



Hertfordshire FA



Junior Cup Final 2023

Elizabeth Allen Old Boys v Sun Sports Rovers

Friday 7th April 2023 2:30pm
The County Ground, Letchworth Garden City



Welcome to The County Ground



Our fifth County Cup Final of 2023

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

Our congratulations go to the players and management of both Elizabeth Allen Old Boys and Sun Sports Rovers on reaching the final. We wish you the very best of luck for the match and hope you have a memorable day. We also want to acknowledge both club's volunteers, whose hard work 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,
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the achievement of reaching this stage*** ”

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Competition History



The 122nd Final of the Hertfordshire FA Junior Cup

The Hertfordshire FA Junior Cup was introduced in the 1894-95 season, nine years after the Senior Cup. It had been played continuously ever since, except for five years during the First World War, until the COVID pandemic forced a two year gap without a final.

The inaugural winners were St Albans Reserves, although this is not the same St Albans club that we know today. That team featured a certain George Wagstaffe-Simmons, who would later become Secretary and Chairman of Hertfordshire FA, serving the county for some fifty years as well as being a Football Association Councillor until 1951.

The competition is open to Saturday teams in the lower divisions of their leagues, together with reserve sides of teams playing in the Intermediate Cup. Given the structure of the competition it is perhaps not surprising that it has produced a wide variety of winners.

The most successful club in this competition are Haileybury, having won on six occasions. No other club has more than three wins and of the 91 different names on the trophy, 71 of them appear just once, with another new one being added today.

Today's match will be 45 minutes each way, with kicks from the penalty mark if necessary.

Recent Finals

The start of the COVID pandemic caused the 2019-20 season to be cut short, with that season's competition being declared void. The Junior Cup was not run in the 2020-21 season before returning last year.

2011/12	Park Street Village	2 - 0	Wellington Arms
2012/13	Bengeo Trinity	2 - 2 (3 - 2)ET	Hemel Hempstead Rovers
2013/14	Hadley A	2 - 1	Long Marston
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2015/16	Hadley A	1 - 1 (5 - 3)P	Oxhey
2016/17	Mill Lane	2 - 0	Croxley Community Reserves
2017/18	Cottered	2 - 0	Tring Athletic
2018/19	Tring Athletic A	2 - 1	Hertford Heath
2021/22	Hertford Heath	5 - 2	Hadley Saturday Veterans

Club Profile

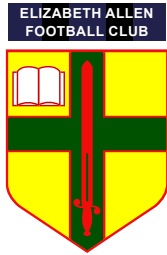
Elizabeth Allen Old Boys

Long standing club has seen a revival in its fortunes following the pandemic

Elizabeth Allen has just celebrated its 70th year, having been founded in 1952 by the school's Sports Teacher. Initially using the school playing fields and then several grounds over the years, the club finally settled down at Old Owens Sports Ground in Potters Bar. We have been there for the past 30 years and our facilities are some of the best around.

The club has competed in the North London Combination League, Mid Herts League and the Hertford and District Football League. We have won numerous cup and league titles with the highlight being the Bingham Cox Cup on St Albans City ground.

Like many other clubs we struggled during the COVID pandemic but just over a year ago, we signed Alex Outridge and he introduced Ellis Bird. Between them they have revived the club's fortunes bringing in a massive number of quality players, hence we are in this final today. Hopefully it is now onwards and upwards from here.





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League Season

Hertford & District Football League, Premier Division

As at 28/03/2023

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Greenbury United	12	8	2	2	36	16	20	26
2 Elizabeth Allen Old Boys	8	7	1	0	36	5	31	22
3 Bury Rangers FC	12	7	1	4	23	29	-6	22
4 Inter Hoddesdon	9	4	0	5	21	16	5	12
5 Bullys Crusaders Saturday	11	4	0	7	24	31	-7	12
6 Elizabeth Allen Old Boys Res	10	3	1	6	15	33	-18	10
7 Ware Trinity	8	3	0	5	11	26	-15	9
8 Sheering	8	0	1	7	3	13	-10	1

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

We have had an amazing season so far with a completely new team. In the League we are right in the hunt at the top, with many games in hand yet to be played as a result of winning so many cup rounds. Apart from today's final, we are still in three cup competitions.

