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## **SHARNBROOK**



Bedfordshire County League Premier Division 2023-24 Saturday 30th September, 2023 Kick off 2.30pm Official Matchday Programme



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# BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE ROUND-UP

AFC Oakley continued their promising start to the season in the Premier Division on 23rd September with a 3-0 win at Crawley Green Reserves.

The scorers were Joel Ives, who is claiming a brace, Joe McDonagh and Ashbel Mensah.

An effort from Rafe Goodman ensured Riseley Sports are still looking for their first point of the campaign after losing 1-0 at Caldecote.

Sharnbrook went 1-0 in front at the interval at home to Queens Park Crescents but had a disastrous second half to suffer a 4-1 defeat. Sheldon Washington scored twice for the visitors with the other efforts coming from Mohammed Abbass and Ben Boxall.

Leaders Stotfold Development continued their fine start to the season with a 7-0 hammering of Biggleswade FC Reserves with Ashley Kersey bagging a hat-trick while Harry Smith and Charlie Mallett both scored twice.

Biggleswade United Reserves are an improved side from recent seasons and are currently

BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION 2023-24

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	Р	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Stotfold Development	4	4	0	0	17	12
Caldecote	4	4	0	0	8	12
Biggleswade Utd Res	4	3	1	0	9	10
AFC Oakley	4	3	0	1	12	9
Crawley Green Res	4	2	1	1	2	7
Elstow Abbey	3	2	0	1	6	6
Queens Park Cres	4	2	0	2	3	6
Sharnbrook	3	2	0	1	3	6
Flitwick Town	4	2	0	2	-6	6
Marston Shelton Rov	4	1	0	3	-5	3
Biggleswade FC Res	4	1	0	3	-12	3
Shefford TC Res	4	0	0	4	-11	0
Riseley Sports	4	0	0	4	-12	0
AFC Kempston TH	4	0	0	4	-14	0

As at 28th September

in third place. Their latest success was a 3-2 victory over Marston Shelton Rovers with Nathan McCalla netting twice along with a Robbie Hunt penalty. Sam Smith replied for Rovers.

Tom Barnett bagged two goals as Flitwick Town defeated Shefford Town & Campton Reserves 3-2 with the other goal coming from Phil Matthews. A penalty by Charlie Perrett and an effort by Liam Stevens was the response from the visitors.

Craig Damon and They Tompkins were on target as Elstow Abbey clinched a 2-0 away victory over struggling AFC Kempston Town Hammers.

Neville Allen and Nathan France steered Renhold to a 2-1 victory over Luton side Lewsey Park in the **First Division**. Chris Gibson converted a penalty for the visitors.

A hat-trick from Omojiseoluwa Bankole helped AFC Oakley Development edge to a 3-2 victory over Cranfield United Reserves.

#### **FIXTURES**

Saturday 30th September

League

Caldecote v Stotfold Development Crawley Green Res v Biggleswade FC Res Elstow Abbey v AFC Oakley Marston Shelton Rov v Flitwick Town Queens Park Cres v Biggleswade Utd Res Riseley v Sharnbrook AFC Kempston TH v Shefford TC Res



## FROM THE MANAGER

Welcome to Sharnbrook for this Bedfordshire County League Premier Division match along with the referee Shabz Hussain.

A tough start to the season sees us still looking for our first points of the campaign. Last time out at home against Stotfold Development was a much more promising performance just not the result we wanted.

After taking the lead early on through a Mitch Crook free-kick we looked in good shape but just before half-time Stotfold pulled level. Their strength in depth showed in the second half with Stotfold making four half-time substitutions and eventually running out 4-1 winners.

We took positives from that game into last week's away fixture against Caldecote, a clash that now has an extra spice to it with a couple of last year's squad now playing for them. Caldecote eventually won 1-0 from a direct free-kick late on in the second half, but it was again another strong defensive display and we created several chances.

