



Hertfordshire FA



Sunday Junior Cup Final 2023
FC Emperors Head v Glenn Sports

Sunday 30th April 2023 2:30pm
The County Ground, Letchworth Garden City



Welcome to The County Ground

Our tenth County Cup Final of 2023

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to The County Ground, home of Hertfordshire FA for today's Sunday Junior Cup Final.

Our congratulations go to the players and management of both Emperors Head and Glenn Sports on reaching the final. We wish you the very best of luck for the match and hope you have a memorable day. We also want to acknowledge both club's volunteers, 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.

While you are here be sure to make the most of the facilities, including our licensed cafe serving hot and cold drinks, food and snacks which is next to the main stand. 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.

Tony Butler,
Chair, Competitions Committee

“ ***Congratulations to all involved in today's final,
whatever the result you should take great pride in
the achievement of reaching this stage*** ”

Hertfordshire FA Competitions Committee

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Tony Butler

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Competition History



This is the 56th Final of the Hertfordshire FA
Sunday Junior Cup

The Sunday Junior Cup was introduced in the 1965/66 season, just two years after the Sunday Senior Cup was introduced, reflecting the rapid growth of Sunday football in the county. It is open to teams in the lower divisions of their respective leagues.

It is unusual for a team to win on more than one occasion as they tend to also be promoted within their league and move up to the Sunday Intermediate Cup in subsequent years.

Only three sides have won the cup twice, Northaw, Sheffield House Rangers and St Margaretsbury Reserves. However it is Walkern Social with three consecutive wins between 1986 and 1988 who are the most successful club in this competition.

Neither of today's finalists have reached this stage before, so both will be looking to secure their first win in this competition and become the 51st different club to lift this trophy.

Today's match will be 45 minutes each way, with kicks from the penalty mark if necessary.

Recent Finals

The COVID pandemic caused the 2019/20 season to be cut short, with winning semi-finalists Broxbourne and AC Malone declared to have shared the competition. The Sunday Junior Cup was not run in the subsequent season before returning last year.

2010/11	Bedwell Rangers	2 - 0	Carefree Athletic
2011/12	Oxhey Jets Vets	6 - 4	The Bell
2012/13	Evergreen AFC	3 - 0	Standon and Puckeridge
2013/14	Brookmans Park Reserves	2 - 0	Sandon
2014/15	Echoes	2 - 2 (4 - 2)P	Church End
2015/16	Narankiri Health City	2 - 0	Boxmoor
2016/17	Hexton	5 - 1	Southbury
2017/18	Everett Rovers	4 - 0	Two Chimneys
2018/19	AFC Cheshunt	4 - 4 (5 - 3)P	AFC Leavesden
2021/22	Royston United	0 - 0 (5 - 4)P	Woodside



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We welcome donations of adult and children's kit.

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Club Profile

FC Emperors Head



Team formed from a group of old school friends aiming to build on a strong start

The team is made up mostly of boys that went to school together and have continued to form a strong bond on and off the pitch. We were formed in 2021 and played our first season as George & Dragon FC before changing to FC Emperors Head.

We started out playing in Division 3 of the Hitchin Sunday League and finished fifth, and also had some good cup runs, reaching a quarter final and semi final. As a result we were promoted to Division 1 of the Hitchin Sunday League for the current season.

League Season

Hitchin Sunday Football League, Division 1

As at 25/04/2023

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Coach and Horses	20	16	4	0	66	23	43	52
2 Engineers Arms	17	12	0	5	38	30	8	36
3 Chells Rovers	13	10	2	1	44	13	31	32
4 AC Malone	15	9	2	4	36	23	13	29
5 Atletico 99	16	8	2	6	36	25	11	26
6 The Cock FC	17	8	1	8	34	45	-11	25
7 FC Emperors Head	15	7	0	8	34	32	2	21
8 Fairfield Park	13	6	1	6	48	33	15	19
9 Sandon SFC	17	4	5	8	30	41	-11	17
10 Arlesey Town Sunday	12	5	1	6	30	39	-9	16
11 St Ippolyts FC	18	4	3	11	30	53	-23	15
12 Ashwell	18	2	2	14	26	42	-16	8
13 Bufs FC Sunday	19	2	1	16	11	64	-53	7

Meet the Players

FC Emperors Head

Tells us about your squad....

Harvir Deans

Having signed for us at the start of the season, Harvir mixes playing with university. Cool and calm he's a top keeper at Sunday League level.

Dylan Higgins

Another who signed this season, Dylan is a tough tackler who is good on the ball, but sometimes can be a bit too confident. Assures me he knows what he's doing.

