

**BIRMINGHAM COUNTY
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

2022 SENIOR CHALLENGE CUP 2023 FINAL

**COVENTRY CITY
VS
STOURBRIDGE FC**



STOURBRIDGE FC



FRIDAY 12 MAY 2023 | KICK OFF 7.45PM | WALSALL FC

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COUNTY CUP FIXTURES 2022/23

YOU CAN BE PART OF THE #MORETHANACUP JOURNEY BY ATTENDING OUR 14 COUNTY CUP FINALS DURING APRIL AND MAY 2023.

SUNDAY AMATEUR CUP
EXCELLENCE ARENA
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SUNDAY 2 APRIL, 11AM

GIRLS COUNTY CUP
EXCELLENCE ARENA
BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA
SATURDAY 15 APRIL, 11AM

SATURDAY MINOR CUP
EXCELLENCE ARENA
BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA
SATURDAY 22 APRIL, 11AM

SUNDAY VASE
EXCELLENCE ARENA
BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA
SUNDAY 23 APRIL, 11AM

ROGER WOOD MEMORIAL CUP
EXCELLENCE ARENA
BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA
SUNDAY 30 APRIL, 11AM

WOMEN'S COUNTY CUP
MOLINEUX STADIUM
TUESDAY 9 MAY, 7.45PM

MIDWEEK FLOODLIT CUP
WALSALL FC
THURSDAY 11 MAY, 7.45PM

SENIOR CUP
WALSALL FC
FRIDAY 12 MAY, 7.45PM

SATURDAY AMATEUR CUP
EXCELLENCE ARENA
BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA
SATURDAY 13 MAY, 2PM

MINOR CUP
EXCELLENCE ARENA
BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA
SUNDAY 14 MAY, 11AM

JOEL RICHARDS MEMORIAL CUP
WALSALL FC
MONDAY 15 MAY, 7.45PM

SATURDAY VASE
EXCELLENCE ARENA
BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA
SATURDAY 20 MAY, 2PM

VETERANS CUP
EXCELLENCE ARENA
BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA
SUNDAY 21 MAY, 11AM

SUNDAY YOUTH CUP
EXCELLENCE ARENA
BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA
SUNDAY 28 MAY, 11AM

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WELCOME

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTY CUP FINAL

A warm welcome to all the players, coaches, volunteers and supporters of both competing teams and also the match officials for this prestigious County Cup Final.

With 1,100 clubs with a combined total of 5,200 teams and nearly 79,000 players playing all formats of the game within our County boundary, every team that makes it to one of our 14 Cup Finals should be rightly proud of their achievements.

We have again received over 500 Cup entries across all of our competitions so the winners of this and each Final can proudly carry the mantle of County 'Champions' which also brings with it the kudos but added responsibility of playing and behaving in the manner that befits the title of Champions at their respective levels of the game for the next 12 months.

It is also a big day for our match officials who have dedicated hours and in some cases many years 'in the middle' and on the side-lines at all levels of the game to have been selected to represent our 1,300 Birmingham County FA officials at their chosen Final which is part of their own development and reward for their own performances during the current and previous seasons.

I'd also like to take the opportunity of thanking the thousands of volunteers for all the work they do throughout the season to simply help and administer and improve their clubs and teams – more often than not unpaid and into the early hours across many evenings. Without the range of volunteers at every level of the game and at every club and league, then the game as we know it would not exist, especially at grassroots level. As part of the post-match celebrations, we will be presenting a volunteer award which each finalist has nominated as a thank you from those at each club.

I'd also like to thank my colleagues at Birmingham County FA for all the work they do and the support they offer participants in order to promote, govern and develop the game and deliver 14 fantastic Finals and create memories for those who play, coach, officiate and watch their friends, family and loved ones compete.

Enjoy the game and celebrate your achievements before and after the game whilst, at the same time, recognising and respecting the achievements of the opposition and their efforts in making the Final along with those of the match officials on their special day as well.

Play well and play fair and enjoy the memories and friendships that the fixture brings.

Kevin Shoemake
CEO – Birmingham County FA



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KEVIN SHOEMAKE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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SENIOR CHALLENGE CUP MEET THE OFFICIALS



REFEREE

RICHIE WATKINS

I started refereeing in 2005, with my first promotion being obtained in 2012 (to Level 6). I was promoted to Step 1 (Level 2A) in January 2023 and currently referee in the National League Premier, Premier League 2 and Women's Super League, and am Fourth Official in the Football League.

