



**Hertfordshire FA**



**Intermediate Cup Final 2023**  
**Hemel Hempstead Rovers v Lemsford**

Wednesday 15th March 2023 7:45pm  
The County Ground, Letchworth Garden City



# Welcome to The County Ground



## Our first County Cup Final of 2023

Good evening and a warm welcome to The County Ground, home of Hertfordshire FA for today's Intermediate Cup Final.

Our congratulations go to the players and management of both Hemel Hempstead Rovers and Lemsford on reaching the final, we wish you the very best of luck for the match. We also want to acknowledge both club's volunteers, whose hard work behind the scenes gives these players the opportunity to be part of the game.

Congratulations also to the Match Officials on your appointment to this game, you thoroughly deserve it and we hope you are able to enjoy the occasion.

While you are here be sure to make the most of the facilities, including our licensed cafe serving hot and cold drinks, food and snacks which is next to the main stand. Should you have a query our staff will be happy to help you.

Our goal is to create a friendly and welcoming environment for all and therefore ask that you show your appreciation during and after the game in a positive manner.

**Tony Butler,**  
**Chair, Competitions Committee**

“ ***Congratulations to all involved in today's final,  
whatever the result you should take great pride in  
the achievement of reaching this stage*** ”

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## Competition History



This is the 80th Final of the Hertfordshire FA Intermediate Cup

The Hertfordshire FA Intermediate Cup was introduced in the 1937-38 season and had been contested continuously since then, barring a three year period during the Second World War, until the COVID pandemic forced another three year gap without a final.

The inaugural winners were Rickmansworth Town who defeated Hatfield United 4-2. The post war years were largely dominated by two clubs, with both St. Albans City Reserves and Hitchin Town Reserves picking up the trophy eight times each before the end of the 1960s, making them jointly the most successful sides in the competition.

More recently it is Bishop's Stortford Swifts who have had the most success, notching seven wins between 1993 and 2012, with six of those since the turn of the century. Oxhey Jets Reserves were won the last final to be played, beating Royston Town Reserves 2-0.

This is a first appearance in the final of this competition for Lemsford as they look to secure a first senior County Cup victory in their history. Hemel Hempstead Rovers have made three previous appearances in the final of this competition, winning it twice.

*The competition currently involves the reserve and development sides of Senior Clubs and those at Step 8 of the football pyramid. Today's match will be 45 minutes each way, with kicks from the penalty mark if necessary.*

## Recent Finals

The COVID pandemic caused the 2019 season to be cut short, with winning semi-finalists Oxhey and Wheathampstead Wanderers declared to have shared the competition. The Intermediate Cup was not run in the subsequent two seasons before returning this year.

<b>2012/13</b>	Bedmond Sports	4-1	Kings Langley Reserves
<b>2013/14</b>	Enfield Town U21	1-0	Oxhey Jets Reserves
<b>2014/15</b>	Sun Sports Reserves	3-2	St Margaretsbury Reserves
<b>2015/16</b>	London Colney Reserves	1-1 (2-1)	Bedmond Sports
<b>2016/17</b>	AFC Oaklands	3-1	Cheshunt Reserves
<b>2017/18</b>	Hertford Town Development	4-0	Hadley Reserves
<b>2018/19</b>	Oxhey Jets Reserves	2-0	Royston Town Reserves



# Club Profile

## Hemel Hempstead Rovers

Looking to add their name to this trophy for a third time after a nearly 40 year wait



The club began in 1934 and initially played in the West Herts League which at the time was considered one of the better standards of football. After the Second World War the club played in the Great Western Combination League and during that period Rovers did manage to win the Hertfordshire FA Intermediate Cup in 1953. In that same year, the club moved to its present Reith Fields ground.

