

BIRMINGHAM COUNTY
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

2021 SENIOR CHALLENGE CUP 2022 FINAL

LEAMINGTON FC
VS
STOURBRIDGE FC



WEDNESDAY 4 MAY 2022 | KICK OFF 7.30PM | VILLA PARK

ADULTS £10 | CONCESSIONS £5 | U12 FREE

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**EXCELLENCE ARENA
BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA
SUNDAY 10 APRIL, 11AM**

GIRLS COUNTY CUP

**EXCELLENCE ARENA
BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA
SATURDAY 23 APRIL, 11AM**

SUNDAY VASE

**EXCELLENCE ARENA
BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA
SUNDAY 24 APRIL, 11AM**

SENIOR CUP

**ASTON VILLA FC
WEDNESDAY 4 MAY, 7.30PM**

SATURDAY AMATEUR CUP

**EXCELLENCE ARENA
BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA
SATURDAY 7 MAY, 2PM**

ROGER WOOD MEMORIAL CUP

**EXCELLENCE ARENA
BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA
SUNDAY 8 MAY, 11AM**

MIDWEEK FLOODLIT CUP

**SOLIHULL MOORS FC
TUESDAY 10 MAY, 7.30PM**

WOMEN'S COUNTY CUP

**WALSALL FC
WEDNESDAY 11 MAY, 7.30PM**

JOEL RICHARDS MEMORIAL CUP

**WALSALL FC
FRIDAY 13 MAY, 7.45PM**

SATURDAY MINOR CUP

**EXCELLENCE ARENA
BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA
SATURDAY 14 MAY, 11AM**

MINOR CHALLENGE CUP

**EXCELLENCE ARENA
BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA
SUNDAY 15 MAY, 11AM**

SATURDAY VASE

**EXCELLENCE ARENA
BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA
SATURDAY 21 MAY, 2PM**

VETERANS CUP

**EXCELLENCE ARENA
BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA
SUNDAY 22 MAY, 11AM**

SUNDAY YOUTH CUP

**EXCELLENCE ARENA
BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA
SUNDAY 29 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 1,200 clubs with a combined 5,200 teams and 77,000 players playing all formats of the game within our boundary, every team that makes it to one of our 14 County Cup Finals should be rightly proud of their achievements.

The previous two years have been difficult with limited amounts of football played due to Covid but we have again received over 500 Cup entries across all of our competitions so the winners 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.

It is also a big day for our match officials who have also dedicated hours and in some cases many years in the middle and on the side-lines at all levels of the game in order to have been selected to represent our 1,200 Birmingham County FA officials at today's final.

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. 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 grassroots and as part of the celebrations, we will be presenting a volunteer award which each finalist has nominated as a thank you.

I'd also like to thank my colleagues at Birmingham County FA for all the work they do and the support they offer in order to promote, govern and develop the game.

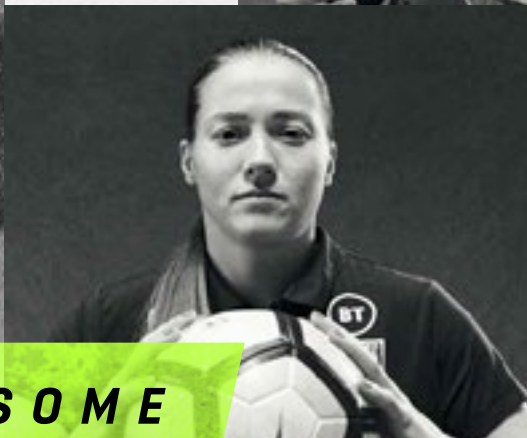
Enjoy the game and celebrate your achievements before, during and after the game and whilst recognising and respecting the opposition and their efforts along with those of the match officials.

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

Kevin Shoemake
CEO – Birmingham County FA



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RESPECT



Building society with mutual respect

SENIOR CHALLENGE CUP

MEET THE OFFICIALS



REFEREE

TOM REEVES

I have now been a referee for 12 seasons, have worked my way through the refereeing pyramid and now operate as a National Group EFL Referee. I am delighted to have been appointed to the BCFA Senior Cup Final, I have officiated on all other rounds in the past and it has always been an excellent competition to referee on. It is an honour to now have the opportunity to referee the final and I look forward to the fixture.



