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## **Kent Junior B Cup Final**

The Bull FC V Golden Knights United

Saturday 5 June 2021 - 11:00am Maidstone United, Gallagher Stadium, Maidstone

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### Welcome to the Gallagher Stadium

Welcome to the Gallagher Stadium for the Kent Junior B Cup.

A particularly warm welcome is extended to the players, officials and supporters of The Bull FC and Golden Knights United. 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 Maidstone United for the use of their excellent facilities todau.

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

**66** 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 both teams on reaching today's final for the Kent Junior Cup B! 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.

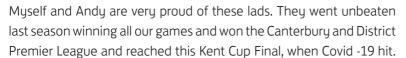
The event today is the culmination of hours of practice, determination and fun so regardless of the result, we hope that everyone involved will enjoy the matches and have a memorable day out.

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.

## **Manager's Notes**

#### The Bull FC





We all thought it was over but a huge well done to Kent FA for getting these games on. Covid -19 has hit everyone hard and as a club we have felt the heartbreak losing our number 1 fan, Dave Thompson, to this. Dave never missed a game - whatever the weather he was there on the side-lines cheering us on. As a mark of respect we will be wearing black armbands and his daughters will be here today so we hope we can do him proud. We ended up runners up in our league this year in a closely fought end to the season run in.

We would like to thank our club sponsors, Sara and Martin Apps. of the Bull Inn Faversham and Jo & Chris Logsdon of Mid Kent Fisheries. Without them we wouldn't have a Club.

What can I say?! What a great bunch of lads who on their day, can play some fantastic football and if needed can dig in deep in the more physical games. For the Semi Final, I was unfortunately laying in hospital watching live videos of the game. At half time the lads got together and said they would win it for me, and they did just that, beating a very good Medway Stars. This time they are playing for themselves and Dave.

Enjoy your day lads you deserve it.

UTB!!!

Graham Hampton 1st Team Manager

## **Meet the Players**

#### The Bull FC

- **1 JOE CHEESEMAN** (keeper) (cheesy) great signing. Played against us for many years. Superb shot stopper and kept us in big games.
- **2- RICHARD DAWS** (Dawsy) been with club since the start. He reads the game very well, makes it look easy, a very clever player.
- **3 JACK HANSON** (defender) superb player who is calm on the ball. Tidies up everything. Huge addition to our team 2 seasons ago.
- **4 JOE ELLETT** (defender) He has been with club since the start. A quality all round player. Great left foot, huge throw and unbelievable goal keeper.
- **5 SAM DAVENPORT** (defender) new signing this season. He never misses a game, very vocal and great on the ball.
- **6 LUKE ILOTT** Luke can play anywhere on right hand side, strong and extremely quick, works up and down that side all game long.
- **7 TOBY PRICE** another player who has been with the club a long time. He broke in from reserves and has been superb very quick and very skilful. He beats players for fun.
- **8 MATTY HART** (Vice Captain) (Harty) another player that's been here from start and got better with age. He is very fit, a great organiser when at the back and great engine in middle.
- **9 LEWIS POUT** (captain) (Pouty) A true leader! Very strong in the tackle, great vision with passing and sweet left foot. He scores amazing goals for fun.
- **9 SAM GAIGER** won us some huge games with very important goals. Very silky on the ball and great left foot, can impacted a game with his superb ball delivery and strikes.
- **10 DAN SADLER** he always puts a shift in, very strong and good in the air. He pops up with a few great goals.
- **11 TYLA CLEMENTS** (Bug) A very skill full player super fit and a handful for any defender. He will cause problems all game and scores plenty of goals.
- **12 LEWIS TAYOR** He loves to be on the ball, control everything in the middle and plays the ball around with ease.

- **13 CARLO VALENTE** (V) big powerful player who holds the ball up. He brings players into the game but still runs the channels as well. A a nightmare for any defender great in the air.
- **14 JOHN RICH** (JR) Very hard working and top goal scorer for last 2 seasons. He is a very quick player and very passionate.
- **15 STEVE SPARKS** (Sparkly) another tricky player whose scored so many goals for us over years Great on the ball and will cause problems
- **16 ROBERT PARKER** (Baby P) Rob is a reserve player that has stepped up and can play anywhere. He always gives 100% and a great assist to our club.
- **17 JAMES HART** Another strong midfielder but missed most of the season due to knee injury. He has been a great signing for us, and we hope he gets back to 100% soon.
- **18 KY HALL** Another big strong striker and clinical with his head and his feet.
- **19 MARC SCUDDER** Scudder only signed this season -a great player that can play anywhere on left, strong skill full player and a great left foot.
- **20 DANNY CRITTENDEN** (critter) Another who can't play every week due to work commitments but a strong clever player that can score a lot of goals from defence or midfield.
- **21 STEFHAN WALL** Another with work commitments and injuries but he's been with us a while. A very good player whose quick and skilful and can change a game.
- **22 SAM RYAN** Another reserve lad that's been stepping up. A real live wire small but very strong. Skilful and very fast.
- 23 JAMES WOOD young player who helped get us to final. A great talent and very skilful player who can play anywhere.
- **24 KIERAN AMER** He's not played much this season due to work but he's very strong on the ball and can play upfront or midfield.







