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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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# FROM THE MANAGER

**Welcome to AFC Kempston Town Hammers for this Bedfordshire County League Premier Division match along with the referee Scott Burnside.**

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. <del>Newcastle</del>	26. <del>Bournemouth</del>	51. Hull City	76. Rochdale
2. <del>Chelsea</del>	27. Leyton Orient	52. Bristol City	77. Bristol Rov.
3. Everton	28. Fleetwood	53. Bury	78. Wycombe
4. <del>Fullham</del>	29. Huddersfield	54. Crew Alex.	79. <del>Northampton</del>
5. <del>Liverpool</del>	30. <del>Rangers</del>	55. <del>Wimbledon</del>	80. Hearts
6. Man Utd	31. <del>Derby</del>	56. Chesterfield	81. York City
7. Norwich	32. Bolton	57. Hartlepool	82. <del>Charlton</del>
8. <del>QPR</del>	33. <del>Oldham Ath.</del>	58. <del>Torquay Utd</del>	83. Brentford
9. Southampton	34. Nottingham F	59. Shrewsbury	84. Crawley
10. <del>Stoke</del>	35. <del>Coventry City</del>	60. Mansfield	85. Forest Green
11. <del>Birmingham</del>	36. Cheltenham	61. <del>Ipswich</del>	86. Gateshead
12. Barnsley	37. <del>Tranmere</del>	62. <del>Barnley</del>	87. Oxford Utd
13. Man City	38. <del>Southend</del>	63. <del>Notts County</del>	88. <del>Lincoln City</del>
14. <del>Aston Villa</del>	39. <del>Watford</del>	64. Sheffield Utd	89. Reading
15. <del>Wigan Ath</del>	40. <del>Luton</del>	65. Colchester utd	90. Motherwell
16. West Ham	41. Wrexham	66. Port Vale	91. <del>Middlesbrough</del>
17. <del>WBA</del>	42. <del>Brighton</del>	67. <del>Stevenage</del>	92. Crystal Palace
18. <del>Tottenham</del>	43. Yeovil	68. Morecambe	93. MK Dons
19. <del>Swansea</del>	44. Sheffield Wed	69. Bradford City	94. <del>Scunthorpe</del>
20. Sunderland	45. Preston NE	70. <del>Newport Co.</del>	95. Carlisle
21. <del>Blackburn</del>	46. <del>Plymouth</del>	71. Leeds	96. Exeter City
22. Blackpool	47. <del>Swindon</del>	72. <del>Cardiff City</del>	97. Bruton Albion
23. Millwall	48. <del>Gillingham</del>	73. Walsall	98. Rotherham
24. Peterborough	49. Doncaster Rov	74. Barnet	99. Celtic
25. Aldershot	50. <del>Aberdeen</del>	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	<b>Stotfold Development</b>	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	<b>Sharnbrook</b>	BCL	1-0	12	Austin	Spavins	K.Cooper	J.Harris	Knight
M6	Oct 07	<b>Biggleswade Utd Res</b>	BCL	4-5	12	Austin	Bennett <sup>1</sup>	K.Cooper	J.Harris <sup>1</sup>	Knight
M7	Oct 14	<b>Flitwick Town</b>	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	<b>AFC Oakley</b>	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 <sup>1</sup>	Knight
M12	Nov 25	Crawley Green Res	BCL	1-2	11	Watson	Simmons	K.Cooper	J.Harris	Knight
M13	Dec 16	<b>The 61 FC Luton</b>	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	<b>Marston Shelton Rovers</b>	BCL	3-0	11	Austin	Bennett <sup>2</sup>	K.Cooper	J.Harris	Hislop
M	Jan 27	<b>AFC Kempston TH</b>	BCL	2.00						
M	Feb 03	<b>Queens Park Crescents</b>	BCL	2.30						
M	Feb 10	Stotfold Development	BCL	2.30						
M	Feb 17	<b>Shefford TC Reserves</b>	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 <sup>1</sup>	Taylor	Donald	Cooke	Blades O.Cooper	OCrook	Henman	M1
Simmons	Keech	M.Crook	Taylor	Donald	Cooke	Henman			M2
Simmons	Keech	M.Crook <sup>1</sup>	Bennett	Donald	Willett	Henman Spavins			M3
Hislop	Keech	M.Crook	Bennett	Donald	Willett	Blades EHarris JHarris			M4
Hislop	Keech	M.Crook	Bennett	Donald	Simmons <sup>1</sup>	EHarris, Henman, Taylor, Willett			M5
Hislop	Keech	M.Crook <sup>1</sup>	Taylor <sup>1</sup>	Donald	Simmons	Bolton Henman			M6
Hislop	Keech	M.Crook	Taylor <sup>1</sup>	Willett <sup>1</sup>	Simmons	Coole <sup>1</sup> Henman			M7
Marler	Keech	M.Crook	Cooke	Willett	Donald	Simmons Spavins Taylor <sup>1</sup>			M8
Simmons	Keech	M.Crook	Taylor	Willett	Bennett <sup>1</sup>	Watson, Henman			M9
Hislop	Keech	Simmons	Taylor	Donald <sup>1</sup>	Bennett <sup>1</sup>	Cooke, O.Crook, Henman			M10
Hislop	Keech	Willett <sup>1</sup>	Taylor <sup>1</sup>	Donald <sup>1</sup>	Bennett	Cooke, E.Harris, Simmons			M11
Hislop	Keech	M.Crook	Taylor	Donald <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	Taylor	Donald	Cooke	M.Crook Field, Henman, Jermyn			M15

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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

**Sharnbrook returned to winning ways in the Bedfordshire County League Premier Division when they edged to a 4-3 victory over Biggleswade FC Reserves last weekend with goals from Finlay Box, Charlie Hurley, Joe Ackroyd and Josh Griggs.**

The visitors replied, in a match at Colworth, with two goals from Rafael Miles and one from David Lenton.

