

BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION FOUNDATION vs. NEWHAVEN DEAF

SUSSEX MATT MAJOR DISABILITY CUP FINAL SUNDAY 12 MAY 2024 | KICK-OFF: 2:30PM

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Welcome to the Sussex County FA Headquarters for today's Sussex Matt Major Disability Cup Final between Brighton & Hove Albion Foundation and Newhaven Deaf.

Should the score be level after fifty minutes, the result will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark.

We are pleased to extend a warm welcome to our match officials, and we congratulate each of them for their appointment to this game.

The trophy and individual mementos will be presented to the players and officials on the field of play following the conclusion of the match.

Please make use of the facilities, the licensed bar and servery will be open throughout for hot food, drinks and other refreshments.

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SANDS UNITED	0	2	NEWHAVEN DEAF

SANDS UNITED	7	0	CRAWLEY TOWN COMM.
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Pre-Match Preview: Luke Frost

For Brighton & Hove Albion Foundation, tough games awaited them in qualification, culminating in a Semi-Final clash with a fellow team from the Foundation.

"The games at Worthing went really well, and for us to be part of the competition was great, as none of our players play mainstream football," said their manager, Luke Frost.

"It's a nice change from playing in the Sussex Disability Football League (SDFL) to be able to play games in a cup format.

"The first game we had was against our fellow team at the Foundation, the Reds, which was a hard-fought draw, but that gave us the confidence to put in a good performance against Hastings in the next game and get the win.

"The highlight was definitely making it through to the final though, and beating the Reds on penalties, which is never easy, and the fact that everyone was willing to take a penalty was great to see."

As Frost says, his side are a regular fixture at the SDFL days at our headquarters in Lancing, which has been the perfect way for the team to develop.

"I think on the whole the way the team has progressed and dealt with the challenges and setbacks they've faced is the main takeaway from those games for us," said Frost.

"They've just worked really well together as a team, because they're not a team of individuals, they all support each other and have a great attitude."

The Foundation has had a pan-disability team for over 10 years now, with this side having been together for

the last four years, and this collective having been playing and developing for the past couple, with Frost stepping in to help with coaching this season.

"I've been involved with the team for a few years, even if it's just helping at their training session, and the progress they've made in that time has been really good," said Frost.

"Their worth ethic, commitment to training and dealing with setbacks has all really come together this season and taken them all the way to the final."

Frost is keen to stress how each of his squad has played their part in getting them to the final on Sunday, but there's one of his side in particular who deserves special mention.

"Ben Moore, a player who also features for our amputee team, is a new addition to the team, and the way he's settled in and contributed has been really good, considering he is a single leg amputee," said Frost.

Looking ahead to the final on Sunday though, just what kind of test is Frost expecting against Newhaven Deaf?

"There's been a real feel-good factor in training as we look towards the final, so everyone is really focused on doing their best on the day," said Frost.

"They're all just really proud to be able to represent the Foundation in the final."

"As a Foundation we are also just immensely proud to be part of this first final, and to be able to play our part in making it a great occasion."

PLAYER PROFILES





David Miller • Goalkeeper
Experienced head, calm under
pressure and good with his feet. A
solid shot-stopper who won't make it
easy for the opposition.



Alfie Green • Winger
Skillful and technically gifted
player, who started with the BHA
Foundation when he was I4, and has
gone on to represent the foundation
in numerous fixtures.



Musti Cham • Forward

A Palace fan leading a Brighton team to
a final...who'd seew this coming? It has
been an honour for him to captain the
side over these last couple of seasons,
and seeing how much the team has
progressed.



Elliott Reeves • Midfielder
Profoundly deaf 18 year old, has played
for the deaf and partially sighted futsol
team for several years. Also a keen
sallor, Rollerblader and paddleboarder.
Lifelong BHAFC supporter as well.