ASSISTANT REFEREE

JAMIE LUNN

My refereeing journey started in 2007 progressing through youth football, adult leagues and now the semi pro game. My biggest achievement to date was gaining promotion to Level 3 in 2020. Being a part of the match official team for the Birmingham Senior Cup final is a major highlight and a very proud moment.



ASSISTANT REFEREE

JAKE ALLSOPP

I have been officiating for nearly 9 years now having qualified in December 2013. I have had some amazing experiences across the football pyramid meeting new colleagues and sharing many experiences along the way. It is a privilege to be appointed to the most prestigious cup competition in the County and one I am really looking forward to being apart of.



FOURTH OFFICIAL

ASHLEY CLARKE

I have been a Level 3 referee since the 2019-20 season and was promoted to the Step 1 list of Assistant Referees during the 2021/22, this now sees me officiate on the National League and Premier League 2 alongside my refereeing at Step 3 and 4. I was delighted to be appointed to the Birmingham Senior Cup Final.

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, which makes these two competitions the oldest surviving county cup competitions in England. This evening's game is the 135th Birmingham Senior Cup Final, and the 15th to be staged at Villa Park, which hosts the game for the first time since 1995. The previous Finals staged here finished as follows:-

1897-98	Walsall 3-0 Wolverhampton Wanderers
1898-99	Aston Villa 4-0 Burslem Port Vale
1899-1900	Wolverhampton Wanderers 1-1 (abandoned) Burslem Port Vale
"	(Replay) Wolverhampton Wanderers 2-1 Burslem Port Vale
1900-01	(Replay) Aston Villa 4-3 Stoke (original game drawn at The Hawthorns)
1902-03	Aston Villa 3-0 West Bromwich Albion
1905-06	Aston Villa reserves 3-1 Birmingham reserves
1907-08	Aston Villa reserves 6-0 Walsall
1908-09	Aston Villa reserves 2-1 Wolverhampton Wanderers reserves
1926-27	(Replay) Cradley Heath 1-0 Burton Town (original game drawn at St Andrew's)
1958-59	Stourbridge 2-1 Lockheed Leamington
1975-76	Worcester City 1-0 Stourbridge
1984-85	Aston Villa reserves 3-1 Wednesfield Social
1994-95	Solihull Borough 2-0 Aston Villa reserves

Aston also hosted the Final on 11 occasions in 16 seasons from 1879 to 1895, though this venue was the Aston Lower Grounds. Villa Park was later built on part of the site of this huge Victorian complex.

Summary of Senior Cup winners

19	Aston Villa
13	Birmingham City
8	West Bromwich Albion*,
7	Kidderminster Harriers, Leamington, 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 Athlet-
ic	
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

Based on research by Steve Carr & Don Thompson, which has resulted in the publication of two books. 'The History of the Birmingham Senior Cup, Part One - 1876 to 1905', was published in 1999, 'The History of the Birmingham Senior Cup, Part Two - 1905 to 2016', was published in 2017. Both are available online.



LEAMINGTON FC AND STOURBRIDGE FC SENIOR CHALLENGE CUP



Leamington are making their 14th appearance in the Final this evening, a record for a non-Premier/Football League club and a figure bettered only by Villa, Wolves, Blues and Albion. Stourbridge, meanwhile, are making their 10th appearance, with only Leamington and the four professional clubs ahead of them. This evening's contestants are the last two winners of the Senior Cup, The Glassboys having won it in 2018, and The Brakes in 2019.

The first Leamington club to take part in the Senior Cup was Leamington Rovers, way back in 1877-78, although it is believed that that this was principally a rugby club which occasionally played games under association rules! Between the two World Wars, Leamington Town entered each season from 1921-37, reaching the Semi Final three times, before the club folded. Lockheed Leamington, as the current club was then known, entered the competition for the first time in the 1950-51 season and went all the way to the Final, winning the Cup at the first attempt, only the third club to do so in the competition's long history. Leamington went on to become one of the most successful clubs in the competition's history, reaching 11 Finals in 29 seasons from 1950-79.

