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# **SHEFFORD TC RESERVES**



Bedfordshire County League Premier Division 2023-24 Saturday 17th February, 2024 Kick off 2.30pm Official Matchday Programme





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## **HALF-TIME TEASER**

1. Which team has the current longest tenure in the EFL Championship?

2. Which club holds the record number of points in the Championship.

3. Who has the longest managerial reign in Association Football?

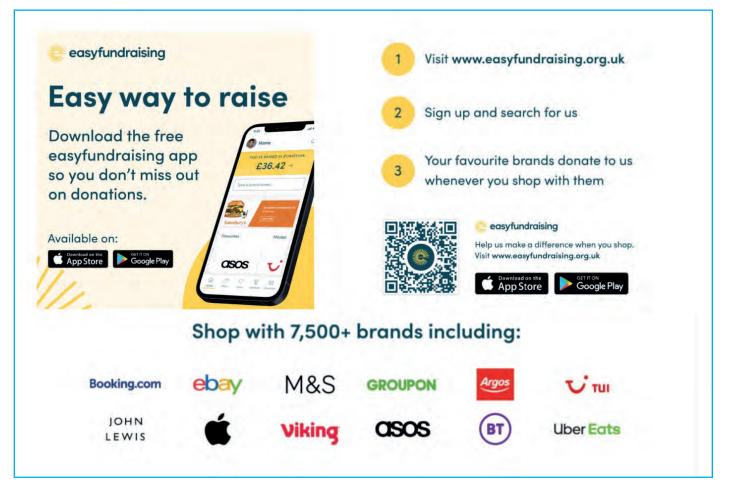
4. Which club has been in the top flight the longest. This includes the old Division One as well as the Premier League.

5. Who plays at the ground pictured?



WHO PLAYS AT THE GROUND PICTURED?

#### Answers on Page 7



## DO NOT FORGET TO HAVE A DRINK IN THE BAR AFTER THE MATCH WITH THE PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS

## **FROM THE MANAGER**

Welcome to Shefford Town & Campton Reserves for this Bedfordshire County League Premier Division match along with the referee Scott Burnside.

Following on from some impressive wins, our last home game saw us take on Queens Park Crescents. This was always going to be a tough and competitive game but we were full of confidence and went into the fixture in high spirits. This was shown when, just before the half-hour mark, Dan Bennett slotted home to make it 1-0.

Unfortunately, we were not in front for long as a small lapse in concentration meant Queens Park equalised just a few minutes later. Overall, it was a solid first-half performance, knowing we needed to up our game another gear.

Alex Taylor put us 2-1 up on the hour-mark but again we let ourselves down by allowing Queens Park back into the game almost immediately with what can only be described as a fluke goal from their defender inside his own half. We can't dwell on this, it happened. We just need to put it behind us and take all positives from the game.

Last weekend's game was away to Stotfold Development, a side currently top of the league and in very good form. Unfortunately I was very unwell and wasn't able to make the game. The feedback I did get from the game was of a mammoth effort from everyone. However, Stotfold scored on the stroke of half-time and this knocked the wind from the sails as the hosts scored two more just into the second half. I would like to say a massive thank you to Mark Fields, who kindly stepped in.

James Woolf



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## FOR LIST OF CLUBS SEE PAGE 5

**Riseley Sports v Shefford TC Reserves** 

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I.	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.	Rungers	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		85. Forest Green	
II.	Bir mingham		Cheltenham	61. Loswich	86.Gateshead	
12.	Barnsley	37.	Tranmere	62.Barniey	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		Brighton	67. Stevenage	92. Crystal Palace	
18.	Tottenham		Yeovil	68. Morecambe	93. MK Dons	
19.	Swansea	44.	Sheffield Wed	69. Bradford City		
20.	Sunderland		Preston NE	70. Newport Co.	95. Carlisle	
21.	Blackburn		Plymouth	71. Leeds	96. Exeter City	
22.	Blackpool		Swindon	72. Curdiff City	97. Bruton Albion	
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24.	Peterborough		Doncaster Rov	74. Barnet	99. Celtic	
25.	Aldershot	C. 1. 3	Aberdeen	75. Portsmouth	100 Leicester	

