



#### MIDWEEK FLOODLIT YOUTH CUP

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BROCTON \_\_\_FC STOURBRIDGE FC

MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH · 7:30<sub>PM</sub> CHASETOWN FC



#### **STAFFORDSHIRE** FA

### The Staffordshire Football Association (SFA) is the governing body for football in Staffordshire.

The SFA was founded in 1877 and has been responsible for organising and overseeing football activities in the county ever since.

The SFA is affiliated with the Football Association (FA), the governing body for football in England, and works in partnership with them to develop and promote football at all levels in the county.

Staffordshire FA is responsible for a wide range of activities related to football, including organising leagues and competitions, providing development opportunities for coaches and match officials, whilst promoting the game within the local community.

One of the main priorities of the SFA is to Support, Develop & United grassroots football in Staffordshire. The association works closely with local clubs and schools to provide opportunities for young people to get involved in the sport, as well as providing coaching and training for coaches and referees.

The SFA also supports the development of disability football and women's football in the county.

In addition to its role in grassroots football, the SFA also organises and oversees a number of high-profile football competitions and events in Staffordshire. These include the Staffordshire FA Senior Cup, the Staffordshire FA Sunday Cup, and the Staffordshire FA Veterans League, among others.











## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

# Good evening to the teams, volunteers, supporters, and match officials gathered here for the Staffordshire Cup Final.

This is a remarkable occasion that marks the pinnacle of a successful season for everyone involved.



Staffordshire boasts almost 2,000 football teams, making it a significant achievement to have reached this stage of the competition. Winning the title of 'County Champions' is a distinguished honour, a chance to claim a place in the rich history of Staffordshire Football, and an opportunity to add another trophy to the club's collection.

Similarly, the appointment of the match officials for tonight's final is a recognition of their outstanding work during the season. With over 850 registered match officials, this appointment is a testament to their hard work and dedication.

I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the grassroots volunteers across the county. Their unwavering dedication over the past two years has been instrumental in getting the game back up and running smoothly. Without these volunteers, the beautiful game would not be possible.

We wish both teams the best of luck for tonight's game and for the rest of the season. May you play with passion, determination, and sportsmanship.

Thank you, and enjoy the game.

Roy Tooth Chairman of Staffordshire FA Council



### **BROCTON FC**



Brocton Football Club's first team has been making waves in the North West Counties League, while their Under 18s team is currently vying for the title in the Midland Floodlight Youth League Western Division.

This marks the club's first season as a U18 floodlight youth side, yet they've already made an impressive start and are holding their own in the league.

As the season progresses, the team remains focused and determined to continue their good form. One of their most memorable moments so far was when they scored a dramatic last-minute winner to secure their place in this very cup final, a moment that brought great joy to everyone involved.

Moreover, Brocton FC's success is not limited to the U18s league alone, as several players have progressed to the first team and have played a vital role in its current success. Among them are Jonty Kearns, Jack Bostock, Charlie King, Mario Novaku, Will Finley, Sam Scott, and Tom Croft.

As they continue to chase their dreams and make strides in their respective leagues, the future looks bright for Brocton FC's talented players.





## **BROCTON FC**

#### League:

Midland Floodlight Youth League Western Division

#### **Manager:** Ben Douglas

#### **Coaches:**

Ryan Douglas, Alfie Marsden

#### Round 1

**Brocton 8-1 Egerton** 

#### Round 2

Lichfield City 0-4 Brocton





#### **STOURBRIDGE FC**

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Stourbridge FC has a rich history dating back to 1876, initially known as Stourbridge Standard before adopting their current name in the late 1880s. Competing in the Birmingham and District League, the club achieved considerable success, securing the Worcestershire Senior Cup three times, though the league title remained elusive.

More recently, Stourbridge FC made history during the 2016-17 season by progressing to the third round of the FA Cup for the first time. Victories over Whitehawk and Northampton Town were secured thanks to impressive performances from players such as Luke Benbow, Chris Lait, and Jack Duggan.

Turning our attention to the Stourbridge FC Youth Team, their Under 18s side competes in the highly competitive Midland Floodlit Youth League Southern Premier Division. The team has been in scintillating form, currently sitting in third place with an impressive defensive record, having only conceded one goal on their way to the cup final. They are also the second-highest scorers in the league, a testament to their attacking prowess.

Playing their home matches at the War Memorial Ground on Monday or Wednesday evenings, the Stourbridge FC Youth Team continues to impress, and the future looks bright for these talented young players.





## **STOURBRIDGE FC**

**League:** Southern Premier League

Manager: Lewis Solly

**Coaches:** 

Lea Shaw, Phil Clinton, Jessica Banks

Round 1

**BYE** 

Round 2

Walsall Wood U19 MJPL 0-7 Stourbridge FC







## TONIGHT'S HOSTS

Chasetown FC has a storied history that dates back to 1954 when the club was established as Chase Terrace Old Scholars Youth Club. The team began competing in the Cannock Youth League, but their ambition and drive for excellence saw them rise to become one of the most respected football clubs in the region.

The early 1990s were particularly successful for Chasetown, as they lifted the West Midlands League Cup twice and finished as runners-up on two occasions. Their impressive performances on the field saw them become one of the founding members of the Midland Football Alliance in 1994, further solidifying their reputation as a team to watch.

However, it was in November 2005 that Chasetown truly captured the national spotlight, as they reached the first round of the FA Cup for the very first time in their history. After a hard-fought victory against Bluth Spartans, the club faced off against Oldham Athletic in a match that was broadcast live on television to an audience of 3.2 million people.

