



Hertfordshire FA



Sunday Senior Challenge Cup Final 2024 **WD Bushey v Strafford Arms**

Sunday 28th April 2024 3:00pm
The County Ground, Letchworth Garden City



Welcome to The County Ground



Our fifteenth County Cup Final of 2024

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to The County Ground, home of Hertfordshire FA for today's Sunday Senior Challenge Cup Final.

Our congratulations go to the players and management of both WD Bushey and Strafford Arms 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 the volunteers of both clubs, 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.

Finally we are delighted to welcome Brian Curtis, who is Vice Chair of Hertfordshire FA as Guest of Honour for today's final, who will meet the teams before the game and also present the medals at the end of the match.

While you are here be sure to make the most of the facilities, including the Pitchside Cafe which is next to the main stand and will be serving hot and cold drinks, food and snacks throughout the day. 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.

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Chair, Hertfordshire FA

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Competition History



This is the 59th Final of the Hertfordshire FA
Sunday Senior Cup

Our first County Cup for Sunday football was introduced in the 1963-64 season. So rapid was the increase in Sunday teams at this time, two more would be added within a decade. The inaugural winners of what would become the Sunday Senior Cup were Weatherills, who defeated Herts Advertiser 2-1 in extra time in that first final.

Over the years several clubs have established significant periods of dominance in this competition, with HSC lifting the trophy five times in ten years and Skew Bridge winning a remarkable five times in a row between 2014 and 2018. However it is St Josephs who have been most successful in this competition with seven wins, including the last two seasons.

In terms of today's teams, WD Bushey are making their first appearance in this final, while Strafford Arms will be looking to go one better than in 2022. Either way we'll see a new name on the trophy, with the winners becoming the 36th different club to lift this cup.

Today's match will be 45 minutes each way, with kicks from the penalty mark if necessary to decide the winner. Teams are permitted rolling substitutions from a list of 5 named players.

Recent Finals

The COVID pandemic caused the 2019-20 season to be cut short, with winning semi-finalists London Road and Oakview declared to have shared the competition. The Sunday Senior Cup was not run in the subsequent season before returning in 2021-22.

2012/13	AFC Boars	2-1	Skew Bridge
2013/14	Skew Bridge	3-1	AFC Boars
2014/15	Skew Bridge	3-1	Nicholas Breakspear Old Boys
2015/16	Skew Bridge	2-0	Dun Cow
2016/17	Skew Bridge	5-1	Great Northern
2017/18	Skew Bridge	2-1	Flaunden
2018/19	Reed Rangers	5-1	Allenburys
2021/22	St Josephs South Oxhey	6-1	Strafford Arms
2022/23	St Josephs South Oxhey	4 - 2	Borehamwood Rovers

Club Profile

WD Bushey

Watford based club has risen quickly up the leagues in its short history



We were founded in 2019 and swiftly rose through the ranks, clinching the Division 3 title in our debut season. Despite the pandemic interrupting our momentum in the subsequent two seasons, we remained undefeated through those campaigns. These performances earned us promotion to the Premier Division in 2022.

In our inaugural Premier Division campaign, we continued to deliver impressive results, securing a third-place finish, after narrowly falling to the top two teams.

Your analysis of the season so far...

We are enjoying a good season in the Watford Sunday League Premier Division, currently holding an unbeaten record and sitting in second position with games in hand on the leaders. Despite a setback in The FA Sunday Cup, where we were edged out by Luton Celtic in the first round, we remain focused and determined.

With crucial fixtures on the horizon, including the Watford Sunday League Challenge Cup Quarter-Final and President's Cup Quarter-Final, we also need to win all of our remaining league games to have a chance at becoming Premier Division champions. The team is poised to continue their strong performance and compete for silverware.



