



Hertfordshire FA



Under 14 Girls Challenge Cup Final 2024 **Hitchin Belles Youth v Hertford Town Girls**

Saturday 23rd March 2024 10:00am
The County Ground, Letchworth Garden City



Welcome to The County Ground



Our first County Cup Final of 2024

Good morning and a warm welcome to The County Ground, home of Hertfordshire FA for today's Under 14 Girls Cup Final.

Our congratulations go to the players and management of both Hitchin Belles Youth and Hertford Town Girls on reaching the final. We wish you the very best of luck and hope you have a memorable day. We also want to acknowledge both club's volunteers, whose hard work behind the scenes gives these players the opportunity to be part of the game.

Congratulations also to the Match Officials on your appointment to this game, you thoroughly deserve it and we hope you are able to enjoy the occasion.

Finally we are delighted to welcome Cassie Goodison, who is an Independent Director of Hertfordshire FA as Guest of Honour for today's final, where they will meet the teams before the game and also present the medals at the end of the match.

While you are here be sure to make the most of the facilities, including the Pitchside Cafe which is next to the main stand and will be serving hot and cold drinks, food and snacks throughout the day. Should you have a query, our staff will be happy to help you.

Our goal is to create a friendly and welcoming environment for all and therefore ask that you show your appreciation during and after the game in a positive manner.

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Competition History



This is the 24th Final of the Hertfordshire FA
Under 14 Girls Cup

The Under 14 Girls Challenge Cup was introduced in the 1997-98 season, reflecting the growth in girls playing across the county. This was the first time there had been County Cups specifically for girls in Hertfordshire and was introduced alongside Under 12 and Under 16 competitions, with cups for the 'odd' age groups being added from 2005-06.

The inaugural winners were Bushey Rangers who defeated Wormley Youth in that first final, however it is Watford Ladies who have been the most successful club in this competition, securing four wins in a seven year period from 2000 onwards, with a fifth added in 2022.

Hitchin Belles will be looking to add their name to the trophy for a second time, having previously won back in 2004. Victory today would see them become the fifth club to win this competition more than once, joining Garston Ladies, Harvesters and Stevenage Borough Juniors alongside Watford Ladies on the list of multiple winners.

Today's match will be 35 minutes each way, with kicks from the penalty mark if necessary. Teams are permitted roll-on/roll-off substitutes.

Recent Finals

The COVID pandemic caused the 2019-20 season to be cut short, with winning semi-finalists Watford Ladies and Garston declared to have shared the competition. The Under 14 Girls Cup was not run in the subsequent season before returning in 2021-22.

2010/11	Hoddesdon Town Owls	3 - 0	St. Albans City Youth
2011/12	Garston Ladies Junior	1 - 0	Bishops Stortford Youth
2013/14	Bury Rangers Girls	4 - 3	St. Albans City Youth
2014/15	Evergreen Youth	2 - 0	Harvesters
2015/16	Garston Ladies Youth	2 - 1	Watford Ladies Youth
2016/17	St Albans City Youth	6 - 2	Hatfield Town Youth
2017/18	Stevenage Borough Juniors	6 - 0	Borehamwood
2018/19	Watford FC Girls	5 - 0	Hitchin Belles Youth
2021/22	Watford Ladies Youth	5 - 0	St Albans City Youth
2022/23	Bedwell Rangers Youth	3 - 2	Watford Ladies Youth

Club Profile

Hitchin Belles Youth

All female club has been at the forefront of growing the game for twenty-five years

The club was founded by Roger Spicer in 1999 with the acknowledgement of Hitchin needing a girls football club. Within the first decade the club grew organically and quickly became one of the largest all female football clubs in the county.

At Hitchin Belles we aim to provide a caring, family environment where girls can develop their skills and enjoy football. Players are encouraged to challenge themselves, as we play competitive football with enjoyment and development at the forefront.

To continue our high standards it is crucial that all of our parents, carers, and supporters buy into the club's ethos, as they continue to positively represent Hitchin Belles.

Hitchin Belles has continued to thrive over the years to grow the female pathway. With a home ground at The Priory School we have expanded to over 450 registered players across 30 teams, making us one of the largest all female football clubs in England.



League Season

Hertfordshire Girls Football Partnership League, U14 Division 1

As at 18/03/2024

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Hertford Town Girls	11	8	1	2	24	25
2	Evergreen Youth	10	7	0	3	22	21
3	Chesham United	8	5	2	1	16	17
4	Hitchin Belles Youth	7	5	1	1	11	16
5	Harpenden Colts	11	5	0	6	-11	15
6	Stotfold Junior	10	3	2	5	-6	11
7	Garston Ladies Junior	11	3	2	6	-18	11
8	Chorleywood Common Youth	8	3	0	5	-10	9
9	Borehamwood Youth	12	0	2	10	-28	2

Your analysis of the season so far...

The team started this term being a late addition to Division 1 after mixed results the previous year. We welcomed four new players to the squad and after a positive pre-season we were ready for the challenge in a higher division and a new format.

The season started with the hardest test against today's opponents. A close game with two teams looking to play football from the back which ended with Belles coming out on top with a narrow victory. This kick-started what has been a very stop start season for the girls who have picked up five wins and one draw so far from their league matches.

The good form continued in both the League and County Cup competitions with the team progressing through the rounds to reach the semi-final and final respectively. A solid defence, creative midfield and a dangerous attack have made the team hard for opponents to break down and a threat once they get into the final third. If previous encounters are anything to go by we can look forward to another well contested match today.

