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AFC OAKLEY



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

AFC Oakley eased into the second round of the Anagram Trophy following their 6-1 victory over Riseley Sports last weekend.

Zach Ives, George Cox, Ashbel Mensah, Joe McDonagh, Marley Pitts and Ben Webster were on target for the hosts while the Sports' consolation came from Alex Taylor. The Oaks now face a trip to Essex to take on Raleigh Town in the next round later this month.

Sharnbrook exited from the **Bedfordshire Senior Trophy**, going down 3-1 at The 61 FC Luton with the visitors' goal coming from Joe Ackroyd. The south Bedfordshire side will now host Riseley Sports in the second round.

Caldecote progressed in the competition with a 3-0 triumph over Spartan South Midlands League side Caddington with efforts from Jake Bruce, Guiseppe Follano and Sonny Newton-Cootes.

A local derby awaits Caldecote in the next round when they travel to Shefford Town & Campton Reserves.

BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION 2023-24

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	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Caldecote	8	7	0	1	11	21
AFC Oakley	7	5	1	1	21	16
Stotfold Development ..	8	5	1	2	15	16
Biggleswade Utd Res ..	7	4	1	2	8	13
Elstow Abbey	7	4	1	2	7	13
Crawley Green Res	9	4	1	4	-1	13
Marston Shelton Rov...	9	4	1	4	-2	13
Queens Park Cres	8	3	3	2	4	12
Flitwick Town	8	3	1	4	-8	10
Sharnbrook	6	2	1	3	0	7
Shefford TC Res	8	2	1	5	-12	7
Biggleswade FC Res...	8	2	1	5	-14	7
Riseley Sports.....	7	2	0	5	-10	6
AFC Kempston TH	8	0	1	7	-19	1

As at 2nd November

The cup action meant there was a limited **Bedfordshire County League Premier Division** programme.

Marston Shelton Rovers pulled off an excellent 3-0 away win against Crawley Green Reserves with Harry Baker, Dale Maiciw and Ben McShane getting on to the scoresheet.

Flitwick Town bagged their first home win of the season when they defeated AFC Kempston Town Hammers 4-2 with Phil Matthews scoring twice along with efforts from Tom Barnett and Andrew Graham. Jake Duxberry and Michael Stephenson replied for the Hammers.

Queens Park Crescents were held to a 3-3 draw by Shefford TC Reserves with goals from Scott Joseph, Imuentinyan Godwin and Dominic Parrella while the Shefford TC reply came from Kwame Richards, Ashley Ingham and George Burden.

FIXTURES

Saturday 4th November

League

Biggleswade Utd Res v Stotfold Development
Caldecote v AFC Kempston Town Hammers
Marston Shelton Rovers v Crawley Green Res
Riseley v AFC Oakley
Sharnbrook v Flitwick Town
Shefford TC Res v Elstow Abbey

County Senior Trophy

Biggleswade FC Reserves v Cranfield United

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FROM THE MANAGER

Welcome to AFC Oakley for this Bedfordshire County League Premier Division match along with the referee Simon Dutton.

We return home today after a few weeks away. Last weekend was one to forget as we crashed out of the Anagram Trophy.

AFC Oakley scored four early goals to set the tone and it turned into a long afternoon.

Our second-half performance was an improvement on the first with the highlight being a very well-taken goal from Alex Taylor late on.

Last time out in the league, we hosted Flitwick Town. This was a very impressive performance especially after we went a goal down midway through the first half.

We struck back with goals from Alex Taylor and Jay Willet before half-time with James Cooke getting the third late on to give us all three points in a 3-1 victory.

We move on from last weekend and put the Anagram Trophy behind us, as today, we again take on AFC Oakley, this time in the league.

It's a perfect opportunity to bounce straight back and show the qualities we have within the squad and pick up some well-needed points to push us up the table.

Look forward once again to see all your support for the lads and hope to see you back here on 16th December when we entertain Shefford Town & Campton Reserves.

