



**Hertfordshire FA**



**Sunday Senior Cup Final 2023**  
**Borehamwood Rovers v St Josephs South Oxhey**

Sunday 21st May 2023 3:00pm  
The County Ground, Letchworth Garden City



# Welcome to The County Ground

## Our sixteenth County Cup Final of 2023



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

Our congratulations go to the players and management of both Borehamwood Rovers and St Josephs South Oxhey 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

### Chair

Tony Butler

### Secretary

Paddy Donovan

### Committee Members and Representatives

Steve Trulock, Gary Hollingsworth, Peter Waller, Ken Coniam,  
Graham Phillips, Graham Martin, Richard Dowden

# Competition History

## This is the 58th Final of the Hertfordshire FA Sunday Senior Cup

The Hertfordshire FA Sunday Senior Cup was introduced in the 1963-64 season reflecting the growth of Sunday football. The inaugural winners were Weatherills who defeated Herts Advertiser 2-1 in extra time in that first final.

Over the years several clubs have established significant periods of dominance in this competition, with HSC lifting the trophy five times in ten years and Skew Bridge winning a remarkable five times in a row between 2014 and 2018.

However it is today's finalists St Josephs who have been most the successful in the Sunday Senior Cup, having previously lifted it five times between 1993 and 2010, before going on to secure their sixth title with a win over Stafford Arms in last year's final.

While the holders will look to extend that sequence today, their opponents Borehamwood Rovers will be hoping it is first time lucky for them as they look to become only the twenty fifth different club to add their name to the trophy.

*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 winning semi-finalists London Road and Oakview declared to have shared the competition. The Sunday Senior Cup was not run in the subsequent season before returning last year.

<b>2011-12</b>	AFC Boars	4-2	P J Hitchin
<b>2012-13</b>	AFC Boars	2-1	Skew Bridge
<b>2013-14</b>	Skew Bridge	3-1	AFC Boars
<b>2014-15</b>	Skew Bridge	3-1	Nicholas Breakspear Old Boys
<b>2015-16</b>	Skew Bridge	2-0	Dun Cow
<b>2016-17</b>	Skew Bridge	5-1	Great Northern
<b>2017-18</b>	Skew Bridge	2-1	Flaunden
<b>2018-19</b>	Reed Rangers	5-1	Allenburys
<b>2021-22</b>	St Josephs South Oxhey	6-1	Stafford Arms

# Club Profile

## Borehamwood Rovers

Club formed by friends to enjoy playing together goes from strength to strength



Borehamwood Rovers were formed in 2019 with a group of boys who went to school together and decided to start up a Sunday league team. Over the last four years we have played in three different leagues, starting out in Barnet, then Watford and now currently playing in the Herts Advertiser Sunday League.

As a team we have had great progression over the 4 years, being potentially on course to win the Barnet League when the COVID pandemic impacted on grassroots football and the season was classed as void. Last year we won the Challenge Cup and could be on course for our best season yet, challenging for the league and in two cup finals.

It's been a fantastic start as a club and we hope in the future as team we can win more trophies together and above all enjoy our time out on the playing field.

## League Season

### Herts Advertiser Sunday Football League Premier Division

As at 15/05/2023

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	<b>Stafford Arms</b>	13	12	0	1	36	13	23	36
2	<b>Borehamwood Rovers</b>	12	10	0	2	26	12	14	30
3	<b>The Plough &amp; Harrow</b>	15	9	2	4	29	30	-1	29
4	<b>Phoenix</b>	16	6	2	8	30	45	-15	20
5	<b>Player Packs</b>	14	6	1	7	39	37	2	19
6	<b>Skew Bridge</b>	16	5	1	10	49	22	27	16
7	<b>Six Bells Sunday</b>	13	5	1	7	16	35	-19	16
8	<b>Paxton Rovers</b>	15	5	0	10	36	48	-12	15
9	<b>Hilltop FC</b>	16	3	1	12	17	36	-19	10



# Meet the Players

## Borehamwood Rovers

Tells us about your squad....



### Connor Freeman

Connor has been a great asset to us defensively. He's great at reading the game from the goal and marshalling the back line, ensuring everyone is in the right place and making the back four comfortable.

### Donik Sopa

Donik has been with Borehamwood Rovers right from the start and is a very versatile player. Happy to play anywhere on the pitch when needed and can be relied upon to do a job for us.

### Tom Scott

Along with Connor, Tom has been huge for us in the heart of the defence. He's formed some great partnerships across the back line which has resulted in us conceding the fewest goals in the league.

### Connor Sansom

The Skipper. Very vocal on the pitch and won't back out of any challenge no matter the situation. His loudness gets everyone up for the game ahead and has been the heart of our defence.

