

RISELEY SPORTS



FLITWICK TOWN



Bedfordshire County League
Premier Division 2023-24
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BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE ROUND-UP

AFC Oakley kept up their hundred per cent home record when they bagged a 6-1 victory over lowly Shefford Town & Campton Reserves on 7th October in the Bedfordshire County League Premier Division.

Chisom Amadi led the scoring with a hat-trick while the other goals came from Zach Ives, Joel Ives and Nathan Aulsberry. Olatunde Okeowo replied for the visitors.

Riseley Sports went down by the odd goal in nine, losing 5-4 at home to a much improved Biggleswade United Reserves. Alex Taylor netted with a penalty while Jordan Harris, Mitch Crook and Dan Bennett were also on target. Nathan McCalla and Jed Warwick both netted twice for the visitors with the other coming from Enoch Oluwadamilola.

Sharnbrook suffered their third consecutive defeat when they went down 3-1 at home to Caldecote, for whom Evan Beldon, Jake Bruce and Elliot Bunday were on the scoresheet. The hosts' response was by Bradley Raines.

Stotfold Development remain top of the table despite a 1-0 defeat against Crawley Green Reserves, whose goal came from Rashaun Rattigan.

Marston Shelton Rovers picked up their first away win of the season when they defeated bottom club AFC Kempston Town Hammers 4-2 with Luke Clifford netting twice and the efforts coming from Samuel Smith and Jakob Addo. Joshua Hands and Jake Duxberry replied for the Hammers.

Kingsley Bates bagged a hat-trick as Biggleswade FC Reserves clinched a 4-2 away victory at Elstow Abbey with the other goal coming from Rafael Miles while the hosts' goals came from Wesley Lewis and James Copley.

Phil Matthews was on target twice as Flitwick Town drew 2-2 with Queens Park Crescents, for whom Haroun Ouaguena also scored twice.

Today's match between Queens Park Crescents and AFC Kempston Town Hammers has been postponed.

BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION 2023-24

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	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Stotfold Development ..	6	5	0	1	17	15
Caldecote	6	5	0	1	9	15
AFC Oakley	6	4	1	1	17	13
Biggleswade Utd Res ..	6	4	1	1	9	13
Crawley Green Res	6	4	1	1	4	13
Queens Park Cres	6	3	1	2	4	10
Marston Shelton Rov...	6	3	0	3	-1	9
Elstow Abbey	5	2	1	2	4	7
Flitwick Town	6	2	1	3	-8	7
Sharnbrook	5	2	0	3	0	6
Biggleswade FC Res...	6	2	0	4	-11	6
Riseley Sports.....	6	1	0	5	-12	3
Shefford TC Res	6	1	0	5	-15	3
AFC Kempston TH	6	0	0	6	-17	0

As at 12th October

FIXTURES

Saturday 14th October

League

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

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FROM THE MANAGER

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

Where do we start with last week's game? A nine-goal thriller where, unfortunately, we came out on the losing end. We started the game off incredibly well on the front-foot and took the lead after two minutes from a Jordan Harris header. Biggleswade United Reserves then equalised midway through the first half.

A deliberate hand-ball on the goalline saw Alex Taylor convert the penalty but only a yellow card for the Biggleswade United player. This was the first of many baffling refereeing decisions.

We started slowly in the second half and allowed the visitors to equalise. On the hour-mark we made it 3-2 with a Mitch Crook free-kick but the ball hit the underside of the bar and into the goalkeeper's arms. We'll take the goal but it was another baffling decision. Biggleswade equalised and took the lead before a thunderbolt of a finish from Dan Bennett in the 90th minute drew us level.

The last unusual refereeing decision was to have nearly 16 minutes of added time allowing Biggleswade United Reserves to score and take all three points.

What I would say though is that for all the bad decisions made, if we didn't have referees at grassroots level we wouldn't be able to play and have the competitive leagues that we do have.

We look forward again to seeing you all down at riseley to support the lads.

