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## Kent U16 Girls Cup Final

**Maidstone United FC**

**V**

**Tankerton FC**

**Tuesday 1st June 2021 - 7:45pm**

**Maidstone United, Gallagher Stadium, Maidstone**

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# Welcome to the Gallagher Stadium



Welcome to The Gallagher Stadium for the Kent U16 Girls Cup Final.

A particularly warm welcome is extended to the players, officials and supporters of Maidstone United and Tankerton 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 Maidstone United 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 U16 Girls Cup Final! 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

## Maidstone United FC



Paul and I are very privileged to be working with such a fantastic group of girls every week. The girls always enjoy their Friday night training sessions down here at the Gallagher, putting in the effort and determination to constantly improve themselves. To then see these girls take what we practice into match day situations is inspirational. On top of all this, the girls have managed to turn themselves into a formidable force, not only with all their hard work on the pitch but also with the great team spirit they have created.

The coaches, parents and friends are all very proud of the girls' achievement in reaching the U16 Kent Cup Final. During the season, I have received some very complimentary messages from other coaches about how well the girls have performed and conducted themselves. They have all come a long way to reach this standard of football. We know the girls will give their all and are looking forward to the game against a very good Tankerton side. This game, I'm sure, will be an excellent advert for Girls Football.

The team would like to thank all the parents for their support and commitment over a very hard year in getting the girls to training and matches in ALL weathers. Also, for their help stepping up in 'running the line', clearing away the goals etc on match days - it really does make things a lot easier for us.

**Dave Dadson, Manager**

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***Congratulations to the players and coaching staff (of both teams!) on reaching the County Cup Final - it is a fitting reward for all their hard work over what has been a difficult couple of seasons.***

***Congratulations also to the match officials on their appointment to the game and, “thank you”, for your work throughout the course of the season.***

***“Thank you”, also to Matt Dixon and everyone at the Kent FA for your commitment and determination in ensuring that this Final could take place!***

***I would also like to place on record another vote of gratitude to the committee members and administrators of both clubs: without these volunteers, who work selflessly and tirelessly in the background, there would be no grassroots football – “Thank You !!”***

***And, last but most definitely not least, a huge, “thank you”, to the parents and families of all the players for your unstinting support during what has been an unprecedented and exceedingly difficult period.***

***It only remains for me to say that I hope everyone – players, officials, family members and supporters – enjoys the game and, with apologies to Tankerton for my obvious bias ...***

***“Come on you Stones !!”***

***John Jackson, Head of Football Development, Maidstone United Women***

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# Meet the Players

## Maidstone United FC

### **LILLY FOWKES - Keeper**

No. 1 for 3 Seasons now. Always gives 100% and putting in a great deal of effort to do so. A very good shot stopper and lots of top class saves made again this season proves that. You will always hear Issy shouting encouragement to players during the game.

### **ELYNN WESTHROP - Centre Back**

In her 7th season at the club and has been a revelation at the back, bringing experience, fantastic leadership qualities and her no-nonsense tackling style. All this combined with her calm manner when having the ball at her feet is great to watch.

### **MEGAN JENNER - Right Back (Captain)**

Ms Reliable.....every training session, every game... A very good footballer that's getting better every season. Not many wingers get past her and if they do, she is right on their heels chasing them down. An absolute athlete.

### **SOPHIE RAYNOR – Left Back**

Also, in her 7th year at the club. Has been so committed over the years, ever present, one of the first names on the team sheet every week. Sophie goes about her football with no fuss doing a fantastic job every week.

### **MAYA BROOKS - Centre Back**

Been with us 3 Seasons now and has developed into a good solid player, can use both feet and has also chipped in with 2 goals this season. We have played her in many different positions this season and she has excelled in all.

### **CHARLOTTE WATTS - Centre Mid (Captain)**

Ever present player and been at the club from day one. This season she has a high level of assists for the team and all whilst playing in a slightly more defensive role! Tough tackling with a fantastic range of passes. A real leader on the pitch.

### **LUCIE BRIENER - Centre Mid**

Joined us at the beginning of the season. Lucie has settled in very well with the team. A real character on the pitch but has the ability to make the game look so simple. Can deliver a fierce shot but also capable of neat and tidy finishes when required. Lucie covers every blade of grass on the pitch every game

### **JESS ROBINS - Right Mid**

'QUINNIE' as she's called has been with us since U12s and the improvement each season is staggering! A real dynamo in midfield. Another tough tackler who gives her all every minute she is on the pitch, always putting the opposition under pressure with her non-stop running. Loves scoring

### **IMMY ARMSTRONG - Left mid**

Immy has been with the club since the U10s, briefly leaving, but soon came back after 6 months. She's very quick and willing to work up and down the wing all game. Immy would play anywhere required on the pitch.

