



Hertfordshire FA



Senior Centenary Trophy Final 2023

Ware Sports v Belstone

Wednesday 22nd March 2023 7:45pm
The County Ground, Letchworth Garden City

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Welcome to The County Ground



Our second County Cup Final of 2023

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to The County Ground, home of Hertfordshire FA for tonight's Senior Centenary Trophy Final.

Our congratulations go to the players and management of both Ware Sports and Belstone on reaching the final. We wish you the very best of luck for the match and hope you have a memorable day. We also want to acknowledge both club's volunteers, whose hard work behind the scenes gives these players the opportunity to be part of the game.

Congratulations also to the match officials on your appointment to this game, you thoroughly deserve it and we hope you are able to enjoy the occasion.

While you are visiting us here be sure to make the most of the facilities, including our licensed cafe serving hot and cold drinks, food and snacks which is next to the main stand. Should you have a query our staff will be happy to help you.

Our goal is to create a friendly and welcoming environment for all and therefore ask that you show your appreciation during and after the game in a positive manner.

**Tony Butler,
Chair, Competitions Committee**

“ ***Congratulations to all involved in today's final,
whatever the result you should take great pride in
the achievement of reaching this stage*** ”

Hertfordshire FA Competitions Committee

Chair

Tony Butler

Secretary

Paddy Donovan

Committee Members and Representatives

Steve Trulock, Gary Hollingsworth, Peter Waller, Ken Coniam,
Graham Phillips, Graham Martin, Richard Dowden



Competition History



This is the 37th Final of the Hertfordshire FA Senior Centenary Trophy

As the name suggests, the Senior Centenary Trophy began in season 1984-85 to celebrate 100 years of Hertfordshire FA. The competition is open to clubs at Steps 6 and 7 of the football pyramid, having previously been for clubs at Steps 5 and 6 until 2013.

That first final was contested between Welwyn Garden City and Pirton, with Welwyn taking the inaugural title with a 2-0 victory in extra time. Over the years the competition has been quite open with no less than 22 different winners having lifted the trophy.

London Lions are the most successful club in this competition, with their 2019 victory taking them clear as the first to achieve four wins in total, ahead of Tring Athletic, Hoddesdon Town, and London Colney who all have three each.

Of this year's finalists, Ware Sports are looking to secure a first win in this competition, while Belstone will be looking to add a second Centenary Trophy to their honours, having previously won in 2014 and been runners up twice since.

Today's match will be 45 minutes each way, with kicks from the penalty mark if necessary.

Recent Finals

The COVID pandemic caused the 2019 season to be cut short, with winning semi-finalists Oxhey Jets and Wormley Rovers declared to have shared that year's competition. The competition was not run in the subsequent season before returning last year.

2011/12	Kings Langley	4 - 2	London Colney
2012/13	Baldock Town	1 - 1 (5-3 P)	Broxbourne Borough
2013/14	Belstone	1 - 0	Sun Sports
2014/15	Letchworth Garden City Eagles	3 - 2	Belstone
2015/16	Bishops Stortford Swifts	5 - 0	Letchworth Garden City Eagles
2016/17	London Lions	3 - 0	Woodson Park
2017/18	Baldock Town	2 - 0	London Lions
2018/19	London Lions	5 - 1	Belstone
2021/22	Chipperfield Corinthians	4 - 1	Letchworth Garden City Eagles

Club Profile

Ware Sports

Looking for a first County Cup win to honour the memory of a former captain



We left the lane as Hertford Heath in 2014 taking our players and management team over to Wodson Park and became Ware Sports FC.

In those eight years we have had some real high points, including finishing third in the league to reaching four cup finals. Our Chair Paul Gurney is very dedicated to Ware Sports and we don't know where we would be without him. He would be a very happy man if we can pick up some silverware. Hopefully this year is our year to win a County Cup.

