

**BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

# **WOMENS CHALLENGE VASE**

**2023** **FINAL** **2024**



## **LEAMINGTON LIONS LADIES**

**VS**

## **COVENTRY CITY WOMEN**

**MONDAY 29TH APRIL 2024 | 7:45PM KO | POUNDLAND BESCOT STADIUM**  
**ADULTS £7 | CONCESSIONS £3**



# COUNTY CUP FIXTURES & RESULTS 2023/24

## SUNDAY AMATEUR CUP

**3 C'S UNITED** **1-2** **FC PREMIER SUNDAY ADULTS WARRIORS**

Sunday 7th April | 11am KO | BCFA Excellence Arena

## GIRLS COUNTY CUP

**STRATFORD TOWN WOMENS & GIRLS U16** **4-1** **WORDLSEY WASPS U16 GIRLS**

Saturday 13th April | 11am KO | BCFA Excellence Arena

## ROGER WOOD MEMORIAL CUP

**TROOPER OPEN AGE** **8-0** **EMERALD ATHLETIC AFC**

Sunday 14th April | 11am KO | BCFA Excellence Arena

## SATURDAY MINOR CUP

**NEXT GENERATION U16 JPL** **1-2** **REDDITCH UNITED U16 JA**

Saturday 20th April | 11am KO | BCFA Excellence Arena

## SUNDAY VASE

**NORTH SOLIHULL ATHLETIC FC** **5-2** **MAYPOLE UNITED**

Sunday 21st April | 11am KO | BCFA Excellence Arena

## MIDWEEK FLOODLIT CUP

**CRADLEY TOWN FIRST** **2-6** **FC STRATFORD FIRST**

Tuesday 23rd April | 7:45pm KO | Poundland Bescot Stadium

## JOEL RICHARDS MEMORIAL CUP

**STOURBRIDGE FC U18** **6-8** **TAMWORTH ACADEMY U18 FLOODLIT**

Thursday 25th April | 7:45pm KO | Poundland Bescot Stadium

## WOMENS CHALLENGE VASE

**LEAMINGTON LIONS LADIES FIRST** **VS** **COVENTRY CITY WOMEN FIRST**

Monday 29th April | 7:45pm KO | Poundland Bescot Stadium

## SATURDAY AMATEUR CUP

**VILLAGE SECOND B** **VS** **SUTTON UNITED SUFC RESERVES**

Saturday 11th May | 2pm KO | BCFA Excellence Arena

## MINOR CHALLENGE CUP

**LYE TOWN YOUTH U16** **VS** **SOLI HULL U16 M**

Sunday 12th May | 11am KO | BCFA Excellence Arena

## WOMENS CHALLENGE CUP

**WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS WOMEN** **VS** **RUGBY BOROUGH WOMEN**

Tuesday 14th May | 7:45pm KO | Pirelli Stadium

## SENIOR CHALLENGE CUP

**ASTON VILLA FC** **VS** **RACING CLUB WARWICK FIRST**

Wednesday 15th May | 7:30pm KO | Villa Park

## SATURDAY VASE

**AFC BENTLEY SATURDAY** **VS** **AFC COVENTRY RANGERS FC**

Saturday 18th May | 2pm KO | BCFA Excellence Arena

## VETERANS CUP

**COUNDON COURT OLD BOYS 035'S VETS** **VS** **TROOPER VETERANS 035'S**

Sunday 19th May | 11am KO | BCFA Excellence Arena

## SUNDAY YOUTH CUP

**HALFWAY JUNIORS U18** **VS** **COVENTRY COPSEWOOD JUNIOR U18 BLUE**

Sunday 26th May | 11am KO | BCFA Excellence Arena



To buy tickets for finals at BCFA, click [HERE](#)

To buy tickets for the Women's Challenge Vase at the Pirelli Stadium, click [HERE](#).

To buy tickets for the Senior Challenge Cup at Villa Park, click [HERE](#).





"MY COACH  
WAS ALWAYS  
HAPPY AND  
LAUGHING AND  
JOKING -  
IT MADE ME  
TRY HARDER."

**COACHES. IT STARTS WITH YOU.**

STAY POSITIVE. BE SUPPORTIVE. SHOW RESPECT.



LOVE FOOTBALL  
PROTECT THE GAME.



# WELCOME

## 2023/24

A warm welcome to all the players, coaches, volunteers and supporters of both competing teams and also the match officials for this prestigious County Cup Final.

With 1000 clubs with a combined total of 5400 teams and 82,000 players playing all formats of the game within our County boundary, every team that makes it to one of our 15 Cup finals should be rightly proud of their achievements.

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Chief Executive Officer

It is also a big day for our match officials who have dedicated hours, and in some cases many years in the middle and on the side-lines at all levels of the game to have been selected to represent our 1563 Birmingham County FA officials at a final. This is a testament to their own development and a reward for their own performances during the current and previous seasons.