However, the club's consequent decline, hibernation from 1988 to 2000, and subsequent rise up through the pyramid, meant that their next Final appearance did not come until 2017, when Wolverhampton Wanderers were overcome at Molineux.

Leamington were the last winners of the Cup in 2019, though their defence of the trophy had already ended the following season when the competition was abandoned at the Semi Final stage due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Stourbridge first entered the competition as long ago as the 1881-82 season, but their first success did not come until 1950, when 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!

Further successes followed in 1959 and then 1968, but it was to be another 50 years before Stourbridge was again victorious.



THE BRAKES

Leamington FC were born in 1933 on Tachbrook Road as the works team for the enormous Lockheed car parts factory that employed so many of the townsfolk and would become the driving force behind the football club and its many successes until things unfortunately turned sour in the 1980's.

Brakes were founder members of the Alliance Premier League (now National League) back in 1979, 6 years after changing its name from Lockheed Leamington to AP Leamington, and spent several seasons at the top tier of non-league football. The club's association with Automotive Products ended in 1985 and the name of the club was changed to Leamington FC. In 1988, the decision was made to place the club in mothballs while the search for a new stadium site continued. A small but determined band of supporters continued to raise money and kept the club's registration with the FA each year.

The FA fees paid meant once the club got going again they would be exactly the same club as the old Lockheed, AP and LFC. The club played their first match in 12 years in 2000, a 3-1 win over Enville Athletic in the Midland Combination Division 2. Since then, Leamington have achieved seven promotions to return themselves to the title of Warwickshire's premier football side and are currently playing in the National League North.

The current holders of the Senior Cup have won the competition seven times - twice under the stewardship of Paul Holleran who is one of the longest serving managers in the game - and have a rich history in other cup competitions, reaching the quarter finals of both the FA Trophy and the FA Vase as well as coming up against many Football League sides in the FA Cup proper rounds.

SENIOR CHALLENGE CUP

LEAMINGTON FC

THE ROAD TO THE FINAL

FIRST ROUND

LEAMINGTON FC

vs

BYE

SECOND ROUND

LEAMINGTON FC **3**

vs

WEST BROMWICH ALBION FC **1**

QUARTER-FINAL

LEAMINGTON FC **3**

vs

TAMWORTH FC **1**

SEMI-FINAL

LEAMINGTON FC **1**

vs

BURTON ALBION FC **0**



LEAMINGTON FC

MEET THE TEAM

CLUB OFFICIALS



Paul Holleran
Manager



Martyn Naylor
Assistant Manager



Chris Knott
Coach



Tim Holland
Coach



Pete Denham
Physio



Barry Reeve
Kit Man



Jack Seaborn
Assistant Kit Man

PLAYERS

WE ASKED THE PLAYERS FOR THEIR POSITION, THE CLUB THEY SUPPORT & THE PROFESSIONAL PLAYER THEY THINK THEY ARE MOST LIKE



Jake Weaver
Goalkeeper
Birmingham City
Foster



James Mace
Defender
Aston Villa
Laporte



Steph Morley
Defender
Liverpool
Alexander-Arnold



Jack Lane
Defender
Manchester United
Dan Burn



Junior English
Defender
Liverpool
Milner



Dan Meredith
Defender
Arsenal
Robertson



Devon Kelly-Evans
Midfielder
Chelsea
Podence



Jack Edwards
Midfielder
Coventry City
Ronaldo



Joe Clarke
Midfielder
Birmingham City
McTominay/Silva



Joe Parker
Midfielder
Manchester United
Lingard



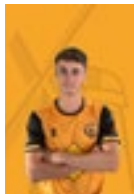
Callum Gittings
Midfielder
Aston Villa
Rice



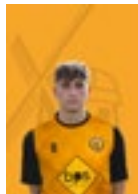
Adam Walker
Midfielder
Coventry City
McGinn



Jack Sang
Midfielder
Liverpool
Pogba



Dan Turner
Striker
Stoke City
Son



Josh Beeson
Striker
Aston Villa/Grimsby Town
Vardy



Connor Taylor
Striker
Coventry City
Gary Lineker



MANAGERS THOUGHTS

with Paul Holleran

How are you feeling ahead of the Cup Final?

