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FINAL 2023

Curzon Ashton Women



Cheadle Town Stingers

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Everyone at Manchester Football Association would like to welcome the players, management, officials and most importantly the supporters and fans of both Curzon Ashton and Cheadle Town to Broadhurst Park this evening.

A huge thank you to FC United of Manchester for hosting our prestigious cup final fixture in a very busy season for everyone connected to grassroots football.

We hope tonight will be a great contest and atmosphere between two very good sides in front of a packed crowd. Tonight proves to be an eagerly anticipated fixture with both teams finishing inside of the top four.

Cheadle Town Stingers are the current holders of the competition after a late goal secured them a 1-0 victory in last years final.

On behalf of Manchester FA, good luck to each of tonight's teams!



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MANCHESTER FA 2022/23 WOMENS CHALLENGE CUP



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Ahead of tonight's eagerly anticipated Women's Challenge Cup Final, we look back on this season's competition and the road to the final for both sides.

The Women's Challenge Cup saw twenty five teams enter the competition, meaning seven teams went through with a bye and a preliminary round would be played to determine which teams would make up the first round of sixteen teams.

The first round was played across October with some highly anticipated fixtures being drawn. This included our tie of the round between two previous winners of the competition, Cheadle Town Stingers First and FC United of Manchester. Cheadle produced a brilliant performance to run out 5-1 winners in front of the Manchester FA cameras and secure their place in the quarter finals. Curzon Ashton also claimed an impressive 2-1 win away at Salford.



The quarter final stage got underway in November, as we covered an impressive 2-7 away victory for Curzon Ashton at Hyde United. Elsewhere, the quarter final round saw two heavyweights of the competition go head to head, with Cheadle Town Stingers First edging out Mancunian Unity Women on penalties, following a tense 1-1 draw. Bury AFC went through to the semis with a comfortable 3-0 victory. By early December, our fourth semi finalist was confirmed with West Didsbury & Chorlton winning 4-0 against Cheadle Town Development.

The Women's Challenge Cup returned for the semi final stage in the new year with both fixtures being played on the 19th February. The holders and tonight's finalists, Cheadle Town Stingers, showed their quality with a 2-0 victory away at AFC Bury. In the other semi final, despite falling behind early on, Curzon Ashton sailed through as 4-1 winners with goals from Parker, Chesworth, Bailey and Wakefield.

Both teams have shown their qualities throughout the competition and they both thoroughly deserve their places in the final. This season's competition has seen some quality games and we hope tonight's final can follow suit!

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It's important not to forget the 'third team' taking to the pitch for tonight's match, the officials!



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REFEREE



CHARLOTTE TREHARNE

ASSISTANT REFEREE



LEIGH GELL

ASSISTANT REFEREE



DANIEL HOWARTH

FOURTH OFFICIAL

Just as with the Clubs, being involved in a Cup Final is a special occasion and a significant achievement that's earned from countless solid performances throughout the season. Each of the match officials appointed to the game honed their skills in the grassroots leagues across Greater Manchester which has no doubt helped prepare them for life in the upper echelons of the football pyramid. The Women's Challenge Cup Final will undoubtedly be regarded as a highlight for them all.



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VIEW FROM THE DUGOUT: DEAN O'BRIEN



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Having been promoted to the Premier Division of the North West Womens Regional Football League this season, the girls have stepped up in every aspect of their game. Having made some crucial signings in the summer we headed into the season with open minds knowing it would be tough to stay in the division come May.

We have gelled really well and brought a constant style of football each week. With tough games coming weekly it has only improved us as a team. We know that the Manchester FA Challenge Cup is very competitive with a high standard of teams that enter it. Having drawn Salford City Lionesses in round 1 we had to enter to competition on our game. A fine performance saw us go into the hat with a 2-1 win. A Tameside Derby in the 1/4 final as we visited Hyde United FC Women with a convincing win sending us through. A home tie against League rivals West Didsbury & Chorlton AFC in the semi was tricky but we had to find a performance that matched our ambition. Which we did taking the tie 4-1.

Cheadle Town Stingers are current champions and have had some fantastic results on their route to the final and the girls are prepared for the battle as they don't come much tougher than Cheadle. I'm sure it will make a great final and we are all looking forward to the challenge.

