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ENGLAND FOOTBALL

EE DISABILITY FA CUP

This year's EE Disability FA Cup marks a very special moment as we come together to celebrate ten years of this incredible competition and the people who have helped shape it into such an important part of the football calendar.

Over the last decade, the event has provided a national stage for outstanding athletes, unforgettable moments, and inspiring stories from across the disability football community. It continues to demonstrate the incredible power football has to bring people together, break down barriers, and create opportunities for everyone to thrive in the game.

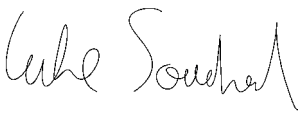
At EE, we are incredibly proud to continue supporting the EE Disability FA Cup alongside The FA. Promoting inclusion and accessibility in football is something we care deeply about, and this partnership reflects our ongoing commitment to helping ensure the game is open to all, regardless of ability or background.

Connection sits at the heart of everything we do at EE. That is why events like today matter so much. They not only celebrate elite competition and sporting achievement, but also the passion, resilience, and sense of community that make football so special.

As we celebrate this ten-year milestone, we also look ahead to the future of disability football and the continued progress being made both on and off the pitch. To every player, coach, volunteer, supporter, fan and family member who has contributed to the journey so far, thank you for everything you do to grow and champion the game. We hope you enjoy what promises to be another fantastic weekend of football and celebration.

Enjoy the finals.

Luke Souchard
Head of Sponsorship, EE



WELCOME TO THE PINNACLE OF DISABILITY FOOTBALL

A group of us sat down 11 or 12 years ago and discussed this crazy idea of organising a day of cup finals to showcase disability football, to put on an event that would become the pinnacle of impairment specific football. I don't think anyone expected what it would become.

When we hosted that first event in 2016, it was a really proud moment to be able to deliver three finals in one day. Now, to be able to host six finals which are broadcast live on TNT Sports, and showcase some of the most talented disabled footballers is a wonderful thing, and the result of so much hard work from so many people.

I've heard so many anecdotal stories of people not knowing about disability football, but that's changing with every year. The task now for our team is a challenging one: how can we make the EE Disability FA Cup finals even better and continue to evolve? Last year, for the first time, we were able to host the Deaf final outside, so that it was more in keeping with their regular playing conditions. This year, the players will notice a new trophy and improved medals, but one thing will remain the same: our wonderful host venue. There



is something truly special about coming to St. George's Park, and sharing the facilities alongside where the men's, women's and para national teams train. Being able to bring the disability football world together at the home of English football is magical.

There are so many people to thank for this wonderful event. Our title partner EE and broadcast partner TNT Sports do a wonderful job of selling disability football to a wider audience, while the RAF offer us so much support. Then there is everyone involved with the teams, leagues and competitions that make up disability football across the country and enable such a competitive showpiece.

For now, let's simply be inspired by the players on show, their coaches, their families and supporters.

COLIN CHAYTORS,
Chair of The FA Disability Football Committee

BREAKING BARRIERS

The RAF are champions of the EE Disability FA Cup final weekend, sharing similar values with the clubs involved

The Royal Air Force is honoured to once again be supporting the EE Disability FA Cup finals, especially in this special year. The team today is from RAF Shawbury in Shropshire, including trainees and staff from the Defence School of Air and Space Operations. The RAF's involvement in this amazing event started in 2018 through Wg Cdr (Retd) Neil Hope MBE VR, who at the time was part of The FA Disability Football Committee, and the relationship between the RAF and disability football continues to strengthen.

The core values of the RAF are Respect, Integrity, Service and Excellence, and these values are also extremely evident in the players, coaches, and support staff who participate in this event and contribute to the ever-growing domain of disability football. Our staff will undoubtedly learn a lot to benefit them in their future careers. The importance of teamwork, good communication and having the ability to perform under immense pressure will be displayed this weekend. These are skills which are also needed on a daily basis by members of the RAF, especially when serving abroad.

"This is the fourth time I have led the RAF team supporting the event and each time has been bigger and better than the last, which is wonderful," says Sqn Ldr Mark Smales, the RAF lead for the event. "Everyone who makes this event possible, from The FA, TMG, support staff and, most importantly, the players, should be immensely proud of what is being achieved and the barriers which are being broken. We are genuinely honoured to play our small part in helping to make it a success."



GROWTH OF THE GAME



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Disability football has seen strong and sustained expansion throughout the last decade, with particularly rapid growth in grassroots pan-disability football...

