



Minor Cup (North)

**DOWN AMPNEY
VS
STRATTON UNITED**

04/04/2023

7:45PM

Bishops Cleeve FC



Gloucestershire FA County Cups Committee Board

Gloucestershire FA County Cups Committee Board, I would like to welcome today's teams, Down Ampney and Stratton United and their players, club officials and supporters to Bishops Cleeve for this Minor Cup North Final match. I also welcome the match officials, Carl Beard, Andrew Chudleigh, Adrian Smith and Dave Morecombe, whose appointment recognises their performances this season. I hope they enjoy the occasion. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the GFA staff and the County Cups Committee members for all their hard work.

This has been my first season as Chairman of the County Cups North, and being able to use fellow members of the committee and GFA Officers for guidance and help where needed has been a massive advantage for me.

Their combined work is vital to the success of our cup competitions. The uptake of teams participating in the tournaments has been great, and we are excited for the players to make use of Bishops Cleeve's new state-of-the-art 3G playing facility. It only remains for me to wish both teams and the match officials good luck for today's game and hope that it is a memorable occasion for you all. Gloucestershire FA Cups Committee (North)

Jamie Thomas, Gloucestershire FA Cups Committee
(North)



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MINOR CUP (NORTH)

This season's tournament saw 40 teams enter, and we are now down to the final two teams, Down Ampney and Stratton Utd competing to be crowned as the 2022/23 Champions. Should the score be level after 90 minutes of play, the winner shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the procedures defined in the 'Laws of the Game'. No extra time will be played. Read on to find out how the two teams got here and who is playing in today's final.

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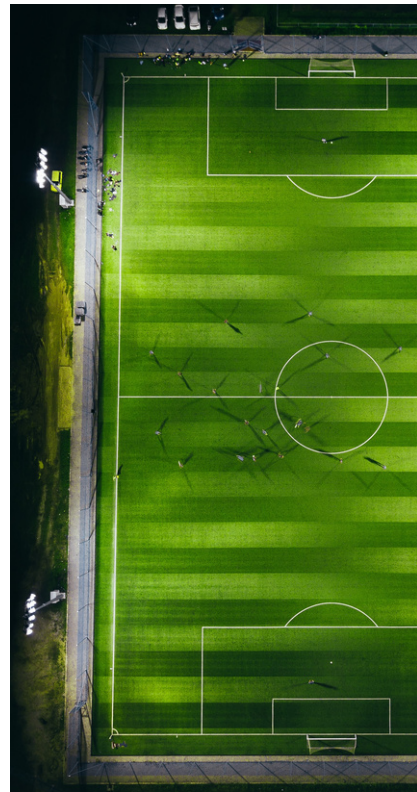
MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE: Carl Beard

ASSISTANT: Andrew Chudleigh

ASSISTANT: Adrian Smith

4TH OFFICIAL: Dave Morecombe



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DOWN AMPNEY



SQUAD LIST

- 1-Nathan Townsend (c)
- 2-Archie Benge
- 3-Steve Algar
- 4- Dylan Jones
- 5- Sam Dibble
- 6-Alfie Moulding
- 7-Harry Yeates
- 8- Charlie McCuish
- 9-Harry Sealey
- 10-George Bailey
- 11-Harvey Coster
- 12-Dan Lambton
- 15-Cam Liffen
- 16-Adam Parry

Manager

Craig Rennie

Player Coach

Jody Lawrence

Assistant Manager

Matt Tyson

KIT

Shirts - Navy/White stripes

Shorts - Navy

Socks - Red

GK - Green



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DOWN AMPNEY



Season so far

After last season's heartache in the final, manager 'Rennie' has targeted this competition again, and it's the one all the lads want to win.

"We have done amazing to achieve back-to-back county cup finals, and we are hoping to go one better this season, with a couple of additions to strengthen the squad from last year."

Our preparation has not been ideal, however. After starting the 1st half of the league campaign unbeaten and going into the new year top of the Swindon Premier league, form has slumped, and we now find ourselves mid-table with an uphill task of winning the league this season.

Tonight is very much the game we need to turn our form around and restore the confidence in the team.

#upthedowns



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STRATTON UNITED



SQUAD LIST

Andy Ealey
Harry Johnson
Callum Griffiths
Liam James
Angus Brereton ©
Callum Giles
Sam Simmonds
Luke Wilson
Jay Griffiths
Luke Field
Dan Timbrell
Ant Wear
Ibrahim Musa
Dan Hemmings
Kieron Lees
Ayden Clarke
Manager/Coach
Luke Palmer
Kurtiss Andrews

KIT

Shirts - Maroon
Shorts - Maroon
Socks - White
GK -Yellow

Manager

Luke Palmer



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STRATTON UNITED



Season so far

With Pre-Season fast approaching, Stratton United's 2022/23 season was projected as a "Season of Slow Transition" after both 1st Team and Reserves had largely underachieved the previous season. The 1st Team had finished in the bottom three of Division 4, and the Reserves season had tailed off, leaving them in midtable of the basement Division 7. Both Team Managers had decided to step down for the upcoming season, with current veteran players Luke Palmer and Kurtiss Andrews taking on the 1st Team role and Reserve Team Manager roles, respectively. This new era signalled some small recruitment changes, with players leaving and a handful of players coming into the club, but the groundwork orchestrated by Palmer and Andrews was mainly balancing out both sides with respective players playing in appropriate teams and divisions. Fast forward eight months and the new era has gathered great momentum, with the season (at the time of writing) being very successful, and this is a great testament to all the players and management so far.

