



England
Deaf
Football

FOOTBALL

SUNDAY 23rd APRIL 2023



EDF PLATE CUP FINAL - KICK OFF: 11:00
BARNET DFC vs ST ALBANS CITY DFC



EDF CHALLENGE CUP FINAL - KICK OFF: 14:30
ST JOHN'S DFC vs FARSLEY CELTIC DFC



ADMISSION: ADULTS £10 / UNDER 16's FREE

STRATFORD TOWN FC, KNIGHTS LANE, STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, CV37 7BZ.

Welcome to Stratford Town FC

Welcome to England Deaf Football's 19th Cup Finals! Firstly, I would like to say thanks to The Arden Garages Stadium for allowing us to host the finals here today and for those of you joining us today. Stratford Town FC have been fantastic co-operating the preparations with us.

We are now fast approaching the end of the season; I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on EDF's season 2022/2023.

In the North & South league, it has been an interesting season. We have witnessed some unexpected results from certain clubs. This has made football more interesting. It is exciting to see the results at the end of the week once the matches have concluded. Sometimes, it does surprise me when I find out the results on my phone straight from the clubs.

This season, we welcome a new team, Redcliffe Deaf FC, to join the EDF North League. It is always great to see new clubs develop and join the leagues. We hope they have enjoyed themselves so far this season and continue all their great work for the upcoming seasons. Additionally, some new players have joined the clubs and EDF. I'd like to welcome them and hope they have enjoyed themselves so far.

I was delighted to see the positive outcome from the Development League. This league gives the opportunity for all players to play at a similar level. Allowing youths to build confidence and experience in Deaf football ready for their future. A special thanks to 'Remark' the sponsor, making this happen.

Talk about a big moment from last season - We hosted the EDF league final at St. George's Park for the first time and the match was live on BT Sports, part of the FA's Disability Cup. It was such a remarkable moment, I really couldn't describe how wonderful it was, seeing players and fans get excited. Playing at St. George's Park and being live on mainstream TV (BT Sports). We made history that day. It was a perfect way to raise the profile of Deaf football to the next level and be recognised from society as well. A real breakthrough for Deaf football in various ways. I am pleased to say that we will return to St. George's Park and will be live on BT Sports again in June 2023. Make sure you turn it on, do not miss out!

As Head of Competitions at EDF - being nominated then shortlisted for Unsung Hero at the Deaf Sport Personality of the Year has really touched me. I now know the hard work I put towards Deaf football has been finally recognised by the community. On a serious note - I will not take all the credit. It also goes to my phenomenal colleague, Matthew Durant, who is also working behind the scenes with me. I'd be lost without him. We shall find out who wins on 1st July at Twickenham Stadium. No matter what happens on that night, everyone's a winner. I'd like to express my great thanks to whoever nominated and voted for me.

Today we will witness EDF's 19th finals with Farsley Celtic Deaf FC who will face seven times EDF Challenge Cup champions, St. John's Deaf FC. Will Farsley Celtic Deaf FC bring the Challenge Cup to Yorkshire for the first time or will the trophy return to London for the eighth time? We will find out later today.

Barnet and St Albans City Deaf FC are known as rival teams as their locations are near each other. Barnet have won the plate cup three times, will they make it a fourth time to equal Bristol City Deaf FC?

Welcome to Stratford Town FC, continued...

St Albans City Deaf FC are yet to win any silverware, they have come a long way to develop the club. Could it be their day to win the silverware? We will find out after the final whistle is blown. I believe they will give us a decent game!

This brings me to my next point, I want to take this opportunity to say thank you for all of your support this season. Without your support there will be no Deaf football today, simple as that! Do not forget to follow us on our social media and YouTube for the latest news.

In the past we have recruited volunteers. You may see on social media channels and EDF's website, we are looking for more volunteers. We have been a lot busier behind the scenes. We recruit for the players and clubs. If you feel you have any skills you want to contribute towards England Deaf Football and Futsal, please do contact us. We would love to hear from you and possibly welcome you to the team.



I'd like to give a special thanks to the Football Association (FA) for all their outstanding support to England Deaf Football this season. The FA recognised the players who participated in EDF's competitions and EDF's official Deaf league in England. We are looking forward to continuing to work with the FA to allow Deaf football to develop further in the future.

I, personally, wish the best of luck to the England Deaf International Team at World Deaf Football Championships, Malaysia in September 2023. The England Deaf International Futsal for World Deaf Futsal Championships, Brazil in November 2023. Also, the best of luck to four finalists today at Stratford Upon Avon.

Finally, looking ahead to kick-off, I hope you all enjoy the day with us today at The Arden Garages Stadium!

Sean Noone, Head of Competitions—England Deaf Football

England Deaf Football Plate Cup - Route to Final

EDF Plate Cup - Semi Final

Barnet DFC 4 - 1 Bristol City DFC

Radcliffe DFC 0 - 11 St Albans City DFC

EDF Plate Cup - Final

Barnet DFC vs St Albans City DFC



Bristol City DFC

EDF Plate Cup Champions 2022

Guest of Honours

Debbie Hibbett

Play for:

Used to play for Great Britain Deaf women team and currently play for Cottage Farm Rangers FC

Position:

Left back/right back

Caps:

12 year with Great Britain and achieve Deaflympics 2013- Bronze medal, European 2015- 4th place, World Cup 2016- Bronze medal and Deaflympics 2017- 4th place

Highlight:

Playing my first international tournament Deaflympics 2013 in Sofia and achieve bronze medal in game with extra time and then penalty shootout!



