

# RISELEY SPORTS



## STOTFOLD DEVELOPMENT



Bedfordshire County League  
Premier Division 2023-24  
Saturday 16th September, 2023  
Kick off 2.30pm  
Official Matchday Programme



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# BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE ROUND-UP

**The late Jimmy Greaves regularly said that football is a 'Funny Ole Game'.**

AFC Oakley probably agree with this statement as they were probably hoping to have further success after their emphatic 8-1 victory over AFC Kempston Town Hammers on the opening day of the season.

In fact, the opposite happened as AFC Oakley suffered a 4-1 defeat away to Stotfold Development last weekend with their only goal coming from Chisom Amadi.

The Development looked a strong side during the second half of last season and again they showed off their good form with Charlie Mallett netting twice while the other goals came from Harry Buckley and Ashley Kersey.

Caldecote also managed to get off to a good start to the campaign with a 2-0 victory with goals from Rafe Goodman and former Riseley Sports player Sonny Newton-Cootes.

Sharnbrook opened their season with a 4-2 home victory over Shefford Town & Campton

Reserves with Bradley Raines scoring twice while the other efforts came from Harry Chinn and Tarik Dallas. Joe Lewis and Joe Bescoby replied for the visitors.

Defending champions Elstow Abbey started their season with a 3-0 loss at Biggleswade United Reserves for whom Nathan McCalla scored twice with the other coming from Lewis Digweed.

The biggest win of the day came from Queens Park Crescents who defeated Riseley Sports with Sheldon Washington grabbing a hat-trick while Dominic Parrella, Anas Bechkoum and Marko Tobzic were also on target.

Rafael Miles baggerd a hat-trick as Biggleswade FC Reserves eased to a 4-1 success at AFC Kempston Town Hammers. Chris Richardson completed the visitors' scoring while Harold Stevens replied for the hosts.

Temitayo Akerele, Josh Kanyere, Robert Newman and Ryan Smith helped Crawley Green Reserves to a 4-1 win at Flitwick Town.

## BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION 2023-24

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	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Stotfold Development ..	2	2	0	0	7	6
Caldecote .....	2	2	0	0	5	6
Crawley Green Res .....	2	1	1	0	3	4
Biggleswade Utd Res ..	2	1	1	0	3	4
AFC Oakley .....	2	1	0	1	4	3
Queens Park Cres .....	2	1	0	1	2	3
Sharnbrook .....	2	1	0	0	2	3
Biggleswade FC Res...	2	1	0	1	0	3
Flitwick Town .....	2	1	0	1	0	3
Marston Shelton Rov...	2	1	0	1	0	3
Elstow Abbey .....	1	0	0	1	-3	0
Shefford TC Res .....	2	0	0	2	-5	0
Riseley Sports .....	2	0	0	2	-8	0
AFC Kempston TH .....	2	0	0	2	-10	

**As at 14th September**

## FIXTURES

**Saturday 16th September**

**League**

Queens Park Crescents v Caldecote  
Biggleswade FC Reserves v AFC Oakley  
Biggleswade United Res v Shefford TC Res  
Crawley Green Res v AFC Kempston TH  
Elstow Abbey v Flitwick Town  
Marston Shelton Rovers v Sharnbrook  
Riseley Sports v Stotfold Development

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# FROM THE MANAGER

**Welcome to Stotfold Development for this Bedfordshire County League Premier Division match along with the referee Simon Dutton.**

Our first home game of the season and a warm welcome back to Gold Street to all.

It has been a tricky opening few games for us with defeats at Marston Shelton Rovers and Queens Park Crescents.

In both games, we have showed spells of the football we played last season, which saw us have one of our best league finishes in the Premier Division but unfortunately we have started let some errors slip back into our play in and we were punished.

We now need to put those games behind us, pick ourselves back up, get back to playing confident and positive football and kick start our season.

Today's fixture is going to be another big test for us as we take on a good side in Stotfold Development, who have started their season with two straight wins.

Please do come down and show your support for the lads.

