

RISELEY SPORTS



AFC KEMPSTON TH



Bedfordshire County League
Premier Division 2022-23

Saturday 11th March, 2023

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BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE ROUND-UP

Sharnbrook returned to winning ways when they clinched a 2-1 home victory over troubled Marston Shelton Rovers in the Bedfordshire County League Premier Division on 4th March. Sam Smith and Joe Ackroyd were on target for the Lodge Road side while Dale Malciw replied for the visitors.

Although they produced a top performance against Sharnbrook recently, Riseley Sports had a difficult trip to leaders Cranfield United, who eased to a 3-0 win with efforts from Joel McCormick, Courtney Broughton and Jordan Spruce.

AFC Oakley edged to an excellent 3-2 away win against Caldecote where David Groom netted twice with the other goal coming from Stuart Gillies. Tom Cookman and Rafe Goodman replied for the hosts.

With games in hand, Elstow Abbey have a good chance of lifting the title and even do a

double as they are also in the Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy final where they will be facing Real Bedford at Bedford Town on Wednesday 29th March at 7.30pm.

The Abbey showed their class with a 4-0 victory over Shefford Town & Campton Reserves with goals from Dan Parkin, Justin Newman, Craig Damon and Scott Alleyne.

High-flying Biggleswade FC Reserves suffered a shock 1-0 defeat at Biggleswade United Reserves, whose goal came from Mo Zilboud.

Crawley Green Reserves kept up their title hopes with a 6-1 home win against struggling Barton Rovers Reserves. Timmy Akerle netted twice with the other efforts coming from Guilian Lusumbya, Rashaun Rattigan, Charlie O'Mahony and Lui Sarrington. The Rovers consolation came from Alfie Barker.

AFC Kempston Town Hammers went down 6-3 to Stotfold Development despite goals from Kian Morey, Joel Lockey and Jake Duxbury. Harry Buckley and Jack Edwards both scored twice for the Stotfold youngsters while Jack Young and Keanu Fleming were also on the scoresheet.

BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

2022-23

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	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Cranfield United.....	21	15	3	3	36	48
Elstow Abbey	16	13	3	0	35	42
Biggleswade FC Res...	20	11	3	6	17	36
Stotfold Development ..	19	11	2	6	24	35
Sharnbrook.....	19	10	4	5	28	34
Crawley Green Res	16	10	4	2	27	34
Shefford TC Res.....	22	10	3	9	8	33
AFC Oakley	19	9	3	7	15	30
Caldecote	20	9	2	9	5	29
Riseley Sports.....	18	7	4	7	-2	25
Flitwick Town	20	7	2	11	-24	23
Queens Park Cres.....	18	6	4	8	-10	22
Biggleswade Utd Res..	19	4	4	11	-32	16
AFC Kempston TH	20	3	0	17	-58	9
Marston Shelton Rov*..	21	3	3	15	-25	8
Barton Rovers*	18	2	2	14	-44	7

As at 9th March

* Points Adjustment

FIXTURES

Saturday 11th March

League

Caldecote v Flitwick Town
Crawley Green Res v Biggleswade Utd Res
Elstow Abbey v Marston Shelton Rovers
Queens Park Crescents v Sharnbrook
Riseley Sports v AFC Kempston TH
Shefford TC Res v Cranfield United
Stotfold Development v AFC Oakley

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FROM THE MANAGER

Welcome to AFC Kempston Town Hammers for this Bedfordshire County League Premier Division sponsored by Sportsform match along with the referee Martin Darlow.

Our last home game saw us take on local rivals Sharnbrook FC, who earlier on in the season had made us look average at best.

We have come a long way since then and it truly showed in a 1-0 victory, in what was an outstanding performance from each and everyone of the lads.

Yes we rode our luck towards the end with Sharnbrook missing a last-minute penalty but an 80th minute counter-attacking goal from Ed Blayney sealed the points for us.

Confidence was high and mood was buoyant going into last weekend's game against top-of-the-table Cranfield United. However, a growing injury list and unavailability wasn't the ideal preparation.

All credit to those lads that did play and put in a solid performance but unfortunately the game was a 3-0 defeat for us.

We move on to this weekend's game against AFC Kempston Town Hammers. It was a dominant performance by us in the away fixture winning 7-1. We can't get carried away with this though as no two games are the same so another top performance is needed.

Next weekend, we have a League Cup match against Biggleswade FC Reserves here at Gold Street.