### Nick Martin

Nick is classed as the Rolls Royce of the team for his quality. Even though he is the oldest player in the group you can be sure he will still give the younger ones a good run for their money.

### Alex English

Alex joined us last season and has been an excellent addition to our midfield. Always willing to put in a shift in the centre of the park, his presence has helped to improve the defensive side of our midfield.



### Dwayne Duncan

A real big time player, Dwayne has been a massive part of the midfield for us this season. With a fantastic head on his shoulders he can be relied upon to come out on top with the aerial duels.

### Chris Brothwood

In the orchestra of midfield he is the one who absolutely pulls the strings. With an impressive work rate and commitment there isn't a blade of grass on the pitch he doesn't cover during the game.



### Archie Oats

Joined this season but things didn't start the best when he suffered a horrible injury and was on the sideline for months. Since he has been back he's scored a number of important goals to keep cup runs alive.

### Joe McCarthy

Another who joined Borehamwood Rovers midway through the season and he has certainly given the full backs a run for their money with his pace and quick feet.

### Ryan Zaleski

Stands out as the only naturally left footed player in the team. Cool under pressure, his calm attitude at the back helps us play out from the back with confidence.

### Charlie Frost

Charlie is a midfielder that likes getting hold of the ball and running at players to create opportunities. Always a challenge for opposition defenders, with his quick feet it's hard to try nick the ball of him.

### Taylor Blake

Another versatile player that can play in several positions for us across the midfield and whose performances have certainly contributed to some of our wins, helping us get this far in the competition.



### Jack Skinner

Being good with both feet Jack can pick the ball up with ease and likes to try and take on a player. His distribution isn't bad either, often looking for that killer pass to split the defence and set us in on goal.

### Billy Lobjoit

Billy was one of the founders of Borehamwood Rovers and has been a prolific player for us over the years. One who makes a big difference to the side with his records speaking for themselves.

### Louie Lobjoit

The target man upfront, Louie has struggled this year with injuries but coming back at the right time he has managed to show what he can do upfront and contribute with his goals.

### Drew Defriend

Drew joined us midway through the season and has been a great addition to the club with his versatility and energy, managing to play in several different positions when needed and brings fresh legs.



# Borehamwood Rovers

Currently 2nd in Herts Advertiser Sunday Football League Premier Division  
As at 15/05/2023

## League Form

Games Won	10
Games Drawn	0
Games Lost	2
Goals Scored	26
Goals Conceded	12

## Leading Scorers

15	Jack Skinner
8	Louie Lobjoit
5	Billy Lobjoit
4	Dwyane Duncan
2	Connor Samson

## Route to the Final

R1	Ware Herts	1 - 4	Borehamwood Rovers
R2	Northaw	0 - 0 (4 - 5)P	Borehamwood Rovers
R3	Borehamwood Rovers	2 - 0	Real Hadham
QF	Broxelona FC	1 - 1 (1 - 3) P	Borehamwood Rovers
SF	Six Bells Sunday	1 - 2	Borehamwood Rovers



# St Josephs South Oxhey

Currently 1st in Watford Sunday Football League Premier Division  
As at 15/05/2023

## League Form

Games Won	10
Games Drawn	1
Games Lost	2
Goals Scored	44
Goals Conceded	12

## Leading Scorers

11	Liam Smyth
10	Taylor Cobb
8	Harry Seabrook
6	Louis Stead
5	Daniel Griggs, Jake Tabor, Lewis Smith

## Route to the Final

R1		BYE	
R2	St Josephs South Oxhey	4 - 1	WD Bushey
R3	Maccabi London Sunday	5 - 7	St Josephs South Oxhey
QF	FMW Wanderers	1 - 5	St Josephs South Oxhey
SF	Southbury	2 - 2 (1 - 3)P	St Josephs South Oxhey



# Club Profile

## St Josephs South Oxhey



Highly successful Sunday club looking to reach new heights in an exceptional season

St Joseph's were founded in 1964 and are the oldest and most successful club in the history of the Watford Sunday League. They have won the Hertfordshire FA Sunday Senior County Cup six times since 1993 and are the reigning champions.

Our most successful season as a club was back in 2010 when we won the League, the Watford Challenge Cup and the County Cup, completing a special treble and also going unbeaten throughout the season in the process.

Two former St Joes players took over at the end of last season and after a relatively slow start, at time of writing we have won the Presidents Cup, reached the final of the Challenge and County Cups and are into a final game shootout to win the league.

Over the last 15 years we are fortunate to have been generously supported by the Badger in Watford, which in our opinion is the best pub in Europe.