After a narrow defeat losing 1-0 to Pirton in the 1978 final, the club went on to pick up the Intermediate Cup for a second time in 1984. Soon after the club made a return to the West Herts League, marking the start of a sustained period of success which included winning the Hertfordshire FA Junior Cup in 1999 and again 2009 as well as being runners up in that competition in both 2013 and 2015.

After recently moving back to the Herts Senior County League the team was successful last year in winning Division 3 and is in the hunt for promotion again.



# League Season

## Herts Senior County League, Division 2

As at 10/03/2023

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	<b>Hemel Hempstead Rovers</b>	11	11	0	0	62	9	53	33
2	<b>Westmill</b>	11	10	1	0	44	9	35	31
3	<b>Hinton &amp; Finchley U23</b>	17	9	1	7	47	50	-3	28
4	<b>Letchworth GC Eagles U23</b>	13	7	4	2	45	18	27	25
5	<b>Little Heath Saturday</b>	13	7	3	3	36	24	12	24
6	<b>Bushey Rangers Saturday</b>	12	8	0	4	35	23	12	24
7	<b>Broxbourne Badgers</b>	14	7	2	5	39	25	14	23
8	<b>Chesham United Generals</b>	16	6	1	9	49	49	0	19
9	<b>Sandridge Rovers Reserves</b>	12	5	2	5	25	36	-11	17
10	<b>Oxhey</b>	15	4	2	9	28	45	-17	14
11	<b>Hatfield Athletic</b>	15	3	3	9	25	47	-22	12
12	<b>Chipperfield Corinthians Res</b>	12	2	2	8	14	57	-43	8
13	<b>Wormley Rovers Reserves</b>	16	2	1	13	24	62	-38	7
14	<b>Cuffley Seniors Reserves</b>	11	2	0	9	20	39	-19	6

## Give us your analysis of the season so far...

Having made a strong start to the season we were unfortunate to sustain a very bad injury to an excellent young member of the team, and the rest of the players have since made and extra effort to cover for the loss which has galvanised the squad.

With our continuing good run this season has seen more players have join the team to help keep the momentum going. We have a nucleus of seven or eight regular players and in addition to that plenty of personnel waiting to get some game time. Overall we now have a squad of around twenty players that can all easily slot in when needed.

Our unbeaten run now stands at 16 games out of 16 and we hope to keep this going and not only secure promotion in the league but the Intermediate Cup as reward. Playing a strong higher Division side will give us a good sense of the opposition we will face next season . It should be an exciting game and we look forward to the challenge.

**Tom Calverly**

## Lewis Swindells

## Callum Jones

## Dean Roper

## Luke Hewitt

## Tom Read

## Ryan Ferguson

## Rhys Stonebank

## Scott Bullock

## Charlie Rance

**Drew MacFarlane**

## Tom Dean

## Ben Porter

## Oliver Buckley

**John Edey**

## Ellis North

**Ryan Sewell**

[illegible]



## Hemel Hempstead Rovers

Currently 1st in Herts Senior County League, Division 2

As at 10/03/23

### League Form

Games Won	11
Games Drawn	0
Games Lost	0
Goals Scored	62
Goals Conceded	9

### Leading Scorers

17	Charlie Rance
8	Rhys Stonebank
5	Callum Jones
4	Ellis North
4	Tom Dean



## Lemsford

Currently 2nd in Herts Senior County League, Division 1

As at 10/03/23

### League Form

Games Won	13
Games Drawn	1
Games Lost	5
Goals Scored	42
Goals Conceded	24

### Leading Scorers

22	Dan Harper
4	Robbie Steedman
4	Alex Jones
3	Alex Holland
2	Taylor Williams

### Route to the Final

R1	Old Parmiterians	0 - 9	Hemel Hempstead Rovers
R2	Hatfield United	2 - 3	Hemel Hempstead Rovers
QF	Little Heath	0 - 3	Hemel Hempstead Rovers
SF	Hemel Hempstead Rovers	4 - 0	L7 FC

### Route to the Final

R1		BYE	
R2	Broxbourne Badgers	1 - 2	Lemsford
QF	Harpenden Town Dev	A - W	Lemsford
SF	Westmill	2 - 2	Lemsford
		(5 - 6) Pens	

# Meet the Players

## Lemsford



Tells us about your squad....

