



Hertfordshire FA



Junior Cup Final 2024

Sarratt Reserves v Bishop's Stortford Swifts Reserves

Friday 29th March 2024 3:00pm
The County Ground, Letchworth Garden City



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

And without them - the game wouldn't exist.

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PROTECT THE GAME.

Welcome to The County Ground



Our fifth County Cup Final of 2024

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 Sarratt and Bishop's Stortford Swifts on reaching the final. We wish you the very best of luck 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 the Pitchside Cafe which is next to the main stand and will be serving hot and cold drinks, food and snacks throughout the day. 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.

**Graham Phillips,
Chair, Hertfordshire FA**

“ ***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

Graham Phillips

Secretary

Paddy Donovan

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Steve Trulock, Graham Martin, Gary Hollingsworth,
Peter Waller, Bob Spooner, Alan Wilson



**THERE'S NO SPACE
FOR HATE IN OUR GAME.**

**ABUSE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.
DISCRIMINATION WILL BE PUNISHED.**

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH



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Competition History



The 123rd Final of the Hertfordshire FA Junior Cup

The Hertfordshire FA Junior Cup was introduced in the 1894-95 season, eight 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 92 different names on the trophy, 72 of them appear just once. Sarratt will be looking to add to that number today, with Swifts aiming to lift the trophy for a second time having previously won in 1972.

Today's match will be 45 minutes each way, with kicks from the penalty mark to decide the winner if necessary. Teams are permitted rolling substitutions from a list of 5 named players.

Recent Finals

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.

2012/13	Bengeo Trinity	2 - 2 (3 - 2)ET	Hemel Hempstead Rovers
2013/14	Hadley A	2 - 1	Long Marston
2014/15	F C Cornerstone	2 - 0	Hemel Hempstead Rovers
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
2022/23	Sun Sports Rovers	4 - 0	Elizabeth Allen Old Boys

Club Profile

Sarratt

Founded after the First World War the club has stood the test of time in the local game



Sarratt Football Club was founded in 1919 after local men returned from the First World War. In those days the club had more committee members and vice-presidents than players! In 1923 the team joined the West Herts League and in 1935 the club moved to its current home ground, King George V Playing Fields.

The club resumed play in 1947 after the Second World War, entering the Watford & District League, before rejoining the West Herts League in 1958. During the 1960-61 season the First Team enjoyed their first major accolade, winning the West Herts League First Division.

A pavilion was built at King George throughout 1977-78, the same season the club joined the Herts Senior County League. The First Team won the Division Two title in 1979-80.

The Reserve team has achieved several honours, including winning the Herts Senior County League Reserve Division Two in 2006-07 and Reserve Division One in both 2013-14 and 2015-16, as well as lifting the Cecil Hudson Cup in 2016-17.

The First Team joined the Spartan South Midlands Football League in 2018-19. The Reserve team currently play in Division Three of the Herts Senior County League.



League Season

Herts Senior County League, Division 3

As at 25/03/2024

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Wormley Rovers Reserves	17	14	1	2	74	25	49	43
2	Welwyn Pegasus	20	12	1	7	61	42	19	37
3	Chorleywood Common	20	11	3	6	64	41	23	36
4	Sarratt Reserves	16	10	2	4	51	41	10	32
5	St Margaretsbury Reserves	20	10	0	10	51	68	-17	30
6	Harpenden Colts	20	8	2	10	49	56	-7	26
7	Hinton Reserves	20	8	2	10	47	61	-14	26
8	Cuffley Seniors Reserves	15	7	4	4	36	23	13	25
9	Bengeo Trinity	16	7	2	7	46	41	5	23
10	Oxhey Jets	16	5	3	8	31	38	-7	18
11	Croxley Green Reserves	19	6	0	13	42	59	-17	18
12	Lemsford Reserves	17	5	1	11	31	39	-8	16
13	Letchworth GC Eagles U21	18	3	1	14	25	74	-49	10

Your analysis of the season so far...

Following an excellent fifth-placed finish in Division 3 last season, narrowly missing out on promotion by only five points, reaching Division 2 was the target at the start of this 2023-24 season. After receiving a 4-1 thrashing at home on opening day, we went on a five game winning streak in the league, scoring an impressive 26 goals during this stretch.

Cemented in the promotion spots, poor weather played havoc with our season during the winter, with only four league matches played between November and January.

Since the turn of the year, we have been enjoying a run of great form, tasting defeat only once (as of the time of writing in mid-March). As it stands we remain on course to finish in the top three, with several matches in hand over our promotion rivals.

The positive league campaign, coupled with a brilliant County Cup run (scoring 16 goals over three matches) have both contributed to an exciting season which is far from over.



