

WORTHING TOWN vs. **RUSTINGTON**

SUSSEX VETERANS CHALLENGE CUP FINAL SUNDAY 7 APRIL 2024 | KICK-OFF: 2.30PM

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WELCOME

Welcome to the Sussex County FA Headquarters for today's Sussex Veterans Challenge Cup Final between Worthing Town and Rustington.

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.

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SUSSEX VETERANS CHALLENGE CUP

FIRST ROUND

WEST CHILTINGTON	W	L	SIDLEY UNITED
EASTBOURNE TOWN	W	L	AFC VARNDEANIANS
RUSTINGTON (2)	7	2	INDOMITABLE
SEAFORD TOWN	2	0	HOLLINGTON UNITED
MONTPELIER VILLA (2)	9	0	HORSHAM CRUSADERS
MONTPELIER VILLA	3	2	BROADBRIDGE HEATH
SOUTHWATER	0	8	WORTHING TOWN
EAST COURT	L	W	PAGHAM

BISON BEER	W	L	WESTFIELD
WOODINGDEAN WAND.	3	5	RUSTINGTON
BARNHAM TROJANS	2	3	THREE BRIDGES
HASSOCKS FATBOYS	0	14	WHITE HART
MILE OAK	3	1	STEYNING TOWN
HASSOCKS	6	2	PATCHAM UNITED
ROFFEY	W	L	SEDLESCOMBE RANGERS

SECOND ROUND

WEST CHILTINGTON	3	2	EASTBOURNE TOWN
RUSTINGTON (2)	2	8	SEAFORD TOWN
MONTPELIER VILLA (2)	3[2]	3[4]	MONTPELIER VILLA
WORTHING TOWN	7	2	PAGHAM

*BILLINGSHURST	2	4	4 BISON BEER	
RUSTINGTON	6	1	BARNHAM TROJANS	
WHITE HART	1	3	MILE OAK	
HASSOCKS	13	0	ROFFEY	

QUARTER-FINAL

		SEAFORD TOWN	BISUN BEER	3	5	RUSTINGTON
MONTPELIER VILLA 1	5	WORTHING TOWN	MILE OAK	7	0	HASSOCKS

SEMI-FINAL

WEST CHILTINGTON	L	W	WORTHING TOWN	RUSTINGTON	W	L	MILE OAK

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WORTHING TOWN





Pre-Match Preview: Ryan Dick

It's been a first season to remember for Worthing Town manager, Ryan Dick, who's side are on course for a potential treble at the first time of asking.

In their County Cup Final run, it was a story of clinical finishing from Dick's side, who racked up 20 goals in their first three games.

"Definitely some comprehensive wins along the way that's for sure," said Dick, "they were tough games though and the scorelines do flatter us, because we simply just took all chances.

"The game at Montpellier Villa was the most challenging of that run, especially with them being in the league above us, but the boys got the job done and showed their quality."

With a strong side at his disposal, Dick is fortunate to be able to call upon a number of key players, though such is the nature of the holidays, not all his players are available for the big game.

"A big blow to us is that our centre-back and captain, Kevin Ware, is away on holiday in Florida, and shockingly he hasn't rearranged that trip so he can play in the Final," said Dick.

"But our other centre-back, Adam Banfield, is a great player, very good on the ball, so he gives us a solid foundation from the back.

"Then you have the likes of Alex Biggs in midfield, who's a classic box-to-box with loads of energy, just like Steve Bird who, for a vets player, is alarmingly quick, and probably covers more ground than the rest of the team combined!

For Dick, his involvement with Worthing Town is nothing new, having been a coach of a couple of the club's youth teams for a few years, such as the Under-7s side which his son plays for.

"With the vets team, that all started when I hit the magic number of 35, and the club asked if I'd be interested in joining as their manager," said Dick.

"Whilst the pace of the games might not be the quickest, when I look at the technical quality of a lot of my players, there's no doubt that they could still do a job for a county team.

"The fact that in the league we've won it unbeaten, shows the quality of this team and just what they're capable of."

Looking ahead to the Final against Rustington, how does Dick see that one potentially playing out?

"Well in my time I've played in three finals and lost three finals, so I'll be hoping to put that right come next weekend." said Dick.

"But this one will be a challenging game, we know a fair few of their boys and what they're about, so it's definitely going to be a tight game. It could go either way, with them in the league above us and the quality of teams they normally play, they know what they've got to do to win these kinds of games.

"It's been a long time since a lot of us played football, and for some of us it's been over 10 years since our last final, and occasions like this are why we got back into football, so now it's just about going out there and getting the reward for all our hard work!"

