# RISELEY SPORTS





# **CRAWLEY GREEN RESERVES**



Bedfordshire County League Premier Division 2023-24 Saturday 23rd March, 2024 Kick off 2.30pm Official Matchday Programme





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### **HALF-TIME TEASER**

1. Which clubs did Marcus Rashford play for during his youth career?

2. Coventry City will be returning to Wembley for the Emirates FA Cup semi-final. What were their last two appearances at Wembley?

3. Which clubs in English Football League Two have not played at Step Five (Conference or National League?

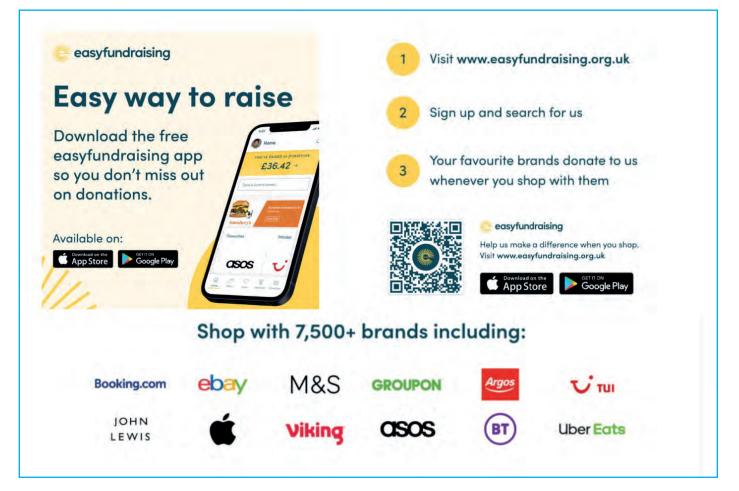
4. Which is the only club in England to have claret and amber as their home colours?

5. Which club 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 Crawley Green Reserves for this Bedfordshire County League Premier Division match along with the referee Adam Haywood.

After a very impressive run of results we faced Caldecote last weekend, going into the game full of confidence but knowing it was going to be a big test for us as they are second in the table. We started off okay but we showed our opponents a little too much respect early on.

Caldecote took the lead midway through the first half and then got a lucky penalty decision shortly before the break. In the second half, we knew we had nothing to lose and that we needed to up our game. We came out fighting and put in a dominant second-half display but it was one of those games where nothing seemed to drop our way and as we pushed for a way back in, Caldecote hit on the break and made it 3-0.

Yes, it was a defeat, however it was another positive performance from the lads. As we are coming towards the end of the season, I do have one eye on next year's campaign and with that introduced youngsters Kyle Johnson and Harley Goodfellow, both only 16 into the squad and they made their first appearance for the club. Two bright talents that hopefully could be a big part of the future for the Sports.

We look to bounce back from last weekend's defeat as we take on Crawley Green Reserves, hoping to get back to winnings ways. We look forward to all your support again this week to cheer the lads on.

James Woolf



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**Committee Members:** David Balderstone, Andrew Gell, Andrew Groom, James Cooke, Jordan Harris, James Woolf, Nigel Rees, Paul Brown, John Cappa, Jay Willett

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**Riseley Sports v Crawley Green 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
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.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
-	Jan 13 Marston Shelton Rovers	BCL	3-0	11	Austin	Bennett2	K.Cooper	J.Harris	Hislop
	Jan 27 AFC Kempston TH	BCL	4-0	8	Austin	Spavins1	K.Cooper	J.Harris	Hislop
	Feb 03 Queens Park Crescents	BCL	2-3	11	Austin	Spavins	K.Cooper	J.Harris	Hislop
	Feb 10 Stotfold Development	BCL	0-3	11	Austin	Bennett	K.Cooper	J.Harris	Hislop
-	Feb 17 Shefford TC Reserves	BCL	1-0	10	Austin Austin	Bennett	K.Cooper	Spavins Willett	Hislop
	Feb 24 <b>Biggleswade FC Reserves</b> Mar 09 Biggleswade Utd Reserves	BCL BCL	4-2 3-2	9 8		Bennett1	K.Cooper		Hislop
					Austin	Bennett	K.Cooper	Knight	Hislop
M22	Mar 16 Caldecote Mar 23 Crawley Green Reserves	BCL BCL	0-3 2.30	9	Austin	Bennett	K.Cooper	Knight	Hislop
M	Mar 30 Flitwick Town	BCL	2.30						
Μ	Apr 06 AFC Oakley	BCL	2.30			NE	W FAC	ES	
Μ	Apr10 Elstow Abbey	BCL	6.15		100.00 Polley				
М	Apr 17 Shefford Town Campton Res	BCL	7.30		1	and the	17 SUR	C.C.S.C.	YAAP
М	Apr27 AFC Kempston Town Hamm	BCL	3.00			-	No.	IN SEE	1 8



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Three Kimbolton Colts players represented Riseley Sports last weekend against Caldecote. Freddie Spavins, now a regular, started while Harley Goodfellow and Kyle Johnson made their debuts as substitutes.



