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MARSTON SHELTON ROVERS



Bedfordshire County League
Premier Division 2023-24

Saturday 13th January, 2024

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HALF-TIME TEASER

1. Who did Joey Barton replace when he came on as substitute to win his only England cap?
2. For which club did England Women's goalkeeper Mary Earps play for in 2018-19 before joining Manchester United?
3. For which nine clubs has Luton Town winger Andros Townsend played for on loan during his career?
4. What was the last season when Chelsea were not in the top flight of English football?
5. Which club plays at the ground pictured?



WHO PLAYS AT THE GROUND PICTURED?

Answers on Page 7

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FROM THE MANAGER

Welcome to Marston Shelton Rovers for this Bedfordshire County League Premier Division match along with the referee Freddie Dutton.

A Happy New Year to you all. After a difficult end to 2023, it's our first home game of 2024.

With the weather playing havoc in December, we only had a couple of fixtures, first a 2-1 defeat away to Crawley Green in early December. This was a very positive performance with only a small squad. We could have easily been leading at half-time but were just unable to take our chances that we created. We then conceded a second-half penalty and were not able to draw level.

We then took on The 61 FC in the County Senior Trophy. After two weeks of postponements, the fixture was reversed to a home tie. Again, it was a strong and positive performance against a side in the league above. The first half saw us well on top but again our downfall was not being clinical and taking the chances we created. Eventually, we conceded a second-half goal to suffer a narrow 1-0 setback.

We started 2024 and the second half of the season away to Elstow Abbey, a chance to start off in a positive manner after a disappointing end to 2023, but it was very much a day to forget with a 6-0 defeat.

We now put that behind us and move on to this weekend's game against Marston Shelton Rovers, who have had a good first half of the season and currently sitting fourth in the table. It will be another tough test for us but with some much-needed points required, we have to put in a positive and confident performance.

James Woolf



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FOR LIST OF CLUBS SEE PAGE 5



The 100 Football Scratch Card



1. Newcastle	26. Bournemouth	51. Hull City	76. Rochdale
2. Chelsea	27. Leyton Orient	52. Bristol City	77. Bristol Rov.
3. Everton	28. Fleetwood	53. Bury	78. Wycombe
4. Fulham	29. Huddersfield	54. Crew Alex.	79. Northampton
5. Liverpool	30. Rangers	55. Wimbledon	80. Hearts
6. Man Utd	31. Derby	56. Chesterfield	81. York City
7. Norwich	32. Bolton	57. Hartlepool	82. Charlton
8. QPR	33. Oldham Ath.	58. Torquay Utd	83. Brentford
9. Southampton	34. Nottingham F	59. Shrewsbury	84. Crawley
10. Stoke	35. Coventry City	60. Mansfield	85. Forest Green
11. Birmingham	36. Cheltenham	61. Ipswich	86. Gateshead
12. Barnsley	37. Tranmere	62. Burnley	87. Oxford Utd
13. Man City	38. Southend	63. Notts County	88. Lincoln City
14. Aston Villa	39. Watford	64. Sheffield Utd	89. Reading
15. Wigan Ath	40. Luton	65. Colchester utd	90. Motherwell
16. West Ham	41. Wrexham	66. Port Vale	91. Middlesbrough
17. WBA	42. Brighton	67. Stevenage	92. Crystal Palace
18. Tottenham	43. Yeovil	68. Morecambe	93. MK Dons
19. Swansea	44. Sheffield Wed	69. Bradford City	94. Scunthorpe
20. Sunderland	45. Preston NE	70. Newport Co.	95. Carlisle
21. Blackburn	46. Plymouth	71. Leeds	96. Exeter City
22. Blackpool	47. Swindon	72. Cardiff City	97. Bruton Albion
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
M9	Nov 04	AFC Oakley	BCL	1-8	12	Austin	Spavins	O.Crook	J.Harris	Hislop
M10	Nov 11	Shefford TC Res	BC	2-2	-	Watson	Spavins	K. Cooper	J.Harris	Knight
M11	Nov 18	Biggleswade FC Res	BCL	4-1	11	Austin	Spavins	K.Cooper	J.Harris ¹	Knight
M12	Nov 25	Crawley Green Res	BCL	1-2	11	Watson	Simmons	K.Cooper	J.Harris	Knight
M13	Dec 16	The 61 FC Luton	CST	0-1	-	Austin	Spavins	K.Cooper	J.Harris	Hislop
M14	Jan 06	Elstow Abbey	BCL	0-6	12	Austin	Bennett	K.Cooper	J.Harris	Hislop
M	Jan 13	Marston Shelton Rovers	BCL	2.00						
M	Jan 20	AFC Kempston TH	BCL	2.00						
M	Jan 27	Flitwick Town	BCL	2.00						

OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY



Riseley Sports treasurer Andrew Gell has been awarded the BEM in the King's New Year Honours List for his services to the village including the football club and also the cricket team. Andrew has been a parish councillor for many years including a spell as chairman.

