



Hertfordshire FA



Under 15 Boys Challenge Cup Final 2023
Baldock Town v Colney Heath Youth

Sunday 23rd April 2023 10:30am
The County Ground, Letchworth Garden City



Welcome to The County Ground



Our seventh County Cup Final of 2023

Good morning and a warm welcome to The County Ground, home of Hertfordshire FA for today's Under 15 Boys Challenge Cup Final.

Our congratulations go to the players and management of both Baldock Town and Colney Heath Youth 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 26th Final of the Hertfordshire FA
Under 15 Boys Challenge Cup

The Hertfordshire FA Under 15 Challenge Cup was introduced in the 1995/96 season, reflecting the growth of the youth game in the county.

While there had been an Under 18 Cup in Hertfordshire since the 1930s, this marked the first time that competitions were held for all ages between Under 12 and Under 16, rather than the traditional format of cups that covered two age groups.

The inaugural final in 1996 saw Evergreen beat Tesco Youth 1-0, however it is Bishop's Stortford who have had most success in this age group with four victories spread throughout the competition's history, followed by Ware with three wins, all since 2010.

Both of this year's finalists will be looking to add their name to this particular trophy for the first time and become the eighteenth different club to have done so.

Today's match will be 40 minutes each way, with kicks from the penalty mark as necessary if the score remains tied. Teams are permitted roll-on/roll-off substitutes.

Recent Finals

The COVID pandemic caused the 2019/20 season to be cut short, with that season's competition being declared void. The Under 15 Boys Challenge Cup was not run in the subsequent season before returning last year.

2011/12	Croxley Guild Youth	4 - 1	Hitchin Town
2012/13	Buntingford Cougars	3 - 0	St Albans City Youth
2013/14	Cockfosters Youth	8 - 0	Harvesters
2014/15	Cheshunt Youth	0 - 0 (4 - 3) P	Broxbourne Borough Youth
2015/16	Bishop's Stortford	3 - 3 (4 - 3) AET	Potters Bar Town Youth
2016/17	Ware Academy	1 - 0	Hemel Hempstead Town Youth
2017/18	Ware Academy	5 - 0	Maccabi London Lions
2018/19	Berkhamsted Youth	3 - 1	Ware Youth
2021/22	Cheshunt Youth	3 - 1	Baldock Town

Club Profile

Baldock Town



Dedicated to providing a pathway from youth football into the adult game

Baldock Town was formed in 2003 to provide a pathway for the development of youth players and to allow them to progress into adult football. Starting in county football, the senior side has since progressed to the Spartan South Midlands Football League Premier Division, at Step 5 of the non-league football pyramid.

There are a further six teams playing under Baldock Town, with the reserves competing in division one of the Herts Senior County League and Under 18s playing in the Southern Counties Floodlit Youth League. The other four teams play in the Eastern Junior Alliance League and these teams have experienced some excellent progress, with an EJA Cup win for last season's Under 15s and a league win for the previous season's Under 16s.

Current first manager Dave McAdam, who doubles as manager of our Under 15s, is committed to progressing the talented youngsters at the club into the first team and beyond, as far as their talent and ambition will take them. So far this season Dave has given 10 Under 18s and two Under 16s their chance at first team football and as a club, we are determined to support him in this and are committed to the pathway.



League Season

Eastern Junior Alliance U15 Yellow Division

As at 17/04/2023

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Haverhill Rovers	17	13	2	2	63	15	48	41
2	Arlesey Town	19	11	5	3	56	23	33	38
3	AFC Sudbury	17	9	5	3	37	24	13	32
4	Histon FC	13	8	1	4	25	18	7	25
5	Leighton Town Youth	15	7	3	5	36	35	1	24
6	Baldock Town	18	6	6	6	41	48	-7	24
7	Bedford Town	15	6	5	4	29	22	7	23
8	St Ives Town FC	18	4	3	11	28	38	-10	15
9	Newmarket Town	16	2	3	11	17	55	-38	9
10	Godmanchester Town	15	2	2	11	16	44	-28	8
11	LGCE Youth	13	1	3	9	15	41	-26	6

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

We made a particularly slow start to the season, taking four games before winning our first point with a 1-1 draw. This seemed to wake us up and with renewed confidence we then won three and drew one of our next four games.

Since then, our league form has been up and down, whilst our cup form has been the making of the squad, with wins against two very strong EJA sides in the quarter final and semi-final of the County Cup to get us here today.

The boys are very excited to have reached the final and are determined to enjoy the occasion, which regardless of the result will be a great learning experience and an opportunity for them to make some brilliant memories.

