

Sunday 23rd April 2023
Broadhurst Park



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Droylsden Youth Centre **V** Ashton Pumas



Trafford FC **V** Altrincham FC

Manchester FA U18's Girls/Boys Youth Cup

FINAL 2023

WELCOME FROM MANCHESTER FA



Manchester Football Association would like to welcome everyone to today's U18's Youth Cup Finals.

We welcome four strong footballing sides that have all had successful seasons in Manchester FA Competitions.

We look forward to what should be two exciting games ahead and a memorable day for all involved!

AIMEE COOK, Football Services Officer:



“ On behalf of Manchester FA, I offer a very warm welcome to all spectators, teams and match officials to today's Manchester FA U18's Youth Cup Finals.

We welcome four good teams for the finals and with that, we predict an entertaining day for all.

I would like to thank everyone involved in making the finals happen, including FC United of Manchester for hosting today's finals at Broadhurst Park. Finally, I would like to wish all teams the best of luck. ”

Manchester FA provides County Cup competitions for teams and players aged U12s through to U18s.

These competitions offer both male and female players the opportunity to pit their skills against teams from across Greater Manchester, most of whom they wouldn't meet.



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Droylsden Juniors was established in 1963 as a one team club. However, over the years we have continued to grow and have more teams. As of 2023, the club has over 40 boys teams and 11 girls teams.

The girls section was only established in the last eight years and most of the team appearing in today's final started then!

ROUTE TO THE FINAL

QF: Curzon Ashton 1-3 **DROYLSDEN YOUTH CENTRE**

SF: Reddish North End 1-5 **DROYLSDEN YOUTH CENTRE**

MEET THE TEAM

Players:

Ruby Graham

Molly Ferguson

Felicity Allison (C)

Kimberley Knowles

Tyla Murray

Ellie Raines

Evie Davies

Millie Dooley

Maisy Dooley

Ashley Tiripike

Clara Eza Mendez

Lily Ogden

Georgia Worsfold

Erin Leigh Clarke

Jennifer Astle

Paige Solomon-Massey

Winnie Majele

Manager:

James JACOB



ASHTON PUMAS



Ashton Pumas Girls Football Club was founded back in 2010 to create a fun and enjoyable environment by 3 dads for their daughters to play football.

Thirteen years later, we continue to provide inclusive training and matches for 160 girl's week in, week out. With our new Wildcats sessions and Open Age team starting soon, Ashton Pumas is currently one of the largest all girl football clubs in the Northwest.

ROUTE TO THE FINAL

QF: Crompton 2-7 **ASHTON PUMAS**

QF: **ASHTON PUMAS** 7-0 Cheadle & Gatley

MEET THE TEAM

Players:

Bettie Muir
Erin Callaghan
Abigial Bird
Mia Jervis
Madaleine McGinn
Isla Pope

Ella Rawlinson
Chloe Tweedale
Porcha Whitley
Mollie Jo Hulme
Olivia Jones
Emmy Neild (C)

Meghan Millward
Millie Mumford -Lloyd
Macy Shaw
Chanelle Wilson
Keely Tevlin
Harriet Twinn

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Johura Akhtar
Kitty Tsui

Manager:

Billy BERGIN



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MANAGER'S COMMENTS

JAMES JACOB, Droylsden Youth Centre Manager:



“ This season has been unreal as we have made it to three finals and finished runners up in the league. This season has been the most competitive with most teams capable of beating each other. We wish the Pumas best of luck in this fine competition.

I would like to give a shout out to my captain Felicity Allison who make the trip to Manchester from the Preston area. Although, this is could be a challenge at times, it is an incredible feat to show such dedication. She is a good leader and respected from her team mates and the management team.

Thanks to everyone for your support! ”

BILLY BERGIN, Ashton Pumas Manager:



“ Entering a difficult league we knew what a tough season it was going to be, and boy has it been just that!

The first few months of the season we had to find our feet and adjust with many girls playing a year up. Whilst we were competing well, we couldn't quite get the positive results we deserved. After Christmas it has been our best spell of the season picking up valuable points, moving up the table and going on three excellent cup runs to end our season strongly. Whatever happens today Myself, Jack and Steve are super proud of this brilliant group of girls.

Thank you to all the Parents throughout the season for your tremendous support. ”

Match Officials



Charlotte Treharne

Referee



Philip Bayman

Assistant Referee



Keeley Tevlin

Assistant Referee



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TRAFFORD FC



Formed in 1990, Trafford FC rose from the Mid-Cheshire League, through the North West Counties to the Northern Premier League where they have remained since 2008. In its 30+ year history the club has won a total of nine titles in the NWCL or NPL. Home games are played at Shawe View Stadium in Urmston, with a capacity of around 2,500.

The Youth section of the club was formed in 2016 comprising three teams plus mini-soccer school. The aim was to establish a pathway for young players through to the first team whilst also promoting football as a fun way for kids to connect and develop. Our current Under-18 side is one of those original three teams. Trafford FC Youth has since grown to over 25 teams at all age groups, boys and girls. The Youth section has teams in the NW Youth Alliance, Timperley JFL, Manchester Youth League, East Manchester JFL, and North Bury JFL. We are very proud that three of our youth teams have reached their respective County Cup finals this season.

