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THE 61 FC (LUTON)



Bedfordshire County FA
Senior Trophy 2023-24
Saturday 16th December, 2023
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1. Which seven Dutchmen won the Premier League Player of the Month Award?
2. Who are the eight English UEFA Champions League 2023-24 goalscorers?
3. Which five nations missed-out on the 2022 FIFA World Cup Finals in the Play-Offs?
4. Who were the six Fulham players at the 2022 FIFA World Cup Finals in Qatar?
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 The 61 FC (Luton) for this Bedfordshire County FA Senior Trophy tie along with the referee Stiofan Appleby and his assistants Michael King and Thomas Westal.

After three away fixtures and two weeks with postponements due to the weather, we now face The 61FC in a switched fixture at home in the County Cup.

After a few difficult results, an away fixture to Shefford Town & Campton Reserves in the Britannia Cup was a massive test of our mental and physical character. And what an impressive performance it was taking a 2-0 lead 25 minutes in. A few wasted chances in the second half did however prove costly as Shefford drew level late on, taking it to a penalty shoot-out which saw us exit the Cup going down by a 4-2 margin. It was disheartening losing the game however the all-round performance and positive attitude pleased me the most.

We carried those positives signs into our next away game to Biggleswade FC Reserves taking all three points in a well-earned 4-1 victory with goals from, Jay Willett, Jordan Harris, Alex Taylor and Lewis Donald. We then travelled to Crawley Green Reserves and once again we put in another promising performance narrowly losing out to a second half penalty 2-1.

We need to carry that positive energy again into today's fixture to put in another strong performance to push us on and into the quarter-finals. We hope to see you all down at Gold Street to support the lads in our final game of 2023. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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 Utc
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	Cooper	J.Harris	Knight
M11	Nov 18	Biggleswade FC Res	BCL	4-1	11	Austin	Spavins	Cooper	J.Harris ¹	Knight
M12	Nov 25	Crawley Green Res	BCL	1-2	11	Watson	Simmons	Cooper	J.Harris	Knight
M	Dec 16	The 61 FC Luton	CST	2.00						
M	Jan 06	Shefford TC Reserves	BCL	2.00						

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The Riseley Father Christmas Tour took place last weekend and was again popular with the youngsters from whom he accepted their letters.

The Tour started in Rotten Row and proceeded down Gold Street, up Church Road to Nicholls Close.

Then Santa then proceeded up the High Street to Maple Gardens then back down to College Drive and on to The Orchard.

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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	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



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HALF TIME TEASER ANSWERS

1. Arjen Robben, Dennis Bergkamp (4 Times), Rafael van der Vaart, Robin van Persie (5 Times), Ruud van Nistelrooy (3 Times), Tim Krul and Virgil van Dijk.

2. Harry Kane (4 Bayern Munich), Jude Bellingham (4 Real Madrid), Bukayo Saka (3 Arsenal), Phil Foden (3 Manchester City), Jamie Bynoe-Gittens (Borussia Dortmund), Harry Maguire (Manchester United), Dan Burn (Newcastle United) and Sean Longstaff (Newcastle United).

3. Ukraine (lost to Wales), Sweden (lost to Poland), North Macedonia (lost to Portugal), Peru (lost to Australia) and New Zealand (lost to Costa Rica).

4. João Palhinha (Portugal), Aleksandar Mitrović (Serbia), Tim Ream (United States), Antonee Robinson (United States), Harry Wilson (Wales) and Daniel James (Wales).

5. Port Vale



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

VISITING GOLD STREET

THE 61 FC (LUTON)

The 61 FC (Luton) are in the bottom three of the Spartan South Midlands League Division Two.

The Kingsway-based side have only won two and drawn two of their 17 matches,

Their first win in the League

was a 3-2 success against Milton Keynes Irish Reserves in early September.

The 61 FC (Luton) had their best spell in October when they defeated Sarratt 3-1 away in the League.

This was followed by a 3-1

success over Sharnbrook in the first round of the Bedfordshire FA County Senior Trophy.

The goals for the Luton outfit were netted by Jayden Banks, Ethan Scott and substitute Karl Trusler.

BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE ROUND-UP

Riseley Sports are facing The 61 FC (Luton) in the second round of the Bedfordshire FA County Senior Trophy at Gold Street this afternoon.

This fixture against the Spartans South Mildands Division Two side had been scheduled to take place in Luton on 2nd December but after two postponements, FA rules state that the match can be switched to the away side's ground.

The first call-off was due to freezing conditions and last weekend it was because of a waterlogged pitch.

AFC Oakley are facing a similar scenario but they now have to travel SML Division One outfit Langford on Tuesday evening at 7.45pm, with the game being played under floodlights.

This arrangement has allowed AFC Oakley to fulfil their **Bedfordshire County League Premier Division** match at Flitwick Town on 16th September while Riseley Sports have had to postpone their home league game

against Shefford Town & Campton Reserves to honour their cup commitments.

A couple of matches in the **Premier Division** took place last weekend.

Caldecote completed their seventh successive win when they defeated Flitwick Town 5-1 with Giuseppe Fallano netting twice while the other goals came from Jake Bruce, Kyle Davis and Sonny Newton-Cootes. Jim Lewis bagged the Town consolation.

