

BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
MINOR CHALLENGE CUP

2023

FINAL

2024

2022/23 Winners: Silhill Saints U16



LYE TOWN YOUTH U16

VS

SOLIHULL U16 M

SUNDAY 12TH MAY 2024 | 11AM | BCFA EXCELLENCE ARENA
STANDARD TICKET £5 | CONCESSIONS £2



**ENGLAND
FOOTBALL**

COUNTY CUP FIXTURES & RESULTS 2023/24

SUNDAY AMATEUR CUP

3 C'S UNITED **1-2** **FC PREMIER SUNDAY ADULTS WARRIORS**

Sunday 7th April | 11am KO | BCFA Excellence Arena

SATURDAY AMATEUR CUP

VILLAGE SECOND B **VS** **SUTTON UNITED SUFC RESERVES**

Saturday 11th May | 2pm KO | BCFA Excellence Arena

GIRLS COUNTY CUP

STRATFORD TOWN WOMENS & GIRLS U16 **4-1** **WORDLSEY WASPS U16 GIRLS**

Saturday 13th April | 11am KO | BCFA Excellence Arena

MINOR CHALLENGE CUP

LYE TOWN YOUTH U16 **VS** **SOLI HULL U16 M**

Sunday 12th May | 11am KO | BCFA Excellence Arena

ROGER WOOD MEMORIAL CUP

TROOPER OPEN AGE **8-0** **EMERALD ATHLETIC AFC**

Sunday 14th April | 11am KO | BCFA Excellence Arena

WOMENS CHALLENGE CUP

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS WOMEN **VS** **RUGBY BOROUGH WOMEN**

Tuesday 14th May | 7:45pm KO | Pirelli Stadium

SATURDAY MINOR CUP

NEXT GENERATION U16 JPL **1-2** **REDDITCH UNITED U16 JA**

Saturday 20th April | 11am KO | BCFA Excellence Arena

SENIOR CHALLENGE CUP

ASTON VILLA FC **VS** **RACING CLUB WARWICK FIRST**

Wednesday 15th May | 7:30pm KO | Villa Park

SUNDAY VASE

NORTH SOLIHULL ATHLETIC FC **5-2** **MAYPOLE UNITED**

Sunday 21st April | 11am KO | BCFA Excellence Arena

SATURDAY VASE

AFC BENTLEY SATURDAY **VS** **AFC COVENTRY RANGERS FC**

Saturday 18th May | 2pm KO | BCFA Excellence Arena

MIDWEEK FLOODLIT CUP

CRADLEY TOWN FIRST **2-6** **FC STRATFORD FIRST**

Tuesday 23rd April | 7:45pm KO | Poundland Bescot Stadium

VETERANS CUP

COUNDON COURT OLD BOYS 035'S VETS **VS** **TROOPER VETERANS 035'S**

Sunday 19th May | 11am KO | BCFA Excellence Arena

JOEL RICHARDS MEMORIAL CUP

STOURBRIDGE FC U18 **6-8** **TAMWORTH ACADEMY U18 FLOODLIT**

Thursday 25th April | 7:45pm KO | Poundland Bescot Stadium

SUNDAY YOUTH CUP

HALFWAY JUNIORS U18 **VS** **COVENTRY COPSEWOOD JUNIOR U18 BLUE**

Sunday 26th May | 11am KO | BCFA Excellence Arena

WOMENS CHALLENGE VASE

LEAMINGTON LIONS LADIES FIRST **4-2** **COVENTRY CITY WOMEN FIRST**

Monday 29th April | 7:45pm KO | Poundland Bescot Stadium



To buy tickets for finals at BCFA, click [HERE](#)

WELCOME

2023/24

A warm welcome to all the players, coaches, volunteers and supporters of both competing teams and also the match officials for this prestigious County Cup Final.

With 1000 clubs with a combined total of 5400 teams and 82,000 players playing all formats of the game within our County boundary, every team that makes it to one of our 15 Cup finals should be rightly proud of their achievements.

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Chief Executive Officer

It is also a big day for our match officials who have dedicated hours, and in some cases many years in the middle and on the side-lines at all levels of the game to have been selected to represent our 1563 Birmingham County FA officials at a final. This is a testament to their own development and a reward for their own performances during the current and previous seasons.

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank the thousands of volunteers for all the work they do throughout the season to simply help administer and improve their clubs and teams - more often than not unpaid and into the early hours and across many evenings. Without the range of volunteers at every level of the game and at every Club and League, then the game as we know it would not exist, especially at grassroots level. As part of the post-match celebrations, we will be presenting a volunteer award which each finalist has nominated as a thank you from those at each club.

