



Hertfordshire FA



Sunday Intermediate Cup Final 2023
Brookmans Park v Little Heath

Sunday 16th April 2023 2:30pm
The County Ground, Letchworth Garden City



Welcome to The County Ground



Our sixth County Cup Final of 2023

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

Our congratulations go to the players and management of both Brookmans Park and Little Heath 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 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*** ”

Hertfordshire FA Competitions Committee

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Competition History



This is the 49th Final of the Hertfordshire FA
Sunday Intermediate Cup

The Hertfordshire FA Sunday Intermediate Cup began back in the 1971-72 season, reflecting the rapid growth of Sunday football. The Association had started a Sunday Senior and Sunday Junior competition some eight years previously, but with more and more Sunday teams playing, a third competition was needed to accommodate them.

The Intermediate Cup draws entries from the teams from in the middle divisions of their respective leagues. It is rare to have a team win the Intermediate Cup more than once, due to the fact that they tend to be promoted and then have to enter the Senior Cup. Indeed only Shakers and Kcinsatop have achieved that feat, both winning twice.

Unsurprising then that both of today's teams will be looking to record their first win in the competition and become the 47th club to lift the Sunday Intermediate Cup.

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

Recent Finals

The COVID pandemic caused the 2019-20 season to be cut short, with that season's competition being declared void. The Sunday Intermediate Cup was not run in the subsequent two seasons before returning this year.

2009/10	Mill End Sports	3-1	Dun Cow Reserves
2010/11	Narankari	4-0	Asco
2011/12	FC Town	3-2	AC Hertford
2012/13	AFC Doves United	5-1	Drays Athletic
2013/14	The Rifle Volunteer	2-1	Mill End Sports
2014/15	Reed Rangers	3-1	The Bull & Jack
2015/16	The Great Northern	4-0	Shamrock Rovers
2016/17	Markyate	3-1	Blacksmiths Arms
2017/18	Evergreen	2-0	Apollo
2018/19	Everett Rovers	3-1	Blacksmiths Arms

Club Profile

Brookmans Park

Long standing village club whose Firsts are looking to follow their Reserves to Cup glory



The club was formed in 1982 by a group of lads from the village and joined the Review Advertiser St Albans League. Encouraged by success in that first season, winning Division 3 and reaching a cup final, a Reserve team was quickly established with a third team formed the year after. Park continued with 3 teams for over 30 years, reducing to two in 2018.

Various trophies have been won including the Premier league title in 1989 and the Hertfordshire FA Junior Cup won by the Reserves in 2014. However, this is the first County Cup final in over 40 years of trying for the first team. The team have always competed in the top two divisions of the league, also winning Division 1 on 3 occasions.

Over the many seasons, 2 players have passed 600 appearances, 3 over 500 games and another 4 passing 400, including Club Secretary Jeff Spencer who has been in his role over 35 years. The club is well respected on and off the pitch and are the second longest current member of the St Albans League, now known as the Herts Advertiser Sunday League.



League Season

Herts Advertiser Sunday Football League, Division 1

As at 12/04/2023

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4	Welwyn Garden United	15	7	0	8	32	29	3	21
5	Wheathampstead Wanderers	15	6	1	8	36	38	-2	19
6	Little Heath Sunday	13	5	3	5	28	30	-2	18
7	Forever Young People FC	11	5	2	4	19	16	3	17
8	The Bull	13	3	3	7	28	35	-7	12
9	Saints FC	14	0	2	12	10	71	-61	2

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

Having been relegated last season from the Premier Division, Park needed to re-group this year and with a number of new signings in place, we got off to a great start with five wins and a draw from the first six league games.

Between those games were wins in the cup and by Christmas the team were still unbeaten and had progressed to the Quarter Final of the County Cup. Success continued with further wins in league and cup, culminating in 12 games unbeaten in the league, reaching two League Cup Quarter Finals and the big one, the County Cup Final today.

It has been a real squad effort to get this far, but some individual credit must go to leading scorers Adam Page and Charlie Nelson. The team has been well led by player manager Chris Powell, with head of recruitment, goalkeeper Paul Flannery and assistants class midfielder Callum Baylis and solid defender James Smith.



Meet the Players

Brookmans Park



Tells us about your squad....

Paul Flannery

Social Media Manager, Chief Scout and one of the best shot-stoppers in the business. His efforts on and off the pitch are one of the main reasons The Park have done so well this season.