DISABILITY FA CUP
CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

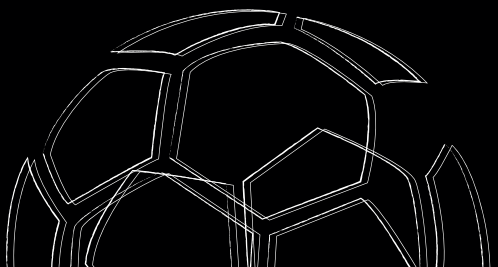
2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
1,847	2,107	2,356	2,451	2,826	3,371

England Football launches Comets, the first tailored pan-disability programme designed for 5–11-year-olds. Since inception, nearly 500 new providers offer opportunities for children to play in Comets.

England Football launches Journey To Inclusion: Disability Training For Clubs, supporting grassroots clubs across England to welcome more disabled people, on and off the pitch.

England Football launches disability-specific sessions as part of its Just Play programme, offering casual social football for men and women aged 16+.

Following the success of the programme in the community, England Football launches Comets In Schools, to enable young children with SEND to have a positive experience of football in education.





CELEBRATING 10 YEARS.

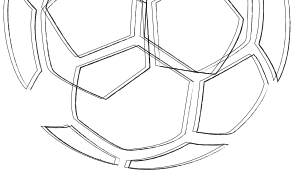
A DECADE OF INCLUSION & EXCELLENCE

This year, the EE Disability FA Cup is officially celebrating its tenth anniversary. So, in honour of this landmark, we've put together some of the event's greatest moments

Right from its inception in 2016, the EE Disability FA Cup has showcased the best of impairment-specific football across England. Over the years, the event has brought together players from Amputee, Blind, Cerebral Palsy, Deaf, Partially Sighted and Powerchair football. Each edition has added another chapter to a growing story of ambition, inclusion and excellence.

What began as a platform to raise the profile of disability football has evolved into a landmark occasion.

For many players, appearing at St. George's Park represents a career-defining achievement. For supporters, families and coaches, it is a chance to see years of hard work rewarded on one of the game's biggest stages.



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2016 THREE IS THE MAGIC NUMBER

St. George's Park hosted the inaugural FA Disability Cup finals day on 7 May 2016 and, with it, three cup finals – Powerchair, Cerebral Palsy and Blind.

First up was the Powerchair final, where Herefordshire-based Aspire PFC beat Northumberland's Northern Thunder through a single second-half goal from England captain Jon Bolding. The Cerebral Palsy final saw the National League's Northern Conference champions, CP United from Manchester, lift the title with an impressive 9-0 victory over Southern Conference champions Chelsea.



The final game of the day – the Blind final – saw Sporting Club Albion win the first ever FA Disability Cup penalty shootout against RNC Shrews.

2017 THE FAMOUS FIVE!

The following year saw five matches take place for the very first time, with Amputee, Blind, Cerebral Palsy, Deaf and Powerchair finals all featured. In Powerchair, 13-year-old Bradley Addison helped Aspire PFC seal a narrow 2-1 win against Villa Rockets PFC to secure successive titles. CP United Seniors then followed suit in the Cerebral Palsy final, running out 9-1 winners against Chelsea Whites for the second year in a row.



Arguably one of the most intense games of the day was the Blind final. Merseyside Blind FC were narrowly beaten 2-3 by RNC Shrews, in which England player Robin Williams netted a memorable hat-trick.

The penultimate match of the day was an exhibition match profiling some of the younger participants with U16 Derby County Community Trust Girls Deaf side beating Braidwood School's U16 Girls Deaf Team 6-4.

Peterborough United Amputee FC, the reigning National Amputee League champions, beat Everton Amputee FC 3-2 to conclude a fine day's action.





2018 NEW NAMES ON THE TROPHIES

2018 brought the addition of the Partially Sighted final, bringing the total to six finals for the first time. Defending powerchair champions Aspire PFC were toppled for the first time in FA Disability Cup history by West Bromwich Albion PFC, who won 1-0 thanks to a goal from Luke Kelly.

A new champion was also crowned in the Cerebral Palsy final, where strikes from Charlie Needler and James Williams handed North East and Yorkshire Disability FC a 2-0 win against Chelsea Blues. The maiden Partially Sighted final was won by Birmingham Futsal, after Harry Gibbons scored in a dominant 4-1 victory against future winners, North West Scorpions.

On day two, Peterborough United Amputee FC and Derby County Community Trust won the Amputee final and Deaf exhibition match respectively for the second year in a row. In the Blind final, RNC Leicestershire Foxes retained their title after beating West Bromwich Albion Blind FC.



