

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.

Britannia Cup Quarter-Final Draw Season 2023-24

Caldecote v Biggleswade FC Reserves

Elstow Abbey v AFC Kempston Town Hammers

Shefford Town & Campton Reserves v Biggleswade United Reserves

Stotfold Development v Sharnbrook

Ties to be played on Saturday 27th January 2024.

Saturday 25th November 2023

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Caldecote remain eight points clear at the head of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform standings after they took their winning ways up to six games with a 2-0 home victory over Biggleswade FC Reserves. thanks to goals from Guiseppe Fallano and Rafe Goodman. Whilst with AFC Oakley away on Anagram cup duty they slipped down the standings from second place to fourth following home wins for Stotfold Development and Biggleswade United Reserves.

Now in the second spot are Stotfold Development following their 4-0 victory over Sharnbrook thanks to a brace of goals from Harry Smith and single strikes from Josh Bamford and Charlie Mallet. Whilst Biggleswade United Reserves were the 6-0 home winners over bottom of the table AFC Kempston Town Hammers. Nathan McCalla led the way with a hat-trick alongside a brace for Alex Maxwell and a single goal from Seyram Hammond.

Now just goal difference behind AFC Oakley are both Elstow Abbey and Marston Shelton Rovers. The Abbey sitting fifth after goals from Dan Green and Ian Singa took their winning home ways up to four games in beating Queens Park Crescents 2-1 for whom Imuentinyan Godwin netted. Whilst the Rovers were 3-0 home winners over Shefford Town & Campton Reserves. Harry Murray netted twice and Riley Clifford once.

Elsewhere following four straight defeats Crawley Green Reserves returned to winning ways with a 2-1 home victory over Riseley Sports. Temitayo Akerele and

Robert Newman both found the back of the net against a Sports reply from Lewis Donald.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 25th November 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	10	7	1	2	35	12	23	22
3	Biggleswade United Reserves	10	6	2	2	33	16	17	20
4	AFC Oakley First	9	6	1	2	39	13	26	19
5	Elstow Abbey First	9	6	1	2	20	11	9	19
6	Marston Shelton Rovers First	12	6	1	5	29	28	1	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	Riseley Sports First	10	3	0	7	16	31	-15	9
11	Sharnbrook First	7	2	1	4	14	18	-4	7
12	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	10	2	1	7	18	37	-19	7
13	Biggleswade FC Reserves	10	2	1	7	16	35	-19	7
14	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	11	0	1	10	14	52	-38	1

Anagram Trophy Second Round.

It was the end of the road for both of our clubs. Flitwick Town were beaten 0-4 at home by Herts Senior County League Belstone FC and AFC Oakley losing 3-1 at Essex Olympian League Rayleigh Town. Chisom Amadi the lone goalscorer.

Division One

Bufs FC are now up into third spot after being gifted the three points when bottom of the table Milton Keynes Dons Set U19 failed to raise a side to host them at Apolla Avenue.

Division One League Table at 25th November 2023

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

Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup 2nd Round

The biggest winners of the day were Bedford Albion with a 12-0 home victory over Bande Rouge. Paul Babbington, Jamie Daniels and Jamie Hall all collecting hat-tricks to go alongside single goals from Jacob Lawrence, Matthew Phelan and Lannick Pinto to earn them a trip to Renhold in the next round after they emerged the 5-3 penalty shoot-out winners at Lewsey Park after 90 minutes play had seen the sides deadlocked at 0-0.

The second highest scorers were Tottenham Reserves with an 8-1 home win over Kempston United. Lynden Smith with a hat-trick, Blake Garner and Jordan Knight with braces and a single goal from Jacob Hubbock doing the damage against a lone United reply from Benjamin Wazabanga to earn them a trip to face Ickwell & Old Warden in the next round after goals from Will Robertson, Martel Brome and Cam Browne saw them to a 3-1 home win over Caddington whose goal came from Tau Roberts.

