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Bedfordshire County League
Premier Division 2023-24

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HALF-TIME TEASER

1. For which club did Jurgen Klopp spend most of his playing career then went on to manage them between 2001-08?
2. Who were promoted with Luton Town from the National League in 2013-14.
3. Which two clubs were relegated from the EFL Two into non-league at the end of the 2013-14 season.
4. As either Newport AFC or Newport County AFC, where have they played their home games since 1989-90 season?
5. Who plays at the ground pictured?



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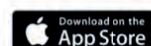


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FROM THE MANAGER

Welcome to Queens Park Crescents for this Bedfordshire County League Premier Division match along with the referee Marcus Baxter.

We return to Gold Street for our third straight home fixture as we take on Queens Park Crescents.

Last week's game saw us take on AFC Kempston Town Hammers. After an impressive display against Marston Shelton Rovers, we needed to carry on from where we had left off and that's exactly what we did.

After numerous chances created, Freddie Spavins opened the scoring with his first goal for the club midway through the first half. Then some brilliant football and a back-heeled through ball by Liam Bolton set Aaron Keech up and he struck a wonderful strike into the top right corner to make it 2-0 on the half-hour mark.

Freddie nearly grabbed his second in the second half but was just turned into his own net by a Kempston defender from an Aaron Keech cross. Lewis Donald sealed the 4-0 victory with a direct free-kick. The icing on the cake was another clean sheet after another impressive defensive display. It could have easily have been six or seven with the amount of chances we created plus Kempston's keeper pulling off a great save from Jordan Harris' long-range effort.

We need to carry this positive momentum on into today's fixture with a bit of redemption required after the away defeat at the start of the season. Look forward to all your support again this weekend to cheer the lads on.

James Woolf



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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
M16	Jan 27	AFC Kempston TH	BCL	4-0	8	Austin	Spavins ¹	K.Cooper	J.Harris	Hislop
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						



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

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	
Marler	Keech	Willett ¹	Taylor	Donald	Cooke	M.Crook	Field,	Henman,	Jermyn	M15	
Marler	Keech ²	Willett	Bennett	Donald ¹	Bolton	Field,	Harding,	Harrison,	Henman,	Simmons	M16

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HALF TIME TEASER ANSWERS

1. Jurgen Klopp played for Mainz between 1990 and 2001 then managed them before joining Borussia Dortmund in 2008.
2. Cambridge United, who finished second and also won the play-offs.
3. Bristol Rovers and Torquay United. Bristol Rovers went down on goal difference.
4. London Road, Moreton-in-Marsh, Somerton Park, Newport, Gloucester City's Meadow Park, Newport Stadium (Spytty Park), Rodney Parade.
5. Coventry 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
Andrew Field		3			1			4	
James Cooke	4	2	1	1	1		5	3	1
Koron Cooper	11			2			13		
Mitchell Crook	10	1	3	2			12	1	3
Lewis Donald	11		3	3		1	14		4
Elliot Harris	2	3					2	3	
Jake Hislop	12			3			15		
Aaron Keech	13		2	3			15		2
Jamie Simmons	8	2	1	1	1		9	3	1
Alex Taylor	9	2	3	2	1	1	11	3	4
Jay Willett	10	1	3	2			12	1	3
Jesse Harding		1						1	
Sam Harrison		1						1	
Owen Crook	3	2			1		3	3	
Sam Henman		7			1			8	
Jordan Harris	11	1	2	3			14	1	2
George Austin	10			2			12		
Daniel Bennett	8		4	3		1	11		5
Patrick Knight	8			1			9		
Freddie Spavins	6	1	1	2	1		8	2	1
Matthew Marler	3			1			4		
James Jermyn		1						1	
Josh Poole				1			1		
Terry Watson	1	1		1			2	1	

Thomas Lewin 2; Liam Bolton 1 (1); Lewis Blades 1 (1); O'Shea Cooper (1);

VISITING GOLD STREET

QUEENS PARK CRESCENTS

Queens Park Crescents will be coming to Gold Street this afternoon looking for their first win in the Bedfordshire County League since 30th September.

This success was a 3-2 home victory against Biggleswade United Reserves.

Since then Crescents' only positive results have been draws against Flitwick Town, AFC Kempston Town Hammers, Shefford Town & Campton Reserves and Marston Shelton Rovers.

In fact, Queens Park Crescents are the only side,

to date, to have dropped points against bottom side AFC Kempston Hammers.

It has not been the best of starts for Queens Park Crescents as they suffered a 5-1 home defeat against Stotfold Development on 13th January.

BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE ROUND-UP

Riseley Sports moved away from the relegation zone in the Bedfordshire County League Premier Division to eighth position after clinching a 4-0 home win over bottom club AFC Kempston Town Hammers.

Aaron Keech netted twice with the other goals coming from youngster Freddie Spavins and Lewis Donald.