CURZON ASHTON ROAD TO THE FINAL

Preliminary Round - Bye

R1 - Salford City Lionesses 1-2 Curzon Ashton

QF - Hyde United Women 2-7 Curzon Ashton

SF - Curzon Ashton 4-1 West Didsbury & Chorlton



VIEW FROM THE DUGOUT: DYLAN WIMBURY



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This is now my fourth season managing Cheadle Town Stingers and out of all seasons I've been involved in I would arguably say that this year has so far been the most successful season for me as a manager. To watch some have the football the players have produced throughout the season has been an honour and I am proud of every single one of them for what they have achieved this year as one. It has been great to watch them grow together as a team throughout the season, and they have produced some entertaining and incredible football for not only myself but for the fans to enjoy watching too.

They've have had all sorts of challenges thrown at them this year and they have overcome each and every single one of them and come out the other side stronger and more together than ever.

This year seen us bring in a number of new players prior to the season starting, I must say each new addition has only strengthened us as a team and brought something new and exciting. Each one has been welcomed with open arms and has fit in with the team straight away! It's an honour to manage such an amazing bunch of players and I am excited to see what this final brings, as I believe Curzon Ashton will be a tough team to beat but we're up for the challenge.

CHEADLE TOWN STINGERS ROAD TO THE FINAL

Preliminary Round - Bye

R1 - Cheadle Town Stingers 5-1 FC United of Manchester

QF - Mancunian Unity 1-1 Cheadle Town Stingers (4-5 Penalties)

SF - Bury AFC 0-2 Cheadle Town Stingers



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CLUB HISTORY: CURZON ASHTON WOMEN



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Founded in 1988 as Oldham Athletic Ladies FC the team began playing in the North West women's league in 1990. Several promotions were won over the following seasons and the club set up youth squads. In 1998 they moved to Ashton-under-Lyne and changed their name to Oldham Curzon Ladies FC.

A third-placed finish followed in 1998–99, in the club's first season in the Northern Combination. Then in 1999–00 Oldham Curzon won the Northern Combination and were promoted to the Premier League Northern Division. 2000–01 Oldham Curzon were runners-up to Leeds United, but dropping back into the Northern Combination in 2007.



Curzon Ashton won the 2007–08 Northern Combination and sealed the title with a 15–0 home win over Hull City Ladies. Mark Bradshaw took over as manager and led the club to Premier League Northern Division safety that season.

In 2008–09 they finished in tenth place in the FA Women's Premier League Northern Division, two points clear of relegation.

After a difficult run of seasons and relegation, the club entered into the North West Women's Regional Premier League. An all-new management and team began a fresh era for the Ladies, Having dropped to the Division one south of the NWWRF League Dean O'Brien led them to the title and promotion in his second season in 2021/22.

Curzon Ashton FC Women as they are currently known now look to draw on previous success and build a solid and secure future for the club.

CLUB HISTORY: CURZON ASHTON WOMEN



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MEGAN BRETT (Goalkeeper)

Traditional keeper who has great reactions and can pick a pass.

TASMIN BURGESS (Goalkeeper)

A young keeper who's made the step up this season from the u18s. An agile keeper who likes to command her area.

INGUILD TVEIT (Defender)

A Left Back who works her socks off and gets forward to help the wingers.

ABIGAIL BLEASDALE (Defender)

A Right Back who loves charging forward and is great in the air, a regular on the scoresheet.

JESSICA COOK (Defender)

A pacy Defender who can play anywhere along the back line and has a fierce right foot.

STEPHANIE UPSALL (Defender)

A tough tackling Centre Half. Has great feet and loves to move into midfield with the ball. Can also boss Holding Midfield.

PLAYER PROFILES: CURZON ASHTON WOMEN



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OLIVIA CHAN (Defender)

Classy Centre Half who has great positioning and loves 1v1s. Good in the air and starts moves off from the back.

ELISHA JAMES (Defender)

A solid Defender who can fill an number of positions. Loves a tackle and great in the air..

ELIZABETH INCE (Midfielder)

Tough tackling Holding Midfielder loves to tackle and to dictate play. Takes a great free kick.

PHILIPPA WAKEFIELD (Midfielder)

A box to box midfielder who clocks up the miles. Loves to press and to be involved in attack. Takes a great penalty too.

