



Hertfordshire FA



Under 18 Boys Challenge Cup Final 2024 **Cheshunt Youth v Harpenden Colts**

Sunday 7th April 2024 10:00am
The County Ground, Letchworth Garden City



Welcome to The County Ground



Our sixth County Cup Final of 2024

Good morning and a warm welcome to The County Ground, home of Hertfordshire FA for today's Under 18 Boys Challenge Cup Final.

Our congratulations go to the players and management of both Cheshunt Youth and Harpenden Colts 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 Richard Dowden, Life Vice President of Hertfordshire FA as Guest of Honour for today'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

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Competition History

This is the 88th Final of the Hertfordshire FA
Under 18 Boys Challenge Cup



The Under 18 Challenge Cup was originally administered by the Hertfordshire Minor FA, which was a separate organisation before later becoming the Hertfordshire County Youth FA and then merging with Hertfordshire FA in 1998.

Having first been played in 1931, today's match will be the 88th final of this competition, with several years lost during the war when the competition was suspended, another in 1983 when the final was not played and then two further years due to the pandemic.

While six different clubs have recorded back-to-back wins in this competition down the years, few have ever established any significant periods of dominance. The exception being Letchworth Boys Club, who won four of the first eight finals played.

If Cheshunt win today they would not only join that exclusive group of back-to-back winners, but also to match Carlton as the most successful club in this competition, with five wins in total. Harpenden Colts will be seeking to add their name to the trophy for the first time and if successful they will become the sixtieth different club to do so.

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 7 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 Under 18 Boys Cup was not run in the subsequent season before returning in 2021-22.

2012/13	Codicote Youth	4-2	Royston Town Youth
2013/14	Comet Sports Club (Dolphins)	2-1	Croxley Youth
2014/15	Comet Sports Club (Dolphins)	5-1	Codicote Youth
2015/16	Broxbourne Borough Youth	2-1	Kings Langley Youth
2016/17	Ware Academy	1-0	St Albans City Youth
2017/18	Potters Bar Youth	3-0	Cheshunt Youth
2018/19	Garston Boys	3-3 (4-1)P	Hitchin Town
2021/22	London Lions	5-1	Berkhamsted Raiders Youth
2022/23	Cheshunt Youth	4-0	Hemel Hempstead Town Youth

Club Profile

Cheshunt Youth

Providing a pathway from youth football into the adult game

Cheshunt FC were founded in 1946, consisting of a first team at senior level and a reserve team. They also ran a very successful juniors Under 18 and minors at Under 16. However, during the 1950s these teams disappeared for reasons that are since lost to time.

In July 1966 Cheshunt Youth were founded, a completely different entity to the main Cheshunt Football Club, playing in yellow shirts and royal blue shorts and socks. This youth club went from strength to strength and added age groups along the way, with teams winning various leagues and cups across the seasons.

In the early 1970s Cheshunt FC invited Cheshunt Youth FC to be amalgamated with the senior club and in doing so Cheshunt FC became one of the largest clubs in Non-League football. In the years that have followed the club have been extremely successful at all age groups, winning Leagues, Cups and County Cups.

The club now runs teams from Under 6 to Under 18. During this time the club has produced a number of players that have gone onto play professional football, Ian Dowie, Paul Marquis, Rueben Agboola, Tommy Fletcher and Jack Midson to name a few.



League Season

Mid Herts League, Under 18 Premier Division

As at 02/04/2024

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Colebrook Royals Youth	10	8	0	2	37	23	14	24
2	FC Comets Hitchin	11	5	2	4	26	24	2	17
3	Cheshunt Youth	10	5	1	4	30	25	5	16
4	Broxbourne Borough Youth	11	5	1	5	28	27	1	16
5	Wormley Rovers Youth	12	5	0	7	23	28	-5	15
6	Stevenage Borough Juniors	8	3	1	4	26	31	-5	10
7	BSC FC Youth	12	2	3	7	22	34	-12	9

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

It was a injury hit start to our season, which cost us results, but once we got boys back and could fill a strong side, we started to turn results around. On their day, the boys can be a very strong side and play good football and be a match for any team.

County Cup wise we seemed to have turned out our best performances in this competition and we hope that continues today. Reaching the County Cup Final in our last year of youth football is credit to the boys for all their hard work and dedication.

They have been a pleasure to coach for the past 11 years, and I am extremely proud of them. I would just like to wish both teams the best of luck on the day, and thanks to all those across the game whose hard work keeps kids playing football, and also to our sponsor, Bristol Street Motors Harlow and parents for their continued support.



