

Bedfordshire County **Football League**



Season 2025-26

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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 rule 18)

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 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.

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.

Saturday 14th March 2026

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

With league leaders Cranfield United Reserves sitting the afternoon out second place Caldecote now only trail them by just 10 points and having four games in hand after romping to a 11-0 away victory at bottom of the table Shefford Town & Campton Reserves who were falling to defeat number 12 on the bounce. Giuseppe Follano led the way with four goals, Joshua Roberts and James Tubridy each netted braces alongside single strikes from Sam Moore, Jordan Goodman and Christopher Richardson.

Also enjoying life on the road were Marston Shelton Rovers and AFC Oakley, the Rovers with a hat-trick from Harry Baker and a goal from Jamie Cerminara winning 4-2 at Biggleswade FC Reserves whose replies both came from Miguel Conceicao. Whilst the AFC took their winning ways up to six games with a 4-0 victory at Queens Park Crescents thanks to a brace from Joseph McDonagh and strikes from Chisom Amadi and Teddy Daniels.

Elsewhere following five straight defeats Wootton Blue Cross returned to winning ways when goals from George Armstrong, Mason Marsh, Keaton Marsh and Alfie Young took them to a 4-1 home success over Riseley Sports whose lone reply came from Matthew Smith. Whilst Totternhoe Reserves took their unbeaten away ways up

to six games when a brace of goals from Jazhai Randino saw them share the points in a 2-2 draw at Harlington Junior whose replies came from Greg Bennett and Luke Williams.

Also drawing 2-2 were the second from the bottom of the table Flitwick Town at Elstow Abbey. Thanks to goals from Philip Matthews and Kenzie King against home replies via Craig DAmon and Marko Tobdzic.

Division One

Baldock Victoria remained on course to collect the Division One title after they took their winning ways up to eight games with a 4-3 home victory over Blunham. Aldous Taylor with a brace plus goals from Jack Bendon and Elliot Flynn outweighing a Blunham hat-trick from Ricky Lawrence. Whilst second place FC Haynes went nap in winning 5-2 at AFC Oakley Development where Tyler Winter with a brace plus James Roach, George Grahame and Cian Mitchell all found the back of the net against home replies from Callum Alleyne and Harvey Holland.

A Joshua Griggs hat-trick saw Thurleigh remain firmly in the promotion race in winning 3-1 at Caldecote Reserves whose goal came from Andrew Stadnyk to leave them just three points adrift of FC Haynes having also played three games fewer. Whilst the shock result of the afternoon saw now fourth place Lu Donz winners of their last eight outings and unbeaten at home this season fall to a 1-6 defeat to the bottom of the table Bletchley Scot. Clinton Phillips with a hat-trick, Dairan Browne with a brace plus a single goal from Ryan Thrussell doing the damage with David Byass the lone Donz marksman in reply.

Division One League Table at 14th March 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Baldock Victoria	19	15	2	2	74	37	37	46 *
2	FC Haynes First	21	12	3	6	47	33	14	39
3	Thurleigh FC	18	11	3	4	60	30	30	36
4	LU Donz First	19	10	3	6	68	44	24	33
5	Blunham Saturday	18	10	2	6	46	38	8	32
6	Kempston United First	19	10	2	7	47	40	7	32
7	Clifton First	20	7	4	9	37	38	-1	24 *
8	Bedford Albion First	15	5	4	6	41	39	2	19
9	AFC Oakley Development	18	5	4	9	24	42	-18	19
10	Caldecote Reserves	20	6	2	12	31	49	-18	18 *
11	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	15	6	0	9	28	43	-15	17 *
12	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	20	4	0	16	29	66	-37	11 *
13	Bletchley Scot First	16	3	1	12	27	60	-33	10

For sixth place Kempston United it was win number five on the bounce 3-1 at home against Wootton Blue Cross Reserves who were falling to their fifth consecutive defeat. Juniot Samuel, Zach Baker and Ajani Thomas-Anderson marking their scoresheet with Kai Yeomans hitting the lone Blue Cross Reply. Whilst Clifton was

given the three points after Lea Sports PSG failed to raise a side to travel to Whiston Crescent.

Division Two

With league leaders AFC Bedford United away on cup duty, second place AFC Kempston Town Hammers are now within a point of them following their 6-2 victory at Caddington Reserves. Gio Moscaritolo with a hat-trick, Ryan Spence with a brace and a goal from Max Donovan doing the damage against home replies via Rashaun Rattigan and James Ray. Whilst a lone goal from Alexander Wasliewski was enough to take Kempston Athletic to a 1-0 victory at Flitwick Town Reserves and see the sides exchange positions in the lower half of the standings.