LAUREN BECKFORD (Midfielder)

A creative midfielder who loves to break the lines and link with the forwards.

LUCIA CICCHIRILLO (Midfielder)

Centre midfielder who can do both roles in midfield. Has an eye for a pass and an important goal.

AMY SMITH (Forward)

Captain and leader on and off the pitch. Loves to go looking for the ball and driving towards goal. Leading goal scorer and can ping a free kick.

JADE PARKER (Forward)

A tidy and strong striker who holds the ball up well and can finish from anywhere.

ABIGAIL CHESWORTH (Forward)

A Forward who loves to run and press defenders, never gives up on a ball and uses her body to win it well.

SIMONE DRUMMOND (Forward)

A striker who loves to run at defenders and brings bags of energy up and down the pitch. Has done a great job at left back when needed.

JORDON BAILEY (Forward)

A quick forward who is full of tricks and loves to beat a fullback. Has a great delivery and an eye for goal.

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Cheadle Town Stingers were formed originally with the name Manchester stingers in 1999. However, the season of 20/21 marked a significant moment for the club as they were overtaken and named Cheadle Town Stingers as the club took on a new women's team. Over the years they have been nicknamed and known to many as 'Stingers' who once wore black and yellow but now can be seen in their home colours of red and white.

After a few seasons they have now successfully settled into playing at their home ground named Park Road Stadium which is a well looked after stadium located in the heart of Cheadle. As the club only seems to be growing this year as it has seen them introduce a brand-new reserve team which they put together who now compete in the greater Manchester women's premier division securing a solid mid table finish in their first year as a team.



PHOTO CREDIT: Ian Parker Moore

Previous seasons has seen Cheadle town stingers win the Manchester FA women's challenge cup in which they lifted the trophy after beating Mancunian Unity Women's 1-0 in an exciting encounter last year. This season has seen Cheadle town breaks their FA cup record run as they managed to get through to the 2nd round which seen them get narrowly defeated by tier three women's team Burnley FC. As they look forward to preparing for two cup finals, they are looking to defend their Womens Challenge Cup this year as well as hoping to win the Argyle Cup with this being their first appearance in the final, breaking another club record for this particular cup.

PLAYER PROFILES: CHEADLE TOWN STINGERS



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SIAN PAYNE (Goalkeeper)

Quick with her feet but just as good in the air. Demands from her defense and is determined for clean sheets

FRAN SINGLETON (Goalkeeper)

She is a great shot stopper between the sticks who has really stepped it up this season, hard to beat

YASMIN AHMED (Defender)

Words hard every minute of every game, great defensive thinking and execution

JESSICA COULMAN (Defender)

HOLLY MCALISTER (Defender)

Strong in the air but just as good finding crucial passes through the thirds

GEORGIA PLANT (Defender)

Dangerous going up the line, an attacking threat from any part of the pitch

NADINE RUDDOCK (Defender)

Will get up and down the pitch throughout the game, dangerous on the attack but solid in defence

PLAYER PROFILES: CHEADLE TOWN STINGERS



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LUCY SMITH (Defender)

An aerial threat to any team defensively and attacking

SOFIA ALBO ELLIOTT (Defender)

Solid tackler who will throw her body on the line in front of anything for the team

VICTORIA DILLON (Defender)

Has the ability to burst forward when needed to join the attack but is solid in defending too

JODIE HANCOCK (Defender)

Gate keeper at the back, commands her defence well and keeps them organised and switched on at all times

CHLOE GRUNDY (Midfielder)

A set piece master mind who can switch play when needed and can break up play from the opposition

ALYSON HASTIE (Midfielder)

SOPHIE JOHN (Midfielder)

Special talent who can do anything and everything on the pitch

ABBIE JAYNE MOORE (Midfielder)

Quick thinking midfielder who turns the play with one touch, a creative player

ELIZABETH POITER (Midfielder)

Strong midfielder who will give anyone a battle, reads the game very well and is very well disciplined in her positioning

NIAMH MCKEVITT (Midfielder)

NATASHA PRIESTLEY (Midfielder)

AVILLA BERGIN (Forward)

A pacy and tricky forward thinking player who will find her way past the defensive line multiple times in a game

RACH DUNLOP (Forward)

