

The FINAL



**LINDFIELD JUNIORS
vs. WITHDEAN YOUTH**

**SUSSEX GIRLS' CHALLENGE CUP FINAL (UNDER-12s)
SUNDAY 5 MAY 2024 | KICK-OFF: 10.30AM**

OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME



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WELCOME

Welcome to the Sussex County FA Headquarters for today's Sussex Girls' Challenge Cup Final between Lindfield Juniors and Withdean Youth.

Should the score be level after sixty 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.

Finally for those of you that embrace social media you can keep up to date with all the latest news from the Sussex County FA by following on Facebook, X, Instagram, YouTube, TikTok and LinkedIn.

Enjoy the match and have a safe journey home.

A stylized, handwritten signature of Thura KT Win in black ink.

Thura KT Win
Chair of the Sussex County FA

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SUSSEX GIRLS' CHALLENGE CUP (UNDER-12s)

* Received a bye in previous round

FIRST ROUND

BURGESS HILL TOWN JR. (B)	3 ⁽²⁾	3 ⁽⁰⁾	SOUTHWICK
EAST GRINSTEAD MEADS	16	0	UCKFIELD GRASS. (Y)
POETS CORNER	W	L	BURGESS HILL TOWN JR. (G)
PEACEHAVEN & TELS.	0	2	LINDFIELD JUNIORS
UCKFIELD GRASS.	1	8	WORTHING UNITED YOUTH

HASTINGS UNITED	1	2	UCKFIELD GRASS. (B)
LEWES JUNIORS	5	3	WORTHING TOWN
SEDLSCOMBE RANGERS	1	7	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN
EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	3	0	MAIDENBOWER COLTS

SECOND ROUND

BURGESS HILL TOWN JR. (B)	1 ⁽⁰⁾	1 ⁽⁰⁾	EAST GRINSTEAD MEADS
TD SHIPLEY YOUTH	0	2	POETS CORNER
LINDFIELD JUNIORS	4	0	WORTHING UNITED YOUTH
CRAWLEY DOWN GAT.	2	1	SOUTHWATER ROYALS

WITHDEAN YOUTH	5	0	SEAFORD TOWN
SOUTHWICK RANGERS	2	4	UCKFIELD GRASS. (B)
NEWHAVEN	L	W	LEWES JUNIORS
BOGNOR REGIS TOWN	3	1	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH

QUARTER-FINAL

BURGESS HILL TOWN JR. (B)	4	0	POETS CORNER
LINDFIELD JUNIORS	8	0	CRAWLEY DOWN GAT.

WITHDEAN YOUTH	W	L	UCKFIELD GRASS. (B)
LEWES JUNIORS	4	1	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN

SEMI-FINAL

BURGESS HILL TOWN JR. (B)	0	2	LINDFIELD JUNIORS
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WITHDEAN YOUTH	4	2	LEWES JUNIORS
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LINDFIELD JUNIORS



Pre-Match Preview: Brett Thornton

Lindfield manager Brett Thornton's side haven't been with one another for a long time, but they haven't had to wait long for success.

"I'm so proud of the girls and excited for them! This is only their third season together and their first at 9-a-side, so they've done so well," said Thornton.

"The girls are excited but nervous, that's for sure!"

Much like Withdean, Lindfield have had a fantastic run in this competition, beating sides such as Worthing United Youth 4-0 in the second round of the competition.

With the goals flying in, does this help Thornton's side with their confidence in the final?

"The girls have risen to all the challenges in front of them and kept their nerve in the semi-final to win on penalties," said Thornton.

"The girls and I know anything can happen in the final, but we have some great strikers of the ball so we're hopeful we can get on the scoresheet against a strong Withdean defence."

"In training, we like to concentrate on the girl's confidence on the ball, moving it quickly under pressure so we can create chances on a match day."

In the SCWGFL, Lindfield have faced their fair share of challenges but despite the difficult moments the girls have finished in third with 23 points.