Daniel Sears

Organises the defence well and good in the air. Makes a massive difference to the team when he's available to play and his presence is obvious in the results.

Connor Harris

Improved all season, making himself a regular in the side. Enjoys the physical side of the game and has scored a few goals. Would head a brick for the team.

Max Hares

The heartbeat of the team, Max is a player who gives his all every week. Never stops running, talking or organising the team. Scores a few goals as well.

Jason Fleet

Jason is our Mr Consistency! Does exactly what's needed for the team every single week. Only missed one game all season. Pleasure to have in the squad.



Aiden Rampton

A real team player, Aiden will always give 100% in whatever position we need him in. Has definitely relaxed this season which has shown in his performance.

Leon Taylor

New to the squad this season, Leon is good on the ball and can be relied on to work hard for the team. Has also scored some vital goals, including in the semi-final.

Tommy Reynolds

Gives the team a big lift when he can play. Scores and creates goals, great header of the ball for his height. Always has to ask at least three times where the game is.

Austin Blake

Was our top goal scorer last season and is now hitting the net regularly this term after something of a slow start. His impressive pace is a big asset to the team.

Kyle Cook

A player who is good technically, capable of both scoring goals and creating chances for others and a smart footballer who thinks before he does anything.

James Led

James shares the Number 1 shirt with Harvey. He's a very reliable keeper and a good shot stopper. A club man he supports the team even when not playing.

Jack Briars

Turns up every week and will play anywhere he is asked. Gives 100% and nothing less. Can throw the ball further than most people can kick it.

Daniel Sheahan

Player who is cool and calm when in possession and always comfortable on the ball. Makes an impact on the game and is an important member of the squad.

Tavian Fadairo

Quick and skilful, Tavian has scored some important goals for us this season, but unfortunately injury has kept him out of the team recently.



Max Mahoney

University commitments mean he hasn't played as often as we would like this season, but his ability means it's always a plus when he's available to play.

Ryan Harris

Re-signed for us half way through the season. A powerful player with bags of commitment, he makes a difference when he plays with his physical approach.

Harry Hacobian

Harry is deceptively quick and strong, making him an asset in a number of positions around the pitch. Will play wherever he is asked and never moans.

Ross Cook

Work and injury has unfortunately limited his game time for us this season, but can always be relied upon to put in a good performance whenever he plays.

Mitchel Flecknell

Mitchell is a tough, hard working player who gives his all for the team. A passionate competitor who is guaranteed to leave everything on the pitch.

Give us your analysis of the season so far...

We made a very slow start to the season losing five of our first six games, with our only victory in the first round of the County Cup. We then won 13 games in a row, beating some of the best teams in the league, regularly keeping a clean sheet.

Rarely are we able to pick the same team two weeks running due to injuries, work and holidays, but when we have all of our key players we can compete with anyone.

Full credit to all the boys this season and it's a great reward for their effort to be in this final. They have played unusual positions and formations most weeks as we adapt to the available players. I'm sure they will enjoy their day and put in a great performance.



FC Emperors Head

Currently 7th in Hitchin Sunday Football League Division 1

As at 25/04/2023

League Form

Games Won	15
Games Drawn	7
Games Lost	0
Goals Scored	34
Goals Conceded	32

Leading Scorers

11	Austin Blake
10	Leon Taylor
6	Tavian Fadairo
5	Tommy Reynolds
5	Kyle Cook

Route to the Final

R1	North Herts Hatters	0 - 2	FC Emperors Head
R2	FC Emperors Head	5 - 0	Hemel Harriers FC
R3	Saint Evenage FC	A - W	FC Emperors Head
R4	FC Emperors Head	4 - 3	Almond Tree
QF	FC Emperors Head	3 - 0	Chells Rovers
SF	FC Emperors Head	2 - 0	AC Malone



Glenn Sports

Currently 1st in the Watford Sunday Football League Division 2

As at 25/04/2023

League Form

Games Won	16
Games Drawn	1
Games Lost	1
Goals Scored	66
Goals Conceded	14

Leading Scorers

30	Chris Blunden
25	Sam Clark
8	John Smith
8	Lewis Putman
8	Frankie Henley

Route to the Final

R1	Glenn Sports	4 - 3	Coach and Horses
R2	Glenn Sports	9 - 2	Brookmans Park Reserves
R3	Hertfordshire Vets	0 - 10	Glenn Sports
R4	Glenn Sports	4 - 1	Brewster Plumbing
QF	Glenn Sports	1 - 0	Atletico 99
SF	Fairfield Park	2 - 4	Glenn Sports

Meet the Players

Glenn Sports



Tells us about your squad....