James Woolf



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Treasurer: Andrew Gell
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FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

2022-23 SEASON

FIX	DATE	OPPOSITION	COMP	KO/ RES	POS	1	2	3	4	5
M1	Sep 03	Elstow Abbey	BCL	2-2	-	Lewin	J.Harris	Harrison	Healy ¹	Ball
M2	Sep 24	Marston Shelton Rovers	BCL	1-1	-	Lewin	Davey	Harrison	Hislop	Knight
M3	Oct 01	Caldecote	BCL	2-3	-	Lewin	J.Harris	Prior	Willett	Bunday
M4	Oct 08	Flitwick Town	BCL	2-2	-	Lewin	JHarris	Willett	Hislop	Bunday
M5	Oct 15	Sharnbrook	BCL	0-5	-	Lewin	JHarris	Willett	Hislop	Bunday
M6	Oct 22	Shefford T Camp Res	BCL	1-2	15	Lewin	Harrison	Prior	Hislop	Bunday
M7	Oct 29	Flitwick Town	CST	3-4	-	Lewin	Harrison ¹	Prior	Hislop	JHarris
M8	Nov 05	AFC Kempston TH	BCL	7-1	14	Lewin	Blayney	Prior	Hislop	Bunday ¹
M9	Nov 12	AFC Oakley	BCL	0-4	15	Lewin	Jermyn	Prior	Hislop	Bunday
M10	Nov 19	Barton Rovers Res	BCL	2-1	13	Lewin	Blayney	JHarris	Hislop	Knight
M11	Nov 26	Biggleswade FC Res	BCL	2-2	13	Lewin	Bennett	JHarris	Hislop	Knight
M12	Dec 03	Biggleswade Utd Res	BCL	3-1	12	Lucas	Healy	JHarris	Hislop	Knight
M13	Jan 14	Flitwick Town	BCL	4-3	12	Hislop	Healy	JHarris	Bunday	Knight
M14	Jan 28	Shefford TC Res	BCL	3-0	10	Hislop	Marler	JHarris	Bunday	Knight
M15	Feb 04	Caldecote	BCL	3-1	8	Hislop	Marler	JHarris	Bunday	Knight
M16	Feb 11	Stotfold Development	BCL	0-3	10	Seuke	Willett	JHarris	Hislop	Knight
M17	Feb 18	Queens Park Crescents	BCL	1-2	10	Lewin	Willett ¹	Prior	Hislop	Knight
M18	Feb 25	Sharnbrook	BCL	1-0	10	Hislop	Blayney ¹	Prior	Cooper	Knight
M19	Mar 04	Cranfield United	BCL	0-3	10	Lewin	Darlow	Cooper	Lourenco	Hislop
M	Mar 08	Stotfold Development	BCL	PP						
M	Mar 11	AFC Kempston TH	BCL	2.30						
M	Mar 18	Biggleswade FC Res	LC	2.30						
M	Mar 25	AFC Oakley	BCL	2.30						
M	Apr 01	Biggleswade FC Res	BCL	2.30						
M	Apr 08	Barton Rovers Res	BCL	2.30						
M	Apr 10	Marston Shelton Rovers	BCL	2.30						
M	Apr 12	Biggleswade United Res	BCL	7.45						
M	Apr 15	Crawley Green Reserves	BCL	2.30						
M	Apr 19	Queens Park Crescents	BCL	6.15						
M	Apr 22	Crawley Green Reserves	BCL	2.30						
M	Apr 29	Cranfield United	BCL	2.30						
M	May 06	Elstow Abbey	BCL	2.30						

HALF-TIME TEASER

1. Which four players scored ten or more Premier League goals for Sheffield United?

2. Who were the six players at the 2022 FIFA World Cup Finals affiliated to Fulham?

3. Who are the ten players with England goals for Southampton?

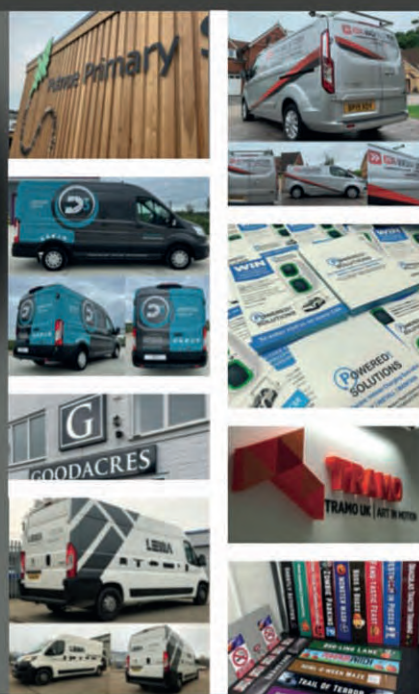
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BOLD FIXTURES - HOME GAMES
(1,2) - GOALS SCORED