Codi Spavins, Billy Little and Charlie Mallett all netted as Stotfold Development eased to a 3-1 victory against Biggleswade United Reserves, whose response came from Jordan Gear.

FIXTURES

Saturday 16th December

League

Flitwick Town v AFC Oakley
Queens Park Crescents v Marston Shelton Rov
Biggleswade United Res v Biggleswade FC Res

Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy

AFC Kempston TH v Crawley Green Reserves
Riseley Sports v The 61 FC Luton
Leighton Town Dev v Elstow Abbey

Tuesday 19th December

Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy

Langford v AFC Oakley

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 ..	12	8	2	2	25	26
Biggleswade Utd Res ..	11	6	2	3	15	20
Marston Shelton Rov ...	13	6	2	5	1	20
AFC Oakley	9	6	1	2	26	19
Elstow Abbey	9	6	1	2	9	19
Crawley Green Res	11	5	1	5	-1	16
Queens Park Cres	9	3	3	3	3	12
Flitwick Town	10	3	2	5	-12	11
Sharnbrook	8	3	1	4	1	10
Riseley Sports	10	3	0	7	-15	9
Shefford TC Res	10	2	1	7	-19	7
Biggleswade FC Res ...	11	2	1	8	-24	7
AFC Kempston TH	11	0	1	10	-38	1

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Ask any non-league fan what they'd like Santa to bring them for 2024 and a trip to Wembley for the FA Trophy final won't be far from the top of the wish-list.

Much has been said above how non-league's top knockout cup competition has been undervalued over the years (I personally wrote about it in this very column three weeks ago), but with the march to the arch now just four ties away, there's certainly a sense of anticipation building on the terraces.

Take my old friends at Aldershot Town for instance. This famous old football club celebrates its centenary anniversary in 1926 (from the days of the old Aldershot FC) without ever having graced the hallowed turf of the home of English football.

Since slipping out of the Football League and reforming under their current guise, the FA Trophy has provided the best opportunity for the Shots to finally break that duck – and they've come mighty close, losing out in the semi-finals in both 2003-04 and 2007-08.

Long-suffering Shots fans might have feared more heartache when they went down 2-0 at Hampshire rivals Eastleigh in their third round tie last Saturday, only for Tommy Widdrington's men to claw their way back to win following a dramatic penalty shootout.

The Shots are currently enjoying their best season for many a year in the higher reaches of the National League and fans will be forgiven for daring to dream again with a trip to Step Two new boys Bishop's Cleeve looming next. Indeed, Aldershot need only look as far as National League rivals Bromley to see how an FA Trophy run can transform a football club.

in the 2017-18 final, the Ravens returned to the Wembley arch four years later and wrote a Hollywood-style script in beating big guns Wrexham in front of the Dragons' A-list owners in the Royal Box and a bumper crowd edging 50,000.

On the back of that, Andy Woodman's men reached the play-off semi-finals last year and are back in the promotion reckoning again this time around, but will not be taking Chippenham Town lightly in the fourth round after being taken the distance by Slough Town in the last round.

Ahead of Tuesday night's re-arranged matches, Nantwich Town were the only remaining Step Four side in the draw, courtesy of their stupendous 3-2 victory over top-flight York City on Saturday. The Dabbers will surely now relish a trip to Solihull Moors.

National League leaders Chesterfield fielded no fewer than five Under-18s players on route to a 6-1 demotion of Southport in the last round, and they now face a trip to Step Two side Welling United.

Hampton & Richmond Borough's 'reward' for knocking out Southend United away is a lengthy trip to Hartlepool United, while Alex Bruce's Macclesfield, riding high in NPL Premier and on the back of beating Curzon Ashton, host Marc White's Dorking Wanderers in one of the ties of the round.

The only all National League tie pits Kidderminster Harriers against either current holders FC Halifax Town or in-form Altrincham, while perhaps the most glamorous sees one of non-league's most famous names, Hendon, three-time FA Amateur Cup winners, make a fairytale trip to Oldham Athletic's Boundary Park.

Jon Couch

Agonisingly edged out by Brackley Town

THE TEAMS

Saturday 16th December



**RISELEY
SPORTS**

Sky Blue

GEORGE AUSTIN (GK)

TERRY WATSON (GK)

DANIEL BENNETT

JAY WILLETT

JORDAN HARRIS

JAMIE SIMMONS

AARON KEECH

MITCHELL CROOK

PATRICK KNIGHT

LEWIS DONALD

FREDDIE SPAVINS

ELLIOT HARRIS

SAM HENMAN

JAMES COOKE

ALEX TAYLOR

OWEN CROOK

Manager

James Woolf

Referee: Stiofan Appleby

NEXT AT GOLD STREET

RISELEY SPORTS

v

TBA

TBA

**THE 61 FC
(LUTON)**



White

JOSH DHESI (GK)

LIAM TYLER

JOE O'DELL

ADAM CARTER

JEROME ISLES

GEORGE HEAPS

OLLIE MANNING

CURTIS FINCH

ETHAN SCOTT

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