

The FINAL



BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
VS. SOUTHWATER ROYALS

SUSSEX GIRLS' CHALLENGE CUP FINAL (UNDER-15s)
SUNDAY 24 MARCH 2024 | KICK-OFF: 2.30PM

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WELCOME

Welcome to the Sussex County FA Headquarters for today's Sussex Girls' Challenge Cup Final between Brighton & Hove Albion and Southwater Royals.

Should the score be level after eighty minutes, the result will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark.

We are pleased to extend a warm welcome to our match officials, and we congratulate each of them for their appointment to this game.

The trophy and individual mementos will be presented to the players and officials on the field of play following the conclusion of the match.

Please make use of the facilities, the licensed bar and servery will be open throughout for hot food, drinks and other refreshments.

Finally for those of you that embrace social media you can keep up to date with all the latest news from the Sussex County FA by following on Facebook, X, Instagram, YouTube, TikTok and LinkedIn.

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Thura

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Chair of the Sussex County FA



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ROUTE TO THE FINAL



SUSSEX GIRLS' CHALLENGE CUP (UNDER-15s)

* Received a bye in previous round

FIRST ROUND

BOGNOR REGIS TOWN	4	0	LEWES JUNIORS	CRAWLEY DOWN GATWICK	0	3	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH
HASSOCKS	3	0	HASTINGS UNITED	POETS CORNER	W	L	WORTHING TOWN
WITHDEAN YOUTH	L	W	CHICHESTER CITY				

QUARTER-FINAL

BOGNOR REGIS TOWN	W	L	HASSOCKS	*SOUTHWATER ROYALS	3 ⁽⁵⁾	3 ⁽⁴⁾	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH
CHICHESTER CITY	0	18	*BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	*CUCKFIELD COSMOS	6	0	WORTHING TOWN

SEMI-FINAL

BOGNOR REGIS TOWN	2 ⁽⁶⁾	2 ⁽⁷⁾	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	SOUTHWATER ROYALS	1	0	CUCKFIELD COSMOS
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BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION



Pre-Match Preview: Lewis Walter

For Lewis Walter's Brighton & Hove Albion side, their run to this weekend's final was very much a tale of two very different games.

"Our game against Chichester City in the Quarter-Final was very much a day where our attacking players really shone," said Walter.

"But then the Semi-Final game against Bognor Regis Town was a very different match - we found ourselves 2-0 down, and the girls had to really dig deep to pull that one back to 2-2.

"Then when it came to the penalties, they were able to keep calm and send us through to the Final.

"It was a great cup run for them to experience, as they got both the confidence in their attacking abilities from the first game, and the belief that they can stay in games until the end, from the second."

With a talented squad to call upon, Walter is quick to emphasise that, for him, the greatest advantage is the fact that each of his players can be a real difference maker in any given opportunity.

"Looking at our squad, there isn't one or two players who stand out, because each of them has the ability to step up," said Walter.

"We've had games where one player has really shone, but then in the next match it's someone completely different, so come the Final on Sunday, it could genuinely be any of the girls that come out and shine."

Despite having only been with this group of players for less than a full season, Walter has been highly impressed with the speed in which his players have developed.

"It's great to be able to see, game by game, how each of them is progressing, both in terms of the physicality of their game and their technical ability," said Walter.

Away from their cup run, it's also been a good season in the Junior Premier League (JPL) for Walter's side, with the league they're in being made up mostly of boy's teams, to provide a different test to his Brighton side.

"I've been really pleased with the way we've performed in the league, and how the team has coped with challenges of playing at that level," said Walter.

"Whenever we've played friendly games against girls' teams, you can really see the impact that playing against boys' teams has had on us, in terms of our physicality and speed of play, which is great to see."

With this in mind, just what kind of test is Walter expecting from Southwater Royals this Sunday?

"Looking at their results and their own journey to the Final, it's clear that, like us, they're a side with goals in them," said Walter.

"We've never seen them play, so from our side, we're relishing the unknown, and I'm looking forward to seeing how our girls are able to deal with that.

"That ability to work a team out and adapt during a game to not only score goals, but prevent them from doing so, is something we're really keen to push in their development, so we're really looking forward to that challenge.

"But regardless of the result, it's going to be a special day for the team, so I'll just be reminding them to enjoy the moment, because it's not every day you get to play in a Cup Final!"

PLAYER PROFILES



Tilly Lawrence • Goalkeeper



Ryah Taylor-Beale • Defender



Isla Hubbard • Defender



Phoebe Potter • Centre Back/Centre Mid



Brooke Berry • Defender



Asher Mwamba • Midfielder/Forward



Isabella Ranger [Captain] • Forward



Alyssia-Mae Quashie • Midfielder



Tula Wedgbury • Midfielder



Zohal Rashad • Midfielder



Emma Watts • Midfielder



Lexie Attwater • Forward



Rayne Bryan • Forward



Grace Kill • Forward



Florance Hunt • Forward



Amelia McShane • Forward



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GOES 
LONG WAY



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 **ENGLAND FOOTBALL**



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The Grassroots Football Awards are here, and it's time for you to say thank you to all the people and organisations who give their time to make football happen.

Our awesome volunteers give so much week-in, week out, come rain or shine.

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Across Sussex we want to find these amazing people, share their story nationally, celebrate them, and just say a huge thank you.

Award Categories:

- Coach of the Year
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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
- The Bobby Moore Award

This season, our volunteers have worked hard to show the true power of football in connecting people, in building communities and enabling more players to enjoy playing our beautiful game.

Let's show them how much we appreciate their effort, commitment and impact!

**Nominations are open until
Wednesday 3 April 2024.**

You can nominate your club, league or organisation but you cannot nominate yourself for an individual award.

