

Tuesday 23rd April 2024
The Abbey Stadium



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Manchester FA Boys U16s Cup

FINAL 2024

Curzon Ashton FC V Manchester Cobras FC

WELCOME FROM MANCHESTER FA



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Manchester Football Association would like to welcome everyone to tonight's Boys U16s Cup Final.

We welcome two strong footballing sides that have all had successful seasons in Manchester FA Competitions.

We look forward to what should be an exciting game ahead and a memorable final for all involved!

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



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THE MANCHESTER FA BOYS U16S CUP



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Manchester FA provides County Cup competitions for teams and players aged U12s through to U18s.

These competitions offer both male and female players the opportunity to pit their skills against teams from across Greater Manchester, most of whom they wouldn't meet otherwise.



2023 Winners: Irlam JFC

AIMEE COOK - FOOTBALL SERVICES OFFICER

The County Cup schedule is well underway as we move on to another final of a busy period of County Cup action. On behalf of Manchester FA, I offer a very warm welcome to spectators, teams and match officials to this evening's U16's Cup Final.



We welcome two good teams for this evening's final and with that, we predict this final to provide an entertaining evening for all.

I would like to thank everyone involved in making this final happen, including Abbey Hey FC for hosting this competition at the Abbey Stadium.

Finally, I would like to wish both teams the best of luck.



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



HADLEY WARHURST
REFEREE



TOM BARKER
ASSISTANT REFEREE



BEN WEATHERSTONE
ASSISTANT REFEREE



STEPHEN RAYNOR
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.



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VIEW FROM THE DUGOUT



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Steven Gemmell, Curzon Ashton, Manager:

“ Today’s final is a great Achievement for everyone involved with the team. The spirit , strong mentality and willingness to give everything for the cause is a very important part of the culture and environment that we wanted to set and the whole squad have shown that in abundance all season.

In the semi final the players were superb as they have been all season, starting the game fast showing our intent early combined with hard graft and passion for the shirt from start to finish

We look forward to the final against Cobras, they have good players and we are under no illusion as to what will be needed to come out on top this evening.

Hope everyone enjoys the game. UpTheNash! ”



Dan Connolly and Stephen Maylett, Manchester Cobras Managers:

“ Manchester Cobras season so far has been incredible. The boys have consistently played to the highest level this season and have managed to achieve the following: Manchester FA County Cup Final, League Cup Final and currently sit top of the league with 4 games to play

These boys have been a joy to coach and watch week in week out and are a credit to everyone associated with the club.

We are immensely proud of every single lad in our squad and they have all played a part in this incredible final season. ”



UPCOMING MFA COUNTY CUP FINALS



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U18 YOUTH CUP FINAL DAY

Sunday 28th April at FC United of Manchester

WOMENS CHALLENGE CUP

Wednesday 1st May at Rochdale AFC

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



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CURZON ASHTON FC



Curzon Ashton Football Club is an association football club based in Ashton-under-Lyne, Greater Manchester, England. Founded in 1963 and nicknamed "The Nash", the club is affiliated to the Manchester Football Association and currently competes in the National League North, (2023/24) at the sixth tier of English football. Curzon Ashton won Division One North of the Northern Premier League in the 2013–14 season, and the Premier Division play-offs in the 2014–15 season, thereby gaining promotion to the National League North. Home matches have been played at Tameside Stadium since 2005



ROUTE TO THE FINAL

PRELIM: Failsworth Villa 0-6 **CURZON ASHTON**
R1: Trafford FC 1-4 **CURZON ASHTON**
R2: **CURZON ASHTON** 7-0 De La Salle
QF: Curzon Ashton Whites 0-1 **CURZON ASHTON**
SF: **CURZON ASHTON** 5-1 Avro



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MANCHESTER COBRAS FC



Our club was first formed in 2016. We started lower down the leagues in the EMJFL and quickly rose to the Premier Division. We have always tried to play an attractive attacking style of football and we have produced some outstanding players doing it this way. We have had countless players move on to Academy football and this is a testament to their hard work and trust in us, their coaches and their own ability.

We would like to thank all of the players and parents both past and present for their massive contribution to all that we have achieved over these past 8 years.



