



Hertfordshire FA



Women's Trophy Final 2024

Colney Heath v Stevenage FC Development

Sunday 26th May 2024 10:30am
The County Ground, Letchworth Garden City



Welcome to The County Ground



Our third County Cup Final of 2024 had to be rearranged after the original tie was abandoned

Good morning and a warm welcome to The County Ground, home of Hertfordshire FA for the inaugural Women's Trophy Final.

Our congratulations go to the players and management of Colney Heath and Stevenage FC Development on reaching this stage. 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 Cathryn Henry, who is a member of our Women and Girls Committee 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

Hertfordshire FA Competitions Committee

Chair

Graham Phillips

Secretary

Paddy Donovan

Committee Members and Representatives

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

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

Domestic Abuse Service
Community Safety Team
Daneshill House
Danestrete
Stevenage

 **01438 242666**

 **SADA@stevenage.gov.uk**

In an emergency always call the Police on **999**
To report a non-emergency call **101**



Competition History

This is the first Final of the Hertfordshire FA Women's Trophy



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 female players in Hertfordshire and included Under 12, Under 14 and Under 16 competitions. Cups for the 'odd' age groups would follow 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 recently the impact of the Lionesses winning the Euros, the future of the game now looks stronger than ever.

Last season we were finally able to introduce 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.

In terms of adult competition the Women's Cup was first played in the 1999-2000 season and has grown steadily ever since, to the point where it has become appropriate to split the competition. This gives the lower teams their own opportunity to strive for County Cup glory, leaving the more senior teams to compete with those on a similar level.

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

Together for a Better Hertfordshire

We work in partnership with a range of local organisations

Survivors Against Domestic Abuse provides advice, guidance and support to individuals and their families who are or have experienced domestic abuse. The service encourages and empowers victims and survivors to make decisions that are right for them. The service is community driven and looks to provide dedicated support to the people that need it.

With the safety and wellbeing of young people always at the forefront of our minds, Hertfordshire FA have built a partnership with SADA to help local clubs improve their awareness and understanding of the issue of domestic abuse and in particular how it can affect young people caught in the middle. SADA have a stand on site today meaning those attending can learn more about their vital work in the local community.

Colney Heath

Having stepped up to the senior side this group continue to show great progress



Colney Heath Football Club was formed in 1907, and currently plays at the Recreation Ground. Colney Heath Ladies, that are nicknamed 'The Magpies' due to the black and white kit, began competing in the village from season 2014-15.

Most of the ladies featuring in black and white stripes today first played together in the 2020-21 season, finishing as runners-up in the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Women's Football League as Colney Heath Ladies Reserves, and the very next season in 2021-22 the team went on to win the Premier Division title.

Rich Batson and Jack Middleton have been managing the team since season 2020-21, and playing as the senior ladies team at Colney Heath the group have recently clinched the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Premier Division title for 2023-24. In addition, the team have made the final of the Chris Renshaw Cup in a wonderful season.



League Season

Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Women's Football League, Premier Division

As at 09/05/2024

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Colney Heath	16	13	2	1	50	8	42	41
2	Garston Ladies	16	11	1	4	48	21	27	34
3	Stotfold	16	8	2	6	29	23	6	26
4	St Margaretsbury	16	7	2	7	38	33	5	23
5	Langford	16	6	5	5	25	23	2	23
6	Hitchin Belles	16	5	5	6	33	27	6	20
7	Hartham United	16	3	4	9	23	52	-29	13
8	Watford Ladies Dev U23	16	4	0	12	18	56	-38	12
9	AFC Dunstable Women Dev	16	2	5	9	20	41	-21	11

Your analysis of the season so far...

After bowing out of the Women's FA Cup at the first hurdle, the Magpies started this season's league campaign brightly with wins over Watford Ladies Development and Hartham United Women in September.

The Ladies then went on an impressive run of form, playing eight more League and Cup fixtures between October and November, winning seven of them and drawing one, scoring thirty-two goals and conceding none in the process.

December saw the first league defeat of the season at Stotfold, as well as an early exit from the Legue Cup, but the Magpies have found their form once again winning twelve league and cup matches in a row from the start of 2024 to claim the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Women's Football League title and reach two prestigious cup finals this month.

Goals have come from all areas of the pitch, with Mia Simmonds, Cally Salter and Holly Jury lead the scoring charts with twenty-one goals between them. Mia helped herself to a brace in the semi-final win over Letchworth Garden City Eagles to set up this Trophy Final.