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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	Cooke ¹ Henman			M7
Marler	Keech	M.Crook	Cooke	Willett	Donald	Simmons Spavins Taylor ¹			M8
Simmons	Keech	M.Crook	Taylor	Willett	Bennett ¹	Watson, Henman			M9
Hislop	Keech	Simmons	Taylor	Donald ¹	Bennett ¹	Cooke, O.Crook, Henman			M10
Hislop	Keech	Willett ¹	Taylor ¹	Donald ¹	Bennett	Cooke, E.Harris, Simmons			M11
Hislop	Keech	M.Crook	Taylor	Donald ¹	Willett	Henman			M12
Bennett	Keech	M.Crook	Taylor	Donald	Willett	Henman, Cooke, O. Crook, Field			M13
Knight	Keech	M.Crook	Cooke	Donald	Willett	Taylor, O.Crook, Field			M14

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HALF TIME TEASER ANSWERS

1. Frank Lampard in England's 1-0 friendly defeat against Spain.
2. VfL Wolfsburg
3. Yeovil Town, Leyton Orient, Milton Keynes Dons, Ipswich Town, Watford, Millwall, Leeds United, Birmingham City, Queens Park Rangers.
4. Chelsea were in the old Division Two during the 1988-89 season.
5. Barnet

Riseley Sports v Marston Shelton Rovers

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ANDY GLANVILLE

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BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

2023-24 Appearances and Goalscorers

	League			Cup			Total		
	Starts	Sub	Goals	Starts	Sub	Goals	Starts	Sub	Goals
Andrew Field		1			1			2	
James Cooke	3	2	1	1	1		4	3	1
Koron Cooper	9			2			11		
Mitchell Crook	10		3	2			12		3
Lewis Donald	9		2	3		1	12		3
Elliot Harris	2	3					2	3	
Jake Hislop	10			3			13		
Aaron Keech	11			3			14		
Jamie Simmons	8	1	1	1	1		9	2	1
Alex Taylor	8	2	3	2	1	1	10	3	4
Jay Willett	8	1	2	2			10	1	2
Lewis Blades	1	1					1	1	
O'Shea Cooper		1						1	
Owen Crook	3	2			1		3	3	
Sam Henman		5			1			6	1
Jordan Harris	9	1	2	3			12	1	2
George Austin	8			2			10		
Daniel Bennett	6		2	3		1	9		3
Patrick Knight	8			1			9		
Freddie Spavins	5	1		2	1		7	2	
Matthew Marler	1			1			2		
Liam Bolton		1						1	
Josh Poole				1			1		
Terry Watson	1	1		1			2	1	

Thomas Lewin 2;

VISITING GOLD STREET

MARSTON SHELTON ROVERS

Marston Shelton Rovers are enjoying one of their better seasons and are currently lying in fourth place in the Bedfordshire County League Premier Division.

From their 14 League matches, Rovers have won six of them, drawn three and

lost five. Their recent form has been impressive and are unbeaten in their last three League outings since a 2-1 defeat at Elstow Abbey on 18th November.

This includes a 3-0 home victory over Shefford Town & Campton Reserves where

Harry Murray netted twice with the other goal coming from Riley Clifford.

Rovers have drawn their last two matches 3-3 against Stotfold Development and Queens Park Crescents with Harry Baker scoring four times.

BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE ROUND-UP

AFC Oakley will try once again to play their **Bedfordshire County FA Senior Trophy** against Spartan South Midlands Division One side Langford this afternoon.

It was originally scheduled to take place well before Christmas but has been hampered by wet and freezing weather.

Originally, a home game for AFC Oakley, it was then switched to Langford under floodlights but again fell victim to the climatic conditions.

It was due to be played on 6th January at AFC Oakley but a saturated pitch meant another postponement.

The match is still scheduled at AFC Oakley but fingers crossed that the current freezing weather eases to allow the tie to finally go ahead.

The other Senior Trophy tie sees a derby clash between Shefford Town & Campton Reserves and Caldecote.

Surprisingly, some games did survive Storm Henk on 6th January with Riseley Sports suffering a 6-0 defeat at Elstow Abbey.

James Copley netted two of the goals with the others coming from Daniel Mattin, Jordan Nice, Joel Simpson and Roland Ashby.

Harry Buckle, Billy Little and Charlie Mallet helped Stotfold Development to a 3-0 home victory over bottom club AFC Kempston Town Hammers.

Sharnbrook managed to take away a point in the 0-0 draw at Crawley Green Reserves.

Several League games were postponed including the Biggleswade Reserves derby between United and FC.

