

Friday 15th March 2024  
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Saturday Amateur Cup

# FINAL 2024

Manchester Corinthians FC **V** De La Salle FC

# WELCOME FROM MANCHESTER FA



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Manchester Football Association would like to welcome everyone to tonight's Saturday Amateur Cup Final.

Tonight we welcome Manchester Corinthians & De La Salle who will battle it out to win our third County Cup Final of 2024. Both of the teams will be familiar with each other, as they both play in the Manchester Football League Division 2 and are currently occupying the top two positions in the table.

The Saturday Amateur Cup has provided us with some of our more entertaining fixtures and there is no doubt that tonight's affair will be up there with some of the greats!

**On behalf of Manchester FA, good luck to each of tonight's teams!**



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# THE SATURDAY AMATEUR CUP



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Whilst the Challenge Trophy is competed between teams from both of the Manchester League's top two tiers, as well as the Lancashire and Cheshire League's Premier Divisions, the Amateur Cup is made up of teams from all the other leagues in Greater Manchester.

Tonight, will see a different winner for the first time since 2019, following the competition being impacted by COVID 19 and impressive back-to-back wins from AFC Middleton.

## LAST 5 WINNERS

**2023** - AFC Middleton

**2022** - AFC Middleton

**2019** - Failsworth Dynamos

**2018** - AFC Middleton

**2017** - Manchester Gregorians



**2023 Winners: AFC Middleton**

## AIMEE COOK - FOOTBALL SERVICES OFFICER

Our County Cup Finals are now well underway for 2024, where we have seen some thrilling finals, showcasing the quality of grassroots football in Greater Manchester.



Tonight we see the current top two teams from the Manchester Football League Division 2, compete to win the Saturday Amateur Cup. On behalf of Manchester FA, I offer a very warm welcome to spectators, teams and match officials to this evening's Final.

A massive thank you to everyone involved in making this final happen, including Hyde United for once again hosting this prestigious competition at Ewen Fields. Finally, I would like to wish both teams the best of luck!



"MY COACH DIDN'T ONLY  
BUILD ME AS A PLAYER  
— HE BUILT ME  
AS A PERSON."



"My ethos was —  
play with a smile  
on your face."

— David  
Marcus's Grassroots Coach



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STAY POSITIVE. BE SUPPORTIVE. SHOW RESPECT.



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PROTECT THE GAME.

# MEET THE MATCH OFFICIALS



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**It's important not to forget the 'third team' taking to the pitch for tonight's match, the officials!**



**MIKE DERMODY**  
**REFEREE**



**OLIVER HAMILTON**  
**ASSISTANT REFEREE**



**CHRIS BARLOW**  
**ASSISTANT REFEREE**



**BEN CROUCHER**  
**FOURTH OFFICIAL**

**Just as with the Clubs, being involved in a Cup Final is a special occasion and a significant achievement that's earned from countless solid performances throughout the season. Each of the match officials appointed to the game honed their skills in the grassroots leagues across Greater Manchester.**





# THERE'S NO SPACE FOR HATE IN OUR GAME.

ABUSE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.  
DISCRIMINATION WILL BE PUNISHED.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH



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# VIEW FROM THE DUGOUT



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## **Clayton Palmer, Manchester Corinthians Manager:**

“ Considering this is our first year together it’s been a mega start to life with a senior team at our club. The league we are in is probably a bit more competitive than we imagined, which has been good for us as a young side who have aspirations of climbing the leagues.

We’ve got some serious talent and a real good blend of youth and experience which has meant were in a top place to finish the season with a few trophies - all being well!

Having this cup run has really brought the lads close together and hopefully we will get over the line against a top side from Della. On a personal level its been rewarding to have players come back to the club they played at as juniors and join the men’s team. It is also great to see the support we get every week from the junior players at the club and from their families. ”



## **Robert Cooke, De le Salle Manager:**

“ The lads are doing well and getting better and better each week after a up and down start.

They are still competing in all competitions and we are hoping to enjoy success by winning some silverware this season, after narrowly missing out on promotion last year by a single point.

Thankyou for your support and enjoy the game! ”



# UPCOMING MFA COUNTY CUP FINALS



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## **SUNDAY AMATEUR**

**Friday 22nd March at Hyde United FC**

## **VETERANS CUP**

**Friday 19th April at Irlam FC**

## **U16 BOYS YOUTH CUP**

**Tuesday 23rd April at Abbey Hey FC**

## **U16 GIRLS YOUTH CUP**

**Thursday 25th April at Abbey Hey FC**

## **GIRLS YOUTH CUP FINAL DAY**

**Saturday 11th May at Avro FC**

## **BOYS YOUTH CUP FINAL DAY**

**Sunday 12th May at Avro FC**

**ALL GAMES LIVE ON**



# MEET THE TEAMS



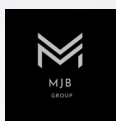
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## MANCHESTER CORINTHIANS



Manchester Corinthians JFC formed in 2010 and built a reputation in Manchester as a superb grassroots club for juniors to come and play. This year we formed an adults section to provide a pathway for our Juniors to progress through u17 u18 and eventually adult football. We hope in time to have our own facility and to climb the football pyramid. We are currently based at Failsworth School and Wright Robinson SC.