### Joseph Byrne

Gentle giant who is a superb shot-stopper but who'd struggle to catch a cold. Joe's biggest issue is staying out late the night before a game. Is convinced management believe him when he says he hasn't.

### Jimmy Davies

Tough to say if he's the smallest member of the squad but definitely in contention. Plays a similar role to Trippier but is not as quick, or mobile, or fit. In fact, the only similarity is he's right rooted, sort of.

### Jack Hurd

The squad's ultimate utility man, playing left and right back, centre back and even left wing. He also possesses go-go gadget legs which has helped us out of trouble on more than one occasion this year.

### Jason Harvey

Old timer with the experience and class yearned for by others. The player who has racked up the most late fines this year having not made the meet time once. At least he's consistent, much like his play.

### Jack Corbert

Highly versatile. He's a true 'Jack of All Trades' who can play anywhere on the pitch. One of the squad's youngest members, is liable to be distracted by other interests outside of football.

### Will Powell

A player who is strong and quick but sadly can't pass 5 yards. He thinks he's a left winger, but we think he's better with the flag in his hand. Will has unfortunately missed around half the season.

### Alex Jones

Lemsford's Bobby Moore brings calmness and composure with his ability. Offers a wealth of experience and has been a solid presence at the back all season, just a shame he turns like a barge.

### Billy Sherwood

Fearless and a great motivator within the team. Loves a tackle but never stays on his feet. Is keen to express his views in a calm and decisive manner. Never questions instructions and listens to advice given.

### Robbie Steedman

Robbie is a leader on and off the pitch and offers a massive aerial threat in both defence and attack. Never one to moan and has been known to head home early after games for some reason.

### Adam Saul

Duracell Bunny who just keeps going and going and covers every blade of grass in the course of a match. Only manages to get to games and training because the gaffer gives him a lift.

### George Williamson

Known as being exceptionally good with the flag in his hand. He's not very quick and he's not great on the ball but he's a trier and everyone loves a trier.

### Dan Dunne

Our very own Mr Reliable he is possibly the most popular bloke in Lemsford and not bad at football either. The quiet one of the squad he gets his fair share of goals.

### Johan Pedrono

Chic milieu de terrain francais. Been kissed by fire and has similar traits to Scholes. Is strong in a tackle and has the ability to pick a pass. Often turns into trouble with a cheeky Cruyff or two.

### Taylor Williams

He may be small but has incredible speed. In fact his only real talent may be running fast but at least he's always first to help with the nets.

### Luke Radley

Twinkle Toes who very rarely does the right thing and can always be found turning back into trouble. Does get on the score sheet, when he turns up.

### Dan Harper

Harps is a player who loves a corner and has the ability to score goals for fun. He can kick the ball really hard and is also TikTok famous.

### Ennis Daly

Known as The Postman as he never fails to deliver. Strong, quick and skilful, he spends every second he's not playing in the gym. Always first on the team sheet regardless of how many games he's missed.

### Luke Radley

Great attitude and never gives in. Tough in a challenge and has bags of energy. It's just a shame his little lad has a better first touch than he does... and is taller.



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# Club Profile

## Lemsford

A club with a long history but a focus on the future with investment in youth



Lemsford Football Club was founded in 1906 making it one of the oldest clubs in the county. The club's original colours of amber and black stripes are still used today in all teams. The club believes in giving an opportunity to everyone who wants to play football, are willing to work hard, to learn, develop and play fair, all with enjoyment and discipline and are proud to have achieved England Football Accredited status.