Asnath Mokeka Losala

Asnath is a Deaf athlete and street dancer. She competed in Deaf Olympics in 2017. In 2019 she featured in *HERE/NOT HERE*, a hip hop music drama showcasing a new visual language for story-telling by combining British Sign Language, Visual Vernacular, urban dance, music, and football, directed by Bim Ajadi and broadcast by BSL Zone. In 2020 she was commissioned by Deaf Explorer and China Plate to make a 60 second video, *It Get's Lighter From Here*. Her video '*Conquérir*' was a huge success, gaining 321 views on China Plate twitter feed.

England Deaf Football Plate Cup Final (K.O. 11:00)

REFEREE - Paul KIRBY

ASSISTANT REFEREE - Ciprian GROSU & Ian JAMES

FOURTH OFFICIAL - Alison GRAY



**ST ALBANS CITY
DEAF FOOTBALL CLUB**
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Manager: Brinthan NANTHABALAN

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Adrian GUBALA
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Samuel HALFPENNY
Jordan HOLMES
Sam KEMP
Adam LLEWELLYN
Trevor MCCORMICK
Lewis MCGOWAN
Keith MCKOY
Ellis MCLEAN
Landry NAUBO
Samuel NORMAN
Daniel REA
Phillip SWIFT
Adam THOMAS
Cory THOMPSON-LEIGHTON
Daniel WALLER
Ross WARD
Matthew WHEELER
Jacob WILLIS

Manager: Luke BRYANT

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Rahat AHMED
Frank ALLEN
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Andrew COOMBES
Marco COSTI
Roman EMINOWICZ
Vernon EMINOWICZ
Ali ER
Rhyan EVANS
Joshua FELDMAN
Enam HUSSAIN
Davut JARCHLOU
Elton JOSE
Brady LANDU
Reece MCLELLAN
Yaseen MIAH
Zito MONTEIRO
Zak NORFOLK
Andre PRESON-MORLEY
Mohamed RABI
Wuqaas SHAH
Emmanuelis SILINSKAS
Kevin WALKER

BARNET DFC

ST ALBANS CITY DFC

England Deaf Football Challenge Cup - Route to Final

EDF Challenge Cup - Quarter Final 1st Leg

Farsley Celtic DFC 2 - 1 St Albans City DFC

St John's DFC 3 - 0 Barnet DFC

Carlisle City DFC 2 - 2 Radcliffe DFC

Bristol City DFC 3 - 2 Bradford United DFC

EDF Challenge Cup—Quarter Final 2nd Leg

St Albans City DFC 2 (3) - (7) 5 Farsley Celtic DFC

Barnet DFC 0 (0) - (11) 8 St John's DFC

Radcliffe DFC 1 (3) - (5) 3 Carlisle City DFC

Bradford United DFC 3 (5) - (4) 1 Bristol City DFC

EDF Challenge Cup - Semi Final

Carlisle City DFC 0 - 18 St John's DFC

Bradford United DFC 0 - 2 Farsley Celtic DFC

EDF Challenge Cup - Final

St John's DFC vs Farsley Celtic DFC



St John's DFC

EDF Challenge Cup Champions 2022

Who's who

Head of Competitions - Sean Noone - headofcompetitions@englanddeaffootball.co.uk

Competitions Assistant - Matthew Durant - competitionsassistant@englanddeaffootball.co.uk

England Deaf Football Challenge Cup Final (K.O. 14:30)

REFEREE - Ciprian GROSU

ASSISTANT REFEREE - Paul KIRBY & Alison GRAY

FOURTH OFFICIAL - Ian JAMES



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Manager: Memnos REEVES-COSTI

Matthew BYFIELD
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DOMINIC CASSELL
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Marios COSTI
Bryon DOWN
Darren DUNNE
Samuel EVANS
Abdul HAK-BENAMEUR
Jack HARDING
Tommy HOBSON
Daniel HOGAN
Abdou JOBE
Kimahrie LEE
Daniel MACE
Oliver MANOOCHERI
Matthew MCQUEENEY
Jeremy MILLENSTEAD
Rory MUIRHEAD
Elis MULGECI
Matthew OATEN
Eze OJU
Andy REAY
Drew ROWLEY
Jason SIMON

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Joseph DIXON
Gareth DOLAN
Cavell DONALDSON
Chris EVANS
Daniel FRANKLIN
Oliver HARRISON
Hashim MAHMOOD
Kevin OLADIMEJI
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Sean SIBANDA
Darrell SYKES
Henry WAINMAN
Peter WOOD

ST JOHN'S DFC

FARSLEY CELTIC DFC

EDF League Championship (North vs South)

NORTH LEAGUE

Pos	Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Farsley Celtic DFC	6	6	0	0	56	6	50	18
2	Bradford United DFC	6	4	0	2	32	16	16	12
3	Carlisle City DFC	6	1	1	4	8	49	-41	4
4	Radcliffe DFC	6	0	1	5	12	37	-25	1

SOUTH LEAGUE

Pos	Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	St John's DFC	4	4	0	0	9	1	8	12
2	Barnet DFC	5	3	0	2	11	8	3	9
3	St Albans City DFC	6	2	0	4	15	16	-1	6
4	Bristol City DFC	5	1	0	4	7	17	-10	3

EDF League Championship Semi-Final

Barnet DFC vs Farsley Celtic DFC

St John's DFC vs Bradford United DFC

on Saturday 20th May

Leek Town FC, Harrison Park, Macclesfield Road,

Leek, ST13 8LD.

EDF League Championship Final

on Sunday 25th June

St George's Park, Newborough Road, Needwood,

Burton-on-Trent, DE13 9PD.