



Bedfordshire County **Football League**

Season 2024-25

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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.

Saturday 22nd February 2025

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

Marston Shelton Rovers lead at the head of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table is now up to five points after they took their unbeaten ways up to 10 games and retained their season's unbeaten away ways with a 2-1 victory at Shefford Town & Campton Reserves with goals from Charlie Cullen and Samuel Smith against a lone reply from Ashley Healey. Whilst second place Wootton Blue Cross was being held to a 1-1 draw at Biggleswade United Reserves. Seyram Hammond on the home scoresheet against a Blue Cross reply from Noah Marsh.

The result of the day saw Cranfield United Reserves win 4-0 at Elstow Abbey who were suffering their third home defeat on the bounce. Sean Byrne with a brace plus goals from Joe Bescoby and James Manning failing to bring about a reply. The lone home victory of the afternoon belonged to Riseley Sports in beating bottom of the table Flitwick Town 4-1. Alex Taylor with a brace plus goals from Matthew Smith and Mitchell Crook doing the damage against a lone Town reply from Phil Matthews.

Elsewhere, it was a 3-3 draw between hosts Queens Park Crescents and the visiting Totternhoe Reserves. Mohammed Ali Shehzad, Ismail Rakhman and Vinny Crook netted for the home side against Totts replies from Sam Hazell, Jordan Knight and Jazhai Randino.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 22nd February 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Marston Shelton Rovers First	16	12	3	1	46	24	22	39
2	Wootton Blue Cross First	15	11	1	3	48	22	26	34
3	AFC Oakley First	15	10	2	3	47	18	29	32
4	Cranfield United Reserves	18	8	4	6	40	26	14	28
5	Caldecote First	16	7	2	7	32	33	-1	23
6	Elstow Abbey First	14	7	1	6	40	34	6	22
7	Biggleswade United Reserves	15	6	3	6	44	37	7	21
8	Queens Park Crescents First	11	6	3	2	23	17	6	21
9	Riseley Sports First	17	6	2	9	31	33	-2	20
10	Crawley Green Development	17	5	3	9	34	53	-19	18
11	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	19	5	3	11	26	51	-25	18
12	Totternhoe Reserves	15	4	4	7	27	34	-7	16
13	Biggleswade FC Reserves	20	3	4	13	34	73	-39	13
14	Flitwick Town First	14	3	1	10	28	45	-17	10

Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy Semi-Final

Saw Caldecote run out the 2-0 home winners over AFC Oakley with goals from Joshua Roberts and Daniel Webb. They will now face a final tie against Stotfold Reserves who 72 hours later under the floodlights at Roker Park before a crowd of 289 were likewise 2-0 home winners over Queens Park Crescents, both goals coming in the opening half from Robert Wilcock, the first from the penalty spot in the 15th minute and the second nine minutes before the break.

Division One

With Stopsley United sitting the afternoon out, Harlington Juniors took full advantage to climb back onto the top of the league table with a 4-2 victory at Wootton Blue Cross Reserves saw them take their unbeaten ways up to 11 games. Freddie Knight with a brace plus goals from Oscar Garner and Alex Frantellizzi marking their scoresheet against Blue Cross replies from Charlie Dunne and Keelan Coleman. Now in third place are Kempston United thanks to a 3-0 success at AFC Oakley Development. Elijah Joseph with a brace plus Ashton Joyce marking their scoresheet.

These points taking the United above Bedford Albion who were beaten 2-1 at current fifth place Clifton. Sam Oakins and Nikolay Rusev the goalscorers against a lone Albion reply from Paul Babbington. Whilst Buffs FC now make up the top six after a hat-trick from Luke Hennessy and a goal from Rohan Edlin saw them win 4-1 at the bottom of the table Bedford SA for whom Jerome Smith replied.