## **SCRATCHCARD INSTRUCTIONS SEE PAGE 4**

**Riseley Sports v Shefford TC Reserves** 

## **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
М3	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	VV		Austin	Spavins	K.Cooper	J.Harris	Knight
M6	Oct 07 Biggleswade Utd Res	BCL	4-5	12	Austin	Bennett1	K.Cooper	J.Harris1	Knight
M7	Oct 14 Flitwick Town	BCL	3-1	11	Austin	Spavins	E.Harris	J.Harris	Knight
<b>M</b> 8	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.Harris1	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	Bennett2	K.Cooper	J.Harris	Hislop
M16	Jan 27 AFC Kempston TH	BCL	4-0	8	Austin	Spavins1	K.Cooper	J.Harris	Hislop
M17	Feb 03 Queens Park Crescents	BCL	2-3	11	Austin	Spavins	K.Cooper	J.Harris	Hislop
M18	Feb 10 Stotfold Development	BCL	0-3	11	Austin	Bennett	K.Cooper	J.Harris	Hislop
Μ	Feb 17 Shefford TC Reserves	BCL	2.30						
Μ	Feb 24 Biggleswade FC Reserves	BCL	2.30		OUR		L CON	ΛΝΛΙΙΝ	ΙΤΥ
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Μ	Mar 09 Biggleswade Utd Reserves	BCL	2.30		□ The ne	ext Quiz Fr	iday is on I	Friday 23rd	

□ The next Quiz Friday is on Friday 23rd February at Riseley Village Hall at 8pm. Teams up to six persons. £1 per person. Winner takes all.

□ A Community Feast takes place at The Hub, Riseley on Saturday 2nd March between 12 noon and 2pm. Free event.





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

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Simmons	Keech	M.Crook1	Taylor	Donald	Cooke	Blades O.Cooper OCrook Henman	M1
Simmons	Keech	M.Crook	Taylor	Donald	Cooke	Henman	M2
Simmons	Keech	M.Crook1	Bennett	Donald	Willett	Henman Spavins	M3
Hislop	Keech	M.Crook	Bennett	Donald	Willett	Blades EHarris JHarris	M4
Hislop	Keech	M.Crook	Bennett	Donald	Simmons1	EHarris,Henman,Taylor, Willett	M5
Hislop	Keech	M.Crook1	Taylor1	Donald	Simmons	Bolton Henman	M6
Hislop	Keech	M.Crook	Taylor1	Willett1	Simmons	Cooke1 Henman	M7
Marler	Keech	M.Crook	Cooke	Willett	Donald	Simmons Spavins Taylor1	M8
Simmons	Keech	M.Crook	Taylor	Willett	Bennett1	Watson, Henman	M9
Hislop	Keech	Simmons	Taylor	Donald1	Bennett1	Cooke, O.Crook, Henman	M10
Hislop	Keech	Willett1	Taylor1	Donald1	Bennett	Cooke, E.Harris,Simmons	M11
Hislop	Keech	M.Crook	Taylor	Donald1	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	Willett1	Taylor	Donald	Cooke	M.Crook Field, Henman, Jermyn	M15
Marler	Keech2	Willett	Bennett	Donald1	Bolton	Field, Harding, Harrison, Henman, Simmons	M16
Bennett1	Keech	Willett	Taylor1	Donald	Cooke	Henman, Simmons,Poole	M17
Knight	Keech	Simmons	Taylor	Donald	Cooke	HM.Crook,Field	M18