James Woolf



Riseley Sports Officials

President: Nigel Gell

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Club Secretary: Andrew Groom

Treasurer: Andrew Gell

Manager: James Woolf

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Welfare Officers: James Cooke, Jay Willett

Kit Manager: Sam Langley

Assistant Kit Manager: Georgina Wallace

Marketing Manager: Nigel Rees

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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
M6	Oct 07	Biggleswade Utd Res	BCL	4-5	12	Austin	Bennett ¹	K.Cooper	J.Harris ¹	Knight
M	Oct 14	Flitwick Town	BCL	2.30						
M	Oct 21	AFC Oakley	ART	2.30						
M	Oct 28	AFC Oakley	BCL	2.30						
M	Nov 04	AFC Oakley	BCL	2.00						

HALF-TIME TEASER

1. Who are the six Englishmen with 2023-24 UEFA Champions League goals?
2. Who were the three Republic of Ireland Player of the Year winners for Luton Town?
3. Which ten Chelsea players made 330 or more All-Time League appearances for the club?
4. Which four players scored Premier League hat-tricks for Coventry City?
5. Who plays at the ground pictured?



WHO PLAYS AT THE GROUND PICTURED?

Answers on Page 5

OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

□ 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 next meeting of the Riseley Wine Club is at the Village Hall in Riseley on Monday 13th November at 7.45pm.

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

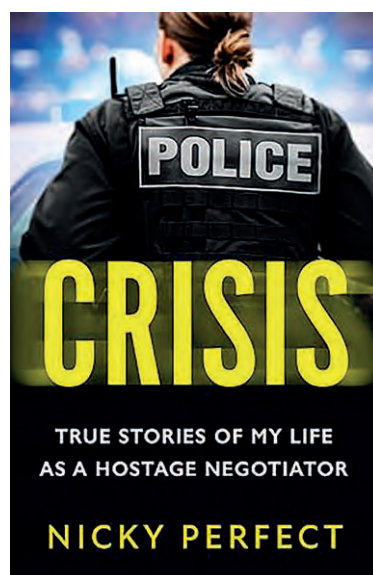
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Simmons	Keech	M.Crook ¹	Taylor	Donald	Cooke	Blades	O.Cooper	OCrook	Henman	M1
Simmons	Keech	M.Crook	Taylor	Donald	Cooke	Henman				M2
Simmons	Keech	M.Crook ¹	Bennett	Donald	Willett	Henman	Spavins			M3
Hislop	Keech	M.Crook	Bennett	Donald	Willett	Blades	EHarris	JHarris		M4
Hislop	Keech	M.Crook	Bennett	Donald	Simmons ¹	EHarris, Henman, Taylor, Willett				M5
Hislop	Keech	M.Crook ¹	Taylor ¹	Donald	Simmons	Bolton	Henman			M6

COMMUNITY NEWS

Former police officer and now Riseley author Nicky Perfect had a successful book signing session at Riseley on 10th October.

Her book 'Crisis' tells her true stories of her life as a hostage negotiator detailing many situations.

It is available on Amazon at £5 paperback and £4.99 on Kindle.



HALF TIME TEASER ANSWERS

1. Jude Bellingham (2 Real Madrid), Bukayo Saka (Arsenal), Harry Kane (Bayern Munich), Phil Foden (Manchester City), Dan Burn (Newcastle United) and Sean Longstaff (Newcastle United).

2. Gary Doherty (2000), Keith Keane (2008 & 2009) and Alan Sheehan (2018).

3. Ron Harris (655), Peter Bonetti (600), John Terry (492), John Hollins (465), Frank Lampard (429), César Azpilicueta (349), Kerry Dixon (335), Petr Čech (333), Dennis Wise (332) and Steve Clarke (330).

4. Dion Dublin (v Sheffield Wednesday & v Chelsea), Darren Huckerby (v Leeds United & v Nottingham Forest), Peter Ndlovu (v Liverpool) and Micky Quinn (v Arsenal).

5. Salford City



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RISELEY SPORTS

BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

2023-24 Appearances and Goalscorers

	League			Cup			Total		
	Starts	Sub	Goals	Starts	Sub	Goals	Starts	Sub	Goals
Thomas Lewin	2						2		
James Cooke	2						2		
Koron Cooper	6						6		
Mitchell Crook	6		3				6		3
Lewis Donald	6						6		
Elliot Harris	1	2					1	2	
Jake Hislop	5						5		
Aaron Keech	6						6		
Jamie Simmons	5		1				5		1
Alex Taylor	3	1	1				3	1	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		4						4	
Jordan Harris	4	1	1				4	1	1
George Austin	4						4		
Daniel Bennett	3		1				3		1
Patrick Knight	4						4		
Freddie Spavins	2	1					2	1	
Matthew Marler	1						1		
Liam Bolton		1						1	

VISITING GOLD STREET

FLITWICK TOWN

Flitwick Town have had a mixed start to the season with two wins and three defeats plus a draw last weekend to leave them ninth in the Bedfordshire County League Premier Division.