* First Sub; + Second Sub; ^ Third Sub; ! Fourth Sub; = Fifth Sub

6	7	8	9	10	11	S	S	S	FIX
Bunday	OCrook	MCrook	Keech	N-Cootes ¹	Donald	Cooke, Jermyn, Taylor			M1
Marler	Bennett	M.Crook	Keech	N-Cootes	Donald ¹	Cooke, King			M2
Marler	Bennett	M.Crook	Keech	N-Cootes ¹	Donal#]	Cooke Hislop ¹ Simmons			M3
Marler ¹	M.Crook	N-Cootes ¹	Cooke	Keech	Donald	Healy Jermyn Simmons			M4
Marler	Healy	N-Cootes	Cooke	Keech	Donald	MCrook Knight King ermyn Simmons			M5
Marler	Jermyn	N-Cootes	Keech	Simmons	Donald ¹	Blayney, Cooke, JHarris			M6
Blayney	Jermyn	MCrook ¹	Keech	Simmons	Donald	Bunday Cooke King Knight			M7
Marler	N-Cootes ¹	MCrook ¹	Keech	Simmons	Donald ¹	Cooke ¹ JHarris Knight Willett ²			M8
Marler	N-Cootes	MCrook	Keech	Cooke	Donald	JHarris Lucas Simmons Taylor Willett			M9
Marler	N-Cootes	MCrook	Keech	Cooke	Simmons	Bennett Lucas Taylor Willett ²			M10
Simmons	N-Cootes	MCrook	Keech	Taylor ¹	Willett ¹	Bunday, O.Crook, Donald, Jermyn			M11
Simmons	N-Cootes ¹	MCrook	Keech	Taylor ¹	Willett ¹	Bunday, Cooke, Cooper, Donald, King			M12
Simmons	N-Cootes ¹	MCrook ¹	Keech	Taylor ²	Donald	Bennett, Blayney, Cooke, Marler			M13
Simmons	N-Cootes	MCrook	Keech	Taylor ¹	Donald	Cooke, N.Crook, Willett ¹			M14
Simmons	N-Cootes ²	MCrook ¹	Keech	Taylor	Donald	Bolton, Carbonero			M15
Simmons	N-Cootes	MCrook	Keech	Cooke	Donald	Cooper, Carbonero			M16
Bunday	Simmons	MCrook	Cooke	Marler	Donald	N.Crook, JHarris, Poole			M17
JHarris	Simmons	Keech	Cooke	Marler	Donald	Bolton, Bunday, MCrook			M18
JHarris	Simmons	Keech	Cooke	M.Crook	Bennett	N.Crook, Carter			M19

OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

□ Riseley Children's Centre and Community Hub are holding an open day on Saturday 18th March between 11am and 3pm at their Hub next to the Giddy Goat Cafe in the High Street.

□ The Bus Stop Cafe takes place during term time for Year Seven students and above on a Thursday evening at Riseley Village Hall between 3.30pm and 5pm.

HALF TIME TEASER ANSWERS

1. Brian Deane (15), Adrian Littlejohn (11), David McGoldrick (10) and Dane Whitehouse (10)

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

3. Mick Channon (21), Terry Paine (7), Kevin Keegan (2), Rickie Lambert (2), James Ward-Prowse (2), Ryan Bertrand, Danny Ings, Alan Shearer, Danny Wallace and Dave Watson.



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RISELEY SPORTS
BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION
2022-23 Appearances and Goalscorers

	League			Cup			Total		
	Starts	Sub	Goals	Starts	Sub	Goals	Starts	Sub	Goals
Thomas Lewin	12			1			13		
Jordan Harris	13	4		1			14	4	
Nelson Lourenco	1						1		
Liam Bolton		2						2	
Ryan Prior	6			1			7		
Jack Healy	4	1	1				4	1	1
Jake Hislop	16	1	1	1			17	1	1
Jay Willett	7	4	8				7	4	8
Elliot Bunday	11	3	1		1		11	4	1
Ryan Carbonero		2						2	
Patrick Knight	10	2			1		10	3	
Matt Marler	12	1	2				12	1	2
Sam Seuke	1						1		
Ryan Carter		1						1	
Mitchell Crook	15	2	3	1		1	16	2	3
Aaron Keech	17			1			18		
Sonny N-Cootes	15		8				15		8
Lewis Donald	14	2	3	1			15	2	3
James Cooke	8	8	1		1		8	9	1
Mark Darlow	1						1		
Alex Taylor	5	3	5				5	3	5
Nathan Crook		3						3	
Jamie Simmons	12	4		1			13	4	
Ed Blayney	3	2	1	1			4	2	1