Elsewhere, Bedford SA returned to winning ways with a 4-3 away success at Green End Rovers. Thomas Andrews, Oliver Raymond, Jerome Smith and Erik Treis all found the back of the net against Rovers replies via Josh Cann, Ben Thompson and Jack Perry.

Division Two League Table at 14th March 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	17	11	5	1	67	33	34	38
2	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	19	11	4	4	54	23	31	37
3	Bedford SA First	20	10	3	7	57	46	11	33
4	Queens Park Crescents Reserves	18	11	3	4	33	22	11	33 *
5	St Josephs (Sat)	18	10	1	7	43	37	6	31
6	Wixams Wanderers First	22	9	4	9	52	55	-3	31
7	Caddington Reserves	18	9	2	7	39	40	-1	29
8	Green End Rovers First	18	7	2	9	44	43	1	23
9	Kempston Athletic First	18	7	2	9	26	36	-10	23
10	Flitwick Town Reserves	21	7	2	12	39	57	-18	23
11	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	20	3	2	15	21	52	-31	11
12	Westoning Club Reds	19	3	2	14	31	62	-31	5 *

Jubilee Cup Quarter-Finals

AFC Bedford United will now host Wixams Wanderers at the last four stage following their 4-2 home victory over St Josephs (Saturday) after Wixams claimed their place with a 2-1 home victory over Queens Park Crescents Reserves.,an own goal plus a strike from Leigh Reynolds marking their card against a Crescents reply from Anas Bechkoum. Garry Townsend with a hat-trick plus Lamar Smithson the AFC goalscorers against St Josephs replies from Blake Cox and Daniele Placi.

Division Three

League Leaders Dunstable Wanderers retained their season's 100% away record when going nap with a 5-1 away victory at Wilstead. Shazan Arif with a brace plus goals from Morgan Cook, Charlie Broux and Andrew Gibson bringing the nap hand with the home reply coming from Ryan Davenport. Whilst winning 5-1 at home to

take their unbeaten ways up to eight games were third place Bedford Albion Development. Kye Mackinson with a brace plus goals from Adelana Gbolaji, Jamie Carson and Antony Esposito doing the damage. against a lone reply from Joshua Nolan.

Elsewhere, following four straight defeats LU Donz Development returned to winning ways when goals from James Dawson and Charlie Stroud took them to 2-1 success at Everton Athletic whose reply came from Jack Giver.

Division Three League Table at 14th March 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Dunstable Wanderers First	14	13	0	1	53	15	38	39
2	Amphill Town Colts	16	10	2	4	42	22	20	32
3	Bedford Albion Development	14	10	2	2	40	20	20	32
4	Atletic FC First	18	10	1	7	46	41	5	28 *
5	Stopsley United Reserves	12	7	1	4	47	34	13	22
6	Everton Athletic FC First	16	6	2	8	36	33	3	20
7	Willstead First	14	6	0	8	36	35	1	17 *
8	M&DH Clapham Sports First	14	4	4	6	26	33	-7	16
9	LU Donz Development	15	5	2	8	29	33	-4	15 *
10	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	14	4	1	9	25	52	-27	13
11	Turvey First	17	4	0	13	17	51	-34	12
12	Flitwick Town 'A'	16	3	1	12	22	50	-28	10
13	Caldecote A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-6 *

Bedfordshire FA Junior Cup Semi-finals

It was the home sides that prevailed. DTCC FC with a goal from Jamie Traynor 1-0 winners over Amphill Town Colts . Whilst for Luton Phoenix it was a 3-2 victory over Cranfield United Development.with goals from Konain Ali Shah, Kamran Khan and Mohsin Mahmood against goals from Dylan Brawn and Ali Elforjani in reply for the United.

Division Four

The biggest winners of the day were fourth place Westoning Blues who made it five wins on the bounce with a 6-1 home success over Everton Athletic Reserves. Ronald Schapp-Grant and Theo Briggs with braces joined on the scoresheet by Matthew Walsh and Lewis Cooksley. against a lone reply from Michael John Freeman. Whilst fifth place Flitwick Eagles Development were gifted the three points when for the second weekend running Wootton Blue Cross A failed to raise a side to remain firmly rooted to the bottom of the league table.

However, it was a red letter day for second from the bottom of the table M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves who claimed their first victory of the season when a brace from Somto Nnamdi and strikes from Liam Gable and Kyle Gamble saw them to a 4-3 home win over Leighton Woodside Athletic whose replies came via Alex Price, Freddie Redmond and Luke Spivey.