I'd also like to thank my colleagues at Birmingham County FA for all the work they do, and the support they offer participants in order to promote, govern and develop the game and deliver 15 fantastic finals and create memories for those who play, coach, officiate and watch their friends, family and loved ones compete.

Enjoy the game and celebrate your achievements before and after the game, whilst at the same time recognising and respecting the achievements of the opposition and their efforts in making the final along with those of the match officials on a special day for them too.

Play well and play fair and enjoy the memories and friendships that the fixture brings.



Kevin Shoemake
CEO - Birmingham County Football Association



"MY COACH DIDN'T ONLY
BUILD ME AS A PLAYER
— HE BUILT ME
AS A PERSON."



"My ethos was —
play with a smile
on your face."

— David
Marcus's Grassroots Coach



COACHES. IT STARTS WITH YOU.

STAY POSITIVE. BE SUPPORTIVE. SHOW RESPECT.



ENGLAND
FOOTBALL



LOVE FOOTBALL
PROTECT THE GAME.

MEET THE OFFICIALS

2023/24



Alistair Smith



Charlie Head



Joseph Spittle



Howard Whitehouse

Referee: Alistair Smith (6)

Assistant Referee: Charlie Head (6)

Assistant Referee: Joseph Spittle (6)

Fourth Official: Howard Whitehouse (7)

*Number in brackets indicate Referee Level
(Men's Pathway)*



MINOR CHALLENGE CUP

LYE TOWN YOUTH

ROUTE TO THE FINAL

ROUND ONE

BYE TO ROUND TWO

ROUND TWO

LYE TOWN
YOUTH U16

8 - 1

HENLEY FOREST OF
ARDEN MINOR U16

ROUND THREE

SUTTON UNITED
U16 PUMAS

1 - 3

LYE TOWN
YOUTH U16

ROUND FOUR

LYE TOWN
YOUTH U16

5 - 1

COVENTRY SPHINX
JUNIORS U16 WHITE

QUARTER-FINAL

BEACON COLTS
U16

1 - 2

LYE TOWN
YOUTH U16

SEMI-FINAL

LYE TOWN
YOUTH U16

4 - 1

RACING CLUB
WARWICK U16
BLACK A

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Michael (FC Union Bristol)

SAVE TODAY, PLAY TOMORROW



Save Today, Play Tomorrow the first of its kind sustainability programme in the UK that looks to pioneer the ambitious goal of creating a low carbon greener game. As the regional governing body, BCFA recognise the need to act now to ensure the beautiful game significantly reduces its environmental impact, whilst helping to educate those involved in football at all levels to make informed decisions that will shape how much future generations will be able to enjoy and sustain the game in the long term. As such, this award winning and unique initiative underpins all BCFA do and is their 'one big ambition'.

The programme has 4 workstreams that are aligned to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals or SDG's, these are Health & Wellbeing, Positive Education, Climate Action & Reconnecting Football with Nature (Biodiversity).

The overall aim of Save Today, Play Tomorrow is to achieve a more environmentally sustainable game by empowering, educating & engendering football clubs of all sizes with over 20 products & services, partnerships and initiatives that deliver measurable climate positive outputs. **Look at what your club could get involved in:**

Carbon Literacy for Grassroots Football Course – A bespoke education course that gives learners the fundamental basics about climate change and how the grassroots game can be part of the wider solution through practical & cost-effective changes. Right now, you can become Carbon Literate qualified for £10! By registering [here](#).



Green Energy Product – A 100% REGO certified renewable energy product specifically created for the grassroots football market, providing market competitive prices for clubs to begin their Net Zero journey. Register your interest [here](#).

Sustainability League – Join the first ever climate positive football league and your club could WIN £500 per month towards its operating costs.

Football Rebooted – Aiming to keep 1 million pairs of pre-worn boots out of landfill and in circulation for longer using 60 of our grassroots clubs as local collection & distribution hubs. To join them register your interest [here](#).



SAVE TODAY, PLAY TOMORROW



Liftshare – Using the Liftshare digital platform we encourage car-pooling to football, reducing the individual financial cost of travel as well as harmful emissions damaging the environment and affecting people's long-term health. Over 800 individuals are now part of the BCFA lift share community accumulatively saving almost £30,000 on fuel and over 22 tonnes of CO2 emissions have been avoided. You can register [here](#) *over 18's only.



Weare8 / Green Innovation Fund – Launching in early April this partnership with the social media platform WeAre8 will see funds generated through advertising being paid forwards directly back into the grassroots game to support green innovation projects. Follow the Save Today, Play Tomorrow our social channels to find out more on how you and your club can get involved!