Every season we dedicate any achievements to our former captain Hazeze Ekeolere who sadly passed away in 2020. We miss him as a person but also as a great leader and one of the best players this league has ever seen. We will be giving our all on Wednesday night in his memory and a victory would be a fitting tribute to him.

On the pitch we are known as a tough team that is hard to play against. We have some very strong characters in our squad but also without doubt some very talented players too and we look forward to a competitive contest in the final.

A promotional poster for the Grassroots Football Awards. It features a large red number '23' with a white arrow pointing up. The text 'GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL AWARDS' is in red. Below it, 'NOMINATE YOUR HEROES NOW' is written in large blue letters. At the bottom, 'ENGLAND FOOTBALL' is written in red. The poster includes several small images: a tractor, a person in a red shirt, a person in a black shirt, and a group of people on a football pitch. There are also QR codes and a grid of '23' numbers.

League Season

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Give us your analysis of the season so far...

We started the season strong and were a team that was looking dangerous. Coming into this year we have had some setbacks which has left us battling our way through matches, but have managed to stay amongst it at the sharp end of the table.

We are currently sitting fifth and are still in two other cups, getting back on track with a great win in tough game against Cuffley. We have some difficult games ahead of us but we know we are in with a chance of winning, as we have a very good squad.

We just need to keep ourselves focused in the remaining games and not get distracted by decisions that go against us, as this can be our downfall.

Meet the Players

Ware Sports



Tells us about your squad....

Freddie Salmon

One of our longest serving players and a leader that everyone looks to. He's an unbelievable shot stopper with lightning reaction speeds, quick off his line and like all great goalkeepers is brave as a lion.

Connor Bancans

Connor can play in a number of positions, has real skill, great feet and is the scorer of one of the best goals I've ever seen. When in form he can light up any pitch. Always performs when needed the most.

Mason Ellis

Another one of our longest serving players, despite leaving us for a season. Absolute wand of a left foot, excellent passing ability and extremely dangerous around the box, especially with free kicks.

Aaron Crocket

Great defender, can play anywhere across the back line. Quick and strong, he shows passion and determination in abundance. A proper footballer and one that we are lucky to have with us.

Jason Catini

Great on the ball, he very rarely gives it away. Wins plenty of tackles and chips in with a few assists. New to the team this season, but has settled in very quickly a become a big part of what we do.

Charles Anthony

Our top goal scorer, netting 28 in all competitions so far despite being out for seven games. Loves to score goals, you will not find a more natural goal scorer in this league. Lightning pace and great in the air.

Billy Skinner

Coming back after a long injury, has been like a new signing for us. A skilful player who chips in with goals and assists. Great in the air but equally as good with the ball at his feet, he's an integral part of our team.

Shane Bambridge

Been with the club for three seasons and took the role as player/manager a year ago. A tenacious central midfielder who loves to win tackles, good array of passing and would love nothing more than the club to progress and win things.

Jimmy Agnew

Signed with us this year, what a signing he's been, very adaptable and can play anywhere across the back line, quick, strong and good in the air. Believes he is the first name on the team sheet.

Ross Mercer

New to the squad this season, a centre half who is excellent at breaking the lines from the back. Really confident on the ball and enjoys playing out from deep.

George Edden

Our very own rock, strong in the tackle and exceptional in the air. Has been at Ware Sports for years and is someone that everyone loves and respects. Loves to defend and keep clean sheets.

Owen Braddick

One of the youngest players in the squad, with excellent ability in and around the box. A good guy with a great attitude, at his best when committing players or combining with our forwards in the final third.

James Paige

Paigey is fit as a fiddle and with a good left foot he adds real balance to the team. Possesses a real never say die attitude and likes to get forward and get some crosses in the box when needed.

Dan Blondie

An old school no-nonsense defender, wins headers and tackles even when the odds are against him doing so. An experienced member of the squad and a real team player both on and off the pitch.