ROUTE TO THE FINAL

PRELIM: **BYE**

R1: **MANCHESTER COBRAS** 5-0 Cheadle Town Reds

R2: **MANCHESTER COBRAS** 13-0 FC Bluestar Titans

QF: **MANCHESTER COBRAS** 1-0 Irlam

SF: **MANCHESTER COBRAS** 2-1 Timperley Barca



"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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MANCHESTER FA CELEBRATES REFUGEES WITH AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL'S FOOTBALL WELCOMES CAMPAIGN

This year marks seven years of Amnesty International's Football Welcomes campaign and alongside hundreds of clubs/organisations, we have signed up to continue efforts to welcome refugees and people seeking asylum.

Football Welcomes plays an important role in helping to settle people who have fled conflict and persecution into a new culture, to make friends, learn the language and get to know the local area.

To show their support for people seeking asylum, participating clubs have hosted a range of football-based events including training sessions, matches or stadium tours for refugees. Some clubs are incorporating learning about refugee rights in their work with schools, while others are helping to raise awareness online.

Thankyou to Amnesty UK for supplying us with some t-shirts to mark their #FootballWelcomes month of action for our Refugee Football Session, that takes place every Monday and uses football to connect people together.



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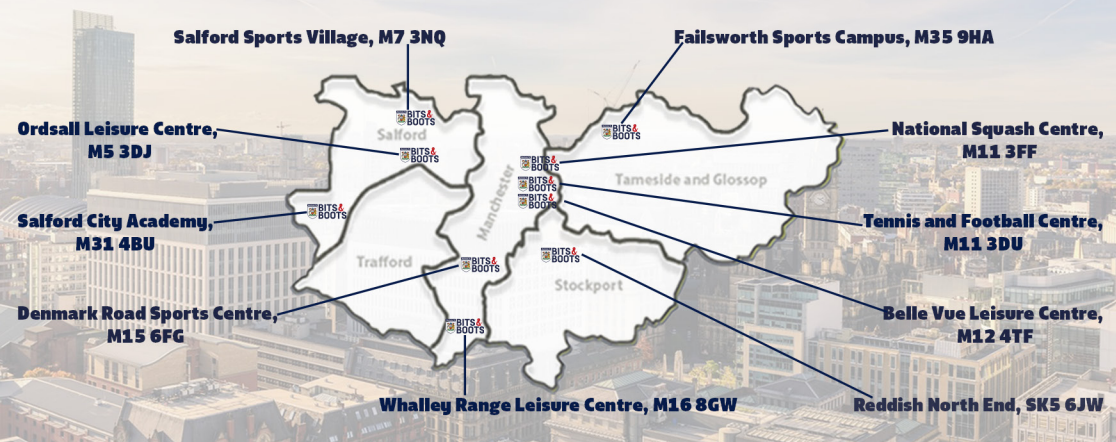
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MANCHESTER FA BITS AND BOOTS



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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 sometimes unused 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 our environment by charging a nominal fee for kit. We hope this will 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 with the subject Bits & Boots.

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CURZON ASHTON FC U16

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Goalkeeper: Yellow

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Harry Bovis
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Tyler Clarke-Reid
Joshua Coxon
James Davis
Cory Dixon
Sol Etchells
Divine Eyeoyibo
Oscar Fletcher
Rhys Ehren Flynn
Evangel Gyabaah
Louie Hall (C)
Sam Hicks
Callum Horobin
Ewan James Hastie
Stephen Melia
Michael O'Connell
Cameron Pickles
Adam Rehman
Adam Shaffi
Jude Smith
Anastasis Tzatzos
Toby Wilde



MANCHESTER COBRAS FC U16

Colours: Red, Black, Black

Goalkeeper : Green

Ryan Hendry
Sean Westwood
Harry Challoner
Archie Taylor
Theo Crawley
Haris Latif
Kian Leckey
Stephen Maylett
David Kerrigan
Harrison Connolly (C)
Jack Blakeley
William Gore
Andrew Ndhlovu
Elliot Osasuyi
Daniel Petra
Jack Stanner
Samir Ehimamiegbo
Mauracy Borowski
Israel Bianga
Ike Iwelu
Harley Higgins
Hasan Mahmood



Steven Gemmell
Lou Bovis
Ant Etchells
Harvey Woodhouse

Manager
Assistant Manager
Coach
Coach

Dan Connolly
Stephen Maylett

Manager
Manager

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Hadley Warhurst
Assistant 2: Tom Barker

Assistant 1: Ben Weatherstone
4th Official: Stephen Raynor