William Clark

The last time the first team had a final he was the mascot. Dad might be one of the founders of BPFC and record appearance holder, but he never won a County Cup! Can play anywhere along the back line.

Carl Webb

Technically one of the best footballers at the club with a wand of a left foot. Found himself playing at left-back a few times this season and was christened with the nickname Webberto Carlos as a result.

Grant Noble

Longest serving active player. Has a terrific engine, will run all game and through brick walls, loves a tackle and plays without the nonsense. True team player and highly thought of member of the club.

Jon Cox

Rolls Royce who's added a calmness to the team. Loves to keep the ball moving and most of our goals start from him. Scored a few himself too this year and has a great delivery from dead ball situations.

Alfie Sivyer

An old school centre half who thinks he could do it as a centre forward, if only he was given the opportunity to be pushed higher up the park. Quick into a tackle and never shies away from a battle.

Chris Powell

Does a fantastic job running this side week in week out. On the pitch he's one of our strongest and quickest players when he has his fast boots on. He never shies away from a tackle and always battles hard.

Callum Baylis

An integral member of the team, Callum is the only one to play every game for us this season. Versatile, passionate, skilful, can tackle, and scores goals. Little wonder he was last season's player of the year.

Charlie Nelson

Player who has it all. Been a revelation for us. Two footed, goals, assists and a mammoth throw. Whether it be from the wing or down the middle, Charlie has been immense this year.

Jamie Nelson

Took half the season to see him, but has been a 9/10 every game he's played. Got the skills to match the work rate and wins everything on the park. Too good looking to be stood next to in the team photo.

David Breeze

New signing to the Park mid-way through the season. Fitted it the team nicely from the start, the guy has an unbelievable engine on him, out running most and is always creating and scoring chances.

Adam Davies

Defender, midfielder and striker, he's the player every team needs, a real manager's dream. Adam will play in any position asked and never looks out of place. He's also a proper club man off the pitch.

James Smith

Started as a midfielder, moved up front and had a very profitable season, but in the last two years has been forced into centre back and proved a very capable. Good with his feet and reads the game well.

Matt Shore

Composed centre-half who's comfortable on the ball. Joined midway through the season and quickly established himself in the squad. We are looking forward to seeing what he can bring to the club.

Tom Milton

You've never seen a bloke love football as much as Milton, he would play every day of the week if he could. From deep in the midfield, he's added experience and important goals into the team.

Tom Kimberley

First full season at the club, a flair player who is always involved in the link up play, contributing with assists throughout the season. Has grabbed games by the scruff of the neck and kept us ticking over.

Adam Page

His goal scoring record would worry any opponent. Has it all through the centre, pace, strength and a great eye for goal. The thing we've been missing as a team for a few years now. Signing of the season.

Luke Dwyer

The Sunday League's Santi Cazorla signed midway through the season. He's added flair to the centre of the park. Great with either left or right foot he would rather nutmeg you than score.

Steve Newton

Central midfielder who's not been available as much as the manager would have liked this year due to work commitments. A very skilful player, has won games single handed in previous seasons.

Chris Beels

Mammoth of a man. Finally fit after a lengthy lay off, the beast has finally returned to left back. Storming forward he's like a tank and has got the pace to match most going the other way.

James Clark

Youngest of the Clark boys, very strong full back, good in the air will not shy out of a challenge. Hard working honest and will leave it all on the pitch. Great for the future of club to have the Clark name continued.

Phil Riley

Our second choice goalkeeper, Phil is a proper club player who helps out whenever needed and always does a top job. Was formerly an outfield player so is naturally good with his feet.



Brookmans Park

Currently 1st in Herts Advertiser Sunday Football League, Division 1

As at 12/04/2023

League Form

Games Won	10
Games Drawn	3
Games Lost	0
Goals Scored	34
Goals Conceded	12

Leading Scorers

17	Adam Page
9	Charlie Nelson
4	Jamie Nellson
3	Adam Davies
3	Jake McIntosh

Route to the Final

R1	Welwyn Warriors	2-3	Brookmans Park
R2	Brookmans Park	6-3	Royston United
R3	Brookmans Park	3-2	Hartham United FC
QF	AFC Turnford	2-4	Brookmans Park
SF	Brookmans Park	4-1	The Bull



Little Heath

Currently 6th in Herts Advertiser Sunday Football League, Division 1

As at 12/04/2023

League Form

Games Won	5
Games Drawn	3
Games Lost	5
Goals Scored	28
Goals Conceded	30

Leading Scorers

12	Rob Pinto
6	Nick Baker
4	Harry Lockwood
3	Ollie Purton
2	Harry Henderson

Route to the Final

R1		BYE	
R2	Little Heath	4-2	Unpredictable FC
R3	FCB Hemel	0-1	Little Heath
QF	Oceans XI	1-1 (5-6)P	Little Heath
SF	Little Heath	1-0	Woodside FC

Meet the Players

Little Heath

Tells us about your squad....