Our U18's play their home games at Shawe View in the autumn and spring, whilst using the Armitage Centre during the winter. We also have a pitch adjacent to Shawe View, and several pitches at Broadway Park in Davyhulme.

ROUTE TO THE FINAL

R1: **WALKOVER**

R2: **TRAFFORD U18's** 21-0 Heyside U17's

QF: **TRAFFORD U18's** 2-2 Avro U17's (Trafford win 7-6 on penalties)

SF: Curzon Ashton U18's 1-1 **TRAFFORD U18's** (Trafford win 4-2 on penalties)

MEET THE TEAM

Players:

Niall Jordan (C)

Bailey Brown

William Burgess

Aidan Bentley

Daniel Hayhurst

Jack Higginbottom

Mackena Bradshaw

Jamie Roberts

Damilola Okunowo

Jack Donohue

Jivanai Bradshaw

Abel Higgins

Dexter Keane-Jackson

Oliver Irwin

Jackson Ward

Karam Abas Shah

Joseph O'Shea

Simon Lutumba

Kuba Karasewicz

Nicholas Anderson

Manager:

Steve TOBIN



ALTRINCHAM FC



Altrincham FC is the most successful non-league club in the country. We currently compete in the National League, the 5th tier of English football.

We are twice winners of the FA Trophy, twice winners of the National League and are the record FA Cup Giantkillers, with 17 wins over League clubs in the competition, including a run to the 4th round in 1985/86. But we are more than a Football Club – we are an integral part of the community.

Established in 1903 the club has always been run by local people for local people. We have really strong ties with residents and local businesses. We run an award-winning community programme for people of all ages and abilities and our junior section has hundreds of players, male and female, offering football to over 50 teams. We have a development team at each age group from U11 transition to phase 3 (9v9) through to youth phase 11v11.

ROUTE TO THE FINAL

R1: **WALKOVER**

R2: **ALTRINCHAM U18's** 11-0 North Walkden U17's

QF: Failsworth U17's 1-3 **ALTRINCHAM U18's**

SF: **ALTRINCHAM U18's** 5-1 Curzon Ashton U17's

MEET THE TEAM

Players:

Noah Tyson

Dane Byron

Dylan Evans

Ewan McGeady

Matthew McFarlane

Ben Atkinson

Lucas Edwards

Sam Murphy

Mike Smith

Joel Bailey

Kareem Mazjoub

Owen German

Tom Higgins

Jake Mallen

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MANAGER'S COMMENTS

STEVE TOBIN, TRAFFORD FC U18'S Manager:



“Following a first ever season in the North West Youth Alliance where our then U17's finished runners-up in Division 1, this season they have been playing in the Premier Division. The 22-23 season kicked off with an unlucky defeat to Stalybridge Celtic in the FA Youth Cup. After that, the team set about their Premier Division campaign knowing this would be a big step up in standards from the previous term. By & large the boys have responded to that challenge with most games in the league this season being very competitive. We are currently 6th in the division with five games left to play, and games in hand on those above us as we look for a strong finish to the season.

The team have also been involved in the NWYA's various cup competitions, reaching the League's open Cup Semi Final where we lost to Curzon Ashton. In the Manchester FA County Cup, after a bye, a walkover, and a big win in the early rounds, the team reached the Quarter Finals against Avro FC, winning 7-6 on penalties after a closely fought 2-2 draw. Penalties were again required in the Semi Final versus Curzon Ashton when after a 1-1 draw, the boys prevailed 4-2 in the shootout to reach today's final.

During pre-season several of our U18 squad made appearances for Trafford's first team, and throughout the season our youth players have regularly trained with Danny Caldecott's squad and been involved on matchdays, making appearances from the bench etc. Goalkeeper Niall Jordan has established himself as an important member of the first team squad, deputising for Matt Cooper on occasions, and performing very well indeed. We are massively proud of this and it underlines the Club's ambitions of promoting home-grown players and having a clear pathway to the first team squad. ”

PAUL FAY, Altrincham U18's Manager:



“This season we entered the u18 youth team in the North West U21 development league so we could get the players tested physically week in week out. We have had a mixture of U16/17/18 involved throughout out the season as well as pushing players into the Reserves which we have made a U19 squad they play in the Cheshire League - Premier Division. We also compete with a complete U16 squad in the North West Youth Alliance Development U17 league.

The Manchester Cup Campaign began late with a walkover in the first round, the next draw against North Walkden where the lads were comfortable winners. The success saw the next draw versus Failsworth, a very competitive game but the young group stayed focused on the game plan and came through to move to the Semi Final. The score reflected a good performance with a 5-1, 3 of the goals coming from U16 players. I am extremely pleased with the group of players and their development and as a management team we look forward to watching and supporting their progression.

We are incredibly proud to represent the football club at youth level on both a full time and part time basis. Our sponsors are an integral part of what we offer and I would like to thank J Davidsons Scrap Metal, 247 Car Finance and McHale Solicitors for their valued and continual support. ”

Match Officials



Jack Churchill

Referee



Andrei Rydzowski

Assistant Referee



Aditya Jakatdar

Assistant Referee



Jack Tooth

Forth Official



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