

# RISELEY SPORTS



## CRANFIELD UNITED



Bedfordshire County League  
Premier Division 2022-23  
Saturday 10th December, 2022  
Kick off 2pm  
Official Matchday Programme



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# BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE ROUND-UP

**Sharnbrook have reached the quarter-finals of the Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy following their 3-0 victory over Crawley Green Reserves on 3rd December.**

In-form forwards Bradley Raines, Harry Chinn and Josh Griggs were on target in the comfortable win.

In the Bedfordshire County League Premier Division, Riseley Sports continued their recent good form with a 3-1 victory over fellow strugglers Biggleswade United Reserves. Alex Taylor, Jay Willett and Sonny Newton-Cootes bagged the goals for the hosts while Fraelis Menambolo replied for the visitors.

An effort from Stuart Gillies plus an own goal steered AFC Oakley to a 2-1 win over Caldecote.

Cranfield United continue to top the table after their 2-0 win over Stotfold Development

where Grant Fryer and Courtney Boughton were the scorers.

Elstow Abbey retained their unbeaten start to the season with an 8-3 away victory at AFC Kempston Town & Hammers. Scott Alleyne bagged four goals while Dan Green scored twice with the other efforts coming from Wesley Lewis and Dan Mattin. The Hammers replied through Jake Duxberry, Ellis Crowley and Darius Fletcher.

Shefford Town & Campton Reserves eased to a 5-0 victory over Marston Shelton Rovers with Liam Wood scoring twice. The other goals came from Max Baker, Harry Lovely and Sam Rogers.

De Vante Mahvanhu and Manasseh Tenadu helped bottom side Barton Rovers Reserves to a 2-2 draw against Queens Park Crescents, whose goals came from Anas Bechkoum and Oscar Szarycz.

## BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION 2022-23

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	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Cranfield United.....	14	11	1	2	29	34
Elstow Abbey .....	12	10	2	0	23	32
Shefford TC Res .....	14	9	1	4	24	28
Biggleswade FC Res...	13	7	2	4	10	23
Sharnbrook.....	12	6	4	2	25	22
AFC Oakley .....	13	6	3	4	7	21
Crawley Green Res .....	9	5	2	2	11	17
Caldecote .....	13	5	2	6	-1	17
Flitwick Town .....	12	5	2	5	-10	17
Stotfold Development ..	12	5	1	6	9	16
Queens Park Cres .....	12	4	3	5	-8	15
<b>Riseley Sports.....</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>13</b>
Marston Shelton Rov...	14	3	2	9	-20	11
AFC Kempston TH .....	13	2	0	11	-38	6
Biggleswade Utd Res ..	12	1	2	9	-29	5
Barton Rovers.....	12	1	1	10	-30	4

**As at 9th December**

## FIXTURES

**Saturday 10th December**  
**League**

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

**Bedfordshire Senior Trophy**

Caldecote v Leighton Town Reserves

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# FROM THE MANAGER

Welcome to Cranfield United for this Bedfordshire County League Premier Division sponsored by Sportsform match along with the referee Jose Gomes.

Another promising performance last weekend saw us take all three points against Biggleswade United Reserves.

It was a wonderful opening goal from the head of Alex Taylor after a perfectly-delivered ball from Aaron Keech.

More goals for Jay Willett and Sonny Newton-Cootes and a strong second-half defensive display clinched the points for us.

After last week's victory we now have three wins and a draw from our last five games, which is credit to the lads for all their hard work and effort.

Team morale and confidence is definitely on the rise after the last few weeks' results which is very pleasing to see and I'm hoping we can continue this good momentum and positive form into this weekend's game.

We welcome the current league leaders Cranfield United, which is going to be a tough test for us but one we'll relish with our current form.

Cranfield come into this game having lost only two games this season including a 5-3 setback against Caldecote on the opening day of the campaign.

Do come down and support the lads as we look to end the year at home with a positive result.

**James Woolf**



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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	<b>Elstow Abbey</b>	BCL	2-2	-	Lewin	J.Harris	Harrison	Healy1	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	<b>Flitwick Town</b>	BCL	2-2	-	Lewin	JHarris	Willett	Hislop	Bunday
M5	Oct 15	Sharnbrook	BCL	0-5		Lewin	JHarris	Willett	Hislop	Bunday
M6	Oct 22	<b>Shefford T Camp Res</b>	BCL	1-2	15	Lewin	Harrison	Prior	Hislop	Bunday
M7	Oct 29	<b>Flitwick Town</b>	CST	3-4	-	Lewin	Harrison1	Prior	Hislop	JHarris
M8	Nov 05	AFC Kempston TH	BCL	7-1	14	Lewin	Blayney	Prior	Hislop	Bunday1
M9	Nov 12	<b>AFC Oakley</b>	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	<b>Biggleswade Utd Res</b>	BCL	3-1	12	Lucas	Healy	JHarris	Hislop	Knight
M	Dec 10	<b>Cranfield United</b>	BCL	2.00						
M	Dec 17	Crawley Green Res	BCL	2.00						
M	Jan 03	Biggleswade Utd Res	BCL	7.30						