#### REFRESHMENTS IN THE BAR AT HALF TIME AND AFTER THE GAME



### HALF TIME TEASER ANSWERS

1. Birmingham City have been in the Championship since the 2011-12 season.

2. Reading managed 106 points in the Championship in the 2005-06 season.

3. Fred Everiss was manager of West Bromwich Albion for 45 years from 1902-1948.

4. Everton are playing their 121st season out of a possible 125 in the top flight of English football.

5. Peterborough United

#### THE DAILY GRUNCH



#### INCLUDES THE BIG MATCH AND LOCAL FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

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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		4			1			5		
James Cooke	6	2	1	1	1		7	3	1	
Koron Cooper	13			2			15			
Mitchell Crook	10	2	3	2			12	2	3	
Lewis Donald	13		3	3		1	16		4	
Elliot Harris	2	3					2	3		
Jake Hislop	14			3			17			
Aaron Keech	15		2	3			18		2	
Jamie Simmons	9	3	1	1	1		10	4	1	
Alex Taylor	11	2	4	2	1	1	13	3	5	
Jay Willett	11	1	3	2			13	1	3	
Jesse Harding		1						1		
Sam Harrison		1						1		
Owen Crook	3	2			1		3	3		
Sam Henman		8			1			9		
Jordan Harris	13	1	2	3			16	1	2	
George Austin	12			2			14			
Daniel Bennett	10		5	3		1	13		6	
Patrick Knight	9			1			10			
Freddie Spavins	7	1	1	2	1		9	2	1	
Matthew Marler	3			1			4			
James Jermyn		1						1		
Josh Poole		1		1			1	1		
Terry Watson	Terry Watson 1 1 1 2 1									

## **RISELEY SPORTS**

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

## VISITING GOLD STREET SHEFFORD TOWN & CAMPTON RESERVES

It has been a difficult season for Shefford Town & Campton **Reserves in the Bedfordshire** County League Premier Division.

They are currently second from bottom in the table, having won only two of their games.

Their two successes came against bottom side AFC Kempston Town Hammers, a 5-4 away win and **Biggleswade FC Reserves**, where they clinched a 5-2 home victory.

The triumph over **Biggleswade FC Reserves**  was their last League win and came on 14th October.

Shefford Town & Campton Reserves have had some cup successes, including the Britannia Cup where they knocked out Riseley Sports in a penalty-mark competition after a 2-2 draw.

## BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE ROUND-UP

## Sharnbrook have withdrawn from the Bedfordshire County League Premier Division.

The Lodge Road side issued a statement on its X site, formerly Twitter, on 7th February as follows: 'We can confirm today we have withdrawn the first team from the Bedfordshire County League Premier Division.

'Unfortunately, it is no longer possible trying to keep the side going. We have had an excellent group of lads over the last four or five seasons and enjoyed some great battles against many sides during those years.

'We pass on our thanks to all the volunteers and players etc who have given up countless hours to make these years a success. Hopefully we will not be away for too long but time will tell.'

There had been a hint Sharnbrook were facing difficulties as it was admitted on X they could only field a minimal squad at home to AFC Oakley on 3rd February when they suffered a 2-0 defeat.

#### BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION 2023-24 Supported by Sportsform

	Ρ	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Stotfold Development	15	12	1	2	38	37
Caldecote	12	11	0	1	29	33
Biggleswade Utd Res	15	8	2	5	13	26
Elstow Abbey	11	7	2	2	15	23
Marston Shelton Rov	17	6	4	7	-5	22
AFC Oakley	12	6	2	4	24	20
Crawley Green Res	14	6	1	7	8	19
Flitwick Town	14	5	3	6	-10	18
Biggleswade FC Res	13	5	1	7	-14	16
Queens Park Cres	11	3	4	4	-3	13
Riseley Sports	14	4	0	10	-19	12
Shefford TC Res	10	2	1	7	-19	7
AFC Kempston TH	14	0	1	13	-57	1
Sharnbrook	0	0	0	0	0	0
Queens Park Cres Riseley Sports Shefford TC Res AFC Kempston TH	11 <b>14</b> 10 14	3 4 2 0	4 0 1	4 10 7 13	-3 -19 -19 -57	1 1

As at 15th February

Sharnbrook were towards the bottom of the Premier Division but had games in hand over some of its closest rivals. Last season they reached the final of the Britannia Cup but went down to Elstow Abbey in a close game.

