

GLoucestershire FA

Challenge Trophy



HALLEN

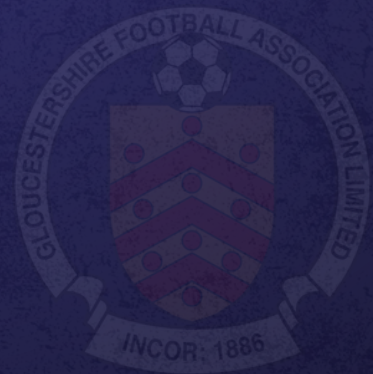


VS



FAIRFORD TOWN

OAKLANDS PARK | 01/05/25 | 19:30





Gloucestershire FA

County Cups Committee Board

On behalf of the Gloucestershire FA County Cups Committee Board, I would like to welcome today's teams, Hallen and Fairford Town and their players, club officials and supporters to Oaklands Park for this Challenge Trophy match. I also welcome the match officials, Jake Woolley, Samuel Lomas, Kevin Slade and Pshtiwan Ali, whose appointment recognises their performances this season. I hope they enjoy the occasion. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the GFA staff and the County Cups Committee members for all their hard work. Their combined work is vital to the success of our cup competitions. It only remains for me to wish both teams and the match officials good luck for today's game and hope that it is a memorable occasion for you all.

**Derek Cumner, Gloucestershire FA Cups
Committee (South)**





CHALLENGE TROPHY

This season's tournament saw 26 teams enter, and we are now down to the final two teams, Hallen and Fairford Town competing to be crowned as the 2024/25 Champions. Should the score be level after 90 minutes of play, the winner shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the procedures defined in the 'Laws of the Game'. No extra time will be played. Read on to find out how the two teams got here and who is playing in today's final.

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE: Jake Woolley

ASSISTANT: Samuel Lomas

ASSISTANT: Kevin Slade

4TH OFFICIAL: Pshtiwan Ali



HALLEN



SQUAD LIST

1. Harry Thomas-Barker
2. Kyle Sampson
3. Ethan Moore
4. Noah Blundell
5. Jordan Greenwood
6. Harry Barter
7. Lewis Saunders
8. Cory Thomas-Barker (C)
9. Elliot Gardner
10. Jack Askins
11. Harrison Fairman
12. Jack Jones
14. Tom Smallman
15. Harry Goldspink
16. Scott Cousins
17. Jack Sheppard-Cozens

Team Manager

Karl Baggaley

Assistant

Jason Goodfield

Director of Football

Andy Hawkins

Coach

Mark Read

Physio

Pat Delaney

Kitman

Barry "Bucket" Williams

KIT

Shirts - Blue/Black

Shorts - Black

Socks - Blue

GK - Green

Route to the Final

First Round - 1-1 (4-3 on pens) vs Roman Glass St George

Second Round - 2-0 vs Shirehampton First

Quarter Final - 3-0 vs Tuffley Rovers First

Semi-Final - 3-1 vs AEK Boco First



HALLEN



Manager's Comment

Hallen have had a tremendous season finishing as Champions of The Jewson Western League, Division One, with 3 games to spare. Their winning margin was a whopping 13 points, having won 35 games, whilst scoring a total of 106 goals and keeping 22 clean sheets.

Chairman' Lee Fairman has placed their success on an ethos of building the correct structure on and off the pitch.

Their Manager Karl Baggaley and his backroom staff of Jason, DoF, Mark and Pat, have had a major part to play creating an enjoyable environment and putting together a hard working team that want to play for the club and for each other.

As well as excellent recruitment of the 'right' players by Karl and his staff he has also inherited some of Hallen's very talented successful youth team players, who he is not afraid to put his trust in.

Hallen have arrived here in tonight's GFA Trophy final by defeating 2 of their local rivals in Shirehampton and AEK Boco as well as 2 Hellenic Premier Division teams in Roman Glass St George and Tuffley Rovers.

Lets hope they can defeat a third Hellenic Premier Division team this evening to win a historic league and cup double!



"MY COACH KEPT ME
SMILING ON THE PITCH
- THAT'S WHEN
I'M MOST
DANGEROUS."



COACHES. IT STARTS WITH YOU.
STAY POSITIVE. BE SUPPORTIVE. SHOW RESPECT.