2019 ON SCREEN!

The 2019 FA Disability Cup showcased five fiercely competitive finals across Amputee, Blind, Cerebral Palsy, Partially Sighted and Powerchair football, with players cheered on by passionate supporters and national media coverage from Sky Sports News and ITV.

North West Scorpions claimed

the Partially Sighted title with a thrilling 9-4 victory over Birmingham Futsal, led by four goals from Niall Dempsey and a hat-trick from Neil Atkinson.

CP North West FC were equally dominant in the Cerebral Palsy final, defeating North East Yorkshire Disability FC 8-1 thanks to hat-trick hero Riley DeSouza and four goals from George Fletcher.

In the Powerchair final, Aspire PFC overcame Northern Thunder 4-1, inspired by Jon Bolding's hat-trick.

Everton Amputee FC sealed the Amputee title after a 4-1 win against Portsmouth, while Merseyside Blind FC were crowned Blind champions with a 2-0 victory over West Bromwich Albion Blind FC.

2021 MIDLANDS DOMINATION

The FA Disability Cup returned after an enforced year off thanks to COVID-19 – and it proved to be a milestone year as all finals were broadcast live on BT Sports (now TNT Sports) for the first time.

West Bromwich Albion PFC defeated Powerchair final ever-presents Aspire PFC 2-0, thanks to goals from Chris Gordon and Marcus Harrison. Later that day, Birmingham Futsal regained their Partially Sighted title from Scorpion Futsal Club, thanks to a Harry MacDonald brace. Day one ended with a 5-2 win for North East and Yorkshire, who defeated CP North West 5-2 in the Cerebral Palsy final.

The Sunday was defined by penalty shootouts in the Amputee and Blind finals. Peterborough United Amputees triumphed over Portsmouth Amputees 6-5 to seal their third title, while RNC Hereford were crowned champions in the day's other final.





2022 HISTORY MAKERS

The largest edition of the competition to date, with six formats showcased across two days. And while 2022 would see the crowning of a host of new winners, in the Partially Sighted final, Birmingham Futsal picked up where they left off to win their third cup in four years. Birmingham skipper Luke Darnell gave the Blues a two-goal cushion at half-time before the game was sealed in the second period.

Elsewhere, however, Manchester City defeated 2021 finalists Portsmouth to clinch the Amputee Cup for the first time. On day one, RNC Hereford also made history, as England's highest capped para and blind footballer, Darren Harris, proved to be the matchwinner via a penalty shootout.

A pulsating opening game on the second day finished with a win for North East and Yorkshire CP, who retained their Cerebral Palsy crown after sudden death penalties decided the outcome. Later that day, Northern Thunder became first-time winners in the Powerchair final, edging past holders West Brom 2-1 on penalties.

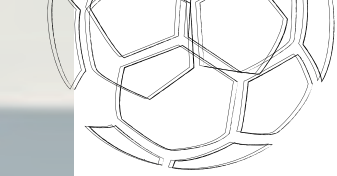
The weekend concluded with the first-ever competitive Deaf final, where Farsley Celtic Deaf FC won thanks to Kieran Carey's injury-time goal against St. John's Deaf FC.



2023 FIRSTS, EMOTIONS AND DOMINANCE

The 2023 FA Disability Cup delivered another memorable weekend at St. George's Park. Scorpions Futsal Club lifted the Partially Sighted trophy for the first time since 2019 after edging Merseyside 2-1, while Everton claimed the Amputee win with a thrilling 4-2 victory over Portsmouth, inspired by a brace from Rhyce Ramsden.

Brighton & Hove Albion secured their first Blind cup title thanks





2024 SUPER-SIZED!

Portsmouth won the Amputee cup after beating Everton 3-2 in a dramatic opener, while Scorpions Futsal retained the Partially Sighted title thanks to Adam Lione's late winner against Birmingham Futsal.

West Bromwich Albion claimed the Blind cup in a thrilling 3-2 victory over the Royal National College for the Blind, with Paul Iyobo scoring a hat-trick in one of the most exciting matches of the weekend. Norwich City then produced an impressive attacking display to beat Chelsea Foundation 6-3 in the Cerebral Palsy cup final.

In the Powerchair cup, West Bromwich Albion defeated Aspire PFC 2-0 through goals from Valentino Zegarelli and Marcus Harrison, while St. John's successfully defended the Deaf title with a hard-fought 2-1 win over Farsley Celtic to round off another landmark year for the competition.

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to Hamad Ebrahim's stunning solo goal in a tense 1-0 win over Royal National College for the Blind. In the Cerebral Palsy final, North East & Yorkshire CP continued their dominance with a commanding 4-0 victory against Norwich City to secure a third consecutive title.

