

The FINAL



**HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN
vs. WORTHING TOWN**

**SUSSEX GIRLS' CHALLENGE CUP FINAL (UNDER-18s)
SUNDAY 10 MARCH 2024 | KICK-OFF: 2.30PM**

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WELCOME

Welcome to the Sussex County FA Headquarters for today's Sussex Girls' Challenge Cup Final between Haywards Heath Town and Worthing Town.

Should the score be level after ninety minutes, the result will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark.

We are pleased to extend a warm welcome to our match officials, and we congratulate each of them for their appointment to this game.

The trophy and individual mementos will be presented to the players and officials on the field of play following the conclusion of the match.

Please make use of the facilities, the licensed bar and servery will be open throughout for hot food, drinks and other refreshments.

Finally for those of you that embrace social media you can keep up to date with all the latest news from the Sussex County FA by following on Facebook, X, Instagram, YouTube, TikTok and LinkedIn.

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Thura KT Win
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HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN



Pre-Match Preview: Dave Cole

For Haywards Heath Town Manager, Dave Cole, it's very much a case of same venue, same players', new team as he prepares for the inaugural Sussex Girls' Challenge Cup Final (Under-18s).

With his team consisting mostly of the same crop of players that lifted last season's Sussex Girls' Challenge Cup (Under-16s) as Crawley Wasps, prior to their merger with Haywards Heath Town, Coles side showed that same winning mentality, starting in the Quarter-Final with an 8-0 win over Newhaven.

"With our team training twice a week, what we found with that game against Newhaven was that it started a quite competitive match," said Cole, "but as the game went on you could see them start to drop off.

"Then the game against Littlehampton Town, the pitch did play its part, but we dominated in the first-half and they defended very well.

"But once we got that first one things started to open up and we were able to come away with that 4-0 win."

With those wins a snapshot of a strong season for Haywards Heath, who would Cole point to as being the key difference makers in his squad?

"For me straight away I'd say Ella Greenway," said Cole, "she started out at full-back, but had always been asking to go upfront.

"So, pre-season I said we'd give it a go and see what happened, and she's taken to it like a duck to water, and even though she's not the most imposing player, she's very tricky and knows where the goal is!"

Of course, for Cole and many of his players, this season has been their first in the blue of Haywards Heath.

Yet with many continuing on in the team that lifted the cup last year, it's been a smooth transition on the pitch for his side.

"We've been lucky to have kept the majority of those players from last season.

"We're more than holding our own in the Junior Premier League (JPL), and currently sit in third.

"Whereas before there were times where we'd be in games, and then they'd get away from us, we've really held our own in all our matches, even in the ones we didn't win, which has been great to see."

If Cole's players are going to make it two cup wins in a row at Culver Road, they'll have to get past a strong Worthing Town side.

"We have played Worthing Town before in the league a couple of times and come away with some hard-fought wins against them," said Cole, "and whilst the first game was a really tight scrappy game, the next time we played them, we were a lot more in control.

"But we know the danger they pose, especially on the counter-attack where they can really hurt us, so we'll have to be switched on for sure."

With that in mind, what's Cole's message to his players ahead of the big game?

"Just enjoy it, enjoy the experience and take it all in because it goes in a flash," said Cole.

"You're there to make memories that maybe you'll tell the grandkids about one day and show them the photos from the day and say, 'I was there that year we won it!'"

PLAYER PROFILES



Grace Simmons • Winger

Grace supports Liverpool and takes inspiration from Ella Toone. She likes the togetherness at Haywards Heath, and how they all work hard for each other.



Pippa Fisher • Defender/Left wing back

Pippa is a composed defender who looks to get high up the pitch to support the attack and to release well timed progressive passes to team mates to drive the team forward.



Martha Weisskopf-Strange • Centre Back

This is Martha's first season with HH. She can play anywhere in the back line and with her speed and stamina, she covers the centre back and full backs. She loves watching the England team, and is inspired by Lucy Bronze.



