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Manchester FA Girls Youth Cup Finals Day



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Manchester Football Association would like to welcome everyone to today's Girls Youth Cup Finals Day. We look forward to what should be four exciting back to back games ahead and a memorable day for all involved! Thankyou to Avro FC for hosting today's finals at the Vestacare Stadium.

Manchester FA provides County Cup competitions for teams and players aged U12s through to U18s. These competitions offer both male and female players the opportunity to pit their skills against teams from across Greater Manchester, most of whom they wouldn't meet otherwise.

Thank you for your support during our County Cup competitions this season.

On behalf of Manchester FA, good luck to all teams involved!



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Manchester FA have launched a new club shop consisting of pre-loved items of kit (shirts, shorts, boots etc) that will be collected from donation points across the region and re-distributed to individuals and families.

Manchester FA has partnered up with numerous organisations across Greater Manchester, to help those facing financial pressure remain in football. **Greater Manchester is home to some of the highest concentrations of poverty and deprivation in the country.** There are 620,000 people, out of a population of 2.8m, living below the poverty line in our city region.

Bits and Boots hopes to alleviate some of the pressures of the cost of living crisis and ensure people can continue to remain active in sport and improve the retention levels of people taking part in physical activity across Manchester. Kit/boots will be available online and at our pop shop within the season.

“Lots of us have unwanted and sometimes unused football kit/boots in our wardrobes and don't know what to do with them, especially with children who grow out of kit and boots so quickly. We want to create a new initiative that helps those who need it the most during this cost of living crisis; as well as helping reduce carbon footprint by recycling unwanted clothing. We are committed in helping those who need it whilst also aiding our environment by charging a nominal fee for kit. We hope this will keep the project sustainable for the long term” - Manchester FA's staff, Aimee Cook and Georgie Oliver.

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FC Bluestar Manager:

“ A solid season for the girls as we transitioned to 9v9 and more games on grass. We integrated 4 players into our squad who were new to the game, they have settled really well and became real assets to the team over the course of the season.

Our standard of play has improved over the months as we have learned to use the extra space available and how to play to our strengths. The level of football played in the league has improved greatly, and we have been involved in some exciting games that have been great to watch. We have got better as the season has gone on and have found a good rhythm and pattern to our game.

The girls have played with a smile all season and it's a real achievement to have made it to the county cup final to cap off our season. ”



Brian Bennett & Christian South, Glossop North End Managers:

“ Our squad of girls has had a great season this year. The focus in our team is on enjoyment and always being positive with each other. We have a full range of abilities within the squad but, everyone is made to feel part of the team and we continue to recruit players who are new to playing football as well as those with some experience.

Our cup run this year has been built on the girls putting in 100% effort in all our games - with everyone contributing and playing their part. A good practical example of this was when I asked for a parent's player of the season, 10 different players were nominated. The core of the team has now been playing for a few seasons and that is showing in how the girls are developing into really competent and committed footballers.

Whatever the result at the County Cup final - the girls should be really proud of themselves for a great season of football. ”



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FC BLUESTAR



FC Bluestar was founded in 2006 to provide a fully inclusive football club for the children in our local area; Didsbury / Heaton and the surrounding area. We are a registered charity: FC Bluestar Community Foundation CIO and our statement of intent is below:

For the public benefit of children and young people aged 4 to 19 in the following local authority wards: heaton north; heaton south; burnage; didsbury east; didsbury west; northenden; chorlton park; chorlton; whalley range; fallowfield; old moat; withington; and levenshulme:- 1) To advance their physical education by providing facilities and coaching for football; 2) To advance them in life.

FC Bluestar currently offers inclusive football for over 800 children age 2-18 including over 200 female players

ROUTE TO THE FINAL

PRELIM: **BYE**

R1: **BYE**

QF: **FC BLUESTAR** 4-2 Tiki Taka

SF: Elite FC 2-3 **FC BLUESTAR**



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GLOSSOP NORTH END



Glossop North End Community Club was formed in 1990 (Glossop Juniors) and now offers football to over 600 players, 45 teams and inclusive football for all our community. We have a flourishing girls section with teams from under 9 to under 18, two flexi league women's teams and will be adding a Women's team in 2024-25. We are Derbyshire FA's Lionesses club of the year 2023 , offer the first Wildcats in the High Peak, Squad Girls and recreational football as well as Pan Disability , Ability Counts. We have added a Men's First Team this season and are proud to have opened our new home, Glossop Community Sports Hub. We are very excited for the future and are proud of the under 12 Girls taking part in the Manchester County Cup this year, all the best to both teams and be the best you can be!