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

6	7	8	9	10	11	S S S	FIX
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	М3
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	M.Crook,Field	M18
Knight	Keech	Raines	Taylor1	Donald	Cooke	,Field, Simmons, Willett	M19
Simmons	Keech	Raines	Taylor1	Donald1	Dallas	,Cooke, Field,1 Spavins	M20
Simmons	Keech	Raines1	Taylor1	Donald	Cooke1	Willett, Field, Spavins	M21
Simmons	Keech	Raines	Taylor	Spavins	Dallas	Willett, Field, Cooke, Goodfellow, Johnson	M22



### HALF TIME TEASER ANSWERS

1. Fletcher Moss Rangers, Manchester United.

2. The Division Two Play-Off final in 2018 where they defeated Exeter City and lost to Luton Town in the Championship Play-Off final in 2023.

3. Milton Keynes Dons, Crewe Alexandra, Walsall, Gillingham, Bradford City, Swindon City.

- 4. Bradford City
- 5. Chelsea in the 1970s.



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

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2023-24 Appearances and Goalscorers										
	League			Сир			Total			
	Starts	Sub	Goals	Starts	Sub	Goals	Starts	Sub	Goals	
Andrew Field		8	1		1			9	1	
James Cooke	9	3	2	1	1		10	4	2	
Koron Cooper	17			2			19			
Mitchell Crook	10	2	3	2			12	2	3	
Lewis Donald	16		4	3		1	19		5	
Elliot Harris	2	3					2	3		
Jake Hislop	18			3			21			
Aaron Keech	19		2	3			22		2	
Jamie Simmons	12	4	1	1	1		13	5	1	
Alex Taylor	15	2	7	2	1	1	17	3	8	
Jay Willett	12	4	3	2			14	4	3	
Tarik Dallas	2						2			
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	16			2			18			
Daniel Bennett	14		6	3		1	17		7	
Patrick Knight	12			1			13			
Freddie Spavins	9	3	1	2	1		11	4	1	
Matthew Marler	3			1			4			
Harley Goodfellow		1						1		
Kyle Johnson		1						1		
Bradley Raines 4 1 4								1		

# **RISELEY SPORTS**

Thomas Lewin 2; Liam Bolton 1 (1); Lewis Blades 1 (1); O'Shea Cooper (1); Terry Watson 2(1); Jesse Harding (1); James Jermyn (1); Josh Poole 1 (1)

# VISITING GOLD STREET

CRAWLEY GREEN RESERVES

Crawley Green still hold the proud record of being one of two senior clubs in Luton.

The other one is known as The Hatters and play in the Premier League, not to be confused with the Premier **Division of the Bedfordshire** County League.

Based at The Brache, training ground of said Premier League club, Crawley Green are currently battling for survival in the Step Five Spartans South Midlands League Premier Division.

The Reserves are safe in the **BCL Premier Division but are**  likely to finish in a midtable position.

After defeating AFC Oakley 3-2 away in mid-February, **Crawley Green Reserves** have lost their last two home League games - 1-0 against Stotfold Development and 2-0 against Elstow Abbey.

# BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE ROUND-UP

Joe McDonagh bagged five as AFC Oakley went on the goal rampage to clinch a 9-0 away victory over Bedfordshire County League Premier Division bottom side AFC Kempston Town Hammers last weeknd.

Joel Ives, Zach Ives, Aiden McLean and substitute Alistair Smith were also on target in the emphatic display.

Riseley Sports' recent good form came to an end when they went down 3-0 to highflying Caldecote, whose scorers were former Sports player Sonny Newton-Cootes, Tashriq Andrews and Giuseppe Follano.

Goals from Charlie Mallett and Elliot Flynn secured a 2-0 victory for leaders Stotfold Development at Flitwick Town.

Aaron Jones netted twice as Elstow Abbey won 2-0 at Crawley Green Reserves.

• On Wednesday evening, Shefford Town & Campton Reserves bagged a 3-0 triumph over AFC Kempston Town Hammers.