Julia Adolfsdottir • Attacking Midfield

Julia likes to create goal opportunities by looking for passes like through balls to play to the attackers. She supports Liverpool and her favourite player there is Thiago.



Libby Mean • Centre Midfield

Libby enjoys playing through balls and taking free-kicks. She joined Haywards Heath in May 2023 and enjoys playing for the team because the coaches are really good and push her to the best of her ability.



Tess Ciccardini • Winger/Striker

Tess' strengths are dribbling and shooting with both feet as well as accurate passing. She has a good vision of the game and is fast and explosive. She supports Chelsea and Lyon.



Ella Greenway • Striker

Ella is a versatile player who is always looking to link up with other forwards. She supports Liverpool and her favourite player is Alexander-Arnold.



Grace Dobson • Wing/Centre Midfield

Grace had never played on the wing until coming to Haywards Heath. She is so glad that she's been given the chance to play in different positions to aid her development as a player.



Rebecca Lambert • Centre back

Rebecca joined Haywards Heath in 2023 and is Captain. Her position is centre back. Previously she played at Crawley Wasps and Lewes. She supports Crystal Palace and Leah Williamson is her inspiration.



Verity Thompson-Ford • Centre Midfield

In Verity's spare time, when she's not playing football, she likes to crochet! She really likes the fact that everyone's football is known at HH by all the coaches on the pathway. It feels a really strong community.



Isabel Sinclair • Right back/Right Wing

Isabel enjoys playing at Haywards Heath as her teammates are so supportive and she looks forward to playing/training with them every week with the support of her great coaches.



Megan Taylor • Goalkeeper

Megan joined Haywards Heath in 2023 and supports Southend United. Haywards Heath is a friendly environment and all the players and coaches are really nice.



Amely Bravenboer • Striker

Amely is always competitive on the pitch and likes to win! She also plays netball and is a children's football coach. She likes playing for Haywards Heath for the team mates and the positive spirit.



Emma Wood • Left back/Left Wing

Emma is calm and composed on the ball, supports Arsenal and her inspiration is Beth Mead. She likes playing through balls. She thinks playing for HH is good because all the players and coaches are friendly.



Dayna Wood • Right/Left Wing

Dayna likes playing for HH, because the coaching is great and it pushes her to be her best and the girls are amazing to play with. She likes to take big touches and drive down the wing, creating opportunities to score.



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- Coach of the Year
(Male / Female / Disability)
- 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
- The Bobby Moore Award

This season, our volunteers have worked hard to show the true power of football in connecting people, in building communities and enabling more players to enjoy playing our beautiful game.

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**Nominations are open until
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You can nominate your club, league or organisation but you cannot nominate yourself for an individual award.

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WORTHING TOWN



Pre-Match Preview: Sam Karacochi

For manager Sam Karacochi, despite their own rather straightforward run to the final, he's under no illusions of the test that awaits.

Yet Karacochi is lucky to be able to call upon players that have continued to perform for him, week-in-week-out.

"Players such as Isabell Chapman, our number eight in central midfield, and then Claudia Bono, our main centre-back, and our top goal-scorer in Tia Stone, have all come together to form a really solid spine in this team," said Karacochi.

"Upfront we're really lucky to have such a good front three, so with them playing, we're always going to have a chance of putting a chance or two away."

For Karacochi, his involvement with this team goes back all the way to their times as Under-12s at Worthing Town.

"Most of the girls in the squad have only ever played for us, so it's been great to see their development because many of them, when they first came along, had never kicked a football before.

"They'd come along because a friend has recommended it to them, and that's how we've grown, through that positive word of mouth."

With the nature of their team's growth, Karacochi is keen to highlight the special nature of the dynamic between the players that it's created.

"This isn't a team made up of trialists or players from other squads," said Karacochi, "it's players who go to school together, and who invite their friends to come along.

"Then starting from square one with them, in terms of teaching them about working in a formation, finding out what position they like, and working with them on that."

With this approach, also comes a different view on what marks out the top performers in any given game in Karacochi's eyes.

"For me, my player of the match won't always go to the one who's scored all the goals, or made the clearance off the line," said Karacochi.