Joe Chesseman	1
Lewis Pout (C)	2
Mathew Hart (VC)	3
Luke Ilott	4
Jack Hanson	5
Marc Scudder	6
Steve Sparks	7
Joe Ellett	8
Toby Price	9
Sam Gaiger	10
Dan Sadler	11
<b>Richard Daws</b>	12
Sam Davenport	13
Carlo Valente	14
John Rich	15
Danny Crittenden	16
Tyla Clemants	17
Lewis Taylor	18
Sam Ryan	19
Stefan Wall	20
James Hart	21
Rob Parker	22
Kieran Amer	23
James Wood	24

1 **Dan Stevens** 2 **Gary Hughes** 3 Dan Lennox Andrew Bowen 4 Connor Brosnan Steve Baker Dean Hughes 8 Ben Mcmanus 9 Joe Reynolds 10 Joe Simpson Ozan Hassan 11 12 Sean Edwards 13 **Pete Campbell** 14 Sam Avery 15 Michael Elsey 16 Michael Brooks

Manager: Graham Hampton

Coach: Neil Baker

Colours: Red Shirts / Red Shorts /

Red Socks

Manager: Harjap Singh

Asst. Coach: Dwayne Ellis

**Colours:** Blue Shirts / Black Shorts /

Black Socks

Referee:Assistant:Assistant:Fourth Official:Steven GoldupTeddy OsbornTrevor CogleyChristopher Clarke



## **Road to the Final**

#### **Junior Cup B**

#### The Bull FC

1st Round: Bye
2nd Round: Bull FC 2 v Chilham FC 0
Goal Scorers - Lewis Pout & John Rich
3rd Round: Bye
4th Round: University of Kent v Bull FC
Quarter Final: Dartford Celtic 1 v Bull 4
Goal Scorers - John Rich x 2, Ky Hall, Ashley Morgan
Semi Final: Bull 4 v Medway Stars 2
Goal Scorers: Toby Price, Ky Hall, Tyla Clements, John Rich

#### **Golden Knights United**

1st Round: Bye
2nd Round: Ash Green 1 Golden Knights 5
Goal Scorers: Ben McManus, Ozan Hassan \*3, Joe Simpson
3rd Round: Medway Borough 1 Golden Knights 1
Golden Knights won 3-2 on Penalties
Goal Scorers: Ozan Hassan
4th Round: Pavilion Athletic 0 Golden Knights 1
Goal Scorers: Joe Reynolds
Quarter Final: AEI 1 Golden Knights 2
Goal Scorers: Dan Stevens, Dean Hughes
Semi Final: Gillingham Green 0 Golden Knights 0
Golden Knights Winning 3-2 on penalties





## **Manager's Notes**

#### **Golden Knights United**

There was once a group of players who played for a variety of teams, the year was 2008. Then one summer, while having a kick about at what was to become their home pitch, Steve Baker formed the club Real Knights. The first season brought success in the cup, Mark Court and Gary Rees scoring. That season defined what



this group of players was about. The togetherness and chemistry was something that was not going to be found at many clubs. Various holidays abroad, nights out and memorable season ending parties at Steve's house made Real Knights not just some players who play for a team, but a real tight squad. Half the squad ended up working together as well. More cup finals followed as well as a league victory that saw the Knights only loose once, which showed that this team could mix it with the best of them. The pinnacle, or so we thought, was reaching the Rochester & District Premier Division where Knights finished 3rd. Real Knights ended in the top division and as cup champions that season.

But it wasn't over. It was time to get back some former players and go again one last time, this time as Golden Knights United. Getting the band back together with some of the former players and Golden Knights became cup champions again, Paul Thomas scoring a hat trick in the final. It was a fitting way to sign off a great club with a great set of players. That was until it was decided on one final absolute never to be repeated season. With everyone a little bit older and a little bit greyer Golden Knights wanted to have one final kick about where the emphasis was on having a beer at the pub afterwards not on any results. But here again we find ourselves in yet another cup final. This time and for the first time in the Kent Cup Final, the pinnacle of cup competitions at this level. A penalty shootout win in the semi final had earned the Knights one final game at the very top, until the world was thrown into chaos with the global pandemic. Golden Knights had signed off as semi final winners but as this was to be our last season we would be unable to participate in the rescheduled final. So it is with great pleasure and immense gratitude to the Kent FA and with the support of the R&D that we have been granted this deserved opportunity to, for the absolute final time, bring the curtain down on a wonderful club, full of brilliant people who through all the ups and downs have represented this club exceptionally in the most fitting way possible; playing in the Kent Cup Final.