The 1st Team playing this evening sit in 1st position in Division 4 - currently winning 13 of their first 16 league games and only being defeated once so far. Not only that, but they are also into the GFA County Cup Final and still (also at the time of writing) due to playing in the League Cup Semi-Final with another final place up for grabs. Meanwhile, The Reserves currently occupy one of the promotion slots in Division 6. Tonight is seen as a fantastic highlight of this current season so far for Stratton United 1st Team and just goes to show the rewards that can be reaped if everyone in the club shows hard work, commitment, team spirit and real togetherness. We would like to take this opportunity to give a few thank yous to the following:

Our committee who keeps the club ticking away off the pitch, allowing us to play football through the season.

Our Management and backroom staff of both senior teams, who run the on the field business, as well as social occasions and social media.

Also, in tough times, our crucial team sponsors; Natasha Hughes from Kingsbridge Mortgage Advice, who has provided all the players with club tracksuits, D & J Sports who manufactured our kits and Sitech, who also have supported us. Many thanks to everyone above, your support is much appreciated!

Road to Final

1st Round: BYE

2nd Round: Lydney Town B (W 6-1)

3rd Round: Tredworth Tigers Res (W 3-2)

Quarter Final: Tewkesbury Athletic Reserves (W 3-1)

Semi-Final: Tewkesbury Town Reserves (W 4-1)



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County Cup (S) Finals Schedule

Date	Time	Competition Name	Venue	Winner of 1st Semi Final	Winner of 2nd Semi Final	Result
Sunday, 12 March	10.00am	U13 (9v9) Girls Cup	Oaklands Park	Bradley Stoke	Tewkesbury Town Colts	0 - 3
Sunday, 12 March	1.00pm	U15 Girls Cup	Oaklands Park	Bradley Stoke	Prestbury Phantoms Panthers	4 - 1
Sunday, 26 March	10.00am	U14 Girls Cup	Oaklands Park	Downend Flyers Robins	Cheltenham Town Spartans	
Sunday, 26 March	1.00pm	U16 Girls Cup	Oaklands Park	Bitton Sunday	FC Highnam	
Monday, 3 April	7.30pm	Primary Cup (South)	Oaklands Park	FC Rangers	United Bristol CRC	
Tuesday, 11 April	7.30pm	Minor Cup (South)	Oaklands Park	Rockleaze Rangers B	Redfield Rovers	
Thursday, 13 April	7.30pm	Women's Challenge Cup	Oaklands Park	Whitchurch	Cheltenham Civil Service	
Monday, 17 April	7.30pm	Intermediate Cup (South)	Oaklands Park	AFC Mangotsfield	Pucklechurch Sports Reserves	
Tuesday, 18 April	7.30pm	Sunday Premier Cup	Oaklands Park	Wick Sunday	Bristol Academia	
Thursday, 20 April	7.30pm	Women's Trophy	Oaklands Park	Pucklechurch Sports	Forest Green Rovers	
Sunday, 23 April	10.00am	U12 (9v9) Boys Cup	Oaklands Park	Southside Star Tigers	Rockleaze Rangers	
Sunday, 23 April	12.00pm	U12 (9v9) Girls Cup	Oaklands Park	St Nicholas Black	Cheltenham Town Vipers	
Sunday, 23 April	2.00pm	U15 Boys Cup	Oaklands Park	Frampton Rangers Red	Avon Athletic	
Monday, 24 April	7.30pm	Junior Cup (South)	Oaklands Park	Bristol Barcelona	St Vallier	
Tuesday, 25 April	7.30pm	Senior Amateur Cup (Countywide)	Oaklands Park	Stonehouse Town Reserves or Chalford	Avonmouth	
Thursday, 27 April	7.30pm	Challenge Trophy	Oaklands Park	Lydney Town	Roman Glass St George	
Tuesday, 2 May	7.00pm	U16 Boys Cup	Oaklands Park	Mangotsfield United Clarets	Hardwicke Rangers Reds	
Thursday, 4 May	7.00pm	U18 Youth Shield	Oaklands Park	Cheltenham Saracens	Gloucester City	
Sunday, 7 May	10.00am	U14 Boys Cup	Oaklands Park	Longwell Green Sports	Bishops Cleeve Colts Celtics	
Sunday, 7 May	1.00pm	U13 Boys Cup	Oaklands Park	Brockworth Albion	Cinderford Town	
To be arranged	tbv	Senior Challenge Cup (provisional)	Oaklands Park	Bristol Manor Farm or Bristol City U23	Cheltenham Town Reserves	



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County Cup (N) Finals Schedule

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Sunday, 2 April	10.30am	Sunday Minor Cup	Bishops Cleeve FC	Tewkesbury Town Sunday	Winchcombe Working Mens	
Tuesday, 4 April	7.45pm	Minor Cup (North)	Bishops Cleeve FC	Down Ampney	Stratton United	
Tuesday, 11 April	7.45pm	Intermediate Cup (North)	Bishops Cleeve FC	Dursley Town Reserves	Cam Bulldogs	
Thursday, 13 April	7.45pm	Primary Cup (North)	Bishops Cleeve FC	Brockworth Albion 3rds	Nailsworth Town	
Tuesday, 18 April	7.45pm	Junior Cup (North)	Bishops Cleeve FC	Westbury United	FC Lakeside Reserves	

North County Cup Finals to be played at:
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 Kayte Lane,
 Southam,
 Bishops Cleeve,
 Cheltenham GL52 3PD.



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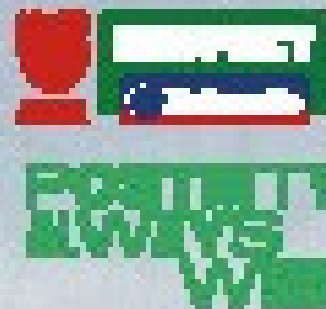
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