

LANCASHIRE FA

COUNTY CUP FINALS 2023

APRIL 12TH

7.30pm - Women's
Senior Cup



#CountyCupFinals23



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- Coach of the Year - Female Pathway
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- Grounds Team of the Year
- Club of the Year
- League of the Year
- Match official of the Year
- Young Volunteer of the Year
- New Volunteer of the Year
- The Lioness Award
- Positive Football Environment Award



[Click here to nominate!](#)



WELCOME!

A very warm welcome to the County Ground in Leyland, the headquarters of Lancashire FA, for this evening's Lancashire FA Women's Senior Cup Final. We welcome the players, officials and guests from Burnley FC Women and Darwen FC Ladies and I would like to congratulate both teams on reaching this year's Final in the latest addition to our County Cups, introduced this season for teams in tiers 2-3 of the Women's pyramid.

We are delighted to once again be hosting all twenty of the Lancashire FA County Cup Finals for the 2022-23 season. The finals are the culmination of season-long qualifying with the associated grit and determination demonstrated by those who are successful in reaching the final. They are an opportunity to celebrate the strength in depth of football across Lancashire, and to recognise the hard work and dedication of every single volunteer and club representative, without whom the game would not exist.

I would also like to thank all involved in women and girls' football across the county for everything they continue to do to grow the game and provide opportunities to people of all ages to enjoy the sport. Their support alongside us in ensuring football is accessible, safe and fun is hugely appreciated. The future of the female game is certainly bright in the county and tonight is an opportunity to showcase that talent. Congratulations to all match officials on your appointment at today's finals. We hope you enjoy the experience here today.

Finally, thanks to all spectators and guests today. We hope you enjoy the game and the hospitality at the County Ground.



SIMON GERRARD
CEO, LANCASHIRE FA



MISS KICK

THE FOOTBALL BRAND & COMMUNITY FOR HER.

ABOUT US:

In 2018, former player, Grace Vella, believed more needed to be done to inspire girls to get into sport and lead healthy lifestyles. This led to the launch of MISS KICK, a football clothing brand and community that is growing the game for the next generation.

PRODUCT

We create apparel, sportswear and accessories, enabling her to play football with confidence and without limits.

COMMUNITY

Through our Community, we provide online and in-person events, competitions and enable girls to make friends with others like them, across the world.

FOUNDATION

2.5% of every order goes to our charity, Miss Kick Foundation, who provide free opportunities for girls to get into sport.



@misskick

WOMEN'S SENIOR CUP



BURNLEY FC WOMEN

Lauren Bracewell Olivia Wilson Georgia Marshall Lara Miller Laura Elford
Leah Embley Evie Priestley Lizzie Hamer Courtney Willis Dom Cooper
Millie Ravening Lucy Walsh Lucia Molinari Sarah Greenhalgh
Danielle Deehan Lou Lou Newton Meg Boydell Olivia Greenhalgh
Aimee Kelly Lucy Farrell Hollie Kelsh Amaya Coleman-Evans
Ella Kinzett Alyssa Aherne Emma Taylor



DARWEN FC LADIES

Taylor Gregson Hollie Mather Joanne Duckworth
Maxine Smith Nina Frith Caroline Mallen Laura Heslip
Alicia Johnson Sophie Flynn Grace Garth-Ratcliffe Katie Smith
Madison McKenna Rachel Wood Charlotte Hartley Erin Johnson
Emily Caldecott Justine Wallace Nellie Roberts Emma Culshaw
Sammie Woodrup



ROUTE TO THE FINAL

Quarter-Final

Fylde Women 2-4 Burnley FC Women

Darwen FC Ladies Bye to Semi-Final

Semi-Final

Blackburn Community Sports Club Womens v
Burnley FC Women
WALKOVER

West Didsbury & Chorlton AFC
Womens 1-3 Darwen FC Ladies

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIAL TEAM

Referee: Abby Dearden

Assistant Referee: Olivia
Black

Assistant Referee: Lexie
Ball

Fourth Official: Chelsea
Hodgson



REFEREE COURSES UPDATE:

FA Referee Courses delivered by Lancashire FA will commence prior to the start of the 2023/24 Season. Further information will be announced once details have been finalised.