Liam Bridger • Striker
His favourite moments with BHA
Foundation are when he played at Man
City's TG in the BT Sport Disability
Football Festival in 2018, and playing at
St. George's Park in 2019 People's FA Cup.



William Spicer • Midfielder
Has played with the Foundation
and its previous guise of Albion in
the Community for about a decade,
representing them in several
tournaments, some as far as Munich.



Mohit Metla • Winger Started playing football when he was 4-years-old and joined the foundation at age 12 meaning played for the foundation for nine years.



Ben Moore • Defender

He got into football when he was 12 after a lower leg amputation aged 10. Ben has played for the BHA Foundation for eight years.



Jason Savin • Defender
Has enjoyed football since the age of about 8 or 9. Used to watch his mum play for Brighton ladies, in the 80s.



Finley Burrowes • Forward
Started playing football when he
was four-years-old and joined the
foundation at the age 12, and has
played for the foundation for nine
years.



Jay Coupland • Defender
Hardworking central defender, who
has participated in a number of the
BHA Foundation's programmes
over several years.



Paul Bartlett • Defender

No-nonsense defender who can
cover a lot of ground.



Oscar Skuza • Midfielder Direct and attacking midfielder, who causes problems in the final third. Has made rapid progress with the BHA Foundation over the last two years.



Will Brickell • Defender Baller.



Tom Ovenden • Defender
A Strong and commanding centreback, who has been inspired by the BHAFC Foundation to pursue a career as a NHS Mental Health Team Support Worker.





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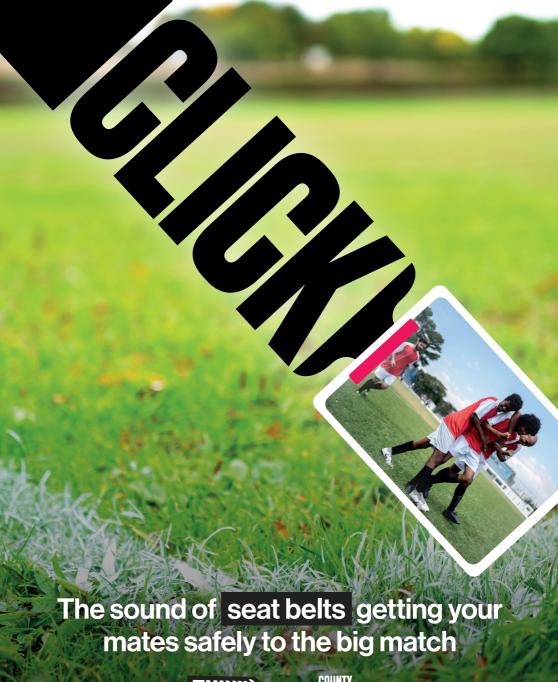
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Pre-Match Preview: Mark White

Getting set for the final is Mark White's Newhaven Deaf, who themselves had tough tests to overcome to make it to the big game on Sunday.

"In the qualifiers, we knew we had to win every game to make it to the final," said White, "and to see that we had Sands United, Crawley Town, and Worthing Inclusive in our group, the players knew it would be a challenging set of games. But they were up for the challenge, and I was pleased with how my team performed in all the matches, winning them all as well."

For Newhaven, their achievement of making it to the final is more impressive when you consider that this is their first season together.

"So, this is actually our first season as a club, as Jay Stally, our General Manager, who is also playing in the cup final, set-up Newhaven Deaf and founded a partnership with Newhaven last year," said White.

"Without Jay and Newhaven, we wouldn't be here right now, so a massive thanks and big hats off to them for making this happen! Jay also appointed me as Newhaven Deaf's Head Coach, a role which I was more than happy to accept, and I hope I've made him happy so far this season."

In terms of highlights from the season away from the cup run, White is in no doubt what to go for.

"Winning the England Deaf Football Community League has been our biggest highlight of the season so far, no question," said White.