### **MATYLDA WASILEWSKA - Left Mid**

Tilly has continued to improve as a player on and off the pitch this season, very capable physically and always willing to run at players and get shots off. Chipped in with a few important goals this season. All the girls love her as she makes time for everyone.

### **STOREY TUBB - Right Mid**

Been at the club since U12s. Storey would play anywhere on the pitch and just purely loves playing football. Never moans about the various positions she is asked to play. She has been an absolute pleasure to coach over the years.

### **GRACE MAYHEAD - Forward**

Another U10's veteran. Loves her football and still attempting to score the most outrageous goals with her left foot. Has been working hard on her hold up play and bringing other players into the game. Grace always gives 100% and over the years has been a pleasure to work with. Grace just loves scoring.

### **CHARLOTTE BROUGHTON - Forward**

Joined 2 seasons and we now feel we have found her best position. She has got two feet, holds the ball up very well. One of the hardest tacklers at the club and has probably the hardest shot in the whole league. Charlotte has formed a fantastic partnership up front with Grace.

### **TEGAN WHITTEN**

Maidstone United player for 3 Seasons. Body on the line kind of player, tough tackling and reads the game well. CB/RB or CM.

### **FRANKIE STANNARD**

Maidstone United player for 3 Seasons. Good with both feet, great awareness of players around her. Can play anywhere she is asked to.

### **FREYA BURNS**

Back with Maidstone United this Season, another tough tackler with lots of energy, great vision and ability.



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Lily Fowkes	1
Megan Jenner	2
Evelyn Westthrop	3
Charlotte Watts	5
Sophie Raynor	6
Jess Robins	7
Frankie Stannard	8
Lucie Briener	9
Grace Mayhead	10
Freya Burns	11
Immy Armstrong	14
Tegan Whitten	16
Maya Brooks	17
Charlotte Broughton	18
Matylda Wasilewska	19
Bryony Mardel	22

**Manager & Coach:** Dave Dadson

**Asst. Coach:** Paul Jenner

**Colours:** Amber & Black Shirts /  
Black Shorts / Black Socks

1	Kimm Boswell
2	Elif Altun
3	Georgia Newhouse
4	Shannon Brady
5	Lauren Todd
6	Aoife Yanik
7	Gallia Yates
8	Holly Duggan
9	Morgan Wicks
10	Alice Summers
11	Isobel Cope
12	Leyla Ulusoy
14	Laura Temple
16	Alicia Conabeer
20	Sophie Birrell
21	Fleur Charman
29	Daisy Redford

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# Road to the Final

## Kent U16 Girls Cup

### Maidstone United FC

1st Round: (Home) Maidstone United FC v Bromleians 4-0 win  
Quarter Final: (Away) Maidstone United FC v Anchorians Angels Hearts 17-0 win  
Semi Final: (Home) Maidstone United FC v Larkfield Ladies 8-2 win

### Tankerton FC

1st Round: Sevenoaks v Tankerton (Away) Score 1-0 to Tankerton

*Scorer: Lauren Todd*

*The game was tight and could have gone either way but was played in great spirit with both teams pressing and trying to get the winner. Tankerton scored the winner in the dying moments of the game with Lauren's first goal for the club. Isobel got player of the match in goal where she made some outstanding saves.*

Quarter Final: Ashford Ladies v Tankerton (Away) Score: 0-8 to Tankerton

*Scorers: Daisy Redford X 6, Alice Summers and Yliahia Bubb*

*The cup match could easily have been a lacklustre affair given the damp and cold conditions and heavy pitch but instead the girls put together one of their best performances of the season in beating Ashford 8-0.*

Semi Final: Junior Red Roses v Tankerton Score: 2-3 to Tankerton

*Scorers: Daisy Redford (2), Molly Suckling*

*Absolutely superb performance from everyone. From the first whistle there was an obvious belief within the team. The energy was good with Junior Red Roses being hassled when in possession. Everyone buzzing. What an incredible team performance.*





# Manager's Notes

## Tankerton FC



We have been privileged to work with an amazing group of players for more than six years and their development has been incredible. These players have progressed through the leagues to compete with the best teams in Kent. To say we are proud is an understatement. Being the first youth team in the club's history ever to reach the FA Youth County Cup competition, it is such an achievement. We knew the players were an amazing bunch when they won our club's first Kent Youth Trophy in 2019, but this achievement has surpassed even that. The semi-final win against Junior Reds will always live in my memory as one of the best team performances in the history of Tankerton Football Club. Tankerton is an inclusive club, and we aim to give all players a chance to play regardless of ability. There are not many girls' teams in our area and we have ended up with a large squad. The players accept this and the inevitable rotation. The number of cup games means we have been able to give everyone game time, but the large squad means some players have missed out being named in the squad. We would like to thank Molly Suckling and Ylishia Bubb for their contribution for getting us to the final. The team would also like to say a massive thank you to our sponsors Daley Graphics and Ossies Fish Bar for helping sponsor the girls with their Kent League kits, hoodies and rain jackets.