**James Woolf**

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# FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

## 2023-24 SEASON

FIX	DATE	OPPOSITION	COMP	KO/RES	POS	1	2	3	4	5
M1	Sep 02	Marston Shelton Rovers	BCL	1-3	-	Lewin	E.Harris	K.Cooper	Willett	Hislop
M2	Sep 09	Queens Park Crescents	BCL	0-6	13	Lewin	J.Harris	K.Cooper	O.Crook	Hislop
M	Sep 16	<b>Stotfold Development</b>	BCL	2.30						
M	Sep 23	Caldecote	BCL	2.30						
M	Sep 30	<b>Sharnbrook</b>	BCL	2.30						
M	Oct 07	<b>Biggleswade Utd Res</b>	BCL	2.30						
M	Oct 14	<b>Flitwick Town</b>	BCL	2.30						
M	Oct 21	AFC Oakley	ART	2.30						

## HALF-TIME TEASER

1. Which six players made 50 or more England appearances while with Liverpool?
2. Which seven clubs have reached the last four of the Football League Cup the most times?
3. How many 'Pauls' have won caps for England?
4. Which were the last ten clubs to reach the UEFA Champions League Group Stage for the first time?
5. Who plays at the ground pictured?



WHO PLAYS AT THE GROUND PICTURED?

Answers on Page 5



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□ The Giddy Goat Cafe in the High Street, Riseley are holding an Autumn Local Produce and Craft Fayre on Saturday 23rd September from 10am to 3pm.

□ A Macmillan Coffee Morning and Art Display takes place at Riseley Village Hall on Saturday 30th September between 10am and 1.30pm. If you have any items to display contact Mick Watson on 01234 708330 or Sue Draper on 01234 708874.

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**BOLD FIXTURES - HOME GAMES**  
**(1,2) - GOALS SCORED**

\* First Sub; + Second Sub; ^ Third Sub; ! Fourth Sub; = Fifth Sub

6	7	8	9	10	11	S	S	S	FIX	
Simmons	Keech	M.Crook <sup>1</sup>	Taylor	Donald	Cooke	Blades	O.Cooper	OCrook	Henman	M1
Simmons	Keech	M.Crook	Taylor	Donald	Cooke	Henman				M2

## OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

This majestic vehicle graced the football pitch at Gold Street on 9th September.

It was part of a fine collection of vintage motors that were on display at the annual Riseley Show,

Although the fun dog show had to be cancelled because of the hot weather, the exhibits of vegetables, fruit and crafts went ahead as normal.

### HALF TIME TEASER ANSWERS

1. Steven Gerrard (114), Jordan Henderson (76), Michael Owen (60), Emlyn Hughes (59), Ray Clemence (56) and Phil Neal (50).

2. Liverpool (18 Times), Manchester United (17 Times), Tottenham Hotspur (17 Times), Arsenal (16 Times), Aston Villa (15 Times), Chelsea (15 Times) and Manchester City (13 Times).

3. Fourteen: Paul Scholes (66), Paul Gascoigne (57), Paul Ince (53), Paul Robinson (41), Paul Mariner (35), Paul Madeley (24), Paul Merson (21), Paul Parker (19), Paul Walsh (5), Paul Bracewell (3), Paul Reaney (3), Paul Stewart (3), Paul Konchesky (2) and Paul Goddard (1).

4. Antwerp (2023-24), Union Berlin (2023-24), Eintracht Frankfurt (2022-23), Sheriff Tiraspol (2021-22), Rennes (2020-21), Midtjylland (2020-21), Krasnodar (2020-21), İstanbul Başakşehir (2020-21), Red Bull Salzburg (2019-20) and Atalanta (2019-20).