AFC Oakley suffered a disappointing home defeat when they went down 2-1 to an improved Biggleswade United Reserves.

The hosts took the lead through Billy Cox but United fought back with efforts from Nathan McCalla and Alex Maxwell.

Stotfold Development went to the top of the table after defeating Marston Shelton Rovers 5-0 at home.

The goals were scored by Harry Buckle, Billy Little, Charlie Mallett, Ashley Kersey and a Josh Bamford penalty.

## BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION 2023-24

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	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Stotfold Development ..	15	11	2	2	37	35
Caldecote .....	12	11	0	1	29	33
Biggleswade Utd Res ..	14	8	2	4	15	26
Elstow Abbey .....	11	8	1	2	16	25
Marston Shelton Rov ...	16	6	3	7	-7	21
AFC Oakley .....	11	6	1	4	24	19
Crawley Green Res .....	13	5	2	6	-2	17
Sharnbrook .....	11	4	2	5	1	14
Flitwick Town .....	12	4	2	6	-12	14
Queens Park Cres .....	11	3	4	4	-1	13
Biggleswade FC Res ...	14	4	1	9	-22	13
<b>Riseley Sports .....</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>12</b>
Shefford TC Res .....	10	2	1	7	-19	7
AFC Kempston TH .....	12	0	1	11	-41	1

**As at 25th January**

The **League** games Riseley Sports v AFC Kempston Town Hammers and Queens Park Crescents v Shefford TC Reserves were postponed.

There was also **Bedfordshire County FA Senior Trophy** action last weekend and Caldecote eased into the next round with a 4-2 home victory over Spartan South Midlands Division One side Amphill Town.

Giuseppe Follano scored twice with the other goals coming from Rafe Goodman and Tashriq Andrews.

The Flitwick v Elstow Abbey and The 61 FC (Luton) v Crawley Green Reserves encounters were postponed and will be played this afternoon along with the League game Riseley Sports v AFC Kempston TH.

## FIXTURES

**Saturday 27th January**

**League**

AFC Oakley v Marston Shelton Rovers  
Riseley Sports v AFC Kempston Town Hammers

**County Senior Trophy**

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

**Britannia Cup**

Caldecote v Biggleswade FC Reserves  
Shefford TC Reserves v Biggleswade Utd Res  
Stotfold Development v Sharnbrook



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**This week, we had the pleasure of talking to Warrington Town goalkeeper Dan Atherton, who has discovered a rather handy penchant for scoring goals.**

Golden boy Dan, the former New Saints and Hyde United stopper, netted the first goal of his career back in October to earn Mark Beesley's side a last-gasp 1-1 home draw with Farsley Celtic in National League North.

And he was at it again a fortnight ago, popping up to dramatically head home another last-minute leveller for the Wire in a 2-2 draw with Alfreton Town.

Somewhat humbly, Dan put his goalscoring prowess down to being in the right place at the right time, but whether you wear the number one jersey or 100, having that natural predatory instinct is an art in itself.

"I have no idea where it's come from, it's certainly not planned," Atherton told us. "I'm just glad to be able to contribute to the team."

"Even when I go up for a corner, I'm not really intending to score; I'm just looking to take a runner or two away and cause a bit of chaos. Fortunately, I've managed to get my head on a couple and they've gone in!"

A Liverpool trainee from the age of 11, Atherton learned his trade from the very top and put his ball skills down to working at the Melwood Training Ground with Pepijn Lijnders, the Reds' former Under-16s coach who is now Jurgen Klopp's first-team assistant.

There, he trained alongside Brazilian first choice keeper Allison, who famously scored a 95th-minute winner for Liverpool at West Bromwich Albion in May 2021 to earn Klopp's men a Champions League place.

While most goalkeepers would just be pleased

to get on the scoresheet once in their careers, it's actually not as unusual as you might think.

Just having that extra strapping body in the box for a last-gasp corner or free-kick is enough to throw opposition defences, even more so these days with goalkeepers coached to be as comfortable with the ball at their feet than their outfield counterparts.

Who can remember enigmatic Paraguayan José Luis Chilavert? He was a free-kick expert for club and country and scored 67 times during his career, including eight for Paraguay. He is also the only goalkeeper ever to score a hat-trick.

The record for most goals scored by goalkeeper is held by the Brazilian Rogério Ceni, with 129. He scored his 100th goal in a 3-0 win for São Paulo on in 2011.

Two goalkeeper records, however, have been set in English football. On November 2nd 2013, Stoke City goalkeeper Asmir Begović recorded the fastest goalkeeper goal in football history (13 seconds), while Newport County's Tom King scored from the longest distance – 96.01 metres, in a match against Cheltenham Town in January 2021.

So, the next time your team are a goal down and in need of a saviour, don't be surprised to see your big number one surging up the field to provide some divine intervention. Like Dan Atherton, he could be your unlikely hero.

**Jon Couch**

**Editors Note:** The big question following the above article is as follows: "Has a Riseley Sports goalkeeper ever scored a goal. We have to emphasise that any Jake Hislop goal only counts if he was between the sticks at the time."

# THE TEAMS

Saturday 27th January



**RISELEY  
SPORTS**

**Gold**

**GEORGE AUSTIN (GK)**

**MATTHEW MARLER**

**DANIEL BENNETT**

**JAY WILLETT**

**JORDAN HARRIS**

**ANDREW FIELD**

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**Queens Park Crescents**

**Saturday 3rd February**

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