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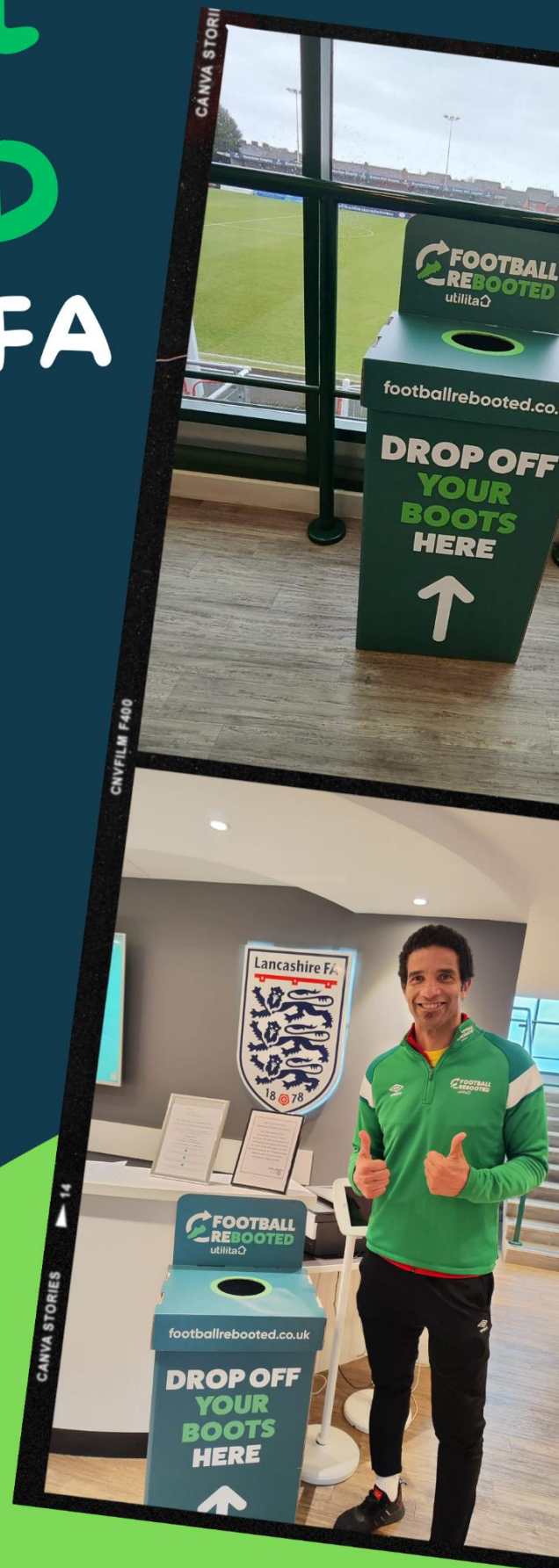
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At Lancashire FA

Do you have unwanted
football boots you
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Drop them off in our
Utilita Football
Rebooted boot box in
reception.