League Season

Watford Sunday League, Premier Division

As at 23/04/2024

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	North Watford First	14	11	3	0	65	28	37	36
2	WD Bushey FC First	10	6	4	0	22	13	9	22
3	Cassiobury Rangers First	11	6	3	2	32	20	12	21
4	Evergreen AFC First	13	6	3	4	28	21	7	21
5	Glenn Sports & Social Club	12	6	2	4	36	22	14	20
6	St Josephs South Oxhey First	9	5	1	3	26	17	9	16
7	Abbots Langley Club FC First	15	3	1	11	21	35	-14	10
8	Forza Watford First	16	1	4	11	31	64	-33	7
9	FC Unicorn First	14	2	1	11	22	63	-41	7





WD Bushey

Currently 2nd in Watford Sunday League, Premier Division
As at 23/04/2024

League Form

Games Won	6
Games Drawn	4
Games Lost	0
Goals Scored	22
Goals Conceded	13

Leading Scorers

5	Joshua Quinlivan
3	Massimo Sinisi
3	Thomas Twelves
3	Stephen Ward
2	Gianluca Demare

Route to the Final

R1		BYE	
R2	WD Bushey	H - W	FMW Wanderers
R3	Northaw	0 - 2	WD Bushey
QF	Glenn Sports	1 - 2	WD Bushey
SF	WD Bushey	5 - 2	Lord Haig



Strafford Arms

Currently 5th in Herts Advertiser Sunday Football League, Premier Division
As at 23/04/2024

League Form

Games Won	7
Games Drawn	1
Games Lost	3
Goals Scored	46
Goals Conceded	15

Leading Scorers

19	Matt Walsh
8	Jack Woods
7	Chris Blunden
6	Erivaldo Felix
5	Jacob Noonan

Route to the Final

R1	Strafford Arms	3 - 2	Hemel Albion
R2	Phoenix	1 - 2	Strafford Arms
R3	Strafford Arms	4 - 2	FCB Hemel
QF	North Watford	1 - 5	Strafford Arms
SF	Hertford Stags	0 - 2	Strafford Arms

Club Profile

Strafford Arms



Fast growing club looking to add County Cup success after numerous league titles

Formed in 2018, the club began life in the Herts Advertiser Division 2. If someone had said six seasons later we would be in our second County Cup final and Herts Advertiser Premier Division Champions, you'd have said they were mad, and yet here we are. Starting off as a group of friends who would win one week and lose the next, we found our feet quickly and got to a final in our first season, losing to the much fancied London Road.

We then had two seasons in the Barnet Sunday League, where we picked up our first silverware in 2021 when we were crowned Division 3 champions. We returned to the Herts Advertiser Sunday Football League in the 2021-22 season in Division 1 and won that comfortably while also getting to the County Cup final.

In our first season in the Premier Division we had a strong campaign, winning 15 out of 16 games on the way to being crowned champions. Throughout every season we have continued to add to the size of the team and are constantly growing as a club. We thoroughly look forward to what will undoubtedly be an exciting future at the club.

Your analysis of the season so far...

We have gone strong on all fronts this season and in early April we were still in four cups and going for the league. The amount of cups entered has scuppered our league position and we currently find ourselves in fifth, but with games in hand we can still win the division.

We have already reached two semi-finals, one we lost on penalties and the other we are yet to play against Borehamwood Rovers. In the County Cup, we have beaten Hemel Albion, Phoenix, FCB Hemel, North Watford and Hertford Stags en-route to the final, so we have not had an easy run in whatsoever. We are building something here and hope that a Cup Final triumph will be proof of all the hard work that's been put in.

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League Season

Herts Advertiser Sunday Football League, Premier Division

As at 23/04/2024

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Phoenix	15	12	0	3	60	21	39	36
2 Six Bells Sunday	16	11	2	3	47	25	22	35
3 Brookmans Park	17	10	3	4	37	28	9	33
4 Borehamwood Rovers	15	7	6	2	34	30	4	27
5 Strafford Arms	11	7	1	3	46	15	31	22
6 Wheathampstead Wanderers	18	7	1	10	50	52	-2	22
7 Mermaid	19	5	4	10	37	48	-11	19
8 The Plough & Harrow	16	6	1	9	37	53	-16	19
9 Forever Young People	15	4	4	7	23	40	-17	16
10 Little Heath Sunday	18	3	5	10	36	50	-14	14
11 Harpenden Colts Old Boys	20	3	3	14	26	71	-45	12

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IF IN DOUBT SIT THEM OUT

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and symptoms
of concussion



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Tackling Mental Health Issues

Football has an important role to play in helping people be more open about their mental well-being

Tackling the stigma, prejudice and discrimination that can be associated with mental health conditions both in sport and wider society can help save lives

The FA, along with other bodies in both football and sport, has signed the Mental Health Charter for Sport and Recreation, which is a framework setting out how sport can use its collective power to tackle mental ill-health, emphasising the benefits of an active lifestyle.