Meet the Players

Baldock Town

Tells us about your squad....

Kian McAdam

Been with our team since U7 but became our goalkeeper at U9 when he decided that he needed to retire his stepover. Kian is a brilliant shot stopper, brave, very vocal and often keeps us in games.

Max Bugler

Max has been a great addition to the side and is also a local lad. A strong player who likes to move up and down the wing switching effortlessly from defending to putting excellent crosses in.

Blue Joy

Another that has been with us since U7. He will put that head in wherever it's needed with great results, be it at a set piece or in a defensive area. Loves a sliding tackle and getting anything in the way to stop a goal.

Sam Akerman

Joined us a few seasons ago from local rivals. Great lad to have around the team with a positive attitude. He reads the game well, gets the tackles in and plays the game in his own relaxed way.

Harleigh Johnson Standley

Top goal scorer last season. Deadly in and around the 18 yard box at times but has also been known to hit the odd corner flag with his shots. Harleigh is very quick and also possesses a trick or two.



James Andrews

Jumbo doesn't mind a stepover anywhere on the pitch and sometimes can confuse himself with too many of them. Moves around the midfield shutting down the opposition. Known to score the odd wonder goal but doesn't like to talk about it.



Jonathan Badila

Jonaldiniho is calmness personified. Gives coaches heart attacks at how cool he is in possession. Players must hate playing against Jonathan as he has a burst of speed and has the longest legs on the pitch so they can never get past him.

Harry Davies

Harry has been a great addition to the team, joining us last season and chipping in with crucial goals. He is a very fast player who loves to hassle defenders at every opportunity. Brings an intensity to the game but yet so cool with the finish.

Ellis Coker

Joined this season and brought quality to the final third of the pitch. Could thread a football through the eye of a needle, has great vision, a wand of a left foot and has scored a few crackers this season.

Luca Atanasijevic

Big Luca is a new signing this season who's fitted in really well at the back. Reads the game well, makes some crucial tackles and interceptions in defence. Goes about his business quietly but get the job done.

Harry Plumley

Harry gives nothing less than a hundred percent. Another that will run all day and comes up with some crucial goals, but he especially loves a volley. He bombs up and down the wing throughout games.

Fraser Findlay

The Big Dog would run through a brick wall without any fuss. Very strong in the tackle and not someone who can easily be moved off the ball. Will often come up with a goal from a set piece when it's needed as well.

Rylee Kitteringham

Unfortunately, this season hasn't really got started for him due to injuries. A great lad who is very well liked. Another who reads the game well, has great passing ability but his shots often go out for a throw in.



Rhys Kessi

Rhys is another lad who takes everything in his stride. Loves to get at the defenders and always first on the scene in defence of his teammates. Has an absolute launch of a throw as well which has become more of a weapon than his shots.

George Kingham

Another player that has been with us since U7 and he has played every position. Now part of the engine of the team in midfield where he motors around covering a lot of ground with crucial tackles. He pops up with the odd screamer too.

James O'Connor

Our 'Mr Versatile' is asked to play all over the pitch. He is also the engine of the team who never stops hassling the opposition and delivers a perfect corner. Great lad who shows the coaches a glimpse of his smile when things are going well.

Daniel Kemp

Joined us this season and hit the ground running (and doesn't really stop). He is definitely the quickest player in the squad and can take players on for fun. He scores lots of goals, especially worldies, but couldn't score a tap in for toffee.



Baldock Town

Currently 5th in the Eastern Junior Alliance U15 Yellow Division

As at 17/04/2023

League Form

Games Won	6
Games Drawn	6
Games Lost	6
Goals Scored	41
Goals Conceded	48

Leading Scorers

11	Harleigh Johnson Standley
7	Ellis Coker
6	Fraser Findlay
6	Daniel Kemp

Route to the Final

R1		BYE	
R2		BYE	
R3	Baldock Town	H - W	St Albans City Youth
R4	Cheshunt Youth	1 - 2	Baldock Town
QF	Baldock Town	3 - 2	Chorleywood Common Youth
SF	Ware FC Academy	1 - 3	Baldock Town



Colney Heath Youth

Currently 8th in the Eastern Junior Alliance U15 Brown Division

As at 17/04/2023

League Form

Games Won	3
Games Drawn	2
Games Lost	5
Goals Scored	12
Goals Conceded	18

Leading Scorers

7	Wisdom Okafor
5	Kasei Scott
4	Isaac Fernandez
2	Joshua Goodier
2	Anton Riddell

Route to the Final

R1		BYE	
R2		BYE	
R3	Evergreen Youth	1 - 6	Colney Heath Youth
R4	Cuffley Youth	0 - 5	Colney Heath Youth
QF	Colney Heath Youth	3 - 2	Ware Youth
SF	Hemel Hempstead Town	2 - 2 (3 - 4) P	Colney Heath Youth

Meet the Players

Colney Heath Youth

Tells us about your squad....