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Cheshunt Youth

Currently 3rd in the Mid Herts League, U18 Premier Division

As at 02/04/2024

League Form

Games Won	5
Games Drawn	1
Games Lost	4
Goals Scored	30
Goals Conceded	25

Leading Scorers

9	Thomas Fairbanks
5	Mason Leslie
3	Oliver Bentley
3	Ben Hinchy
3	Lenny Steed



Harpenden Colts

Currently 6th in the West Herts Youth League, U18 Division 1

As at 02/04/2024

League Form

Games Won	7
Games Drawn	2
Games Lost	2
Goals Scored	34
Goals Conceded	12

Leading Scorers

14	Jack Hollier
10	Alex King
8	Greg Clark
7	Josh Robinson
4	Ben Norman

Route to the Final

R1		BYE	
R2	Cheshunt Youth	6 - 0	Borehamwood Youth
R3	BSC FC Youth	2 - 7	Cheshunt Youth
R4	Cheshunt Youth	4 - 0	Everett Rovers Youth
QF	Cheshunt Youth	3 - 2	Harpenden Colts U17
SF	Cheshunt Youth	3 - 1	Broxbourne Borough Youth

Route to the Final

R1	Harpenden Colts	9 - 2	Harvesters
R2	Hoddesdon Town Youth	4 - 4 (4 - 5)P	Harpenden Colts
R3	Harpenden Colts	9 - 1	Welwyn Pegasus Youth
R4	Abbots Youth	AW	Harpenden Colts
QF	Berkhamsted Raiders Youth	1 - 1 (2 - 4) P	Harpenden Colts
SF	Baldock Town Youth	0 - 6	Harpenden Colts

Club Profile

Harpenden Colts

One of the largest clubs in the country offering football opportunities to the whole community



Harpenden Colts is a 3 Star England Football Accredited Club, providing training and playing opportunities to over 1,500 girls and boys living in Harpenden and surrounding villages. We are affiliated to Hertfordshire FA and provide football for ages 6 to adults, helping to instil a life-long love of football as a physical and social activity for the whole community.

We are committed to providing a safe and enjoyable environment for young people to develop as players and people. Our mission is to help young people in the Harpenden area reach their full potential and achieve physical and mental wellbeing through football

To do this we rely on a dedicated team of 400 volunteer coaches, squad leads, year group and club management, player welfare, finance, facilities, equipment procurement and more, without whom none of this would be possible. We believe we are one of the largest grassroots football clubs in the UK with over 100 squads playing each weekend.



League Season

West Herts Youth League, U18 Division 1

As at 02/04/2023

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Everett Rovers Youth	14	9	2	3	47	24	23	29
2	Evergreen Youth	13	9	1	3	46	19	27	28
3	Chorleywood U17 Harriers	16	8	2	6	43	42	1	26
4	Chorleywood U18 Griffins	14	8	1	5	36	27	9	25
5	Berkhamsted Raiders Youth	11	8	0	3	20	18	2	24
6	Harpenden Colts U18 Hawks	11	7	2	2	34	12	22	23
7	Harpenden Colts U17 Lions	15	5	2	8	36	43	-7	17
8	Everett Rovers Youth	11	0	1	10	11	53	-42	1
9	Abbots Youth	13	0	0	13	6	33	-27	0

Your analysis of the season so far...

Overall it has been a very competitive and enjoyable season for our Under 18 Hawks so far, with numerous competitive matches in the league and cups against long time respected rivals Evergreen Wolves, Berkhamsted Raiders and Everett Rovers – usually close fought affairs with no more than a goal in it either way.

Highlights include winning two penalty shoot-outs – one against Hoddeston Town Youth and the other Berkhamsted Raiders - en route to the County Cup Final, as well as playing their best match of the season to date in the semi-final win over Baldock Town Youth.

The team have also made it to the WHYL Senior League Cup Final which will take place on the 12th of May, where they will face Evergreen Wolves. The West Herts Youth League U18 Division one title race is also still in the balance, with a number of teams in the running so it promises to be an exciting finish to the their final season of youth football.



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

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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
Senior Centenary Trophy

Won by Hoddesdon Town

Friday 29th March 3:00pm
Junior Cup

Won by Sarratt Reserves

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

Stags vs St Albans City Youth

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

Sun Sports Youth vs Hemel Aces

Sunday 28th April 3:00pm
Sunday Senior Cup

WD Bushey vs Strafford Arms

Saturday 4th May 10:00am
Under 16 Girls Challenge Cup

Finalists to be confirmed

Saturday 4th May 3:00pm
Under 18 Girls Challenge Cup

Garston Ladies Junior vs Oaklands Wolves

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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Ben Hinchy
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Thomas Fairbanks
Anthony Alade
Oliver Bentley
Harry Edwards
Joshua Thurlow
Mason Leslie
Frederico Savva
Oliver Phillips

Pavlo Shulga
Louis Harrison
Elliott Langstaffe
Inaki Garcia Davies
Noah Bains
Jude Power
Samuel Tate
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