

The FINAL



**WITHDEAN YOUTH
VS. HOVE PARK COLTS**

**SUSSEX GIRLS' CHALLENGE CUP FINAL (UNDER-13s)
SUNDAY 14 MARCH 2024 | KICK-OFF: 10.30AM**

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WELCOME

Welcome to the Sussex County FA Headquarters for today's Sussex Girls' Challenge Cup Final between Withdean Youth and Hove Park Colts.

Should the score be level after seventy 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.

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SUSSEX GIRLS' CHALLENGE CUP (UNDER-13s)

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FIRST ROUND

CHICHESTER CITY	0	8	BURGESS HILL TOWN JR. (B)	UCKFIELD GRASS.	W	L	HASTINGS UNITED
LINDFIELD JUNIORS (LE)	0	8	WITHDEAN YOUTH	BURGESS HILL TOWN JR. (G)	0	2	WORTHING TOWN
LINDFIELD JUNIORS (LI)	2	0	LEWES JUNIORS	SOUTHWATER ROYALS	8	2	EAST GRINSTEAD MEADS

SECOND ROUND

BURGESS HILL TOWN JR. (B)	1 ⁽²⁾	1 ⁽⁴⁾	WITHDEAN YOUTH	WOODINGDEAN WAND.	1	4	PEVENSEY & WESTHAM (H)
LINDFIELD JUNIORS (LI)	2	0	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH (B)	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN (G)	0	8	HOVE PARK COLTS
EASTBOURNE BOROUGH (R)	W	L	SOUTHWICK	POLEGATE GRASS.	1	7	HASTINGS UNITED
SALTDEAN UNITED	0	9	PEVENSEY & WESTHAM	WORTHING TOWN	1	2	SOUTHWATER ROYALS

QUARTER-FINAL

WITHDEAN YOUTH	3	1	LINDFIELD JUNIORS (LI)	PEVENSEY & WESTHAM (H)	0	9	HOVE PARK COLTS
EASTBOURNE BOROUGH (R)	1 ⁽²⁾	1 ⁽³⁾	PEVENSEY & WESTHAM	HASTINGS UNITED	6	1	SOUTHWATER ROYALS

SEMI-FINAL

WITHDEAN YOUTH	7	1	PEVENSEY & WESTHAM	HOVE PARK COLTS	3	0	HASTINGS UNITED
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WITHDEAN YOUTH



Pre-Match Preview: Chris Penny

Chris Penny, manager of Withdean Galaxy, is very much looking forward to their final against league rivals Hove Park Colts.

"It's Brighton's answer to El Clásico!", said Penny.

"We've played against them twice in the league this year, losing the first game and drawing the most recent match 2-2.

"In our first two years, at Under-10s and Under-11s, we dominated in the league but since then Hove have been the strongest team in the Premier Division.

"They won it last year and are flying high again this season."

Penny will be stepping down at the end of the season having coached the team for the last four years.

He said: "The development in the girls has been incredible, it's been a real journey.

"We were born during the pandemic in 2020 which was difficult, but everyone has been brilliant.

"Since then, we've had one girl join Crystal Palace, one invited to the Brighton & Hove Albion Talent Centre, one who has represented Sussex, and maybe nine or ten who have been in the Brighton School teams.

That core of players remaining together, and the team spirit is what Penny attributes their success to, rather than any individual.

He added: "Playing as a unit is our strength, we have always stuck together and have developed a very close-knit squad over the years.

"Even though they are in year eight now - a couple of years away from GCSEs - they love playing football.

"Unfortunately, there are three girls who must miss out, that's been the hardest thing [selecting the squad for the final.

"I'll be saying to the girls do it for your friends, you've been together since day one, and if we get the win, it will be for everyone not just for those taking a part.

On their route to the final Penny said: "We had a big win against lower league Lindfield Leopards, but the biggest result we had along the way was the win on penalties against Burgess Hill Town.

"Our goalkeeper was inspired that day making two massive saves, to get us through to the quarter-final. Beating Pevensy & Westham 7-1 in the semi-final was another highlight and one of the best games we played."

Penny was keen to stress that they would not be making any drastic tactical changes for the big occasion but teased that they had been working on some things in training.