Our only real low so far this season was a couple of weeks ago where we missed out in the Final of the Premier Division Cup at Hertford Town's ground, losing 1 - 0 with the winning goal coming in the 88th minute. That was tough to take but it's all part of the journey and hopefully can provide us with learning that will stand us in good stead for today's final.



Meet the Players

Elizabeth Allen Old Boys

Tells us about your squad....

Alex Outridge

New gloves every month, but they don't help. Copes with the mickey taking better than he does the shots. To be fair he's good on penalty shoot outs. Thoughtful and sincere member of the Club.

Ellis Bird

Ellis is a fearless central defender who takes no prisoners in his quest to stop opposition attacks. Has a simple philosophy which is that no one goes by. A player who it's fair to say really hates losing.

Bradley Richardson

Mr Consistent at right back. Shows some decent pace. In fact the only thing faster than his legs is the rate at which his hairline is receding. Season highlight of scoring 89th minute winner against Greenbury.

George Phillips

A player with Spartan blood, is probably related to Bernardo Silva. Corner expert so he says. Or was it an own goal by the keeper? Only ever seems to score in cup games although he would disagree.

Ashley Thwaites

Pure athlete whose innate physicality makes him a natural at right back. Just returning from a serious injury that kept him out for a while. Has been helping out with the B team during his recovery.



Fabio De Luca

A big defender who never lets a ball go over the top unopposed. Often can be seen winning his aerial duels to the tune of "Bravo, Fabio Bravo". Our very own Cannovaro, just about a foot taller.



Rees Gayford

Strong defender who is another that's good in the air. If only he could play with his feet as well as he does with his head, he'd be unstoppable. For some reason seems to play better after a big night out.

Sam Moulds

Sound central defender who gives us a platform at the back. Some would say he is losing his hair but he would insist on calling it streamlined. Big player for us, so fingers crossed he can make this final.

Kyle Hellina

Kyle is a solid dependable left back who never wastes a pass. He can be lethal from a free kick situation, not that he ever gets a chance to take them! Is currently training to be a football coach.

Dan Taylor

Some would say he has an excess of energy. Runs around like a Duracell Bunny winning headers all over the pitch. Signing of the season after joining us from Old Owens. Adapting to play centre midfield.

Perry Turner

Classy midfield player who definitely loves his flicks and tricks. Has a slight question mark in terms of stamina. 85 minutes seems to be his maximum. Dan says he has to do all his running for him.

Bradley Shipton

Our very own Kante. Never stops running. Maybe today he will grab his first goal. Very proud of his shorts and doesn't trust the club to wash his shirt. Looks a real pro when he turns up in his Porsche.

Jack Tan

A veritable dead ball expert and all round utility player. Can play central midfield or either wing, maybe even full back. Loves a free kick. Changed our game against Evergreen single handed.

Alfie Arnold

Combative and tough tackling, Alfie is a true utility man. Even played in goal in our vital County Cup semi-final. Identical twin with Luke, we never know which brother has actually paid their match fee.

Luke Arnold

Hard tackling midfielder who is our "big dog" in the centre of the park. Genuine all round left footer, or is that his twin brother Alfie? Hard to tell them apart but we're sure he's the shorter of the two.

Taku Madziya

Left footed wizard who can dazzle the opposition with his ball skills. Is capable of beating players for fun. Never allowed to take free kicks or penalties.

Tommy Howard

Versatile forward who can play anywhere across the front line. Known to score goals from the tightest of angles. Bagged a hat trick in the Quarter Finals of this cup.