Colney Heath

**1st in the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire
Women's Football League, Premier Division**

As at 09/05/2024

League Form

Games Won	13
Games Drawn	2
Games Lost	1
Goals Scored	50
Goals Conceded	8

Leading Scorers

13	Mia Simmonds
11	Cally Salter
8	Holly Jury
6	Amy Phillips
5	Jael Muzzi



Stevenage FC Development

**8th in Eastern Region Women's Football
League, Division One North**

As at 15/05/2024

League Form

Games Won	5
Games Drawn	3
Games Lost	10
Goals Scored	30
Goals Conceded	51

Leading Scorers

11	Ella Mercer
10	Stephanie Fausse
6	Remi Martin
4	Amana Oguntuga
3	Chloe Gregory

Route to the Final

R1	Everett Rovers	0 - 11	Colney Heath
R2	Hartham United	0 - 2	Colney Heath
QF	Colney Heath	5 - 0	Hitchin Belles
SF	Colney Heath	6 - 0	Letchworth Garden City Eagles

Route to the Final

R1		BYE	
R2	Bedwell Rangers	1 - 6	Stevenage FC Development
QF	Stevenage FC Development	2 - 0	Garston Ladies
SF	Stevenage FC Development	2 - 2 (6 - 5)P	St Margaretsbury

Club Profile

Stevenage FC Development

Development side looking to make their mark in cup competitions this season

Founded as Stevenage Boro Ladies in 2001 and in 2014 moved under the umbrella of Stevenage FC Foundation, we later dropped the 'Boro' in line with the parent club to become Stevenage Ladies, before rebranding as Stevenage FC Women in 2019.

Over the years the women's squads continued to grow and have gone from strength to strength on the field. In 2009, we managed to create a development setup to help bring young players into adult football and through into the first team.

In our relatively short history both teams have been very successful, winning leagues, gaining promotions and lifting cups, including the senior team winning the Women's Cup five times since 2015 (as well as sharing it with Watford in the season cut short by COVID).

The development side have had a tricky welcome into the ERWFL Division One North after dropping down from the WNL Reserve Leagues. Currently out of the relegation spots, the girls have done incredibly well with their runs in cup competitions.



League Season

Eastern Region Women's Football League, Division One North

As at 21/05/2024

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Dussindale & Hellesdon Rovers	18	14	2	2	59	19	40	44
2	Harpenden Town	18	14	1	3	65	29	36	43
3	Mulbarton Wanderers	18	10	4	4	35	36	-1	33
4	Newmarket Town	18	7	3	8	35	32	3	24
5	Wootton Blue Cross Lionesses	18	8	0	10	38	42	-4	24
6	Thetford Town	18	7	1	10	33	31	2	22
7	Histon	18	7	1	10	37	49	-12	22
8	Stevenage FC Development	18	5	3	10	30	51	-21	18
9	Biggleswade United	18	5	2	11	21	45	-24	17
10	Fakenham Town	18	3	3	12	31	50	-19	12

Your analysis of the season so far...

The squad had a tricky start to the league season having dropped down from the WNL Reserve divisions. The opening three games led to defeat before a 2-0 win against Biggleswade United sparked a boost in confidence.

The girls began to score a bit more frequently and earned four points from two games before losing three more in a row. A draw at Fakenham Town preceded an exit in the League Cup to Watford Ladies Development.

Boro then lost two more in the league, but sandwiched in between was a victory over Bedwell Rangers in the County Cup. As 2023 drew to a close, the new year began and it has been a pleasant one with a run of positive results.

The girls went unbeaten from the start of 2024 up to the last league game of the season, pulling themselves out of the relegation spots. Having made the Women's Trophy final, this good run of form that also saw them secure a final appearance in the League Plate.

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!



bit.ly/HFA-SAC

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



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





This legend.

The Engine room.

The Decision maker.

A Football brain.

Just, runs the show.

And without them - the game wouldn't exist.

Respect The Ref.




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

Won by St Albans City Youth

Sunday 21st April 3:00pm
Women's Senior Challenge Cup

Won by Royston Town

Sunday 28th April 10:00am
Under 16 Boys Challenge Cup

Won by Sun Sports Youth

Sunday 28th April 3:00pm
Sunday Senior Cup

Won by Strafford Arms

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

Won by Stevenage Starlets

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

Won by Oaklands Wolves

Sunday 26th May 10:30am
Women's Trophy

Colney Heath vs Stevenage FC Development

Saturday 3rd August 3:00pm*
Charity Cup

Potters Bar Town v St Albans City

** 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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