"Tactically it will be business as usual, but we did produce a big surprise for them in the last game, working on a corner routine in training which resulted in us winning a penalty.

"We've got another couple of surprises up our sleeve for Hove in the final, but other than that it will be like how we have played all season, so the girls are comfortable.

"We've done well to reach the final so why would we change it now?"

PLAYER PROFILES



Isla Bowling
Goalkeeper

The Cat. One half of a Withdean goalkeeping twin dynasty along with brother, Dexter. Represented Brighton Schools from the age of 10. Has the best footwork in Sussex. Plays like Man City's Ederson!



Mimi Macwhinnie
Midfield L/C/R

Magic Toes. The only Galaxy player to represent her county, Sussex, and Brighton Schools. Could have been a graduate of Barcelona's La Masia with quality intricate passing. Plays like Aitana Bonmati.



Arla Moriarty
Attacking/Defensive Central Midfield

The Train. You can't bottle desire, because it's all in Arla. One of the greatest to wear the Galaxy shirt and one of Galaxy's biggest goal threats. Represented Brighton Schools from the age of 10.



Florence Reilly
Striker/Central Defender

The Wall. Unbeatable at the back, ruthless in attack. Represented Brighton Schools from the age of 10. Sprinting behemoth that can catch anyone and has timing, bravery and goal scoring finishing.



Lois Muggleton
Defender/Midfielder L/C/R

Supergirl. Defends like Leah Williamson, possesses a strategic mind of The Queen's Gambit with the distribution of Kiera Walsh. Immense talent. Represented Brighton Schools from the age of 10.



Lexi Mohamed
Defender L/R / Midfielder L/R / Striker

The Spitfire. A natural athlete and footballer with the rare mix of stamina, raw pace and a determination to make things happen. One of Galaxy's top scorers every season. Loves the big occasion.



Niamh Penny
Winger L/R

The Wolf. Pacey and tenacious with lightning quick feet. Signed for Brighton & Hove Albion's ETC youth team last season. Had heart surgery this season but back among the goals and assists already.



Anna Alonso-Mossinger
Attacking/Defensive Central Midfield

The Boss. Half Argentinian, half German in a cup final... has the power to rip nets and ruin dreams. Free-kicks and penalties are her happy place. Represented Brighton School since 10.



Georgia Adams
Attacking / Defensive Central Midfield

Saint Georgia. Supremely talented central midfielder with exceptional touch, control, astuteness, passing range + vision. Set pieces delivered like a missile.

**Seren Griggs**

Attacking / Defensive Midfield L/C/R

The Technique. Calm on the ball, true team player, athlete with huge stamina. Will send shudders down the Hove spines - so often scores in The Classico. Represented Brighton Schools from age 10.

**Zoe White**

Winger L/R

Galactico Zo. Captain. Flying winger with sheer pace, can tear teams apart with her intelligent runs+goals. Fearless competitor. Represented B&H Albion Advanced since age 11 and Brighton Schools.

**Rose Layzell**

Defender L/C/R

El Niño. Hard as nails and brimming with talent. Twinkling footwork, great passer, incredibly quick, ferocious with her head. Scored against Hove this season. Recently called up to Brighton Schools.

**Maisie MacDonald**

Striker / Defender L/R

Goal Crazy. Incredibly intelligent footballer and natural finisher. Loves tackling as much as scoring. Joined Galaxy from boys football and is thus a tough competitor. Scorer of important goals.

**Amelie Acha**

Winger / Striker

The Unstoppable Force. A powerhouse of an attacker. Impossible to shift off the ball. Possesses a lethal shot and is top scorer for her secondary school. When in Beast Mode she can rip the net.

**Eleni Bradshaw-Crouch**

Central Defender / CDM

The Ruler. Many have tried and failed to get past Galaxy's central linchpin. A former goalkeeper, Galaxy's best communicator developed into a defender before her top quality passing moved her to CDM.

**Eliza Newton**

Defender L/R / CDM

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HOVE PARK COLTS



Pre-Match Preview: Chris Owen

Hove Park Colts are having an excellent season, currently sitting top of the league, and looking to add a cup win.

Manager, Chris Owen, said: "I've been managing the girls for four seasons now, and those who have been there from the start have been brilliant, they are all so skilful and keen – just a joy to coach.

