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## Kent Intermediate Cup Final

**Whitstable Town Reserves FC**

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**Lordswood Reserves FC**

**Wednesday 19th May 2021 - 19:45**

**Whitstable Town FC, Belmont Road, Whitstable**

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# Welcome to the Belmont

## Our first day of County Cup Finals 2020



Welcome to Whitstable Town FC, for the Kent Intermediate Cup Final 2020.

A particularly warm welcome is extended to the players, officials and supporters of Whitstable Town FC and Lordswood FC. It is great to finally be able to complete the 2019-2020 Kent FA Cup Finals, something which we as an organisation were keen to complete despite the challenging past 14 months. It was important to us that we recognised the achievement of the players and club officials for their effort in reaching a Kent FA Cup final. This is their great day and represents a just reward for their efforts during the 2019-2020 season. We would also like to congratulate today's Match Officials for being honoured with their prestigious County Cup Finals appointment as recognition for their exceptional performances. Finally, we would like to thank Whitstable Town FC for the use of their excellent facilities today.

The past 12 months have been extremely challenging for everyone involved within grassroots football across Kent, and I am sure that the effects of the pandemic will still be felt in the grassroots game for some time. There will be some significant challenges for football in this county as we transition out of the pandemic and restart grassroots football, but with the vaccination programme and an ease of the lockdown restrictions, we hope that the 2021-2022 season returns to being a more 'normal' one.

As the governing body of football in Kent, the Kent FA aims to establish safe and structured football opportunities for the benefit of all. The Kent FA is committed to creating a culture of continuous improvement and working towards higher standards of service delivery to support football in Kent and ultimately provide a positive football experience to everyone.

People's perception of Kent FA often revolves around rules and regulation, but we actually do more than you think! Our diverse work includes widening football participation levels, raising standards so more people can enjoy football, delivering competitions and running representative football. This is all in addition to our vital work in governing the game in Kent. On behalf of the Kent FA we would like to wish both teams the best of luck today and most of all, that it is an enjoyable experience for everyone.

**Darryl Haden, Chief Executive, Kent FA**

**“ Congratulations to all involved in today's final. Whatever the result you should take great pride in your achievement in reaching this stage. ”**

Congratulations to the teams on reaching today's final of the Kent Intermediate Cup! It's been a difficult and stressful time of late, however I am pleased and proud that we finally get to hold this delayed Cup Final.

The event today is the culmination of hours of practice, determination and fun so regardless of the result, we hope that everyone involved will enjoy the match and have a memorable day out.

I am proud of the work by all at Kent FA which has enabled teams and clubs from Kent to continue to participate in grassroots football and I thank my Kent FA colleagues, volunteers and staff, for their organisation of the competitions throughout the past two seasons and the final today.

Best of luck to all the teams competing today.

**Denise Richmond, Kent FA Chair**

# Manager's Notes

## Whitstable Town FC



It's a fantastic achievement for our players to reach the final of the Kent Intermediate Cup. We have had a great run leading to this point, beating some challenging sides along the way; Chatham Town, Sittingbourne FC, Cray Valley & Bearsted FC, to name a few. We have a talented group of young players combined with a few older experienced players who have played some cracking and exciting football in each fixture to get us to this stage.

We will have a slightly different squad with some exciting younger players involved from our academy. It will be an excellent experience for these young players to partake in a pressured match that will only help their development.

We are looking forward to the final, delayed due to COVID-19. It will be an outstanding achievement to win and a great end to what has been a fragmented and challenging season due to the pandemic.

*Josh Algar, Manager*

## Chairman's Notes

Good evening ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to the Belmont.

It's been seven months since I have had to write those words, and I didn't expect my following announcement to be a cup final! We therefore offer a special welcome to the officials of the Kent FA and our opponents Lordswood FC on this special occasion.

So, the 2019-20 Kent Intermediate Cup final will be contested by the reserve teams of Whitstable Town FC and Lordswood FC. Whilst I would generally wish both teams the best of luck, my loyalty must tilt towards the "home" side, which is a little ironic as cup finals are often held at neutral venues. Whitstable won the toss to host this game shortly after defeating Cray Valley in the semi-final some fifteen months ago. With the Covid restrictions and the devastating effect the terrible disease has had on so many people, I am sure we are just all happy to watch some good local football regardless of the venue.