Ben Simpson

A top-quality shot stopper, Ben has impressed since joining last season, netting himself most man of the matches last term. Has continued in fine form, coming up with big saves at crucial moments.

Darrell Allen

Possessing a great turn of pace, Darrell is a player with strong technical ability and a tenacious attitude, always working hard for the team. An all action left back who can dominate his flank.

Adem Ali

An experienced member of the squad and a quality centre back. With good anticipation and positioning, he often makes key interceptions and tackles with good in-game awareness.

Nick Baker

Started the season as the leading man up top, netting six goals along the way. Filling in at centre back during an injury crisis has found an alternate position for the Heath's Number 9. Joint top for us in assists too.

Jack Moss

Mossy joined the side this season from Cuffley and has been ever-present at the back. Always reliable, he leads the way in MOTM awards so far with three. We still await his first goal for the Heath.

Steve Waterhouse

A solid, dependable right back who can lock down his side. Capable of the odd wonder goal too, was also the winner of last year's goal of the season with a thunderous strike from 30 yards.

Elliott D'Souza

Elliott is a ball playing centre half, bringing an aura of calmness to the Heath back line. With strong technical ability he is also able to break the press and launch attacks and transitions.

Spencer Hunt

A technical centre midfielder with excellent ball control and dribbling ability. Often driving the team forward through transitions with his ball carrying, he is a creative force in midfield.

Harry Lockwood

Midfield powerhouse, often dominating a game with his physical presence. Excels in long distance shots, netting four times, including a goal of the season contender rocket against today's opponents.

Jonny Rutnam

A versatile and technically gifted footballer comfortable on either side, both in attack and defence. Genuinely two footed, has strong dribbling and crossing abilities. Time keeping could be better though.

Ahmed Ezz

Ahmed joined the team this year but has settled in quickly, slotting seamlessly into our midfield. A composed all-rounder, can be relied on to do a job for us, particularly when keeping possession.

Charlie Molnar

Defensive midfielder with a strong engine, often breaking down opposition attacks. Captains the Sunday side. Has notched up 141 appearances for the Heath and has three assists to his name this year.

Rob Pinto

An explosive winger who is the Heath's top appearances holder with 143 games, as well as being top scorer this season, including an impressive 4 goal haul in a game versus Forever Young People.

Tom Williams

The most technically gifted member of the squad having a professional career with nearly 300 Football League appearances. With excellent vision and set piece delivery he has notched four assists this year.

Harry Henderson

A quick footed and skilful winger who is also flexible enough to do a job when slotting into the defence when required. Netted a brace on the opening day of the season to kick start our campaign.

Richard Pinto

An excellent hold up striker who excels at bringing others into play to create scoring opportunities. Richard has also surpassed 100 appearances for the Heath including scoring the club's first ever goal.

Zak Raidi

A physical forward who can use his natural strength, aggression and stamina to put pressure onto opposition players, creating chances out of nothing by forcing defenders into mistakes.

Nathan Reid

A classic centre half who strong in the tackle and dominant at the back. Nathan also has the ability to execute quality long range passes to launch counter attacks with our quick forward line.

Jake Coombe

Another new signing for this season, a composed defensive midfielder who is an anchor within the team. With a calm, disciplined nature Jake provides cover for the back line, shielding the defence.

Liam McHale

Versatile player who is able to slot in anywhere on the right flank and do a job for us. A hard-working team player with a great attitude who has been with the Heath since our first season.

Alex Harris

Has supported the Sunday's from our Saturday side in Ben's absence. Making two saves in the quarter final shoot-out, including the decider, sending Heath into the semi finals of the County Cup.

Ross Gilbert

Experienced attacker, capable of playing anywhere in midfield or the forward line. He is the team's creative force, able to pick the lock of tight defences whilst also providing a scoring threat of his own.

Club Profile

Little Heath

From small beginnings, the community club continues to grow and thrive

Founded in 2018 the club was setup as a community club based in Little Heath, Potters Bar. Originally founded to provide a local club and team structure for a group of mates returning from University, Little Heath has since grown significantly.

