



Hertfordshire FA



Under 16 Boys Challenge Cup Final 2024
Sun Sports Youth v Hemel Aces

Sunday 28th April 2024 10:00am
The County Ground, Letchworth Garden City



Welcome to The County Ground



Our fourteenth County Cup Final of 2024

Good morning and a warm welcome to The County Ground, home of Hertfordshire FA for today's Under 16 Boys Challenge Cup Final.

Our congratulations go to the players and management of both Sun Sports Youth and Hemel Aces on reaching the final. We wish you the very best of luck 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 Paddy Donovan, who is the Competitions Secretary at 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.

**Graham Phillips,
Chair, Hertfordshire FA**

Hertfordshire FA Competitions Committee

Chair	Secretary	Committee Members and Representatives
Graham Phillips	Paddy Donovan	Steve Trulock, Graham Martin, Gary Hollingsworth, Peter Waller, Bob Spooner, Alan Wilson

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Competition History



This is the 77th Final of the Hertfordshire FA Under 16 Boys Challenge Cup

The Under 16 Challenge Cup was introduced in 1944, reflecting the continuing growth of the youth game. Prior to this for youth players there had only been the Under 18 Cup which had been running since 1930. An Under 14 competition would be added in 1971, with 'odd' age group competitions to fill in the gaps following in 1995.

The early years of this competitions were dominated by Carlton who lifted the trophy five times in the first eleven years and remain the club with the most wins, ahead of St George's Boys Club who scored three consecutive victories in the late 1950s.

Cheshunt and Stevenage have been most successful in recent years, also with three wins each in this competition. As for this years finalists, both will be looking to add their name to the trophy for the first time and become the 57th different club to do so.

Today's match will be 40 minutes each way, with kicks from the penalty mark if necessary to decide the winner. Teams are permitted rolling substitutions from a list of 7 named players

Recent Finals

There was no final played in 2019 with both semi finalists in the other half of the draw being removed from the competition, handing the cup to Lemsford. The COVID pandemic then caused the 2019-20 season to be cut short, with the competition being declared void. The Under 16 Boys Cup was not run in the subsequent season before returning in 2021-22.

2012/13	Hitchin Town	3 - 0	Cuffley Youth
2013/14	Codicote Youth	3 - 1	Rickmansworth Youth
2014/15	Potters Bar Town Youth	1 - 1 (4 - 3) P	Bishop's Stortford Youth
2015/16	Cheshunt Youth	1 - 1 (6 - 5) P	Boreham Wood
2016/17	Broxbourne Borough V&E Youth	6 - 1	Potters Bar Town Youth
2017/18	Ware FC Academy	2 - 2 (3 - 2) AET	St Albans City Youth
2021/22	Ware FC Academy	2 - 0	Cheshunt Youth
2022/23	Harpenden Town	4 - 0	Ware FC Academy

Club Profile

Sun Sports Youth



Club looking to secure a second County Cup this season after Under 14s earlier triumph

Founded as Sun Engraving in 1898, the club then went under the name Sun Sports from 1901 and played in the Watford & District League and West Herts League. The club joined Herts County League Division Two in 1947-48 and were promoted to the Division One in 1955-56. A season later they were in the Premier Division as a result of a league restructure, relegated a year later, but returned again the following season. They then spent their time in the Premier Division until they were relegated in 1980.

In 1995 the club changed its name to Sun Postal Sports when they amalgamated with local football team Watford Postal Services. After finishing runners-up for two seasons in a row, the club joined the Spartan South Midlands League Division One in the 2003-04 season. The 2013-14 season saw the club finish as champions and gain promotion to the Premier Division. At the same time they reverted back to the Sun Sports name.

The club has also become a hub for young people in the community, hosting a variety of teams catering to all ages, along with other sports. The football youth section consistently breeds success within the local leagues, with winning teams upholding the club values that emphasise football as a means of play and enjoyment.

The future for our club has never looked more promising as we continue to attract players, coaches and volunteers that will keep striving towards higher standards.

Your analysis of the season so far...

After a successful season in the Watford Friendly League, the Sun Sports Under 16s returned to the West Herts League this term. Having done the double previously in this league the squad has their sights set on further success this season.

The league campaign to date has been a positive one, sitting in a strong position with games in hand. The boys have reached the County Cup final where they face today's opponents Hemel Aces yet again, having already faced off in the League Cup.

The development within this group of players has led them to be successful for a number of seasons, we have a fantastic spirit within the squad accompanied by quality, commitment and a great attitude, not to mention the backing and support from all the parents.