Sarratt Reserves

Currently 4th in the Herts Senior County
League Division 3
As at 25/03/2024

League Form

Games Won	10
Games Drawn	2
Games Lost	4
Goals Scored	51
Goals Conceded	41

Leading Scorers

16	Russell Fardon
11	Romaine Anderson
11	Bradley Curran
8	James Mullin
4	Ruben Vieira

Route to the Final

R1	Sarratt Reserves	4 - 3	Lea Sports PSG
R2	Sarratt Reserves	HW	Cuffley Seniors
R3	Sarratt Reserves	HW	Hadley Veterans
QF	Sarratt Reserves	2 - 2 (5 - 3)P	Harpenden Colts
SF	Sarratt Reserves	10 - 4	King Sports



Bishop's Stortford Swifts Reserves

Currently 6th in the ProKit UK Essex Olympian
Football League, Division 3
As at 25/03/2024

League Form

Games Won	9
Games Drawn	2
Games Lost	4
Goals Scored	41
Goals Conceded	28

Leading Scorers

21	Matthew Allen
11	Henry Harnack
7	Charlie Gilbert
3	Matt Kemp
3	Ryan Stewart

Route to the Final

R1	Bengeo Trinity	1 - 4	Bishop's Stortford Swifts Reserves
R2	Potten End	1 - 3	Bishop's Stortford Swifts Reserves
R3	Bishop's Stortford Swifts Reserves	7 - 3	Wormley Rovers Reserves
QF	Elizabeth Allen Old Boys	0 - 2	Bishop's Stortford Swifts Reserves
SF	Evergreen	3 - 7	Bishop's Stortford Swifts Reserves

Club Profile

Bishop's Stortford Swifts

From a group of enthusiastic young players to a club which continues to thrive 70 years on

Bishop's Stortford Swifts were formed in 1953 by a group of 13 year old lads, including current Vice Chairman Peter Hunt, Derek Smith, Eddie Miller, Mick Thurley, and John Sewell with Ron Nott joining a few years later.

Due to their age, they were only able to play friendlies until joining the Bishop's Stortford & District League in 1956. The club moved to their current ground at Silver Leys in 1964 and were founding members of the Essex Olympian League in 1966, winning the Senior Cup in their first season. A reserve side was introduced in 1970.

Several Bishop's Stortford Swifts players have also graced the professional ranks, including ex-Queens Park Rangers and Rushden & Diamonds player Stuart Wardley, former England Under 20 international and Manchester United trainee Kalam Mooniaruck.

In addition to the adult teams, Swifts also currently run ten youth teams from Under 7 to Under 14, competing in the Royston Crow and Brentwood leagues.



League Season

ProKit UK Essex Olympian Football League, Division 3

As at 25/03/2024

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Takeley Development	18	13	1	4	74	39	35	40
2	Manford Way Reserves	18	11	3	4	46	35	11	36
3	Springfield Reserves	17	10	3	4	42	26	16	33
4	Collier Row	17	10	1	6	44	30	14	31
5	Runwell Sports Reserves	13	9	2	2	37	23	14	29
6	Bishop's Stortford Swifts Res.	15	9	2	4	41	28	13	29
7	Hullbridge Sports FC Reserves	15	7	4	4	43	29	14	25
8	Herongate Athletic Reserves	17	7	2	8	29	40	-11	23
9	Basildon Town	15	4	4	7	25	27	-2	16
10	Emerson & Upminster	17	3	2	12	29	52	-23	11
11	Pitsea Town	20	2	2	16	32	73	-41	8
12	Old Chelmsfordians Reserves	18	1	2	15	21	61	-40	3*

Your analysis of the season so far...

Swifts Reserves are on an upward trajectory having gained two promotions in the last two seasons and are currently in Division 3 of the Essex Olympian League.

After losing the first three games of the current season it could have been feared that this was a step too far for the team, but since then they have shown their quality, going on an excellent run, losing only once in their last 17 league games.

We are delighted to have reached this final and have the opportunity for some silverware. We look forward to a good contest and it should be a memorable day for all concerned.

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From the Archives

Newspaper coverage of the first Junior Cup Final in 1895 shows how much some things have changed in football over the last 130 years, while others remain the same...



HERTS JUNIOR CUP FINAL - St. Albans Reserves v Croxley - The Reserves Win by a Point

The re-played tie in the final of the Herts Junior Cup competition took place on Saturday, on the West Herts ground. The turf, although rain had been falling frequently throughout the week, was in a fair condition, but during the second half there was a tremendous shower of rain and hail, and this made the surface very greasy during the last half hour.

As will be remembered, these teams met on the St. Mary's ground some few weeks since, when the Saints succeeded in vanquishing their opponents by nine goals to two. At the commencement of the game a protest was lodged with the referee by the Albanians on account of the state of the ground.

A meeting of the Association was called, and Saturday's match was the result of their decision. The Saint's team, with the exception of Sygrove, who did duty between the sticks in place of Rickards, was the same that opposed the Croxleyites on the previous occasion, but the paper makers substituted H. Galley and T. Belch for weaker men, and thus strengthened their team.