I hope both teams play the entertaining style of football they produced in the game last year and may the best team win.

Can I also remind everyone to follow the COVID procedures that are in place at the Belmont Ground to help keep us all safe.

Yours in sport

*Steve Clayton, WTFC Chairman*

# Meet the Players

## Whitstable Town FC

### **Kaine Davis**

Current 1st year academy goalkeeper, A tall and an excellent shot stopper who is in his first year with the reserves who is coming on leaps and bounds.

### **Kyle Miller**

Joined us this year, a very forward-thinking full back who possess great delivery from wide areas.

### **Kyle Wisker**

Captain of the side and an experienced player. Brings a lot of experience to the side and is great with our younger players in terms of helping them develop. Very good technical player who comfortably helps us build out from the back.

### **Aidan Chrschina**

A second-year academy player and has nailed down a starting position in the reserves this season. Brilliant in the air and is comfortable with the ball at his feet and playing out from the back.

### **Callum Mason**

Academy graduate and an ever-consistent starter at left back. Very reliable in possession and covers a lot of grass up and down as a full back.

### **Montrell Deslandes**

First year academy player and first season with the reserves. A very powerful and excellent technical player. Montrell has potential to go far in the game, biggest asset is when driving at the opposition with the ball.

### **David Senga**

Been with the reserves for two seasons. His biggest strength is his vision on the ball. Very composed player who unlocks teams with his silky passes.

### **Izaak Sargeant**

A very experienced player and helps our younger players develop. Played at a good level when he was younger and is a natural goalscorer.

### **Muhammed Cham**

Current academy player and has forced his way into the first team, recently scoring the winner for the first team away at Three Bridges. Muhammed is a very exciting winger who can beat players with his trickery skills and his pace. On his day, he is very hard to control and gained a trial at professional club Fleetwood Town

### **Glenn Bain**

A very eye-catching player to watch. He moves the ball extremely well and finds good pockets of space which is difficult to mark. Extremely fast and reminds us of the Spanish players when playing.

### **George Mclorly**

Currently from the U18's Kent League Side. A very exciting talent who controls the midfield with his fantastic vision of passing and scores some brilliant goals from midfield. One for the future.

### **Morgan Howson**

A strong and old school defender, who is strong and physical in a tackle. Very vocal on the pitch and always leads by example with his attitude.

### **Charlie Vass**

A very silky player who is technically very good. Great passer of the game and unlocks teams with his fantastic vision.

### **Ed May**

Current first year academy player. Very tricky and direct wide player who uses his burst of pace to beat players. Very good in 1vs1's situations.

### **Jack Sutton**

Jack is a strong centre half who is very good in the air. Jack is a very comfortable defender who likes to play out from the back.



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Kaine Davis  
Kyle Miller  
Kyle Wisker  
Aidan Chrascina  
Callum Mason  
Montrell Deslandes  
David Senga  
Izaak Sargeant  
Peter Sharpless  
Glen Bain  
Muhammed Cham  
George McIlory  
Morgan Howson  
Ed May  
Charlie Vass  
Jack Sutton

**Manager:** Joshua Algar

**Coach:** Martin Mills

**Colours:** Red Shirts / Red Shorts /  
Red Socks

- 1 James Hare
- 2 Alex Taylor
- 3 Kari Creed
- 4 Callum Rollings
- 5 Oscar Smitherman
- 6 Charlie O'Neill
- 7 Jake Creed
- 8 Louis Payne
- 9 Aye Ombo
- 10 Zachary Jakubowski
- 11 Kyle McDowell
- 12 Damon Lanckmans
- 14 Andrew O'Neill
- 15 James Bush
- 16 Scott Highstead
- 17 Ryan Hooker
- 18 Stephen Munn

**Managers:** Imran Englefield &  
Chris Gardner

**Coach:** Lewis Jennings

**Colours:** Orange & Black Jersey / Orange  
Shorts / Orange Socks

**Referee:**  
Paul Taylor

**Assistant:**  
Joshua Williams

**Assistant:**  
Graham Smart

**Fourth Official:**  
Keith Wenham

# Road to the Final

## Kent Intermediate Cup Final

### Round 1 – Lordswood FC Reserves (HOME) v Lydd FC Reserves (28th September 2019)

Score:- 5-1 to Lordswood FC Reserves

Scorers:- Zachary Jakubowski x 4, James Bush (P)

Our first game of the cup against a very attacking Lydd Team. Our speed and strength on the counter attack however was key, with Zach netting four stunning goals on the day. James Bush placed the icing on the cake with a composed penalty kick.