Aspire PFC won the Powerchair cup as Jon Bolding scored twice in an emotional 2-0 triumph over Newcastle United, dedicating the victory to his late father.

St. John's completed the weekend by defeating 2022 winners Farsley Celtic 3-0 to become Deaf Cup champions.



2025 EE JOIN AS TITLE PARTNER!

The biggest tournament yet, complete with EE joining as title partner, and it all began with Chelsea FC Foundation beating Everton in the Community 2-0 in the Amputee final – their first cup triumph. Later on day one, Birmingham Futsal regained the Partially Sighted cup after an enthralling 5-4 win against 2023 finalists Merseyside Blind & V.I FC.

In the Blind final, West Bromwich won for the second consecutive year, with EE Player of the Match Eesa Amjid scoring twice to hand his side a 2-0 victory. CP North West then sealed their first Cerebral Palsy cup win since 2019, before Aspire PFC won the Powerchair trophy for a record fifth time against long-time rivals West Brom.

The biggest victory of the weekend was recorded by St. John's Deaf FC, who sealed their third consecutive title with a 7-0 rout against Barnet Deaf FC. Abdou Jobe stole the show with a stunning hat-trick and a brace of assists.

ROLL CALL OF PREVIOUS WINNERS

	AMPUTEE	BLIND	CEREBRAL PALSY	DEAF	PARTIALLY SIGHTED	POWERCHAIR
2025	Chelsea FC Foundation	West Bromwich Albion	CP North West FC	St. John's Deaf FC	Birmingham Futsal	Aspire PFC
2024	Portsmouth	West Bromwich Albion	Norwich City FC	St. John's Deaf FC	Scorpions Futsal	West Bromwich Albion PFC
2023	Everton Amputee FC	Brighton & Hove Albion	North East & Yorkshire CP	St. John's Deaf FC	Scorpions FC	Aspire PFC
2022	Manchester City	RNC Hereford	North East & Yorkshire CP	Farsley Celtic Deaf FC	Birmingham Futsal	Northern Thunder
2021	Peterborough United Amputee FC	RNC Hereford	North East & Yorkshire CP		Birmingham Futsal	West Bromwich Albion PFC
2019	Everton Amputee FC	Merseyside Blind FC	CP North West FC		North West Scorpions	Aspire PFC
2018	Peterborough United Amputee FC	RNC Leicestershire Foxes	North East and Yorkshire Disability FC	Derby County Com. Trust	Birmingham Futsal	West Bromwich Albion PFC
2017	Peterborough United Amputee FC	RNC Shrews	CP United	Derby County Com. Trust		Aspire PFC
2016		Sporting Club Albion	CP United			Aspire PFC

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JUST PLAY LEARN TO PLAY DISABILITY
is a coach-led session incorporating a game and skills coaching for passing, shooting, turning and dribbling. All in a safe, supportive space.

Age group: 16+

SCAN TO FIND OUT MORE



AMPUTEE FOOTBALL

First formed in 2013, The England Amputee Football Association (EAFA) National League enables any player with an amputation or limb deficiency to play regionally and nationally.

THE FORMAT

TIMES

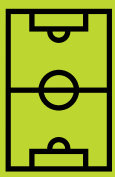


Two halves of 25 minutes, 10-minute half-time break

PLAYERS PER SIDE

7v7

MEASUREMENT



60M X 40M
Pitch

2M X 5M
Goals

NO OFFSIDES



THE SQUADS

CAMBRIDGE CITY FC

Tayla **Page**
Caleb **Lewis**
Marni **Voak**
Isabella **Papandronicou**
Terence **Yates** (TJ)
Neil **Hoey**
Jamie **Tregaskiss**
Ruairi **Murphy**
Wayne **Cox**
Kevan **O'Rouke**
Eanna **Durham**
Connor **Cruise**
Thomas **Atkinson**



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CHELSEA FOUNDATION FC



Charlie **Hewson**
Harry **Ash**
Matt **Dean**
Michael **Ishiguzo**
Jonathan **Nyarko**
Issac **Addai**
Luke **Bayley**
Rio **Woolf**
Richie **Wintle**
Sofyan **Filali**
Hafiz Suleman **Afoakwa**
Freddie **Palin**

Officials
Daniel **Bowden**
Juliette **Forgham**
Coral **John**

THE RULES

- No slide tackles
- Restart: kick-ins are used instead of throw-ins
- Outfield players without a prosthesis play on aluminium elbow crutches
- Use of a prosthesis permitted in certain formats
- Players are not allowed to strike the ball or any other players with their crutches
- Goalkeepers are single-arm amputees and not allowed out of the penalty area

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CAMBRIDGE CITY FC

HOW THEY GOT HERE

Cambridge City FC are making their debut in the EE Disability FA Cup after being formed this season. Several players from last year's Portsmouth side – who won the 2025 EE Disability Cup final – joined the new setup, including TJ Yates and Jamie Tregaskiss, which enabled them to qualify.