League Season

West Herts Youth League, Under 16 Division 1

As at 23/04/2024

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Berkhamsted Raiders Youth	17	13	1	3	64	29	35	40
2	Harpenden Colts	17	10	6	1	60	26	34	36
3	Hemel Hempstead Town Youth	17	10	2	5	53	30	23	32
4	Kings Langley Youth	15	9	4	2	44	26	18	31
5	Sun Sports Youth	14	8	2	4	54	20	34	26
6	Watford Youth Sports	14	6	1	7	33	34	-1	19
7	Hemel Aces	14	5	0	9	33	33	0	15
8	Bedmond Youth	13	4	0	9	22	35	-13	15
9	Evergreen Youth	15	4	0	11	22	64	-42	12
10	Rickmansworth Town Youth	18	0	0	18	8	96	-88	0





Sun Sports Youth

Currently 5th in West Herts Youth League, Under 16 Division 1

As at 23/04/2024

League Form

Games Won	8
Games Drawn	2
Games Lost	4
Goals Scored	54
Goals Conceded	20

Leading Scorers

32	Patrick Brander
11	Matthew Pinching
8	Lorenzo Fejzullau
7	Kuba Tinriover
7	Antonio Subandrio

Route to the Final

R1	Harvesters	0 - 9	Sun Sports Youth
R2	Sun Sports Youth	H - W	Harvesters
R3	Sun Sports Youth	3 - 2	Berkhamsted Raiders
QF	Bedmond Youth	0 - 2	Sun Sports Youth
SF	Kings Langley Youth	1 - 1 (4 - 5) P	Sun Sports Youth



Hemel Aces

Currently 7th in West Herts Youth League, Under 16 Division 1

As at 23/04/2024

League Form

Games Won	5
Games Drawn	0
Games Lost	9
Goals Scored	33
Goals Conceded	33

Leading Scorers

Club has not provided the required information

Route to the Final

R1	Hemel Aces	4 - 0	Potters Bar United Youth
R2	Baldock Town Youth	0 - 6	Hemel Aces
R3	Hemel Aces	2 - 0	Cuffley Youth
QF	Hemel Aces	1 - 0	Ware Youth Blues
SF	Ware Youth Clarets	0 - 6	Hemel Aces

Club Profile

Hemel Aces

Community club looking to go all the way following an excellent cup run

Hemel Aces started in 1969 and has been continually growing over those 50 years. Located in Hemel Hempstead, we are an England Football Accredited Club. Our commitment to player development whilst also encouraging our players to have fun and enjoy their football, makes our club a friendly and supportive environment for both players and their families.

We are a registered charity and all of our funding comes from either donations, sponsorship or fundraising activities and events that we hold. If you would like to support the club, visit the sponsors page on our website for the relevant information.

Finally, we'd like to pay tribute to a very special member of our team. Liam O'Beirne was a much loved player and friend of the team who we sadly lost to cancer last year. Our boys will be remembering Liam and carrying him in their hearts as they step onto the pitch today.

Your analysis of the season so far...

We've done incredibly well on our cup run this campaign, considering that our goalkeeper missed a lot of games at the beginning of the season. A fantastic mentality against the odds has got us to the final, despite having limited numbers in our squad. The boys have shown great commitment and a real desire to achieve something this season, and will be looking to overcome the final hurdle and claim the trophy this afternoon.



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Giving Young People a Voice in Local Grassroots Football



Hertfordshire FA Youth Council Chair Madeline Hurley on the impact the group is aiming to have

Created in the summer of 2023, the Hertfordshire FA Youth Council is a group of young leaders aged 16-24 which aims to inspire, empower, and provide a voice for all young people to influence change, and positively impact football in Hertfordshire.

The Youth Council has established five focus areas in support of Hertfordshire FA's wider strategy; Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, Women and Girls, Coaching, Refereeing, and Safeguarding. The Youth Council also assists in the organisation of the County Cup competitions as well as building its own social media presence on platforms.

Our Youth Councillors are paired with a member of Hertfordshire FA staff to be mentored and supported in their own development. This means that, while the whole Youth Council works collectively on a team project, each champion has the opportunity to pursue their own projects that they feel passionately about with the guidance of their mentor.

Interested in being part of this group and supporting the development of local youth football? Contact beth.dawes@hertfordshirefa.com for further information

Getting Involved in Running Your Club

We are keen to support any club in starting a Youth Forum

Involving young people in making decisions that affect them is important. Not only does it mean that they are more likely to have a positive experience, but also it gives them a sense of ownership and the chance to learn new skills.

For football to continue thrive in the future we must encourage and embed an ethos of community volunteering in the younger generation and bring these young people through into leadership positions in the structures of clubs and leagues.

We are committed to ensuring young people are actively involved in the development of the game and have produced a guide to help any club interested in launching a Youth Forum to get started.



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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**

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**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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George Hunt
Harry Barnes
Archie Preston
George Eldridge
Samuel Voituret
Alexander Bytyci
Alfie Hart
Joshua Schelling
Kevin Keller
Luca Crofts
Mathew Pinching
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Lorenzo Fejzullau
Alfie Welham
Patrick Brander
Joshua Flanagan
Kuba Tinriover

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Assistant: Matt Gates

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Manager: Jon Turner

Colours: Yellow Shirt, Black Shorts, Black Socks

Referee:
Antonio Fonseca Ferreira

Assistants:
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Fourth Official:
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