

Semi FINAL



**LITTLEHAMPTON TOWN
VS. HASTINGS UNITED**

**SUSSEX TRANSPORT SENIOR CUP SEMI-FINAL
TUESDAY 12 MARCH 2024 | KICK-OFF: 7.30PM**

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WELCOME

Welcome to the Sussex County FA Headquarters for today's Sussex Transport Senior Cup Semi-Final between Littlehampton Town and Hastings United.

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.

Horsham await the winners of this match, and the date for the Final of this competition is still to be confirmed, and any further details will be posted on our website as soon as it is available.

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.

Enjoy the match and have a safe journey home.

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Thura KT Win
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FIRST ROUND

PAGHAM	0	3	SELSEY
SHOREHAM	1 ⁽⁴⁾	1 ⁽³⁾	MILE OAK
PEACEHAVEN & TELS.	0 ⁽⁰⁾	0 ⁽³⁾	EASTBOURNE UNITED
BILLINGSHURST	2	0	AFC VARDEANIAN
EASTBOURNE TOWN	2	3	HORSHAM YMCA
ROFFEY	1 ⁽⁴⁾	1 ⁽⁵⁾	SALTDEAN UNITED
SEAFORD TOWN	3	0	EAST PRESTON

WICK	3	1	LOXWOOD
LITTLE COMMON	5	3	WORTHING UNITED
STEYNING TOWN COM.	2	1	MONTPELIER VILLA
OAKWOOD	0	1	MIDHURST & EASE.
ARUNDEL	0	4	CROWBOROUGH ATHL.
UCKFIELD TOWN	1	2	HASSOCKS
BEXHILL UNITED	3	0	FOREST ROW

SECOND ROUND

*WHITEHAWK	5	2	CROWBOROUGH ATHL.
*HASTINGS UNITED	4	3	*THREE BRIDGES
WICK	2	1	BEXHILL UNITED
CRAWLEY DOWN GAT.	3	0	SALTDEAN UNITED
STEYNING TOWN COM.	6	2	SELSEY
MIDHURST & EASE.	0	3	*HORSHAM
*EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN	3	1	HASSOCKS
*CRAWLEY TOWN	2	6	*WORTHING

SHOREHAM	0	3	*BRIGHTON & HOVE A.
*BOGNOR REGIS TOWN	5	0	HORSHAM YMCA
*HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN	1	2	*BROADBRIDGE HEATH
*LANCING	1	2	EASTBOURNE UNITED
NEWHAVEN	0	5	*CHICHESTER CITY
*BURGESS HILL TOWN	4	0	LITTLE COMMON
*EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	6	0	BILLINGSHURST
SEAFORD TOWN	0	1	*LITTLEHAMPTON TOWN

THIRD ROUND

EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN	1	3	EASTBOURNE UNITED
CRAWLEY DOWN GAT.	0 ⁽⁴⁾	0 ⁽⁵⁾	HASTINGS UNITED
BURGESS HILL TOWN	2	2	BROADBRIDGE HEATH
WICK	1	2	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH

STEYNING TOWN COM.	2	1	BRIGHTON & HOVE A.
WHITEHAWK	0	3	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN
WORTHING	2 ⁽⁴⁾	2 ⁽⁵⁾	LITTLEHAMPTON TOWN
HORSHAM	6	0	CHICHESTER CITY

QUARTER-FINAL

EASTBOURNE UNITED	1	5	HORSHAM
LITTLEHAMPTON TOWN	6	1	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN

BURGESS HILL TOWN	2 ⁽⁴⁾	2 ⁽⁵⁾	STEYNING TOWN COM.
EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	0 ⁽⁰⁾	0 ⁽²⁾	HASTINGS UNITED

SEMI-FINAL

STEYNING TOWN COM.	1	4	HORSHAM
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LITTLEHAMPTON TOWN			HASTINGS UNITED
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LITTLEHAMPTON TOWN



Pre-Match Preview: George Gaskin

It's been a Sussex Transport Senior Cup run to remember for George Gaskin's Littlehampton Town, as his side made history by knocking out last season's winners, Worthing.

Indeed, the feat is made even more remarkable by the fact that many of players that Gaskin credits with his side's good form this season were Worthing loanees, and thus unable to feature in the game.

"We've been really lucky to have some of the most talented young players in Sussex play for us this season, thanks to Worthing and then manager, Adam Hinshelwood," said Gaskin.

"It was very much a game where we knew we'd have to really dig in and defend our goal as best we could, and then just look to make the most of any chances.