Division One League Table at 22nd February 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Harlington Juniors First	14	11	2	1	64	21	43	35
2	Stopsley United First	15	11	1	3	54	21	33	34
3	Kempston United First	17	7	1	9	37	46	-9	22
4	Bedford Albion First	13	6	3	4	41	27	14	21
5	Clifton First	11	6	3	2	30	18	12	21
6	Buffs FC Saturday First	14	6	2	6	25	28	-3	20
7	Sporting Carpathians First	8	5	2	1	21	11	10	17
8	Ickwell & Old Warden First	15	4	4	7	24	31	-7	15 *
9	AFC Oakley Development	14	2	5	7	18	41	-23	10 *
10	Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	12	2	3	7	21	39	-18	9
11	Bedford SA First	15	1	0	14	18	70	-52	0 *

Division Two North

There is no change at the head of the Division Two North league standings following wins for the top two clubs, league leaders Thurleigh remaining six points clear with win number eight on the bounce on the road in defeating Green End Rovers 5-1. Charlie Hurley with a hat-trick and goals from Tom Burnage and Cormac Mccann bringing up the nap hand against a lone reply from Rovers Zach Baker. Whilst second place Blunham were the 4-0 home winners over Shefford Town & Campton Development. Connor Heaps with a brace plus an own goal via Tom Winch and a strike from Ricky Lawrence doing the damage.

Now in third place are FC Haynes who with braces of goals from James Roach and Tyler Winter were 4-1 home winners over the bottom of the table M&DH Clapham Sports whose reply came from Andy Sims. Losing out on that third spot were Caldecote Reserves who saw their nine games winning run ended when beaten 2-1 at home by fifth place AFC Bedford United who now only trail them on goal difference and having played one game fewer. Gary Townsend netted both of the United's goals against a lone home reply via James Bright.

Elsewhere having failed to win any of their last 11 outings Bedford Albion Development returned to winning ways with a 4-2 success at Wixams Wanderers thanks to goals from James Wookey, Pasquale Grasso, Luca Jorge and Panashe Manyau against Wanderers replies via Adam Jackson and Sam Maelzer.

Division Two North League Table at 22nd February 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Thurleigh FC	15	12	0	3	48	9	39	36
2	Blunham (BCFL)	15	9	3	3	41	24	17	30
3	FC Haynes First	17	9	2	6	43	36	7	29
4	Caldecote Reserves	14	9	1	4	37	18	19	28
5	AFC Bedford United (Sat) First	13	8	4	1	34	20	14	28
6	Green End Rovers First	14	5	2	7	33	36	-3	17
7	Shefford Town & Campton Development	15	4	2	9	34	51	-17	14
8	Wixams Wanderers First	15	4	3	8	29	43	-14	12 *
9	Bedford Albion Development	17	3	3	11	27	59	-32	11 *
10	M&DH Clapham Sports First	13	0	2	11	12	42	-30	2

Division Two South

For league leaders Lu Donz it was an end to their four games winning run when beaten 3-2 at Caddington who remain 100% on home soil this season .Ryan Smith with a brace plus Louis Octave marking their scoresheet against Donz replies via Ardul Rasul and Leroy White. The Donz however still remain five points clear at the head of the standings after second place New Bradwell St Peters Development who

have paid one game fewer had their game at home to third place Lea Sports PSG postponed.

The biggest winners of the day were Bletchley Scot who won for the first time at home this season in beating bottom of the table Brache Phoenix 5-0. Musa Kareem with a brace plus goals from Dale Froud, Dean Reed and Connor Vincent bringing up the nap hand. Whilst the lone away victory of the day saw AFC Kempston Town Hammers win 2-1 at Stotfold Junior thanks to an own goal plus a strike from Caelan Cox with Thomas Wragg making the lone home reply.

The Flitwick Town Reserves v Harlington Juniors Reserves being postponed due to an unfit pitch.

Division Two South League Table at 22nd February 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	LU Donz First	16	11	2	3	57	29	28	35
2	New Bradwell St Peter FC Development	15	10	1	4	38	20	18	30 *
3	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	15	8	5	2	52	29	23	29
4	Caddington (BCFL)	16	8	3	5	47	32	15	27
5	Luton Panthers First	17	7	3	7	53	43	10	24
6	Harlington Juniors Reserves	11	8	1	2	44	16	28	22 *
7	Stotfold Junior First (Sat)	16	6	2	8	41	39	2	20
8	Bletchley Scot First	11	5	2	4	32	32	0	17
9	Flitwick Town Reserves	17	5	2	10	38	53	-15	17
10	AFC Kempston Town Hammers First	16	4	3	9	28	53	-25	15
11	Caldecote A	18	2	4	12	22	74	-52	9 *
12	Brache Phoenix First	14	2	2	10	24	56	-32	8

Division Three

There is no change at the head of the Division Three league table following wins for the top two clubs. League leaders Kempston Athletic remaining seven points clear in chalking up win number seven on the spin to retain their season's unbeaten ways with a 4-0 home success over third place Sandy Reserves. Alexander Wasilewski with a brace plus strikes from Royheed Banghard and Kristian Marciano doing the damage. Whilst second place Lewsey Park took their winning ways up to five games with a 2-1 success at Flitwick Town A thanks to goals from Luke Lincoln and Niall Lawson with Matt Moon replying for the Town.