Sharnbrook are expected to continue with the side that is in the Bedfordshire County League Division Two North.

□ The biggest result of last weekend saw Crawley Green Reserves defeat AFC Kempston Town Hammers 12-0 away withTemitayo Akerle bagging four goals with two each for Caylon Wade and Ryan Smith.

## **FIXTURES**

#### Saturday 17th February

#### League

AFC Oakley v Crawley Green Reserves Biggleswade FC Res v Stotfold Development Elstow Abbey v AFC Kempston Town Hammers Flitwick Town v Caldecote Marston Shelton Rovers v Biggleswade Utd Res Riseley Sports v Shefford TC Reserves

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## The role of a non-league football club chairman is an unforgiving one at the best of times.

Making sure the manager is happy, the fans are satisfied and the hard-working staff or volunteers have got all they need, it's all about keeping the ship sailing on the right course.

Well, for Oldham Athletic chairman Frank Rothwell that has quite literally been the case.

By the time you read this, the 73-yearold – yes SEVENTY THREE – should have completed his epic row across the Atlantic Ocean from the Canary Islands to Antigua.

It's all to raise money for Alzheimer's Research UK – as he told The NLP last week, while stranded 400 miles off the Antigua coast waiting for change in the weather!

"We've had terrible conditions for ocean rowing," Rothwell reported back. "Three years ago, I completed this journey in 56 days. This time I expected to finish in 49 days but we're now on day 51 and I've still got 400 miles to go. I'm going backwards now because the wind has changed direction and is blowing me the wrong way. I'm in a big current which is very contrary to the direction I was going, which is a bit of a pain."

Indeed, it's been far from an easy ride for the Latics chief, who has lost personal items at sea, capsized no fewer than three times and suffered both nausea and motion sickness.

However, for a man who left school aged 14 to repair tractors, then built a multi-millionpound business, has overcome prostate cancer and rescued his hometown club Oldham from bankruptcy after their relegation from the Football League in July 2022, he will not let these problems deter him. "It's hard on the body, and really hard on the mind, particularly when you start going backwards," he adds. "The boat has rolled over three times! Hopefully the wind will change, but at the moment I'm 400 miles from Antigua sat here on an anchor. I throw a parachute and 100m of rope in the sea that holds the boat in this position against the sea."

It's in those moments Rothwell can think of the difference he is making in undertaking his mission. He is raising money for Alzheimer's Research UK in their bid to fund research to combat dementia.

It's a cause close to Rothwell's heart having lost his best friend, brother-in-law, and several close friends and relatives to dementia in recent years.

Last year, he raised £1.1 million and has so far collected £220,000 of his £1 million target with the football club backing his bid from the confines of Boundary Park.

"Dementia is becoming far more prevalent as we're becoming older nations," Rothwell explained. "I'm 73 and rowing an ocean solo at an age where our parents' generation died, so more people are living to old age and catching dementia.

"My best friend Phil died of Alzheimer's, my brother-in-law Roger died when I was at sea last time, there's five people in the last four years who are friends or relatives who have died from it. There's more people dying of dementia than of any other disease in the UK, we all want to do some good if we can do for a cause.

#### www.justgiving.com/campaign/frankrothwell

#### Matt Badcock

# **THE TEAMS** Saturday 17th February



## RISELEY SPORTS

**Yellow** 

GEORGE AUSTIN (GK) PATRICK KNIGHT DANIEL BENNETT JAY WILLETT JORDAN HARRIS ANDREW FIELD AARON KEECH JAKE HISLOP JAMIE SIMMONS LEWIS DONALD FREDDIE SPAVINS

KORON COOPER SAM HENMAN MITCHELL CROOK ALEX TAYLOR JAMES COOKE

> Manager James Woolf

> > Referee: Scott Burnside

## NEXT AT GOLD STREET

RISELEY SPORTS v Biggleswade FC Reserves Saturday 24th February

## SHEFFORD TC RESERVES



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