## HALF-TIME TEASER

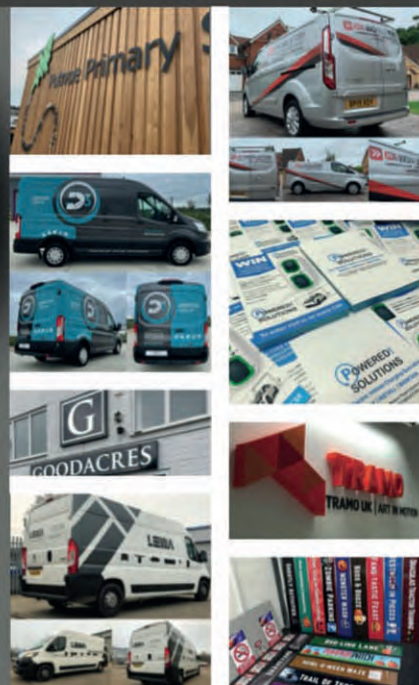
1. Which five players from Brighton, Crystal Palace, Luton, Norwich and Watford were included in England FIFA World Cup Finals squads?
2. Who were the last four English managers to win the Football League Cup?
3. Which were the last four Football League Cup Winning clubs outside the top flight?
4. Which club plays at the ground pictured?

Answers on Page 5



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**(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 <sup>1</sup>	Donald	Cooke, Jermyn,Taylor			<b>M1</b>
Marler	Bennett	M.Crook	Keech	N-Cootes	Donald <sup>1</sup>	Cooke, King			<b>M2</b>
Marler	Bennett	M.Crook	Keech	N-Cootes <sup>1</sup>	Donal#]	Cooke Hislop <sup>1</sup> Simmons			<b>M3</b>
Marler <sup>1</sup>	M.Crook	N-Cootes <sup>1</sup>	Cooke	Keech	Donald	Healy Jermyn Simmons			<b>M4</b>
Marler	Healy	N-Cootes	Cooke	Keech	Donald	MCrook Knight King ermyn Simmons			<b>M5</b>
Marler	Jermyn	N-Cootes	Keech	Simmons	Donald <sup>1</sup>	Blayney,Cooke,JHarris			<b>M6</b>
Blayney	Jermyn	MCrook <sup>1</sup>	Keech	Simmons	Donald	Bunday Cooke King Knight			<b>M7</b>
Marler	N-Cootes <sup>1</sup>	MCrook <sup>1</sup>	Keech	Simmons	Donald <sup>1</sup>	Cooke <sup>1</sup> JHarris Knight Willett <sup>2</sup>			<b>M8</b>
Marler	N-Cootes	MCrook	Keech	Cooke	Donald	JHarris Lucas Simmons Taylor Willett			<b>M9</b>
Marler	N-Cootes	MCrook	Keech	Cooke	Simmons	Bennett Lucas Taylor Willett <sup>2</sup>			<b>M10</b>
Simmons	N-Cootes	MCrook	Keech	Taylor <sup>1</sup>	Willett <sup>1</sup>	Bunday, O.Crook,Donald,Jermyn			<b>M11</b>
Simmons	N-Cootes <sup>1</sup>	MCrook	Keech	Taylor <sup>1</sup>	Willett <sup>1</sup>	Bunday,Cooke, Cooper,Donald, King			<b>M12</b>

## OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

- **The Riseley Father Christmas Tour will take place after today's game from 5.45pm starting at Dag Lane. It proceeds down Gold Street, Church Road, High Street and College Drive.**
- **There is photo coverage of Riseley Sports v Biggleswade United Reserves on Page 36 of the online Daily Grunch.**

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## HALF TIME TEASER ANSWERS

1. *Steve Foster (1982 Brighton & Hove Albion), Ruben Loftus-Cheek (2018 Crystal Palace), Syd Owen (1954 Luton Town), Chris Woods (1986 Norwich City) and John Barnes (1986 Watford).*
2. *Steve McClaren (2004 Middlesbrough), Brian Little (1996 Aston Villa), Roy Evans (1995 Liverpool) and Ron Atkinson (1994 Aston Villa).*
3. *Sheffield Wednesday (1991, Second Flight), Aston Villa (1975, Second Flight), Swindon Town (1969, Third Flight) and Queens Park Rangers (1967, Third Flight).*
4. *Cambridge United play at Abbey Stadium.*