# Meet the Players

## Tankerton FC

### **Sophie Birrell (Capt)**

Sophie's inspirational speech at the start of the semi-final and at half time is one of the reasons we reached the Final. She always keeps pushing the team forward in training and has been a pleasure to work with as Captain in the last two years.

### **Elif Altun (Vice Capt)**

The determination and never give in attitude of Elif is second to none. Elif will give everything in every game. Her tackling and communication is amazing and it's always great to see the outside of the foot pass she has developed!

### **Georgia Newhouse (Vice Capt)**

Georgia is such an asset to the team especially in having ambidextrous feet! I've never coached or played with a player who can hit a ball just as well with her left foot as well as her right foot, it is such a great skill to have.

### **Alicia Conabeer**

Has fitted in to the squad so well, Alicia gets on with everyone and has become a real asset to the squad. She also is an amazing player with a great attitude who can play in any position and has a fantastic work ethic.

### **Kimm Boswell**

Kimm's attitude is incredible. All summer Kimm was at every training session, unfortunately she picked up an injury but still came and supported the team. Kimm always helps with the coaching and has supported the team in so many games this season.

### **Shannon Brady**

Shannon is one of the most skilful players I've ever seen and has one of the best strikes! In training every week, I am amazed at what I see with Shannon's goals or skills. Shannon does turns I could only dream of doing as a player.

### **Fleur Charman**

A natural defender, who makes last minute tackles look so easy and natural. A real presence on the pitch, Fleur reads the game beautifully and organises the back line. I've coached Fleur for three years now and each year she has improved.

### **Isobel Cope**

The most versatile player in the squad, having played in every position for the team in the last two years. It does not matter where this is on the pitch Isobel, she always looks a natural, from goalkeeper to centre forward.

### **Holly Duggan**

The development in Holly over the last four years has been tremendous. Holly strikes the ball so cleanly and her technique has improved so much, she also has real determination to make sure opponents don't pass her.

### **Morgan Wicks**

What a personality, what talent. Morgan shows such enthusiasm and is brilliant in every position she plays, whether it is in goal or out on pitch. Morgan comes to life in pressured situations, she is always calm and so good technically.

### **Daisy Redford**

Watching Daisy play brings a smile to my face as there is no holding back in training or in matches, she's so determined to get the ball and score a goal. Daisy is a natural goal scorer and so wants to give 100%. Like so many of the others whatever sport Daisy decides to play she really could reach the top.

### **Alice Summers**

Alice has a real football brain and can read the game fantastically well. Her work ethic is incredible, and she is always willing to learn. Alice motivates the other players and her hat-trick in last year's Cup Final was something I will never forget. What an amazing player.

### **Laura Temple**

Laura has always got a smile on her face and has great energy reserves. Laura works incredibly hard and is versatile in so many positions. Laura is a true team member and always thinks of teammates, giving 100% in every game

### **Lauren Todd**

The way Lauren gets stuck in is incredible, she is one of the best tacklers in the team and was just what we needed to improve our team from last season. Lauren has an incredible attitude and will run until she is on the brink of collapse.

### **Leyla Ulusoy**

One of the best defenders in the league, Leyla is so strong, especially defensively. Leyla has also got an amazing strike of the ball. She has got a football brain and reads the game so well and always able to spot dangers.

### **Aoife Yanik**

What a player, the first time I saw Aoife play, I was in awe! She has so much talent, on the ball she is technically brilliant and the way she reads the game is incredible! Aoife is a natural leader and is able to command the defence and midfield.

### **Gallia Yates**

What an attitude and willingness to learn! Gallia has great speed and will run all day if asked. With belief and confidence Gallia will realise how great she can be; she has shown glimpses of being a truly natural striker as well as an amazing winger.

**“ 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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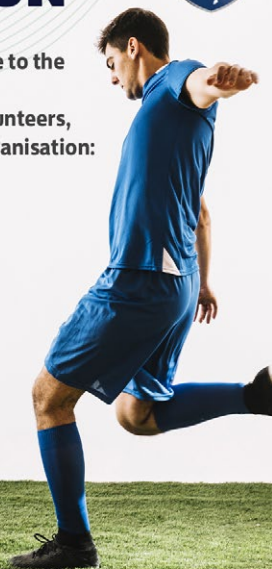


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