



SENIOR CUP 2025 FINAL

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ARDLEY UNITED **VS** THAME UNITED

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WELCOME TO THE OXFORDSHIRE FA SENIOR CUP FINAL, SPONSORED BY SMITHS BLETCHINGTON

This is such a memorable occasion for both teams and their supporters. To have reached the final of this historic tournament is a wonderful achievement and we look forward to an entertaining match played in the positive and supportive spirit which such a momentous occasion deserves.

We would particularly like to thank the match officials for whom this is also such a special day and Oxford City for hosting this prestigious event. The 2024/25 season has seen the 140th anniversary of the founding of the Oxfordshire Football Association. We cherish that heritage and are focused on ensuring an enduring legacy for future generations.

As a memento of the match, we have professional photographers taking pictures. These will be available as soon as possible afterwards from **OxfordshireFA.com**. For safeguarding needs, all of our photos are password protected, so please ask the Management Team at your participating club for that access code.

Football saves the NHS in Oxfordshire £45 million every year by encouraging everyone to be active and healthy. Our football clubs are the heartbeat of their communities. Over the past season we have invested in providing our clubs with greater support and benefits for everyone involved in local football. We believe in delivering wholly-inclusive, welcoming, safe, fun and respectful football for everyone. Thank you so much to everyone or volunteers to help their local teams and help make this possible.

Enjoy the match!

JONATHAN DUCKWORTH
CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OXFORDSHIRE FA



ABOUT THE SENIOR CUP

The Oxfordshire FA Senior Cup, sponsored by Smiths Bletchington, is the premier club competition in the county and open to teams competing in the EFL, National League System and Regional Feeder Leagues.

HISTORY OF THE CUP

The Senior Cup, sponsored by Smiths Bletchington, was first contested in the 1884/85 season where Culham College took the inaugural title after a 2-1 victory over Friar Park at the Caversham Cricket Ground. Culham went on to win the competition the next season and a further three times with their last success coming in 1903.

Oxford City have been the most successful club in the competition with their latest victory, a 2-1 defeat of Oxford United in the 2021/2022 season, bringing them their 35th title.

The current holders are Southern League side Thame United who have lifted the trophy 10 times



in their history, with the first victory occurring in the 1905/06 season. The club retained their 2022/23 title with a 3-2 victory over Kidlington at the Banbury Plant Hire Stadium.

MATCH DETAILS

- 45 minutes each way
- Not be less than 35 minutes each way
- No Extra-time

NO EXTRA-TIME IN ALL COMPETITIONS

This season will be the first season where no extra-time will be played after the full-time whistle. If the scores are still level after full-time, the result will be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty-mark.

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Safeguarding children and young people is everyone's responsibility. Oxfordshire FA has a responsibility to ensure children have fun and enjoy the game safely.