PEDIGREE

Although Cambridge City FC are competing in the competition for the first time, their core group – from last year's winners – already know what it takes to win it. As a club, Cambridge City FC has a men's and women's team and a thriving youth and ParAbility setup, thanks largely to dedicated CEO Alice Dewey and an incredible team of volunteers.

ONES TO WATCH

England international Thomas Atkinson is one of Cambridge's star players. The goalkeeper has a strong social media following and has brought wider attention to the sport after appearing on Big Brother UK in 2024.



INTERVIEW

Lifting silverware is the aim, but Cambridge City's THOMAS ATKINSON is looking at the bigger picture

Cambridge City FC have done well to get here at the first time of asking...

Well, when Portsmouth were disbanded, we had all these players good enough to win something, but no team to play in. Cambridge City and Cambridgeshire FA stepped in, and here we are!

How do you assess Chelsea?

They're a very very good attacking team, but we match



them well. The 1v1s and team battles should be good; matches between us rarely feature less than five goals.

You played in the 2024 final with Portsmouth, and saved a penalty, what are your memories?
That's probably one of my favourite games I've ever played in. It's a massive spectacle that's streamed worldwide, though at the time I didn't understand how important it [the save] was.

You've been on Big Brother and played for Hashtag United... is the aim to raise the profile of Amputee football?
That's the main aim. Amputee football needs pioneers. Women's football has big names that have driven the sport forward. I'm not saying kids are going to see me on the same level as, say, Chloe Kelly, but Amputee football needs players kids recognise. Hashtag United was brilliant. I've got all these people in my phonebook that I used to watch on YouTube when I was growing up!

What's next?
I'm one of those people who just likes to say 'yes' to everything. I'm doing 5k challenges, stuff with Children in Need, and then it's the Amputee World Cup.

CHELSEA FC FOUNDATION

HOW THEY GOT HERE

Chelsea FC Foundation returns to the EE Disability FA Cup Amputee final after earning qualification through victory in the EAFA Cup in July 2025.

PEDIGREE

The Blues competed in their first EE Disability FA Cup in 2025 and lifted the trophy with a 2-0 win over Everton. Darren Mitchell and Jonathon Nyarko scored the goals in a clinical display. The team is led by Jordan Clarke, Adam Semple, Roy Taylor and Ellie Crabb.

ONES TO WATCH

Harry Ash is Chelsea's standout talent. Nicknamed the "Rolls Royce" by the Amputee Federation, the midfielder is regarded as one of the best central midfielders in the world and is also a Champions League winner with Polish side Wisla. Sofyan Filali, last year's EE Player of the Match, is another major threat for Chelsea, having previously played for QPR's academy prior to losing his leg.



INTERVIEW

A 'tricky winger', and EE Player of the Match in last year's final, SOFYAN FILALI returns with Chelsea FC Foundation looking to defend their crown, and continue their journey.

What would it mean to successfully defend the trophy?
It would mean the world to me and my team because we work so hard and the Foundation staff work so hard to make it all happen. We have the quality in our team and the belief to defend the trophy!



Do you enjoy the pressure and spotlight that comes with these big occasions?
Yes! Pressure makes your determination to succeed even greater. A big occasion like this, representing Chelsea Foundation at St. George's Park live on TNT Sports in a cup final... it doesn't get better than that.

What makes this competition so special?
Simple: the location, the occasion, and the game being the only live streamed amputee football match in England. It's a privilege for us as amputee footballers to showcase our game to people.

How has the Chelsea FC Foundation supported your football journey?
I was 15 when I joined the Foundation and it has been a great journey. The coaching staff have supported me in becoming the best version of myself on and off the pitch. I am so grateful, and I hope the journey never ends!

How would you describe your playing style?
I'm a tricky winger who'll work hard on the flanks and take on 1v1s to show my skill and expose the opposition. I link up well with my teammates and have a knack for scoring goals.

PARTIALLY SIGHTED FOOTBALL

The Partially Sighted Football League, first established in 1979, has evolved from a five-a-side tournament into an adapted version of Futsal – the internationally recognised format. Partially sighted football is also sometimes known as B2/3 football.