### Round 2 – Lordswood FC Reserves (HOME) v Phoenix Sports FC Reserves (9th November 2019)

Score:- 0-0 (6-5 after penalties) to Lordswood FC Reserves

Scorers:- Jake Creed (P), Haydn Sedge (P), Damon Lanckmans (P), Ryan Chandler (P), Aye Ombo (P), Callum Rollings (P)

This had been our toughest test and was no surprise that the 90 minutes finished goalless. Both teams producing quality on either end of the pitch but neither able to break the deadlock. James Hare came to the rescue with a full stretched save from a penalty to take us through to the quarter final.

### Quarter Final – Lordswood FC Reserves (HOME) v Tunbridge Wells FC U21 (4th January 2020)

Score:- 2-2 (3-2 after penalties) to Lordswood FC Reserves

Scorers:- Aye Ombo, Zachary Jakubowski, Damon Lanckmans (P), Jake Creed (P), Ryan Hooker (P)

A fairly open game of chances for both sides. We felt we had the better of them but it was not to be and once again, we were taken to penalties. Some extremely cool penalties and heroics once again from James Hare booked us a place in the semi-finals! We were starting to believe!

### Semi Final – Lordswood FC Reserves (HOME) v Snodland Town FC Reserves (5th February 2020)

Score:- 5-2 to Lordswood FC Reserves

Scorers:- Louis Payne, Aye Ombo x 4

One that will live long in the memory! Snodland had just recruited a number of new talented players for this fixture and took the lead early on, stunning the home side. Half time saw us go in 2-0 down. A stern Chris Gardner team talk and a change of tactics from Lewis Jennings fired up the lads. Louis Payne opened the scoring early in the second half but it was Aye Ombo took this one by the scruff of the neck netting four times to put the game well beyond doubt. Our place in the final had been booked.....

*No Team Photo available  
at time of print*



# Managers' Notes

## Lordswood FC



It has certainly been a strange last twelve months for everyone, given the pandemic and lockdowns but we're so glad that the cup final is here! It took a lot of hard work, both on the training field and on the pitch to get us to this well-earned final, following a successful run in two cups and pushing for the league title in the 19/20 season.

Our coach, Lewis Jennings, had been instrumental in recruiting many of the players, as well as working relentlessly on coaching drills and attitudes to ensure this bunch of lads continue the success they had in 'the season that was cut short'. Furthermore, he has managed to round up the troops again to play in this well awaited final!

The 2019/20 season will always be a memorable one for Chris Gardner, Lewis and I. Our pre-season brought many of these lads together for the first time and never had we anticipated how quickly relationships would be made both on and off the pitch. The family-like atmosphere created by all, was surely instrumental in many of our victories; the first being on a cold evening of torrential rain in November, which appeared to be the start of this new Lordswood Reserves team.

The team would like to thank parents, family members, local fans and the Lordswood FC club committee members for their endless support. It goes without saying that you are all a huge boost every time we set foot on the pitch.

The team, the coaching staff and I would also like to extend our thanks to sponsors BK FIRE LTD for our kits and support. BK Fire install and maintain fire safety systems such as smoke vents, fire alarms, extinguishers, across Kent, London and South East England.

I would personally like to thank Chris Gardner for taking the management journey with me and inspiring many of these players to be the very best they can be, despite having a hectic working life! I'm sure they will all have a stirring team talk (or two!) that will live long in the memory.

Lastly, a huge thanks to the 16-18 lads who have all played their part to get us to this point. My only advice would be to leave everything on the pitch, as you never know when your next cup final will be and everyone will leave a unique memory with you.

***Imran Englefield***  
***Lordswood FC Reserves Joint Manager***



# Meet the Players

## Lordswood FC

### **James Hare – Goalkeeper**

Joined the club part-way through the 2018/2019 season as a backup keeper, but really shone in the 2019/2020 season with vital saves throughout the journey to the final.

### **Jake Creed – Defender**

Jake joined the club as a teenager and made his first team debut at just 16. He since became an important player for the reserves, with some pin-point deliveries from wide areas.