It was a perfect start to the season when they clinched a 4-1 away victory against Biggleswade FC Reserves, one of the stronger sides last season.

However, the scoreline was reversed when Flitwick Town crashed at home to Luton side Crawley Green Reserves.

This was followed by a 7-0 hammering when they travelled to defending champions Elstow Abbey.

Two goals from Thomas Barnett saw Flitwick edge to a 3-2 win over Shefford Town & Campton Reserves but this was shortlived as a

disappointing 4-2 defeat was recorded at Marston Shelton Rovers.

Two efforts from leading scorer Phil Matthews ensured a 2-2 draw with Queens Park Crescents last weekend.

Matthews has proved to be strong up front to date with six goals from six games while Thomas Barnett has three strikes.

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After months of uncertainty, angst and sheer agony at times, the long-suffering supporters of Southend United and Scunthorpe United were finally given some reason to cheer last week.

Two proud, but horribly mistreated, football clubs in the throes of crisis and teetering perilously on the brink of non-existence, while generations of fans lined the streets in a desperate attempt to force the boardroom change necessary to keep their clubs alive.

In Southend United's case, it was about as serious as it could get. A winding-up petition to the High Court over a £275,000 tax debt threatened to bring an end to the Shrimpers' 116-year history with much maligned owner Ron Martin at the centre of the protests for his refusal to sell up.

But at 4.40pm last Tuesday afternoon, the loyal faithful finally got the news they had waited so long for after a three-man consortium of supporters, led by Australian businessman Justin Rees, announced they had finally got the deal over the line.

"We can confirm that an agreement for the sale of the club has been reached with a consortium led by Justin Rees," a club statement read.

"We recognise that this has been a stressful time for all associated with the club. We would like to thank our staff for their incredible loyalty and also thank all our stakeholders for their patience."

Stressful is one way of putting it. Indeed, as Judge Sebastian Prentis said when concluding at a previously adjourned winding up hearing "if this were not a football club, with the particular attachment to its fans, I would be winding them up today,"

Martin, who took over the club in 1998, has been the target for all the fans' ire for how the situation has spiralled to the brink of abyss.

Protests have been held outside his house, marches through the coastal town before matches and games even held up when toy rats were thrown on the pitch in a desperate bid to get him to sell-up.

Fan power also won the day 230 miles further up the east coast when a bumper crowd of 5,063 attended Scunthorpe United game with Brackley Town last Saturday to celebrate the dawn of a new era for the Iron.

A takeover deal with former commercial director Michelle Harness finally brought an end to David Hilton's turbulent nine-month tenure in charge.

Hilton had replaced Peter Swann in the Glanford Park hotseat in January amid an FA investigation. Last week, he confirmed that he had withdrawn his funding from the club and was actively trying to sell the club.

On Wednesday, however, it was announced that, despite a looming eviction from Glanford Park, winding up petitions, county court judgements and players and staff not being paid, Harness had agreed to take over a 75 per cent share of the club, while fans did their bit by clubbing together to raise more than £68,000 to help pay the staff in their hour of need.

Saturday's game with Brackley Town was emotional for another reason as Scunthorpe's last at their famous Glanford Park home 'for the foreseeable future' with a groundshare in place at Gainsborough Trinity 17 miles away.

Jon Couch

THE TEAMS

Saturday 14th October



**RISELEY
SPORTS**

Yellow + Black

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
LIAM BOLTON

Manager

James Woolf

Referee: Shabz Hussain

NEXT AT GOLD STREET

RISELEY SPORTS

v

AFC Oakley

Saturday 4th November

**FLITWICK
TOWN**

Blue



TYLER FREEMAN (GK)
THOMAS BARNETT
CALLUM BEER
MARTIN BYRNE
PETER DUTTON
BRADLEY JOHNSON
PHIL MATTHEWS
DAN STAFFORD
RYAN WHITE
LUKE WITHAM
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