The club would like to thank the Kent FA for this opportunity. The club would also like to thank all of the supporters, who make the finals extra special, make some noise in the stands once again. The club would also like to thank all of the former players from Real Knights and Golden Knights United for making this journey of 13 years so memorable and treasured.

So even though some of the players have not even kicked a ball since March 2020, we will be giving it our all for the very very last time.



It has been an incredible journey. I just firstly want to thank our fans for coming out to support us on this wonderful day. I also want to say good luck our opponents The Bull FC.

The lads have put in all the hard work on the pitch and deserve this special day out. I know they will give me 110% in trying to win this trophy. This will be Knights last ever game and hopefully we can go out in style. Harjap Singh Golden Knights Manager

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## **Meet the Players**

#### **Golden Knights United**

#### **Ben McManus**

The lifeblood of the team, McManus' solid performances every game embody what playing for Golden Knights is all about. To put it simply; McManus would be the first name on any team sheet.

#### **Steve Baker**

No midfield would be complete without someone who can challenge in the air. Baker switches his game up from sitting deep controlling the pace to then looking to attack and get on the end of any set pieces.

#### **Andrew Bowen**

Pace, passion and precision. Bowen only has 2 of these. That's right; don't expect goals, assists or even accurate passes from Bowen. But his passion for the team and pace on the field make him a difficult defender for attackers.

#### Michael Elsey

Another aerial threat in the centre of the field, Elsey also knows where the goal is and can pick a pass out. Strong and imposing, a real all-rounder. Expect him to make late runs into the box with a powerful strike.

#### Sam Avery

Better make sure we have spare balls because Avery tends to put their structural integrity to the test. Adapts to playing anywhere but tends to be best suited just behind the strikers because of his ability to bring teammates into the game.

#### **Dan Lennox**

Looking for a top-drawer defender then look no further. Lennox possesses all the attributes that make a top-drawer defender. He's fast, strong and a great reader of the game. He is also pretty handy in front of goal as well.

#### **Gary Hughes**

A fall back who loves to get forward, Hughes like to link up play when the team is on the attack. But he doesn't shirk his defensive duties and the combination of solid defending and an attacking threat has made him a great right back.

#### Joe Reynolds

Reynolds possesses so much natural ability, his only critic is himself. Can score goals and bag assists each game. Reynolds likes to drift around the front line making it very hard for defenders to mark him. Great player.

#### Joe Simpson

For years now he has been known as the engine. Never seems to tire out and will test the fitness of the opposition. But it should be mentioned that Simpson is a very good technical player with an eye for a pass.

#### **Ozan Hassan**

You may know Hassan as the best goalkeeper in the social media world but Hassan's ability in front of goal is what makes him a real threat. But he can also link play, assist goals and defend as well as anyone.

#### **Pete Campbell**

One of Golden Knights' best technical players, Campbell has settled into a more defensive role in the team. But if required he can drift forward and play some dangerous balls into the box.

#### **Sean Edwards**

Not many people can be as passionate about the team as Edwards. No one will be working harder. His ability to win headers catches the opposition out sometimes and his pace and passing ability make him valuable to the Knights.

#### **Connor Brosnan**

What a journey Brosnan has been on. Since the days of Real Knights he has gone from strength to strength and is now an integral part of the team. Brosnan is a solid defender who is not shy about looking for the opposition's goal.

#### **Dean Hughes**

Every team needs a bit of magic and Hughes can provide that. He is the type of box to box midfielder you want in your team, chasing every ball and tracking every opposition runner. Never leaves the pitch with any regrets.

#### **Dan Stevens**

You'll be hard pushed to find a better goalkeeper than Stevens. Dan has played at a higher level but his heart has always belonged to the Knights. His ability between the sticks and presence in the box make him a phenomenal goalkeeper.

#### Michael Brooks

If any side needed a player who can read the game and keep things calm its Brooks. His ability to win the ball in the air and on the ground makes him very difficult to get around. Another cup final for the man to add to his tally.

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 finaltie 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 onhand today to help encourage and support the development of the appointed match officials. Congratulations to all involved, and enjoy the occasion.

Nick Dunn, Referee Development Officer.



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