For Wootton Blue Cross it was a 6-0 home victory over The 61 FC Luton Reserves with four goals from Keaton Marsh plus single strikes from Zepplin MacDonald and Ertone Bomolo to earn them home advantage in the next round against Wootton

Blue Cross Reserves (or should we say the home dressing room) after they with goals from Zach Baker and Callum Sword-Kelly won 2-1 at Clifton for whom Matthew Nugent replied.

Also enjoying life on the road were AFC Oakley Development who won 4-1 at Bedford SA thanks to a brace of goals from Tychique Micnambolo and single strikes from Malique Roach and Derck Amoako against a home penalty reply via Micheal Allen to take them on the road again in the next round to Harvey Close to face Caldecote Reserves who won 3-1 at Shefford Town & Campton Development. with a brace from Matthew Sayers and a single goal from James Tubridy against a lone George Starling reply for the home side.

For Harlington Juniors with two goals from Jamie Small and a single strike from Igor Maslowski it was a 3-2 home victory over Flitwick Town Reserves to send them to Kempston Rovers Reserves in the next round following their 3-0 victory at M&DH Clapham Sports. The Town replies came from Robbie Newman and Cameron Russell.

Elsewhere, AFC Bedford United with goals from Cameron Cain, Jake Grogan and Morgan Nelson were 3-2 home victors over FC Polonia (Luton) to send them on the road in the next round to either LU Donz or Brache Phoenix who play their second round tie this coming weekend. The visitors' goals came from Mateusz Antonium and Fabian Pawlec.

Meantime, Stopsley United with goals from Logan Burton, Roman Riley, Reecon Wiltshire and Callum Frater won 4-0 at Sharnbrook Reserves and will now host Cranfield United Reserves after they received a home walkover when AFC Dunstable Development failed to raise a side to travel to Crawley Road.

Also hosting in the next round will be Westoning Recreation to Blunham after they won 5-3 at Wilstead. The home goals came from Harry Dynes, Max Natola and Zach Wilson.

Division Two North

In taking their unbeaten away ways up to four games Blunham duly moved out of the Division Two North relegation zone with a 2-1 victory at Sandy who now replace them in the drop zone . An own goal and a strike from Josh Cobb marking their scoresheet against a lonehome reply from Darren Nartey.

Division Two North League Table at 25th November 2023

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	11	7	2	2	32	16	16	23
2	Ickwell & Old Warden First	9	7	1	1	35	14	21	22
3	Wilstead First	10	7	0	3	29	21	8	21
4	Caldecote Reserves	8	6	1	1	29	8	21	19
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	10	5	2	3	20	16	4	17
8	Kempston United First	8	3	2	3	18	12	6	11
9	Bande Rouge (Sat) First	11	3	0	8	18	35	-17	8*
10	Blunham First	10	3	1	6	18	21	-3	7*
11	M&DH Clapham Sports First	9	2	1	6	7	19	-12	7
12	Sandy First	9	2	0	7	14	27	-13	6
13	AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves	9	0	0	9	5	47	-42	-1*

Division Two South

New Bradwell St Peter Development now sit fourth in the Division Two South league table after they took their unbeaten ways up to six games with a 5-0 home victory over second place Sporting Carpathians. Braces from Luke Burrows and Charlie Fisher plus a single goal for Owen Hubbard bringing up the nap hand. Whilst sixth place Lea Sports PSG enjoyed a 8-2 home victory over Stotfold Junior. Joe Hennem led the way with four goals to go alongside single strikes from Kian Davies, Dylan Cadger, Ethan MCEvoy and Jordan Parker with the Junior replies coming from Kai Bamford and Ross Irving.

Elsewhere, FC Haynes were the 3-1 home winners over Bletchley Scot thanks to goals from Ross Airson, James Roach and Cian Mitchell against a lone reply from Dwayne Simpson.