SUSSEX VETERANS CHALLENGE CUP FINAL WORTHING TOWN VS. RUSTINGTON

PLAYER PROFILES





Michael Kinkead • GK

Mike has been number one this season (No other options). Last one in the changies last one out the changies. Has made some important saves for us in the cup run.



Mark Venis • RB/CM

Veno has played a number of positions for us this season. Scored and assisted a number of goals in recent weeks. If you ask he has his hat-trick goal on video and will love to show you.



Mark Shackelton • RB/CB

Shacker or Shackdaddy to his nearest and dearest. Covered an number of positions across the backline. Has one of the most expensive boot collections you will see.



Adam Banfield • CB

Banners is the rock at the back quick good on the ball with a great passing range. Loves nothing more than a long range effort from the halfway line. Will skipper the side today.



Mike Jackson • RB/LB

Jacko Mr Clubman not only covered a number of positions on the pitch but has also helped coaching from the sidelines. Jacko has even ref for us and still managed to get an assist.



Matt Goldsack • LB/CB

Matt is a solid performer in defence. Has come back well from an injury earlier in the season.



Kev Ware • CB

Kev another rock at the back. The teams skipper who won't be with us today. He wouldn't cancel his holiday to Florida for the final!



James Bradley • LB/RB/CB

Braddez can anywhere across the backline. When he's not balling he's moaning. Often found in the managers DMs wanting answers or telling him how much work he has put in this week.



Tom Martin • RB/CM

Tom is a tidy player on the ball with a great ping. Struggles with late nights as needs to be in bed by 8pm so this may be the only final we see him in.



Alex Biggs • CM

Biggsy or Biggers the man with many names. Box-to-box midfielder with an eye for goal and a tough tackle. Best known for being Mr Bigtime may show up today if he can fit us in.



James Duffield • CM

Duffers holding midfielder as he doesn't like running anymore.



Lewis Risdon-Stapley • LF

Lew is the definition of a vets player with the back of a 90 year old. Pacey winger with an eye for goal. Loves a worldie hates a one-on-one.



Lee Souch • CM

Souchy is great on the ball and brings energy to our midfield. Likes to miss the easy chances and score the harder ones.



Steve Bird • RF

Bird, you wont find a quicker player in the league. Covers more ground per game than the rest of the team put together. Current top scorer. When not scoring he will be found arguing with the opposition.



Ryan Dick • LF/CF

Dicko, player/manager, long gone are his days of bombing down the wing but still gets the goals.



James Chandler • CM

Chandler is one of the older lads but also one of the fittest. Loves taking the warm up. Solid in midfield and has bagged a few goals this season to.



Tom Paine • CF/CAM

Paino our link up man. Scored a number of free-kicks this season and is leading the assist charts. Loves a chat with a ref.



Adam Clarke • CF

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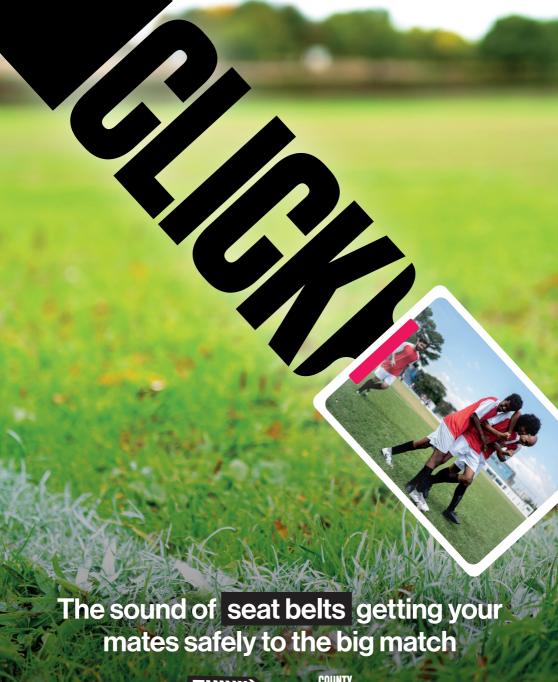
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RUSTINGTON





Pre-Match Preview: Michael Dorrington

Sitting in the opposing dugout, is Rustington Manager, Michael Dorrington, who's side enjoyed something of a free scoring run to the Final.

"We've got a really good squad this year, with a lot of players who've previously played at a County League level, and that's been a real asset in these cup games," said Dorrington.

"Our 5-3 win over Woodingdean Wanderers and our 6-1 win against Barnham Trojans show's that we've got goals in this team.

