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BIGGLESWADE UTD RES



Bedfordshire County League
Premier Division 2023-24

Saturday 7th October, 2023

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BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE ROUND-UP

Riseley Sports picked up their first win this season in the Premier Division when they defeated Sharnbrook 1-0 in a tense encounter last weekend.

Jamie Simmons netted the only goal of the game during time added on in the first half.

Chisom Amadi was on target for AFC Oakley as they drew 1-1 with defending champions Elstow Abbey, who replied through James Copley.

Stotfold Development remain at the top of the table after winning 5-4 at Caldecote with Ashley Kersey bagging a hat-trick while Harry Smith and Charlie Cain also netted. The Caldecote goals came from Evan Beldon, Rafe Goodman, Lloyd James and Sonny Newton-Cootes.

Another nine-goal thriller saw Shefford Town & Campton Reserves win 5-4 away at bottom club AFC Kempston Town Hammers. Tobin Marshall scored twice for the visitors while the other efforts came from Dos Santos Jesus, Olatunde Okeowo and Yayron Armstrong. The

Hammers replied with two goals each for Jake Duxbury and Harold Stevens.

Biggleswade United suffered their first defeat of the season when they went down 3-2 at Queens Park Crescents, whose scorers were Sheldon Washington, Shazad Sattar and Dominic Parrella. Robbie Hunt and Seymar Hammond grabbed the goals for the visitors.

Luton side Crawley Green Reserves had a 2-1 home win against Biggleswade FC Reserves thanks to efforts from Temitayo Akerele and Gulain Lusmabya. Jordan Stevenson bagged the only goal for the visiting side.

Sam Smith scored twice as Marston Shelton Rovers returned to winning ways with a 4-2 success over Flitwick Town with the other goals coming from Matthew Eddy and Harry Smith. The Town replies came from Dan Stafford and Martin Byrne.

Omojiseoluwa Bankole netted twice as AFC Oakley Development raced to a 4-0 victory over Renhold in **Division One**.

BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION 2023-24

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	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Stotfold Development ..	5	5	0	0	18	15
Caldecote	5	4	0	1	7	12
AFC Oakley	5	3	1	1	12	10
Biggleswade Utd Res ..	5	3	1	1	8	10
Crawley Green Res	5	3	1	1	3	10
Queens Park Cres	5	3	0	2	4	9
Elstow Abbey	4	2	1	1	6	7
Sharnbrook	4	2	0	2	2	6
Marston Shelton Rov...	5	2	0	3	-3	6
Flitwick Town	5	2	0	3	-8	6
Shefford TC Res	5	1	0	4	-10	3
Riseley Sports.....	5	1	0	4	-11	3
Biggleswade FC Res...	5	1	0	4	-13	3
AFC Kempston TH	5	0	0	5	-15	0

As at 5th October

FIXTURES

Saturday 7th October

League

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

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FROM THE MANAGER

Welcome to Biggleswade United Reserves for this Bedfordshire County League Premier Division match along with the referee Luke Damon.

Last week's game was always going to be a big game for us having not yet registered any points from our opening four games and Sharnbrook having had a decent start to their season plus the added extra of being a local derby. Performances had been improving week on week, just not having the rewards they deserved.

The game started off well with both sides creating chances. Just before half-time a superb strike from Jamie Simmons gave us a well-deserved half-time lead. Chances came in the second half for us to kill the game off but some great saves from the Sharnbrook goalkeeper kept the game tight all the way to the end.

With some excellent defending of our own and a man-of-the-match performance from skipper and centre back Jake Hislop, we managed to close the game out taking all three points. There were also some very impressive performances from young goalkeeper George Austin, 18, who made some unbelievable saves and 16-year-old Freddie Spavins making his home debut.

James Woolf

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REES GRIPS

FILM & TV CAMERA MOVEMENT

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
M3	Sep 16	Stotfold Development	BCL	1-4	13	Austin	J.Harris	K.Cooper	O.Crook	Knight
M4	Sep 23	Caldecote	BCL	0-1	13	Austin	Spavins	K.Cooper	Marler	Knight
M5	Sep 30	Sharnbrook	BCL	1-0	12	Austin	Spavins	K.Cooper	J.Harris	Knight
M	Oct 07	Biggleswade Utd Res	BCL	2.30						
M	Oct 14	Flitwick Town	BCL	2.30						
M	Oct 21	AFC Oakley	ART	2.30						

HALF-TIME TEASER

1. Which Swedish footballer once had a clause inserted into his Premier League contract that prohibited him from travelling into space?

2. Which former England internationals reached number 12 in the UK Singles Chart with the 1987 song 'Diamond Lights'?

3. Which former Tottenham manager has competed in the Dakar Rally?

4. What was the name of the hotel Jose Mourinho lived in when he managed Manchester United?

5. Who plays at the ground pictured?



WHO PLAYS AT THE GROUND PICTURED?

Answers on Page 5

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□ The online Daily Grunch supports small businesses and community events including Riseley. There is regular coverage of the Bedfordshire County League. To access the magazine go to www.grassrootspublications.co.uk Click on The Daily Grunch.

□ The Riseley Charity Ball 'Til Death do us Party' on 28th October is raising money for Cancer Research and the Riseley Children's Centre and Community Hub.