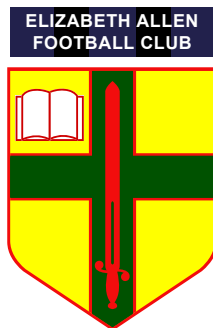
Josh Tozer

Fourteen stone of pure muscle running down the right wing. Seems to have a magnet in his boot at times but can also occasionally find a pass. So relaxed he even has to be told it's a Cup Final.

Lee Dykes

Could possibly be paid for scoring goals but prefers to play with his mates. Bites easily if you say some of his goals don't count. The amount of goals he's got this season, he might need a second scrapbook.





Elizabeth Allen Old Boys

Currently 2nd in the Hertford & District Football League, Premier Division
As at 03/03/2023

League Form

Games Won	7
Games Drawn	1
Games Lost	0
Goals Scored	36
Goals Conceded	5

Leading Scorers

33	Lee Dykes
8	Josh Tozer
5	Tommy Howard
5	Bradley Richardson
3	George Phillips



Sun Sports Rovers

Currently 2nd in the Herts Senior County League, Division 3
As at 03/03/2023

League Form

Games Won	10
Games Drawn	3
Games Lost	4
Goals Scored	45
Goals Conceded	24

Leading Scorers

32	Kaan Lawrence
10	Charlie Kimpton
9	George Blanks
4	Nathan Codling
4	Antony Macey

Route to the Final

R1	Elizabeth Allen Old Boys	6 - 4	Evergreen
R2	Knebworth Reserves	0 - 3	Elizabeth Allen Old Boys
R3	Kings Sports	1 - 3	Elizabeth Allen Old Boys
QF	Hemel Hempstead Rovers Res	2 - 4	Elizabeth Allen Old Boys
SF	Allenburys Sports	1 - 2	Elizabeth Allen Old Boys

Route to the Final

R1	Sun Sports Rovers	H - W	Inter Hoddesdon Reserves
R2	Sun Sports Rovers	4 - 0	Greenbury United
R3	Hadley Saturday Veterans	0 - 2	Sun Sports Rovers
QF	Bengeo Trinity Vets	0 - 2	Sun Sports Rovers
SF	Chorleywood Common	2 - 5	Sun Sports Rovers

Meet the Players

Sun Sports Rovers

Tells us about your squad....



Brandon Scott

Ever present in goal for us this season, unless he's on a weekend away! Brilliant shot stopper and has fantastic distribution. He's our club captain, leading by example, and hates losing more than the Gaffer.

Lloyd Mukanda

New to the club, played the first few games with the Reserves, then stepped into our back line and never looked back. Quick, strong and reliable, he rarely gets beaten for pace! He is a pleasure to manage.

Jordan Kinsella

Been with me for three seasons now and has got better and better. He's quick and strong and regards himself as a bit of a 'shed'. Jordan is also our Vice Captain and a real leader in the team.

Antony Macey

Everything a Manager wants and needs, a player who's willing to do anything asked of him. His new lease of life and love for football this season is an inspiration to us all. Never misses a game or a header.

Ian Lang

Come back this season after a serious knee injury kept him out for 16 months. Has been outstanding, often playing out of position, but always leaves everything on the pitch. Scored a worldie in the Semi.

Alex Simmonds

The glue to the team who keeps everyone in check, he is a great organiser and last of the old-school midfielders. Loves a muddy pitch and a strong tackle. Pops up with the occasional goal and is key to this team.

Felix Kouassy

Joined us this season and become our very own N'Golo Kante! He nearly covers the whole of the pitch during the 90 minutes. He links the play well from front to back, and also scored a screamer in the Semi.

Charlie Kimption

Has adapted his game from being a centre forward to playing in many other positions this season. He is great in the air, with good hold-up play, and also capable of scoring the occasional free kick.

Nathan Tannian

The most versatile player in the squad and I think he's played everywhere except in goal this season! Has bags of energy and ability and has been a revelation since he came back from injury at Christmas.

Nathan Codling

Nath is a bit of a sponge, taking in all the information given to him and putting it into his game. His ability has rocketed in the last three years. He's Mr Consistent and always has high expectations of himself.

