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Kent Challenge Shield Final

Metrogas FC
V

Farnborough Old Boys Guild FC

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Welcome to The Bauvill Stadium



Welcome to the Bauvill Stadium for the Kent Challenge Shield.

A particularly warm welcome is extended to the players, officials and supporters of Metrogas FC and Farnborough Old Boys Guild 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 Final appointment as recognition for their exceptional performances. Finally, we would like to thank Chatham 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 both teams on reaching today's finals for the Kent Challenge Shield! It's been a difficult and stressful time of late, however I am pleased and proud that we finally get to hold these delayed Cup Finals.

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 both teams competing today.

Denise Richmond, Kent FA Chair

Manager's Notes

Metrogas FC



Finally after what feels like the longest wait, the Cup Final is here!

It's certainly been a long time coming with a cup competition that started way back in the 2019 season but due to COVID the final was obviously delayed, but now after all that time we're finally here and I'm so proud of the players for getting to the final. Some of these players have been with me for a long time and I would love nothing more for them to be rewarded with a trophy at what will bring to a close a really difficult 2 seasons. I am in no doubt at the challenge that lies ahead with Farnborough being one of the favourites and strongest teams from the league above. Luke Johnson has an excellent side and has done a brilliant job with Farnborough and we know we will have to be at our best tonight, but I fully trust in what my players are capable of. We come into tonight excited about the game and looking forward to having a real go for the trophy.

Not only am I extremely proud of the players who will take to the pitch tonight, but special mentions to players who aren't in the squad tonight but played a massive part in our progression to the final - Dom Elmes, Tyrus Gordon-Young and Dan Wells to mention a few. I'd also like to call out two supporters who have stuck with us whatever the weather and conditions and are truly two of our top supporters – Ron Shrubb and Jimmy Ware. Lastly the club wouldn't be here without all of the work off the pitch and the millions of hours that chairman Tim Morgan spends working for this club, he truly is Mr Metrogas and I would love to see him rewarded with a trophy – we'll do our best!

Thank you to everyone that has come down tonight and supported us, whatever happens we'll give it our all!

Mike Jones, Manager

“ Good evening everyone. Well I'm sure like most of us we didn't expect tonight to come. It has been nearly 15 months since our semi-final victory over Belvedere when we qualified for this final and due to the Covid-19 pandemic the world has changed dramatically. No one knew what was ahead of us and I wouldn't expect to be writing Cup Final notes well over a year from that victory.

Despite this, I am absolutely thrilled to be doing so and cannot thank the Kent FA for persevering this difficult time and allowing the players, management and fans the chance to play in this fixture. It means a huge amount to them and our club. This is our 3rd Kent Intermediate Cup Final in 6 seasons (one victory in 2014/15 and one loss in 2015/16) and our previous two experiences have been a joy, with the Kent FA really putting on a spectacle for the players and the fans.

Whatever the result tonight, football has won and the fact we are back on the pitch playing, is a credit to everyone involved. I hope the wait has been worth it and both sides put on a show for everyone.

Up the GAS!!!!!!

Secretary, Metrogas FC

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Meet the Players

Metrogas FC

Daryl Fishenden (GK)

Fantastic GK with incredible passion and an all-round lovely guy. Daryl has come to this teams rescue on more than one occasion and it's a pleasure to have a GK of his ability.

Dami Oni

Fantastic player since he joined the club, full of effort, energy and running - he excels wherever he is asked to play.

Chris Weber

An experienced full back with a very relaxed and composed attitude which will hopefully serve the side well this evening. Also not many can stop him when he goes on one of his runs forward.

Phillip Makinde

A young centre back with a huge future. He is a current Metrogas U18 player who has forced his way into the 1st team squad.

Chris Mirrlees

Team captain and leader. Been brilliant since he joined the club and has made a real impression on our fans. He even snuck into the team of the decade after only 4 months at the club. He would header a double decker bus if it was crossed into the box.

Tom Kember

Mr Consistent since he forced his way into the managers plans and now one of the first names on the team sheet. Fantastic in his role in front of the back 4 and allows others the freedom to get forward.

Chris Ware

Club Captain and someone who wears his heart on his sleeve and always leaves everything out on the pitch. Fantastic energy in the midfield and drives the team forward. Also chips in with goals and one tonight would be ideal.

Tom Fitzgerald

A stylish box to box midfielder who makes the midfield tick. If Tom is on his game, then not many will be able to stop him.

Markus Marcus

Quick and strong and comfortable out wide or through the middle. He works tirelessly for the team with his excellent work rate and is a danger in the box.

Josh Reid

Another product of our youth section stepping up from the U18's two years ago into the reserves where he finished top scorer in his first season and now a first team starter. Josh will prove a handful tonight with his pace and trickery from out wide.