For Thornton, the girls have continued to work as a team and get the results they need.

"The Sussex girls league has some amazing teams and players in the premier division," said Thornton.

"Fortunately, we are blessed with a great team and some individuals ourselves meaning we can go into every game with confidence of getting a result.

"We've had a few losses, but this hasn't stopped the girls from pushing on and developing as a team."

Lindfield have shown they can win tough games but what does Thornton expect from Withdean?

"Withdean are a great team with some brilliant players we know they have the experience and quality to win," he said, "the girls know they're in for a battle but if they all turn up and play the way they know they can anything is possible on the day!"



PLAYER PROFILES



Emmie Pickett • Goalkeeper

Brave shot stopper who's great with her feet. fills the team with confidence.



Phoebe Hatt • Defender

Tough tackler who doesn't like anyone going past her.



Maddie Digweed • Defender

Tenacious and tough. Loves to pick a pass.



Emma Markwick • Centre Midfielder

Midfield maestro always looking to win the ball and play forwards.



Sophia Barker • Forward

Presses from the front, strong on the ball with a great right foot.



Holly Cunningham • Forward

Battler with a knack for poaching goals.



Millie Jefferson • Winger

Quick and strong on the ball always looking to beat her marker.



Izzy Griffin • Winger

Rapid with the ball at her feet, constant threat when on the ball keeping opposition on their toes.



Beth Woodward • Defender/Midfielder

Quick and strong, covers the pitch really well stamping out goal threats. strong striker of the ball.



Poppy Bell • Winger

Tricky winger who's always looking to beat her marker to swing a cross in or get a shot off.



Harriet Fenton-Little • Defender

Ice cold defender who's never fazed.



Katie Church • Centre Midfielder

Strong all round player who likes to pick a pass and get her shots off.



Ava Thornton • Defender

Calm defender who loves to play out from the back.

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WITHDEAN YOUTH



Pre-Match Preview: Steve Beach

Withdean Youth and Lindfield Juniors face off in the Sussex Girls' Challenge Cup Final (Under-12s) and for Withdean manager Steve Beach it's an occasion both he and his team are looking forward to.

"The girls are very excited about reaching the final in their first competitive season," said Beach.

"The team have been together since we started at Under-10's and to see their progression and development collectively and individually over this time has been amazing, this feels like a fitting achievement."

In this competition, his side have had an extremely consistent run. Winning games against Seaford Town 5-0, Beach's side has shown why they deserve to be fighting for this trophy.

"The girls have been so consistent," said Beach, "the Semi-Final was a great game against our big rivals Lewes Juniors who we defeated the week before in the league which made the game even more challenging.

"I strongly believe in the girl's ability and collective spirit to beat anyone on their day, if they are focused and play to our strengths, I am confident they will deliver a great performance."

Withdean have scored a total of nine goals across the competition but has this been something Beach has been working on with his team in training?

"Not specifically, the focus is always on how we can become stronger as a team and as an attacking unit," said Beach.

"This season the goals have been really spread throughout the team which is very pleasing."

Away from their cup run, Withdean have had a fantastic season in the Sussex County Women and Girls Football League (SCWGFL). The girls have done the impossible and gone undefeated in their League, winning with a total of 40 points.

Beach is keen to praise his side for their achievements this season.

"The girls have had a fantastic season and won the league by going undefeated which I am incredibly proud of," said Beach.

"Every challenge I have given the team they have risen too and already there have been many great highlights.

"Watching the way they have continued to bond as mates and as a team gives me the most satisfaction, I believe it's one of our biggest strengths."

With their sights set firmly on the trophy, what does Beach expect from Lindfield in the final?

"I am expecting an extremely tough competitive final and it should be a cracking game!" said Beach.



PLAYER PROFILES



Lilie Dunn • Goalkeeper

The Cat. Galaxy's number one, so calm she can often be seen leaning against the goal posts. Has had a very strong season with nine clean sheets.