"For us, the goals can come from anywhere really, because we've got players like Jordan Rhodes and Tom Donnelly who are great strikers who always seem to come up with the goods for us."

Formerly Broadwater Athletic, Dorrington's side have been together for three years now, and having won a treble in their first season together, found themselves in the Sussex Sunday Football League.

"Away from our cup run, it has been a difficult season in the league," said Dorrington, "due to a number of factors, with player availability being a major one, we are currently bottom of the league, but that's the nature of football, you can be riding high one year and then it can go the other way the next.

"But I don't think the league reflects our standard, it just happens that the other four teams in the league are of a much higher quality and have the level of player we simply don't have."

What Dorrington does have in his side is a togetherness that comes from the fact that most of the players can count themselves among that first squad that was started up.

"Most of that core group are still signed on, and over the years we're just continued to recruit players and keep building the team," said Dorrington.

"We're now in a position where the club was getting so much interest that we ended up setting up a second team to accommodate that demand.

"So going forward hopefully we can continue to build and develop and kick on into next season."

Focusing on the Final next weekend, just what kind of test is Dorrington expecting from Worthing Town?

"A very tough test that's for sure," said Dorrington, "a lot of us know each other, so there won't be any surprises, but they're flying in Division Two so we know that they'll come at us with everything they've got.

"They're too good for the league they're in, so it's going to be a difficult game, but it's one we're looking forward to and hopefully get the result we're after against them."

With that in mind, what are Dorrington's parting words to his players going to be before they walk out at Culver Road?

"If we win or lose it doesn't matter, I just don't want us to give up," said Dorrington, "I want to see that fight and desire until the very end, no matter what happens in the game.

"When we started out, we were known as a team with a lot of fight and belief, and I want to see that again come the big day!"

PLAYER PROFILES





Dave Evans • Goalkeeper Dave signed for us this season

having played for Lancing the previous year. Good shot stopper. His banter needs to improve.



Lee Thompson • Defender

Big defender who loves the games more than most and reads the game well. Top bloke on and off the pitch.



Michael Hemsley • Defender

Vice Captain, big strong defender who reads the game really well and battles till the end. Never say die attitude.



Ross Garnham • Defender

New signing this season sadly misses out on today's game. Big presence at the back. The return of the Seal.



Pete Ward • Defender

Mr Consistent always gives a 8/9 out of 10 every week. Solid signing this season and hasn't dissapointed.



Ryan Loversidge • Defender

Ryan has been a great signing for us and has shown what a good player he is, also loves a challege.



Chris Storer • Defender

Top man on and off the pitch. Plays with heart, loves a challenge and is technially very good.



Lucky Gohler • Midfielder

Last seasons players player. Never gives up and must be horrible to play against. Another brilliant season from him.



James Slater • Midfielder

New signing this season, bags of talent can play in many positions. Future Premier League linesman.



Matt Harris • Midfielder

Captain - Leads the team perfectly gives 100% every game and demands the same from the players around him.



Matt Spence • Midfielder

Big strong presence in our team for the last 3 seasons. Battles for every ball making it hard for other teams when he plays.



Grant Lednor • Midfielder

Again another new signing this season who reads the game well and works tirelessly for the team.



Jordan Rhodes • Striker

Top striker who can score goals when you think its least likely. Hard working loves to win.



Matt Carter • Defender

Quality defender and leader. Sadly injury has cut his season short but important member at the club.



Ian Sharp • Midfielder

Another battling midfielder who has a tenacious attitude, never gives up and always wants to win.



Stuart Blackford • Midfielder

New signing this season. Very good on and off the ball and great to have as part of the team.



Arkadiusz Szczepaniuk • Striker

Our polish wizard plays the game differently to others definitely brought up on the Barca style of play. Top player.



Stuart Sell • Midfielder

What can I say about this player? He's been there, won it all and one of the most talented players I've played with and watched.



Tom Donnelly • Striker

Strong and quick off the mark the man doesn't seem to age and scores for fun.



Tom Newson • Goalkeeper

Great shop stopper and our keeper for our first two seasons, sadly injury has limited his time playing this season.







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2017	HORLEY TOWN
2018	MILE OAK

2019	EASTBOURNE TOWN
2020	EASTBOURNE TOWN
2021	COMPETITION CURTAILED

2022	EASTBOURNE TOWN
2023	MILE OAK
2024	

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Manager Ryan Dick

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Manager Michael Dorrington

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Adam BANFIELD

Alex BIGGS

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James **BRADLEY**

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Matt GOLDSACK

Michael JACKSON

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