ASSISTANT REFEREE

STEVEN DURNALL

I started refereeing in 2004 at 19 years old, beginning my career in youth and Sunday morning football on the Sandwell and Warley Sunday leagues. Following many seasons as a level 5 official on the West Midlands Regional League, promotions came quickly to level 4 and level 3, working on the Northern Premier League and Southern League as a referee. As an assistant referee I continued to progress through National League North and South onto the National League Premier, where last season I was appointed to the Play off semi-final between Wrexham and Grimsby Town which ended in a 5-4 victory for the visitors. This season has been my first as a football league assistant referee with the majority of my games in either League 1 or League 2, but also officiating in the FA Cup, Carabao Cup, WSL and Papa John's Trophy. It is an honour and a privilege to be appointed to the Birmingham County Senior Cup Final, a competition with such history and significance within the region and won by many prestigious clubs. Good luck to both teams and enjoy the game!

ASSISTANT REFEREE

RYAN WILLIAMS

I am a Level 3 Referee and a Step 1 Assistant Referee. I first passed my referees course in late 2013, following a lot of overthinking about whether I should even take it or not. I was lucky enough to assist on the National League – North Play off final last May, at York City, in front of 7500 fans and was then promoted to the National League and Premier League 2 line. This season I have officiated on some exciting fixtures, including Woking V Chesterfield live on BT Sport, Eastleigh V Boreham Wood in the FA Cup First Round Proper, as well as the title decider at Redditch V Tamworth in April.

FOURTH OFFICIAL

CALLUM FISK

I qualified as a referee as part of my Duke of Edinburgh Award in 2013. Since then, I have progressed up through the ranks in the Midland Football League and was promoted at the end of last season to Level 3. I've thoroughly enjoyed my first season and have been involved in some great local derbies at Step 3. At the end of this season, I was chosen to referee the Isthmian League North Play Off Final between AFC Sudbury and Heybridge Swifts in front of a crowd of 1,200. I have also been fortunate enough to have been invited into FA CORE over the past couple of seasons, this has allowed my development to go from strength to strength and has presented numerous opportunities, including taking part in a FA Exchange trip to Denmark.



**POSITIVITY
ALWAYS
WINS**

BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION SENIOR CHALLENGE CUP

Written by Steve Carr

The Birmingham Senior Cup was first contested in 1876-77, the same season as the Sheffield & Hallamshire Senior Cup, making these competitions the two oldest surviving county cup competitions in England. This evening's game is the 136th Birmingham Senior Cup Final, the fourth to be staged at the Bescot Stadium and the eighth to take place in Walsall. The previous Finals are as follows:

1965-66	Fellows Park	Tamworth 3-1 Kidderminster Harriers
1972-73	Fellows Park	Darlaston 2-1 Lockheed Leamington
1977-78	Fellows Park	Nuneaton Borough 1-0 Redditch United (replay, after 1-1 draw at Highfield Rd)
1978-79	Fellows Park	Bedworth United 1-1 Lockheed Leamington (Bedworth won replay 2-0)
1993-94	Bescot Stadium	Walsall 3-0 Hednesford Town
2006-07	Bescot Stadium	Coventry City reserves 3-2 Walsall reserves
2012-13	Bescot Stadium	Hednesford Town 4-1 Sutton Coldfield Town

Summary of winners (137 – includes two seasons where joint winners declared)

19	Aston Villa
13	Birmingham City
8	Leamington, West Bromwich Albion*,
7	Kidderminster Harriers, Nuneaton Borough (I), Wolverhampton Wanderers*
5	Redditch United
4	Brierley Hill Alliance, Stourbridge
3	Bedworth United, Burton Town, Coventry City, Hednesford Town, Moor Green, Tamworth, Walsall
2	Atherstone Town, Burton Albion, Halesowen Town, Stoke City, V.S.Rugby, Wednesbury Old Athletic
1	Brush Sports*, Cradley Heath, Darlaston Town, Dudley Town, Highgate United, Hinckley Athletic*, Long Eaton Rangers, Nuneaton Town (I), Nuneaton Town (II), Oakengates Town, Port Vale, Rugby Town, Shrewsbury, Solihull Borough, Solihull Moors, Solihull Town, Stratford Town, Sutton Coldfield Town, Telford United, Walsall Swifts, Willenhall Town, Worcester City

