



Hertfordshire FA



Under 18 Girls Challenge Final 2024

Garston Ladies Junior v Oaklands Wolves

Saturday 4th May 2024 3:00pm
The County Ground, Letchworth Garden City



Welcome to The County Ground



Our seventeenth County Cup Final of 2024

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

Our congratulations go to the players and management of both Garston Ladies Junior and Oaklands Wolves on reaching the final. We wish you the very best of luck and hope you have a memorable day. We also want to acknowledge the volunteers of both clubs, 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 Gemma Chaffey, Designated Safeguarding Manager at Hertfordshire FA as Guest of Honour for today's final, who 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 2nd Final of the Hertfordshire FA Under 18 Girls Cup

Hertfordshire FA introduced female youth competitions in the 1997-98 season, reflecting the growth in girls playing across the county. This was the first time there had been County Cups specifically for girls in Hertfordshire and included Under 14 and Under 16 competitions, with cups for the 'odd' age groups being added from 2005-06.

While participation in younger age groups has continued to grow rapidly, keeping older girls in the game has proven more of a challenge. However as female football continues to push forward, with the advent of a fully professional league and more the impact of the Lionesses winning the Euros, the future of the game now looks stronger than ever.

With this increase in participation has come the opportunity to launch an Under 18 Girls Cup, with there being a sufficient number of teams active at this age group to sustain a knockout cup competition. We're proud to champion equal access to the game and this is another step along the way to boys and girls having the same opportunities to play.

The inaugural final last year saw Watford Ladies Youth face Harvesters, with the former running out 6-2 winners and the first to add their name to the Under 18 Girls Cup.

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.



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Club Profile

Garston Ladies Junior

All-female club looking to build on its strong history of County Cup success

Garston Ladies FC was founded in 1996 with just a single team and has grown over the past 28 years to be one of the largest, all-female clubs in Hertfordshire with a player membership of over 300. The club was first awarded FA Charter Standard status in 2005 and are proud to have held this continuously ever since, now as an England Football Accredited Club.

We are a grassroots club who believe strongly in providing access to football for all, regardless of experience or skill level. The club currently fields two senior and eighteen junior teams as well as having a thriving ‘Cubs’ section - an initiative that was started post-COVID to attract more Reception and Year 1 girls to discover a love of the game.

Last season, our Under 18 girls were beaten at the semi-final stage by the eventual winners, so this year we are delighted to see them go one stage further. Everyone at the club is immensely proud of their achievement in reaching the final and know that they will represent the club with pride and will make us all #proudtobepurple!



League Season

Hertfordshire Girls Football Partnership League, U18 Division 2

As at 29/04/2024

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Garston Ladies Junior U18	14	13	0	1	70	16	54	39
2	St Albans City Youth U16	14	10	0	4	67	29	38	30
3	Hitchin Belles Youth U18	14	9	2	3	51	39	12	29
4	Berkhamsted Raiders Youth U18	14	8	1	5	61	36	25	25
5	Stevenage Starlets U17	13	4	2	7	44	54	-10	14
6	Chorleywood Common Yth U17	13	4	1	8	45	58	-13	13
7	Harpenden Colts U18	14	1	3	10	26	52	-26	6
8	St Albans City Youth U18	14	1	1	12	22	102	-80	4

Your analysis of the season so far...

The Under 18 Wildcats have had a tremendous season! After a solid start, with five wins on the bounce in all competitions, we narrowly lost out in the Senior League Cup Quarter Final to Division One opponents. The were no such issues however when it came to progressing in the County Cup. An 8-0 win in the second round win over St Albans Under 17 set up a quarter-final against Bedwell, which we won 6-2.

Our semi-final versus Berkhamsted was a well-disciplined performance which resulted in a 4-0 win. A 7-1 win in the Junior League Cup semi-final means that in addition to today’s County Cup, we have a League Cup final to look forward on May 19. Our League form has also been blistering – securing the U18 League Division Two title with two games to spare.

The girls have shown real grit, determination, and togetherness this season. These are attributes that they will need to draw upon today if they want to take home the prized County Cup! We would like to take the opportunity to thank the girls for their commitment and hard work, and their families for their continued support. Good luck to both teams!



Garston Ladies Junior

**Currently 1st in the Hertfordshire Girls Football
Partnership League, U18 Division 2**

As at 29/04/2024

League Form

Games Won	13
Games Drawn	0
Games Lost	1
Goals Scored	70
Goals Conceded	16

Leading Scorers

53	Gabriella Spillman
7	Lily Eyers
6	Olivia Hansen
6	Sadie Page
4	Rebecca Griffiths

Route to the Final

R1		BYE	
R2	St Albans City Youth	0 - 8	Garston Ladies Junior
QF	Bedwell Rangers Youth	2 - 6	Garston Ladies Junior
SF	Garston Ladies Junior	4 - 0	Berkhamsted Raiders Youth



Oaklands Wolves

**Currently 1st in the Hertfordshire Girls Football
Partnership League, U16 Division 1**

As at 29/04/2024

League Form

Games Won	16
Games Drawn	2
Games Lost	0
Goals Scored	74
Goals Conceded	12

Leading Scorers

41	Purdy Brooks
12	Ebba Taylor-Pugh
10	Meeka Nightingale
9	Saira Fisher
8	Chloe Timms

Route to the Final

R1		BYE	
R2	Oaklands Wolves	10 - 1	Hitchin Belles Youth Whites
QF	Oaklands Wolves	5 - 0	St Albans City Youth U16
SF	Hitchin Belles Youth Blues	0 - 7	Oaklands Wolves

Club Profile

Oaklands Wolves



High flying league winners looking to secure the second leg of a possible treble

Oaklands Wolves FC were formerly known as AFC Oaklands before reforming under new management for the 2018-19 season. The club is England Football Accredited and is based at Oaklands College in St Albans. Although still in our infant years we have had successes across different age groups with our girls teams previously reaching League Cup Finals and winning a County Cup Final. We are extremely proud to be one of a handful of female-only clubs in Hertfordshire and the only one in St Albans and the surrounding area

Your analysis of the season so far...

