BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

MIDWEEK FLOODLIT CUP 2022 FINAL 2023

WEDNESFIELD FC vs FC STRATFORD





THURSDAY 11 MAY 2023 | KICK OFF 7.45PM | WALSALL FC
ADULTS £5 | CONCESSIONS £2
OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME







COUNTY CUP FIXTURES 2022/23

YOU CAN BE PART OF THE #MORETHANACUP JOURNEY BY ATTENDING OUR 14 COUNTY CUP FINALS DURING APRIL AND MAY 2023.

SUNDAY AMATEUR CUP

EXCELLENCE ARENA BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA SUNDAY 2 APRIL, 11AM

GIRLS COUNTY CUP

EXCELLENCE ARENA BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA SATURDAY 15 APRIL, 11AM

SATURDAY MINOR CUP

EXCELLENCE ARENA BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA SATURDAY 22 APRIL, 11AM

SUNDAY VASE

EXCELLENCE ARENA BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA SUNDAY 23 APRIL, 11AM

ROGER WOOD MEMORIAL CUP

EXCELLENCE ARENA BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA SUNDAY 30 APRIL, 11AM

WOMEN'S COUNTY CUP

MOLINEUX STADIUM TUESDAY 9 MAY, 7.45PM

MIDWEEK FLOODLIT CUP

WALSALL FC THURSDAY 11 MAY, 7.45PM

SENIOR CUP

WALSALL FC FRIDAY 12 MAY, 7.45PM

SATURDAY AMATEUR CUP

EXCELLENCE ARENA BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA SATURDAY 13 MAY, 2PM

MINOR CUP

EXCELLENCE ARENA BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA SUNDAY 14 MAY, 11AM

JOEL RICHARDS MEMORIAL CUP

WALSALL FC **MONDAY 15 MAY, 7.45PM**

SATURDAY VASE

EXCELLENCE ARENA BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA SATURDAY 20 MAY, 2PM

VETERANS CUP

EXCELLENCE ARENA BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA SUNDAY 21 MAY, 11AM

SUNDAY YOUTH CUP

EXCELLENCE ARENA BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA SUNDAY 28 MAY, 11AM

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WELCOME

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME YOU TO TODAY'S **COUNTY CUP FINAL**

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 1,100 clubs with a combined total of 5,200 teams and nearly 79,000 players playing all formats of the game within our County boundary, every team that makes it to one of our 14 Cup Finals should be rightly proud of their achievements.



We have again received over 500 Cup entries across all of our competitions so the winners of this and each Final can proudly carry the mantle of County 'Champions' which also brings with it the kudos but added responsibility of playing and behaving in the manner that befits the title of Champions at their respective levels of the game for the next 12 months.

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 1,300 Birmingham County FA officials at their chosen Final which is part of their own development and reward for their own performances during the current and previous seasons.

I'd also like to take the opportunity of thanking the thousands of volunteers for all the work they do throughout the season to simply help and administer and improve their clubs and teams - more often than not unpaid and into the early hours 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 14 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 their special day as well.

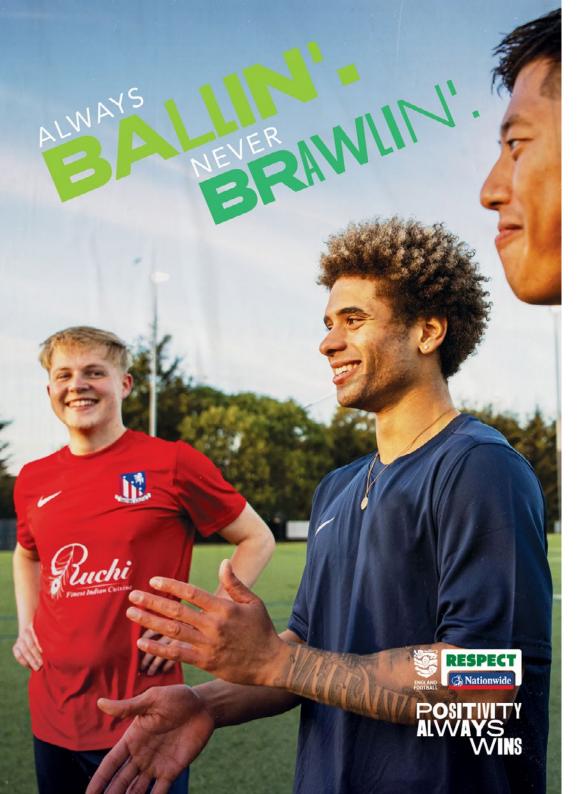
Play well and play fair and enjoy the memories and friendships that the fixture brings.