THE FORMAT

TIMES



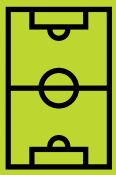
2 × 20-minute halves played with a stop clock

PLAYERS PER SIDE

5V5

Futsal

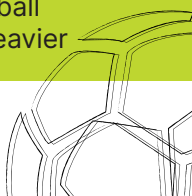
PITCHES



Pitches are free of additional markings, with equal light intensity required across the playing area

BALL

The Futsal ball has one-third of the bounce of a regular football and is slightly smaller and heavier



THE SQUADS

BIRMINGHAM FUTSAL

Paul **McHugh**
Andy **Lang**
Joe **Salerno**
Danny **Guaden**
Doug **Pratt**
Kyle **Ferguson**
Josh **Pugh**
Nik **Acton**
John **McDougall**
Luke **Darnell**



BOLTON FUTSAL

Luke **Quinn**
Harry **Hughes**
Alfie **Collyer**
Lucas **McClay**
Kiitan **Bayo-Awonaike**
Liam **Spinks**
Harry **Hampton**
Callum **Pugh**
Neil **Atkinson**
Logan **Coates**



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Ashley **Spires**

THE RULES

- Players must have a B2 or B3 visual classification to play internationally
- Domestic competitions also allow B4 and B5 classifications
- Goalkeepers can be fully sighted, but must remain inside the penalty area
- The ball must contrast clearly in colour with the pitch and lines
- If a goalkeeper distributes the ball into the opposition half, it must bounce before the halfway line

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BIRMINGHAM FUTSAL

HOW THEY GOT HERE

Birmingham Futsal head into the Partially Sighted final determined to end Bolton's recent dominance after narrowly missing out in both the league title race and League Cup this season.

PEDIGREE

Formed back in 1982, this will be Birmingham Futsal's seventh EE Disability FA Cup appearance, with the club already winning the competition four times. They lifted the trophy last year after a dramatic 5-4 victory over Merseyside Blind & V.I FC.

ONES TO WATCH

Goalkeeper Kyle Ferguson is Birmingham's player to watch. The 36 year old, who previously played for Merseyside Blind & V.I FC, was named the club's Player of the Season. He also works as a DJ and is producing his first trance album. You might also recognise comedian Josh Pugh, who's currently taken a break from his UK tour to play this weekend.



INTERVIEW

Birmingham Futsal's JOSH PUGH can be found touring the country as a comedian, but he still loves to play football. Birmingham, he says, are committed, and hungry for victory...

Birmingham Futsal have been in seven EE Disability FA Cup finals and won four... impressive!

We don't win them all, but we are quite good in finals. Maybe we manage the occasion well because we're a bit older and have played together for many years? We have quality too, like the England



skipper John Mac [McDougall]. It's such a wicked event, a real showpiece that we all look forward to. The best thing is seeing all the partners, friends and families coming together to enjoy it with us. They sacrifice so much.

Bolton pipped you to the league and cup titles...
They did, but we still fancy our chances. Games with them are close and it's down to small margins. We don't need to change too much. They score goals from set pieces, so we'll need to be aware of that.

How do you manage to juggle playing futsal with touring?
With difficulty! I also have two young kids under four... and thankfully a very supportive partner. Everyone's busy, so it just takes commitment. There are a lot of excuses for any of us not to play, but if you have to train early, or in hotels while you're away, then you just have to be disciplined and adapt. Our keeper Kyle Ferguson – our Player of the Season – is a DJ who works away a lot and goes to work after games. He does it because he loves it. We all do, particularly the coaches.

Do you think partially sighted futsal is growing?
I do, and I think that's down to the commitment of The FA and the TV coverage. There'll be players involved this weekend who watched previous finals on the tele: that's the impact.

BOLTON FUTSAL

HOW THEY GOT HERE

The side head into their first EE Disability FA Cup final after an extraordinary debut season that has already produced a treble. Bolton's place here at St. George's Park was secured after clinching the Open Cup, McGrath Charitable Cup and Partially Sighted Football League treble.

PEDIGREE

Although this is Bolton's first appearance in the competition, the club have quickly developed a winning mentality built around equality, development and strong leadership from captain Liam Spinks and coach Stuart Cook. Crucially, they have already beaten EE Disability FA Cup opponents Birmingham Futsal 6-4 in the league this season.

ONES TO WATCH

Spinks is Bolton's skipper and star attacker. The 22-year-old fix/winger is the Partially Sighted Final League's top scorer, a 36-cap England international and the 2025-26 Partially Sighted Player of the Year.