"Thankfully we were able to do just that, and personally, I felt that was one of our best performances and wins, even taking into account our day out at Wembley the other year."

Yet the Marigolds weren't done yet, proceeding to then knock out last year's runners up, Bognor Regis Town, 6-1 in the Quarter-Finals.

"That was an interesting game, and we definitely didn't expect that result," said Gaskin.

"But whereas with Worthing, we knew we'd need to defend deep and hit when we could, we went for a more aggressive man-to-man approach against Bognor, and backed ourselves!

Of course, it should be pointed out at this point that Gaskin isn't alone in the dugout, having shared the duties with fellow coach Mitchell Hand.

"That season I really hit a good stretch of form though upfront and was scoring a lot of goals for us, so for a while it was Mitch on the sidelines, which I know was a lot for him at the start.

The joint manager relationship is of course a rare one the higher you go up the pyramid, so what's the secret for it working so well for Gaskin and Hand?

"Obviously it helps that we're really good mates and had been for a long time before we took this job on together," said Gaskin.

"But the fact that we've been so successful together, especially considering the standard of our league, shows that we've managed to get that balance right."

For Gaskin, it's their confidence and team spirit that he sees as being the key difference, come next week's Semi-Final clash against Hastings United.

"When we've had cup runs in the past, and when we got promoted, it was that team spirit and that togetherness that really helped us," said Gaskin.

With that in mind, just what kind of test is Gaskin expecting against Chris Agutter's side?

"Like us they've had something of a season of two halves," said Gaskin.

"But on our day, I fancy us against anyone, so we'll just have to maintain that confidence.

"We know our players and what they can do, it'll just be a case of if they can go to that extra gear and make that step up, which they've proved they're more than capable of doing this season."



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- Coach of the Year
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- 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

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Nominations can be submitted via the England Football website which is accessible via the QR code on the previous page [8].

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HASTINGS UNITED



Pre-Match Preview: Chris Agutter

For Hastings United, it's been a somewhat turbulent season, with former manager Chris Agutter returning to dugout following the departure of Paul Barnes back in October.

Yet, despite this, a Sussex Transport Senior Cup Semi-Final clash against Littlehampton Town awaits. However, even on the pitch, the road to this point in the competition was hardly a smooth one.

"Under Paul [Barnes] we did well to come out of our tie against Three Bridges with a 4-3 win," said Agutter, "and then since I've come in, we've just had the boring games!

"Crawley Down Gatwick in the Third Round was one of those games where, if we didn't get an early goal, they'd look to sit deep for the duration, which proved to be the case.

"So, after winning on penalties against them, our Quarter-Final clash against Eastbourne Borough proved a similar story, just with atrocious conditions being the key factor in that one."

Of course, for Agutter the fact that, after only five months back at the helm his side are both on the cusp of a place in a final, and still chasing down a play-off spot, is testament to the hard work the team have put in.

"When I arrived, I was told that the expectations were very much to stay up," said Agutter.

"For me, the issues lay in the fact that at the start of the season, the club had started to drift away from local people.

"But as it stands, we're way ahead of schedule and the season has definitely gone far better than I expected, with both the Senior Cup and the League."

With this remarkable uptake in form clear for all to see, what would Agutter put the turnaround down to?

"It's been a combination of factors, but what's really helped has been putting faith back in some of the younger local lads," said Agutter.

"The consequence of that has been that supporters can then see local, homegrown players coming through, and they know they're Hastings based.

"When supporters have that connection and know that the players will be fighting for the shirt, win, lose or draw, they get behind them more.

"They're like a 12th man for us, and in so many games this season they've made away games feel like we're playing back at the Pilot Field."

With the supporters well and truly connecting with the team once again, the performances of certain players has certainly come to reflect that in Agutter's eyes.

"Players such as Adam Lovatt and Davide Rodari have really kicked on another gear these last few months," said Agutter.

"They've had a chance to come back, and they're now almost the senior statesmen in the team, even though they're still in their twenties."

To reach the final, many of Agutter's players will have to park memories of last year's Semi-Final, in which they went out on penalties to eventual winners, Worthing.

"It's an opportunity to get to a cup final, and at this time of the season the majority of teams aren't playing for anything, so for us it's just an exciting time," he said.

"So, we'll just look to prepare for the game as best we can and, like with every game, give our all to go that one step further this year."

