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VMFC 1996

Saturday Amateur Cup

FINAL 2023

AFC Middleton **V** Village Manchester FC

WELCOME FROM MANCHESTER FA



Manchester Football Association would like to welcome everyone to tonight's Saturday Amateur Cup Final.

Tonight we welcome AFC Middleton & Village Manchester who will attempt to bring the cup home, after getting through tough ties during the semi final stage.

AFC Middleton are the holders of the competition and currently sit 2nd in the top division of the Manchester Saturday Morning League. Village Manchester compete in Division 1 of the Lancashire & Cheshire League following promotion last season. They have enjoyed a good first season and are currently 6th in the league but do have some games in hand on a few teams above.

We look forward to what should be an exciting game!

AIMEE COOK, Football Services Officer:



“The County Cup schedule is well underway as we move onto our third final. On behalf of Manchester FA, I offer a very warm welcome to spectators, teams and match officials to this evening's Saturday Amateur Cup Final.

We welcome two teams who are performing well in their respective seasons and with that, we predict this final to provide an entertaining evening for all.

I would like to thank everyone involved in making this final happen, including Hyde United for once again hosting this prestigious competition at the Project Solar Stadium. Finally, I would like to wish both teams the best of luck. ”

While the Challenge Trophy is competed between teams from both of the Manchester League's top two tiers, as well as the Lancashire and Cheshire League's Premier Divisions, the Amateur Cup is made up of teams from all the other leagues in Greater Manchester.

LAST 5 WINNERS

- 2022** - AFC Middleton
- 2019** - Failsworth Dynamods
- 2018** - AFC Middleton
- 2017** - Manchester Gregorians
- 2016** - North Manchester



MANCHESTER FA COUNTY CUP FINALS

Fixtures to be played at
7:45pm | Ewan Fields, Hyde United FC

~~SATURDAY CHALLENGE~~

~~Friday 24th February~~

~~SUNDAY CHALLENGE~~

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AFC MIDDLETON



The club was reformed in 2013 and renamed AFC Middleton. They play in Division One of the Manchester Saturday Morning League. The club has been the 'flag bearer' for the league as well as dominating domestic silverware. The club have enjoyed much success in the Saturday Amateur Cup and have won two of the last three finals. They are currently the holders of the competition after winning last years final and were also crowned champions in 2017. Last seasons County Cup triumph resulted in a treble winning season for the Tangerines and Blue.

The club are based at the Co-op Academy in Blackley and have a great relationship with the school who have been supportive during the club's success.

ROUTE TO THE FINAL

R1: **AFC MIDDLETON** 12-0 Heywood St James

R2: **AFC MIDDLETON** 10-3 Hollinwood

R3: Brownley Albion 3-4 **AFC MIDDLETON**

QF: **AFC MIDDLETON** 5-1 Manchester Medics

SF: Baguley Athletic 2-2 **AFC MIDDLETON** (2-4 pens)

MEET THE TEAM

Players:

Neil McNulty (GK)

Frasat Ali

Daniel Dearden

Harrison Macdonald

Ryan Lyons

Drew Bowyer

Andrew Foster

Sam Cooke

Adam Fitton

Danny Anderson

Scot Taylor

Joel Bestley

Haydon Mottershead

Luke Noble

Brian O'Grady

Levi Morris

Faith Okundaye

Harry Bladen

Jamie Foster

Jordan Lasenby

Daryll Johnson

Aaron Nuttall

Jamie Diamond

Ryan Burgess

Liam Murray (C)

Manager:

Stephen HORAN



VILLAGE MANCHESTER FC



Village Manchester FC is the largest men's gay and inclusive football club in the country. Founded in 1996 by a group of like-minded friends who wanted to play the sport they loved but didn't feel comfortable joining an existing team, the club grew slowly in its early years, not adding a second league team until 2010. VMFC now fields six teams across two local Manchester FA leagues and the national Gay Football Supporters Network (GFSN) league.

Having begun in part to prove a point that LGBTQ+ players could compete with other footballers, VMFC is one of the most successful inclusive clubs in the world.

Internationally, VMFC has attended 21 International Gay & Lesbian Football Association tournaments and won a number of gold and silver medals. Highlights include winning the IGLFA European Cup in Dublin in 2013, and being runners up on penalties in the IGLFA World Championships in Paris in 2018, remaining undefeated in open play throughout the tournament.

Village Manchester FC will make history tonight by becoming the first LGBTQ+ team ever to reach an FA County Cup final.

ROUTE TO THE FINAL

R1: **Walkover**

R2: **Village Manchester** 10-1 Chadderton EDS

R3: **Village Manchester** 2-1 Chadderton Cott

QF: Manchester Rovers 0-3 **Village Manchester**

SF: Chadderton Park Sports 1-3 **Village Manchester**

MEET THE TEAM

Players:

Jeremy Baker

Ellis Allan

Matthew Salmon

Konstantinos Stamatelos

Paul Welsh

Jack Hoyes

Georgios Mourdoukoutas

Declan Moran

Fernando Martins

Matthew Hodgson

Christopher Telling

Antonios Simiaikis

Daniel Hodgson

Leo Elvin

Ed Asaman

Ryan Heywood

John-Alex Bernal-Ortiz

Manager:

Daniel BOWTELL





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- Match official of the Year
- Young Volunteer of the Year
- New Volunteer of the Year
- The Lioness Award
- Positive Football Environment Award

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MANAGER'S COMMENTS

STEPHEN HORAN, Middleton Manager:



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It's very much mixed feelings for me tonight, as I will be leaving to start another chapter of my life at the end of the season. I have been Managing for 35 years and always had a great sporting relationship with Manchester FA along with Middleton Sunday and currently The Manchester Saturday Morning League. I have won many major County trophies with Langley Celtic and Middleton, but winning tonight would mean the world to me and make me feel proud to think I have contributed something to local amateur football .