Kevin Shoemake CEO - Birmingham County FA



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MIDWEEK FLOODLIT CUP

MEET THE OFFICIALS



REFEREE

THOMAS DURNO

I qualified back in 2012 as a 16 year old, starting out in the Central Warwickshire Youth League, before shortly moving onto the Oakbourne League. I was then asked one day by a parent after a youth match if I wanted to run his line on an Midland Football League game the following evening. That's how I was introduced to the Non-League pyramid and started my journey, and haven't looked back since. I recently became a Level 3 official, operating at Step 2 as an Assistant Referee (National League North/South) and Step 3 and 4 as a Referee.

It's always an pleasure to represent Birmingham County FA in any capacity. I'm really looking forward to today's game, with two teams I have had some very enjoyable games officiating in the past.



ASSISTANT REFEREE

RYAN JENNINGS

I first qualified as a referee back in the summer of 2013, and was promoted to Level 4 in 2019. I am a member of the County FA's Referee Development Group. I wish the best of luck to both teams this evening and it is a pleasure to represent the County FA tonight at Bescot.



ASSISTANT REFEREE

THOMAS JOHNSON

I qualified back in 2016 as a 17-year-old, starting in the Stourbridge Youth District Football League, before shortly moving on to the West Midlands Regional League. After enjoying officiating on the WMRL and many other leagues I gained promotion to Level 4 Supply League Referee and also operate as an Assistant Referee at Contributory League level. Throughout this time I have been fortunate to be involved a select group of referees, that are involved with BCFA Referee Development Group (TED) which has aided my career as a match official. It's always a pleasure to represent Birmingham County FA in any capacity and I hope today's final is entertaining and enjoyable for everyone.



FOURTH OFFICIAL

JACK SHEPHERD

I am a Level 3 Referee and have refereeing for over 15 years to date. Refereeing has provided me with many memorable moments to date including this season where I refereed Nottingham Forest Women v Derby County Women in front of over 5000 at the City Ground. I was also recently appointed 4th Official on the Playoff Final between Nuneaton and Rushall Olympic and now refereeing has turned from a hobby into a career, as I am now the Referee Development Officer at Worcestershire FA.

MIDWEEK FLOODLIT CUP

WEDNESFIELD FC

THE ROAD TO THE FINAL

FIRST ROUND

WEDNESFIELD FC 3

VS

CRADLEY TOWN 2

QUARTER-FINAL

WEDNESFIELD 6

GORNAL ATHLETIC 5

SEMI-FINAL

DUDLEY TOWN 0 VS

WEDNESFIELD 1





2022/23

Birmingham County Football Association and their Save Today, Play Tomorrow programme is pleased to share that they have partnered with Birmingham and Black County Wildlife Trust as their Charity of the Year for the 22/23 season.

The vision for the Trust is for A Wilder Birmingham and Black Country with more green and wild spaces where nature thrives, and where everyone has an equal opportunity to access nature in their daily lives.

The Trust are working towards three goals that they aim to reach by 2030 which are;

- 1. To see 30% of Birmingham & Black Country's landscape managed for the benefit of wildlife
- 2. To have at least 1in 4 people in Birmingham & Black Country taking action for nature
- 3. To aim for 500 hectares (or the equivalent of 700 football pitches) to be improved to provide nature-based solutions to the ecological & climate crisis

It is hoped through this brand-new partnership BCFA member clubs and their supporters can play a part helping to raise the Trust's profile and encourage and adopt regular fundraising through a series of planned activities from wildlife gardening, citizen science, volunteering, campaigning, events, and training courses at one of the Trust's six nature reserves or two environmental education centres.

Football can play a vital part in protecting our planet by reconnecting and helping the recovery of nature. Grassroots football is predominantly an outdoor sport played on green spaces and it has a unique opportunity to support the Trust's on-going work.