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1883	BRIGHTON RANGERS	1934	HORSHAM	1981	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN
1884	BURGESS HILL	1935	WORTHING	1982	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN
1885	BURGESS HILL	1936	HASTINGS & ST. LEONARDS	1983	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN
1886	BURGESS HILL	1937	SOUTHWICK	1984	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN
1887	LANCING COLLEGE	1938	HASTINGS & ST. LEONARDS	1985	LEWES
1888	LANCING COLLEGE	1939	HORSHAM	1986	STEYNING TOWN
1889	BRIGHTON COLLEGE	1940	WORTHING	1987	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN
1890	EASTBOURNE	1941	NO COMPETITION	1988	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
1891	EASTBOURNE	1942	HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN	1989	STEYNING TOWN
1892	BRIGHTON HORNETS	1943	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	1990	CRAWLEY TOWN
1893	WORTHING	1944	R.A.F. (FORD)	1991	CRAWLEY TOWN
1894	EASTBOURNE	1945	WORTHING	1992	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
1895	EASTBOURNE	1946	WORTHING	1993	WICK
1896	ROYAL IRISH RIFLES	1947	WORTHING	1994	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
1897	SOUTHWICK	1948	SOUTHWICK	1995	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
1898	EASTBOURNE SWIFTS	1949	LITTLEHAMPTON TOWN	1996	HASTINGS TOWN
1899	EASTBOURNE	1950	HORSHAM	1997	ST LEONARDS STAMCROFT
1900	EASTBOURNE	1951	WHITEHAWK & M.F.O.B.	1998	HASTINGS TOWN
1901	EASTBOURNE	1952	WORTHING	1999	WORTHING
1902	SHOREHAM	1953	EASTBOURNE	2000	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
1903	EASTBOURNE	1954	HORSHAM	2001	LEWES
1904	WORTHING	1955	BOGNOR REGIS	2002	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH
1905	EASTBOURNE OLD TOWN	1956	BOGNOR REGIS	2003	CRAWLEY TOWN
1906	SHOREHAM	1957	WORTHING	2004	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
1907	HOVE	1958	HAYWARDS HEATH	2005	CRAWLEY TOWN
1908	WORTHING	1959	WORTHING	2006	LEWES
1909	HOVE	1960	EASTBOURNE UNITED	2007	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
1910	HOVE	1961	WORTHING	2008	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
1911	SOUTHWICK	1962	WHITEHAWK	2009	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH
1912	ST. LEONARDS AMATEURS	1963	EASTBOURNE UNITED	2010	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
1913	SOUTHWICK	1964	EASTBOURNE UNITED	2011	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
1914	WORTHING	1965	LEWES	2012	WHITEHAWK
1915-19	NO COMPETITION	1966	EASTBOURNE UNITED	2013	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
1920	WORTHING	1967	EASTBOURNE UNITED	2014	PEACEHAVEN & TELSCOMBE
1921	ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS	1968	SOUTHWICK	2015	WHITEHAWK
1922	EASTBOURNE	1969	EASTBOURNE UNITED	2016	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH
1923	WORTHING	1970	LITTLEHAMPTON TOWN	2017	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
1924	ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS	1971	LEWES	2018	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
1925	SOUTHWICK	1972	HORSHAM	2019	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN
1926	CHICHESTER	1973	RINGMER	2020	COMPETITION CURTAILED
1927	WORTHING	1974	HORSHAM	2021	COMPETITION CURTAILED
1928	SOUTHWICK	1975	WORTHING	2022	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
1929	WORTHING	1976	HORSHAM	2023	WORTHING
1930	SOUTHWICK	1977	WORTHING	2024	
1931	SOUTHWICK	1978	WORTHING		
1932	EASTBOURNE	1979	HASTINGS UNITED		
1933	EASTBOURNE	1980	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN		

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With the football season drawing to a close, many clubs may take the opportunity in the off-season to purchase a new kit. Players may also buy new boots, shin pads or goalkeeper gloves.

But spare a thought for that old football kit or pair of boots, what happens to those items now?

The Sussex County FA, together with charity partners Sussex to Africa, is encouraging all clubs and players to donate any of their unwanted football kit or equipment, so that it can be put to good use and bring joy to communities in Africa.

What football kit and equipment can be donated:

- Shirts
- Shorts
- Socks
- Tracksuits
- Boots
- Goalkeeper Gloves
- Shin Pads
- Footballs
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All donations should be clean and kept together in a plastic bag, bin bag or box. Donations of both adult and children's kit and equipment is welcome.

How to donate:

- Drop into the Sussex County FA Headquarters in Lancing
- Contact the Sussex County FA who can arrange local collection

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LITTLEHAMPTON TOWN

GOLD - BLACK - BLACK

Managers George Gaskin & Mitchell Hand



HASTINGS UNITED

WHITE - WHITE - WHITE

Manager Chris Agutter

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