Mark Richards

It's Mark's first season as a goalkeeper but you wouldn't have known. Instrumental in our league and cup success this season, just don't let him anywhere near the trophy if we manage to win today.

Johnny McGeachy

An absolute rock at the back for us this season and on top of that an even better bloke to have in the squad. Johnny is our very own Flower of Scotland, the Glenn's answer to Alan Hutton.

James Henney

The last bastion of English football. Why kick it when you can head it? Will be forced into retirement if a no heading rule comes into the game. Will be making his 40th senior appearance for the club today.

Sim Armstrong

Captain. Leader. Legend. When this man isn't running marathons he can be found running rings around some of Watford's finest. An inspiration to all and not a bad footballer for a centre back.

Luke Lane-Durnin

That rarest of things, a defender with genuine class. You know your centre back is good when he's doing Cruyff turns with high white socks on his debut. Mustard. Pure mustard.

James Hocking

It's not overdoing it to say that there would be no Glenn Sports without this man. The elite of the elite, he's one of our very own. Quite simply the GOAT with 87 senior appearances for the club.

Grant Avis

Avo is someone who plays football with a smile on his face. Cool calm and collected on the ball, he's an inspiration to us all. Has been known to try and gain a few yards from throw ins on occasion.



Gary Yerby

Absolute trooper who'll muck in anywhere. Not just a team player on the pitch, he's one of the best blokes off it. Has four pairs of boots and pads which is handy for some of this useless lot on Sunday mornings.

George Davies

A versatile member of the squad, George is a player who can play pretty much anywhere on the pitch. He's the Glenn's answer to Phil Neville. Come on G.

Tom Kennedy

Tom has been a great addition to the side and finally got his hands on his first proper trophy last weekend. Great work mate, we're proud of your efforts, hopefully more to come soon.

John Smith

John describes himself as an overweight, lazy, centre midfielder with anger problems. Although we completely agree, we are lucky to have him, a huge part of our success this season.

Mitchel Wheatley

Mitchel is another one of the Glenn Sports originals. Anything to do with the Glenn this man is all over it, the closest thing to a one club man we have with 90 senior appearances under his belt.

Brad Wadkins

The greatest player in Glenn Sports history and that's a fact. If you have not seen him play before today then our advice would be to remember the name and just enjoy what you are about to witness.

Frankie Henley

Frankie is making his 72nd senior appearance for the club this afternoon. Always one for the big occasion, scoring in important matches is second nature to this man, so one to watch out for today.

Chris Blunden

Quite possibly the least gracious winner you will ever meet. But a winner is still a winner and despite his faults we wouldn't change him for the world. Been known to score the odd goal or two.

Sam Clark

Glenn Sports all time top goal scorer and club legend and proper old school centre forward. Will be making his 75th Senior appearance for the club today and that experience will be valuable in this game.

Lewis Putman

The second best player in Glenn Sports history. Famous wherever he goes and holds various goal scoring records. His 81 goals in one season for Oxhey Jets when he was just 22 is definitely impressive.

Give us your analysis of the season so far...

The Glenn's first season back in Sunday league started off with a draw away from home. Spurred on from there we picked up numerous wins but then fell to a first defeat of the season against the then league leaders. A rich vein of form then took over as the Glenn went on to win numerous league and cup games bringing us to the turn of the year.

From there victories came in abundance and we went on to secure our spot in the final of the Hertfordshire FA Junior Cup, followed by securing a spot in the Chairmans Cup Final within our respective league. Most recently the Glenn became Division 2 Champions winning a hard-fought contest to cement the first of a potential treble.

Club Profile

Glenn Sports

Historic Sports and Social club has produced many successful sides down the years



Founded in 1901, The Glenn has offered a host of different sides over the years. The most recent success came from the 2017-2021 Saturday side, before making the transition to Sunday football. The Glenn has had plenty of success with Sunday sides, the most famous of which reached the national cup final at Tranmere's Prenton Park in 1986.

The boys would like to say a special thank you to our club secretary Noel Roper for his continued support of every team we have had. Also, I suppose we have to mention our chairman Andy Stewart and thank him sincerely for his constant vocal efforts aimed at improving our players and always expecting better of them.