There was not a very large attendance of spectators. The Croxleyites were rather late, and therefore it was a quarter to four before the teams turned out in the following order:

Right	ST. ALBANS			Left
	J. Reynolds	W. Sygrove (goal)	A. Sibley	
H. Arnold		G. W. Simmons	E. N. Sharpe	
H. Sansom	W. Long	G. Wescott-White	H. Payne	
		J. Stevens		
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L. Peake	W. Peake	W. Raggett	H. Galley	F. Thomas
W. Nunn		E. Rookes	T. Belch	T. Holliman
F. Pitkin		A. Payne (goal)		
Left	CROXLEY			Right
Mr. G. G. Landragin (Referees' Association) took charge of the whistle, whilst the flag signalling was done by Messrs. H. Sell (Reserves) and A. Eccleston (Croxley).				

When it comes to concussion, don't take chances

IF IN DOUBT SIT THEM OUT

BE CONCUSSION AWARE



RECOGNISE

understand signs and symptoms of concussion



REMOVE

anyone with suspected concussion must be removed from play



REST

players must refrain from exercise and start a Graduated Return To Play



For additional free resources including England Football Learning's online concussion course and guidelines
englandfootball.com/concussion





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County Cup Finals 2024



Saturday 23rd March 10:00am
Under 14 Girls Challenge Cup

Won by Hertford Town Girls

Saturday 23rd March 2:30pm
Under 15 Girls Challenge Cup

Won by Hitchin Belles Youth

Wednesday 27th March 7:45pm
Senior Centenary Trophy
 Royston Town U23 vs Hoddesdon Town

Friday 29th March 3:00pm
Junior Cup
 Sarratt Res vs Bishop's Stortford Swifts Res

Sunday 7th April 10:00am
Under 18 Boys Challenge Cup
 Cheshunt Youth vs Harpenden Colts

Sunday 7th April 3:00pm
Sunday Intermediate Cup
 Brewster Plumbing vs SOCA

Tuesday 9th April 7:45pm*
Senior Challenge Cup
 Berkhamsted vs St Albans City

Wednesday 10th April 7:45pm
Charity Shield
 Tring Athletic vs Oxhey Jets

Sunday 14th April 10:00am
Under 14 Boys Challenge Cup
 Sun Sports Youth vs Kings Langley Youth

Sunday 14th April 3:00pm
Sunday Junior Cup
 Hertford Club De Futbol vs Northaw Res

Sunday 21st April 10:00am
Under 15 Boys Challenge Cup
 Finalists to be confirmed

Sunday 21st April 3:00pm
Women's Senior Challenge Cup
 Royston Town vs Watford FC

Sunday 28th April 10:00am
Under 16 Boys Challenge Cup
 Finalists to be confirmed

Sunday 28th April 3:00pm
Sunday Senior Cup
 Finalists to be confirmed

Saturday 4th May 10:00am
Under 16 Girls Challenge Cup
 Finalists to be confirmed

Saturday 4th May 3:00pm
Under 18 Girls Challenge Cup
 Finalists to be confirmed

Date to be confirmed
Women's Trophy
 Colney Heath vs Stevenage FC Development

Date to be confirmed*
Charity Cup
 Potters Bar Town v St Albans City

Date to be confirmed
Intermediate Cup
 Finalists to be confirmed

** All finals to be played at The County Ground, Letchworth, with the exception of the Senior Cup which is to be played at Top Field in Hitchin and the Charity Cup for which the venue is still to be confirmed*



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Romain Anderson
Daniel Bond
Andrew Broad
Jake Christie
Max Clark
Bradley Curran
Matt Faley
George Fardon
Russell Fardon
Joe Feehan
Alieu Gibril
Elijah Kefas
Danny Martin
James Mullin
Javier Otoo
Kyle Richards
Jamie Roache
Seb Simpson
Alex Spence
Ruben Vieira
Ryan Ward
Charlie Wilkins

Manager: Russ Fardon
Assistants: Tom Davison, Seb Simpson
Colours: Yellow and Black Shirt,
Black Shorts, Black Socks

Aaron Bonney
Archie Lambert
Archie Burrell
Joe Franzini
Spencer Earthy
Finn Jeffreys
Henry Harnack
Ryan Stewart
Matt Allen
Dave Falzon
Lewis Piggott
Tyler Lambert
Connor La Plain
James Misselbrook
Dom Fraser
Matt Kemp
Chris Gibbs
Fraser Bush
Aaron Cameron Prior

Manager: James Misselbrook
Paul Bovington
Colours: Blue Shirt, Blue Shorts,
Blue Socks

Referee:
Benjamin Twitchings

Assistants:
Stuart Miller, Anthony Appadoo

Fourth Official:
Philip Hart