ROUTE TO THE FINAL

PRELIM: Altrincham 1-1 **GLOSSOP NORTH END (10-11 PENS)**

R1: Crompton 1-3 **GLOSSOP NORTH END**

QF: Droylsden 0-4 **GLOSSOP NORTH END**

SF: Ashton On Mersey 0-3 **GLOSSOP NORTH END**



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— David
Marcus's Grassroots Coach



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FC BLUESTAR U12 STARS

Colours: Blue, Black, White

Goalkeeper: Green

Esme Gilligan
Scarlett Healy (C)
Lily Birkett
Jaime Campbell
Bethany Evans
Bethany Meskill
Ella Rahmani
Jess Eltringham
Arella Smith
Ayesha Chohan
Georgie Palmer
Arayah Robinson
Anaya Arnott



GLOSSOP NORTH END U12

Colours: Orange, Black, Black

Goalkeeper : Green

Katherine Bennett
Alice Carlton
Lucy Freeman
Margot Hartley
Matilda Longson
Orla McHale
Ellie Meats
Megan Mellor
Jessica Morgan (C)
Molly South
Tafia Taylor
Aysha Tomlinson
Nicola Wright



Brian Bennett
Christian South

Manager
Manager

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Assistant 1: Zara Hayworth

Assistant 2: Mia McCarthy

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Katie Currie, Tiki Taka Manager:

“ We started the season playing in the East Lancs U13 girls division A, scoring 36 goals in our first 3 games. The girls wanted more of a challenge so we moved across to the East Lancs boys league finishing 3rd in the part 1 section of the season.

In January we then moved across to the BBDFL Section A after they were moving to play 11 aside where we finished 3rd. We have had a very successful season, Pete and myself are so pleased with the way the team have adapted to playing 11 aside, in competitive football.

In my first season coaching the team, I am proud to say that many of the girls have advanced their game outside of the team with some of our players now at various ETC's and others playing for Saturday league teams. The dedication and passion the girls demonstrate week on week is testament to why they deserve to be in the final. The girls have a great bond beyond the pitch and deserve every success. Also a massive thank you to our sponsor - Specsavers, Bolton for supporting us throughout the season. ”



Colin Snelgrove, Michael Farmer & Vicky Isted, Winton Managers:

“ The Team was formed 5 years ago, many of the original players remain as an important part of the Team.

The Cubs have enjoyed a fantastic run this 23/24 season, finishing in second place in the BBDFL Section A, 1 point behind the league winners. The girls have worked exceptionally hard this season, attending training sessions in all weathers and showing great effort, determination and togetherness.

This is the first year the Cubs have entered the Manchester County Cup, the girls knew the standard would be high, but have continued to excel and progress to the Final. Winton Wanderers Football Club are super proud, as to date no other Winton Wanderers Team 70+ have progressed to a Final.

The girls are looking forward to today's game, they have prepared well, and will give 110%. All involved with the Cubs, Coaches, Players, Parents are extremely proud of what this group of girls have achieved. Well Done, Cubs, good luck in the Final! ”



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TIKI TAKA FOOTBALL ACADEMY



Tiki Taka Fa was founded in 2010, it has a range of boys and girls grass-roots teams playing in Bolton, Greater Manchester. The evolution of tiki taka has seen teams press the ball higher up the pitch individually & collectively.

At Tiki Taka FA we focus on the following:

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ROUTE TO THE FINAL

PRELIM: **BYE**

R1: **TIKI TAKA** 1-0 FC Bluestar

QF: **TIKI TAKA** 12-0 Parkwyddn

SF: **BYE**



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WINTON WANDERERS



Winton Wanderers FC was formed in 1995, bringing football in to the local community, In 2009, following the councils temporary closure of the ground, we relaunched, and the idea was to bring football in to the local community, and to provide a hub for local children to engage in positive activity, from a physical and social point of view. Children and adults alike, benefited from the greater sense of togetherness, direction and reward – with boys and girls, men and women, taking part in weekly activity.

By 2015 we had our first girls team, and in the following year we started the FA wildcats sessions. In the years since, we grown massively and currently have 66 teams, 19 of which are girls teams, with 5 new ones ready for next season. Currently we have nearly 900 players at the club and 150 volunteers. All this culminating in 2021, in us winning Grassroots club of the year.