* indicates 1 shared

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COVENTRY CITY & STOURBRIDGE FC SENIOR CHALLENGE CUP



Very few clubs have appeared in the Birmingham Senior Cup more often than Stourbridge. Stourbridge Standard, as the club was then known, first entered the competition as long ago as 1881-82, making regular appearances before WW1 but avoiding the competition completely between the wars. Stourbridge have, however entered every year since 1945, making the current campaign their 99th season of entry. Meanwhile, Coventry City first entered the competition as Singers FC back in the 1892-93 season, but have taken part only intermittently since then, this being the Sky Blues' 46th season of taking part.

This evening's game is only the fourth ever Birmingham Senior Cup tie between Coventry City and Stourbridge, although the first of the three previous meeting came in the Final itself, on Saturday 8th April 1911 at Highfield Road. On that occasion it was City's reserves, playing in the South Eastern League, which met Stourbridge's Birmingham & District League (B&DL) side. City were the better side in the first half, playing with a strong wind behind them. Knight in the Stourbridge goal was kept busy, though he was unable to prevent Coventry taking the lead after 25 minutes, Davies's cross-cum-shot from the corner of the penalty area looping high into the net, well out of his reach. Almost immediately, a rare Stourbridge attack then seemed to produce an equaliser, City keeper Robinson failing to adequately deal with a wayward back pass and centre forward Penzer nipped in to score, only for the linesman to rule that the ball was already out of play before Robinson's intervention, so a corner was awarded instead. Stourbridge improved after the break, but it was not until the later stages of the game that they created any decent opportunities, but their forwards lacked composure in front of goal. Injuries to both Oakes and Watson also hampered their efforts, as there were no substitutes back then, meaning it was Coventry City that eventually won the Cup by the only goal of a hard-fought game. The teams lined up as follows:

Coventry City reserves: Robinson, Juggins, Barnacle, Gordon, Boston, Chaplin, Parkes, Shepherd, Warren, Welch, Davies. Scorer: Davies.

Stourbridge: Knight, Walleth, Weston, Walker, Owen, Green, Robinson, Watson, Penzer, Southall, Oakes.

The only other meetings of the two clubs both took place at the War Memorial Ground, Stourbridge winning a 2nd Round tie 6-1 in 1989-90, and City winning 1-0 there in a 4th Round tie in 2006-07, on the way to their last appearance in the Final.

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THE SKY BLUES

Originally known as 'Singers FC' when they were founded in 1883, Coventry City adopted their current name in 1898. Following their foundation, it took the Sky Blues over two decades to join the Southern League, before eventually being elected into the Football League in 1919.

After moving between the second and third divisions, the Sky Blues reached the top flight for the first time in 1967 in Jimmy Hill's 'Sky Blue Revolution' and remained there for 34 years. It was during this time period that City lifted their only major trophy to date, famously upsetting Tottenham Hotspur in the 1987 FA Cup Final with a 3-2 win at Wembley.

They played in the inaugural Premier League season, continuing to be a regular fixture in the English top division until their relegation in 2001. While they have not returned since, ex-Manchester United striker Mark Robins has inspired them to a different kind of success in recent years. Robins has led City to promotion from both League Two and League One as Champions, and guided them to a memorable Football League Trophy win in 2017.

This campaign has been their third back in the second tier, and City recovered from an interrupted start to move into the Championship Play-Off places, where they will face Middlesbrough over two legs for a place at Wembley. The Sky Blues have won the Birmingham Senior Cup on three occasions – 1911, 1923 and 2007.



SENIOR CHALLENGE CUP

COVENTRY CITY

THE ROAD TO THE FINAL

FIRST ROUND

COVENTRY CITY
vs
BYE

SECOND ROUND

TAMWORTH 3
vs
COVENTRY CITY 4

THIRD ROUND

COLESHILL TOWN 1
vs
COVENTRY CITY 6

QUARTER-FINAL

COVENTRY SPHINX 1 (5)
vs
COVENTRY CITY 1 (6)

SEMI-FINAL

COVENTRY CITY 3
vs
ALVECHURCH 2



**Birmingham &
Black Country**
Wildlife Trust

**CHARITY PARTNER
2022/23**



Birmingham County Football Association and their Save Today, Play Tomorrow programme is pleased to share that they have partnered with Birmingham and Black County Wildlife Trust as their Charity of the Year for the 22/23 season.