Leamington vs Stourbridge always has a twang to it. We've had some great games over the years, two teams which are heading along the same path. Great people there - Andy and the gang and now Stuart and Leon. It's something to look forward to. I think everyone at the club knows - after a long hard season it's nice at this level to have a cup final, and it'll be a good competitive game.

Will you have any plans that differ to a league game to get the squad prepared?

As we're only part time we don't have much time to prepare specifically - of course we'll touch on it in training but that's the luck of the draw. Whereas Stourbridge will have finished their season by the final, we've now got to play four games in a week with the final sandwiched in-between trips to Manchester and Blackpool and playing Kiddy at home so it'll definitely be an experience! We treat every game as it comes though, and we know the chance to win (at Villa Park) is exciting for the fans so it's equally as important.



As current holders of the Senior Cup, how much work behind the scenes has gone into keeping your hands on the trophy?

I think our performance against Burton - especially in the second half - just about shows the effort that's gone into it. It was a different kind of game, but it was a fantastic performance, especially second half all over the pitch the players would have scored 8/9 out of 10 in the rankings. It was a great night, and you look at how strong Burton's team was - lots of their players who played that night are playing consistently in League One and even getting it into the team of the week. Their goalie's on loan from Man United and has kept four clean sheets in his last four games (at the end of April) and that shows Gitto's header was superb to beat him.

How much will the fans contribute to the win?

Our fans are fantastic, they were superb at St Andrews in out singing Nuneaton fans and did the same at Molineux two years before. We appreciate every single fan who comes and supports us home or away in such a tough league and our performance will be for them - so keep the singing up throughout the 90!

SENIOR CHALLENGE CUP

LEAMINGTON FC AND STOURBRIDGE FC

CLUB FACTS & STATISTICS

Leamington FC (1950-88 & 2005-20)

Winners

1951, 1957, 1962, 1970, 1972, 2017, 2019

Runners-up

1958, 1959, 1963, 1973, 1975, 1979

First Match

Tamworth 3-3 Lockheed Leamington (1st Round, 1950-51)

Number of Seasons Entered

54 (including 2021-22)

Record Victory

9-2 v Darlaston (2nd Round, 1965-66)

Record Defeats

0-6 v Dudley Town (1st Round, 1964-65)

2-6 v Bedworth United (2nd Round, 1982-83)

2-6 v Halesowen Town (3rd Round, 1986-87)



Stourbridge FC (1881-85, 1889-99, 1904-05, 1909-15, 1945-2020)



Winners

1950, 1959, 1968, 2018

Runners-up

1911, 1946, 1976, 2006, 2009

First Match

Arcadians 2-1 Stourbridge Standard (1st Round, 1881-82)

Number of Seasons Entered

98 (including 2021-22)

Record Victory

8-0 v Sutton Coldfield Town (1st Round, 1953-54)

Record Defeats

0-11 v Walsall Town (1st Round, 1884-85)

0-11 v Ironbridge (2nd Round, 1890-91)