Lemsford was predominately a Sunday side until 1999 when our two senior adult teams joined the Mid Herts League and have since progressed to the Herts Senior County League. Within our club, we currently have youth teams from mini soccer at U6 right through to U17 as well as two senior adult teams. Our youth system has been hugely successful over the years, which include two U16's County Cup winners in 1991 and 2019 and it's this youth system that has helped the club grow substantially.

The senior's trophy cabinet had perhaps gathered some dust in years gone by, but recently with some hard work and friendship, we have started to build teams that can compete for silverware. The senior first team secured promotion by winning the HSCL Division 2 title in the 2021/22 season as well as picking up the Greg Cup. Let's hope we can continue to add to that impressive feat with a first ever County Cup trophy for the senior team today!



# League Season

## Herts Senior County League, Division 1

As at 10/03/2023

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	<b>Apsley Argyle</b>	21	14	2	5	62	31	31	44
2	<b>Lemsford</b>	19	13	1	5	42	24	18	40
3	<b>Baldock Town Reserves</b>	20	13	0	7	65	40	25	39
4	<b>London Lions Development</b>	20	10	6	4	39	22	17	36
5	<b>Bovingdon Reserves</b>	18	10	5	3	47	21	26	35
6	<b>Hatfield United</b>	19	8	6	5	41	27	14	30
7	<b>L7 FC</b>	14	9	2	3	44	25	19	29
8	<b>Harpenden Town Development</b>	18	8	5	5	41	22	19	29
9	<b>Waltham Cross FC</b>	15	5	5	5	24	25	-1	20
10	<b>Old Parmiterians</b>	21	5	4	12	43	55	-12	19
11	<b>Welwyn Garden City FC U21</b>	18	6	1	11	28	45	-17	19
12	<b>Hertford Heath Development</b>	17	4	6	7	23	41	-18	18
13	<b>Evergreen FC</b>	20	3	6	11	25	48	-23	15
14	<b>Knebworth</b>	19	2	4	13	19	42	-23	10
15	<b>Edgware &amp; Kingsbury Reserves</b>	19	1	3	15	13	88	-75	5

## Give us your analysis of the season so far...

What a season it has been! We thought last year's campaign would be a hard one to top, with us securing the double. but here we are in a County Cup final, and hunting another promotion which if gained would see the club reach its highest ever league position.

What makes this special is the fact the vast majority of the players that finished last season started with us for this one. This is a sure sign of the true dedication, hard work and team spirit that we have fostered over recent years and which means that as a club we are now achieving standards that previously we didn't think were possible.

A massive thanks to all involved from Chairman, coaches, players, and those that support us week after week, as without all of you this wouldn't be possible.



# Guest of Honour

## Paul Mallett

### Board Member and FA Representative



Paul enjoyed a moderately successful playing career with Morseborg Warner and Wilbury Wanderers in the North Herts League before turning his attentions to refereeing in 1981, eventually retiring at the end of the 2008 season. During this time he was also a Referee Tutor for fifteen years and additionally the County Referee Training Officer for five years.

Paul served 10 years as Treasurer of the Herts Senior County League, stepping down in 2008. He was elected a member of the Council of the Hertfordshire FA in 2000, serving on various Committees and also as Child Protection & Drug Awareness Officer until the appointment of a full-time Designated Safeguarding Officer.

He was elected in 2009 as a Director on the Hertfordshire FA Board, becoming Chair of the Association in 2012 for a term of three years, and currently holds the role of the Board Safeguarding Champion. In 2017 he was elected to be the Hertfordshire Representative on The Football Association Council, serving on both the Leagues and Youth Committees, together with being the Vice Chair of the Grassroots Discipline Committee.