We would like to say thank you to our sponsors for this season:



## ROUTE TO THE FINAL

PRELIM: **BYE**

R1: **MANCHESTER CORINTHIANS** 2-0 Village Manchester

R2: Milltown 0-10 **MANCHESTER CORINTHIANS**

QF: **MANCHESTER CORINTHIANS** 3-2 Eccles United

SF: Chadderton Cott Reserves 0-7 **MANCHESTER CORINTHIANS**





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## DE LA SALLE FC



De La Salle FC has been around since 1975. We have over 30 teams across all age groups.

We are based at De La Salle Sports & Social club in Salford. We have a proud history of developing players at the young ages and celebrating many successes on and off the pitch over the years.

We would like to say thank you to our sponsors for this season.

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## ROUTE TO THE FINAL

PRELIM: **BYE**

R1: Chadderton EDS 2-5 **DE LA SALLE**

R2: Hollingwood 2-7 **DE LA SALLE**

QF: Stretford Padock 2-4 **DE LA SALLE**

SF: Salford Victoria 2-2 **DE LA SALLE (2-4 PENS)**



# 2024 RAMADAN



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# RAMADAN MUBARAK



Around the world there are more than 1.6 billion Muslim people. In Manchester alone, around 15.8% of the population identify as Muslim.

Just like other religions, Islam has certain times during the year to celebrate their own faith. For example, Christians have Easter and Christmas, and Jewish people have Hanukkah and Passover.

## **What is Ramadan?**

Ramadan is a religious holiday for Muslims across the globe to worship God (also known as Allah in Arabic). During the month of Ramadan, most Muslims fast between sunrise to sunset for a whole month. A water fast is also included. It's pretty tough, but for many Muslims around the world, it is a really important part of their religion!

Muslims take this time to focus on their religion and strengthen their bond to God. As well as fasting, this includes reading from their religious book called the Qu'ran, and the fasting is to help them focus on that. Each year Ramadan starts on a slightly different date!

## **What does Ramadan actually mean?**

The name 'Ramadan' is actually the name of a month in the Islamic calendar. And that calendar is a little bit different because it is based on the cycles of the moon!

## **Ramadan and Grassroots Football**

In line with The FA's rule B5 football & religious observance, a participant cannot be compelled to play football in the religious holiday unless they've consented or are a professional player under contract. For grassroots football, The FA's rule B5 means that fixtures that fall within the month of Ramadan can be played either after sunset or delayed until after Eid al-Fitr.

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# RAMADAN MUBARAK



## **How does this affect Muslim people on the pitch?**

It is important to consider that Muslim players, referees and coaches may not wish to take part in football during the holy month of Ramadan. However, many individuals may wish to maintain their involvement and it is important that we support their involvement as best as we can

## **Do Muslims not eat or drink at all?**

This is false. Despite a popular misconception, Muslims who celebrate Ramadan do break their fast after sunset but before sunrise. They do have some big meals between those time periods, because having no food or water at all for a whole month would be impossible! Not everyone has to fast during Ramadan! People who are pregnant, elderly, menstruating or sick, often don't. And children only fast once they reach puberty.

## **What happens once Ramadan is over?**

There is a huge festival at the end of Ramadan called Eid al-fitr (pronounced ee-d al fit-r). It translates as 'the breaking of the fast' in Arabic. Children wear new clothes, special pastries are baked, prayers are said at the Mosque, gifts are exchanged, and graves of relatives are visited.

Despite certain changes during the holy month, Ramadan is an exciting month for many Muslims and a huge part of their religion. There are many ways we can support our Muslim friends:

- Don't be afraid of asking any questions - You can learn a lot!
- Don't ask why someone isn't fasting - There are many reasons including medical and personal. Those who aren't able to fast may choose to take part in other ways of worship.
- Be considerate when making plans - Arrange to meet earlier in the day when they may still have energy from their dawn meal, or go for a walk rather than meeting for lunch?

**To wish your Muslim friends a happy Ramadan, you can say "Ramadan Mubarak" which means you are wishing them a blessed one**