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

6	7	8	9	10	11	S	S	S	FIX	
Simmons	Keech	M.Crook ¹	Taylor	Donald	Cooke	Blades	O.Cooper	OCrook	Henman	M1
Simmons	Keech	M.Crook	Taylor	Donald	Cooke	Henman				M2
Simmons	Keech	M.Crook ¹	Bennett	Donald	Willett	Henman	Spavins			M3
Hislop	Keech	M.Crook	Bennett	Donald	Willett	Blades	EHarris	JHarris		M4
Hislop	Keech	M.Crook	Bennett	Donald	Simmons ¹	EHarris, Henman, Taylor, Willett				M5

RISELEY SPORTS 1 SHARNBROOK 0



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HALF TIME TEASER ANSWERS

1. Stefan Schwarz
2. Chris Waddle and Glenn Hoddle (as 'Glenn and Chris')
3. Andre Villas-Boas
4. The Lowry Hotel
5. Manchester United



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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	5						5		
Mitchell Crook	5		2				5		2
Lewis Donald	5						5		
Elliot Harris	1	2					1	2	
Jake Hislop	4						4		
Aaron Keech	5						5		
Jamie Simmons	4		1				4		1
Alex Taylor	2	1					2	1	
Jay Willett	3	1					3	1	
Lewis Blades	1	1					1	1	
O'Shea Cooper		1						1	
Owen Crook	2	1					2	1	
Sam Henman		3						3	
Jordan Harris	3	1					3	1	
George Austin	3						3		
Daniel Bennett	3						3		
Patrick Knight	3						3		
Freddie Spavins	2	1					2	1	
Matthew Marler	1						1		

VISITING GOLD STREET

BIGGLESWADE UNITED RESERVES

Following the Women's World Cup final between England and the winners Spain, there was plenty of media attention on the Spanish president Luis Rubiales and the Jenni Hermoso kiss.

Plenty of analysis on this controversy was by reporter Guillem Balague - the chairman of Biggleswade United.

Guillem took up this role in 2019 and since then has

promoted the club with live coverage of matches along with a modern-day social media approach.

On the field, Biggleswade United have made steady progression and are currently at Step Five in the Spartan South Midlands League where they are in the runners-up position prior to this weekend.

The Reserves have also made a promising start to the 2023-

24 campaign and are currently fourth with three wins and a draw from their five matches.

They started the season with a 1-1 draw at Crawley Green Reserves. Their best result was a 3-0 win over defending Bedfordshire County League Premier Division champions Elstow Abbey.

Their only defeat came last weekend when they went down 3-2 at Queens Park Crescents.

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Forgive the self-indulgence, but some of my best memories of this job will be covering the FA Cup — more specifically, the FA Cup shocks.

For every long trip to Huddersfield Town — where they stuck two past Dover Athletic inside the opening eight minutes before playing out a 2-0 win — there's been an enjoyable drive back from Burnley or Torquay.

Lincoln City's run of 2016-17 stands out the most, largely because I was fortunate enough to be there for most of the ride. Ipswich Town away in early January brought a 2-2 draw for the Imps but who could predict what would come with a journey that catapulted the club and its then managers — Danny and assistant Nicky Cowley — into another stratosphere. Ipswich were finished off in the third round replay — I watched on TV — before Brighton & Hove Albion were turned over in the fourth round.

Out of the hat came Burnley where Sean Raggett's late goal won an incredible tie. Sitting in the press room after I felt I had to check over and over again that Lincoln City had reached the quarter-finals before writing into the match report.

Before we knew it, we were at Danny Cowley's house with the FA Cup for a special pre-Arsenal feature.

The Premier League Gunners were next but Arsene Wenger's side were in no mood to be part of any more history, seeing off the Imps 5-0 — not that the 10,000 travelling supporters ever lost their voice.

When Crawley Town went to Manchester United in 2011 it was a much closer encounter, striker Richard Brodie just inches away from a late equaliser only for the woodwork to intervene.

My in-person north-west record is pretty good. Macclesfield seeing off Cardiff City with two goals from Matthew Barnes-Homer.

Then I was there when Salford City beat Notts County 2-0 on a Friday night in November 2015. The next day legendary FA Cup giant killers Altrincham dumped out League One Barnsley 1-0, immediately justifying The NLP's hotel bill for my overnight stay.

But it hasn't just been the upsets or the near-misses. A privilege of the job is being able to tell the stories in the build-up or be at a club when it's all eyes on them.

Paulton Rovers may have been turned over by Norwich City, but the buzz around the club through the week was heightened even more on match day as FA Cup fever swept through the small village.

We're inching closer to this season's FA Cup first round proper with the fourth round qualifying games just around the corner.

The exciting thing about the FA Cup is this year's stories are just waiting to be written. Experiencing them in person is definitely a job perk.

Matt Badcock

□ Riseley Sports have the chance of being in a national competition - or well nearly. For we have been accepted into the Anagram Records Trophy.

This is a competition for southern clubs that do not compete in the Emirates FA Cup or the Isuzu FA Vase.

We are away to AFC Oakley in the opening round on 21st October and the winners will travel to either Raleigh Town or FC Baresi.

THE TEAMS

Saturday 7th October



**RISELEY
SPORTS**

Sky Blue

GEORGE AUSTIN (GK)
DANIEL BENNETT
KORON COOPER
JAY WILLETT
JORDAN HARRIS
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: Luke Damon

**BIGGLESWADE
UNITED RESERVES**



Red + Blue

THOMAS WYANT (GK)
ROBBIE HUNT
ALEXANDER MAXWELL
JAIDEN IRISH
LEWIS DIGWEED
DANNY CARTER
JAKE STRONGE
BRADLEY HEAPS
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NEXT AT GOLD STREET

RISELEY SPORTS

v

Flitwick Town

Saturday 14th October

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