

RISELEY SPORTS



BIGGLESWADE FC RESERVES



Bedfordshire County League
Premier Division 2022-23

Saturday 18th March, 2023

Kick off 2.30pm

Official Matchday Programme



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BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE ROUND-UP

Riseley Sports had to be satisfied with a point when they were held to a 3-3 draw with AFC Kempston Town Hammers in the Bedfordshire County League Premier Division last weekend.

Lewis Donald netted twice for the hosts with the other goal coming from James Cooke while James Metcalfe, Sam King and Jake Duxbury replied for the visitors.

AFC Oakley suffered a heavy 5-2 defeat at in-form Stotfold Development despite goals from David Groom and Joe McDonagh. Ashley Kersey fired home a couple of goals for the youngsters with their other efforts coming from Harry Buckley, Aaron Hector and Callum Mullins.

Elstow Abbey closed the gap on leaders Cranfield United, whose game at Shefford Town & Campton Reserves was postponed because of a waterlogged pitch.

Abbey though had a tough task against struggling Marston Shelton Rovers and went behind twice before clinching a 3-3 draw.

Justin Newman netted twice for Abbey with Scott Alleyne scoring the other goal. Harry Baker fired home two goals for Rovers while Sam Maddix was also on the scoresheet.

Caldecote bagged a 2-0 victory against Flitwick Town with efforts from Giuseppe Follano and Matthew Sayers.

A number of games fell to the weather including Queens Park Crescents v Sharnbrook and Crawley Green Reserves v Biggleswade United Reserves.

□ Elstow Abbey will be facing Step Six side Real Bedford in the Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy final at Bedford Town on Wednesday 29th March at 7.30pm.

□ Riseley Sports have withdrawn from the Britannia Cup competition so this afternoon's game is now a league fixture.

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	17	13	4	0	35	43
Biggleswade FC Res...	21	12	3	6	20	39
Stotfold Development..	20	12	2	6	27	38
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
Caldecote	21	10	2	9	7	32
AFC Oakley	20	9	3	8	12	30
Riseley Sports.....	19	7	5	7	-2	26
Flitwick Town	21	7	2	12	-26	23
Queens Park Cres.....	18	6	4	8	-10	22
Biggleswade Utd Res..	19	4	4	11	-32	16
AFC Kempston TH	21	3	1	17	-58	10
Marston Shelton Rov*..	22	3	4	15	-25	9
Barton Rovers*	19	2	2	15	-47	7

As at 16th March * Points Adjustment

FIXTURES

Saturday 18th March

League

AFC Kempston TH v Cranfield Utd Res
Crawley Green Res v Sharnbrook
Riseley Sports v Biggleswade FC Res
Stotfold Development v Shefford TC Res
Biggleswade Utd Res v Queens Park Crescents

Centenary Cup

Caldecote v Barton Rovers Res
Elstow Abbey v Marston Shelton Rovers
Flitwick Town v AFC Oakley

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FROM THE MANAGER

Welcome to Biggleswade FC Reserves for this Bedfordshire County League Cup tie along with the referee Peter Kwak.

Last week's home fixture saw us up against AFC Kempston Town Hammers, a team in which we put seven past in the reverse fixture. I said last week that we couldn't get complacent.

Unfortunately it seemed that this was the case with what was an average performance from us, with multiple chances created, a penalty missed, a red card and just the overall thinking it was a 'doddle' saw us let lead after lead slip away and only taking a point. Now I can't be too downhearted with a point but previous performances have shown how good we can be and what we can achieve when we play to our full potential.

This week's re-arranged league fixture sees us take on Biggleswade FC Reserves, a very strong side and a game that will be a big test for us. Our last meeting against them saw a 2-2 draw with a last-minute chance to win the game. This proves we can not just compete but take on teams like Biggleswade and get something from the game, hopefully we can produce another performance like this on Saturday.

I did make the decision to withdraw from the Britannia Cup (League Cup) competition this season due to the games we still have remaining in the league and the fact we don't have the biggest of squads. This wasn't an easy decision to make as I know the lads are keen to play in every competition available. Hopefully next season we won't have another repeat of weeks without football and we can give every competition a good go.

James Woolf



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Treasurer: Andrew Gell
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Assistant Manager: Paul Kane
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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
M20	Mar 11	AFC Kempston TH	BCL	3-3	10	Hislop	Blayney	Cooper	Poole	Knight
M	Mar 18	Biggleswade FC Res	BCL	2.30						
M	Mar 25	AFC Oakley	BCL	2.30						
M	Apr 01	Stotfold Development	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. Who were the six players at the 2022 FIFA World Cup Finals affiliated to Fulham?

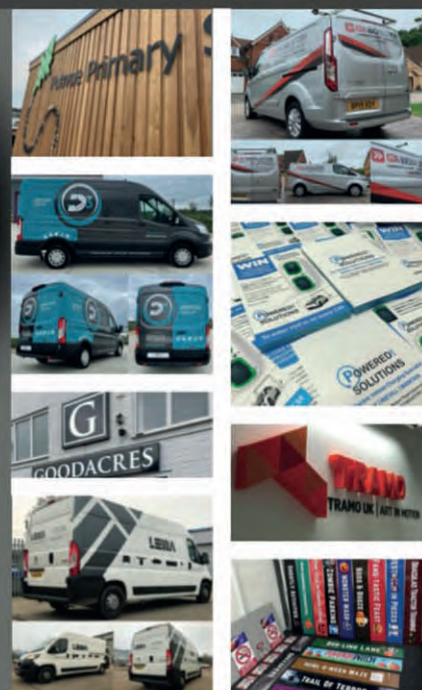
2. Who were the six oldest players to play Premier League football for Chelsea?