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1885 CULHAM COLLEGE F..C.	1935 COWLEY	1980 PEPPARD
1886 CULHAM COLLEGE	1936 HEADINGTON UNITED	1981 THAME UNITED
1887 OXFORD UTD COL. SERV.	1937 PRESSED STEEL	1982 PEPPARD
1888 BANBURY HARRIERS	1938 PRESSED STEEL	1983 OXFORD CITY
1889 OXFORD UTD COL. SERV.	1939 BICESTER TOWN	1984 OXFORD CITY
1890 AMERSHAM HALL SCH.	1940 PRESSED STEEL	1985 MORRIS MOTORS
1891 BANBURY HARRIERS	1941 I.T.C.	1986 OXFORD CITY
1892 OXFORD UTD COL. SERV.	1942 OXFORD CITY	1987 OXFORD UNITED
1893 OXFORD UTD COL. SERV.	1943 R.A.F. HARWELL	1988 BANBURY UNITED
1894 OXFORD UTD COL. SERV.	1944 OXFORD CITY	1989 OXFORD UNITED
1895 WITNEY	1945 OXFORD CITY	1990 OXFORD UNITED
1896 OXFORD CYGNETS	1946 OXFORD CITY	1991 OXFORD UNITED
1897 CULHAM COLLEGE	1947 HENLEY TOWN	1992 OXFORD UNITED
1898 WITNEY	1948 HEADINGTON UNITED	1993 THAME UNITED
1899 WITNEY	1949 OXFORD CITY	1994 WITNEY TOWN
1900 OXFORD CITY	1950 PEGASUS	1995 WITNEY TOWN
1901 OXFORD CITY	1951 OXFORD CITY	1996 OXFORD CITY
1902 CULHAM COLLEGE	1952 HEADINGTON UNITED	1997 OXFORD CITY
1903 CULHAM COLLEGE	1953 WITNEY TOWN	1998 WITNEY TOWN
1904 HENLEY	1954 OXFORD CITY	1999 OXFORD CITY
1905 BANBURY VOLUNTEERS	1955 WITNEY TOWN	2000 OXFORD CITY
1906 THAME	1956 WITNEY TOWN	2001 THAME UNITED
1907 CAVERSHAM ROVERS	1957 OXFORD CITY	2002 THAME UNITED
1908 CAVERSHAM ROVERS	1958 PEGASUS	2003 OXFORD CITY
1909 THAME	1959 WITNEY TOWN	2004 BANBURY UNITED
1910 THAME	1960 OXFORD CITY	2005 BANBURY UNITED
1911 HENLEY	1961 OXFORD CITY	2006 OXFORD UNITED
1912 OXFORD CITY	1962 OXFORD CITY	2007 BANBURY UNITED
1913 HENLEY	1963 OXFORD CITY	2008 NORTH LEIGH
1914 HENLEY	1964 MORRIS MOTORS	2009 OXFORD UNITED
1920 BANBURY BRIT. WORKS	1965 OXFORD CITY	2010 OXFORD UNITED
1921 MORRIS MOTORS	1966 QUARRY NOMADS	2011 OXFORD UNITED
1922 COWLEY	1967 OXFORD CITY	2012 NORTH LEIGH
1923 COWLEY	1968 OXFORD CITY	2013 OXFORD UNITED
1924 COWLEY	1969 OXFORD CITY	2014 ARDLEY UNITED
1925 COWLEY	1970 OXFORD CITY	2015 BANBURY UNITED
1926 ST. FRIDESWIDE	1971 OXFORD CITY & WITNEY TOWN	2016 OXFORD UNITED
1927 COWLEY	1972 OXFORD CITY	2017 NORTH LEIGH
1928 BANBURY STONES ATHLETIC	1973 WITNEY TOWN	2018 OXFORD CITY
1929 OXFORD CITY (RES)	1974 OXFORD CITY	2019 OXFORD CITY
1930 BICESTER TOWN	1975 PRESSED STEEL	2022 OXFORD CITY
1931 OXFORD CITY (RES)	1976 THAME UNITED	2023 THAME UNITED
1932 R.A.F. HEYFORD	1977 CHIPPING NORTON TOWN	2024 THAME UNITED
1933 R.A.F. BICESTER	1978 CHIPPING NORTON TOWN	
1934 R.A.F. HEYFORD	1979 BANBURY UNITED	



ARDLEY UNITED

Ardley United Football Club are members of the Combined Counties League Premier Division North and play at the Playing Fields. Founded in 1945, Ardley spent the majority of their early years in local competitions, primarily the Lord Jersey League, winning the Lord Jersey Cup in 1970 and Division One and the Charity Cup in 1984/85.

In 1988 they moved up to the Oxfordshire Senior League and won Division One at the first attempt, gaining promotion to the Premier Division. The 1990/91 season saw the club win the Premier Division and the Archie Goddard Cup. In 1993 they were promoted to Division One of the Hellenic League. In 1994/95 they won the Division One Cup, retaining it the following season. In the 1996/97 season they won both Division One and the Division One Cup, a feat they repeated the following season.

In 2000, league reorganisation saw the club placed in Division One West. Following improvements to their ground to allow promotion to the Premier Division, a fifth-place finish in 2003/04 led to their moving up to the Premier Division, where they have remained since. In 2006/07 they won the Supplementary Cup, and in the 2009/10 season they won the League Cup. In 2013/14 they won the Oxfordshire Senior Cup for the first time, beating Kidlington 4-0 in the final.

The 2016/17 season saw Ardley win the Supplementary Cup, beating Tuffley Rovers 2-0 in the final. Despite finishing fifth in the Premier Division, they requested voluntary demotion to Division One West due to the departure of the chairman and manager. In 2017/18 they won the Division One West title, earning promotion back to the Premier Division. At the end of the 2020/21 season the club were transferred to the Premier Division of the Spartan South Midlands League. They were transferred to the Premier Division North of the Combined Counties League for the 2023/24 season.