By connecting our clubs & their members to nearby nature over the coming months, we hope will also bring about long-term health & wellbeing benefits reducing anxiety, stress and improving heart health for individuals coupled with the opportunity to raise money for a worthy cause. BCFA have agreed to donate some of the proceeds from ticket sales from all 14 of this seasons County Cup Finals to the Birmingham & Black Country Wildlife Trust

You can text your support with a donation using the below method:

BCFA Text Giving: Text STPT + donation amount to 70085 e.g. STPT 5 to 70085 to donate £5

DONATE **HERE**



BECOME A MEMBER TODAY



SAVE TODAY, PLAY TOMORROW

Birmingham County Football Association is committed to pioneering the way in which football minimises the impact of its activities on the environment.

More information on our commitment to creating a sustainable game is available below, along with helpful resources and documents that clubs, leagues and participants can use to help make a significant, positive contribution to the environment. Find out more by clicking here.

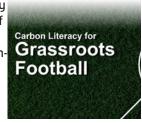


Carbon Neutral County Cup Finals. We are working with our carbon reporting & accounting partners Planet Mark, and the venue owners to ensure all 14 of this season's County Cup Finals will be carbon neutral events. Data will be collected on travel, food & beverage, energy & water consumption, and waste to plan and measure the overall emissions generated. These will be independently assessed and verified to meet robust PAS2060 standards and gold standard or VCS offsets will be procured for the finals to be Carbon Neutral events, as we look at more long-term solutions to reduce the impacts.



100% Renewable Energy Tariff. Birmingham County FA was proud to announce a new partnership with energy and sustainability consultant, Utility-Works. The partnership signals a commitment to helping football clubs of all shapes and sizes at the heart of their local communities, during the energy crisis and in the long-term transition to cheaper cleaner renewable energy. Find out more here.

Carbon Literacy for Grassroots Football Training Course. This one-day course gives attendees a months' worth of knowledge and awareness of the carbon costs and impacts of everyday activities and the ability and motivation to reduce emissions, on an individual, community, and organisational basis. Furthermore, learners will gain an understanding of the interdependencies between football and climate change, to allow them to take the necessary steps to reduce the impact the game is having on the environment. Click here for more.



Be A Super Supporter and Liftshare. Our first of its kind lift sharing scheme in grassroots football is going from strength to strength. To date users have saved over 27,000 miles in football journeys, that equates to 6.1 tonnes of harmful emissions not entering the atmosphere and £7829 not spent on fuel! Liftshare are the UK's largest car sharing organisation & this partnership provides you the opportunity to join the 750,000 likeminded people across the country to reduce their emissions footprint and save money. You can register to join our community here.



Stack-Cup. Birmingham County FA are pleased to announce a partnership with Stack-Cup to offer clubs the opportunity to introduce reusable, washable cups as part of their Save Today, Play Tomorrow programme. To find out more, contact James Roles at Stack-Cup on james.roles@ stack-cup.com or visit our website here.

Planet Mark Certified. Planet Mark Certified. We're proud to announce that for the second year we've achieved the Plan-et Mark Business Certification. This is an incredible achievement involving the entire business which has seen a 30% reduction in co2 emissions in the last 12 months. In this crucial #DecadeofAction, measuring our own carbon footprint has been a critical step in reducing our impact on the planet and society and through the findings and recommendations from the report we are on the right track to meet our Net Zero ambitions by 2030. View our full Planet Mark Year 2 Report here.



Football Rebooted. We are proud to say that within network we now have over 50 grassroots clubs of all sizes acting as Football Rebooted collection & distribution centres for their community. Through this partnership we are seeing literally hundreds of pre-worn boots being donated each season for use back on the pitch and out of landfill. Many of the clubs have linked with schools or local charities to provide footwear to those most in need, making this as much a social project as much as an environmental one.

On behalf of Birmingham County FA and our partners at Football Rebooted, many thanks to all those clubs involved that offer their continued support. If you would like your club to be part of the Football Rebooted scheme, then please get in contact.