SENIOR CHALLENGE CUP

LEAMINGTON FC AND STOURBRIDGE FC


PREVIOUS MEETINGS




1955/56 2nd Round

 Stourbridge 4-1 Lockheed Leamington

1958/59 Final


 Stourbridge 2-1 Lockheed Leamington

1962/63 3rd Round

 Lockheed Leamington 2-0 Stourbridge

1967/68 3rd Round


 Lockheed Leamington 1-1 Stourbridge

 *Replay* - Stourbridge 4-0 Lockheed Leamington

1971/72 Semi-Final

 Lockheed Leamington 3-1 Stourbridge

1976/77 4th Round

 Stourbridge 1-2 AP Leamington

The 2021/22 Final is the eighth meeting of these two clubs in the Birmingham Senior Cup, but the first for 45 years. Each club has so far recorded 3 victories apiece, with one game drawn. This is also the second occasion in which these two clubs have contested the Final, the previous occasion also being at Villa Park, on 13th April 1959 before 1,412 spectators. The two goal keepers were the key figures in this game, but for very different reasons. Man-of-the match was probably the Stourbridge keeper Newman, who produced a series of fine saves as Leamington had much the better of the first half. However, it was Page who put Stourbridge ahead on 35 minutes after Brakes' keeper Parton had failed to hold a drive from Brown. Lockheed started the second half well, too, and Hill equalised after 50 minutes with a fine volley. However the decisive moment came a few minutes later when Hughes's inswinging corner deceived Parton in goal, for what proved to be the winner.

Stourbridge: Newman, Hulson, Mack, Allsopp, Russon, Hughes, Brown, Page, Woodcock, Haycock, Jeavons. **Scorers:** Page, Hughes.

Lockheed Leamington: Parton, Savage, Bennett, Lane, Hancocks, Evans, Dougall, Robertson, Hawkins, Hill, Lee. **Scorer:** Hill

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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](#).

Envrionmental Policy. We are now taking steps to measure our impact on the environment and set ambitious targets for ongoing improvement, and will comply with all relevant environmental legislation. View our policy [here](#).

WM Net Zero Business Pledge. We are proud to have joined over 50 organisations across the region in committing to the WM Net Zero Business Pledge. [Find out more](#).



Green Innovation Fund. As part of Birmingham County FA's commitment to creating a low carbon, greener game, we are giving clubs the opportunity to apply for grant funding up to the value of £750 to help support innovative, environmentally positive sustainability projects at a grassroots level. Keep an eye on the portal opening [here](#).

British Association for Sustainable Sport (BASIS). They are the sustainability hub for the UK sports industry with a fierce belief in sustainable sport: not-for-profit committed to delivering a positive impact for sport at every level, and harnessing the power of sport to make a difference for all. Click [here](#) for more information.



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PlanetMark



Football Rebooted. We are kicking off 2022 by partnering with Football Rebooted to help them achieve their ambitious target of saving one million pairs of football boots from landfill, and redistributing them across the West Midlands region through a network of boot collection points located at grassroots football clubs. You can view the collection points [here](#).

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Pledge of Sustainability. We have partnered with the charity, Pledgeball for the 21/22 season, to encourage all clubs to sign up for the first-of-its-kind Sustainability Pledge in football. Using Pledgeball's unique digital platform, all clubs are eligible to join along with their members, supporters and family and make simple lifestyle choices that help improve the planet and move your club up the Sustainability League Table. View the league table [here](#).

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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.

At the end of the 2018/19 season, after a defeat in the play-off semi-finals, Gary Hackett resigned to bring the curtain down on an outstanding 16 years in charge. Ian Long arrived from Alvechurch before being relieved of his duties in February 2020 and replaced by Mark Yates. The 2019/20 league campaign was brought to a premature end by the COVID pandemic, with the 2020/21 season proving to be another short affair. A disappointing start to the 2021/22 season saw the club part company with Mark Yates, with popular former players Stuart Pierpoint and Leon Broadhurst subsequently returning to the Glassboys as joint managers.

