



Hertfordshire FA



Senior Centenary Trophy Final 2024 **Royston Town U23 v Hoddesdon Town**

Wednesday 27th March 2024 7:45pm
The County Ground, Letchworth Garden City



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

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

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH



LOVE FOOTBALL. PROTECT THE GAME

Welcome to The County Ground



Our fourth County Cup Final of 2024

Good evening and a warm welcome to The County Ground, home of Hertfordshire FA for today's Senior Centenary Trophy Final.

Our congratulations go to the players and management of both Royston Town U23 and Hoddesdon Town 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.

Finally we are delighted to welcome Terry Izzard, Honorary Life Member of Hertfordshire FA as Guest of Honour for tonight's final where they will meet the teams before the game and also present the medals at the end of the match.

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**

Hertfordshire FA Competitions Committee

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Graham Phillips

Secretary

Paddy Donovan

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



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.




Competition History



This is the 38th Final of the Hertfordshire FA Senior Centenary Trophy

As the name suggests, the Senior Centenary Trophy began in season 1984-85 to celebrate 100 years of Hertfordshire FA. The competition is open to clubs at Steps 6 and 7 of the football pyramid, having previously been for clubs at Steps 5 and 6 until 2013.

That first final was contested between Welwyn Garden City and Pirton, with Welwyn taking the inaugural title with a 2-0 victory in extra time. Over the years the competition has been quite open, with no less than 23 different winners having lifted the trophy, with Ware Sports adding to that list with a first win secured via penalties in last season's final.

It is London Lions however that are the most successful club in this competition, with their 2019 win taking them to four in total. Victory for Hoddesdon this evening would see them match that, moving ahead of Tring Athletic and London Colney who also currently have three each, while Royston are looking to add their name to the trophy for the first time.

Today's match will be 45 minutes each way, with kicks from the penalty mark if necessary. Teams may use five substitutes from a list of five provided to the referee before kick off.

Recent Finals

The COVID pandemic caused the 2019 season to be cut short, with winning semi-finalists Oxhey Jets and Wormley Rovers declared to have shared that year's competition. The competition was not run in the subsequent season before returning in 2022.

2012/13	Baldock Town	1 - 1 (5 - 3 P)	Broxbourne Borough
2013/14	Belstone	1 - 0	Sun Sports
2014/15	Letchworth Garden City Eagles	3 - 2	Belstone
2015/16	Bishops Stortford Swifts	5 - 0	Letchworth Garden City Eagles
2016/17	London Lions	3 - 0	Woodson Park
2017/18	Baldock Town	2 - 0	London Lions
2018/19	London Lions	5 - 1	Belstone
2021/22	Chipperfield Corinthians	4 - 1	Letchworth Garden City Eagles
2022/23	Ware Sports	2 - 2 (4 - 2 P)	Belstone

Club Profile

Royston Town U23



Third oldest club in the county with a storied history of both first and reserve sides

Founded in 1875 it's not until 1896 however that we find references to a Royston Town Reserve Team which seems to be playing friendlies against local sides. The team started playing in the Cambs League before switching to the Buntingford and District League, where they were crowned champions twice in three seasons between 1922 and 1924.

In the 1930s they switched back to the Cambs League and won the Cambridgeshire Junior Cup in 1946-47, beating Swavesey 2-1 in the final. The club later moved to the South Midlands League, before heading to the Herts County League where both the first and reserve teams enjoyed successful championship winning campaigns.

In 1977-78 both teams were back in the South Midlands League where the Reserves won successive League titles in 1979 and 1980. The period 1984-1994 saw the club competing in the Isthmian League which for the first team proved a very challenging period, in contrast to the Reserves who under the management of John Halliwell picked up two pieces of silverware by winning the Hertfordshire FA Intermediate Cup and the TV Sports Cup.

The next 18 seasons saw us competing in the South Midlands League with the low point being in 2007 with relegation from the Premier to Division 1 at Step 6 in the non-league pyramid. The appointment of Paul Attfield marked a turnaround in fortunes and Kevin Wilson later led the Reserves to a South Midlands double, winning the championship and the Reserve Challenge Cup followed by the Floodlit Reserve Cup in 2009-10.

From 2012 the Reserves were elected to the Suburban League North and by winning their last three games they managed to snatch the league title by one point from Ashford Town. The following season they won the title again in even more dramatic style overtaking Tring Athletic on the last day of the season by a goal difference of just 3!