The vision for the Trust is for A Wilder Birmingham and Black Country with more green and wild spaces where nature thrives, and where everyone has an equal opportunity to access nature in their daily lives.

The Trust are working towards three goals that they aim to reach by 2030 which are;

1. To see 30% of Birmingham & Black Country's landscape managed for the benefit of wildlife
2. To have at least 1 in 4 people in Birmingham & Black Country taking action for nature
3. To aim for 500 hectares (or the equivalent of 700 football pitches) to be improved to provide nature-based solutions to the ecological & climate crisis

It is hoped through this brand-new partnership BCFA member clubs and their supporters can play a part helping to raise the Trust's profile and encourage and adopt regular fundraising through a series of planned activities from wildlife gardening, citizen science, volunteering, campaigning, events, and training courses at one of the Trust's six nature reserves or two environmental education centres.

Football can play a vital part in protecting our planet by reconnecting and helping the recovery of nature. Grassroots football is predominantly an outdoor sport played on green spaces and it has a unique opportunity to support the Trust's on-going work.

By connecting our clubs & their members to nearby nature over the coming months, we hope will also bring about long-term health & wellbeing benefits reducing anxiety, stress and improving heart health for individuals coupled with the opportunity to raise money for a worthy cause. BCFA have agreed to donate some of the proceeds from ticket sales from all 14 of this seasons County Cup Finals to the Birmingham & Black Country Wildlife Trust

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e.g. STPT 5 to 70085 to donate £5

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SENIOR CHALLENGE CUP

COVENTRY CITY & STOURBRIDGE FC

CLUB FACTS & STATISTICS

Coventry City

Winners	1911, 1923, 2007	
Runners up	None	
Entries	46	
First match	Singers 2-3 Hednesford Town	2nd Qualifying Round 1892-93
Record victory	8-0 v Burton United	1st Round 1905-06
Record defeat	1-7 v Birmingham	3rd Round 1908-09
	1-7 v Birmingham	3rd Round 1914-15

Coventry's two other Birmingham Senior Cup successes came 84 years apart. In 1923 City's reserve side, which by then competed in the Southern League, defeated B&DL opposition again, Bilston United going down by the odd goal in three, while in 2007 City defeated Walsall 3-2 at Bescot Stadium, courtesy of 2 goals by Trinidad & Tobago international Chris Birchall, and one by Andy Whing. The Sky Blues line-up that evening was Steele, Jones, Lynch, Hildreth, Bunce, Francis, Whing, Gooding, West, Birchall, Burtoft. Subs: Ashraf (Burtoft 81), Fitzharris (Jones 101), Burgess (Francis 115), Collett, Ritchie. Coventry City have so far never lost a Birmingham Senior Cup Final and have thus contested more Finals without losing one than any other club in the competition's history.

Stourbridge

Winners	1950, 1959, 1968, 2018	
Runners up	1911, 1946, 1976, 2006, 2009, 2022	
Entries	99	
First match	Arcadians 2-1 Stourbridge Standard	1st Round 1881-82
Record victory	8-0 v Sutton Coldfield Town	1st Round 1953-54
Record defeat	0-11 v Walsall Town	1st Round 1884-85
	0-11 v Ironbridge	2nd Round 1890-91

Stourbridge's record shows four Cup wins out of ten Final appearances, the most recent of these being 5 years ago. After losing to Kidderminster Harriers in 1946, The Glassboys won the Senior Cup for the first time in 1950, defeating Bedworth Town after a drawn game. The replay was won 2-1 at Dudley Town's Sports Centre ground and attracted an attendance exceeding 13,000 people, which would be unthinkable in the modern era! The Birmingham Cup was won for a second time in 1959 when Lockheed Leamington were beaten 2-1 at Villa Park, and the third came in 1968. That year, close rivals Halesowen Town were defeated over two legs, Stourbridge winning by the only goal of the game in the first leg at The Grove, before fighting out a thrilling 3-3 draw at Amblecote to take the cup 4-3 on aggregate. Further success eluded the club until 2018, half a century later, when Hednesford Town was defeated 2-1 at St Andrew's courtesy of 2 goals by Luke Benbow, with this line-up: Gould, Hayden, Christophour, McCone, Pierpoint, Tonks, Gallagher, Broadhurst, Benow, Birch, Shearer. Subs: Hall (Tonks 60), Westlake (Shearer 65), Cooke, Hague, Hawk. The Glassboys will be hoping to go one better than 12 months ago, when they were defeated 3-1 by Leamington at Villa Park, a game witnessed by 2,463 spectators, the highest attendance at a Birmingham Senior Cup Final since 2000.