BCFA were proudly accepted as participatory members of the UN's Sport for Climate Action Framework, the first County FA to do so, using the power of sport to normalise conversations, promote athlete advocacy at all levels, share best practice and implement innovative solutions to combat the increasing threat and negative impact of climate change on the beautiful game.

Project Lead Richard Lindsay says of the programme "Climate change is arguably the greatest challenge of our generation. While grassroots football is not the cause; most clubs are SME sized, often loss-making, volunteer led enterprises with a microscale carbon footprint, we know there is an appetite for change with 86% of BCFA clubs believing the game should do more to reduce its environmental impact."

Save Today, Play Tomorrow offers huge potential for engagement, as the scale on which people share a close affinity with their community club is perhaps unparalleled in any other sport".

Football x Climate Quiz

1. How much CO2e in tonnes did BCFA affiliated clubs collectively pledge to save during last season's Sustainability League? A: 6.1 B: 7.1 C: 8.1
2. How many pairs of boots have BCFA clubs saved from landfill through the Football Rebooted scheme so far? A: 1000 B: 3000 C: 9000
3. In thousands how many miles have BCFA registered players avoided by using the Liftshare app to travel to games? A: 99,000 B: 103,000, C: 107,000



MINOR CHALLENGE CUP

SOLIHULL

ROUTE TO THE FINAL

ROUND ONE

SOLIHULL U16 M

H - W

BINLEY WOODS
JUNIOR U16

ROUND TWO

SOLIHULL U16 M

3 - 0

BOLDMERE ST
MICHAELS JUNIORS U16
2007 BI

ROUND THREE

KEWFORD EAGLES
U16 WEST

0 - 9

SOLIHULL U16 M

ROUND FOUR

SOLIHULL U16 M

3 - 3
PENS (5-4)

BOLDMERE FALCONS
U16 FALCONS

QUARTER-FINAL

SOLIHULL U16 M

5 - 1

ALVECHURCH
FOUNDATION U16 BA

SEMI-FINAL

SOLIHULL U16 M

H - W

COVENTRY
COPSEWOOD JUNIOR
U16 RANGERS

MINOR CHALLENGE CUP **VOLUNTEER AWARDS**

Each of our finalists were asked to nominate a Volunteer from each Club to win a 'Volunteer Award'. This is to recognise the contribution made by individuals who have made a positive impact at the club.

These awards will be presented after the match along with the player medals.

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FOOTBALL SAFE.
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PART TO PLAY.**



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to play**

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**FOOTBALL SESSIONS FOR GIRLS
AGED 12-14 WHO WANT TO PLAY THEIR WAY**

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LYE TOWN YOUTH U16



Ben Hargreaves
Alfie Didlock
James Dobbins
Jayden Fellows
Keyan Graham
Harry Jennings
Jobee Mills
Layton Moseley
Matthew Parsons
Logan Pickett
Owen Rose
Keegan Warmer
Alfie Weston
Alfie Whitcombe

Coaching Staff:

James Didlock - Manager
Damien Whitcombe - Manager
Simon Hargreaves - Coach
Arron Fellows - Coach

Kit Colours:

Orange Shirt, Black Shorts, Black Socks
GK Shirt - Yellow



SOLIHULL U16 M

Lucas Bailey
Joshua Bailey
Ryan Begley
Flynn Coffey
Hayden Glynn
Max Hill
Archie Kiernan
Jack Low
William MacDonald
Max Mulvey
Dylan Ravat
Frankie Reece
Tadhg Sheehan
Pawel Skrzypinski
Harry Supperstone
Harry White

Coaching Staff:

Michael Glynn - Manager
Steven Kiernan - Assistant Manager
Michael White - Coach
Cian Quinn - GK Coach

Kit Colours:

Light Blue Shirt, Light Blue Shorts, Light Blue Socks
GK Shirt - Grey

TROPHY PRESENTED BY

Sarah Willis - Sarah is the BCFA Safeguarding Manager. Sarah's tenure as Safeguarding Manager has seen her strategically lead on bringing about transformational change in all aspects relating to Safeguarding and Welfare. Her tremendous and innovative work in the sector has seen the BCFA pass the FA's Safeguarding 365. A critical aspect of her role was to make football a safer place and she has worked wonders to embed safeguarding into the culture of grassroots football.

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Alistair Smith
Assistant Referee: Charlie Head
Assistant Referee: Joseph Spittle
Fourth Official: Howard Whitehouse