We now face a tricky test against local rivals Sharnbrook. Do come down and support the lads

**James Woolf** 

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Assistant Manager: Jason Woolf

Welfare Officers: James Cooke, Jay Willett

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Assistant Kit Manager: Georgina Wallace

Marketing Manager: Nigel Rees

Committee Members: David Balderstone, Andrew Gell, Andrew Groom, James Cooke, Jordan Harris, James Woolf, Nigel Rees, Paul

Brown, John Cappa, Jay Willett

# REES GRIPS

FILM & TV CAMERA MOVEMENT

#### **FIRST TEAM FIXTURES**

#### **2023-24 SEASON**

Oct 21 AFC Oakley

FIX	DATE	OPPOSITION	COMP	KO/ RES	POS	1	2	3	4	5
M1	Sep 02 Ma	rston Shelton Rovers	BCL	1-3	-	Lewin	E.Harris	K.Cooper	Willett	Hislop
M2	Sep 09 Qu	eens Park Crescents	BCL	0-6	13	Lewin	J.Harris	K.Cooper	O.Crook	Hislop
М3	Sep 16 <b>Sto</b>	otfold Development	BCL	1-4	13	Austin	J.Harris	K.Cooper	O.Crook	Knight
M4	Sep 23 Ca	Idecote	BCL	0-1	13	Austin	Spavins	K.Cooper	Marler	Knight
M	Sep 30 <b>S</b> h	arnbrook	BCL	2.30						
M	Oct 07 Big	ggleswade Utd Res	BCL	2.30						
M	Oct 14 Fli	twick Town	BCL	2.30						

### **HALF-TIME TEASER**

ART 2.30

- 1. Who were the last six Englishmen to win the Premier League Player of the Month Award?
- 2. Which seven players won England caps while with Spanish clubs?
- 3. Who are the four non-European Premier League Manager of the Month winners?
- 4. Which four clubs played against Liverpool in UEFA Cup and Europa League finals?
- 5. Who plays at the ground pictured?



WHO PLAYS AT THE GROUND PICTURED?

**Answers on Page 5** 



#### **OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY**

- ☐ An art display is currently on show at the Fox and Hounds pub in Riseley. The works include paintings by artists who live in the village.
- ☐ The Milton Ernest Garden Centre takes place on Sunday 1st October from 11am and into the afternoon. The event was originally scheduled for early September but the heat wave would have caused issues for our canine friends.



### 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.Crook1	Taylor	Donald	Cooke	Blades O	.Cooper OCı	ook Henman	M1
Simmons	Keech	M.Crook	Taylor	Donald	Cooke	Henman			M2
Simmons	Keech	M.Crook1	Bennett	Donald	Willett	Henman Spa	vins		М3
Hislop	Keech	M.Crook1	Bennett	Donald	Willett	Blades EHarr	is JHarris		M4

#### **OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY**

The Giddy Goat Autumn Fayre in Riseley took place on 23rd September where some visitors enjoyed a mid-morning breakfast bap.

There were a variety of craft stalls in the grounds, offering ideas for early Christmas gifts.

#### **HALF TIME TEASER ANSWERS**

- 1. James Maddison (Tottenham Hotspur August 2023), Bukayo Saka (Arsenal March 2023), Marcus Rashford (Manchester United February 2023, January 2023 & September 2022), Harry Kane (Tottenham Hotspur March 2022), Raheem Sterling (Manchester City December 2021) and Trent Alexander-Arnold (Liverpool November 2021).
- 2. Laurie Cunningham (Real Madrid), Steve McManaman (Real Madrid), David Beckham (Real Madrid), Michael Owen (Real Madrid), Jude Bellingham (Real Madrid), Gary Lineker (Barcelona) and Kieran Trippier (Atlético Madrid).
- 3. Mauricio Pochettino (Argentina, 4 Times), Manuel Pellegrini (Chile, 4 Times), Avram Grant (Israel) and Ange Postecoglou (Australia).
- 4. Borussia Mönchengladbach (1973), Club Brugge (1976), Deportivo Alavés (2001) and Sevilla FC (2016).
- 5. Port Vale







# RISELEY SPORTS BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION 2023-24 Appearances and Goalscorers

	l	League			Cup			Total	al	
	Starts	Sub	Goals	Starts	Sub	Goals	Starts	Sub	Goals	
Thomas Lewin	2						2			
James Cooke	2						2			
Koron Cooper	4						4			
Mitchell Crook	4		2				4		2	
Lewis Donald	4						4			
Elliot Harris	1	1					1	1		
Jake Hislop	3						3			
Aaron Keech	4						4			
Jamie Simmons	3						3			
Alex Taylor	2						2			
Jay Willett	3						3			
Lewis Blades	1	1					1	1		
O'Shea Cooper		1						1		
Owen Crook	2	1					2	1		
Sam Henman		2						2		
Jordan Harris	2	1					2	1		
George Austin	2						2			
Daniel Bennett	2						2			
Patrick Knight	2						2			
Freddie Spavins	1	1					1	1		
Matthew Marler	1						1			

### **VISITING GOLD STREET**

#### **SHARNBROOK**

Sharnbrook made an excellent start to their Bedfordshire County League Premier Division season but they suffered a setback last weekend when they went down 4-1 at home to Queens Park Crescents.