CUP FINAL COLOURS



All light blue.



MANAGER

JULIAN McCALMON

His last game in charge after an incredible four years. He will be missed greatly. Thank you, Gaffer.

ASSISTANT MANAGER

MARK MASSINGHAM

Came in as assistant manager this season and has been promoted to manager for the start of next season.

PHYSIO

BOWIE PRICE

The club's physio who has seen the highs and the lows from the players. One of the most important people within the club.

KIT MANAGER

DARREN THOMAS

Our kitman and he's Ardley through and through. Makes sure the boys are dressed to represent Ardley to the fullest, especially on cup final days.



SQUAD LIST

JOHN ROBERTS

A young man with a very senior head. Great shot-stopper and will be hard to beat.

DECLAN BENJAMIN

A strong and powerful defensive-minded player with a great strike in his locker. He has been the difference-maker in games this season.

SAM McCONNELL

The captain. He came to the club as a boy and has developed into a man. A true leader at the back.

DAVID INYANG

The man can play anywhere along the backline and will put all his energy in. A versatile player that any squad would love to have.

LEWIS GABBIDON JR.

Injury-riddled season, but is back for the cup final. A tidy full-back, who is a nightmare for attackers.

JIMMY CASBIERD

Another player that gives you his all. Will play in any position you ask him and always delivers.

ANDI NOKA

His first season at the club and has delivered instant impact. Give him the ball and he will terrorise your full-backs.

TYRAE NJOGU

The technically-gifted midfielder has shown his quality this season. A real handful in the middle of the park.

LEWIS GABBIDON SR.

He will run through brick walls for you. A true warrior and leader on the pitch. Another player whose time has come to an end.

BRADLEY WALTON

Back at the club after previously playing at Wallingford. A player who loves to have the ball and take his man on.

MASON COURTNEY

One phrase to summarise this man would be 'form is temporary, class is permanent'; don't underestimate him.

OLI ORZECZOWSKI

Came in at the start of the season and had an instant impact on the squad. A very prolific attacker.

GAVIN JAMES

The man has played at the home of football and has represented his country. A real handful for defenders to face.

ANACLET ODHIAMBO

A prolific goalscorer in non-league football, but his time has come to an end after today.

ELLIOTT OSBORNE-RICKETTS

An experienced head that knows the game and how to play it. A vocal player on the pitch that wants the best for the team.

TOM ROWLINSON

A tricky winger that will take his man on and will try from distance. You'll need luck trying to defend him.



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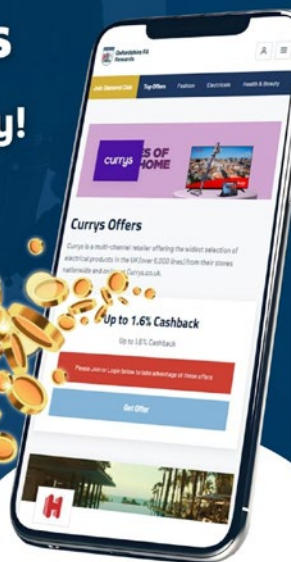
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THAME UNITED

A club with a rich history of Oxfordshire FA Senior Cup success, Thame United are the current holders of the trophy, having won the competition back-to-back over the past two seasons.

Formed in 1883, Thame United is one of Oxfordshire's oldest clubs, and have enjoyed league and cup success throughout their history, enduring changes that have seen them play in various leagues alongside off-field challenges.

Thame's first Senior Cup title came in 1905/06, ahead of successive final wins in 1908/09 and 1909/10. To date, the club has won the competition 10 times in their history.

The 2010/11 season was the most significant in the club's recent history. With work on a new £3.1m ground at Meadow View Park commencing in March 2010, United returned to Thame at the ASM Stadium on 11 December 2010, just over five years after their enforced eviction from the town. Boasting eight pitches, a floodlit 3G training pitch and 8000 sq ft clubhouse, United now have one of the best sporting facilities in the county. 2016/17 was one of the most successful in recent years. Going the whole league season without losing at home, United were crowned Hellenic League Premier Division Champions. United were duly promoted to the Southern Football League East Division, returning after a spell of 12 years away. In the first season back at Step

4. In 2018/19 United secured an eighth-place finish in the new Division 1 Central, with the side occupying a mid-table position when the 2019/20 season was curtailed due to the pandemic.