James Woolf



Riseley Sports Officials

President: Nigel Gell

Vice President: Andrew Clifton

Chairman: David Balderstone

Club Secretary: Andrew Groom

Treasurer: Andrew Gell

Manager: James Woolf

Assistant Manager: Jason Woolf

Welfare Officers: James Cooke, Jay Willett

Kit Manager: Sam Langley

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

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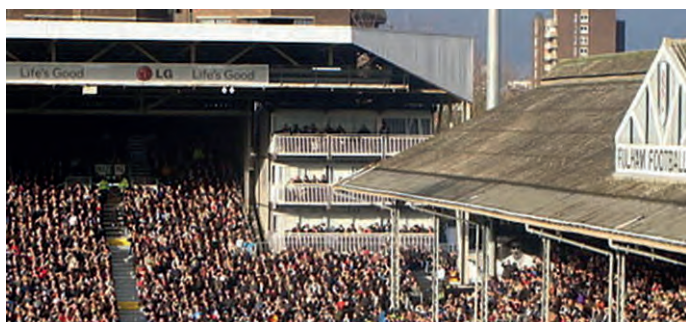
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16. West Ham	41. Wrexham	66. Port Vale	91. Middlesbrough
17. WBA	42. Brighton	67. Stevenage	92. Crystal Palace
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23. Millwall	48. Gillingham	73. Walsall	98. Rotherham
24. Peterborough	49. Doncaster Rov	74. Barnet	99. Celtic
25. Aldershot	50. Aberdeen	75. Portsmouth	100. Leicester

SCRATCHCARD INSTRUCTIONS SEE PAGE 4

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
M7	Oct 14	Flitwick Town	BCL	3-1	11	Austin	Spavins	E.Harris	J.Harris	Knight
M8	Oct 28	AFC Oakley	ART	1-6	-	Austin	Poole	Bennett	J.Harris	Hislop
M	Nov 04	AFC Oakley	BCL	2.00						
M	Nov 11	Shefford TC Res	BC	2.00						
M	Nov 18	Biggleswade FC Res	BCL	2.00						
M	Nov 25	Crawley Green Res	BCL	2.00						
M	Dec 02	The 61 FC Luton	CST	2.00						
M	Dec 09	Elstow Abbey	BCL	2.00						
M	Dec 16	Shefford TC Res	BCL	2.00						



WHO PLAYS AT THE GROUND PICTURED?

HALF-TIME TEASER

1. Which four Irishmen won Manchester City's Player of the Year award?
2. Which three Italians played Premier League football for Arsenal?
3. Which six clubs have been Football League Cup runners-Up twice each but never won the competition?
4. Who were the last eight players to win England caps with Crystal Palace?

Answers on Page 5

BEDFORDSHIRE SENIOR TROPHY

Having received a bye in the first round of the Bedfordshire FA County Senior Trophy, Riseley Sports face a long trip to The 61 FC Luton at the next stage of the competition on Saturday 2nd December.

The 61 FC Luton compete in the Spartan South Midlands League Division Two where they are currently in bottom place with only two wins and a draw from their 13 league matches.

They defeated Sharnbrook 3-1 at home in the last round with goals from Jayden Banks, Ethan Scott and substitute Karl Trusler.

The 61 FC Luton was formed in 1961 and they play their games at the Kingsway Recreation Ground in Beverley Road, Luton not far from the Kenilworth Road Premier League facility.



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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
Hislop	Keech	M.Crook ¹	Taylor ¹	Donald	Simmons	Bolton	Henman			M6
Hislop	Keech	M.Crook	Taylor ¹	Willett ¹	Simmons	Coole ¹	Henman			M7
Marler	Keech	M.Crook	Cooke	Willett	Donald	Simmons	Spavins	Taylor ¹		M8

COMMUNITY NEWS

❑ 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.grassrootpublications.co.uk Click on The Daily Grunch.

❑ The Riseley Firework Display is this evening 4th November at The Church Field Riseley from 6pm with display at 7pm. Adults £6 on the night,

Under-10s £4 and Under-Fives free.

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

HALF TIME TEASER ANSWERS

1. Mick McCarthy (1984), Niall Quinn (1991), Richard Dunne (2005, 2006, 2007 & 2008) and Stephen Ireland (2009).

2. Jorginho, Arturo Lupoli and Vito Mannone.

3. Bolton Wanderers (1995, 2004), Everton (1977, 1984), Newcastle United (1976, 2023), Southampton (1979, 2017), Sunderland (1985, 2014) and West Ham United (1966, 1981).

4. Eberechi Eze, Tyrick Mitchell, Marc Guéhi, Conor Gallagher, Ruben Loftus-Cheek, Andros Townsend, Wilfried Zaha and Andrew Johnson.

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SPORTS AWAY DAYS

Today's league match against AFC Oakley will be Riseley Sports' only home game in November. Our next game at Gold Street is not until 16th December when we entertain Shefford Town & Campton Reserves.

We face the Shefford outfit next weekend in the Britannia Cup and our other trips in the league include Biggleswade FC Res, Crawley Green Reserves and Elstow Abbey. Plus we take on The 61 FC Luton in the County Cup.