SENIOR CHALLENGE CUP

STOURBRIDGE FC

THE ROAD TO THE FINAL

FIRST ROUND

TIVIDALE FC 1
vs
STOURBRIDGE FC 4

SECOND ROUND

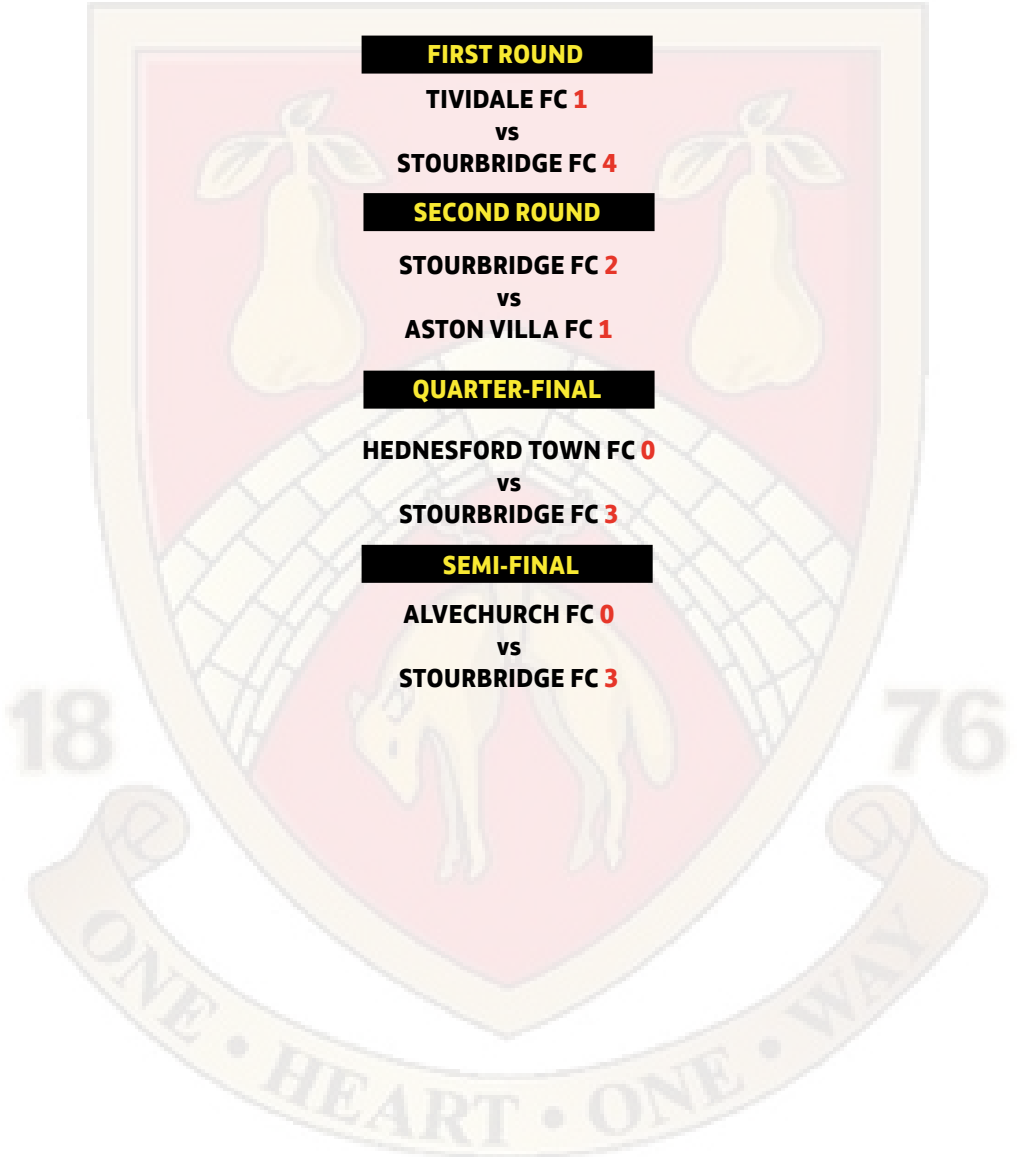
STOURBRIDGE FC 2
vs
ASTON VILLA FC 1

QUARTER-FINAL

HEDNESFORD TOWN FC 0
vs
STOURBRIDGE FC 3

SEMI-FINAL

ALVECHURCH FC 0
vs
STOURBRIDGE FC 3



STOURBRIDGE FC

MEET THE TEAM

CLUB OFFICIALS



Stuart Pierpoint
Joint Manager



Leon Broadhurst
Joint Manager

PLAYERS



Charlie Price
Goalkeeper



Lewis Solly
Goalkeeper



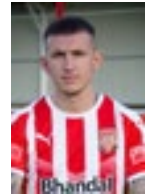
Lee Vaughan
Defender



Jack Wilson
Defender



Lathaniel Rowe-Turner
Defender



Ben O'Hanlon
Defender/Midfielder



George Forsyth
Defender/Midfielder



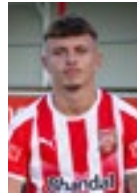
Dan Harvey
Defender/Midfielder



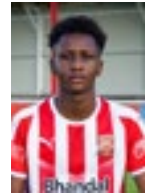
James McQuilkin
Midfielder



Reece King
Midfielder



Ethan Moran
Midfielder



Daniel Gyasi
Midfielder



Darryl Knights
Forward



Reece Styche
Forward



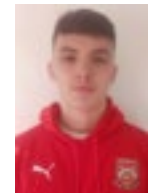
Jason Cowley
Forward



Elliott Ball
Forward



Tyler Smith
Forward



Harry Lewis
Forward



MANAGERS THOUGHTS

with Leon Broadhurst & Stuart Pierpoint

How are you feeling ahead of the Cup Final?

LB: We're excited and it's a great opportunity for us to win some silverware this year. The club as a whole is very excited for the occasion, and myself & Stuart on a personal note are very excited for our first season in management to have the opportunity to get some silverware. The lads overall have worked hard since we've come in and they are all buzzing to end the season on a high.



Will you have any plans that differ to a league game to get the squad prepared?

SP: No absolutely not, for us it's just another game and we'll approach it in exactly the same manner. We spend time looking at details of who we're playing against and that won't be any different, but we will approach the game in a relaxed & organised manner, but also in a manner that we will try and get a result.

As previous winners of the Senior Cup as players in 2018, how much work behind the scenes has gone into trying to get your hands back on the trophy as managers?

LB: A lot of work has gone on behind the scenes in preparation for the cup tie, when previously we won it as players, we turned up on the evening and put a performance in whereas now, myself & Stu have to do a lot more behind the scenes to get the club ready for such a big occasion at Villa Park. Our main concern is getting the lads up for the occasion as well, it's been completely different but myself & Stu as a whole have loved every minute of it.