Physical and skillful which makes her a major threat when near the goal but also has it in locker to score from distance

CHLOE MAPP (Forward)

Can strike a ball from any part of the pitch, can play multiple roles and is a real diverse striker

IMOGEN PORTEOUS-WILLIAMS (Forward)

Unbelievable pace which helps her get in behind anyone's defence and clinical when in front of goal

ELERI GRIFFITHS (Forward)

Speedy striker who will run the opposition defence ragged all game

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HOW YOU CAN SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

Download free resources to help build respect: There are a whole range of free resources you can use to promote Respect and positivity in all Manchester FA clubs and leagues. Free resources include Codes of Conduct, Safeguarding Resources, Posters and Leaflets, Social Media Assets and a Positivity Handbook.

Share your own stories of Respect and positivity: Ask around your club or league for stories where respect and positivity have made a real difference in making football safer, more inclusive and fun for more people. Then share these stories on your social media channels.

Tonight's Mascotts have been provided by Cheadle & Curzon and are part of the clubs Junior teams. Make sure to give them a big hand and wish them luck with their half time penalty shoot-out!



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MANCHESTER FA HALF-TIME QUIZ



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1. What was the final score from the Women's 2022 Euro Final?
2. How many goals has Lionesses all-time record goal scorer Ellen White scored for England?
3. Who is the only active player that has played more than 500 matches in the Premier League?
4. At which stadium did England begin their 2022 Euro campaign in front of a (then) competition record crowd of 68,871?
5. When was 2023 English football non league day?
6. Which club won the 2023 Frank Hannah Manchester Premier Cup?
7. Who scored Cheadle Town's winning goal in last years Women Challenge Cup Final?
8. FC United of Manchester moved into Broadhurst Park in what year?
9. Who has the most FA WSL goals?
10. Whose outrageous back-heel – voted best goal of the tournament by fans – was the highlight of a 4-0 semi-final win against Sweden and gave her a record tally of four goals by a substitute in a Women's EURO?



(No cheating!)

1. England 2-1 Germany
2. 52
3. James Milner
4. Old Trafford
5. 25th March
6. Radcliffe FC
7. Lucy Smith
8. 2015
9. Vivianne Miedema
10. Alessia Russo



CURZON ASHTON WFC

Colours: Blue, Blue, Blue

Goalkeeper:

Megan **BRETT** (GK) ■
 Tasmin **BURGESS** (GK) ■
 Ingvild **TVEIT** ■
 Jessica **COOKE** ■
 Abigail **BLEASDALE** ■
 Stephanie **UPSALL** ■
 Olivia **CHAN** ■
 Elisha **JAMES** ■
 Elizabeth **INCE** ■
 Philippa **WAKEFIELD** ■
 Lucia **CICCHIRILLO** ■
 Lauren **BECKFORD** ■
 Abigail **CHESWORTH** ■
 Amy **SMITH** (C) ■
 Jade **PARKER** ■
 Simone **DRUMMOND** ■
 Jordon **BAILEY** ■

Dean **O'BRIEN**
 Mo **HANDONGWE**
 Brian **KENYON**
 Ruairi **MCD AID**
 Lauren **HASTIE**

Manager
Assistant Manager
First Team Coach
Goalkeeping Coach
Physio



CHEADLE TOWN STINGERS

Colours: Red, Red, Red

Goalkeeper : Yellow

Sian **PAYNE** ■
 Fran **SINGLETON** ■
 Yasmin **AHMED** ■
 Jessica **COULMAN** ■
 Holly **MCALISTER** ■
 Georgia **PLANT** ■
 Nadine **RUDDOCK** ■
 Lucy **SMITH** ■
 Sofia Albo **ELLIOTT** ■
 Victoria **DILLON (C)** ■
 Jodie **HANCOCK** ■
 Chloe **GRUNDY** ■
 Alyson **HASTIE** ■
 Sophie **JOHN** ■
 Abbie Jayne **MOORE** ■
 Elizabeth **POITER** ■
 Niamh **MCKEVITT** ■
 Natasha **PRIESTLEY** ■
 Avilla **BERGIN** ■
 Rach **DUNLOP** ■
 Chloe **MAPP** ■
 Imogen **PORTEOUS-WILLIAMS** ■
 Eleri **GRIFFITHS** ■

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