FAIRFORD TOWN



SQUAD LIST

1. Ben Mitchell
2. Josh Blyth
3. Tristan Haswell
4. Danny Way
5. Charlie McCrae
6. Will Davidson
7. Charlie Holliday
8. Joah Hall
9. Ollie Bradbury
10. Joel Smedley
11. Tom Chamberlain
12. Eddie Lewis
14. Harrison Edwards
15. Henry Birkett
16. Dan Lewis Bamana
17. Rhys Bevan

Manager

Jamie Reid

Assistants

Sam Farr

Lee Randall

Sports Therapist

Olly Begley

Coach

Rich Cox

Strength & Conditioning

Coach & Analyst

Isaac Lawrence

KIT

Shirts - Red

Shorts - Red

Socks - Red

GK - Orange

Route to the Final

First Round - Bye

Second Round - 3-1 vs Newent Town First

Quarter Final - 3-0 vs Longwell Green Sports First

Semi-Final - 0-0 (5-3 on pens) vs Slimbridge First



FAIRFORD TOWN



Manager's Comment

We began the season strongly in the UHlsport Hellenic Premier League, suffering just one defeat by mid-October. This promising start had us believing that a genuine challenge for honours was on the cards. However, a difficult spell around January—marked by poor form, injuries, and suspensions—saw our momentum stall and playoff hopes fade, eventually ending the campaign in 9th place. To compound matters, the league's scheduling meant we played our final four fixtures in just eight days by April 5th, leaving us with a four-week break before today's final—far from ideal preparation. Further suspensions and player absences mean we're missing several key squad members, but the team is united in its aim to secure a first trophy in nine seasons.

Our route to the final has been a true test, with every match played away from home. The campaign began in early December with a youthful side earning a well-deserved 3-1 win at Newent Town. A late-February quarter-final at Longwell Green ended in a solid 3-0 victory. In the semi-final, a tense 0-0 draw with Slimbridge went to penalties, where long-serving keeper Ben Mitchell's crucial save helped us win 5-3. Notably, 18-year-old Ollie Bradbury—top scorer in the competition with three goals—has been a standout from our thriving under-18s, who topped the Southwest Counties Youth League and now face a playoff and cup final against Bridgwater.



County Cup Finals Schedule and Results

Sunday 9th March

U13 Girls Cup

**Gloucester City Women Red
0 - 1 Rodborough Lionesses**

Sunday 9th March

U15 Girls Cup

**Gloucester City Women
4 - 2 Cheltenham Town Ladies**

Sunday 16th March

U14 Girls Cup

**Gotherington Juniors Youth
U14 Jaguars 2-1 Cheltenham
Town Ladies U14**

Sunday 16th March

U16 Girls Cup

**City of Gloucester Women
Youth U16 Meteors 8-1
Cheltenham Spa Women U16**

Wednesday 26th March

Senior Challenge Cup

**Bristol Manor Farm 3-0
Bishops Cleeve**

Sunday 30th March

U12 (9v9) Boys Cup

**St Vallier Yellow 2-2 (4-3 on
pens) Whaddon United**

Sunday 30th March

U12 (9v9) Girls Cup

**Longwell Green Sports 2-3
Cheltenham Spa Women**

Sunday 30th March

U15 Boys Cup

**St Nicholas Black 1-3
Cinderford Town**

Tuesday 1st April

Primary Cup (South)

**Shaftesbury Crusade A 3-1
Avonmouth A**

Tuesday 1st April

Primary Cup (North)

**Painswick 3rds 1-1 (7-6 on
pens) Cheltenham Tigers 1st**

Thursday 3rd April

Minor Cup (South)

**Woodlands Spartak 1-3 AFC
Westerleigh**

Tuesday 8th April

Intermediate Cup (South)

**Bristol Boys 1-1 (5-4 on pens)
Shirehampton**

Tuesday 8th April

Minor Cup (North)

**Blockley 3-1 Barnwood United
Reserves**



County Cup Finals Schedule and Results

Thursday 10th April

Women's Challenge Cup
Southmead CS Ladies 2-0
North Bristol Wanderers
Women

Tuesday 15th April

Women's Senior Cup
Cheltenham Town 1-2 Bristol
City Academy

Tuesday 15th April

Intermediate Cup (North)
Hatherop First 2-0 Sharpness
Reserves

Tuesday 22nd April

Junior Cup (South)
Sporting Turin 0-5
Woodlands FC

Tuesday 22nd April

Junior Cup (North)
Abbeymead Rovers 4-0
Fintan

Thursday 24th April

Women's Trophy
Gloucester City Women vs
Frampton Rangers Ladies

Monday 28th April

U18 Youth Shield
Bishops Cleeve U18 1-0
Dursley Town U18

Tuesday 29th April

Senior Amateur Cup
Bromley Heath United 1-1
(1-3 on pens) Frampton
United

Thursday 1st May

Challenge Trophy
Hallen vs Fairford Town

Sunday 11th May

U13 Boys Cup
Bristol Central Youth vs
Stratton Youth

Sunday 11th May

U14 Boys Cup
Rockleaze Rangers Youth vs
Hallen Youth

Sunday 18th May

U16 Boys Cup
Rockleaze Rangers vs
Cirencester Town Gladiators

