



FREE

SATURDAY AMATEUR CUP FINAL

 FRIDAY 25 MARCH 2022

 ANDREW STREET

 7.45PM KICK-OFF



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**GREATER
MANCHESTER
FOOTBALL**

WELCOME FROM MANCHESTER FA



Manchester Football Association would like to welcome everyone to tonight's Sunday Amateur Cup Final.

Tonight we welcome Eccles United & AFC Middleton to battle it out in an attempt to win our main Saturday amateur competition title, and with some high scoring games behind them we should be in for a treat!

Eccles United currently play their games in the Lancashire & Cheshire Amateur League whilst AFC Middleton ply their trade in the Manchester Saturday Morning League.

A fiercely competed competition at times, the Saturday Amateur Cup has provided us with some of our more entertaining fixtures and there is no doubt that tonight's affair will be up there with some of the greats!

CHRIS BERREVOETS, Football Services Officer:



“They're back! On behalf of Manchester FA, I offer a very warm welcome to spectators, teams and match officials to this evening's Saturday Amateur Cup Final.

Tonight is the third of our action-packed County Cup programme we welcome two of Manchester's top performing clubs and with that, we hope to see an exciting spectacle.

A massive thank you to everyone involved in making this final happen, including Chadderton FC for hosting this prestigious competition at Andrew Street. Good luck to all and may the best team win! ”

While the Challenge Trophy is competed between teams from both of the Manchester League's top two tiers, as well as the Lancashire and Cheshire League's Premier Divisions, the Amateur Cup is made up of teams from all the other leagues in Greater Manchester.

LAST 5 WINNERS

2019 - Failsworth Dynamos

2018 - AFC Middleton

2017 - Manchester Gregorians Res

2016 - North Manchester

2015 - Wythenshawe Town



MANAGER'S COMMENTS

ASHLEY CROFT, Eccles United Manager:

“ Everyone I speak to I am openly honest with. This is a massive overachievement. How many clubs make a county cup final in their first season? ”



I am proud as chairman and 1st team manager of everyone, from the committee members, managers of both teams right through every player that we have signed on, every single person is vital to this run whether they have played or not. We train together as one club, and everyone has played a role.

To think in the first weeks of pre-season we had 10-16 players turning up and now we are in a county cup final indicates the work we have put into the growth of the club on and off the pitch. It's an exciting time in every way for the club and to win a trophy would be the icing on the cake for the last 12 months of hard work. ”

STEVE HORAN, AFC Middleton Manager:

“ It is a great honour again tonight to be leading the lads out in a prestigious Manchester F A County Cup Final. ”



Myself, Brian Robson and Daniel Moreton have worked tirelessly this season to keep the club going through some very difficult times and if it was not for them two i honestly do not believe we would have kept going .

But since the turn of the year i feel we have gone from strength to strength as a club. At the time of going to press we are challenging for the title in a very strong division, and also in the Semi -Final of The Manchester Evening News Cup.

We are also expecting a large vocal support tonight from Middleton and i would like to give a warm welcome to all our supporters and hopefully we can give them what they want which is this prestigious trophy. And a big thank you to the following for their financial help during very difficult time. ”

ECCLES UNITED



We have a small recent history. This is our first season as Eccles United FC and second as a club. We were Sunday team with an alternative name in the 20/21 season.

However, the name 'Eccles United FC' have been in the FA Cup first round... 90 years ago against Southend United. The club from the 1920's played at Old Trafford, played against Bolton Wanderers, so it's steeped in history. We now have a chance to start to create our own.

Its looking like an exciting future for us, we have formed relationships with Salford City Roosters RLFC for future growth of the club and will have a new clubhouse to play from. So this would start the process of real growth for us.