## League Season

### Watford Sunday Football League Premier Division

As at 15/05/2023

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	<b>St Josephs South Oxhey</b>	13	10	1	2	44	12	32	31
2	<b>North Watford</b>	12	9	2	1	34	12	22	29
3	<b>WD Bushey</b>	13	8	1	4	28	27	1	25
4	<b>FC Unicorn</b>	13	6	3	4	20	24	-4	21
5	<b>Evergreen</b>	13	5	2	6	22	26	-4	17
6	<b>Cassiobury Rangers</b>	14	3	4	7	21	33	-12	13
7	<b>Abbots Langley</b>	14	2	3	9	24	36	-12	9
8	<b>Old Fullarians</b>	14	2	0	12	20	43	-23	6

St Josephs South Oxhey did not provide suitable player profiles, so this section has been omitted



# Guest of Honour

## Karl Lingham

### Hertfordshire FA Chief Executive Officer and Senior Safeguarding Lead



Karl's role is to lead our staff team to ensure an effective and efficient service to everyone involved in football across Hertfordshire, working closely with the Board of Directors to shape the strategic direction and priorities of the Association.

Karl previously held the position of County Development Manager, with oversight of the Football Development team, leading on facility development across the county and promoting The FA's policies, standards and procedures

After playing career that included playing in the German Youth Championships, Karl moved into coaching and holds the UEFA A licence and has held a number of coaching roles including two spells as coach to the Wales Women's National team, coach at Watford FC Women's team and coach at the Football Association of Wales Centre of Excellence. In addition he has worked in the USA and an academy scout for Sheffield Wednesday.

*We are delighted to welcome Karl 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

### Stephen Bates (Referee)

It's always an honour to have been appointed to a County Cup final and I wish both teams and my fellow officials the best of luck today. Looking forward to what should be an interesting contest and a memorable day for all.

### Phillip Hart (Assistant)

I have been refereeing for five years and have just gained promotion to Level 5. In addition to local leagues I have had the honour of being appointed to ESFA and ISFA National Schools Finals. I'm looking forward to a good contest today.

### Filippo Capone (Assistant)

I started refereeing with just my sons matches and helped across their club. I achieved my referee badge and moved up to men's matches. I have found a real passion for refereeing and enjoy visiting different clubs and people every week.

### Carl Jones (Fourth Official)

I'm a Hertfordshire official, soon to be a Level 4 working hard and taking matches across many different leagues, youth and adult, football and futsal. Highlights include taking games at big grounds like Watford, Crystal Palace and Southampton.



This legend.  
The mainstay in the middle.  
Centre of the park.  
But all over the pitch.

And without them - the game wouldn't exist.

Respect The Ref.

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## What is SADA?

The SADA Domestic Abuse Service, which is a service for everyone, aims to signpost and support people experiencing domestic abuse



A domestic abuse liaison worker will signpost you to support to help with a number of areas:

- Fitting security features to your home
- Help with referral to other agencies
- Housing/tenancy support
- Support for access to legal advice
- Practical support for you and family members
- Emotional support
- Debt and benefit advice
- Friday morning virtual drop in support service



### Contact details

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Stevenage

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 SADA@stevenage.gov.uk



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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

Won by Baldock Town

### Sunday 23 April 2:30pm Women's Cup

Won by Stevenage FC Women

### Saturday 29 April 10:30am U16 Girls Cup

Won by Watford FC CSE Trust

### Sunday 30 April 2:30pm Sunday Junior Cup

Won by FC Emperors Head

### Sunday 7th May 10:30am U16 Boys Cup

Won by Harpenden Town

### Sunday 7th May 2:30pm U18 Boys Cup

Won by Cheshunt

### 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

Borehamwood Rovers v St Josephs South Oxhey

\* 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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Connor Freeman

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Nick Martin

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Archie Oats

Joe McCarthy

Ryan Zaleski

Charlie Frost

Taylor Blake

Charlie Patmore

Dean Brinton

Roy Byron

Daniel Griggs

Harry Seabrook

James Yallop

Lewis Smith

Lewis Stead

Taylor Cobb

Louis Babmgboye

Callum Hailey

Paolo Deritis

Liam Smyth

Jake Tabor

Ronnie Blagden

Luke Peerless

**Manager:** Nathan Slinger

**Assistant:** James Blythe

**Colours:** Blue Shirts, White Shorts,  
Blue Socks

**Manager:** Dean Seabrook

**Assistant:** Liam Sonner

**Colours:** White Shirts, Red Shorts,  
Red Socks

**Referee:**  
Stephen Bates

**Assistants:**  
Phillip Hart, Filippo Capone

**Fourth Official:**  
Carl Jones