Kaan Lawrence

Kaan has 32 goals this season in just 16 games, and plenty of assists as well. Always a winning runner and a real handful for defenders with his pace. He'll be looking to add to his tally in the Final today!

Ethan Brooks

A prankster who also happens to be the youngest member of our squad. He has a great personality and his football ability will only get better in years to come. Reliable and solid whenever he's playing.

Connor Hewitt-Coleman

Came to us from the Luton Town Academy, used to playing a good standard of football, and is class whenever present for us. His low centre of gravity and an eye for a pass means he plays a key role in our team.

George Blanks

Young, exciting player who loves a ball at his feet. His ability to tie defenders in knots is entertaining and he's retired a few full backs this season. Can win a game by himself and he has countless assists.

Javaid Payne

Another who can play many positions. Has waited patiently for a place in the team, and when he's played, has been superb. Very relaxed on the ball, never fails to make the Manager's heart skip a beat!

Alp Maden

He's been in the squad later this season, playing for both First and Reserves more than most, but always willing and hard working for the team. He's a set piece specialist and loves a step-over.

Charlie Ford

A real character who can't wear anything non-designer and lives off his Dad's credit card. As a footballer, he has a wand of a left foot, great delivery of dead balls, is strong in the tackle and always gives 100%.

James Pimlott

Our enforcer. Has the stature of a rake but always puts it about, and will go that extra for the team. He's extremely quick with good feet, and chips in with a few goals. Also known as Brooksy's Dad.

Robert Barham

Unfortunately can't be here today but he's got an outstanding work rate and passion wherever he plays, and is a real old-school footballer! Has the whole team in stitches with his antics.

Callum Tobin

Ever present with us this season, although he has not played a game because of his severe knee injury. He's great to have around to encourage and lift the team and is a class footballer when fit.

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Club Profile

Sun Sports Rovers

New incarnation of long standing club is off to a strong start in its first season



The original club was founded in 1898 as 'Sun Engraving Company' but didn't become a football club until the 1920, taking a League and Cup double in the first season. Joining the Herts County League in 1935, they were ever present in the League for 65 years, coming runners up in the Premier Division five times, and champions on three occasions.

In 2003 the club moved to the Spartan South Midlands League, after development to the ground. After ten seasons in Division 1, Sun Sports gained promotion by winning the Division 1 title in 2014. The club then went on to secure its highest ever finish to date with a fifth place finish in the SSML Premier Division in 2016.

The following season the club reached its furthest ever run in The FA Cup, reaching the first Qualifying Round, beating London Tigers and Northwood along the way, before losing to National League South Side Hayes and Yeading. In that Season, they also reached the fourth Round of The FA Vase, losing to eventual semi-finalists Bromsgrove Sporting.

The club unfortunately folded in 2018 but last year Glenn rekindled the Sun Sports name, and we are proud to have reached this County Cup Final in the team's first season.



League Season

Herts Senior County League, Division 3

As at 28/03/2023

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Croxley Green	15	11	4	0	53	10	43	37
2	Sun Sports	17	10	3	4	45	24	21	33
3	Buntingford Town Reserves	14	10	1	3	38	19	19	31
4	Chorleywood Common	16	9	2	5	62	33	29	29
5	Bedmond FC	15	9	2	4	31	17	14	29
6	Hinton Reserves	16	9	1	6	47	32	15	28
7	Hadley Saturday Veterans	15	8	2	5	48	36	12	26
8	Sarratt Reserves	14	8	2	4	30	26	4	26
9	Allenburys Sports	13	7	0	6	33	24	9	21
10	Lemsford Reserves	15	5	5	5	20	26	-6	20
11	Oxhey Jets Vets	17	5	3	9	29	44	-15	18
12	Hatfield Town Reserves	14	5	0	9	36	44	-8	15
13	Evergreen FC Reserves	18	2	3	13	18	56	-38	9
14	Harpenden Colts	17	3	0	14	23	63	-40	9

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

Being a new side this season, we didn't really know what to expect from the Herts Senior County League but we started strongly and didn't lose a game until mid January. With ten wins out of our first fourteen competitive games, It was a great achievement and gave us a platform to build on through the rest of the season.