ROUTE TO THE FINAL

R1: Bye

R2: Eccles United 5-2 Didsbury FC Reserves

R3: Eccles United 2-1 Failsworth Dynamos Res

R4: Eccles United 4-0 Manchester Rovers Saturday

QF: Eccles United 4-1 Irlam Tiger A

SF: Eccles United 2-2 Irlam Tiger (7-6 pens)

MEET THE TEAM

Managers:

- Ashley CROFT
- Harry MANAGER

Players:

- Ross Eckersley
- Jordan Hamilton
- Sean Eckersley
- Shaun McAteer
- Callum Collins
- Martin Booth
- Daniel Regan
- Brad Bowles
- Blair Bowles
- Brad Hope
- Malik Abdulgabar
- Anas Abdo
- Ellis Mitchell
- Daniel Eyres
- Chris Elliott
- Dan Walsh
- Brad Sutherland
- Todd Dalton

- Nathan Dickson
- Tom Aitken
- Daniel Anderton
- Jack Ball
- Josh Cass
- Josh Main-Quinn
- Sam Bolton
- Jamie Holland



AFC MIDDLETON

Formed back in 2012 and Celebrating 10 years as a club.
Joined The Manchester Saturday Morning Football League



Started in the Third Division but quickly established themselves by winning the division with a 100% record, winning The Manchester Evening News Cup, The leagues Shield .

Their success continued winning many league and Cup titles.

Based at The Co-Op Academy Blackley, The Clubs biggest achievement was winning The Saturday Amateur Cup in 2018 in a fantastic Final against Wythenshawe Amateurs

ROUTE TO THE FINAL

R1: Bye

R2: AFC Middleton 5-3 Chadderton Park Sports OA First

R3: AFC Middleton 3-1 Stretford Paddock FC Res

R4: AFC Middleton 1-0 West Didsbury AFC Saturday

QF: AFC Middleton 4-1 Brownley Albion

SF: AFC Middleton 2-2 Baguley Athletic (7-6 pens)

MEET THE TEAM

Managers:

- Steven HORAN
- Brian ROBSON
- Daniel MORETON

Players:

- Neil McNulty
- Frasat Ali
- Andre Heaton
- Ryan Lyons
- Danny Anderson
- Sam Cooke
- Abul Hussain
- Adam Fitton
- Andrew Stafford
- Brian OGrady
- Harry Bladen
- Levi Morris
- Scott Taylor
- Ryan Burgess
- Ashford Blake
- Liam Smith

- Daniel Dearden
- Matthew Landregan
- Darrel Johnson
- Liam Murray
- Jamie Diamond
- Aaron Turner
- Scot OConnor
- James Schofield





MANCHESTER REMEMBERS

LEGENDS XI



CELEBRITY XI

SUN 3 APR | ACADEMY STADIUM

On Sunday 3 April, our Academy Stadium will host 'Manchester Remembers', a charity football match between footballing legends and celebrities to commemorate the victims of the Manchester Arena attack.

[ALL THE MONEY RAISED WILL BE DONATED TO FIVE CHARITIES, AND TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE TO BUY HERE.](#)

Former Manchester City players Peter Reid and Joe Royle will be in charge of coaching the celebrities' team, while Sam Allardyce will manage the former players.

Famous comedian, Jason Manford will play for the celebrity team alongside Paddy McGuinness, while Trevor Sinclair will feature for the former players along with Paul Merson and Clayton Blackmore.

Adult tickets will be priced at £20 and concessionary tickets at £10. All the money raised will be donated to the following charities - some of which were set up by the families who lost loved ones in the arena attack in 2017 - Chloe and Liam Together Forever Trust, Liv's Trust, The Megan Hurley Foundation, The Remembering Nell Foundation and Eilidh's Trust.

The event has been organised by former police officer Aaron Lee and local business owner Paul Corrigan.

Aaron was one of the first responders on the scene at the Manchester Arena five years ago. Since then, he has continued to have a close relationship with the victims' families and has taken part in several activities to raise funds for the charities.

He said: "Since the attack we've raised over £44,000 for charities that directly support the victims' families and young people across Greater Manchester, and the Manchester Remembers football match is a massive opportunity to try and double that total.

"What happened on that night shocked not just Manchester but the world. As we approach the five-year anniversary, Paul and I knew we had to do something special and remember those that were so sadly taken from their families and felt launching a city-wide football game would help us raise funds that could really make a difference."