Pledgeball Pledge of Sustainability. This season over 130 clubs with almost 1000 teams, and 12000 registered players have signed up to the Birmingham County FA Sustainability Pledge in partnership with Pledgeball engaging their members to pledge to select alternative lifestyle choices across 6 key areas, Travel, Food, Waste, Water, Energy & Community Engagement, By recording their behaviour changes throughout the season via the digital Pledgeball app the clubs have been competing each month to finish top of the league to receive £500 towards their running costs for this season.

To date 3,105,039kgsCO2e has been pledged to be saved this year which is the equivalent to taking 675 cars of the road.

To help support your club for FREE become more sustainable both environmentally & financially just follow these 3 easy steps:

- 1. Go to https://www.pledgeball.org/events/ and scroll down to "Up Coming Events" and select Birmingham County FA
- 2. Find & select your club
- 3. Register as a supporter, select your simple pledges and see the carbon savings for the year

To find out more about Pledgeball, head to Instagram, Twitter or Pledgeball.org

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR AWARD-WINNING SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMME HERE

THE AMBITIOUS GOAL OF LOW CARBON FOOTBALL







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FC STRATFORD

THE ROAD TO THE FINAL

FIRST ROUND

FC STRATFORD 3

VS

DUDLEY SPORTS 0

QUARTER-FINAL

CHELMSLEY TOWN 2 (4)

VS

FC STRATFORD 2 (5)

SEMI-FINAL

COTON GREEN SATURDAY 0

VS

FC STRATFORD 2





NOMINATE YOUR HEROES NOW

Coach of the Year - Female Pathway
Coach of the Year - Male Pathway
Coach of the Year - Disability Pathway
Grounds Team of the Year
Club of the Year
League of the Year
Match official of the Year

Young Volunteer of the Year
New Volunteer of the Year

The Lioness Award

Positive Football Environment Award



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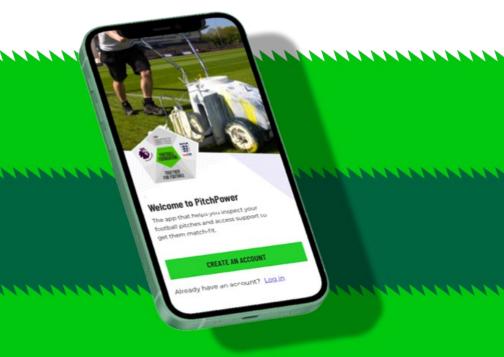
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FINAL

WEDNESFIELD FC



Ashley Bellingham Sam Bennett Jack Dew Dimitri Dunkley Joe Finch Jake Griffiths **Brandon Herkes** Jordon Jones Callum Knowles Shaquille Lee Sam Paddock Craig Pain Connor Parker Oscar Searle Dominic Smith Craig Tuckley Nathan Walker Jimmy Yates

COACHING STAFF

John Griffiths – Joint Manager Daniel Carter – Joint Manager Dave Billingham – Assistant Ryan McDonaugh - Assistant Mick Coyne – Coach Daniel Johnson – GK Coach

First Choice Colours: Red Shirts, Black Shorts, Red Socks



FC STRATFORD

Dan Atkins Louis Beresford Dan Chaundu Jake Collins Ben Cook Harry Cook Sacha Everard Kian Hamer Cian Hodson Johnny Johnston Leon Machisa Paddu McGroru Callum Monaghan Evan Osborne Dean Poulson Matty Reed Robbie Sone Joe Sukes

COACHING STAFF

Jon Hill - Manager Richard Hamer - Coach Dave Poulson - Coach

First Choice Colours: Dark Blue Shirts, Shots and Socks

TROPHY PRESENTED BY KEVIN SHOEMAKE

Kevin Shoemake took over as Chief Executive in 2017 and has been a driving figure in how the business has changed and adapted for long term sustainability. Kevin has committed a vast amount of resources to make the game more open, accessible and affordable. As an ex-professional footballer, Kevin understands the game, and this has seen a greater level of connectivity with the grassroots football community. A driving force in entertaining an improved county cup experience, Kevin Shoemake has implemented various strategies to improve grassroots football across the county.

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Thomas Durno Assistant Referee: Ryan Jennings Assistant Referee: Thomas Johnson Fourth Official: Jack Shepherd