Connor Casey

Can play in many positions but is best is on the wing. Produces tricks and pieces of skill that are out of this world. Unfortunately, has been in and out of the squad with injury and suspensions but is pretty much unstoppable on his day.

Ollie Edwards

Has done an amazing job to cement his place in this year's squad. Fitness levels are through the roof and will get up and down all day long! Wins his tackles and is starting to join in the attacks week on week. Also enjoys getting beaten up in a boxing ring occasionally.

Ricky Brown

Has struggled for match time this season due to injuries and suspension. A tenacious forward who is quick and physical, he's a pain to play against for any defender. Rick has a great eye for goal and can also play in a number of different positions.



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Ware Sports

Currently 5th in the Herts Senior County League, Premier Division

As at 17/03/23

League Form

Games Won	9
Games Drawn	4
Games Lost	5
Goals Scored	43
Goals Conceded	30

Leading Scorers

28	Charles Anthony
8	Billy Skinner
7	Connor Bancans
4	Owen Braddick
3	Mason Ellis
3	Lanrewaju Balogun



Belstone

Currently 2nd in the Herts Senior County League, Premier Division

As at 17/03/23

League Form

Games Won	12
Games Drawn	2
Games Lost	5
Goals Scored	38
Goals Conceded	15

Leading Scorers

18	Billy Lobjoit
7	Jack Kimber
4	Morgan Grout
4	Joel Bell
3	Kemari Massiah
3	Ollie Salami

Route to the Final

R1		BYE	
R2	Ware Sports	3 - 2	Cuffley
QF	Ware Sports	2 - 1	Hatfield Town
SF	Ware Sports	3 - 0	Oracle Components

Route to the Final

R1	Belstone	2 - 0	Colney Heath Reserves
R2	Bishop's Stortford Swifts	0 - 3	Belstone
QF	Belstone	3 - 3 (9 - 8 P)	Sandridge Rovers
SF	Belstone	1 - 0	St Albans City Reserves

Meet the Players

Belstone



Tells us about your squad....

Connor Freeman

Connor has been part of the club since he was 11 years old and has grown to become an outstanding goalkeeper who is now a key player for the club. Is as good with his feet as he is with his hands.

Trevelle Reid

Trevelle joined us at Belstone this year having previously played for Wingate and Finchley Development. He is fast, athletic, a good footballer and an outstanding defender in one on one situations.

Olesegun Adedipe

Had some time away from Belstone and came back to us an improved player. His commitment and desire to do well for the club cannot be topped and his progress has been outstanding.

Eyitouyo Akinbulumo

Eyitouyo is the captain and a real leader for us on the pitch. He has also been at the club since he was 11 and has been a pivotal character in the re-shaping of the team. Fast, strong and brave, he's got it all.

Mitchel Swain

A firefighter during the week and an outstanding defender at weekends, Mitch is Mr Dependable and a big influence in the team. His football IQ is fantastic and is superb at reading the game.

Brandon Bernhauer

Brandon is a young left footed defender who joined Belstone back in the summer and has contributed by playing several different roles for us this season.

Ollie Salami

Joined us in 2020 from Oxhey Jets and made an impact. A big game player who is quick and a good finisher, he will cause the opposition some problems today.



Marwan Hassan

One of the youngest in the squad at 17, Marwan is on loan to us from Wealdstone. Played a big part in our quarter final win over Sandridge Rovers on penalties.

Remel Larwood

That dream combination of a technically outstanding player who also works hard for the team. Has quick feet and the ability to see a killer pass, meaning that on his day Remel can be a game winner.

Kemari Massiah

Kemari can play in the centre of midfield but is more at home in a defensive role. He is technically very good and is adapting well to Belstone, proving to be an excellent addition to the squad.

Harry Adcroft

Harry has been at the club for several years now. He came from academy football and his technique is excellent and he likes to get the ball down and play. He will bring experience to tonight's final.