### **Alex Taylor – Defender**

Alex is the no-nonsense leader of this team. He quietly organises those around him and won't settle for anything less than 100% from anyone around him.

### **Oscar Smitherman – Defender**

Since Oscar joined in the 2018/2019 season from Hollands and Blair Reserves, he has developed brilliantly. He has made a host of goal saving blocks en-route to the final which can be celebrated as much as any goal.

### **Charlie O'Neill – Defender**

Charlie is an experienced player in both the Kent & Essex Leagues and has a calming influence on his fellow defenders, in and out of possession.

### **Scott Highstead – Defender**

Scott joined Lordswood FC as a youth player and made the transition to reserve team football seamlessly. His heavy duty defending in important situations makes him a respected member of the squad.

### **Kari Creed – Defender**

Our older Creed brother joined in the 2017/2018 season having played his youth football at Faversham Town. He is very much an old head on young shoulders and works hard to support his teammates at both ends of the pitch.

### **Ryan Friel – Defender**

Ryan 'Frilly' Friel joined in the 2018/2019 season and was an integral part of the rebuilding process under Imran Engelfield. He brings incredible experience from his time in local leagues, where he enjoyed incredible success.

### **Callum Rollings – Midfielder**

Callum is quiet, calm and composed on the ball, and since he joined at the start of the 2019/2020 season from the Hollands and Blair/ Maidstone Youth systems has shown that he can really compete at reserve level.

### **Stephen Munn – Midfielder**

Our captain and leader on the pitch - he draws on his experience from playing SCEFL football in the past for Lordswood, Whitstable and Gravesham Borough. Still in his mid-20's his leadership and guidance really helps organise those younger players in the squad.

### **Kyle McDowell – Midfielder**

Energetic midfielder, Kyle had plenty of experience playing for Cray Valley and Lordswood in the SCEFL in the past, but work commitments now mean he is an integral player for the reserves. His commitment for the team comes from his experience as a youth player at Lordswood FC.

### **Andrew O'Neill – Midfielder**

Another player who played his youth football at Hollands and Blair FC, Andrew joined as a Centre Forward, however his energy and commitment to the team now means he can offer the team more in midfield.

### **Louis Payne – Midfielder**

Louis made his Kent League break at 16 playing for Corinthians FC under Matt Longhurst, but some serious injuries in the past meant that he needed to rebuild his confidence with us. An incredibly important player for us with his creativity and vision.

### **James Bush – Midfielder**

James 'Bushy' Bush joined in the 2018/2019 season and is an extremely quick footed, technical player. His work-rate in midfield areas is fantastic and is a constant threat from midfield.

### **Ryan Hooker – Midfielder**

Ryan 'Hooks' Hooker re-joined the club in the 2018/2019 season after travelling and played an extremely important role during the rebuilding of the reserves. He is no stranger to success with Lordswood Reserves, having won the Suburban League under the leadership of Ben Hilden.

### **Zak Jakubowski – Striker**

Zak joined us having left football in Kent for university. His youth football was played at Hollands and Blair FC and joined as a wide player. However, his eye for goal soon became evident and he scored some extremely important goals during our journey to the final.

### **Damon Lanckmans – Striker**

Joined from Hollands & Blair, our pacey young striker has shown that he is willing to work extremely hard to help and support his teammates. He has learned a lot in his first full season of adult football and his development has been fantastic to see.

### **Aye Ombo – Striker**

Aye joined at the start of the 2019/2020 season from Bearsted Reserves and quietly became an integral member of the squad. He is physical, unpredictable and undeniably passionate about scoring goals. His incredible goalscoring performance in the semi-final was outstanding.

**“ Evening! Congratulations to all the appointed match officials, who have been selected to officiate in today's County Cup finals. Being selected to officiate on a final-tie is an extremely prestigious appointment, and highlights the hard work, commitment and effort that they have all contributed over the course of the season. With 23 finals this season, we have appointed 92 match officials to final-ties, representing just 5% of all affiliated match officials within Kent. We also extend our appointment process to 23 selected Referee Observers and Mentors who are on-hand today to help encourage and support the development of the appointed match officials. Congratulations to all involved, and enjoy the occasion.**

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**Nick Dunn, Referee Development Officer.**



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