League Season

Watford Sunday Football League, Division 2

As at 25/04/2023

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Glenn Sports	18	16	1	1	66	14	52	49
2	The Cross	19	14	1	4	45	21	24	43
3	CF Fajeczka	20	9	5	6	44	40	4	32
4	West Herts	19	8	3	8	38	41	-3	27
5	Dunnings Bar FC	19	6	6	7	27	36	-9	24
6	King George FC	19	7	2	10	34	47	-13	23
7	Dome Bar	18	6	2	10	38	50	-12	20
8	Sparta Phoenix FC	18	6	2	10	29	45	-16	20
9	Frances George	17	5	3	9	25	41	-16	18
10	BBFC Blue	20	5	2	13	27	27	0	17
11	St Josephs South Oxhey Res	15	5	1	9	33	44	-11	16



Guest of Honour

Richard Dowden

Hertfordshire FA Vice President and Secretary of the Association's Referees' Committee



Richard has been on the Hertfordshire FA Council since 1986 and is currently Secretary of the Referees' Committee, a position which he has held since 1998. A retired accountant, he also brought his professional experience to bear for many years sitting on the Association's Finance Sub-Committee.

Richard was recently recognised by The FA for his 50 years service to the game and was made a life Vice President of Hertfordshire FA. Elsewhere in football, Richard is a former Vice-Chairman and current Treasurer of the Herts Senior County League, as well as Referee Appointments Officer for the Essex Senior League.

His other interests apart from family are mainly sporting, having played and umpired cricket for many years. Since retirement he has been playing golf more frequently (although still badly, he says) and occasionally bowls in the summer.

We are delighted to welcome Richard to today's final where he will meet the teams before the game and also present the medals at the end of the match.

Today's Match Officials

Neil Angus (Referee)

I started ten years ago and have just gained promotion to Level 4. I currently referee on the SSML Premier and am honoured to be the referee for today's final and wish both teams all the best.

Damon Simmonds (Assistant)

I have been a referee since 2021 and really enjoy it. Looking forward to the Cup Final today and hopefully enjoying a great game of football. Congratulations to both for getting this far and good luck.

Derek Chesson (Assistant)

Originally from Kent I spent my early years playing semi-pro football for Sittingbourne, Faversham, Herne Bay, Tonbridge and trials with Gillingham FC. I have been refereeing for 25 years.

Stephen Edwards (Fourth Official)

I'm a FA Level 2 football coach from Watford and have also been refereeing youth and adult football for many years in various leagues in Hertfordshire. I'm currently a county Level 5 referee.



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Hertfordshire FA County Cup Finals 2023



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Won by Ware Sports

Saturday 25 March 2:30pm U18 Girls Cup

Won by Watford Ladies Youth

Wednesday 29 March 7:45pm* Senior Challenge Cup

Won by Berkhamsted

Friday 7 April 2:30pm Junior Cup

Won by Sun Sports Rovers

Sunday 16 April 2:30pm Sunday Intermediate Cup

Won by Brookmans Park

Sunday 23 April 10:30am U15 Boys Cup

Won by Baldock Town

Sunday 23 April 2:30pm Women's Cup

Won by Stevenage FC Women

Saturday 29 April 10:30am U16 Girls Cup

Watford FC CSE Trust v Knebworth Youth

Sunday 30 April 2:30pm Sunday Junior Cup

FC Emperors Head v Glenn Sports

Sunday 7th May 10:30am U16 Boys Cup

Ware FC Academy v Harpenden Town

Sunday 7th May 2:30pm U18 Boys Cup

Cheshunt v Hemel Hempstead Town

Saturday 20 May 10:30am U14 Girls Cup

Watford Ladies Youth v Bedwell Rangers

Saturday 20 May 2:30pm U15 Girls Cup

Watford Ladies Youth v Hitchin Belles Youth

Sunday 21 May 10:30am U14 Boys Cup

Ware FC Academy v Cheshunt Youth

Sunday 21 May 3:00pm Sunday Senior Cup

Borehamwood Rovers v St Josephs South Oxhey

* All finals to be played at The County Ground, Letchworth with the exception of the Senior Challenge Cup which is being held at Theobalds Lane, Cheshunt



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Harvir Deans
Dylan Higgins
Daniel Sears
Connor Harris
Max Hares
Jason Fleet
Aiden Rampton
Leon Taylor
Tommy Reynolds
Austin Blake
Kyle Cook
James Led
Jack Briars
Daniel Sheahan
Tavian Fadairo
Max Mahoney
Ryan Harris
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Grant Avis
Gary Yerby
George Davies
Tom Kennedy
John Smith
Mitchel Wheatley
Brad Wadkins
Frankie Henley
Chris Blunden
Sam Clark
Lewis Putman

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Assistant: Adam Euling
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Shorts, Navy Socks

Referee:
Neil Angus

Assistants:
Damon Simmonds, Derek Chesson

Fourth Official:
Stephen Edwards