## Today's Match Officials

### Benjamin Compton (Referee)

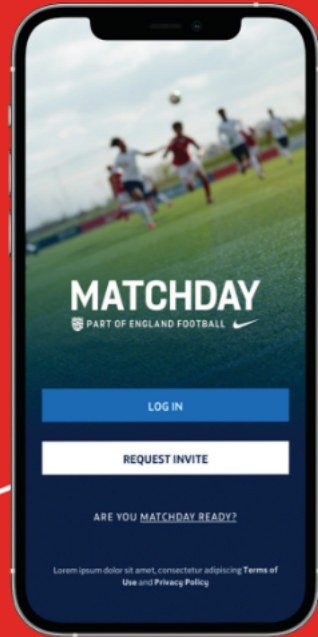
I have been a referee for 7 years now, having started at the age of 14. My greatest achievement as a referee is officiating at St George's Park for an England youth game. From the first game I too I've always dreamed of giving it a shot at making it to the Premier League.

### Benjamin Twitchings (Assistant)

It is an honour to be selected for a County Cup final. I'm proud to have achieved promotion this season on top the one I received last season. I'm thoroughly enjoying my refereeing journey and look forward to pushing it as far as possible.



### Richard Smith (Assistant)

I first refereed in the late 80s, but focused for a long time playing and running teams in London. After qualifying as an official again in 2021 I hope to be promoted to Level 6 this year. I am also the Secretary, for the Hertford and District Football League.





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# Hertfordshire FA

## County Cup Finals 2023



Join us for more exciting action as our competitions reach their climax

**Wednesday 15th March 7:45pm**

**Intermediate Cup**

Hemel Hempstead Rovers v Lemsford

**Wednesday 22 March 7:45pm**

**Senior Centenary Trophy**

Ware Sports v Belstone

**Saturday 25 March 2:30pm**

**U18 Girls Cup**

Watford Ladies Youth v Harvesters

**Wednesday 29 March 7:45pm\***

**Senior Challenge Cup**

Hitchin Town v Berkhamsted FC

**Friday 7 April 2:30pm**

**Junior Cup**

Elizabeth Allen Old Boys v Sun Sports Rovers

**Sunday 16 April 2:30pm**

**Sunday Intermediate Cup**

Brookmans Park v Little Heath

**Sunday 23 April 10:30am**

**U15 Boys Cup**

Baldock Town v Colney Heath Youth

**Sunday 23 April 2:30pm**

**Women's Cup**

Stevenage Women v Royston Town Women

**Saturday 29 April 10:30am**

**U16 Girls Cup**

Watford FC CSE Trust v Knebworth Youth

**Sunday 30 April 2:30pm**

**Sunday Junior Cup**

FC Emperors Head v Glenn Sports

**Sunday 7th May 10:30am**

**U16 Boys Cup**

Finalists to be confirmed

**Sunday 7th May 2:30pm**

**U18 Boys Cup**

Finalists to be confirmed

**Saturday 20 May 10:30am**

**U14 Girls Cup**

Finalists to be confirmed

**Saturday 20 May 2:30pm**

**U15 Girls Cup**

Finalists to be confirmed

**Sunday 21 May 10:30am**

**U14 Boys Cup**

Ware FC Academy v Cheshunt Youth

**Sunday 21 May 3:00pm**

**Sunday Senior Cup**

Finalists to be confirmed

*\* All finals to be played at The County Ground, Letchworth with the exception of the Senior Challenge Cup which is being held at Cheshunt*



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Oliver Buckley

Joseph Byrne  
Jimmy Davis  
Jack Hurd  
Jason Harvey  
Jack Corbert  
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Daniel Harper  
Luke Radley  
Ennis Daly  
Tom Cox

**Manager:** Marc Hewitt  
**Assistant:** Andrew Fitzgerald  
**Colours:** Red Shirt, Black  
Shorts, Black Socks

**Manager:** Danny Pickett  
Steve Braine, Sam McDouall  
**Colours:** Amber and Black Shirt, Black  
Shorts, Black Socks

**Referee:**  
Benjamin Compton

**Assistants:**  
Richard Smith, Benjamin Twitchings

**Fourth Official:**  
Benjamin Lester