Their campaign started a week later than other sides but they eased to a 4-2 victory over Shefford Town & Campton Reserves with Bradley Raines netting twice while the other goals came

from Harrison Chin and Tarik Dallas.

Bradley Raines hit another hat-trick as Sharnbrook hammered Marston Shelton Rovers 6-2 away.

Harrison Chin, Charlie Corcoran and Andre Reece-Brown grabbed the other goals.

Another win looked to be on the cards when Charlie Corcoran gave the Lodge

Road side a 1-0 half-time lead at home against Queens Park Crescents last weekend. However, the visitors ran riot in the second half to seal a 4-1 win with Sharnbrook suffering their first defeat of the season.

Those of a certain age will remember when Sharnbrook were members of the United Counties League, playing most of their football in Division One of that competition.

## **FOCUS ON THE GOLD STREET PITCH**

As we near the conclusion of year one of our Grass Pitch Maintenance project, the transformation of our pitch has been nothing short of remarkable.

What began as a 'Poor' rating by the Grounds Management Association at the start of the season has now evolved into an impressive 'Advanced' grade, according to our latest Pitch Power inspection report.

Year one was a comprehensive journey of rejuvenation for our pitch. We took proactive steps to address the persistent issue of weed buildup that had plagued our pitch over the years, applying herbicides to restore its vitality.

Subsequently, the pitch underwent Disk Seeding during both the spring and autumn, ensuring lush, healthy growth.

Slow-release fertilizers were administered, and rounds of verti-draining were performed to alleviate soil compaction and enhance drainage capabilities of the pitch.

During the close season, our Gold Street pitch received special attention, particularly in the area known as 'Brownies Dip'. With the addition of 10 tons of Broughton Loam, we successfully leveled the terrain, re-seeded, and provided the necessary nourishment for its growth.

Notably, the renovation process was expedited, thanks to the invaluable assistance of Wembley Stadium, Groundsman Wes (formerly of Cranfield Utd, now with Luton Town), and Karl Standley (Grounds Manager-Wembley Stadium/The F.A.).

They generously provided us with ground sheets originally used on the hallowed turf of Wembley Stadium.

We owe the success of this maintenance endeavor to the expertise of our trusted partners at Premiership Lawncare LTD. A heartfelt thanks goes out to Mark (Former Arsenal Groundsman) and Jose (Young Groundsman Of The Year) for their unwavering commitment.

As we look forward to year two of this project, our commitment to maintaining and enhancing our pitch remains resolute.

We plan to implement additional maintenance procedures, explore further leveling initiatives, apply top dressings, and invest in new and improved equipment. Our goal is to continue providing the local community with an exceptional playing surface for years to come.





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## THE TEAMS

## Saturday 30th September



RISELEY SPORTS

**Sky Blue** 

**GEORGE AUSTIN (GK)** 

**DANIEL BENNETT** 

**KORON COOPER** 

**JAY WILLETT** 

**JAKE HISLOP** 

**JAMIE SIMMONS** 

**AARON KEECH** 

MITCHELL CROOK

PATRICK KNIGHT

**LEWIS DONALD** 

FREDDIE SPAVINS

ELLIOT HARRIS SAM HENMAN JORDAN HARRIS ALEX TAYLOR

**LEWIS BLADES** 

Manager

James Woolf

Referee: Shabz Hussain

#### **SHARNBROOK**



#### Maroon

ADAM DRAKULIC
ANDRE REECE-BROWN
ALESSIO CAMMARANO
FABIANO CAMMARANO
THOMAS O'NEIL
REECE WILLIAMS
CHARLIE CORCORAN
ROSS McMULLAN
HARRISON CHIN
BRADLEY RAINES
DANIEL BAYLEY

JOE ACKROYD
THOMAS BARRELL
GIORGIO CAMMARANO
PAOLO GRASSO
JASON HURLEY

Manager

Edward 'Tog' Humphreys

#### **NEXT AT GOLD STREET**

**RISELEY SPORTS** 

V

**Biggleswade United Reserves** 

**Saturday 7th October** 

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