# **HOMOPHOBIC CHANTING AND BEHAVIOUR**

**IT'S NOT OK.  
IF YOU HEAR IT, REPORT IT.**



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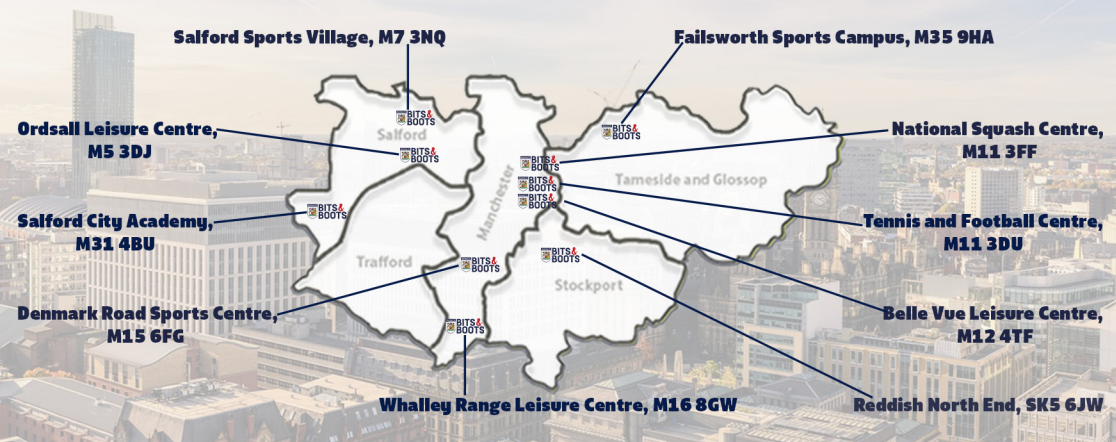
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# MANCHESTER FA BITS AND BOOTS



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**Manchester FA have launched a new club shop consisting of pre-loved items of kit (shirts, shorts, boots etc) that will be collected from donation points across the region and re-distributed to individuals and families.**

Manchester FA has partnered up with numerous organisations across Greater Manchester, to help those facing financial pressure remain in football. **Greater Manchester is home to some of the highest concentrations of poverty and deprivation in the country.** There are 620,000 people, out of a population of 2.8m, living below the poverty line in our city region.

Bits and Boots hopes to alleviate some of the pressures of the cost of living crisis and ensure people can continue to remain active in sport and improve the retention levels of people taking part in physical activity across Manchester. Kit/boots will be available online and at our pop shop within the season.

“Lots of us have unwanted and sometime used football kit/boots in our wardrobes and don’t know what to do with them, especially with children who grow out of kit and boots so quickly. We want to create a new initiative that helps those, who need it the most during this cost of living crisis; as well as helping reduce carbon footprint by recycling unwanted clothing. We are committed in helping those who need it whilst also aiding environment. By charging a nominal fee for kit we will hope to keep the project sustainable for the long term” - Manchester FA’s staff, Aimee Cook and Georgie Oliver

**If you need access to kit and boots, would like to refer someone or if you wish to get involved, please contact us at [support@manchesterfa.com](mailto:support@manchesterfa.com) with subject Bits & Boots.**

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# Veo Cam 3 is here

**Manchester FA members can benefit from £200 off their VEO camera purchase via our affiliate link which you can access through the VEO article on our website!**





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# THE VAULT

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**New content has just dropped in The Grassroots Mental Health Vault!** Included in this are: ⚽ 2 new podcasts, ⚽ 4 new articles/infographics, ⚽ A new date for Mental Health First Aid Training

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# USEFUL SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS



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POLICE**

## **POLICE (Immediate Threat)**

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## **POLICE (Non-Immediate Threat)**

Tel: 101

**NSPCC**

## **NSPCC**

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## MANCHESTER CORINTHIANS FC

**Colours:** White, White, White  
**Goalkeeper:** Pink

Clayton Palmer  
Keith Melvin  
Niall Brooks  
Jack Beasley  
Ben Holmes  
Charlie Burton  
Oliver Higgins (C)  
Jason Fruhwirth  
Patrick Anderson Rodrigues De Sousa  
Dylan Francis  
Joshua Heywood  
Adam Poole  
Sean Dunstan  
Daniel Tindall  
Ethan Lord  
Frazer McDonald  
Prince Osei Kojo Attah  
Alex Wild  
Jimmy Burling  
Tom Dunn  
Scott Morris  
Kyrán Leigh  
Jack Gill  
Dean Gibson  
Oliver McFayden  
Liam Benjamin Gray  
Adao Luis Manuel  
Liam Brown – Suspended  
Harvey Mallinder  
Xaviae Myres



Clayton Palmer  
David Higgins  
Ben Martin

**Manager**  
**Assistant Manager**  
**Goalkeeper Coach**

## DE LA SALLE FC

**Colours:** Red, Black, Black  
**Goalkeeper :** Yellow

Robert Cooke  
Harrie Fisher  
Josh Messer  
Jack Galbraith  
Jordan Ferguson  
Tom Nunn  
Matthew Styles  
Connor Mcivor  
Taylor Share  
George Rowbotham  
Connor Lamb  
Jack Davies  
Jonothan Dunne  
Charlie Hilton  
Jacob Kelly  
Jack Davies (C)  
Loui Preston  
Lewis Saunders  
Callum McCarty  
Theo Barr  
Zar Jordan  
Nick Petrou  
Nathan Wallis  
Matthew Purcell  
Kyle Garner  
Jacob O Neil  
Ryan Telford



Robert Cooke  
Kieran Ward  
Jacob O Neil

**Manager**  
**Assistant Manager**  
**Assistant Manager**

## MATCH OFFICIALS

**Referee:** Mike Dermody  
**Assistant 2:** Chris Barlow

**Assistant 1:** Oliver Hamilton  
**4th Official:** Ben Croucher