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank the thousands of volunteers for all the work they do throughout the season to simply help administer and improve their clubs and teams - more often than not unpaid and into the early hours and across many evenings. Without the range of volunteers at every level of the game and at every Club and League, then the game as we know it would not exist, especially at grassroots level. As part of the post-match celebrations, we will be presenting a volunteer award which each finalist has nominated as a thank you from those at each club.

I'd also like to thank my colleagues at Birmingham County FA for all the work they do, and the support they offer participants in order to promote, govern and develop the game and deliver 15 fantastic finals and create memories for those who play, coach, officiate and watch their friends, family and loved ones compete.

Enjoy the game and celebrate your achievements before and after the game, whilst at the same time recognising and respecting the achievements of the opposition and their efforts in making the final along with those of the match officials on a special day for them too.

Play well and play fair and enjoy the memories and friendships that the fixture brings.



Kevin Shoemake  
CEO - Birmingham County Football Association





# MEET THE OFFICIALS

2023/24



**Sophie Perry**



**Katrina Pritchard**



**Ellie Powers**



**Kerry Walker**

**Referee:** Sophie Perry (3W)

**Assistant Referee:** Katrina Pritchard (3W)

**Assistant Referee:** Ellie Powers (4W)

**Fourth Official:** Kerry Walker (3W)

*Number in brackets indicate Referee Level  
(Women's Pathway)*



# WOMENS CHALLENGE VASE

# LEAMINGTON LIONS

## ROUTE TO THE FINAL

### ROUND ONE

BYE TO ROUND TWO

### ROUND TWO

RUBERY JUNIORS  
RAVENS WOMEN

**A - W**  
AWAY WALKOVER

LEAMINGTON LIONS  
LADIES FIRST

### QUARTER-FINAL

LEAMINGTON LIONS  
LADIES FIRST

**6 - 0**

NUNEATON  
BOROUGH LADIES  
FIRST

### SEMI-FINAL

LEAMINGTON LIONS  
LADIES FIRST

**4 - 1**

COVENTRIANS  
LADIES





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it makes free money  
for your club"

Michael (FC Union Bristol)

# SAVE TODAY, PLAY TOMORROW

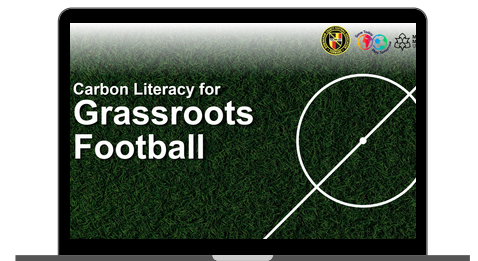


Save Today, Play Tomorrow the first of its kind sustainability programme in the UK that looks to pioneer the ambitious goal of creating a low carbon greener game. As the regional governing body, BCFA recognise the need to act now to ensure the beautiful game significantly reduces its environmental impact, whilst helping to educate those involved in football at all levels to make informed decisions that will shape how much future generations will be able to enjoy and sustain the game in the long term. As such, this award winning and unique initiative underpins all BCFA do and is their 'one big ambition'.

The programme has 4 workstreams that are aligned to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals or SDG's, these are Health & Wellbeing, Positive Education, Climate Action & Reconnecting Football with Nature (Biodiversity).

The overall aim of Save Today, Play Tomorrow is to achieve a more environmentally sustainable game by empowering, educating & engendering football clubs of all sizes with over 20 products & services, partnerships and initiatives that deliver measurable climate positive outputs. **Look at what your club could get involved in:**

**Carbon Literacy for Grassroots Football Course** – A bespoke education course that gives learners the fundamental basics about climate change and how the grassroots game can be part of the wider solution through practical & cost-effective changes. Right now, you can become Carbon Literate qualified for £10! By registering [here](#).



**Green Energy Product** – A 100% REGO certified renewable energy product specifically created for the grassroots football market, providing market competitive prices for clubs to begin their Net Zero journey. Register your interest [here](#).

**Sustainability League** – Join the first ever climate positive football league and your club could WIN £500 per month towards its operating costs.

**Football Rebooted** – Aiming to keep 1 million pairs of pre-worn boots out of landfill and in circulation for longer using 60 of our grassroots clubs as local collection & distribution hubs. To join them register your interest [here](#).





# SAVE TODAY, PLAY TOMORROW



**Liftshare** – Using the Liftshare digital platform we encourage car-pooling to football, reducing the individual financial cost of travel as well as harmful emissions damaging the environment and affecting people's long-term health. Over 800 individuals are now part of the BCFA lift share community accumulatively saving almost £30,000 on fuel and over 22 tonnes of CO2 emissions have been avoided. You can register [here](#) \*over 18's only.