The clash between Marston Shelton Rovers and Queens Park Crescents also fell foul of the weather.

BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION 2023-24

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	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Caldecote	12	11	0	1	29	33
Stotfold Development ..	13	9	2	2	28	29
Elstow Abbey	10	7	1	2	15	22
Marston Shelton Rov...	14	6	3	5	1	21
Biggleswade Utd Res...	12	6	2	4	13	20
AFC Oakley	10	6	1	3	25	19
Crawley Green Res	12	5	2	5	-1	17
Flitwick Town	11	4	2	5	-11	14
Queens Park Cres.....	10	3	4	3	3	13
Sharnbrook.....	9	3	2	4	1	11
Biggleswade FC Res...	12	3	1	8	-22	10
Riseley Sports.....	11	3	0	8	-21	9
Shefford TC Res.....	10	2	1	7	-19	7
AFC Kempston TH	11	0	1	10	-41	1

As at 11th January

FIXTURES

Saturday 13th January

League

Flitwick Town v Biggleswade FC Reserves
Queens Park Crescents v Stotfold Development
Riseley Sports v Marston Shelton Rovers
Sharnbrook v Elstow Abbey
Biggleswade United Res v Crawley Green Res

Bedfordshire FA County Senior Trophy

AFC Oakley v Langford
Shefford TC Reserves v Caldecote

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Last week, four clubs flew the flag for the non-league game in the third round of the Emirates FA Cup – and each one of them played their part in an occasion that will live on in history.

Big upsets, ten-man triumphs, last-gasp heartache, and record-breaking crowds, our last-standing quartet were involved in it all.

It embodied what the FA Cup is all about.

But, sadly, if you are a fan of a certain age or if you can't wait up 'til near midnight to watch the highlights on Match of the Day, the chances are the achievements of our fab four may have passed you by.

Of the 32 matches over the weekend, six were broadcast live on TV and a further two on BBC iPlayer and the Red Button.

Sadly, none of these six matches involved our non-league clubs – in fact Wigan Athletic were the only team not in the top two divisions to feature with their visit of Manchester United taking the Monday night slot.

Along with Chesterfield and Eastleigh, National League South Maidstone United – the lowest-ranked side left in the competition – were handed the graveyard 3pm Saturday slot and only three cameras were at the Gallagher Stadium to witness George Elokobi's men produce the shock of the round in beating League One Stevenage 1-0, sparking a joyous pitch invasion afterwards.

Aldershot Town's trip to West Bromwich Albion was put back to 2pm on Sunday and was shown live by various broadcasters in 39 different countries worldwide. Incredibly, the UK was not one of them.

As well as fans around the country being

denied the opportunity watch the FA Cup magic unfold, the clubs cruelly missed out too with each of the 12 teams selected for live coverage receiving a tidy £85,000 on top of their prize money – life-changing sums for the majority of clubs at our level but pocket change to the Premier League elite.

"Most people are amazed the cameras are not here," said Maidstone co-owner Oliver Ash. "I get that more people support Everton and Crystal Palace so the TV companies think they will get more viewers than Maidstone.

"But it is a shame because the competition is all about games like ours - the lowest-ranked club in the competition against a side that could well be in the Championship next year.

"It would have been wonderful TV. It is all about the magic of the FA Cup - it is so wonderful for the spirit of the club, the community and the town.

"Definitely this is the biggest result in the club's history. We are not going to win it, but more and more the FA Cup is something magic for clubs like ours. It may have lost its magic for the top clubs but it has gained its magic for us."

Interestingly, the BBC felt the need to respond immediately to the widespread criticism levied at the two main terrestrial channels by revealing and even boasting that the FA Cup third round smashed viewing records over the course of the weekend.

A peak audience of 7.6 million tuned in for Arsenal v Liverpool on Sunday teatime while the crunch north-east derby between Sunderland and Newcastle United shown on ITV at lunchtime will have attracted similar numbers.

Jon Couch

THE TEAMS

Saturday 13th January



**RISELEY
SPORTS**

Sky Blue

GEORGE AUSTIN (GK)

TERRY WATSON (GK)

DANIEL BENNETT

JAY WILLETT

JORDAN HARRIS

ANDREW FIELD

AARON KEECH

MITCHELL CROOK

PATRICK KNIGHT

LEWIS DONALD

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KORON COOPER

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JAMES COOKE

ALEX TAYLOR

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James Woolf

Referee: Freddie Dutton

NEXT AT GOLD STREET

RISELEY SPORTS

v

AFC Kempston Town Hammers

Saturday 20th January

**MARSTON SHELTON
ROVERS**



Claret

HARRY BAKER

FINN BROWN

JIM BURRAWAY

LEWIS CLAXTON

RILEY CLIFFORD

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