Nominations can be submitted via the England Football website which is accessible via the QR code on the previous page [8].

For further information about England Football Grassroots Football Awards please contact our Awards team.



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SOUTHWATER ROYALS



Pre-Match Preview: Simon Hulcoop

For Southwater Royals, their run to the Final was hardly smooth sailing, with a penalty shootout needed to separate them and Eastbourne Borough.

"That was a real end-to-end game against Eastbourne, that's for sure," said Manager, Simon Hulcoop, "3-3 in normal time and then it was straight to penalties, but thankfully they went our way, and we were able to advance to the Semi-Final.

"Cuckfield were again a tough test, but the girl's really showed determination to get the all-important goal, and how they've been rewarded with a final against Brighton."

For Hulcoop, there are several players who, for him, have really made that all important step up this season.

"Starting at the back with our goalkeeper Grace McCall, she's come on leaps and bounds, and made some massive saves, especially in that shootout against Eastbourne Borough," said Hulcoop.

"Then you've also got the likes of Sydonie Lee at centre-back who's been outstanding, and also our captain Elena Cox who plays upfront and is always the one never giving up, and always looking to make the difference for us.

"But everyone has been great this season, from those starting, to the players coming on as subs to help get us over the line, it's been a real team effort getting to this Final."

Hulcoop is especially keen to highlight this team effort, considering that the majority of the side have been together since they were an Under-10s side.

"This side were the second girls team we started up at Southwater Royals nearly six-years-ago, so to see how they've come on as players in that time, has been incredible," said Hulcoop.

"As they've grown, it's also been great seeing how women's football has grown at the club, and now we're in a position where we've got teams in every age group, and just one team away from putting out an adult side in the Sussex County Women and Girls' Football League."

Back to the game in hand though, and Hulcoop is under no illusions regarding the test that awaits them in the form of Brighton.

"It'll be an extremely tough game that's for sure," said Hulcoop, "but we'll go there and give a good account of ourselves and play our football.

"We've been doing lots of work in the background, but we just need to remember that we're a small club from Southwater that's made the County Cup Final, and that's something to be really proud of.

"The girls are all really excited, and doing all the important jobs like getting the Spotify playlist ready, and we've been thinking about how we deal with an academy team.

"We know it'll be a hard task, but we'll give 110% and with a cup final, you just never know what might happen on the day!"

PLAYER PROFILES



Grace McCall • Goalkeeper

A young, reliable goalkeeper who always gives 100%. Has made some incredible saves this season!



Robyn Sercombe • Defender

A player with a fantastic attitude, who never gives up and can be relied on to make an important tackle.



Gracie Clancy • Defender

Always puts in a solid performance. A great defender who forms a great partnership at the back.



Maddie Macnab • Defender

An attacking left back who always wants to go forward and who always does the right thing at the right time.



Hannah Dodge • Midfielder

A hard-tackling midfielder who never gives up, sets the tempo and loves a challenge.



Phoebe Brown • Midfielder

New to the team this season, tactically very good on the ball. A set piece specialist and a player who creates opportunities for the side.



Molly Atkinson-Lake • Midfielder

Another important asset to the team, who can play across midfield and upfront. An excellent player with a great finish!



Sydonie Lee • Defender

Vice Captain and the heartbeat of the back four, never afraid to put in a great tackle and impresses in every match.



Grace Hulcoop • Midfielder

A hardworking right midfielder, who gives her all to the team every week. A flexible player.



Phoebe Cailles-Gentry • Midfielder
A strong, enthusiastic winger who always drives forward and one of our dead ball specialists.



Elena Cox • Striker
Captain of the team, who leads by example with her passion and team spirit. Scores plenty of goals and never gives up!



Libby New • Midfielder
A holding centre midfielder who gets on the ball for the team and plays a great pass. Our long throw specialist!



Isla Palmer • Defender
A full back with lots of energy, who never gives up and gets better game after game.



Zenab Bah • Midfielder
An enthusiastic team player who has scored important goals for the team. Always plays with a smile on her face.



Georgia Davies • Midfielder
A great team player who is coming back from injury. Always gives 100% in her performances.

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2021	NO COMPETITION	2023	WORTHING UNITED YOUTH		

DONATE UNWANTED FOOTBALL KIT

Do you have any old or unwanted football kit and/or equipment?

With the football season drawing to a close, many clubs may take the opportunity in the off-season to purchase a new kit. Players may also buy new boots, shin pads or goalkeeper gloves.

But spare a thought for that old football kit or pair of boots, what happens to those items now?

The Sussex County FA, together with charity partners Sussex to Africa, is encouraging all clubs and players to donate any of their unwanted football kit or equipment, so that it can be put to good use and bring joy to communities in Africa.

What football kit and equipment can be donated:

- Shirts
- Shorts
- Socks
- Tracksuits
- Boots
- Goalkeeper Gloves
- Shin Pads
- Footballs
- Trainers
- Training Equipment

All donations should be clean and kept together in a plastic bag, bin bag or box. Donations of both adult and children's kit and equipment is welcome.

How to donate:

- Drop into the Sussex County FA Headquarters in Lancing
- Contact the Sussex County FA who can arrange local collection

Sussex to Africa started in 2007 and is a non-profit organisation, aiming to bring hope and joy to communities in Africa through well coordinated sports programmes. It is a collaborative network of people and organisations designed to link Sussex to all things African.

The main objective of **Sussex to Africa** is to introduce and encourage street children and orphans to sport at the community level and to offer the children a chance to play a sport they appreciate the most.



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SOUTHWATER ROYALS

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Manager Simon Hulcoop

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Leonard Lodge



Elliot Brown



Ryan Strudwick

Adam Woods



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