Division Two South League Table at 25th November 2023

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stopsley United First	9	8	1	0	38	9	29	25
2	Sporting Carpathians First	11	7	1	3	43	19	24	21 *
3	Westoning Recreation First	10	6	2	2	40	18	22	20
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	10	6	1	3	37	25	12	16 *
7	FC Haynes First	10	4	1	5	34	27	7	12 *
8	Caddington (BCFL)	9	3	3	3	21	19	2	12
9	Flitwick Town Reserves	9	3	2	4	16	27	-11	11
10	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	10	3	1	6	24	40	-16	10
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	11	1	0	10	20	51	-31	3
14	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	9	0	0	9	4	53	-49	0

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro

The lone game this weekend saw Caldecote A move to the top of the Division Three supported by Hy-Pro league table after goals from Eddie Lungay and Del Nelson saw them to a 2-0 home win over Bedford Albion Development.

Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup Second Round

For Leighton Woodside Rovers it was a 6-3 home victory over Meltis Rangers. Alex Pearce with four goals and single strikes from Theo Davison and George Somerfield doing the damage against Rangers replies via Gavin Matthews, Ellis Sharp and George Cousins to earn them a home tie in Round Three against Lidlington United Sports Club Colts who were the 1-0 home winners over Flitwick Town A.

For Dunstable Wanderers it was an 8-3 home victory over Ampthill Town Colts which will now take them in the next round to Woburn & Wavendon who won 6-0 at CS Rovers. Charlie Broux with a hat-trick, Jack Brown with a brace plus single goals from Louie Parker, Harry Saint and Callum Benford doing the damage.

A 5-4 penalty shoot-out win for Kempston Athletic at home to Clifton Reserves after 90 minutes play had seen the sides deadlocked at 2-2 will now see them host GS

Athletic in the next round. who won 3-1 at Queens Park Crescents Development. Owen Lewis and Chris Leyvn on the Athletic scoresheet against Clifton Replies via Sam Larsen and Josh Dell netted the goals in the opening 90 minutes. Whilst Ameer Ali netted the Crescents goal in their home defeat against GS Athletic whose goals came from Aiden Bull, Daniel Groth and Charlie Savell.

Division Three supported by Hy-Pro League Table at 25th November 2023

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Caldecote 'A'	9	6	1	2	27	11	16	19
2	Harlington Juniors Reserves	7	6	0	1	26	5	21	18
3	Bedford Albion Development	9	5	1	3	23	17	6	16
4	Clifton Reserves	9	4	4	1	12	10	2	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

Athletic FC are now just three points behind league leaders Kempston Athletic after they extended their season's unbeaten ways with a 4-3 home victory over Turvey. Emmanuel Obodoechine and Mo Banda both netted braces with Mo's both coming via the penalty spot against replies via Max Norman twice and Owen Hubbard once.

Whilst Catsbrook Wanderers collected their first home point of the season in drawing 1-1 with M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves. Jamel Matthews on their scoresheet against a Sports reply from John Roomes.

Division Four League Table at 25th November 2023

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston Athletic First	12	11	0	1	48	5	43	33
2	Athletic FC First	12	9	3	0	39	19	20	30
3	Shefford Town & Campton U23	12	8	3	1	42	17	25	27
4	Meltis Rangers First	10	4	4	2	32	18	14	16
5	Dunstable Wanderers First	10	4	3	3	26	24	2	15
6	Sandy Reserves	9	4	0	5	21	28	-7	12
7	Turvey	11	2	3	6	19	33	-14	9
8	Amphill Town Colts	9	3	0	6	16	35	-19	9
9	Lidlington United Sports Club Colts	10	2	2	6	19	34	-15	8
10	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	10	2	2	6	11	28	-17	7 *
11	Catsbrook Wanderers First	13	1	1	11	16	51	-35	3 *
12	Leighton Woodside Athletic	10	3	1	6	20	17	3	1 *
13	Biggleswade FC Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0