Max French

Max is a top keeper who is brave, focused and determined. A great communicator with lightning reflexes and good decision-making, all of which makes him formidable opponent in one-on-one situations.

Anton Riddell

A flamboyant winger capable of playing up top or wide on the right. Has the versatility to adapt his game to meet the needs of the team. Can play with both feet, but loves to cut inside on his right in particular.

Gabriel O'Connor

Gabriel is known for his range of short sharp passing, long ball distribution and ability to start attacks whilst covering his defensive duties. He's very good at getting the ball and putting it into a better space.

Zachary White

Known for his technical ability and physical presence, Zachary is a ball-playing centre-back. Many have praised his composure with the ball, defensive skills, range of passing, and versatility and vision.

Connor McRobbie

Connor possesses the ability to stay calm under pressure. That added to a great vision, explains his high passing accuracy, being able to draw passes to find the free man from every position of the field.



Kasei Scott

A highly skilful winger who combines pace, skill, balance, feints, two-footedness, and the ability to get past defenders. Kasei is also capable of delivering quality balls from the edge of the box on both sides.

Adejola Adeoti

A strong, athletic and imposing defender, who is known for his uncompromising style of play and recognised for his aerial prowess, anticipation, positioning, tackling, character, technique and passing ability.



Titus Warari

A right-footed player, his athleticism and excellent crossing ability have helped him excel at full-back. Can also play as a wing-back with ease and is able to balance his defensive and attacking contribution.

Frankie Coyle

A technically gifted player, either out on the left flank, allowing him to cut inside onto his stronger foot or as an attacking midfielder where he can use his ability to run and dribble past defenders.



Wisdom Okafor

A talented and versatile forward, he can play several attacking roles, whether as centre forward or as an out and out striker. Has the ability to combine with midfielders, hold up play, take on defenders, and latch onto balls over the top.

Chiemena Chinwike

Chiemena is a defender who simply loves to attack. He defends because it's part of the job but can't wait to get forward. Team love him because as soon as you won the ball back, he's up there to attack.

Harry Penny

Mainly plays as a defensive midfielder, although he has also been deployed in anchor role in the centre of the pitch, or even as a centre-back on occasion. A dynamic and disciplined player, Harry is known for his relentless energy.

Jed Telford

Jed is a versatile right-footed player with experience in a variety of positions across the pitch. He can play in central midfield, as a wide attacker, or between the lines as support underneath a centre-forward.

Joshua Goodier

Joshua has that fantastic ability to get himself into the right place at the right time. An instinctive forward, who is lethal in and around the box, Joshua is also the main target for crosses.

Charlie O'Mahoney

He has very good short-passing ability and is particularly skilled at combining with a player on the inside, using one-tvos to beat opponents and get into a more advanced position, although dribbling past players is also a big part of his game.

Isaac Fernandez

Isaac uses his sizeable frame to hold play up effectively and involve others. He has the pace and clever movement to run in behind, can dribble and create and finish with both feet and his head.

Jake Ball

Jake is a right footed player best positioned wide on the left, making him an inverted winger. This is a common tactic in the modern game and Jake is a perfect example of the benefits of this particular tactical innovation.



Club Profile

Colney Heath Youth

Village club looking to add youth honours to its long history of senior success



The Magpies were founded in 1907 and played their early football in the Hatfield District League. After the First World War they joined the Mid Herts League where the third team continued to play until recently. Some earlier records indicate the winning of a Harcourt Cup some eighteen months prior in 1906, but it is believed that this was junior football.

The club's early matches were played on two grounds in Coursers Road (the Meadow and the Warren). Success was a long time coming however and was disrupted by the Second World War. The golden era of football for Colney Heath came from 1946 through to 1960 when the club won the Mid Herts Benevolent Shield twice, the Bingham Cox Cup, and also Division 1 and Premier Division titles.

In 1952 the switch was made from Fuzzen Field to the Recreation Ground and into the Herts County League. Division Two was won at the first attempt and success continued with two Playing Fields Cups, the Aubrey Cup twice, Division 1 and Premier titles. This culminated over the Easter weekend in 1960 with the Herts Intermediate Cup and Aubrey Cup double. The Reserve side also completed a double in 1958 winning both Cup and League.