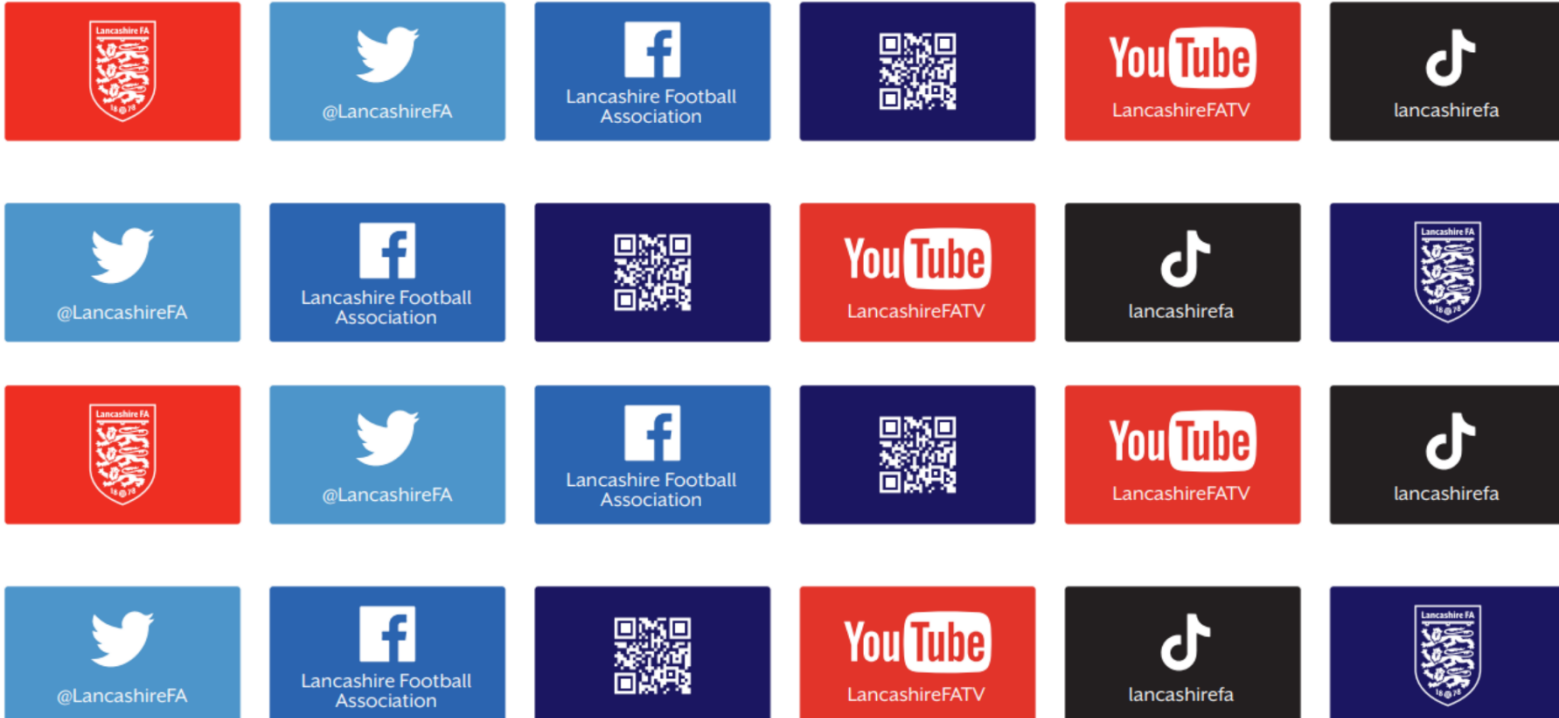
We'll redistribute them
across the county to
those in need of a pair.



*The boot box will be doing a tour of clubs and facilities across Lancashire. Check our social media channels for updates.



TAG US IN YOUR POSTS TODAY, USE #COUNTYCUFFINALS23 AND CHECK IN AT THE COUNTY GROUND - WE'LL SHARE OUR FAVOURITES!



MATCH RECAP - U16 GIRLS YOUTH CUP FINAL

FLEETWOOD TOWN JUNIORS U16 LIONESSES

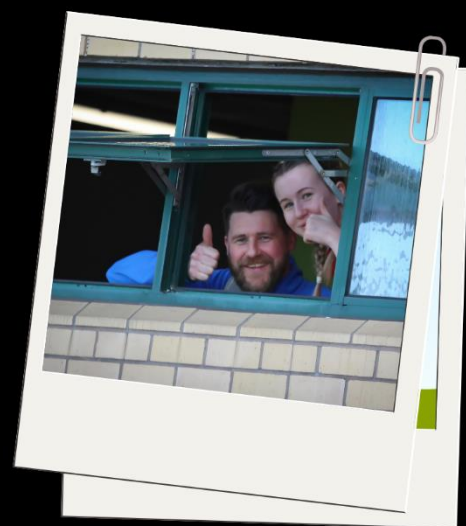
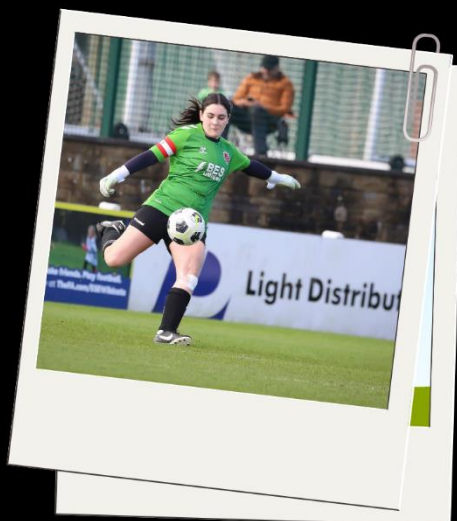
VS

BURY FC FOUNDATION U16 TIGERS

Fleetwood Town Junior U16 Lionesses were crowned the U16 Girls Youth Cup champions after defeating Bury FC Foundation U16 Tigers 2-1.