At the other end of the standings bottom club Everton Athletic are still in search of their first home success of the season after losing 6-0 to Wilstead whose goals came via Jude Thomson, Jamie Nash, Adam Chambers, Tyler Devenport, Paul Jackson and Colin Marshall. Whilst second from bottom club Meltis Rangers saw goals from

Tesfa Bernard, Simon Wade and Tyrell O'Connor earn them a share of the spoils from a 3-3 draw at Queens Park Crescents Development. The home replies came from Ayaz Hussain with a brace plus Hasan Nadeem.

The 61FC Luton Reserves v Athletic FC game was postponed due to an unfit pitch.

Division Three League Table at 22nd February 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kempston Athletic First	16	14	2	0	67	8	59	44
2	Lewsey Park First	15	12	1	2	58	26	32	37
3	Sandy Reserves	17	10	2	5	45	33	12	32
4	Athletic FC First	15	9	3	3	55	29	26	30
5	Queens Park Crescents Development	15	8	3	4	56	34	22	27
6	Wilstead First	16	7	0	9	32	37	-5	20 *
7	The 61 FC (Luton) Reserves	13	6	1	6	30	48	-18	18 *
8	Dunstable Wanderers First	13	5	2	6	30	28	2	17
9	FC Polonia (Luton) First	16	6	1	9	42	48	-6	15 *
10	Elstow Abbey Reserves	15	4	0	11	20	44	-24	12
11	Flitwick Town 'A'	17	3	3	11	32	68	-36	12
12	Meltis Rangers First	15	3	3	9	25	56	-31	11 *
13	Everton Athletic FC First	15	1	1	13	23	56	-33	1 *

Division Four

_EB Lions U21 are now up into fourth place and on a four game winning home run after defeating Everton Athletic Reserves 4-3. Daniel Gillard with a brace plus goals from Jay Atkinson and Sam Rolfe marking their scoresheet against Athletic replies via Owen Hurst twice and James Scot once. Whilst for third place Wootton Blue Cross A it was a 3-1 away victory at Henlow Hurricanes. Alfie Young with a brace plus Zyon Mureithi Njuguna found the back of the net against a lone reply via Jake Holness.

Watson Shield Second Round

_Amphill Town Colts eased their way into the last eight with a thumping 9-0 home victory over Catsbrook Wanderers. George Shaw led the way with a hat-trick, Jay Hartup weighed in with a brace to go alongside single goals from Cathal Kitson, Reece Bowling, Albie Larman and William Lee-Phillips. Whilst FC Polonia (Luton) were the 5-0 home winners over Dunstable Wanderers. Sylwester Kraks and Mateusz Antoniuk with braces plus a single goal from Fabien Pawelec bringing up the nap hand.

Elsewhere, Stopsley United Reserves required a 4-2 penalty shoot-out success to overcome the visiting AFC Claphill after 90 minutes play had seen the sides deadlocked at 2-2. Tyla McCabe and Kevin Proszkowiec on the United scoresheet with George Davis and Tir Edwards replying for the visitors.

Division Four League Table at 22nd February 2025

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stopsley United Reserves	15	12	0	3	68	31	37	36
2	Amphill Town Colts	13	11	2	0	57	21	36	35
3	Wootton Blue Cross A	15	11	1	3	41	27	14	33 *
4	EB Lions AFC (Sat) Mens U21	13	9	2	2	46	24	22	26 *
5	Turvey First	14	8	1	5	49	36	13	24 *
6	Dunstable Town Cricket Club DTCC FC Satu	14	7	1	6	48	33	15	22
7	M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	13	3	1	9	25	44	-19	10
8	AFC Claphill First	14	4	1	9	23	42	-19	10 *
9	Catsbrook Wanderers First	15	2	2	11	17	40	-23	8
10	Everton Athletic FC Res	15	1	1	13	26	79	-53	4
11	Henlow Hurricanes First	13	2	2	9	21	44	-23	2 *
12	AFC Bedford United (Sat) U23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3 *