Prior to the 2021/22 significant enhancements were completed to Meadow View Park, including a new full-size 3G training pitch, together with associated organisational changes. After a slow start, United finished eighth in Division One Central, and until the final month of the season were within touching distance of a play-off place. In 2022/23, the team struggled towards the bottom of the table but an unbeaten run in April saw the team win all matches and climb to a respectable 12th in the table, as well as winning the Oxfordshire FA Senior Cup.

2023/24 was a difficult season. The team spent most of the term fighting at the bottom of the table, which resulted in the team finishing second from bottom of the table, this did not reflect the overall performances, with many games Thame were well in contention. With a number of Step 3 teams dropping out of the league, Thame gained a reprieve from relegation due to the team having the best points per-game over the season, of all the Step 4 clubs who finished second from the bottom. It wasn't all bad with the team reaching the Oxfordshire Senior Cup Final for the second season running, coming away with a 3 - 2 victory against Kidlington, lifting the cup for a second consecutive season.



CUP FINAL COLOURS



Red and black shirts, black shorts, red socks.

MANAGER

BEN WILLIAMS

ASSISTANT MANAGERS

MICHAEL HOGG & BEN JOHNSON

PHYSIO

HANNAH BOWRA

KIT MANAGER

OLIVER PACETTI



SQUAD LIST

ARCHIE DAVIS

Previously played for Aylesbury United. Joined Thame at the start of last season, making 37 appearances for the club.

MATTHEW CROWTHER

Matthew joined Thame after playing for Milton United last season.

OSCAR LUCEY

Joined Thame following a season-long loan from Slough Town. A strong and quick-paced left-sided full-back/wing-back.

JOSHUA STRANK

Young full-back with great pace. Starting his journey in non-league football after a spell at Risborough Rangers, and Slough Town last season.

LEO GALPIN

6'3" centre-back. Has spent the last two seasons playing college football in the USA.

FINLAY MURRAY

Came through the ranks at Barnet, joined Thame in 2017/18. Solid and assured defender who can play anywhere across the back four.

JEFFERSON LOUIS

No introduction needed for Jefferson who continues his footballing legacy; joined Thame midway through last season as a striker, before moving to centre-back.

MARK RIDDICK

A very experienced defensive midfielder with over 270 non-league appearances,

OLIVER HOGG

Industrious and hardworking midfielder; brings experience to the team.

JACK TUTTON

Defensive midfielder who returned to the club from Uxbridge. Previously spent four seasons with Thame.

FABIAN GARCIA

An attacking-midfielder; skillful on the ball. Joined from Aylesbury Vale Dynamos.

DAN WEST

Spent several seasons at Thame before leaving in 2023 to join North Leigh. Proven goalscorer at Step 4.

HAYDEN BEADLE

Midfielder; returns to Thame after playing at youth level.

ETHAN LACK

A talented, skillful and hardworking box-to-box midfielder. Re-joined the club on loan from Kings Lynn.

ROCKO TAMPLIN

A talented and skillful attacking winger, who can play on either flank.

HARRY ALEXANDER

Strong target man type forward - with a great left foot. Scores and makes goals - and great team-mate and work ethic.

CURTIS BROWN

Strong and quick-paced right-footed forward, who can play across the front line.

BRAYDEN DANIEL

The 18-year-old joined Thame on a season-long loan from Oxford City. Fast-paced winger.

LEWIS THORNE

Experienced defender who rejoined Thame after playing at North Leigh, Risborough and Cirencester.

TY DEACON

Joined Thame from Tamworth. Has a wealth of experience and an eye for goal.

TYRONE LEWTHWAITE

Striker who has had experience in Step 2 and 3 football. Started his career with Rotherham United.