RAISING THE GAME

*It's the standards you set
that make the difference*





Hitchin Belles Youth

**Currently 4th in the Hertfordshire Girls Football
Partnership League U14 Division 1**

As at 18/03/2024

League Form

Games Won	5
Games Drawn	1
Games Lost	1
Goals Scored	18
Goals Conceded	7

Leading Scorers

24	Olivia Gravestock
7	Isabella Starkey
4	Elsie Cobbett
3	Caitlyn White
3	Eleanor Taylor

Route to the Final

R1		BYE	
R2	Stevenage Starlets	0 - 9	Hitchin Belles Youth
QF	Watford Ladies Youth	0 - 7	Hitchin Belles Youth
SF	Welwyn Pegasus Youth	0 - 9	Hitchin Belles Youth



Hertford Town Girls

**Currently 1st in the Hertfordshire Girls Football
Partnership League U14 Division 1**

As at 18/03/2024

League Form

Games Won	8
Games Drawn	1
Games Lost	2
Goals Scored	31
Goals Conceded	7

Leading Scorers

16	Katlyn Chinn
13	Marlee Seymour
7	Alice Perea-Smith
6	Mia Schillaci-Rowland
4	Ava Ridley

Route to the Final

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R2	Hertford Town Girls	1 - 0	Evergreen Youth
QF	Chorleywood Common Youth	0 - 9	Hertford Town Girls
SF	BSC FC Youth	0 - 5	Hertford Town Girls

Club Profile

Hertford Town Girls

New beginning for a rapidly growing girls club in the east of the County

In 2015, after a successful tournament for their school, eleven girls signed up to create a first girls team within a local grassroots club. This team progressed brilliantly over the next two seasons, but the number of girls wanting to play football continued to grow rapidly.

After a successful Girls Football Week in November 2017, with forty girls now wanting to play, it was clear a new structure had to be put in place to develop girls football in the local area. It was then that a decision was made to start a new, girls only football club.

Meninas Football Club was formed and continued to grow rapidly. The club was founded on the principles that all players should 'Try - Learn - Improve - Enjoy' the game of football and be supported in doing so and the approach today is no different.

Changing from Meninas to Hertford Town Girls Football Club this season has given the club a clearer pathway from youth through to adult, offering players a direct route to the Hertford Town Women's team, regional football and state of the art facilities.



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Give us your analysis of the season so far...

We introduced six new players to the squad this season but fortunately it took the girls very little time to gel together. So far scoring a total of 55 goals in fourteen games across all competitions and only conceding eight.

A tight defeat on the opening day only motivated the girls to lift the standards every week at training and the performances on matchdays have been a joy to watch.

Katlyn, Marlee and Alice have scored nearly half of those goals between them, while Mia, Ava and Holly have contributed enormously from the middle of the pitch. Annie and Brooke provide the team with natural width and constant energy up and down the pitch.

Bella and Tilly have competed brilliantly and offer a huge amount in defensive positions, built round the outstanding partnership Emily and Sienna have formed. Demi and Georgie continue to push one another to higher standards every week.

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Hertfordshire FA Designated Safeguarding Manager
Gemma Chaffey on how you can play your part



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The FA offer a short Safeguarding for Parents Course designed to help you to make an informed choice about the football setting you enrol your child in. It starts by explaining the importance of safeguarding in football and the child-centred approach the game takes.

It will then guide you through questions you should ask to ensure the club or venue where your children play has the correct safeguarding policies, people and practices in place. The course also highlights signs that should concern you – and how to report these concerns.

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If you have a safeguarding concern you should raise it with your Club Welfare Officer, or alternatively contact our Designated Safeguarding Manager. Please call Gemma Chaffey on 07538 990836 or email safeguarding@hertfordshirefa.com.

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Hertfordshire FA County Cup Finals 2024



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Under 14 Girls Challenge Cup**

Hitchin Belles Youth vs Hertford Town Girls

**Saturday 23rd March 2:30pm
Under 15 Girls Challenge Cup**

Royston Town Youth vs Hitchin Belles Youth

**Sunday 24th March 3:00pm
Women's Trophy**

Colney Heath vs Stevenage FC Development

**Wednesday 27th March 7:45pm
Senior Centenary Trophy**

Royston Town U23 vs Hoddesdon Town

**Friday 29th March 3:00pm
Junior Cup**

Sarratt Res vs Bishop's Stortford Swifts Res

**Wednesday 3rd April 7:45pm*
Senior Challenge Cup**

Finalists and venue to be confirmed

**Sunday 7th April 10:00am
Under 18 Boys Challenge Cup**

Cheshunt Youth vs Harpenden Colts

**Sunday 7th April 3:00pm
Sunday Intermediate Cup**

Finalists to be confirmed

**Wednesday 10th April 7:45pm
Charity Shield**

Tring Athletic vs Oxhey Jets

**Sunday 14th April 10:00am
Under 14 Boys Challenge Cup**

Sun Sports Youth vs Kings Langley Youth

**Sunday 14th April 3:00pm
Sunday Junior Cup**

Hertford Club De Futbol vs Northaw Res

**Sunday 21st April 10:00am
Under 15 Boys Challenge Cup**

Finalists to be confirmed

**Sunday 21st April 3:00pm
Women's Senior Challenge Cup**

Royston Town vs Watford FC

**Sunday 28th April 10:00am
Under 16 Boys Challenge Cup**

Finalists to be confirmed

**Sunday 28th April 3:00pm
Sunday Senior Cup**

Finalists to be confirmed

**Saturday 4th May 10:00am
Under 16 Girls Challenge Cup**

Finalists to be confirmed

**Saturday 4th May 3:00pm
Under 18 Girls Challenge Cup**

Finalists to be confirmed

**Date and venue to be confirmed*
Charity Cup**

Potters Bar Town v St Albans City

**Date to be confirmed
Intermediate Cup**

Finalists to be confirmed

** All finals to be played at The County Ground, Letchworth, with the exception of the Senior Cup and Charity Cup*



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