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Bedfordshire County League
Premier Division 2023-24

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1. Which current 10 Premier League clubs were in the First Division during the 1983-84 season?
2. Which 12 clubs in the old First Division in 1983-84 are now playing at a lower level?
3. Where was the first UEFA Cup final played in 1972?
4. For which two clubs did Eric Dier play for before joining Tottenham Hotspur?
5. Which club plays at the ground pictured?



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Answers on Page 7





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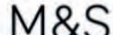


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FROM THE MANAGER

Welcome to AFC Kempston Town Hammers for this Bedfordshire County League Premier Division match along with the referee Adam Haywood.

Our first home game of 2024 saw us take on Marston Shelton Rovers, who were a side sitting fourth in the league table and in good form. After the previous week's performance away to Elstow Abbey, which ended in a heavy defeat, it was set to be another big test for us.

However, it was a huge improvement from that. A more positive attitude was asked for to bring confidence between one another and it showed from start to finish.

Jay Willett opened the scoring for us midway through the first half. We did ride our luck a little shortly before the interval. After we had not converted the numerous chances we created, Marston could have easily drawn level. Second half saw us stay on top and a brilliant defensive performance gave us only our second clean sheet of the season. The two goals from Dan Bennett in the second half secured a 3-0 victory. Overall, it was an outstanding performance from everyone including man of the match Lewis Donald, who grabbed two assists.

Morale was also boosted at the start of the game last week with some returning faces to the squad in James Jermyn and Matt Marler. It was great to have them back involved.

Reproducing last week's performance this week is imperative as we take on Kempston Town Hammers, who currently sit bottom of the league table but a side that can definitely cause teams problems if complacency sets in.

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. Fullham	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. Barnley	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
M15	Jan 13	Marston Shelton Rovers	BCL	3-0	11	Austin	Bennett ²	K.Cooper	J.Harris	Hislop
M	Jan 20	AFC Kempston TH	BCL	2.00						
M	Jan 27	Flitwick Town	BCL	2.00						
M	Feb 03	Queens Park Crescents	BCL	2.30						
M	Feb 10	Stotfold Development	BCL	2.30						
M	Feb 17	Shefford TC Reserves	BCL	2.30						
M	Feb 24	Sharnbrook	BCL	2.30						

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	Coole 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
Marler	Keech	Willett ¹	Taylor	Donald	Cooke	M.Crook Field, Henman, Jermyn			M15

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HALF TIME TEASER ANSWERS

1. Liverpool, Nottingham Forest, Manchester United, Arsenal, Everton, Spurs, West Ham United, Aston Villa, Luton Town, Wolverhampton Wanderers.
2. Southampton, QPR, Watford, Ipswich Town, Sunderland, Norwich City, Leicester City, West Bromwich Albion, Stoke City, Coventry City, Birmingham City, Notts County.
3. Molineux, Wolverhampton Wanderers.
4. Sporting CP in Lisbon and Everton, on loan.
5. AFC Bournemouth

Riseley Sports v AFC Kempston Town Hammers

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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
Andrew Field		2			1			3	
James Cooke	4	2	1	1	1		5	3	1
Koron Cooper	10			2			12		
Mitchell Crook	10	1	3	2			12	1	3
Lewis Donald	10		2	3		1	13		3
Elliot Harris	2	3					2	3	
Jake Hislop	11			3			14		
Aaron Keech	12			3			15		
Jamie Simmons	8	1	1	1	1		9	2	1
Alex Taylor	9	2	3	2	1	1	11	3	4
Jay Willett	9	1	3	2			11	1	3
Lewis Blades	1	1					1	1	
O'Shea Cooper		1						1	
Owen Crook	3	2			1		3	3	
Sam Henman		6			1			7	1
Jordan Harris	10	1	2	3			13	1	2
George Austin	9			2			11		
Daniel Bennett	7		4	3		1	9		5
Patrick Knight	8			1			9		
Freddie Spavins	5	1		2	1		7	2	
Matthew Marler	2			1			3		
James Jermyn		1						1	
Josh Poole				1			1		
Terry Watson	1	1		1			2	1	

Thomas Lewin 2; Liam Bolton (1);

VISITING GOLD STREET

AFC KEMPSTON TOWN HAMMERS

It has been a miserable season for AFC Kempston Town Hammers in the Bedfordshire County League Premier Division.

They have only picked up one point from their 12 games and this was a 2-2 draw at Queens Park Crescents on 21st

October where Jake Duxbury and Harold Stevens were on target.

The campaign did not get off to the best of starts when they were hammered 8-1 at AFC Oakley.

This set the tone although

they played their part in a nine-goal thriller against fellow strugglers Shefford Town & Campton Reserves, losing by a 5-4 margin.

In their last three League games Hammers have conceded 12 goals without scoring.

BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE ROUND-UP

After a disappointing result at Elstow Abbey on the previous weekend, Riseley Sports hit back with a deserved 3-0 home victory over an improved Marston Shelton Rovers in the Bedfordshire County League Premier Division last weekend.

Dan Bennett netted twice late in the second half after Jay Willett had opened the scoring in the 23rd minute.

Sharnbrook's below-par season continued with a 2-1 home defeat against Elstow Abbey, whose goals came from Aaron Jones and Lewis Parkin. Fin Box struck for the hosts.

Biggleswade United Reserves edged past Crawley Green Reserves in a seven-goal thriller. Seyram Hammond fired home a hat-trick in the 4-3 success with the other goal coming from Jed Warwick. The Luton side replied with efforts from Reece Green, Dominic Horn and Farai Taingwa.