Ollie Davey 1; Sam Harrison 4 1; Samuel King (4); Koron Cooper 2 (2); Richard Ball 1; Owen. Crook 1(1); Dan Bennett 4 (2); James Jermyn 3 (4); Dan Lucas 1 (2); Josh Poole (1)

VISITING GOLD STREET

AFC KEMPSTON TOWN HAMMERS

AFC Kempston Town Hammers come into this Bedfordshire County League Premier Division match on the back of four consecutive defeats.

Their last win in the League came on 4th February when

they defeated Biggleswade United Reserves 3-2 after losing to the same opposition 6-5 on 28th January.

Since early February, AFC Kempston TH have lost 8-1 to Crawley Green Reserves, 1-0 to bottom club Barton

Rovers Reserves, 3-0 to Caldecote and 6-3 to Stotfold Development.

AFC Kempston TH pulled off a dramatic victory over Sharnbrook on the final day of last season to maintain their status in the Premier Division.

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Last week, Paul Fairclough unveiled an England C squad with a difference for this month's clash with Wales C at Altrincham's Moss Lane.

Mindful of the time of year and the pressures that come with the business end of the season at either end of the table, the wily Young Lions chief has opted to select one player from each of the 24 National League clubs, plus Worthing goalkeeper Harrison Male. It's a strategy which tells you all you need to know about the 73-year-old who is now in his 21st year in charge of the Young Lions.

Looking to avenge a humbling 4-0 defeat to the same opposition 12 months ago, Fairclough could have been well forgiven for raiding big guns Wrexham and Notts County for their finest English talent in a bid to settle the score. This way, however, the former Barnet and Stevenage coach has shown equal respect to all quarters ahead of the final quarter of the season, but can integrate a new, dynamic squad for the future. while keeping the club bosses on side.

But try naming a National League team without an abundance of talented players these days. Fairclough's provisional 25-man squad – which will be reduced to 16 this week – is jam-packed full of the top performers at Step One this season and offers plenty of hope for redemption on Tuesday March 21.

Only one of the 25 have been capped by the Young Lions before, Solihull Moors midfielder Joe Sbarra, while the average age has dropped to 23, from 27 this time last year. The squad also includes Notts County's 33-goal striker Macaulay Langstaff who, aged 26, is the oldest member of the party.

"It's the first time I've selected a squad on this basis," Fairclough told The NLP. "I've

been doing this for 21 years and I know the pressures on clubs at this time of year, no matter how high in the pyramid they are. I'm mindful that this is a tremendously important time of the season so I've decided to select just the one player from each Nation[1]al League team so no manager is affected more than any other.

"It will make team bonding more necessary within the squad, but that is what England C is all about. It helps form friends for life. I know players still close friends 20 years later, that bond stays with you."

The shelving of the International Challenge Trophy in 2017 has led to many questioning the future of the England C team, especially in these post-Covid times where finances at the Football Association threw the team's mere existence into doubt.

But you try telling any of the 16 players who take to the field at the J Davidson Stadium next Tuesday that earning an England C international cap means nothing. In the 21 years Fairclough and his backroom team have taken over the reins, no fewer than 200 players have gone to play in the Football League or higher. One of them, Ethan Pinnock, scored for Brentford against Fulham in the Premier League on Monday night. And I wouldn't mind wagering you that every single one of the 200+ will point to their England C experience as pivotal to their success.

"It was a highlight of my career and an indication to me that I was doing the right things and to stick with it," Aaron McLean, the former Grays Athletic and Aldershot Town striker who won five England C caps before going on to play for Hull City in the Premier League, told The NLP last year.

Jon Couch

THE TEAMS

Saturday 11th March



**RISELEY
SPORTS**

Gold

THOMAS LEWIN (GK)

JAKE HISLOP

MITCHELL CROOK

RYAN-LEE PRIOR

JAY WILLETT

MATT MARLER

PATRICK KNIGHT

RYAN CARTER

JAMIE SIMMONS

JAMES COOKE

LEWIS DONALD

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Manager

James Woolf

Referee: Martin Darlow

NEXT AT GOLD STREET

RISELEY SPORTS

v

Biggleswade FC Reserves

Saturday 18th March

**AFC KEMPSTON
TOWN HAMMERS**



Blue

MATTHEW CAPENER

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JOSH HANDS

REECE KENINGTON

SAM KING

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