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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	1	1	1			3	1	1
Koron Cooper	6						6		
Mitchell Crook	7		3	1			8		3
Lewis Donald	6			1			7		
Elliot Harris	2	2					2	2	
Jake Hislop	6			1			7		
Aaron Keech	7			1			8		
Jamie Simmons	6		1		1		6	1	1
Alex Taylor	4	1	2		1	1	4	2	3
Jay Willett	4	1	1	1			5	1	1
Lewis Blades	1	1					1	1	
O'Shea Cooper		1						1	
Owen Crook	2	1					2	1	
Sam Henman		4						4	
Jordan Harris	5	1	1	1			6	1	1
George Austin	5			1			6		
Daniel Bennett	3		1	1			4		1
Patrick Knight	5						5		
Freddie Spavins	3	1			1		3	2	
Matthew Marler	1			1			2		
Liam Bolton		1						1	
Josh Poole				1			1		

VISITING GOLD STREET

AFC OAKLEY

AFC Oakley have a chance to complete a quadruple especially as they are in a good position to clinch the Bedfordshire County League Premier Division title.

The Oaks are currently five points behind leaders Caldecote but have a game in hand.

Without doubt, AFC Oakley will also be key challengers in both the Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy and the Britannia Cup.

After their 6-1 victory over Riseley Sports last weekend, AFC Oakley will also target the Anagram Trophy, a competition for clubs not taking part in the Emirates FA

Cup and the Isuzu FA Vase. They face Essex side Raleigh Town later this month.

AFC Oakley have made a strong start in the League and are proving to be the high scorers in the competition.

However, they went down 4-1 at Stotfold Development and drew 1-1 with Elstow Abbey.



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Is it November already? The FA Cup first round proper is upon us, the Isuzu FA Vase is flying along and the Step Two clubs are about to enter the Isuzu FA Trophy. Here are a few things that have caught the eye at NLP Towers recently.

Friday Funk

By the time you read this Horsham will have played their FA Cup first round proper tie at Barnsley on Friday evening.

It wasn't on telly — that was reserved for Step 4 side Sheppey United as they took on Walsall — but moved to Friday night at the request of South Yorkshire Police, who are apparently stretched resource wise.

Why the game couldn't have been played on the Sunday, Horsham don't seem to have had an answer but it's impossible not to feel for the Step Three club on one of the biggest occasions in their 142-year history.

Having to travel to Yorkshire on a Friday night was, without doubt, a big blow. Hundreds who were planning to make the trip couldn't — including the families of players.

But it's also about the weekend as a whole. Players had to get even more time off to work, not to mention miss out on the big build-up that comes with playing in the FA Cup first round. It's not just about the result but also the experience.

"It was fait accompli and we had to accept it," secretary Jeff Barrett told The NLP at the weekend.

Farnham Flying

One of the trickiest parts of writing for a Sunday publication is being in the lap of the

gods when it comes to Saturday results.

We often joke about The NLP's Curse — speak to a player or manager about their team's excellent winning run and you can almost guarantee they will lose on the Saturday before the paper is out.

But there were no such worries when it came to Farnham Town's incredible start to the season — the Clarets can boast being English football's only 100 per centers. Last weekend's 5-1 win over Epsom & Ewell made it 11 Combined Counties Premier Division South wins out of 11.

"We train once a week and if we don't have a game on a Tuesday night then we don't train at all," manager Paul Johnson told The NLP. "It helps keep us fresh and hungry and the players are keen to see each other come game day on Saturday."

The club have seen a real boom in their crowds in recent seasons and are putting themselves in a strong position for promotion. And if they do lose soon, at least they can't blame The NLP.

Hot-shot

Heard about the Kendal Town striker who is making a big impression? Having scored more than 70 goals in two seasons for West Lancashire League Division Two side Walney Island, striker James Bailey is now leading the line at the Step Five Mintcakes. He netted 19 goals in his first 18 games for the North West Counties Premier Division outfit and is attracting the attention of a number of clubs in leagues above.

"I think he can go higher," manager Jimmy Marshall told The NLP of his contracted ace.

Matt Badcock

THE TEAMS

Saturday 4th November



**RISELEY
SPORTS**

Yellow + Black

GEORGE AUSTIN (GK)

DANIEL BENNETT

JOSH POOLE

JAY WILLETT

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NEXT AT GOLD STREET

RISELEY SPORTS

v

Shefford Town & Campton Reserves

Saturday 16th December

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