Wootton Blue Cross A	10	7	1	2	25	19	6	21 *
4	Turvey First	9	6	0	3	33	17	16	17 *
5	EB Lions AFC (Sat) Mens U21	8	5	1	2	25	14	11	13 *
6	Dunstable Town Cricket Club DTCC FC Satu	9	4	1	4	32	22	10	13
7	Henlow Hurricanes First	7	2	1	4	14	30	-16	6 *
8	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	7	1	1	5	12	26	-14	4
9	AFC Clophill First	9	1	1	7	14	30	-16	4
10	Everton Athletic FC Res	7	1	0	6	10	39	-29	3
11	Catsbrook Wanderers First	8	0	1	7	8	24	-16	1
12	AFC Bedford United (Sat) U23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3 *

Wednesday 20th November 2024

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Biggleswade United Reserves retained their seasons unbeaten home ways with a 6-2 victory over second from bottom of the table Flitwick Town. The game was all but over by the half-hour mark with the United racing into a 4-0 lead. Jed Warwick hit the opening two goals (12mins and 20mins) before Jack Webb made it 3-0 three minutes later and Muhammed Ziboud the fourth on the half-hour mark. Town via Phil Matthews reduced the arrears to 4-1 in the 33rd minute to complete the opening half goals.

Second period action saw Cameron Watson in the 53rd and 86th minutes take the scoreline up to 6-1 before Matthews netted his second goal of the game two minutes from time.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 20th November 24

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Wootton Blue Cross First	9	8	0	1	38	15	23	24
2	AFC Oakley First	10	6	2	2	31	12	19	20
3	Caldecote First	11	6	1	4	21	18	3	19
4	Marston Shelton Rovers First	8	5	2	1	18	13	5	17
5	Cranfield United Reserves	10	5	1	4	26	18	8	16
6	Queens Park Crescents First	6	4	1	1	13	8	5	13
7	Elstow Abbey First	6	4	1	1	16	12	4	13
8	Riseley Sports First	10	4	0	6	17	19	-2	12
9	Biggleswade United Reserves	9	3	2	4	27	27	0	11
10	Totternhoe Reserves	9	3	2	4	14	18	-4	11
11	Biggleswade FC Reserves	10	1	3	6	18	35	-17	6
12	Crawley Green Development	8	1	2	5	12	24	-12	5
13	Flitwick Town First	8	1	1	6	13	29	-16	4
14	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	8	0	2	6	6	22	-16	2