John Gyabaah

Known as Belstone's very own 'Kante', he's the one who breaks up play and covers every blade of grass for the team. He has a fantastic attitude and seems to get better and better for us every season.

Paul Marks

Marksy adds valuable experience to a young squad and also laughter to the dressing room which is great for morale. Has the versatility to play a number of roles, either in midfield or defence.

Harvie Gardiner

Harvie sets high standards and in doing so motivates the team and pushes us on to the next level. Brave and with a great engine, he's probably the fittest player in the squad. A key player for us.

Joel Bell

'Joeliniho' is technically outstanding player, with fast feet and an impressive turn of pace. Has the ability to leave opposition defenders for dead in the blink of an eye so expect him to create chances tonight.

Billy Lobjoit

Billy has scored so many important goals for us this season his contribution cannot be underestimated. He can open a can of beans with his right foot, but it's his left you really want to worry about.

Morgan Grout

Morgan's attitude and will to win have been absolutely outstanding. A strong run of games for us leading to this final sees his confidence running high so expect him to make an impact tonight.

Jack Kimber

One of our more recent additions, Jack joined us from Codicote and has been a great fit, making a contribution from the start. Good eye for goal and has quickly become an important part of the team.

Perry Dicker

Big man up front with plenty of experience, our No. 9 has previously scored 20 plus goals in a season for Belstone. If we want to go a bit more direct in a game, at 6'5" he gives us a big target option up front.



Club Profile

Belstone

From a nomadic existence in its early years the club settled and thrived in Hertfordshire



Belstone Football Club was founded by four friends back in 1983. Its original home was the old GEC London Sports Ground in Preston Road, Wembley. In 1989, GEC decided to sell the ground which is now a housing estate. The teams then played at Harrow College and the council ground at Headstone Lane for several seasons. Finding it difficult to attract quality players the committee embarked on a search for a permanent home for the club.

After hundreds of letters and phone calls, one of the players noticed an old ground that was disused and had become overgrown in Radlett. For several years the ground had not been used or maintained in any way and when the club first viewed the site a group of travellers had just moved off what used to be the pitch. In 1992, the club secured a lease on the plot of land known as 'The Medburn Ground', which is still home to Belstone today.

Since that time, many hours of hard work and a considerable amount of money has been spent enabling the club to build a new clubhouse and changing rooms, develop the main pitch and surrounding area. The addition of a second pitch in 2012 and extension of the car park area provide some of the best footballing facilities in Hertfordshire.



Belstone Photographs: Russ Evans

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Give us your analysis of the season so far...

After an excellent pre-season, we got off to a very slow start in the League but have been progressing steadily in the right direction and could be in for a strong finish.

At the time of writing we are unbeaten since early February in both League and Cup competitions, an impressive run which sees us sit second in the Herts Senior County League Premier Division and in addition to the Senior Trophy final we have quarter-finals of both the Anagram Records Trophy and Norman Appleby Trophy to look forward to.

With some big games coming up over the next month or so against teams who are currently sitting around us in the League this could really set the tone for how our season ends.

Guest of Honour

Graham Phillips

Chair of the Hertfordshire Football Association



Graham has been actively involved in both youth and senior football for more than three decades. Starting with Thomas Colts (now Royston Town Youth), Graham served the club as a Manager, Treasurer, Secretary and Chairman over a period of 21 years.

In addition Graham has been involved in the Royston Crow Youth Football League, firstly as Registration Secretary, then League Secretary, then Vice-Chair and more recently as Chair. Graham has also served on the Hertfordshire Girls Football partnership League, as Chair and Treasurer, and with Royston Town FC as Secretary and Chair.

Graham joined Hertfordshire FA in 1999 and was involved in various roles across the Association including Mini Soccer Coordinator for the county and Secretary of the Representative Football Committee before taking up his present position.

We are delighted to welcome Graham to today's final where he will meet the teams before the game and also present the medals at the end of the match.

