

Bedfordshire Chess League Report 2023-24 Season

Division 1

Beds League division 1 was won by Leighton Buzzard A on 18 match points ahead of Bedford A on 15 match points, Milton Keynes B on 13 and Bedford B on 10. The only close fight was between Leighton Buzzard B and Bedford C who were battling to avoid the wooden spoon, and relegation.

The issue was not decided until the Bedford C's very last game of the season. With both teams on 2 match points, and Bedford C playing Milton Keynes B, a win would have meant a drawn match and safety, a draw would mean that the 2 teams would not be able to be separated by tiebreaks, so a playoff would have been needed. The game ended in a loss, and Leighton Buzzard B survived.

Division 2

Division 2 was dominated by Luton A who conceded just 1 loss all season and ended up on 18 points ahead of Milton Keynes A on 14, Bedford D on 11, Luton B and Open University on 6 and Milton Keynes C on 5. Luton A are promoted. Samir Vora had an exceptional season, scoring 7 out of 7.

There were only 3 defaults, 1 in division 1 and 2 in division 2.

Notable performances

(4 or more games, over 70%)

Division 1

John Sharp	7½ / 8	94%
Adrian Elwin	7½ / 9	83%
Andrew Bowler	6½ / 8	81%
Steve Ledger	7½ / 10	75%
Gary Kenworthy	6½ / 9	72%
Rob Whiteside	5 / 7	71%

Division 2

Samir Vora	7 / 7	100%
Thomas O'Brien	9 / 10	90%
Alan Heath	6 / 8	75%
George Griffiths	6½ / 9	72%
Dixon Jones	5 / 7	71%