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SAVE TODAY, PLAY TOMORROW

Birmingham County Football Association is committed to pioneering the way in which football minimises the impact of its activities on the environment.

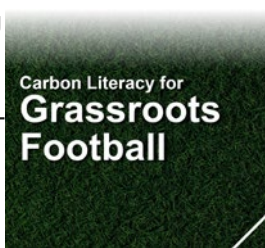
More information on our commitment to creating a sustainable game is available below, along with helpful resources and documents that clubs, leagues and participants can use to help make a significant, positive contribution to the environment. Find out more by clicking [here](#).

Carbon Neutral County Cup Finals. We are working with our carbon reporting & accounting partners Planet Mark, and the venue owners to ensure all 14 of this season's County Cup Finals will be carbon neutral events. Data will be collected on travel, food & beverage, energy & water consumption, and waste to plan and measure the overall emissions generated. These will be independently assessed and verified to meet robust PAS2060 standards and gold standard or VCS offsets will be procured for the finals to be Carbon Neutral events, as we look at more long-term solutions to reduce the impacts.



100% Renewable Energy Tariff. Birmingham County FA was proud to announce a new partnership with energy and sustainability consultant, Utility-Works. The partnership signals a commitment to helping football clubs of all shapes and sizes at the heart of their local communities, during the energy crisis and in the long-term transition to cheaper cleaner renewable energy. Find out more [here](#).

Carbon Literacy for Grassroots Football Training Course. This one-day course gives attendees a month's worth of knowledge and awareness of the carbon costs and impacts of everyday activities and the ability and motivation to reduce emissions, on an individual, community, and organisational basis. Furthermore, learners will gain an understanding of the interdependencies between football and climate change, to allow them to take the necessary steps to reduce the impact the game is having on the environment. [Click here](#) for more.



Be A Super Supporter and Liftshare. Our first of its kind lift sharing scheme in grassroots football is going from strength to strength. To date users have saved over 27,000 miles in football journeys, that equates to 6.1 tonnes of harmful emissions not entering the atmosphere and £7829 not spent on fuel! Liftshare are the UK's largest car sharing organisation & this partnership provides you the opportunity to join the 750,000 likeminded people across the country to reduce their emissions footprint and save money. You can register to join our community [here](#).



Stack-Cup. Birmingham County FA are pleased to announce a partnership with Stack-Cup to offer clubs the opportunity to introduce reusable, washable cups as part of their Save Today, Play Tomorrow programme. To find out more, contact James Roles at Stack-Cup on james.roles@stack-cup.com or visit our website [here](#).



Planet Mark Certified. Planet Mark Certified. We're proud to announce that for the second year we've achieved the Planet Mark Business Certification. This is an incredible achievement involving the entire business which has seen a 30% reduction in CO2 emissions in the last 12 months. In this crucial #DecadeofAction, measuring our own carbon footprint has been a critical step in reducing our impact on the planet and society and through the findings and recommendations from the report we are on the right track to meet our Net Zero ambitions by 2030. View our full Planet Mark Year 2 Report [here](#).



Football Rebooted. We are proud to say that within network we now have over 50 grassroots clubs of all sizes acting as Football Rebooted collection & distribution centres for their community. Through this partnership we are seeing literally hundreds of pre-worn boots being donated each season for use back on the pitch and out of landfill. Many of the clubs have linked with schools or local charities to provide footwear to those most in need, making this as much a social project as much as an environmental one.

On behalf of Birmingham County FA and our partners at Football Rebooted, many thanks to all those clubs involved that offer their continued support. If you would like your club to be part of the Football Rebooted scheme, then please get in contact.