Today's Match Officials

Joanne Horwood (Referee)

I wanted to give something back to the game and started refereeing in 2018. I'm very lucky to have support and guidance throughout and have since progressed to become a L3 Contributory League Referee and assist on Conference North and South.

Lyn McGregor (Assistant)

I have been refereeing for 7 years now working up to my current Level 5. I really do enjoy refereeing and I wish to pursue the promotion pathway as far as I possibly can. It's a great honour to be selected to be a match official for this final.

Marco Panico (Assistant)

I have been involved in football for many years in different roles and refereeing for over a decade now. As well as giving something back to the game by officiating I also like to donate my match fees to support youth teams in Africa.

Philip Draper (Fourth Official)

I'm a Level 5 referee and have been lucky enough to be able to take games at various Premier League grounds, in addition to being a Herts Senior County League and youth ref. It's an honour to be appointed and I wish both teams good luck.

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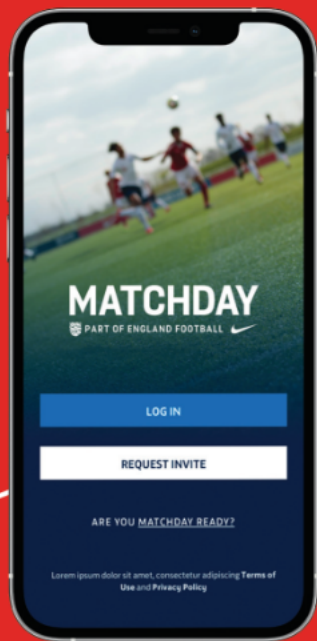
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Intermediate Cup

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Wednesday 22 March 7:45pm
Senior Centenary Trophy

Ware Sports v Belstone

Saturday 25 March 2:30pm
U18 Girls Cup

Watford Ladies Youth v Harvesters

Wednesday 29 March 7:45pm*
Senior Challenge Cup

Hitchin Town v Berkhamsted FC

Friday 7 April 2:30pm
Junior Cup

Elizabeth Allen Old Boys v Sun Sports Rovers

Sunday 16 April 2:30pm
Sunday Intermediate Cup

Brookmans Park v Little Heath

Sunday 23 April 10:30am
U15 Boys Cup

Baldock Town v Colney Heath Youth

Sunday 23 April 2:30pm
Women's Cup

Stevenage Women v Royston Town Women

Saturday 29 April 10:30am
U16 Girls Cup

Watford FC CSE Trust v Knebworth Youth

Sunday 30 April 2:30pm
Sunday Junior Cup

FC Emperors Head v Glenn Sports

Sunday 7th May 10:30am
U16 Boys Cup

Ware FC Academy v Harpenden Town

Sunday 7th May 2:30pm
U18 Boys Cup

Finalists to be confirmed

Saturday 20 May 10:30am
U14 Girls Cup

Watford Ladies Youth v Bedwell Rangers

Saturday 20 May 2:30pm
U15 Girls Cup

Finalists to be confirmed

Sunday 21 May 10:30am
U14 Boys Cup

Ware FC Academy v Cheshunt Youth

Sunday 21 May 3:00pm
Sunday Senior Cup

Finalists to be confirmed

** All finals to be played at The County Ground, Letchworth with the exception of the Senior Challenge Cup which is being held at Cheshunt*



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Joel Bell
Remel Larwood
Kemari Massiah
Harvie Gardiner
Trevelle Reid
Jack Kimber
Paul Marks
Perry Dicker
Marwan Hassan

Manager: Shane Bambridge
Assistants: Mark Mezo, Paul Gurney
Colours: Blue Shirt, Blue Shorts,
Blue Socks

Manager: Aaron Lincoln
Assistant: David Shevel
Colours: Red Shirt, Black Shorts,
Red Socks

Referee:
Joanne Horwood

Assistants:
Lyn McGregor, Marco Panico

Fourth Official:
Philip Draper