ROUTE TO THE FINAL

PRELIM: **BYE**

R1: **BYE**

QF: Wythenshawe FC 2-3 **WINTON WANDERERS**

SF: **WINTON WANDERERS** 6-1 Altrincham FC





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TIKI TAKA U13 LIONESSES

Colours: Red, Blue, Red

Goalkeeper: Orange

Sophia Price
Pippa Wall
Isla Holme
Nieve Marriot
Nola Bolton (C)
Eva Oni
Tillie Taylor
Caitlyn Hayden
Mollie Nedden
Emme Lowe
Hannah Keigher
Joanna Maria
Ellie Waller
Hollie Smith
Shasha Dobkin



WINTON WANDERERS U13 CUBS

Colours: Orange, Black, Black

Goalkeeper : Green

Ocean-Nicole Hamilton
Willow Snelgrove
Rhea Ryan
Miley Khan
Georgia Mclean
Pearl McGough
Lottie Dwyer (C)
Emma Arnold
Abigail Prady
Lucie Farmer
Olivia Connolly
Aimee Quarrell
Honey Branchflower
Emma Horsley
Sophie Royle
Ruby Wellens
Maisy Olivieri



Katie Currie
Peter Taylor
David Spooner

Manager
Assistant Coach
Coach

Colin Snelgrove
Michael Farmer
Vicky Isted

Manager
Manager
Manager

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Assistant 1: Esty Frischman

Assistant 2: Charlotte Ivens

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Andrew Baker, Altrincham Manager:

“ Altrincham Junior Firecrests started league football at U9, playing a year up as U8s in South Manchester Girls League. The original girls remain in the team today (10 of them started together at 5/6 years old), with the squad growing with the transitions in format to 9 and 11 aside. All girls still live within a few miles of Altrincham Football Club.

The girls have worked hard season after season to compete with older, much bigger girls. They're determined competitors. They play great, passing football for which they regularly receive praise from opposition managers and parents.

This season the team play in SMGL, still playing up a year. Last season they missed out on winning the league on the last day and by a single point. This season they have gone one better and are winners of U14, Premier League.

While they are talented, driven, successful and have grown together into a formidable team, most of all the girls are just great friends. ”



Joe Craig, West Didsbury & Chorlton Manager:

“ The girls have been playing their football in the Timperley Boys league this season, having moved from the EMJFL in the summer.

After playing their own age boys last season they played a year down this season, but in a much higher division, and have done themselves proud against some very good footballing teams.

They will be going for their third County Cup win in a row this year. ”



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ALTRINCHAM FC JUNIORS



Altrincham Juniors FC was formed out of a merger between Hale Barns United JFC and Altrincham Football Club in 2007.

Now a recognised Charter Standard Club, with 44 boys teams and 31 girls teams competing during the 2023/24 season, supported by 155 unpaid DBS cleared volunteers, the majority of whom are FA Qualified Coaches.

The juniors is now one of the largest providers of boys and girls grassroots football in its area and the Girls Section continues to grow. Teams train and play in Altrincham and Partington weekly, with the club offering football opportunity for all levels of ability, from age 5-18, in a safe and friendly environment.

ROUTE TO THE FINAL

PRELIM: **BYE**

R1: Glossop North End 0-9 **ALTRINCHAM**

QF: Stockport Dynamos 1-3 **ALTRINCHAM**

SF: AFC Urmston Meadowside 0-4 **ALTRINCHAM**



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WEST DIDSBURY & CHORLTON



Christ Church AFC are founded by R.F. Hartley, Sunday School Superintendent at St Luke's Church on Burton Road. From 1908 until 1914, the club play at Shorts Farm in Wilmslow Road, with changing facilities in the cellar of the adjoining Golden Lion pub. Both pitch and pub have long since been redeveloped. After several years' nomadic existence, the club acquires the redundant and overgrown Recreation Ground at Brookburn Road in Chorlton and makes plans to restore the ground and develop a vision for a community club and is renamed West Didsbury and Chorlton AFC in 2003.

Our men's team currently play in the North West Counties Premier Division and our women's team play in the Women's Regional League Premier Division. Our Juniors have teams from u5 through to u18 with over 150 registered footballers

ROUTE TO THE FINAL

PRELIM: **BYE**

R1: Curzon Ashton 0-5 **WEST DIDSBURY & CHORLTON**

QF: Droylsden 1-8 **WEST DIDSBURY & CHORLTON**

SF: **WEST DIDSBURY & CHORLTON** 15-0 Inter Cheadle



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ALTRINCHAM FIRECRESTS U14

Colours: Red, Black, Red
Goalkeeper: Orange

Emma Baker
Briony Evans Dawson
Abi Lindop
Isla Dugdale-Reed
Ava Gibbons
Jasmine Murphy
Georgia Shaw (C)
Phoebe Jones
Kitty Weeden
Eva Anwyl
Millie Bell
Lottie Goodman
Lily Reynolds
Lauren Mercer
Emily Musson
Emma Horsley