Joel Weston

A great striker with pace, skill and can play off the last defender or behind a front man. Unfortunately, injuries have cut short his games for the club since he joined but on a night like tonight his experience, calmness and that smile will be an assist.

Raheem Chentouf

Powerful and quick full back who loves nothing more than bombing on. Hopefully he can take advantage of the pitch surface tonight and do just that.

Cameron Hardie

Another youngster who has impressed since he came into the side. Comfortable on either side of the pitch and his calmness and composure supersede his years.

Lemarl Hubbard

A culture and stylish players who can turn the game on its head with his trickery and pace. He can win games single handed for his team. Personally, a very hygienic individual. The players are always talking about him being the longest in the shower.

Brima Daramy

Brima once put 4 past us in a league game a few seasons ago so to have him play for us rather than against us over the last couple of seasons has been a blessing. Strong and quick, he will no doubt be a handful tonight up tops.

Akan Kasab

Another fantastic addition to the club and another quick and tricky winger who is hard to stop once he gets going. I'm sure tonight's conditions will suit him and we will see the best from him.

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Ross Borg JNR

George Perfitt

Ollie Lacey

Ross Warburton

Otis Blaize

Alex Jarvis

Harry Tanner

Lee Cordner

Mason West

Dekklund Wallace

Connor Blackman

Paul Lee

Jason Johns

Kalum Daini

Ovoke Palmer

Lee Friend

Manager: Mike Jones

Coaches: Tyrus Gordon-Young and Jack Cain

Colours: Royal Blue & White Shirts / White Shorts / Royal Blue Socks

Manager: Luke Johnson

Coach: Kearan Day

Colours: Yellow & Red Shirts / Red Shorts / Red Socks

Referee:
Zack Moules

Assistant:
James Beadle

Assistant:
Paul Cruttenden

Fourth Official:
Matt Charles



Road to the Final

Kent Challenge Shield

Metrogas FC

1st Round: Bye

2nd Round: Fleetdown United 1 Metrogas 3

Quarter Final: Cuxton 1 Metrogas 2

Semi Final: Metrogas 2 Belvedere 1

Farnborough Old Boys Guild FC

Round 1: Bexley 0 v 2 FOBG

(Goal Scorers: Steve McQueen, Tunde Adeloye)

Round 2: Crockenhill 0 v 4 FOBG

(Goal Scorers: Lee Friend, Lewi Longhurst, Mason Horne, Kalum Daini)

Quarter Final: FOBG 2 v 1 Chipstead

(Goal Scorers: Lee Friend, Dekklund Wallace (pen))

Semi Final: FOBG 5 v 2 Thanet Utd

(Goal Scorers: Lee Friend 3, Kalum Daini 2)

*No Team Photo available
at time of print*



Manager's Notes

Farnborough Old Boys Guild FC



Over the past few seasons I have been privileged to be in a first-hand position to witness a sharp rise in the club's fortunes both on and off the pitch. We are in the best position we have been in as a club for many years and are growing at a fast pace. 2021/22 will see us run 11 teams, across Saturdays and Sundays, from 7 – 77 years old.

Reaching the Kent Cup Final seems to have taken place a whole lifetime ago, before face masks and awkward fist bumps, is a great achievement for the First Team, and just reward for the players. We have never reached the final of the Challenge Shield before, let alone lifted it, so tonight would be an extra special win. Since 2018, we as a squad have made steady but notable progress, having our best finish in the Kent County Premier Division and possibly a title challenge campaign curtailed in 2021.

There are many people to thank who make managing this side possible and who work tirelessly to keep the club going;

Ian Couchman, the Club President and Kent League Secretary; Chairman Danny Saines; Colin Brazier, Club Photographer; Paul Parsons, Fixture Secretary and a large committee made up of managers of the other 8 sides at the club and Mark Warner, my Assistant Manager. Without these people nothing we do would be possible.

My biggest thank you I will reserve for the players. To the players injured for tonight's game, especially Mason Horne, next season we'll go again. Every player not involved in the matchday squad tonight, I apologise. Every player who played some part in our journey to the final but is no longer with us, thank you. All the boys out there tonight, again thanks, you're a pleasure to manage - most of the time.

Our opponents tonight, Metrogas FC, are a quality outfit, both on and off the pitch and have some brilliant people working there as well, whom it has been lovely to get to know over the past few weeks at their Invitational Cup. Although nothing other than a win will make me happy, it is nice to share the pitch and the side-line with like-minded people. Here's hoping it's a great game.

Luke Johnson,
Manager, Farnborough Old Boys Guild FC

Meet the Players

Farnborough Old Boys Guild FC

Matt Bishop – Goalkeeper

Bish has been number 1 for us for the past 18 months, although his history at the club stretches back a lot further. One of the best shot stoppers in the Kent County League and an integral part of the club off the pitch as well. Saves pens for fun. Quite possibly the worst trainer in the history of football.