Our Under 18 girls team have had an amazing season so far and we are extremely proud of all that they have achieved. We finished last season with an unbeaten run in league matches from November and have continued that run into this season and at the time of writing we still remain unbeaten in a league match. That's a run of 17 months and 26 league matches without a loss. So far this season we have been crowned Division One champions and also look forward to a League Cup Final in May.

We often receive compliments from opposition managers and match officials on how nice our football is and also how nice the team are and this is at the heart of everything we do. We want the players to be happy, develop and just enjoy their football. We look forward to a competitive match against an in form Garston side!



League Season

Hertfordshire Girls Football Partnership League, U18 Division 1

As at 29/04/2024

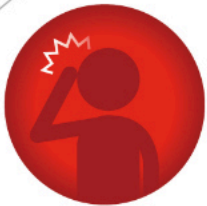
		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Oaklands Wolves Youth U18	18	16	2	0	74	12	62	50
2	Harvesters U18 Girls	16	10	1	5	65	51	14	31
3	Watford Ladies Youth U18	16	10	1	5	50	36	14	31
4	Chesham United U18	18	8	0	10	43	46	-3	24
5	Bury Rangers Youth U18 Girls	17	5	2	10	31	38	-7	17
6	Harpenden Colts U17 Girls	17	3	1	13	30	88	-58	10
7	Broxbourne United Girls U17	16	2	3	11	25	47	-22	9



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BE CONCUSSION AWARE



RECOGNISE

understand signs
and symptoms
of concussion



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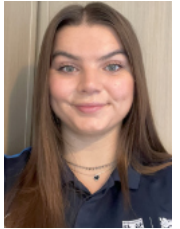


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Giving Young People a Voice in Local Grassroots Football



Hertfordshire FA Youth Council Chair Madeline
Hurley on the impact the group is aiming to have

Created in the summer of 2023, the Hertfordshire FA Youth Council is a group of young leaders aged 16-24 which aims to inspire, empower, and provide a voice for all young people to influence change, and positively impact football in Hertfordshire.

The Youth Council has established five focus areas in support of Hertfordshire FA's wider strategy; Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, Women and Girls, Coaching, Refereeing, and Safeguarding. The Youth Council also assists in the organisation of the County Cup competitions as well as building its own social media presence on platforms.

Our Youth Councillors are paired with a member of Hertfordshire FA staff to be mentored and supported in their own development. This means that, while the whole Youth Council works collectively on a team project, each champion has the opportunity to pursue their own projects that they feel passionately about with the guidance of their mentor.

Interested in being part of this group and supporting the development of local youth football? Contact beth.dawes@hertfordshirefa.com for further information

Getting Involved in Running Your Club

We are keen to support any club in starting a Youth Forum

Involving young people in making decisions that affect them is important. Not only does it mean that they are more likely to have a positive experience, but also it gives them a sense of ownership and the chance to learn new skills.

For football to continue thrive in the future we must encourage and embed an ethos of community volunteering in the younger generation and bring these young people through into leadership positions in the structures of clubs and leagues.

We are committed to ensuring young people are actively involved in the development of the game and have produced a guide to help any club interested in launching a Youth Forum to get started.



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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

Won by Cheshunt Youth

Sunday 7th April 3:00pm
Sunday Intermediate Cup

Won by Brewster Plumbing

Tuesday 9th April 7:45pm*
Senior Challenge Cup

Won by St Albans City

Wednesday 10th April 7:45pm
Charity Shield

Won by Tring Athletic

Sunday 14th April 10:00am
Under 14 Boys Challenge Cup

Won by Sun Sports Youth

Sunday 14th April 3:00pm
Sunday Junior Cup

Won by Northaw Reserves

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 Development

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

Stevenage Starlets vs Hitchin Belles Youth

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

Garston Ladies Junior vs Oaklands Wolves

Sunday 26th May 10:30am
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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Sasha Cudner

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Lauren Hershon

Erin Magill

Neve Oldroyd

Sadie Page

Zahra Rasheed

Kortney Robinson

Diora Shahini

Gabriella Spillman

Amber Veriander

Mia Wilson

Eva Cullen

Hope Howcutt

Amelia Gale

Souki Smith

Holly Kateley

Isabella Bullock

Alecia Wren

Saira Fisher

Meeka Nightingale

Marelle Raath

Stella Ekblad Piscitelli

Meg Knibbs

Ebba Taylor Pugh

Olivia Caswell

Hannah Pope

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Katie Boyle

Rose Boichat

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Manager: Andrew Cullinane

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Shorts, Black Socks

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Pink Socks

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