Chasetown's success continued in the 2007-08 season, as they achieved an incredible feat by reaching the third round of the FA Cup. Despite ultimately falling 3-1 to Cardiff City, the team's achievements cemented their place in football history and inspired a new generation of fans.

Fast-forward to more recent times, and

Chasetown's commitment to excellence is as strong as ever. In the 2021-22 season, the team finished a commendable fourth and faced off against third-placed Halesowen Town in the playoffs semi-finals. With nerves running high, Chasetown held their nerve and scored an 89th minute goal to secure their spot in the final against Belper Town. Despite putting in a valiant effort, the team ultimately lost the game 1-0





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#### MATCH OFFICIALS



**Darren Stone** 

Referee Level: 6

Refereeing For: 20 years

League(s): Staffs County Senior league & North Staffs Youth

League



**Oliver Swindail** 

Referee Level: 6

Refereeing For: 4 years

League(s): Staffordshire County Senior League



Ciara Barker

Referee Level: 7

Refereeing For: 3 years

League(s): Staffordshire County Senior League, FA Womens

National League



**Neal Podmore** 

Referee Level: 7

Refereeing For: 18 months

League(s): Staffordshire County Senior League



#### SAFEGUARDING

The welfare and safety of everyone involved in football continues to be the highest priority for The Football Association and Staffordshire Football Association remains fully committed to making football a safe and enjoyable sport for all to participate in.

We continue to build on the safeguarding practices engaging with clubs and leagues in our county offering support and advice.

We also monitor and support clubs through site visits to clubs across the county and continue the monitoring of youth coaches and club officials DBS compliance.

The FA also want to make sure that players under the age of 18 playing in open age football and any adults at risk are safeguarded and are asking all clubs in open age football with under 18 players in their team to have DBS checks for managers and coaches and introduce good safeguarding practices for the transition from Youth to Open age football.

The FA has also released a <u>Safeguarding Awareness for Parents & Carers online</u> course.

This short course is designed to help you to make an informed choice about the football setting you enrol your child in. It starts by explaining the importance of safeguarding in football and the child-centred approach the game takes.



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## **UPCOMING FINALS**

Date	Competition	Finalists	Venue	
28 <sup>th</sup> March	County Youth U16 Sunday Cup	Madeley White Star vs Leek C.S.O.B.	Newcastle Town	
30 <sup>th</sup> March	TB Williamson Cup	Whittington United vs Barber Life	Brocton FC	
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Senior Challenge Vase	Brereton Social FC VS Leek C.S.O.B.	Stafford Rangers	
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Women's Challenge Cup	Stoke City FC vs Sporting Khalsa	Stafford Town	
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Senior Challenge Cup	Leek Town or Kidsgrove Athletic vs Rushall Olympic or Port Vale	Port Vale	
25 <sup>th</sup> April	County Youth Challenge Cup	Burntwood Dragons U17 vs Blurton Arrows U17	Brocton FC	
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Challenge Cup	Mayfield FC vs Pelsall Villa Colts	Brocton FC	
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Sam Kimberley Trophy	Robin Hood or Roaring Meg vs Warstones Wanderers or Lakeside U21	Eccleshall	
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Sunday Premier Cup	FC Gnosall vs Hawkins Sports	Chasetown	
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Walsall Senior Cup	Chasetown or Walsall vs Rushall Olympic	Burton Albion FC	



## STADIUM REGULATIONS

The Staffordshire FA would like all participants and spectators to have a safe and enjoyable evening here at Chasetown and, with this in mind, the following ground rules will be implemented:

Spectators are not allowed inside the perimeter fence unless instructed to do so, and this includes the presentation at the conclusion of the match.

Spectators must not participate in any form of abusive or discriminatory behaviour including foul language, insulting chanting or harassment.

Spectators must not cause any damage to our hosts facilities or property. Should this occur, you may be liable for the cost of repair.

Failure to comply with any of these rules may result in your ejection from the ground without refund of any admission fee paid.

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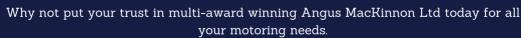


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#### **MIDWEEK FLOODLIT**









#### **BROCTON FC**

#### STOURBRIDGE FC

Manager: Ben Douglas

Colours: Green

Harley Barlow
Jack Bostock
Archie Burrows
Callum Cassar
Seb Conaghan
Tom Croft
Matt Cuttler
Will Finley
Ben Hackett
Rueben Hancox
Kallum Hunter
Jonty Kearns
Theo Kearns
Charlie King
Finn Murray
Daniel Naudi
Mario Novaku
Sam Scott
Henry Smith

Manager: Lewis Solly Colours: Blue

Joshua Bank	
Joseph Bruce	
Zanne Clarke	
Nathan Clinton	
Jake Cooper	
Lucas Cotterill	
James Faulks	
Leonardo Gouveia	
Daniel Hippisley-Cox	
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Lucas Martin	
Ari Shaw Jae	
Oliver Shaw	
Edward Solly	
Muhammad Suleman	
Daniel Wainwright	
Cole Wells	

#### **MATCH OFFICIALS**

George Whitehouse

Referee: Darren Stone

Assistant Referee: Oliver Swindail Assistant Referee: Ciara Barker 4<sup>th</sup> Official: Neal Podmore Should the scores be level at full time, the game will be decided by penalty kicks.