Enjoying their first win for some six outings were Meltis Rangers 4-1 at home over AFC Clophill. Jack Adams-Hollyhand, Tyrell O'Connor, Charlie Smith and Mikey Rosborough all found the back of the net. against a lone reply via Jonathan Smith. for the visitors. Whilst the lone away victory of the day saw AFC Kempston Town Hammers win 2-0 at Catsbrook Wanderers thanks to goals from Ellis Crowsley And Patrick Baclawski.

Division Four League Table at 14th March 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Luton Phoenix FC	19	16	1	2	76	20	56	49
2	Dunstable Town Cricket Club DTCC FC Satu	17	15	0	2	55	17	38	45
3	Cranfield United Development	18	14	1	3	99	20	79	43
4	Westoning Club Blues	18	14	0	4	61	22	39	41*
5	Filtwick Eagles Development	22	13	1	8	53	39	14	40
6	AFC Kempston Town Hammers Reserves	19	9	2	8	50	47	3	29
7	Catsbrook Wanderers First	18	8	3	7	31	33	-2	27
8	Queens Park Crescents Development	17	7	3	7	25	51	-26	24
9	Everton Athletic FC Res	17	6	2	9	26	48	-22	19*
10	Meltis Rangers First	19	5	4	10	29	37	-8	16*
11	Leighton Woodside Athletic	21	5	1	15	45	76	-31	16
12	AFC Clophill First	16	2	2	12	14	50	-36	8
13	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	18	1	3	14	18	77	-59	4*
14	Wootton Blue Cross A	17	1	1	15	16	61	-45	-2*

Watson Shield Quarter-Final

Stopsley United Reserves will now travel to Meltis Rangers following their 5-0 home victory over M&DH Clapham Sports. Craig McCann with a hat-trick and goals from Owen Impey and Aissa Bakkas bringing up the nap hand.

Wednesday 18th March 2026.

Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy. Final

Before a Bedford Town Eyrie Stadium crowd of 269, Harlington Juniors became the first BCFL club to lift the Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy since Stevington in season 2018-19 when they emerged the 5-4 penalty shoot-out winners over South Midlands League Division One Cranfield United.

It was the Juniors who struck first via Greg Bennett to take a fifth minute lead before some 20 minutes later they were reduced to 10 men when Harry Milton was red carded for preventing with his hands on the goal line a net bound effort from United. who then via Michael Pickard squared matters up at 1-1 from the penalty spot.

Within eight minutes United had taken the lead, again Pickard being the scorer this time with a firm header, but just a minute from the break it was 2-2, again Pickard the scorer but this time alas for him into his own net.

Try as both sides did the second half was not to bring about any goals to leave us with a dreaded penalty shoot-out to decide the Trophy winners for the first time since the 61 FC Luton beat AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College in season 2016.17.

It was United who went first with that man Pickard shooting them ahead, first up for the Juniors was Ben Smith, alas his effort flew over the bar to hand the early advantage to the United, successful kicks from United's Andre Reece Brown and Leo Cimmino against Juniors replies from Ben Chapman and Greg Bennett brought us to the next pivotal moment of the contest with United's Kyle Johnson flying his effort and United's fourth towards the A603 to allow Juniors Tyler Ingham to step up and even the shoot-out at 3-3.

Will Bolton for United and George Peddar for the Juniors made it 4-4. before Juniors goalkeeper Ryan Fitt got down well on his left handed post to save United first sudden death effort from Jise Bankole thus allowing Jack O'Shea to step up and claim the winning goal to see the trophy heading back to Sundon Road.

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Having lost their previous four away outings Wootton Blue Cross returned to winning ways on the road with a 4-0 victory over the bottom of the table Shefford Town & Campton Reserves with goals from Mason Marsh, Joel Simpson, Ryan Aka and George Armstrong.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 18th March 2026

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Cranfield United Reserves	22	19	2	1	71	12	59	59
2	Caldecote First	18	16	1	1	75	18	57	49
3	Stopsley United First	21	15	1	5	68	31	37	46
4	AFC Oakley First	20	13	4	3	82	37	45	43
5	Marston Shelton Rovers First	21	11	3	7	48	38	10	36
6	Harlington Juniors First	19	10	5	4	45	36	9	35
7	Queens Park Crescents First	20	9	3	8	42	40	2	30
8	Wootton Blue Cross First	19	9	2	8	46	38	8	29
9	Totternhoe Reserves	19	8	4	7	35	53	-18	28
10	Elstow Abbey First	20	7	3	10	47	55	-8	24
11	Biggleswade FC Reserves	22	4	4	14	44	77	-33	16
12	Biggleswade United Reserves	22	4	3	15	42	62	-20	14 *
13	Riseley Sports First	20	4	1	15	33	80	-47	12 *
14	Flitwick Town First	22	2	3	17	27	74	-47	8 *
15	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	19	1	1	17	17	71	-54	3 *