Hospitality tickets start from £100 and include a 3-course meal as well as drinks before and after the game.



MATCH REPORT:

Manchester FA Saturday Challenge Trophy Final

The Manchester FA's Saturday Challenge Trophy Final between Abacus Media FC and Egerton FC took place on 25th February at Ewen Field.

Egerton FC came flying out of the blocks, getting their nose in front soon after the kickoff. Milan Thompson's attempt of a long-range shot just outside the 18-yard box, although it wasn't the sweetest strike, found the back of the net. Abacus Media FC began to grow into the contest and had their chances to level the game, but Egerton FC maintained their one goal advantage until the whistle for half time.

The second half did not disappoint the fans as it was once again an action packed 45 minutes. Abacus Media FC, in the attempt to pull off a comeback, pushed hard in the beginning minutes of the second half, but their efforts were slightly off the target. Egerton FC also looked threatening on the counterattack, effectively using their full backs for overlaps. It wasn't long until Egerton FC doubled their lead after Abacus Media FC, in the attempt to stop a counterattack, conceded a free kick on the left side of the 18-yard box. Freekick taken by Remmi Williams rolled into the net after a goalkeeping error from Nick Bradley.

With a comfortable 2-0 lead, Egerton FC slowed down the tempo of the game and towards the end of the game, a red card was shown to Abacus Media FC's Jack Aubrey. With a man down, Abacus Media FC could not do much until the final whistle. In the end, Egerton FC was the victorious side, crowned as Manchester FA's Saturday Challenge Trophy winners. Ladi Oseni from Egerton FC was awarded the 'Player of the Match' trophy by Colin Bridgford, Chief Executive Officer of the Manchester FA.

Manchester FA would like to take this opportunity to thank all the fans, players, and referees for their contributions to the event.

Check out the images of the night with special thanks to Chris Dyson below:





KEEP FOCUS ON FUNDRAISING THIS YEAR:

If you're honest with yourself, how much has your club focused on fundraising in the last couple of years? Ever-changing priorities and rules mean fundraising probably hasn't been at the top of your to-do list, especially at a time when it's needed more than ever.

A new year brings new opportunities and a regained sense of focus, and one way to keep a focus on fundraising this year and beyond is by registering your club with easyfundraising.

Who is easyfundraising?

easyfundraising is the UK's largest fundraising cashback platform. Unlike other platforms where individuals can earn cashback for themselves on their online purchases, individuals can earn cashback for their favourite good cause or charity instead. Meaning your club can earn some much-needed funds from its supporters and players shopping online.

So, what shops can we earn free funding from?

At present, there are over 6,000 online retailers your club can earn free funding from, but this number is increasing daily. easyfundraising works with everyday favourites like Amazon, Sainsbury's, Boots, and Holland and Barrett. Big department stores like John Lewis, M&S, Debenhams, and House of Fraser. Home improvement retailers, B&Q, Dunelm, Wickes, Argos, and fashion brands like ASOS, North Face, H&M, Boden, Clarks, and Pretty Green. Your supporters can even earn free funding from the likes of TUI, Thomas Cook, lastminute.com, Compare the Market, NOW, SKY, Virgin Media, and many, many more.

How much have other good causes and charities earned?

Since its establishment in 2007, easyfundraising has helped good causes, and charities raise nearly £40M. Last year alone, they raised nearly £4M, which good causes and clubs like yours have put towards exciting projects, saved for a rainy day, updated their facilities, or used to improve the support for its users.

How can easyfundraising keep your club's fundraising focused this year?

- It's free and easy to use: Not just for your club, but also for your supporters.
- Fundraise from everyday habits: Now, more than ever, your club's community is shopping online, and all they need to do to earn your club free funding is to go through the easyfundraising website or app before they shop online as usual.
- A continuous stream of income: No matter what is going on with the world, your club can fundraise all through the year.
- Complements existing activities: Your club can continue your existing fundraising activities, while easyfundraising helps you earn extra money in the background.
- Your club is never alone: easyfundraising has a wealth of content and materials to educate, engage and motivate your club's community. From social media posts, WhatsApp messages, posters, flyers, toolkits, and images, your club will have

it all at their fingertips.