The club now has both Saturday and Sunday sides, as well as a netball team, plus an Under 18s side for 2 years. Little Heath are an Accredited club who pride themselves on providing the best experience to players, including providing quality facilities at their home ground in Welham Green, a strong social media presence and live recordings of each game.

The Heath have a history of strong league performances, never finishing below third in any of their respective senior leagues, including multiple promotions and a 'champion's-elect' campaign that was cut short during the COVID affected season.

The club moved into the Herts Advertiser League in 2020, quickly establishing themselves in Division 2, before earning promotion last season. Little Heath had their first taste of silverware last season winning the league's Intermediate Cup 3-2.



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

We find ourselves mid-table as we near the end of the campaign, a solid start to life in Division 1. It was a mixed start to the season with a number of high scoring games, a couple of key defeats countered by big away victories.

A mid-season seven game unbeaten streak looked to set the side up for a potential promotion run, however this was cut short in February with another poor spell of form. Lots of postponements led to a double header against today's opponents, Brookmans Park. Whilst the first game saw them cruise to a victory, Heath played well in the second leading 1-0 until the closing stages before Brookmans snatched a point.

Heath have battled through 4 rounds of the County Cup so far, having initially overcome Unpredictable FC 4-2 in the first round, before going on to beat FCB Hemel 1-0 in January. The Quarter Finals saw Heath face fellow Herts Advertiser side Oceans XI, who took us all the way to penalties. Another close tie in the semi-finals followed against Woodside FC, with a 1-0 win taking the Heath through to today's final.

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Guest of Honour

Chris Spriggins

Goalkeeper turned referee turned administrator and President of Hertfordshire FA



Chris enjoyed a successful career as a goalkeeper, playing with Benington for 15 seasons before turning to refereeing in 1977. He eventually hung up his whistle in 2005 due to knee problems, but continues to be heavily involved in the administration of the game.

In his time he has held many positions, including Referees Secretary of the East Anglian Sunday Youth Cup and the Stevenage Sunday League, where he was also later President. He also served as President of the North Herts Referees Society for 11 years.

Elected to Hertfordshire FA in 1997, Chris fulfilled a number of roles over the years, before joining the Board in 2011. In addition to duties as a member of the Disciplinary Panel he currently serves as President of the Association.

We are delighted to welcome Chris 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

Dave Ramsey (Referee)

My refereeing career began in 2009 after many seasons playing Sunday league football and I now take games across Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire. Originally from Elm Park, East London, I am a West Ham season ticket holder and often wonder which pastime is less stressful!

Oliver Keil (Assistant)

Firstly I would like to say good luck to both teams playing in today's Final. I started off refereeing in 2019 and progressed to my first full year of adult football last year and am now hoping to receive my Level 5 promotion at the end of the season.

Thomas Astley (Assistant)

This is my second season as referee, taking fixtures in both Saturday and Sunday leagues across the North London area. I have gained significant experience and am honoured to be awarded a fifth cup final in that time across league and county competitions, with more to come this year.

Peter Killen (Fourth Official)

I first played Sunday League Football in the 1968 season and took up the whistle some thirty years later. I am delighted to have officiated at several finals and am looking forward to today's match, hoping the best team wins.

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Hertfordshire FA

County Cup Finals 2023



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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

Won by 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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Paul Flannery
William Clark
Carl Webb
Grant Noble
Jon Cox
Alfie Sivyer
Chris Powell
Callum Baylis
Charlie Nelson
Jamie Nelson
David Breeze
Adam Davies
James Smith
Matt Shore
Tom Milton
Tom Kimberley
Adam Page
Luke Dwyer
Steve Newton
Chris Beels
James Clark
Phil Riley

Ben Simpson
Darrell Allen
Adem Ali
Nick Baker
Jack Moss
Steve Waterhouse
Elliott D'Souza
Spencer Hunt
Harry Lockwood
Jonny Rutnam
Ahmed Ezz
Charlie Molnar
Rob Pinto
Tom Williams
Harry Henderson
Richard Pinto
Zak Raidi
Nathan Reid
Jake Coombe
Liam McHale
Alex Harris
Ross Gilbert

Manager: Chris Powell

Assistant: Paul Flannery

Colours: Orange Shirt, Orange
Shorts, Orange Socks

Manager: Billy Jones

Assistant: Richard Pinto

Colours: Green Shirt, Black
Shorts, Black Socks

Referee:
Dave Ramsey

Assistants:
Thomas Astley, Oliver Keil

Fourth Official:
Peter Killen