Biggleswade FC Reserves had a similar result, winning 4-3 at Flitwick Town with Rafael Miles

grabbing a hat-trick while Douglas Zuze was also on the scoresheet. Town replied through Thomas Barnett, Phil Matthews and substitute Andrew Graham.

Codi Spavins scored twice as Stotfold Development defeated Queens Park Crescents with the other goals coming from Charles Bedford, Mitchell Gooch and Jack Stanton.

AFC Oakley were in **Bedfordshire FA County Senior Trophy** action and were able to finally play their tie against Spartan South Midlands Division One side Langford, who edged into the next round with a goal from Steve Burford.

Caldecote also progressed in the Senior Trophy with a 2-0 away win at Shefford Town & Campton Reserves, thanks to goals from former Riseley Sports player Sonny Newton-Cootes and Daniel Webb.

FIXTURES

Saturday 20th January

League

AFC Oakley v Biggleswade United Reserves
Queens Park Crescents v Shefford TC Reserves
Riseley Sports v AFC Kempston Town Hammers
Sharnbrook v Biggleswade FC Reserves
Stotfold Development v Marston Shelton Rovers

County Senior Trophy

Caldecote v Ampthill Town
Flitwick Town v Elstow Abbey
The 61 FC (Luton) v Crawley Green Reserves

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 ..	14	10	2	2	32	32
Elstow Abbey	11	8	1	2	16	25
Biggleswade Utd Res ..	13	7	2	4	14	23
Marston Shelton Rov ...	15	6	3	6	-2	21
AFC Oakley	10	6	1	3	25	19
Crawley Green Res	13	5	2	6	-2	17
Flitwick Town	12	4	2	6	-12	14
Queens Park Cres	11	3	4	4	-1	13
Biggleswade FC Res ...	13	4	1	8	-21	13
Riseley Sports	12	4	0	8	-18	12
Sharnbrook	10	3	2	5	0	11
Shefford TC Res	10	2	1	7	-19	7
AFC Kempston TH	11	0	1	10	-41	1

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We have reached the stage of both the Isuzu FA Trophy and FA Vase where we can officially declare: Wembley's arch is about to peek over the horizon.

The Road to Wembley in both of Non-League's top cup competitions remains a long one that promises plenty of potholes, traffic and - judging by the current road network in this country - diversions.

Only 16 teams are still standing in each competition. In the Trophy, that means three more wins for a Wembley trip and three ties in the Vase, where the semis have returned to two-legged affairs.

Of the 16 in the Trophy, just six are in the National League's top flight. Step Two accounts for seven, while there is a Step Three trio completing the fifth round run down.

Southern League Premier South Hendon are on a dream journey and stunned Oldham Athletic last Saturday. They led at the Latics only to concede a stoppage-time penalty that James Norwood duly finished to level at 1-1. A shoot-out looked on the cards until Niko Muir prodded home to send the travelling supporters barmy.

Manager Lee Allinson told us recently how much the tie itself meant to the club, let alone victory. Their reward is a tasty derby with National League Wealdstone.

The six National League clubs have all avoided each other. High-flying Bromley - winners in 2022 - will host Aveley.

The Millers, who beat AFC Fylde to get to this stage, are managed by Danny Scopes, who guided to Concord Rangers to Wembley in the delayed 2020 final that was eventually played in front of an empty house in 2021. Barnet

are off to National League South Welling United, who last weekend dumped out Chesterfield, albeit a very young squad side.

Solihull Moors have been going well this season under new boss Andy Whing. They face a trip to Chorley, who navigated past their own banana skin in round four away at Step Four Hythe Town.

Gateshead were beaten at Wembley last season in a tense final with FC Halifax. Can the Heed get back on the hallowed turf? They are away to another side who also know what it's like to fall at the very last hurdle. Hereford were beaten by Step Three Hornchurch in 2021.

Without wishing to turn this column into a pity party, Kidderminster Harriers lost the first ever FA Trophy final at the new Wembley way back in 2007. With new manager Phil Brown now at the helm, they are off to Peterborough Sports, whose joint-manager Michael Gash used to play for Kiddy.

Bishop's Stortford's 6-1 hammering of Aldershot Town was one of the results of the fourth round. They're at home to Coalville Town, who upset Bath City last time out.

National League South Hampton & Richmond caused a shock at Hartlepool United. They face NPL Premier big guns Macclesfield - who won the competition twice in their previous guise of Macclesfield Town - fresh from a 5-0 thumping of Dorking Wanderers.

Non-League Finals Day has become a much-anticipated part of the calendar, with both finals played on the same day. The Isuzu FA Vase is always considered to be wide open with a large number of clubs capable of going all the way.

Matt Badcock

THE TEAMS

Saturday 20th January



**RISELEY
SPORTS**

Gold

GEORGE AUSTIN (GK)

MATTHEW MARLER

DANIEL BENNETT

JAY WILLETT

JORDAN HARRIS

ANDREW FIELD

AARON KEECH

MITCHELL CROOK

PATRICK KNIGHT

LEWIS DONALD

FREDDIE SPAVINS

KORON COOPER

SAM HENMAN

JAMES COOKE

ALEX TAYLOR

JAMES JERMYN

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James Woolf

Referee: Adam Haywood

**AFC KEMPSTON
TOWN HAMMERS**



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RISELEY SPORTS

v

Queens Park Crescents

Saturday 3rd February

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