INTERVIEW

Bolton Futsal have already secured a historic treble, but captain – and England international – LIAM SPINKS doesn't want to stop there and is hungry to secure a fourth trophy

You've won the Open Cup, Partially Sighted Football League and McGrath Charitable Trust Cup… that's some season!

It's been so good. We only came together as a group at the start of the season, and we have a young and mixed team, with some players in the talent pathway



alongside experienced lads and others who have stepped up from other teams. If we can win a fourth trophy I think we'll be the first [partially sighted] team to ever do it.

This will be the team's first EE Disability FA Cup final, but not yours...
Some of us have played in the final before, with Merseyside. I've yet to win it. I've travelled the world with England in World Cups and EUROs but to win this, in your home country, it would be massive for the players and our friends and families.

Does playing football help in day-to-day life?
It helps to create more of a level playing field. Everyone faces challenges, from having your disability questioned to a lack of access. Football can put a smile on your face, and ease the frustrations. Hopefully this game can reach a wide audience too, to attract players and aid funding. One of our lads, Kiitan Bayo-Awonaike, knew nothing about partially sighted football until he saw something on TikTok in 2023. His dad Ade is helping raise money to help our league continue.

What sort of challenge do you expect from Birmingham Futsal?
They have some talented and successful individuals, including England captain John McDougall and Josh Pugh. It'll be nip and tuck, but we're confident.

BLIND FOOTBALL

The National Blind Football League is a competitive five-a-side football league that was established in 2010. Internationally recognised blind football teams consist of four outfield players who are registered blind, alongside a sighted goalkeeper.

THE FORMAT

TIMES

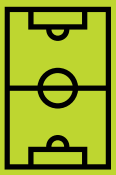


2 × 20-minute halves played with a stop clock

PLAYERS PER SIDE

5V5

PITCHES



Acoustic boards along both touchlines help players orientate themselves on the pitch

BALL



The ball rattles so players can hear its movement



THE SQUADS

ROYAL NATIONAL COLLEGE FOR THE BLIND FC



Mikey **Poulli**
Danny **Jenkins**
Oliver **Johnson**
Toby **Williams**
Azeem **Amir**
Shamreaz **Hussain**
Harrison **Matthewman**
San **Meisel**

WEST BROMWICH ALBION BLIND FC

Alice **Hopkins**
Mo **Ahmed**
Efe **Shimwell**
Owen **Locke**
Anna **Draper**
Yusuf **Huraira**
Mark **Turnham**
Keiran **Clarke**
Eesa **Amjid**



Officials
Andy **Page**
Rhys **Watkinson**
Korban **Mottram**
Duncan **Kings**

THE RULES

- Outfield players must have a B1 (blind) classification
- Players wear blindfolds to ensure fairness, as some may retain limited light perception
- Goalkeepers are sighted and restricted to a designated area
- Defenders must shout 'voy' when approaching within two metres of an opponent to reduce collisions
- If a goalkeeper distributes the ball into the opposition half, it must bounce before the halfway line
- Spectators must remain silent so players can hear the ball, acoustic boards, coaches and sighted guides

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National Blind Football League

ROYAL NATIONAL COLLEGE FOR THE BLIND (RNC)

HOW THEY GOT HERE

RNC head into the 2026 EE Disability FA Cup Blind final after securing qualification by winning the National Blind Football League. Based in Hereford, the team is largely made up of RNC students.

PEDIGREE

This will be RNC's ninth appearance in the EE Disability FA Cup, underlining their status as one of the most successful blind football programmes in the country. They have lifted the trophy four times (2017, 2018, 2021 and 2022) and boast recent dominance in the European Blind Football League.

ONES TO WATCH

Goalkeeper Dylan Malpas is the standout figure, with 120 England caps and six Golden Gloves at major IBSA tournaments. In attack, 18-year-old Toby Williams has made rapid progress after only taking up blind football in 2024. Keeper Katie Christopher is also a key figure on and off the field.



INTERVIEW

He's got 120 England caps and six Golden Gloves at major tournaments, but DYLAN MALPAS wants to win again, and continue to grow the game

How are you feeling ahead of today's match?
It's always great to play in the showcase game of the year. Being on TV, it enables us to show the game to a wider audience, which is exciting.

You go into the final as league winners, are you feeling confident?



Yes, but anything can happen in a final. And to be fair to West Brom, they have got great individual players... a lot of them are England teammates. However, we've built something different, a real togetherness. We're all mates, we've gelled really well, and we've been very consistent in the league.