"We have lost a couple of players, one to Brighton, one to West Ham but we've been able to replace them.

"It's great that we have had some new players come along, so we have no weak links.

"I am proud to have overseen that transition, where they are now flourishing."

Despite Owen emphasising the team's strength across the board he did single two players out for special praise, saying:

"I have to mention our captain, Annabelle Stickland, she's an attacking midfielder whose stamina is amazing, she never stops running and is great at winning the ball back.

"And then upfront, Gracie Cobb, she has a stinging left foot and is good at finding space and getting shots on goal."

Although success has come on the pitch, Owen seemed just as pleased with their development off it.

He said: "Some of the girls play for the county, some play for the district, so they are playing all over the place.

"Our ethos is to enjoy each other's company and play football in a nice friendly environment.

"The girls are playing cohesively as a team and that is what we base ourselves on – it's about having fun as well.

"All in all, the team has grown together, we have social events, opportunities for them to have fun and talk to each other to build relationships with people outside of school."

Owen explained he will be focusing on telling the girls to remain calm during the final, so they can go out and play their style of attractive football.

"They'll be more excited the closer it gets to kick-off but you've just got to manage that by not making it out to be too serious, just play, pass, we are a calm team and that is how we have got to this stage.

"I'll say to them I don't mind what happens, win, lose, or draw, as long as they remain calm and play their football on the ground and put on a show for the right reasons, whilst enjoying it, that is all that counts."

"I will encourage them to get as many touches of the ball as possible early on, making sure they keep their heads up.

"Ultimately, I don't want them going home thinking they could have done more and having regrets."

On Withdean Galaxy, Owen added: "I wasn't around when we beat them in the first game at their place, and then the home game ended in a 2-2 draw.

"They are a tall team and strong physically, so it will be a tough test against what is effectively our local rivals."

PLAYER PROFILES



Hattie Dawson • Goalkeeper

Hat the Cat is Colts' saviour between the sticks. Equally as skilled with her feet as her hands, Hattie is one of the best keepers in Sussex.



Annabelle Stickland • Attacking Mid

Annabelle is Colts' captain and leads by example both on and off the pitch. Destined for greatness, there's no one better to lift the Cup.



Kitty Mitchell • Striker

Kitty is one of Colts' longest serving players. She's as tenacious and strong as she's fast and agile. Look out keepers if this Kitty's in the box.



Idonie Rudd • Attacking Midfield

Another of our founding members, Idonie is a penalty and free kick specialist with an eye for goal from any angle. Flair player with bags of potential.



Daisy Dawson • Defensive Midfield

Calm, composed and plays football the right way, DD is our defensive midfield dynamo who keeps the Colts ticking like a Swiss watch. Reads the game very well.



Lia Chauhan • Attacking Midfield

The full box of tricks and flicks, Lia mesmerises opponents with sharp skills and hairpin turns. When Lia's in full flight she sets the pitch alight.



Niamh Hughes • Defender

Colts' Rolls Royce at the back, Niamh is a top-quality defender whose stylish skills and cool head have made her the envy of defenders across the county.



Elise Aston • Winger

There's no one faster than Elise Aston. Strong, tough and certain to score in the final, this wonderful winger is all about leaving opponents in her dust.



Bea Wright • Defensive Midfield

Colts' midfield maverick is liable to have the final say this Sunday. Skilful, fast and very powerful, Bea is just as unstoppable going forwards as she is defending.

**Nell Mathews • Defender**

Our smiling assassin, Nell is a tough defensive cookie who keep strikers in their place. Great first touch and very composed with just the right amount of edge to be one of the best.

**Beth Phillips • Midfielder**

Beth is just as exciting going forwards as she is defending and never knows when she's beaten. Competitive, tenacious and trouble for any opponent, Beth's a born leader.

**Gracie Cobb • Striker**

Guaranteed to get you goals; left foot or right foot, it's all the same to Gracie. This is someone who lives and breathes football and is a bonafide local legend.

**Isla Spence • Defender/Winger**

Relishes challenges like an experienced pro player, Isla is equally as skilled on the wing as she is at the back. Her dad will owe her a tidy sum if she can find the back of the net – one to watch.

**Josie Peart • Midfielder**

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