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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	10			1			11		
Jordan Harris	7	3		1			8	3	
Dan Lucas	1	2					1	2	
Koron Cooper		1						1	
Ryan Prior	4			1			5		
Jack Healy	3	1	1				3	1	1
Jake Hislop	9	1	1	1			10	1	1
Jay Willett	5	3	6				5	3	6
Elliot Bunday	7	2	1		1		7	3	1
Richard Ball	1						1		
Patrick Knight	4	2			1		4	3	
Matt Marler	8		1				8		1
Owen Crook	1	1					1	1	
Dan Bennett	3	1					3	1	
Mitchell Crook	9	1	1	1		1	10	1	1
Aaron Keech	11			1			12		
Sonny N-Cootes	11		5				11		5
Lewis Donald	8	2	3	1			9	2	3
James Cooke	4	6	1		1		4	7	1
James Jermyn	2	4		1			3	4	
Alex Taylor	2	3	2				2	3	2
Samuel King		3			1			4	
Jamie Simmons	5	4		1			6	4	
Ed Blayney	2	1		1			3	1	

Ollie Davey 1; Sam Harrison 4 1;

## VISITING GOLD STREET

### ***CRANFIELD UNITED***

Cranfield United look set for a return to Step Six football following an excellent start to the season.

The Crawley Road side are the current leaders in the Bedfordshire County League Premier League.

Their latest league success came last weekend when they defeated Stotfold Development with goals from Grant Fryer and Courtney Boughton.

United have only suffered two league defeats so far this

campaign, going down 2-1 to close rivals Elstow Abbey in November and 5-3 at home to Caldecote on the opening day of the season.

The club was formed in 1903 and initially played local football.

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**This isn't exactly breaking news but Jude Bellingham is really good at football. In fact, it's quite scary how good he is.**

Aged just 19, he has spent the last few weeks in Qatar stamping his mark on the world stage as one of England's stand-out performers in their run to the World Cup quarter-finals.

Having set up the first in England's 3-0 win over Senegal, his drive and class also produced the second.

Winning the ball back, galloping up the pitch, holding off his man, picking the optimum time to release a perfectly weighted ball into the path of Phil Foden.

While the country enthuses over the Borussia Dortmund midfielder, surely a future England captain, it's been tempting to lean over mid-game and say, 'Yeah, but did you hear about his dad?'

Goal machine doesn't do Mark Bellingham justice. Born in Southend, he netted his first goal for East Thurrock against Hordham YMCA way back in August 1994.

In 2016, by then a sergeant in the West Midlands Police, he knocked in his 700th for Paget Rangers in Midland League Division Two.

"I've started to score a lot more tap-ins and the range is getting a lot shorter," Bellingham told The NLP back at the time.

"The 700th was a free-kick which isn't regular for me at all, anything outside the box for me is abnormal!

"I needed 38 goals last season but got to 36 and then was banned for the last game because of a red card – my first ever sending-off.

"I was thinking over the summer whether it was the right time to go out, but with just two

needed to reach 700, it felt like there was a bit of unfinished business.

"It's out of the way now so I can chill out. I'll play as much as I can for Paget, who have been great with me, and hopefully score a few more!"

To get there he had prolific spells with the likes of Stourbridge, Leamington, Sutton Coldfield, Bromsgrove Rovers and Halesowen Town and reckoned his 700 haul came in 850 games.

I had the pleasure of speaking to Mark many times over the years as he racked up goal after goal, usually playing down his own qualities each time.

"I've managed my ability well, I've always said I'm not that great a player and although I'm still scoring, I am playing at Step 7!" he said.

"Most of the 700 were from not very far out so I think I owe my team-mates over the years a lot more than they owe me."

You don't score that many goals without possessing those priceless attributes that help stick the ball in the back of the net.

Of course his job in the police no doubt gave him a sense of perspective, but perhaps it's no surprise when we see the maturity Jude shows in front of the camera the influence his parents had on him and younger brother Jobe, who is also making his mark at Birmingham City.

As Jude told The FA in an interview last year: "When you go and watch him play every week in non-league, you know it's not the Premier League or anything, but seeing the way that he played and the atmosphere, it made me fall in love with football so he was probably my first hero.

**Matt Badcock**

# THE TEAMS

Saturday 10th December



**RISELEY  
SPORTS**

**Sky Blue**

DAN LUCAS (GK)  
JACK HEALY  
MITCHELL CROOK  
JORDAN HARRIS  
JAKE HISLOP  
AARON KEECH  
PATRICK KNIGHT  
SONNY NEWTON-COOTES  
JAMIE SIMMONS  
ALEX TAYLOR  
JAY WILLETT

ELLIOT BUNDAY  
KORON COOPER  
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SAMUEL KING

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James Woolf

Referee: Jose Gomes



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