Having secured promotion the team played for the next six seasons in the Suburban Premier League until the challenges of travelling to most of our away games south of the Thames began to inhibit the recruitment and retention of players. A return to the Herts Senior County League Premier Division proved to be a more workable option for the club, with Lewis Endacott now at the helm. In 2022 the Reserves were the last club to win the Aubrey Cup, one of most prestigious trophies in Hertfordshire football.

The following season Dan Evans took on the task of developing a more integrated approach between our Under 18s and the Reserves by forming the Under 23s who went on to finish fourth and accepted the invitation to play at Step 6 by joining the SSML Division One.

League Season

Spartan South Midlands League, Division One *(as at 25/03/2024)*

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Northampton ON Chenecks	31	23	7	1	87	21	66	76
2	Moulton	31	19	6	6	73	37	36	63
3	Wellingborough Whitworth	31	18	7	6	80	49	31	61
4	Northampton Sileby Rangers	27	17	5	5	72	31	41	56
5	Royston Town U23	29	17	3	9	76	43	33	54
6	Amptill Town	27	16	6	5	78	43	35	53*
7	Winslow United	27	16	5	6	63	39	24	53
8	Leighton Town Development	27	16	4	7	61	42	19	52
9	Langford	31	15	4	12	75	52	23	49
10	Cranfield United	29	13	5	11	54	39	15	44
11	Rothwell Corinthians	31	9	10	12	70	61	9	37
12	Long Buckby AFC	32	11	3	18	68	69	-1	36
13	Buckingham FC	30	8	11	11	49	65	-16	35
14	Huntingdon Town	29	9	6	14	45	68	-23	33
15	Raunds Town	29	6	8	15	38	67	-29	26
16	Eaton Socon	31	6	6	19	34	73	-39	24
17	Rushden & Higham United	27	5	6	16	37	78	-41	21
18	Letchworth GC Eagles	30	5	5	20	36	75	-39	20
19	Irchester United	31	4	7	20	30	98	-68	19
20	Burton Park Wanderers	28	3	2	23	33	109	-76	11





Royston Town U23

Currently 5th in Spartan South Midlands Football League, Division One
As at 25/03/2024

League Form

Games Won	17
Games Drawn	3
Games Lost	9
Goals Scored	76
Goals Conceded	43

Leading Scorers

24	Daniel Baulk
17	Kian Harness
6	Charlie Castle
5	Michael Baulk
4	Josh Fox

Route to the Final

R1	Sandridge Rovers	1 - 4	Royston Town U23
R2	Royston Town U23	2 - 1	Wormley Rovers
QF	Royston Town U23	2 - 0	Bishop's Stortford Swifts
SF	Royston Town U23	2 - 0	Oracle Components



Hoddesdon Town

Currently 13th in Thurlow Nunn League, First Division South
As at 25/03/2024

League Form

Games Won	10
Games Drawn	10
Games Lost	13
Goals Scored	56
Goals Conceded	55

Leading Scorers

10	Connor Bolton
6	Dion Laughton
5	Harrison Cage
4	Callum Bennison
4	George Rankin

Route to the Final

R1	St Margaretsbury	1 - 2	Hoddesdon Town
R2	Hertford Heath	2 - 2 (2 - 4)P	Hoddesdon Town
QF	Hoddesdon Town	3 - 0	Cuffley Seniors
SF	Letchworth GC Eagles	0 - 2	Hoddesdon Town

Club Profile

Hoddesdon Town



Historic Hertfordshire club looking to add another trophy to their list of honours

Co-founders of Hertfordshire FA in 1885 Hoddesdon Town have appeared in a record eight Senior Trophy finals, so far winning three and losing four. The Club's most prestigious achievement was winning The FA Vase in its inaugural season at Wembley in 1975, but 1970-71 was our most successful season in terms of trophies, winning of the Spartan League, the Challenge Trophy and the Hertfordshire FA Charity Shield - a unique treble.

Over 115 possible playing seasons, the Club has been proud members of the Spartan League for 50 years and the (Spartan) South Midlands League for 35 years. Lowfield has been the home of Hoddesdon Town FC since 1882, something of a record in Non-League circles, and its impressive infrastructure put together over the past 30 years means it is just one standing stand short of having a Step Four ground grading.