SP: I think the last 7 months have been enlightening moving from playing to managing, as there is so much more that goes into it, all the small details. It's really important that everything is looked at and considered. It's a big game for us and one we're really looking forward to. Leamington are a really good side, we're aware of them, we know them, we know their players and they'll be thinking exactly the same. We will go there as underdogs of course, given their league position and league status, but we certainly won't fear them, we will respect them and we'll go and try to cause an upset. We've got the players with the ability to do so, so we just hope that we turn up on the night because it's going to be a fantastic occasion at Villa Park, for our football club that is absolutely magnificent. We take the competition very seriously every year, to lead our team out as managers is going to be fantastic.

How much influence do you think your fans will have on the night?

LB: Our fans have been brilliant ever since we've been players and now as managers. The gates have increased since myself & Stu have come back which is great to see that we've got the backing and the support. I can't speak highly enough for the fans, they'll be loud on the evening and we'll be able to hear them. As long as we give 120% each individual on the pitch, then they will be very very proud of what we've achieved.

SP: It's been a difficult 12-18 months for the club and the fans have stuck by the players. This is really one for them, it's an occasion for them to enjoy, it's an occasion for the players to enjoy. For the club as a whole, the supporters are absolutely fantastic home and away and they'll be fully behind the boys so this is one for them and we hope we can get it over the line for them as much as ourselves. They will be right behind us and you'll see that on the night, they're very vocal which is excellent and the players really appreciate that, they give us that extra push when we need it and I'm sure they'll give us that on the night as I'm sure we'll need it. We hope they come with their voices in tact and leave with them missing.



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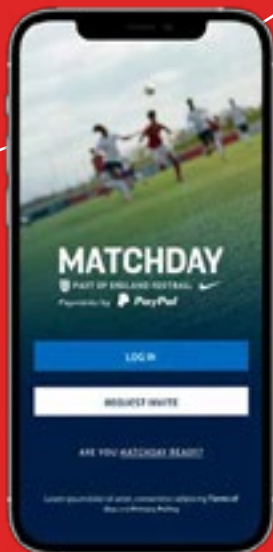


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