In a game full of frenzy and emotion, an exceptional performance from Honey Harrison won the game for Fleetwood, as she bagged a goal and an assist in the final. It was a wonderful display of attacking skill, producing great amounts of quality in a game of huge importance.

Both finalists were extremely well matched in the early stages, producing a high tempo, end to end game. The importance of the fixture was clear to see, as neither side managed to settle especially quickly and assert dominance over the game.





Despite this, as the game unfolded, chances came thick and fast. Bury's Hannah Murray was unable to convert a good chance from the edge of the box, before Brook Mulhollen saw a long-range free kick rattle the crossbar.

On the 32 minute-mark, however, the deadlock was broken. A high press from Fleetwood forced a mistake from a Bury defender, allowing Harrison to run through and become one on one with the goalkeeper, where she calmly slotted the ball into the net.

The finish was fantastic, and it inspired Fleetwood to finish the half very strongly. Their attack was relentless, putting the Bury defence under great pressure. It was to no avail, however, as Bury remained firm and kept it at 1-0 to half time.

A moment of brilliance from Murray saw the lead disappear. Picking the ball up on the left-hand side, she dribbled impressively through the Fleetwood half before sliding the ball under the keeper and into the net.

In an impressive show of resilience, however, Fleetwood defied the setback and answered back very quickly. A quick and direct run from Harrison saw her in the Bury penalty area; she passed the ball across the box to Emerald Parker who easily found the bottom corner.

The lead was always under threat as Bury never allowed their heads to drop.

The final 10 minutes were not too dissimilar to a basketball game, but Fleetwood managed to hold on. The travelling Fleetwood crowd, the staff and the players erupted with joy upon hearing the final whistle.

MATCH RECAP - U15 GIRLS YOUTH CUP FINAL

BOLTON WANDERERS GIRLS U15

VS

EUXTON GIRLS U15 WEST

Bolton Wanderers Girls FC U15 became U15 Girls Youth Cup Final after an impressive 2-0 win over Euxton Girls U15 West.

Bolton's Millie Leytham proved to be the difference maker on the day, as her incredible centre midfield performance saw her record a goal and an assist. In a very pressurised environment, Leytham's composure and creativity proved critical in ensuring her Bolton side walked away with the trophy in their hands.

The first half was extremely competitive, with both teams desperate to make a fast start and take the game away from their opponents. But despite some good chances for either side, this was not the case, as the two sides were struggling to find the finishing touch. Scarlett Prendergast and Natalie Ainsworth, of Euxton and Bolton respectively, found themselves one on one, but were denied by impressive goalkeeping efforts.



It was Bolton who looked more likely to score in the first half, as the width and direct running from Hannah Baldwin was creating problems for the Euxton defence. Through high levels of concentration and perseverance, however, they ensured their clean sheet remained intact until the end of the first half, ending 0-0.

It didn't take Bolton long into the second half to make the most of their momentum as they took the lead early on. After creating several chances which could not quite be finished, Leytham produced a moment of sheer quality to open the scoring. She released a shot from just outside the box which was placed perfectly in the top corner. Imogen Gill, the Euxton keeper, was excellent all game, but even she was powerless against such a well hit effort.

That goal began a spell of dominance which lasted until the final whistle. They were creating a plethora of chances: Jessica Jepson had a shot cleared off the line and Leytham missed a penalty.

The miss was soon made up for, however, as Leytham played a through ball to Iuy Caraher who placed the ball into the bottom corner. It was a goal which came close to the end of the game, and the impressive strike sealed a fantastic cup win Bolton.



MATCH RECAP - U14 GIRLS YOUTH CUP FINAL

BOLTON WANDERERS GIRLS U14

VS

WIGAN ATHLETIC LADIES + GIRLS U13

Bolton Wanderers Girls U14 beat rivals Wigan Athletic Ladies & Girls U13 3-0 to become the U14 Girls Youth Cup Champions.