League Season

Eastern Junior Alliance U15 Brown Division

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1	Wingate & Finchley Youth	14	10	3	1	38	14	24	33
2	Enfield Borough Youth	14	9	2	3	43	21	22	29
3	Northwood Youth	10	8	2	0	32	11	21	26
4	Enfield Town Youth	14	7	3	4	28	31	-3	24
5	Ware FC Academy	16	6	5	5	34	25	9	23
6	London Lions	14	5	0	9	23	34	-11	15
7	Takeley Youth	16	4	3	9	29	39	-10	15
8	Colney Heath Youth	10	3	2	5	12	18	-6	11
9	Cockfosters Youth	15	2	5	8	26	41	-15	11
10	Hertford Town	17	2	3	12	19	50	-31	9

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

Having made a slow start due to injuries, we have managed to have a decent season overall, due in large part to having an adaptable squad that can play in multiple positions and cover the gaps when players haven't been available.

We are proud to have reached the final of this competition having faced some strong sides along the way, including a close fought quarter final against Ware and a semi final against Hemel Hempstead that went down to penalties.

As ever in football you use the challenges as an opportunity to learn, so whatever happens today will be looking forward to next season with great optimism, excited at the chance to see more of what this talented group of players can do.

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Guest of Honour

Steve Maker

Head of Football Development and Investment



Steve leads the Football Development Team at Hertfordshire FA, who work closely with clubs, leagues and other key partners across a range of areas to help grow participation, so that everyone has the chance to get involved and enjoy playing the game.

Our focus is to increase opportunities and raise standards across grassroots football, supporting clubs to thrive through initiatives such as Accreditation, which allows them to show they are committed to being positive and inclusive places for everyone to play.

We also work with the Football Foundation and Local Authorities to identify and support the development of high quality facilities, enabling clubs and leagues to access significant investment that brings benefits to communities across the county.

Outside of his role at Hertfordshire FA, Steve is involved running of the club where his children play in addition to coaching their teams. He is UEFA B qualified and also a tutor for The FA, actively involved in the training and development of other coaches.

We are delighted to welcome Steve 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

Ashley Norris (Referee)

I started out taking games for my son's team in the WHYL. After a while I booked myself onto the FA Referee course and it's grown from there. I now cover many leagues in Hertfordshire across male and female, adult and youth.

Ivan Raath (Assistant)

I am a student and have refereed for almost 4 years and I am looking forward to the game. I love football and I am hoping that Arsenal can win the league this year. Good luck to both teams for today's final.

Gage Deutsch (Assistant)

This is my fifth year refereeing, and I've been lucky enough to take games across multiple formats, from the EJA to men's leagues in Hertfordshire and London. I'm very excited to be a part of this event.

Nicholas Hall (Fourth Official)

I started refereeing in 1975 and progressed to the old Class 1 before taking a break in 1992. I returned to refereeing in 2004, since when it has mostly been in youth football and I've been lucky to officiate in a number of County boys and girls finals.

Do You Know How to Help Keep Your Child Safe in Football?



Hertfordshire FA Designated Safeguarding Officer Gemma Chaffey on how you can play your part

Safeguarding is about creating safe environments and preventing children from experiencing harm or abuse. Put simply, safeguarding refers to measures we take to protect our children - and keep them safe and well. Whether that's your kids, the opposing players or even the referee, every young person has the right to enjoy football.

The FA offer a short Safeguarding for Parents Course designed to help you to make an informed choice about the football setting you enrol your child in. It starts by explaining the importance of safeguarding in football and the child-centred approach the game takes.

It will then guide you through questions you should ask to ensure the club or venue where your children play has the correct safeguarding policies, people and practices in place. The course also highlights signs that should concern you – and how to report these concerns.



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We welcome donations of adult and children's kit.

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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

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

Won by Brookmans Park

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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Kian McAdam	1
Harry Plumley	3
Sam Ackerman	4
Fraser Findlay	5
Harry Davies	6
Blue Joy	7
James Andrews	8
James O'Connor	9
George Kingham	10
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19	Isaac Fernandez
20	Jake Ball

Manager: Dave McAdam

Assistant: David Joy

Colours: Red Shirt, Red Shorts,
Red Socks

Manager: Robert Buck

Assistant: Billy Buck

Colours: Black and White Shirts, Black
Shorts, Black Socks

Referee:
Ashley Norris

Assistants:
Ivan Raath, Gage Deitsch

Fourth Official:
Nicholas Hall