AFC Oakley were held to a 2-2 draw by Marston Shelton Rovers with the hosts' efforts coming from Omojiseoluwa Bankole and Joel Ives. The visitors replied through Luke Clifford and Ben McShane.

Some Premier Division sides were involved in **Britannia Cup** action although last season's finalists Sharnbrook conceded their away game against current leaders Stotfold Development.

Giuseppe Fallano netted twice as Caldecote defeated Biggleswade FC Reserves 4-0 at home with the other goals coming from Bradley Jones and Sonny Newton-Cootes.

Biggleswade United Reserves won the penalty-mark shoot-out 5-4 against Shefford Town & Campton Reserves after the tie ended in a 3-3 draw.

Mo Libound, Enoch Oludmilolia and Robbie Hunt were on target for United Res while Joe Bescoby netted twice for the hosts with Tobin Marshall scoring the other goal.

In the **Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy**, Elstow Abbey won 5-2 at Flitwick Town to reach the quarter-finals.

Renhold were in **Centenary Cup** action and reached the semi-finals after bagging a 6-2 home victory over Henlow. Glenn Tumulty scored twice with the other strikes coming from Jason Allison, Shane Cox, Marko Tobdzic and Aran Hazelwood. Renhold will face Cranfield United Reserves away in the semi-finals with the other tie being Wootton Blue Cross v Buffs.

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 ...	17	6	4	7	-7	22
AFC Oakley	12	6	2	4	24	20
Crawley Green Res	13	5	2	6	-2	17
Riseley Sports.....	13	5	0	8	-14	15
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
Shefford TC Res.....	10	2	1	7	-19	7
AFC Kempston TH	13	0	1	12	-45	1

As at 1st February

FIXTURES

Saturday 3rd February

League

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

Britannia Cup

Elstow Abbey v AFC Kempston Town Hammers

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RISELEY SPORTS PHOTO SPECIAL

v AFC KEMPSTON TOWN HAMMERS



Riseley Sports, yellow shirts, during their 4-0 win against AFC Kempston Town Hammers last weekend in the Bedfordshire County League Premier Division.

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Driving to Ipswich Town on Saturday morning for Maidstone United's lunchtime FA Cup fourth round tie, a shock was far from the mind.

The Stones have been this year's biggest story. Upsets of League Two Barrow and League One Stevenage had taken them into club history books as the squad to progress the furthest since reformation in 1992.

But, this was Ipswich Town. A team who have been sensational since the arrival of boss Kieran McKenna, won promotion from League One last term, and are pushing for the Premier League this.

With the reporter's hat on, the plan was simple: write a colour piece about the journey George Elokobi's side have been on in this season's competition, make heavy reference to the 4,500 fans who were in Suffolk to support their side, and look ahead to the rest of the Stones' season as they return their focus to the National League South promotion race.

Maybe they will get a draw? That would be some result. But, reader, cards on table, I did not believe.

Let's face it, who did? The other 22,000 fans inside Portman Road were certainly expecting the home side to win - despite making ten changes.

But not believing was the first mistake. The National League South side's run in this year's FA Cup was not about to come to an end. Lamar Reynolds' gorgeous opener, chipping the ball over the onrushing Christian Walton, had us all wondering, could they do it?

Jeremy Sarmiento responded for the hosts after the break and, you assumed, they would go on for more.

But Sam Corne, hero from the penalty spot in round three, swept in the most composed of finishes for 2-1 and then, with the help of inspired keeper Lucas Covolan, they held on for a famous victory.

Boss Elokobi believed.

"If you know George Elokobi - I am a believer," he said in the post-match press conference. "As an individual, as a management team, we believed we could truly come here and compete against a fantastic Championship side.

"In our preparations we showed every bit of respect to Ipswich Town. We normally train on 3G but we hired a grass pitch. We looked at the dimensions of Ipswich's pitch and we created that in our environment to give our boys visuals and create what we were going to be coming up against. Waves of attacks, so our defenders can be resilient.

"Each and every person who was fit to take part today, knew what their jobs were. We knew we had to run a little bit more than we've ever done. But we believed."

Their fifth round draw hasn't brought the Premier League big gun they'd have been hoping for. Instead, it's the winner of Sheffield Wednesday and Coventry City, who lost out to Luton Town in last season's Championship play-off final.

Whoever they face, this trip will be made full of belief. A Step Two side in the quarter-finals of the FA Cup if they win? They couldn't. Could they?

Matt Badcock

THE TEAMS

Saturday 3rd February



**RISELEY
SPORTS**

Sky Blue

GEORGE AUSTIN (GK)

MATTHEW MARLER

DANIEL BENNETT

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ANDREW FIELD

AARON KEECH

JAKE HISLOP

JAMIE SIMMONS

LEWIS DONALD

FREDDIE SPAVINS

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James Woolf

Referee: Marcus Baxter

**QUEENS PARK
CRESCENTS**



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ANAS BECHKOUM

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v

Shefford Town & Campton Reserves

Saturday 17th February

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