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

	Ρ	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Stotfold Development	20	17	1	2	52	52
Caldecote	14	13	0	1	34	39
Elstow Abbey	15	11	2	2	32	35
Biggleswade Utd Res	19	10	2	7	17	32
Marston Shelton Rov	21	8	5	8	0	29
AFC Oakley	15	7	2	6	30	23
Crawley Green Res	17	7	1	9	6	22
Flitwick Town	19	6	4	9	-16	22
Riseley Sports	18	7	0	11	-18	21
Biggleswade FC Res	18	6	2	10	-16	20
Queens Park Cres	15	4	5	6	-8	17
Shefford TC Res	14	3	1	10	-23	10
AFC Kempston TH	19	0	1	18	-90	1
Sharnbrook	0	0	0	0	0	0

As at 21st March

### **LEAGUE FIXTURES**

### Saturday 23rd March

AFC Kempston Town Hammers v Flitwick Town Biggleswade FC Res v Marston Shelton Rovers Elstow Abbey v Shefford Town & Campton Res Queens Park Crescents v AFC Oakley Riseley Sports v Crawley Green Reserves Stotfold Development v Caldecote

#### Saturday 30th March

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



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#### If winning the league by Easter is a mark of ultimate domination, then Paul Cook's Chesterfield have blown the National League apart this season.

At the time of writing this, the Spireites were battling it out for the single point they need to seal the title – this, remember, in only the third week of March!

As it stands, Cook's men are well on course to top the 100-point, 100-goal mark – a tally almost unthinkable in this crazy division prior to the exploits of Wrexham and Notts County last season.

Indeed, both Wrexham's record season haul of 111 points and Notts County's 117 goals, set last season, can still be surpassed by Cook's men, whose five defeats in 39 games have represented as comprehensive a title campaign as you'll find in any professional league in this country.

Thankfully, though, for the neutrals there is still plenty to play for in non-league's topflight, starting with the play-off battle to join Chesterfield in League Two next season.

Barnet and Bromley have proved to be Chesterfield's two closest rivals all season and will start as favourites to clinch the two home play-off semi-final places.

That said, Solihull Moors have found form at the right time, as have Altrincham after a wobble, while surprise package Aldershot Town just won't go away and have the quality in the ranks to topple any of their rivals on their day.

Oldham Athletic have serial winners both in the dugout and on the field and can not be discounted, similarly last season's Isuzu FA Trophy finalists FC Halifax Town and Gateshead, who have both been there before. The bottom half of the National League table is even more intriguing with seven points separating no fewer than twelve teams in the lower half of the table.

Sadly, Oxford City look as though they have too much to do to maintain their top-flight status, but the battle to avoid occupying the remaining three positions in the drop zone looks as if it is going right down to the wire.

Last season's other promoted sides, AFC Fylde, Kidderminster Harriers and Ebbsfleet United, have all found form at just the right time to set up a gripping final month.

This time 12 months ago, we were waxing lyrical over Tamworth's cruise to the Southern Premier Central league title - now we're raving about the way they have continued their dominance in National League North,

Thirteen points clear of pre-season favourites Scunthorpe United, Andy Peaks' Lambs are on the verge of sealing back-to-back titles and reclaiming their top-flight status after 10 years away, conceding just 22 goals in 40 games along the way. Scunthorpe and Chorley are strong fancies to lead the playoff chase, but the National League North is notorious for its tense play-off chases and anyone as far down as Buxton, in 14th, have something to play for.

In the South, Mark Cooper's Yeovil Town have led a procession to reclaim the top-flight place they lost last season, but the usual suspects are all still in the play-off mix with the entire top half, down to Slough Town in 11th, in contention.

**Stop Press:** Chesterfield suffered a 4-2 defeat at FC Halifax Town so are not yet automatically promoted to the Football League.

Jon Couch

# THE TEAMS Saturday 23rd March



### RISELEY SPORTS

### **Yellow**

GEORGE AUSTIN (GK) PATRICK KNIGHT DANIEL BENNETT JAY WILLETT TARIK DALLAS ANDREW FIELD AARON KEECH JAKE HISLOP JAMIE SIMMONS KYLE JOHNSON FREDDIE SPAVINS

KORON COOPER HARLEY GOODFELLOW BRADLEY RAINES ALEX TAYLOR JAMES COOKE

> Manager James Woolf

Referee: Adam Haywood

### NEXT AT GOLD STREET

RISELEY SPORTS V Elstow Abbey Wednesday 10th April

### CRAWLEY GREEN RESERVES



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