"It's all about which player has given the best performance according to their given role within the team, because, as I tell the girls, I don't care about the result nearly as much as I care about the performances on the pitch.

"If a player has implemented her role in exactly the way we asked to ahead of the game, then they'll be the one getting the plaudits from me at full-time."

Looking ahead to Sunday though, just what kind of contest is Karacochi expecting from Haywards Heath Town?

"In those two games we played them, I know we didn't give the best account of ourselves on those days," said Karacochi.

"In each of those games we went into the break at 0-0, but in the second-half, their pressing and their passing simply proved too much for us, and in the end cost us.

"They've got a good coach in Dave Cole, and I remember him switching up formations during our last game to counter what we were doing to them, so he's got them really well drilled that's for sure.

"But in each game against them we learned more lessons, both on how to get the edge over them, and how we can look to improve our own game, so we're all looking forward to the test that Sunday brings!"

PLAYER PROFILES



Tamara Clayton • GK
 A coaches dream, her attitude is A+. She started out as a right back but filled the GK position to help the team and has done amazingly.



Zacha Pearson • CB
 Our Captain! Great nature, pleasure to work with. She is a constant presence in the team, It's been a pleasure to work with her.



Claudia Bono • CB
 Strong no nonsense defender with a great long ball on her. Played a few positions before settling at CB. She has grown in confidence and gone from strength to strength ever since.



Bettie-Rose Martin • CB/CDM
 Strong defensive player, physical and an imposing presence in the middle.



Jasmine Levins • CB/RB
 She has good football intelligence, strong and quick. With great determination in the way she plays.



Kitty & Maisey Sully • LB/RB
 New to the sport these sisters have shown great potential and a natural talent in the last 18 months. They are improving every week.



Isabelle Chapman • CM
 Highly talented all round footballer. She works incredibly hard for the team. She always gives 100%.



Alice Johnstone • CM/LM
 A versatile team player. She has a great football brain and her off ball movement is exceptional with a good eye for a pass.



Neve Oakton • RB/RM
 Has a good attitude and fun to be around. She is positive team member and brings maturity to the side.



Jessica Quinn • CB/CM
 Always gives 100% and her positional play is excellent. Good at disrupting opposition play, teams struggle to get past her.



Olivia Waller • AM

A talented football player, very pacy with a keen eye for a goal.



Tia Stone • CF

A technically good player and prolific goal scorer. Strong, agile and quick.



Mya Houston • CF

Good old fashioned centre forward with great unselfish off ball movement. Loves to score a worldy.



Frankie D'Cruz • AM

New to the sport, and has made huge strides in the last year. She is brave and has pace for days, her hard work is now paying off with goals.



Anna Keskini • AM

A talented all round player who can link midfield and attack seamlessly.



Sirine Merabet • RB

Great personality and brings a lot of fun to the team. Always smiling and chatting.



Erin Kennett • CDM

Enjoyable to coach as she listens and responds. A talent for positioning that you can't teach. A reliable hardworking member of the team.



Hollie-Rose Harbour • AM

One of the longest serving members of the squad. She has grown as a player year on year. A great winger with loads of pace and always gives me a good laugh.



Kadie Davis • AM

Strong fearless winger with a good eye for defense. Potential to be a top player if she carry's on the way she is going.



Ashleigh & Abi • CF

Ashleigh is a good football player loves to score a goal, strikes a ball with the best of them. Abi loves football and always gives 100%. She has improved immensely this last season, keep it up!



Kitty & Rebecca • CB

Kitty is a longstanding player for the team, great defender and fun to be around. Rebecca is new to the team. Really happy with her development and the way she has applied herself, keep it up.



Kya & Olivia • AM

Kya is new to the team this year. She gives 100% and is willing to learn. Olivia is also new to the team this year. She comes with a great attitude position yet to be settled but has ability to succeed.

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Amely BRAVENBOOR			Isabelle CHAPMAN
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Grace DOBSON			Kadie DAVIS
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Rebecca LAMBERT			Alice JOHNSTONE
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