Answers on Page 5



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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
JHarris	Simmons	Keech	Cooke ¹	M.Crook	Donald ²	Bunday, Jermyn, Lucas			M20

OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

□ **A Spring Concert takes place at Bletsoe Village Hall on Sunday 16th April at 3pm. A variety of groups and a soloist. Entry £3.**

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

2. *Mark Schwarzer (41y 216d), Willy Caballero (38y 363 d), Thiago Silva (38y 156d), Graham Rix (37y 202 d), Glenn Hoddle (37y 198d) and Didier Droghba (37y 73d)*



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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	14	4		1			15	4	
Nelson Lourenco	1						1		
Liam Bolton		2						2	
Ryan Prior	6			1			7		
Jack Healy	4	1	1				4	1	1
Jake Hislop	17	1	1	1			18	1	1
Jay Willett	7	4	8				7	4	8
Elliot Bunday	11	4	1		1		11	5	1
Ryan Carbonero		2						2	
Patrick Knight	11	2			1		11	3	
Matt Marler	12	1	2				12	1	2
Sam Seuke	1						1		
Ryan Carter		1						1	
Mitchell Crook	16	2	3	1		1	17	2	3
Aaron Keech	18			1			19		
Sonny N-Cootes	15		8				15		8
Lewis Donald	15	2	5	1			15	2	5
James Cooke	9	8	2		1		9	9	2
Mark Darlow	1						1		
Alex Taylor	5	3	5				5	3	5
Nathan Crook		3						3	
Jamie Simmons	13	4		1			14	4	
Ed Blayney	4	2	1	1			5	2	1

Ollie Davey 1; Sam Harrison 4 1; Samuel King (4); Koron Cooper 3 (2); Richard Ball 1; Owen. Crook 1(1); Dan Bennett 4 (2); James Jermyn 3 (5); Dan Lucas 1 (3); Josh Poole 1(1)

VISITING GOLD STREET

BIGGLESWADE FC RESERVES

Biggleswade FC are looking forward to an historic evening on Tuesday 21st March when they will tread on to the hallowed turf at Luton Town's Kenilworth Road ground.

They will be taking on the Hatters' Development Squad

in the final of the Bedfordshire FA Senior Cup,

It is possible some of the players on show this afternoon will be looking to impress to get any available spots in the squad.

Biggleswade FC Reserves are the defending champions in the Bedfordshire County League Premier Division taking the title on the final day of last season.

They are again one of the challengers for the silverware.

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It's a scientific footballing fact that kicks from the penalty-spot are only enjoyable to watch when you have no skin in the game. Other teams? Bring it on. My team? No, thank you.

I've got a long-running agreement with an old school friend to alert one another to televised penalty shoot-outs.

Last Saturday was a shoot-out obsessive's ideal afternoon. Of the eight quarter-final ties in the FA Trophy and FA Vase, six went to kicks from the penalty-spot.

In the Trophy, Barnet triumphed at Maidstone United 4-3. Gateshead squeezed past National League North Farsley Celtic 4-2 on penalty-kicks.

The FA Vase provided a full house, with all four ties going the distance.

Holders Newport Pagnell Town continued their defence of the competition – no mean feat in itself – with a 4-3 penalties win.

Funnily enough, Albie Hall scored his two penalties in the 90 minutes but missed in the shoot-out when he had the chance to win it. I'm sure he won't mind following their progression.

After getting a leveller late on, Ascot United saw off West Didsbury & Chorlton 4-3 in the shoot-out to considerably brighten up their long journey home.

Congleton Town beat Bury AFC 5-4, while Corsham completed the set with a 3-2 win at Peacehaven & Telscombe, who had forced penalties with a 90th-minute leveller.

That's the thing with the competitions these days, no extra-time, it's straight into the penalty pressure cooker.

Views will always vary on whether extra-time should still stand, especially at this late stage of a cup competition.

The general consensus has been, consider the number of games played across a season – along with the fixture backlog good cup runs can bring – it's the right way to go.

It would be interesting to drill down into the stats of how many games have been settled on spot-kicks since extra time was scrapped. And has it led to more upsets?

From an away side's point of view, with no replays, perhaps going straight to penalties helps level the playing field.

An extra 30 minutes away from home is a long time to have to defend, especially if there is a big crowd in.

The semis are played across one leg these days too. Personally I used to quite enjoy the chess match of semis played over two legs.

It also brings to memory the time a Poole Town fans' forum likened Whitley Bay goal machine Paul Chow to a small four-legged horse after their first leg.

Of course he duly hit a hat-trick in the second game to book their place at Wembley. Eeyore indeed!

What are your views on the semi-final set-up? How about neutral grounds like in the FA Cup?

When there is so much at stake, the luck of the draw can have a big say when it comes to home advantage. Of course, you can always play for penalties.

Matt Badcock

THE TEAMS

Saturday 18th March



**RISELEY
SPORTS**

Gold

JAKE HISLOP (GK)
THOMAS LEWIN (GK)
MITCHELL CROOK
JOSH POOLE
EDWARD BLAYNEY
AARON KEECH
PATRICK KNIGHT
ELLIOT BUNDAY
JAMIE SIMMONS
JAMES COOKE
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JORDAN HARRIS
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KORON COOPER
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Manager

James Woolf

Referee: Peter Kwak

NEXT AT GOLD STREET

RISELEY SPORTS

v

Barton Rovers Reserves

Saturday 8th April

**BIGGLESWADE FC
RESERVES**



Green

ARUN KHAN
MOUSA JAMMEH
ROSS TAYLOR
ALFIE GARDINER
OLIVER THOMAS
CHRIS RICHARDSON
OSCAR SMITH
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