Pledgeball

Pledge of Sustainability. This season over 130 clubs with almost 1000 teams, and 12000 registered players have signed up to the Birmingham County FA Sustainability Pledge in partnership with [Pledgeball](#) engaging their members to pledge to select alternative lifestyle choices across 6 key areas, Travel, Food, Waste, Water, Energy & Community Engagement. By recording their behaviour changes throughout the season via the digital Pledgeball app the clubs have been competing each month to finish top of the league to receive £500 towards their running costs for this season.

To date 3,105,039kgs CO2e has been pledged to be saved this year which is the equivalent to taking 675 cars off the road.

To help support your club for FREE become more sustainable both environmentally & financially just follow these 3 easy steps:

1. Go to <https://www.pledgeball.org/events/> and scroll down to "Up Coming Events" and select Birmingham County FA
2. Find & select your club
3. Register as a supporter, select your simple pledges and see the carbon savings for the year

To find out more about Pledgeball, head to [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) or [Pledgeball.org](#)

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THE GLASSBOYS

'The Glassboys' (reflecting the towns connection with the Cut Glass industry) were founded in 1876 as Stourbridge Standard. By the 1887-88 season, the club had changed its name to the now known Stourbridge FC. They have an array of successes to show for their long history and in County Cups alone, Stourbridge have picked up the Worcestershire Senior Cup on 10 occasions, the Herefordshire Senior Cup once, with their success in the Birmingham Senior Challenge Cup currently totalling 4.

Stourbridge won the Birmingham League Championship in 1924 and picked up the Birmingham Combination Championship in 1952. Sparking a 35-year period of great victories, they won the Southern League Division 1 North in 1974, the Midland Division Championship in 1991 and the Barclays Commercial Services (Southern League) Cup in 1993.

Into the noughties, their fortune continued where they were victorious in the MFA Davis League Cup, before two successful victories in the Joe McGorian Cup in 2002 and 2003 respectively. Also in 2002, they won the Midland Football Alliance before again retaining their champions status in 2003. A brilliant run in the 2004/05 FA Vase saw them reach the quarter finals, before they finally won promotion back to the Southern League after 6 years in 2006. In the 07/08 season, they beat Leamington to secure a second promotion in three seasons and returned to the Premier Division of the Southern League after a 24-year hiatus.

In the 'teens' decade, Stourbridge had some memorable FA Cup runs reaching the first round proper twice, the second round proper three times and even appearing in the third round proper. In the 2009/10 season, they lost out 1-0 to Walsall in the first round with their other appearance in this round coming more recently in 2019/20 when they lost to Eastleigh. Their second round appearances came in 2011/12, 2013/14 and 2015/16 with the two formers seeing defeats against Stevenage and the latter another defeat to the hands of Eastleigh. In their third round appearance, they narrowly lost 2-1 to Wycombe Wanderers in 2016/2017.

During their FA Cup runs, they also made a sideways movement in the Football Pyramid in 2014/15 when they appeared in the Northern Premier League for the first time in their history, before sliding back across in 2018/19 to the Southern League as a member of the newly created Premier Division Central.

A disappointing start to the 2021-22 season saw the Club part company with Mark Yates in October 2021 with popular former Stourbridge players Stuart Pierpoint and Leon Broadhurst subsequently returning to the Glassboys as joint managers. We recovered to finish 11th in the league, however some success was enjoyed in cup competitions with a fine run to the last 16 of the FA Trophy before losing 1 – 0 at home to National League highfliers Solihull Moors, while the Glassboys also reached the Final of the Birmingham Senior Cup before going down 3 – 1 to Leamington at Villa Park.