**Weare8 / Green Innovation Fund** – Launching in early April this partnership with the social media platform WeAre8 will see funds generated through advertising being paid forwards directly back into the grassroots game to support green innovation projects. Follow the Save Today, Play Tomorrow our social channels to find out more on how you and your club can get involved!



WeAre8

BCFA were proudly accepted as participatory members of the UN's Sport for Climate Action Framework, the first County FA to do so, using the power of sport to normalise conversations, promote athlete advocacy at all levels, share best practice and implement innovative solutions to combat the increasing threat and negative impact of climate change on the beautiful game.

*Project Lead Richard Lindsay says of the programme "Climate change is arguably the greatest challenge of our generation. While grassroots football is not the cause; most clubs are SME sized, often loss-making, volunteer led enterprises with a microscale carbon footprint, we know there is an appetite for change with 86% of BCFA clubs believing the game should do more to reduce its environmental impact."*

*Save Today, Play Tomorrow offers huge potential for engagement, as the scale on which people share a close affinity with their community club is perhaps unparalleled in any other sport".*

## Football x Climate Quiz

1. How much CO2e in tonnes did BCFA affiliated clubs collectively pledge to save during last season's Sustainability League? A: 6.1 B: 7.1 C: 8.1
2. How many pairs of boots have BCFA clubs saved from landfill through the Football Rebooted scheme so far? A: 1000 B: 3000 C: 9000
3. In thousands how many miles have BCFA registered players avoided by using the Liftshare app to travel to games? A: 99,000 B: 103,000, C: 107,000



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# COVENTRY CITY

## ROUTE TO THE FINAL

### ROUND ONE

BYE TO ROUND TWO

### ROUND TWO

COVENTRY CITY  
WOMEN FIRST

H - W

CRADLEY TOWN DC  
LADIES

### QUARTER-FINAL

RUGBY TOWN  
WOMEN FIRST

1 - 1  
PENS (2-3)

COVENTRY CITY  
WOMEN FIRST

### SEMI-FINAL

COVENTRY CITY  
WOMEN FIRST

2 - 0

TAMWORTH FC  
WOMEN



COVENTRY CITY  
WOMEN & GIRLS F.C.



# **WOMENS CHALLENGE VASE** **VOLUNTEER AWARDS**

Each of our finalists were asked to nominate a Volunteer from each Club to win a 'Volunteer Award'. This is to recognise the contribution made by individuals who have made a positive impact at the club.

These awards will be presented after the match along with the player medals.

**MAKE  
FOOTBALL SAFE.  
WE ALL HAVE A  
PART TO PLAY.**



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GIRLS' FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL SESSIONS FOR GIRLS  
AGED 12-14 WHO WANT TO PLAY THEIR WAY



# BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

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## LEAMINGTON LIONS LADIES



Ella Ashley  
Lexi Blaxland  
Lauryn Farmer  
Jen Emeny-Green  
Leonie Hill  
Emily Jensen  
Grace Ryan-Lill  
Megan Lugg  
Naomi Morgan  
Bonnie Mountford  
Molly Noble  
Katie O'Brien  
Alix O'Donnell  
Georgina Roebuck  
Bahara Said  
Megan Smirles  
Linda Turner  
Elle York

### Coaching Staff:

*Greg Warren - Manager*

*Scott Langford - Assistant Manager*

### Kit Colours:

Orange & Black Shirt, Black Shorts, Black Socks  
GK Shirt - Green



## COVENTRY CITY WOMEN

Sydney Atkinson  
Aimee Blakemore  
Rachel Cooper  
Hannah Davis  
Tara Dougherty  
Sandra Dziedzic  
Sonia Dziedzic  
Georgia Furlong  
Georgia Jones  
Keleigh Marshall-Welch  
Alysha Smith Mcenery  
Helina Phillips  
Joanne Ryan  
Olivia Sharman  
Parisa Shergill  
Hollie Taylor  
Kiera White  
Sophie Woodhead

### Coaching Staff:

*Simon Hooper - Manager*

*Andy Davis - Assistant Manager*

*Stefany Alibrando-Martin - GK Coach*

*Sophie Reynolds - First Team coach*

*Naomi Greene - First Team coach*

### Kit Colours:

Sky Blue Shirt, Sky Blue Shorts, Sky Blue Socks  
GK Shirt - Green

## TROPHY PRESENTED BY

**Shameen Kazmi** - Shameen Kazmi has been a director for BCFA for the last few years. An instrumental figure in how the CFA has responded to its commitment to sustainability, Sham has been a driving force behind how BCFA have responded to the ever changing landscape of small businesses. Sham has a strategic background through his work with Brit Vic Pepsi Cola and has guided the County through various strategic changes over the last few years.

## MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Sophie Perry

Assistant Referee: Katrina Pritchard

Assistant Referee: Ellie Powers

Fourth Official: Kerry Walker