Ross Borg – Full Back

Ross joined FOBG from K-Sports last summer and has quickly made himself first choice in the right back spot. Fantastic delivery going forward and a strong defender. Never has a bad game, a standout performer for us this season. Goes very, very red.

George Perfitt – Full Back

A mainstay of any Farnborough side over the past 5 years, equally at home in the centre of defence, full back, midfield or in his former days up top. Has developed his game over the last 3 seasons and when he isn't moaning, is an absolute pleasure to manage. Loves scoring free kicks against today's opponents as well. Has been 23 since I first met him in 2015.

Ollie Lacey – Centre Back

The skipper of the past few years and a calming presence on the side. Leads by example on and off the pitch and has been instrumental in the turnaround footballing wise of the side since his arrival. Could score a hattrick, clear 3 off the line and set a couple up and still insist he had a bad game.

Ross Warburton – Centre Back

Has had a rough couple of seasons injury wise but is returning to his peak just in time for this final. A brilliant defender and on his day the best centre back in the Kent County League, Ross has every attribute to play at a much higher level. Will probably be dropped to the game by his butler, in a helicopter.

Otis Blaize – Centre Back

Added to our squad from a trial game back in 2019 and has gone on to become one of the first names on the team sheet. Calm and assured at the back and rarely lets an opponent get the better of him. Went through a stage of scoring own goals every week, thankfully that is behind him now

Alex Jarvis – Full Back

A new recruit last summer, Jarv joined us late in pre-season but quickly cemented himself as first choice left back. Can normally be found punting on horses and is very usually the last to leave the bar

Harry Tanner – Full Back

Prince Tanner of Farnborough. Unfortunately missing for all of the 2020/21 season through a combination of injury and moving to Essex, but a real Farnborough legend in the making, over 250 appearances for the club already. Inexplicably very posh.

Lee Cordner – Midfield

Quite possibly the most underrated player we have, mainly by himself. Has added a different dynamic to our midfield this season. Plays the game in a simple but effective way. Sort of lad who'll turn up to a night out in his work gear just in case a job comes up.

Mason West – Midfield

Player of the year, playmaker, miserable git. Detests anyone he plays against instantly, which makes him my sort of player. Has the ability to unlock defences with ease and scores some worldies. Partial to a yellow card.

Dekklund Wallace – Midfield

Current Captain and engine of the side. Has been brilliant to see the change in his game over the last few seasons, has grown into the captain's role seamlessly. Doesn't miss pens. There isn't a high press that is high enough for Dekks.

Connor Blackman – Midfield

A big game player whose game revolves around high energy and work rate. Combative midfielder who lifts the game of those around him. Never seen him have a bad game. Or a shot on target.

Paul Lee – Forward

A ridiculous talent. Scores goals for fun and can carry a ball the length of the pitch. A consistent performer over the last 3 seasons with us. Bares a striking resemblance to Rodney Trotter.

Jason Johns – Forward

Another new signing for 20/21, Jason has the ability to beat someone twice without them having a clue where he is. Has brought flair and goals to our front line. For Jason's benefit we have advertised this final's kick off as 5pm, so he may be at the game by half time.

Kalum Daini – Forward

An absolute beast when on his game, his pace and power have defences running scared. Mostly used as an impact sub in 19/20, Kal has nailed down a starting spot for himself this season. Is an adult, but rides around on a scooter

Ovoke Palmer – Forward

Man like Tobes. The most likable member of our squad has developed into a big game player for us and has come back from lockdown hungry for goals. Not a bad word to say about this lad

Lee Friend – Forward

Where to start. Been the number 9 in any Farnborough team I have been involved with for near on a decade now. Lives and breathes goals, averaging more than 1 a game for many seasons. Assures me he's learned how to send an email this season, definitely hasn't learned to pass.

Mark Warner – Assistant Manager

I've known Mark as an opposing manager from my playing days through to management and was delighted when he agreed to join up with us last June. A pleasure to talk football with he has been instrumental in continuing the club's progression and has been an enormous help to me.

Kearan Day – Player / Coach

Kear started the season as first choice centre half, but a horrible injury in a charity game curtailed his season. An immense presence in the changing room and pitchside he is a key part of this squad and we can't wait to have him back out on the pitch.

“ Hello! 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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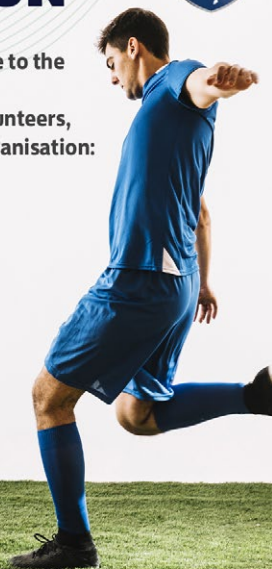


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