Zoe Blom • Defender L/R Midfielder L/R

The Assassin. Stealth like and a versatile player who often switches positions from defence to midfield in the same game. Loves a tournament goal!



Timea Saroka • Defender L/C/R

The Wall. Strong in the challenge, quick on the turn. Galaxy's rock at the back who is very rarely beaten and the heart beat of the team. Represents both Brighton Schools & Sussex.



Abi Watson • Defender L/R

The Sixth Sense. A hugely consistent defender who's great positional sense has saved the team many a goal this season. Can play either side on the back line, a real asset to the team.



Grace Htay • Defender L/C/R

The Communicator. Our pacey versatile defender and organiser at the back who is vocal on & off the pitch! Deadly from long range and a long throw specialist. Represents both Brighton Schools & Sussex.



Olivia Key • Defender L/R

The Rock. A strong defender who not many get passed. Possesses a great right foot and dominates either side of the Galaxy defence with ease.



Betsy Feltham • Defence/Midfield Striker

The Enigma. Where she plays nobody knows. A natural athlete, footballer and set piece specialist who can play in a number of positions with ease. Represents Brighton & Hove Albion ETC.



Juliet Wardrope • Winger L/R

Twinkle Toes. Highly skilful attacking midfielder who is full of goals. Strong in the challenge and very hard to dispossess. Represents both Brighton School & Sussex.



Charlie Beach(C) • Attacking/Defensive Mid

The Vision. Sees a pass nobody else sees. A creative midfielder who keeps the ball moving, contributes with assists and goals. Represents Brighton Schools, Sussex & BHA ETC.



Mia Christie • Attacking Midfield/Striker

The Fox in the Box. A powerful high scoring attacking player who has a real eye for goal. Strong in the challenge and drives the team forward. Represents Brighton Schools.



LB Cox • Winger L/R

The Artist. Skillful winger & set piece specialist. Ties defenders in knots with her skill. Represents both Brighton Schools & Brighton & Hove albion ETC.



Lara Green • Attacking/Defensive Mid

The General. Ferocious in the tackle, drives the team forward with her mazy runs and also defensive recoveries. A goal scorer & hugely important part of the team. Represents Brighton Schools.



Lucille Trigg • Midfielder L/C/R

The Student. This player loves football and Galaxy more than life itself. Strong midfielder who can play in a number of positions.



Gabriella Roberts • Striker (Captain)

The Centurion. Lightning pace and a member of the exclusive Galaxy 100 goal club. When you need a goal Gabby delivers. Represents Brighton Schools, Sussex & Brighton & Hove Albion ETC.



Florence Whiteman • Midfielder L/R

The Technician. Highly technical player, determined and deceptively strong in the tackle & hard to dispossess. Previously represented Brighton Schools & currently Sussex.

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2018	EAST GRINSTEAD MEADS	2022	WORTHING UNITED YOUTH
2019	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	2023	CRAWLEY WASPS
2020	WORTHING TOWN	2024	
2021	COMPETITION CURTAILED		

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Do you have any old or unwanted football kit and/or equipment?

With the football season drawing to a close, many clubs may take the opportunity in the off-season to purchase a new kit. Players may also buy new boots, shin pads or goalkeeper gloves.

But spare a thought for that old football kit or pair of boots, what happens to those items now?

The Sussex County FA, together with charity partners Sussex to Africa, is encouraging all clubs and players to donate any of their unwanted football kit or equipment, so that it can be put to good use and bring joy to communities in Africa.

What football kit and equipment can be donated:

- Shirts
- Shorts
- Socks
- Tracksuits
- Boots
- Goalkeeper Gloves
- Shin Pads
- Footballs
- Trainers
- Training Equipment

All donations should be clean and kept together in a plastic bag, bin bag or box. Donations of both adult and children's kit and equipment is welcome.

How to donate:

- Drop into the Sussex County FA Headquarters in Lancing
- Contact the Sussex County FA who can arrange local collection

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