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ROUTE TO THE FINAL



ROUND 1

BYE

ROUND 2

ARDLEY UNITED

6-0

YARNTON

QUARTER FINAL

NORTH LEIGH

AWAY WALKOVER

ARDLEY UNITED

SEMI-FINAL

ARDLEY UNITED

3-0

OXFORD UNITED



ROUND 1

BYE

ROUND 2

THAME UNITED

9-1

ADDERBURY PARK

QUARTER FINAL

THAME UNITED

1-0

KIDLINGTON

SEMI-FINAL

THAME UNITED

1-1

OXFORD CITY

**HOME WIN PENALTIES 4 - 2
(1 - 1 AFTER 90 MINUTES)**

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS



REFEREE DAVID EVANS

When did you start refereeing? I started refereeing (for the second time) in 2014.

What has been your refereeing highlight? My referee highlight was being appointed as assistant referee to the Oxfordshire Senior Cup final in 2024.



ASSISTANT REFEREE GEORGE BIELBY

When did you start refereeing? I started refereeing in January 2021.

What has been your refereeing highlight? My refereeing highlight this season is achieving mid-season promotion to Level 4.



ASSISTANT REFEREE IOANNIS CHRISTODOULOU

When did you start refereeing? I started refereeing in 2006.

What has been your refereeing highlight? The highlight of my career came when I was the assistant referee on the Southern League Premier Play-Off final.



FOURTH OFFICIAL EDWARD HALL

When did you start refereeing? I started refereeing in 2012.

What has been your refereeing highlight? Assistant Referee for the Southern League Play-Off Final (Frome Town vs. Bristol Manor Farm) last season, in front of over 2,000 fans



OFA CUP COMPETITIONS 24/25

DATE	CUP COMPETITION	VENUE
Sunday 23 March @ 11am	Ron Smith U13 Youth Cup Final, sponsored by HATRIQA	Kidlington
Sunday 23 March @ 2.30pm	Steve Simmonds U14 Youth Cup Final, sponsored by HATRIQA	Kidlington
Sunday 30 March @ 11am	U15 Girls' Cup Final	Kidlington
Sunday 30 March @ 2.30pm	U16 Girls' Cup Final	Kidlington
Friday 25 April @ 7.30pm	Intermediate Cup Final	Kidlington
Sunday 27 April @ 11am	Joe Roughton U18 Youth Cup Final	Thame United
Sunday 27 April @ 2.30pm	Women's Cup Final, sponsored by 001 Taxis	Thame United
Sunday 27 April @ 11.30am	U16 Youth Cup Final	Kidlington
Tuesday 29 April @ 7.45pm	Ray Mills Benevolent Trust Fund Charity Cup Final	Thame United
Saturday 3 May @ 11am	U18 Girls' Cup Final	Oxford City
Saturday 3 May @ 2.30pm	Senior Cup Final, sponsored by Smiths Bletchington	Oxford City
Sunday 4 May @ 11am	U13 Girls' Cup Final, sponsored by HATRIQA	Kidlington
Sunday 4 May @ 2.30pm	U14 Girls' Cup Final , sponsored by HATRIQA	Kidlington
Tuesday 6 May @ 7.45pm	John Fathers Junior Shield Final	Thame United
Thursday 8 May @ 7.45pm	Patrick O'Flanagan Memorial Veterans Cup Final	Thame United
Sunday 11 May @ 11am	Sam Waters Sunday Cup Final	Kidlington
Sunday 11 May @ 2.30pm	Mickey Lewis U15 Youth Cup Final, sponsored by Valorar Limited	Kidlington

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Lewis Gabbidon Sr.
Bradley Walton
Mason Courtney
Oli Orzechowski
Gavin James
Anaclet Odhiambo
Elliott Osborne-Ricketts
Tom Rowlinson



THAME UNITED

SQUAD LIST

Alfie Davies
Matthew Crowther
Oscar Lucy
Josh Stranks
Fin Murray
Leo Galpin
Ethan Lack
Jefferson Louis
Mark Riddick
Oliver Hogg
Fabian Garcia
Harry Alexander
Rocko Tamplin
Curtis Brown
Brayden Daniels
Dan West
Greg Hacket
Jack Tutton
Hayden Beadle
Lewis Thorne
Ty Deacon
Tyrone Lewthwaite

Saturday 3 May 2025 | KO 2.30pm
Oxford City, Court Place Farm

Referee: David Evans
Asst. Referee: George Bielby

Asst. Referee: Ioannis Christodoulou
Fourth Official: Edward Hall

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