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	League			Cup			Total		
	Starts	Sub	Goals	Starts	Sub	Goals	Starts	Sub	Goals
Thomas Lewin	2						2		
James Cooke	2						2		
Koron Cooper	2						1		
Mitchell Crook	2		1				2		1
Lewis Donald	2						2		
Elliot Harris	1						2		
Jake Hislop	1						2		
Aaron Keech	1						2		
Jamie Simmons	1						2		
Alex Taylor	1						2		
Jay Willett	1						1		
Lewis Blades		1						1	
O'Shea Cooper		1						1	
Owen Crook	1	1					1	1	
Sam Henman		1						1	
Jordan Harris	1						1		

## VISITING GOLD STREET

### STOTFOLD DEVELOPMENT

Stotfold Development had a season of two halves during the last campaign.

They needed time to adjust to the Bedfordshire County League Premier Division but after Christmas, they quickly climbed the table.

They have managed to continue this fine form by comfortably winning their first

two matches.

Harry Smith and Ashley Kersley both netted twice as Stotfold Development clinched a 5-1 victory over Queens Park Crescents with the other goal coming from Robert Wilcock.

The youngsters followed this up with a second success when they defeated AFC

Oakley 4-1 with Charlie Mallett scoring a brace with Ashley Kersley and Harry Buckley the other scorers.

Stotfold's first team are currently plying their trade at Step Four in the Southern League Division One Central having secured back-to-back promotions. The club also has a women's team that plays in the Beds and Herts Premier.

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**Last week, I had the pleasure of speaking to a young man whose life had been turned upside down due to one innocuous moment on the football field.**

"I went in for a 50/50 ball, nothing at all sinister, and ended up with his shin wrapped around his leg," Ashford United winger Adem Ramadan said about the incident, which occurred during the Nuts & Bolts' Bank Holiday Monday derby clash with Hythe Town.

"I went to get up and my leg just folded. It was just one of those things - an unlucky accident."

Sadly for Adem, that 'unlucky accident' had far-reaching consequences. The 27-year-old was taken to hospital with a horrific double leg break – an injury has now ruled him out of football for up to a year but, more importantly, forced him out of work, as a self-employed electrician, for the next six months.

Thankfully for Adem, an Isthmian League insurance policy through his club - coupled with a GoFundMe page set up by family and friends - he won't suffer too much in the way of undue financial hardship during his long period of recovery. It's hard for him to comprehend at the moment, but he is actually one of the lucky ones.

Adem told me of one of his team-mates at Ashford, who has just bought his first family home for his new wife and two young children. What if it was he whose leg buckled over and wasn't quite so lucky?

"Hindsight is a wonderful thing," Adem, the former Margate and Folkestone Invicta midfielder said. "You always think 'it won't happen to me', but it could, so easily."

"It makes you realise just how important it is for players of any level really to get protected."

There are personal insurances out there for between £7 and £10 a month. In hindsight, I'd have definitely paid that knowing what I know now.

"I'm a single man so, as a result, I don't have to worry too much about paying the bills while I'm off work. It's a huge weight off my shoulders."

"But if the same happens to my team-mate it might be a different story and that's why I would urge players to get some advice and at least look into getting insured and protecting themselves."

"Paying £7-£10 a month, or whatever, is nothing compared to the risk of losing your house. It could be the best money you've ever spent."

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**Jon Couch**

# THE TEAMS

Saturday 16th September



**RISELEY  
SPORTS**

**Sky Blue**

**THOMAS LEWIN (GK)**

**JORDAN HARRIS**

**KORON COOPER**

**OWEN CROOK**

**JAKE HISLOP**

**JAMIE SIMMONS**

**AARON KEECH**

**MITCHELL CROOK**

**ALEX TAYLOR**

**LEWIS DONALD**

**JAMES COOKE**

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**SAM HENMAN**

**O'SHEA COOPER**

**JAY WILLETT**

**LEWIS BLADES**

**Manager**

James Woolf

**Referee:** Simon Dutton

**STOTFOLD  
DEVELOPMENT**

**Amber**



**IBRAHIM RASHID (GK)**

**HARRY BUCKLEY**

**CHARLIE CANE**

**ELLIOT FLYNN**

**JOE FANTOM**

**JACK STANTON**

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**NEXT AT GOLD STREET**

**RISELEY SPORTS**

**v**

**Sharnbrook**

**Saturday 30th September**

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