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STOURBRIDGE FC

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FIRST ROUND

STOURBRIDGE FC
vs
BYE

SECOND ROUND

STOURBRIDGE FC 2
vs
AFC WULFRUNIANS 1

THIRD ROUND

STOURBRIDGE FC 3
vs
LYE TOWN 0

QUARTER-FINAL

STOURBRIDGE FC 5
vs
WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS 1

SEMI-FINAL

WEST BROMWICH ALBION 1
vs
STOURBRIDGE FC 3



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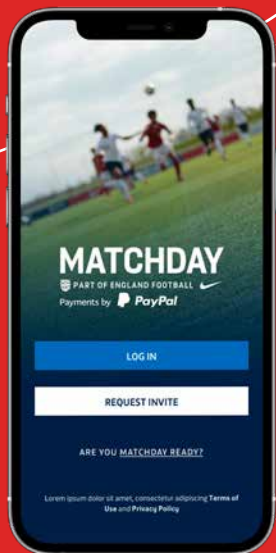
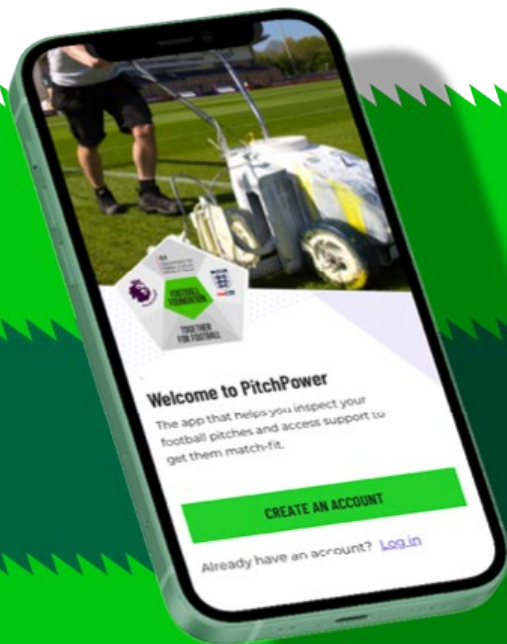
A man with short grey hair, wearing a black quilted jacket, stands on a tennis court with his arms crossed, looking towards the left. In the background, there are spectators and a wooden fence.

Tonight's game is the conclusion of a very long tough season for us in which we have continued to make progress on the pitch year on year so there are many positives that we can take and to end with a cup final is very rewarding for everyone involved at the club.

I would like to extend a welcome and say thank you to our fantastic supporters who travel with us week in, week out and they really do make a difference. Let's have one last push, make yourselves nice and loud and push the lads on, we will need you!

Let's hope that the game is fitting of a cup final and we will be doing everything that we can to bring the trophy home.

Stuart Pierpoint
Joint Manager - Stourbridge FC



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MATCHDAY

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Aidan Dausch
Evan Eghosa
Aidan Finnegan
Charlie Finney
Dermi Lusala
Harrison Nee
Justin Obikwu
Callum Perry
Dan Rachel
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Rylie Siddall
Bradley Stretton

COACHING STAFF

John Dempster - U21 Lead Coach
Chris Allen - U21 Assistant Coach
Adam Bridgeford - Head of Coaching
Gary Mills - U18 Lead Coach
Liam Morrissey - GK Coach
Andy Young - Fitness/Performance Coach

First Choice Colours:
All sky blue



STOURBRIDGE FC

Demico Burton
Jason Cowley
Callum Gittings
Joe Hull
Joel Kettle
Reece King
Chris Knight
Darryl Knights
Tyler Lyttle
Charlie Price
Alex Prosser
Callum Rowe
Lewis Solly
Dexter Walters
Jaiden White
Jack Wilson
Alex Worley

COACHING STAFF

Joint-Managers - Stuart Pierpoint &
Leon Broadhurst
Coach - Scott Adey-Linforth
Goalkeeping Coach - Lewis Solly

First Choice Colours:
Red & white striped shirts, red shorts and red socks

TROPHY PRESENTED BY KEVIN SHOEMAKE & MIKE PENN

Kevin Shoemake took over as Chief Executive in 2017 and has been a driving figure in how the business has changed and adapted for long term sustainability. Kevin has committed a vast amount of resources to make the game more open, accessible and affordable. As an ex-professional footballer, Kevin understands the game and this has seen a greater level of connectivity with the grassroots football community. A driving force in entertaining an improved county cup experience, Kevin Shoemake has implemented various strategies to improve grassroots football across the county.

As Chairman, **Mike Penn** has overseen the complete overhaul of BCFA from a traditional County Football Association to a modern business that puts the customers at the forefront of all planning. Mikes vision was to deliver free affiliation for clubs and this was achieved during the early years of his term. Mike has always maintained a good relationship with the refereeing fraternity as an ex match official himself. One of his stories include being an assistant on a European Cup match. Mike has been a keen supporter of change in football and continues to drive change at the CFA with innovation, boldness and empathy.

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee - Richie Watkins
Assistant Referee - Steven Durnall
Assistant Referee - Ryan Williams
Fourth Official - Callum Fisk