One in four people experience a mental health problem in any year, which means there are millions of people involved in grassroots football experiencing a form of it in some way.

It is important football clubs at all levels appreciate this and know how to include people with mental health issues. The FA, along with its partners across the game, is encouraging players, coaches and officials to be confident and comfortable talking about mental health in the same way that people discuss physical injuries.

Football is a great tool in aiding recovery, helps to manage symptoms and can radically improve the quality of people's lives. Whether it is in mainstream, community football clubs, or in specialised sport and mental health projects, football can deliver massive benefits. There are three key ways that football can help:

- Improving people's mental health
- Creating social inclusion
- Helping physical health

To emphasise this, The FA has produced a 36-page mental health guide for coaches and managers in the adult game that can be downloaded below. It's been produced in partnership with Mind, and a mental health advisory group put together by The FA.

The guide has been created to help coaches and managers spot the signs of mental health problems predominantly amongst male players, give them the confidence to support and signpost to specialist help where necessary, including a 24/7 text support service.

Understanding mental health could save lives. For more information, including how to get help if you need it, or how you can support the mental well-being of your friends and team-mates, visit our website.

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Hertfordshire FA County Cup Finals 2024



Saturday 23rd March 10:00am
Under 14 Girls Challenge Cup

Won by Hertford Town Girls

Saturday 23rd March 2:30pm
Under 15 Girls Challenge Cup

Won by Hitchin Belles Youth

Wednesday 27th March 7:45pm
Senior Centenary Trophy

Won by Hoddesdon Town

Friday 29th March 3:00pm
Junior Cup

Won by Sarratt Reserves

Sunday 7th April 10:00am
Under 18 Boys Challenge Cup

Won by Cheshunt Youth

Sunday 7th April 3:00pm
Sunday Intermediate Cup

Won by Brewster Plumbing

Tuesday 9th April 7:45pm*
Senior Challenge Cup

Won by St Albans City

Wednesday 10th April 7:45pm
Charity Shield

Won by Tring Athletic

Sunday 14th April 10:00am
Under 14 Boys Challenge Cup

Won by Sun Sports Youth

Sunday 14th April 3:00pm
Sunday Junior Cup

Won by Northaw Reserves

Sunday 21st April 10:00am
Under 15 Boys Challenge Cup

Won by St Albans City Youth

Sunday 21st April 3:00pm
Women's Senior Challenge Cup

Won by Royston Town

Sunday 28th April 10:00am
Under 16 Boys Challenge Cup

Sun Sports Youth vs Hemel Aces

Sunday 28th April 3:00pm
Sunday Senior Cup

WD Bushey vs Strafford Arms

Saturday 4th May 10:00am
Under 16 Girls Challenge Cup

Stevenage Starlets vs Hitchin Belles Youth

Saturday 4th May 3:00pm
Under 18 Girls Challenge Cup

Garston Ladies Junior vs Oaklands Wolves

Sunday 26th May 10:30am
Women's Trophy

Colney Heath vs Stevenage FC Development

Date to be confirmed*
Charity Cup

Potters Bar Town v St Albans City

Date to be confirmed
Intermediate Cup

Finalists to be confirmed

** All finals to be played at The County Ground, Letchworth, with the exception of the Senior Cup which is to be played at Top Field in Hitchin and the Charity Cup for which the venue is still to be confirmed*



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Jake Twomey
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Jack Davis
Jack Woods
Matt Walsh
Eri Felix
George Beattie
Stephen Dodd
Matt Milne
Max Bradford

Manager: Kamran Arshad
Assistant: Hamid Ali
Colours: Grey Shirt, Black
Shorts, Grey Socks

Manager: Joe Cullum, Greg Marsh
Assistant: Sam Cullum, Dale Etherington
Colours: Claret and Blue Shirt, Claret
Shorts, Claret Socks

Referee:
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Assistants:
James Gallagher-Bailes, Dylan Valentine

Fourth Official:
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