"It is every deaf football club's dream to win this league, and for us to win it in our first season of setting up, it's amazing, it still gives me goosebumps now thinking about it!

"The players are still buzzing from it, and the team spirit and morale is really high, so hopefully that stands us in good stead for Sunday."

White is under no illusions that the Brighton & Hove Albion Foundation side will pose a tough test for his players, but he also backs his side going into any game.

"Every match is different, and I believe that the Foundation will give us a good game and be very eager to get their hands on the Matt Major Disability Cup!" said White.

"I'll be telling my players to keep an eye on one of their players, William Brickell, as he is a great player, very tall and strong too, and I know that they'll be keeping an eye on our players too, specifically David Lambert our top scorer with over 35 goals.

"He has been phenomenal for us, one of the best players in our team, and on top of that, he's a real joy to watch as well!"

If everything goes to plan for White's side, they'll be the first side to lift the Sussex Matt Major Disability Cup, something that's not lost on White or his players.

"It means a lot to the club to be part of this tournament in honour of Matt, who truly touched a lot of hearts, and it even means more to the club that we have made it to the final," said White.

"If everything goes our way on Sunday and we get the win, it would truly be a special moment for us to lift up the cup and would definitely boost the team's spirit and morale even more, to know they've gone and achieved a double in their first season!"

PLAYER PROFILES





Joshua Austen • Goalkeeper

A young goalkeeper, with great potential! Trains well, and, always willing to learn from his mistakes, always ready to step up. Has been on form in recent months, having a dozen of clean sheets.



Dylan Greaves-Lord • Defender

A versatile defender who loves to defend, and even more loves to slide tackle! Keeps everyone on their toes, and takes pride in his performances. Can be loud when he wants to be!



Joe Jackson • Midfielder

Quietest player on the team, but don't let that fool you! Joe can certainly create chances, play a pass from anywhere! A box to box midfielder who has been amoung the goals.



Jay Stally . Defender

A ball playing defender with a wand of a left foot, who can also play anywhere! A fearless player who will not back out of anything. A rock for us and played every single game for the us this season!



Harry Carter • Midfielder

Plays effortlessly, steps in, can play a pass anywhere, can also play in defence too. A strong battling midfielder, who controls the middle of the pitch, as if he'd been playing there professionally before!



Alex Milner • Midfielder

Strongest lad in the team by a mile! Controls the ball well enough, can play a pass, and you wouldn't be able to beat him in the air as he loves his headers so much!



George McCann • Defender

A big tall defender who can use his strength and tenacity to stop players going through him. Very calm on the ball, with a good range of passing and never gives up! Reads the game superbly!



Lee Farrell • Midfielder

The man, the myth, the legend! Can play anywhere you want him to, and he will get the job done. One of the best in the World of Deaf Football, and everyone looks up to Lee, he is a great role model!



Paighton Gibson • Winger

Our Duracell Bunny! Incredible work rate, full of energy, and a tenacity that makes him a fan favourite! Converted from a Centre Midfielder to a Left Winger, and has taken his standards to a new leve!



Abid Ali • Winger

A very committed player who will do anything for the club! Converted from Right-Back to Right Winger, Abid has changed his game this season, and has shown he can perform on the wing.



Connor Pointing • Striker

A strong, fearless lad! Picked up an horrific injury a few years back, but has come back even stronger! His best ever season, with over 20 goals and 10 assists.



Wesley Thomas • Winger

A young speedy winger, with a bright future ahead of him. Trains very well, and always willing to learn to be the best he can. Recently been selected to represent Wales DFC for the European Deaf Championship.



David Lambert • Striker

A highly experienced striker, where any team would be lucky to have him! Our Top goalscorer this season with over 35 goals. Has got silky, smooth, quick feet, and needs no pointers for where the goal is.



George Simpson • Winger

Full of energy this one! A strong lad, with quick feet, loves his dribbling, and always determined to go the extra mile for the team. Works tirelessly on the pitch to help support the defence.









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