In 2020 the local Council agreed to honour the club and all those that took part in that famous FA Vase win by naming streets and apartment blocks after them in the local High Leigh Garden Village development. By 2024, the Club, the Chairman, the Manager, Assistant Manager and all the players had their names applied to the development for posterity.



League Season

Thurlow Nunn League, First Division South (as at 25/03/2023)

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Benfleet	34	26	4	4	91	29	62	82
2	Wormley Rovers	35	24	7	4	91	29	62	79
3	Harlow Town	37	23	7	7	93	47	46	76
4	Hutton	39	23	5	11	82	52	30	74
5	Clapton Community	38	18	14	6	75	50	25	68
6	Hackney Wick	38	19	6	13	81	65	16	63
7	Dunmow Town	37	19	6	12	82	67	15	63
8	Cannons Wood	37	17	10	10	83	55	28	61
9	Brimsdown	35	15	7	13	66	43	23	52
10	May & Baker	37	13	7	17	66	69	-3	46
11	Basildon Town	34	11	9	14	54	65	-11	42
12	Clapton	35	12	6	17	56	81	-25	42
13	Hoddesdon Town	33	10	10	13	56	55	1	40
14	NW London	37	12	3	22	77	109	-32	39
15	Tower Hamlets	34	11	5	18	59	82	-23	38
16	Newbury Forest	33	12	2	19	63	89	-26	38
17	Barkingside	35	11	5	19	49	81	-32	38
18	Southend Manor	35	11	4	20	69	86	-17	37
19	Park View	38	11	4	23	61	107	-46	37
20	Enfield Borough	36	9	8	19	63	89	-26	35
21	Burnham Ramblers	35	10	4	21	64	97	-33	34
22	St Margaretsbury	36	10	1	25	64	98	-34	31

Your analysis of the season so far...

With a young and inexperienced squad we were hit by injuries to key players early in the season, and results were very much a mixed bag. Following four big defeats in six games in October, the squad dropped into the relegation zone. The Lilywhites then turned their season and fortunes around in the New Year, with just one League and one Cup defeat through the first two months. Manager Simon Riddle and Assistant Manager Jeff Cross have instilled a superb team spirit in the squad, and have recruited well in the past few months, with recent results giving optimism for a mid-table finish.

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

Hertfordshire FA Designated Safeguarding Manager
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.

Together we can help make football safe for all. Take the free Safeguarding Awareness for Parents and Carers course today!



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Reporting Safeguarding Concerns

Don't wait for someone else to do something about it

A child or young person may inform you directly that they are concerned about someone's behaviour towards them. Or you may become aware, through your own observations or through a third party, of possible abuse occurring. Either way you need to report it.

If you have a safeguarding concern you should raise it with your Club Welfare Officer, or alternatively contact our Designated Safeguarding Manager. Please call Gemma Chaffey on 07538 990836 or email safeguarding@hertfordshirefa.com.

If you cannot contact one of the above or you are worried about a child outside of football, you can also call Children Services 0300 123 4043 or the NSPCC helpline 0808 800 5000.

If you believe someone is in immediate danger of harm, always call the Police on 999

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



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concussion course and guidelines
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Hertfordshire FA 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
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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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Daniel Baulk
Michael Baulk
Astin Brace
Charlie Castle
Franco Ciuffa
Mason Cook
Mat Crowther
Josh Darby
Jack Davis
Josh Fox
Jacob Green
Jack Green
Harrison Hubert
Jamie Judge
Louie Pullen
Oliver Williams
Sam Collison
Ronnie Culling
Lucas Darby
Ryan Dean
Max Pitman
Joshua Thak
Kian Harness

Daniel Acquaye
Kofi Agyemang
Guled Ahmed
Sidney Barker
Callum Bennison
Connor Bolton
Harrison Cage
Connor Casey
Benjamin Clarke
Aidan Critchley
Samuel Cross
Bailey Eden
Narcis Filip
Blue Gallagher
Ethan Gannon
Jack Gibbs
Nazarii Krutko
Arnis Lala
Dion Laughton
Liam Nugent
Tobie Prentice
George Rankin
Hadley Richards
Jack Riddle
Kyle Roberts
George Smith

Manager: Dan Evans
Assistant: Matt Campany
Colours: White and Black

Manager: Simon Riddle
Assistants: Jeff Cross, Ray Greenall
Colours: Blue and Grey

Match Officials: Matthew Rendell, Paul Mott, Peter Parkins, Benjamin Lester