In the most emphatic win of the day, Bolton shone on the big stage, as their precise build play and relentless pressing proved too much for Wigan to handle. It was a complete performance from the side, and they were very deserving of their title.

An impressive crowd attended the final game of the day, with both Bolton and Wigan being very well backed. Another Bolton age group had just been victorious in a final beforehand so their numbers were large, while Wigan made up for the difference in numbers by ensuring they could be well heard throughout the match.





Bolton came out of the blocks flying, asserting their dominance early in the clash. They seemed to play with more confidence than their opponents, and this was emphasised when Bolton's Emily Chadwick scored the first goal of the game - it was an impressive long shot from the edge of the area, placed out of the goalkeepers reach.

It very quickly got more difficult for Wigan, however, as a one goal lead became two. In a very similar fashion to the first, Eden Slater produced a fantastic finish from the edge of the box, making it impossible for the opposition keeper to reach.

Despite the occasional Wigan counterattack to put Bolton on the back foot, the dominance continued throughout the second half, rewarded by a third goal to confirm the victory. Elise Lucas made a surging run down the right-hand side before crossing the ball across the box, where Leah Johnson was able to convert the chance.

Wigan Athletic had a fantastic run to the final and gave a valiant performance in the final, however, it was Bolton Wanderers who were deserving winners.

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-MEET OUR SAFEGUARDING TEAM-



NEIL YATES

**HEAD OF
SAFEGUARDING**

CHRIS DOHERTY

**DESIGNATED
SAFEGUARDING
OFFICER**

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and Chris on 01772 644271

If a child or young person is in immediate danger ALWAYS
call 999

NEWS ROUND UP

DAVID JAMES VISITS LANCASHIRE

Former England goalkeeper David James came to Lancashire last week to speak to some of our grassroots clubs and listen to one of our safeguarding workshops.

Lancashire FA is the only County FA in the country to run an Adults in Junior Football course to challenge parents and coaches to look at their role in youth football.

To read more, visit our website: <https://bit.ly/3LHG6IJ>



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



Lancashire FA released a series of digital content to mark International Women's Day 2023, recognising the contribution of the thousands of women involved in various roles across grassroots football in Lancashire.

Lancashire FA is proud of its commitment to equality and diversity, with a Board of Directors which is 50% female. Similarly, half of Lancashire FA's employees are female. We continue to promote opportunities for women and girls to get involved in the game across the county, guiding them towards participation, coaching, learning and funding options.

To watch our IWD content, including a profile of board member Rachel McQueen, visit our YouTube channel: <https://bit.ly/42Y8IZG>

LANCASHIRE FA TO HOST PARA FOOTBALL TALENT PATHWAY DAY

Lancashire FA is hosting a Para Football Talent Pathway Day on May 21 from 10.30am until 1.30pm at the County Ground in Leyland.

FA England Talent Days are utilised as a player's first engagement with the Para Football Pathway and as the first selective environment in the player pathway. The programme will identify and signpost players to the 'right' environment at that point in time and seeks to feed the subsequent Regional and National levels of the pathway. To read more or book onto the talent day, visit our website:

<https://bit.ly/435085V>



WOMEN AND GIRLS REC FOOTBALL



Building on the legacy of the region hosting Women's European Championship 2022 matches and the success of the Lionesses, we're striving to further grow the women and girls game across the county.

Women

Women's Recreational League

Visit our website to see how you can get involved in the Women's Recreational League or how your team can get involved.

Other recreational options

If you want to get involved in football but don't feel ready to play competitively, or even in a match environment and would prefer to try walking football or soccercise, contact us at info@lancashirefa.com.

Girls

Weetabix Wildcats

Are you looking for a fun way for girls 5-11 to get involved with football? Weetabix Wildcats offers non competitive football for girls kicking a ball for the first time or just want to have fun with their friends. To find out more, visit our website.

Squad Girls

Offering a fun, non-competitive way to play football locally, Squad Girls' Football caters for all, whether you're completely new to the sport, are looking to transition from Weetabix Wildcats, or simply want to give it a go! Squad Girls is designed for 12-14 year olds. To find out more, visit our website.