Download easyfundraising's latest guide to New Year fundraising and share with the rest of your team to give them an overview of how easyfundraising works.

[DOWNLOAD HERE](#)

We're ready to get started – what now?

Register your club with easyfundraising – it only takes a couple of minutes to complete. Then, book a 15-minute coaching call with the easyfundraising team. The team will give you a demo of the site, answer any questions, and will share advice on how to raise as much as possible, this year.

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- 6 Create an **anonymous username** and secure **password**.
- 7 Let us know how you found out about Kooth from the drop down menu.
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Manchester FA Partner with Professional Football's Medicine & Performance Representative Body FMPA

Manchester FA members have access to the FMPA Register, which consists of experienced industry professionals who specialise in the treatment and science based rehabilitation.

Manchester FA want to ensure that any person who suffers an injury is in the safest hands possible. The FMPA practitioners have worked at the highest levels of the game and want to ultimately see an individual back on the pitch.

Manchester FA have pledged to financially support any member who suffers a critical injury whilst participating in sanctioned football*

*Manchester FA will fund the initial appointment (maximum £40), when dealing with a critical injury.



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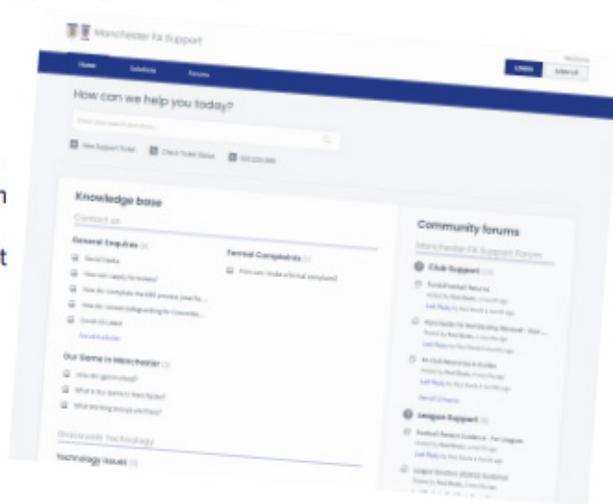
A HUGE thank you to Hyde United for their continued support of Manchester FA's County Cup Competitions!

Sat 19 Mar	15:00	H	NPL Premier		Witton Albion
Sat 26 Mar	15:00	H	NPL Premier		Gainsborough Trinity
Sat 02 Apr	15:00	A	NPL Premier		Ashton United
Sat 09 Apr	15:00	H	NPL Premier		Bamber Bridge
Sat 16 Apr	15:00	A	NPL Premier		Grantham Town
Mon 18 Apr	15:00	H	NPL Premier		Stalybridge Celtic
Sat 23 Apr	15:00	A	NPL Premier		FC United of Manchester

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Here at Manchester FA we have a 24/7 support knowledge base with hundreds of our most frequently asked questions. Can't find the answer you are looking for? You can even submit support tickets through our portal as well as browse forums sharing best practice and good news stories with our member workforce.

You can access the portal directly from our home page or [HERE](#).



OUR GAME IN MANCHESTER

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Want to have a say in shaping the future of football in Greater Manchester?

Here at Manchester FA we have an entirely unique operating structure built around you, our volunteer workforce.

Our Game In Manchester is a series of volunteer led working groups appointed by Manchester FA to support the development, regulation and growth of the game that we all love right across Manchester.

Each of the Our Game In Manchester working groups are made up with

volunteers from clubs, leagues, referees, parents and are headed by an independently appointed chairperson.

This chairperson is independent from the paid workforce of Manchester FA in turn providing an impartial voice to everyone when making football decisions in our great City.

Each of the groups also have a responsible officer from the Manchester FA workforce which helps steer the direction of travel for the working group.

For more information or how to get involved please visit [HERE](#).