Since then it's become a bit more challenging as the games have piled up. We have ended up having quite the backlog, due to a late start and also the poor weather, which has led to many postponements. Playing twice a week for nearly two months can take its toll on amateur footballers, but the players have been superb in these last two months.

As it stands we still sit second in the table, and have reached the Quarter Final of another Cup on top of today's County Cup Final. As a team, we always want to improve and be the best we can, individually and collectively. Putting all the achievements of the season so far as a whole, I think we can be extremely proud of what we have achieved so far.

Guest of Honour

Graham Phillips

Chair of the Hertfordshire Football Association



Graham has been actively involved in both youth and senior football for more than three decades. Starting with Thomas Colts (now Royston Town Youth), Graham served the club as a Manager, Treasurer, Secretary and Chairman over a period of 21 years.

In addition Graham has been involved in the Royston Crow Youth Football League, firstly as Registration Secretary, then League Secretary, then Vice-Chair and more recently as Chair. Graham has also served the Hertfordshire Girls Football Partnership League as Chair and Treasurer, as well as Royston Town FC as Secretary and Chair.

Graham joined Hertfordshire FA in 1999 and was involved in various roles across the Association including Mini Soccer Coordinator for the county and Secretary of the Representative Football Committee before taking up his present position.

We are delighted to welcome Graham to today's final where he will meet the teams before the game and also present the medals at the end of the match.

Today's Match Officials

Chad Greateorex (Referee)

Today's game represents a full circle for me. 4 years ago, I hung up my playing boots after being part of a cup winning team and now I am part of a referee team for a County Cup Final. I am grateful to all those people that have helped me in this journey, in particular my wife Melissa.

Conor Murphy (Assistant)

I have been officiating since I was 14 and 8 years later I am a Level 5. I have been on adult football for five seasons now and I am enjoying experiencing refereeing with other referees as assistants this season.

Tom Fogden (Assistant)

I started as a referee at 14 as part of my Duke of Edinburgh Award and here we are five seasons later and I still love what I do. I'm going for promotion to Level 5 and hoping to progress as far as I can. I put a lot of work into it, keeping fit and always have a smile on my face when refereeing.

Steve Meager (Fourth Official)

I started refereeing back in 2019 in the West Herts Youth League. Working up with back to back promotions and I'm now a regular on the Spartan Premier as an assistant and Division 2 as referee.



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County Cup Finals 2023



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

Wednesday 15th March 7:45pm
Intermediate Cup

Won by Hemel Hempstead Rovers

Wednesday 22 March 7:45pm
Senior Centenary Trophy

Won by Ware Sports

Saturday 25 March 2:30pm
U18 Girls Cup

Won by Watford Ladies Youth

Wednesday 29 March 7:45pm*
Senior Challenge Cup

Won by Berkhamsted

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

Ware FC Academy v Harpenden Town

Sunday 7th May 2:30pm
U18 Boys Cup

Cheshunt v Hemel Hempstead Town

Saturday 20 May 10:30am
U14 Girls Cup

Watford Ladies Youth v Bedwell Rangers

Saturday 20 May 2:30pm
U15 Girls Cup

Watford Ladies Youth v Hitchin Belles Youth

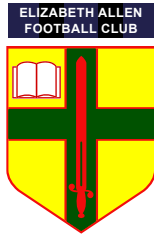
Sunday 21 May 10:30am
U14 Boys Cup

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 Theobalds Lane, Cheshunt*



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Assistant: Reg Cheek
Colours: Blue Shirts, Black Shorts,
Black Socks

Manager: Glenn O'Malley
Assistant: Callum Tobin
Colours: Yellow Shirts, Blue Shorts,
Blue Socks

Referee:
Chad Greatorex

Assistants:
Tom Fogden, Conor Murphy

Fourth Official:
Steve Meager