This season has been as tough as any and without my assistants Bryan Robson and Danny Moreton I wondered at times if it was a year to many. Our season so far has been good, we will finish runners up to a side I rate very highly, Brownley Albion (I fancied them for this cup) but we beat them in the last sixteen with a last minute winner! Recently, we were beaten off our prenenial rivals Hazel Grove in M.E.N cup but we are still in another domestic cup Competition. However, I'm hoping our season can be remembered for creating history in this competition by retaining it and winning it for the third time. It would be an unbelievable achievement! ”

DANIEL BOWTELL, Village Manchester Manager:



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In 2021/22, Village Manchester Firsts had our best season in the clubs history. After an extraordinary unbeaten run and a monumental effort to win our last game 10-0, we topped the table on goal difference and were crowned Lancashire and Cheshire Division 3 champions. Now in Division 1, the highest level we have ever played at, we are on a mission to outdo ourselves again.

Undefeated in 2023, VMFC Firsts are very much in promotion contention with two months to go and games in hand over most of our rivals. Our league achievement has been matched by our cup run, and sees us in the final for the first time ever.

With a core group of long term players and some quality recent additions, I feel we are in the form of our lives. A truly diverse group of people from all backgrounds and lifestyles, what unites them all is a fierce commitment to the club and the desire to keep on exceeding expectations. We are the first LGBTQ+ team ever to reach a county cup final, and fully intend to become the first to win one, too. ”

Match Officials



Ashton Rowe

Referee



Jackson Cooper

Assistant Referee



Folu Aladelusi

Assistant Referee



**David
Manners-Jones**

Forth Official



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Why wear 'Lots Of Socks' on 21 March?

'Lots Of Socks' is a celebration of everything that makes all of us different, and yet the same.

Believe it or not, socks get people talking!

On 21 March, choose some socks that are going to get noticed!
They might be mismatched socks or your craziest and most colourful socks, whatever takes your fancy!

The idea is to start a conversation, so when people ask you about your socks you can tell them, "I'm wearing these socks to raise awareness of Down syndrome".

And then you can tell them everything you want them to know about Down syndrome.



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But what should I tell them?

You might like to tell them about a person you know who has Down syndrome, or if you have Down syndrome you can tell them about you and your life.

Sadly, all around the world, people with Down syndrome are treated badly...

- They are denied a quality education.
- They are denied good health care.
- They are denied the chance to work and earn their own money.
- They are not allowed to make decisions about their own lives.
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*Manchester FA will fund the initial appointment (maximum £40), when dealing with a critical injury.





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- 7 Let us know how you found out about Kooth from the drop down menu.
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TODAY'S HOSTS:

A HUGE thank you to Hyde United for their continued support of Manchester FA's County Cup Competitions!

Sat 18 Mar 15:00 H NPL Premier



South Shields

Sat 25 Mar 15:00 A NPL Premier



Lancaster City

Sat 01 Apr 15:00 H NPL Premier



Whitby Town

Sat 08 Apr 15:00 H NPL Premier



Morpeth Town

Mon 10 Apr 15:00 A NPL Premier



Stalybridge Celtic

Sat 15 Apr 15:00 H NPL Premier



Marine

Sat 22 Apr 15:00 A NPL Premier



Warrington Town



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You can access the portal directly from our home page or [HERE](#).



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Want to have a say in shaping the future of football in Greater Manchester?

Here at Manchester FA we have an entirely unique operating structure built around you, our volunteer workforce.

Our Game In Manchester is a series of volunteer led working groups appointed by Manchester FA to support the development, regulation and growth of the game that we all love right across Manchester.

Each of the Our Game In Manchester working groups are made up with

volunteers from clubs, leagues, referees, parents and are headed by an independently appointed chairperson.

This chairperson is independent from the paid workforce of Manchester FA in turn providing an impartial voice to everyone when making football decisions in our great City.

Each of the groups also have a responsible officer from the Manchester FA workforce which helps steer the direction of travel for the working group.

For more information or how to get involved please visit [HERE](#).



AFC MIDDLETON

Manager: Stephen Horan

Colours: Orange, Blue, Blue
Goalkeeper: Yellow

Neil McNulty
 Frasat Ali
 Daniel Dearden
 Harrison Macdonald
 Ryan Lyons
 Andrew Foster
 Sam Cooke
 Adam Fitton
 Danny Anderson
 Scot Taylor
 Haydon Mottershead
 Luke Noble
 Brian O'Grady
 Levi Morris
 Faith Okundaye
 Jamie Foster
 Jordan Lasenby
 Daryll Johnson
 Aaron Nuttall
 Jamie Diamond
 Drew Bowyer
 Joel Bestley
 Harry Bladen
 Ryan Burgess
 Liam Murray

VILLAGE MANCHESTER

Manager: Daniel Bowtell

Colours: Red, Black, Black
Goalkeeper : Rainbow

Jeremy Baker
 Ellis Allan
 Matthew Salmon
 Konstantinos Stamatelos
 Paul Welsh
 Jack Hoyes
 Georgios Mourdoukoutas
 Declan Moran
 Fernando Martins
 Matthew Hodgson
 Christopher Telling
 Antonios Simiaikis
 Daniel Hodgson
 John-Alex Bernal-Ortiz
 Leo Elvin
 Ryan Heywood
 Ed Asaman

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Ashton Rowe
4th Official: David Manners-Jones

Assistant 1: Jackson Cooper
Assistant 2: Folu Aladelusi