WEST DIDSBURY & CHORLTON U14

Colours: Orange, Black, Black
Goalkeeper : Green

Tamzin Mitten
Miley Bennett
Emily Staunton
Sejeela Zahra
Holly Richardson
Hannah Worrall
Poppy Bailey
Alexia Drury
Gracie Rooney
Molly Torkington
Alannah Bowes
Lily Turner
Sienna Jones
Beth Boyd
Katie Turner
Shiloh Gardner
Aleeza Hassan



Andrew Baker
Kevan Gibbons
Marjorie Murphy

Manager
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Joe Craig
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Liam Morrissey, AFC Urmston Manager:

“ This season certainly didn't start off well for our girls. After losing 5 players at the end of last season, they somehow had to find the motivation to go again. The season started with a very negative feel to it, but as the weeks went on and with new girls coming in, the girls slowly started to grow and find their confidence.

Considering the slow start, they managed to finish 3rd in the South Manchester Girls league, behind Ordsall and Stockport. To finish behind two very strong teams is a good season for our girls.

They really are a special group of girls and to get to another County Cup final is a huge credit to them and their hard work.

I'd like to thank my two coaches, James and Curtis, who without your help and commitment this season, we probably wouldn't be here today. Lastly, parents, thank you as always for your support. Despite the rain, hail, snow and the occasional bit of sunshine, we really appreciate it. ”



Huw Brophy, Mossley Manager:

“ We have gone from strength to strength this season and have enjoyed playing our football in the Bolton and Bury District Football U15's Girls League on a Sunday. The players have a brilliant team spirit and are a pleasure to coach due to their positive attitude and willingness to learn.

The girls often train three times a week and take the opportunity to develop their skills through additional opportunities such as 3v3 tournaments and Futsal matches.

We are exceptionally proud of the girls this season for the football that they have played and how they have conducted themselves as teammates and ambassadors for female football.

As always nothing is possible without the support of parents/carers and the team has a fantastic set of parents who are passionate, loyal and incredibly supportive. Well done Mossley Girls U15s on getting to your Second County Cup Final. ”



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AFC URMSTON MEADOWSIDE



John Rushton and Geoff Whitehead were instrumental in seeing the need for a new club in the Urmston area and we owe them a lot for forming a team and embarking on this fantastic journey. Sadly, neither of them are with us today but we are sure that they would be delighted with the progress from the first team in 1977 to what we are today.

We have been very successful over the years in winning many major honours and the last 10 years have been very exciting times, especially with the emergence of the girls and ladies teams. We must keep up building the programme year on year, introducing new players and new teams (both male and female) - but above all else, ensure that we have the right people coaching and managing these players by applying the right methods and techniques. We like to allow the players to express themselves and above all give them a safe and friendly environment. We are an open door club and will continue to be so, that's why it's important to have the right leaders.

ROUTE TO THE FINAL

R1: **BYE**

QF: Ashton On Mersey 1-2 **AFC URMSTON MEADOWSIDE**

SF: Avro FC 0-2 **AFC URMSTON MEADOWSIDE**



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MOSSLEY JFC

Mossley Juniors FC has been providing footballing opportunities for children of all ages for over 30 years.



The team is based in Mossley in Tameside and has strong links to the adult teams of Mossley AFC who play at Seel Park.

The club ethos is all about fun, enjoyment and player development.

The club is proud to be helping in the development of the female game by promoting mixed gender teams and all new opportunities for girls teams.

ROUTE TO THE FINAL

R1: **BYE**

QF: **BYE**

SF: **MOSSLEY** 4-3 Golborne





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AFC URMSTON MEADOWSIDE U15

Colours: Orange, Orange, Black
Goalkeeper: Green

Amie Burgess
Scarlett Fletcher
Frankie Fraser-Jones
Isabella Heathcote
Sorrel Hill
Aamna Hussain
Wiktoria Ludwiczak
Tamzin Mitten
Isabelle Morrissey
Joy Mvuala
Lois Shenton
Mia Siddaway
Harmonae Wade (C)
Alanah Walton
Hannah Worrall
Francesca Wright



MOSSLEY JUNIORS U15

Colours: White, Black, Black
Goalkeeper : Green

Molly Anastasiou
Mary Brierley
Isobel Broadbent
Theadora Brophy
Ellie Galasso
Sienna Gibson
Olivia Grace Buckley
Ava Hanson
Zara Hayworth (C)
Freyah Mae Hesford
Isabella May Murney
Ruby Morrell
Sophie Potts
Sadie Regan
Evie Olivia Riding
Ava Thomson
Poppy Whelan
Liliana Zagorska
Fearne Fletcher



Liam Morrissey
Curtis Wade

Manager
Assistant Manager

Huw Brophy

Manager

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Kathryn Smith

Assistant 1: Caitlin Sellars

Assistant 2: Demi Daniel

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