What makes Royal National College For The Blind so successful year after year?
We create a really good culture which produces a conveyor belt of players. We recruit well, develop players, and they kick on to become top England players.

How do you prepare mentally for finals, and how do you balance that with life as a teacher at Royal National College For The Blind?
I'm really fortunate that I work at the RNC, as it enables me to do a sort of dual role of teaching and playing. I work long hours, but my motivation comes from the fact that I can develop the future and inspire the players of the future to one day become teammates or fall in love with the game – which I'm so passionate about.

WEST BROMWICH ALBION BLIND FC

HOW THEY GOT HERE

West Bromwich Albion Blind FC arrive at the 2026 EE Disability FA Cup final after a challenging campaign in which injuries disrupted their rhythm. With that being said, this enabled championship players to step up, and the side still finished second in the National Blind Football League.

PEDIGREE

This will be West Bromwich Albion Blind FC's fifth appearance in the EE Disability FA Cup final. They lifted the trophy in 2016, 2024 and 2025, including a dominant 2-0 win over Royal National College for the Blind last year thanks to an Eesa Amjid brace.

ONES TO WATCH

Eesa Amjid, 20, is the key attacking threat, having developed into one of Europe's most exciting blind footballers. Midfielder Mo Ahmed adds control and experience in the middle of the pitch alongside the versatile Kieran Clarke, a judo coach and jujitsu competitor.



INTERVIEW

EESA AMJID and his West Bromwich Albion teammates are hoping to win the EE Disability FA Cup final for the third time in a row

You regularly meet Royal National College for the Blind in these finals, is there a rivalry?
I'd say so, because the league title goes back and forth. They're always tough and competitive games.

You scored both goals in last year's final. Was that a career highlight?



Last year's final was probably the sharpest I've ever felt. It was a great period; I was training four or five times a week and we had constant training camps.

At 20 years old, you're considered one of Europe's most exciting blind footballers...
I enjoy it. Everyone plays football to win, and I like being the player who can possibly win a game for the team. I enjoy that pressure and thrive in the kind of atmosphere where you have to back your ability.

Have you changed as a player since last year?
I'd say my biggest improvement is in my tactical understanding. I've had more experiences, played more games and my fitness is better. I've also played in tournaments with England, playing against the best teams in the world... great experiences.

What would it mean to you to retain your EE Disability FA Cup title?
It would mean a lot to us. It's good for the foundation, and shows the good work they do with the community and with the elite West Brom blind team. It just highlights the hard work of the coaches and staff.

REST IN PEACE, ROBBO



The Blind Football community lost one of its most influential and pioneering members last year. Here, STEVE CUSHION from the National Blind Football League pays tribute to ROBIN WILLIAMS



In December 2025, we lost a treasured and deeply loved member of our Blind Football family when Robin 'Robbo' Williams sadly passed away following a life-long battle with cancer.

Robbo played an extraordinary role in the development and growth of Blind Football over the past 20 years. His contribution went far beyond being a world-class player, although his record includes 106 caps, 30 goals, and countless memorable, match-winning moments. Robin played in a number of EE Disability FA Cup finals, scoring a hat-trick to lift the cup in 2017.

Robbo dedicated himself to supporting the game off the pitch. He held numerous roles on the League Committee following its formation in 2009, and over the past five years served with distinction as Chairperson. During this time, he introduced the Development League, creating opportunities for more than 30 new players to experience the game, several of whom have since gone on to represent England Blind Men's and Women's teams.

Robbo's impact reached far beyond the game. He supported and inspired countless people within the Blind Football community, always making time for others and striving to break down barriers. His kindness, commitment, and passion will be remembered by all who knew him. He will be deeply missed, and our National League fixtures will never feel the same without him...





EXPERIENCE FOOTBALL LIKE NEVER BEFORE!

This weekend isn't just about trophies, it's about getting to the heart of disability football thanks to the EE Disability FA Cup

The excitement doesn't stop at the pitch this weekend, for there is also an EE Disability FA Cup Experience Area for you to enjoy, a vibrant space that enables you to really get a feel for disability football in a fun way.

The Experience Area is designed for everyone to enjoy. You can get hands-on and try a range of disability football formats, from blind and partially sighted football to deaf, amputee and powerchair football. With specialist equipment and guided activities, you'll gain a real insight into how the game is adapted – challenging, inspiring, and above all, fun.

Ultimately, it's a chance to get closer to the action, to soak up the atmosphere, feel the energy of finals weekend, and celebrate football in its most inclusive form.

THERE'S PLENTY TO KEEP YOU ENTERTAINED, INCLUDING:

- Watch the live action on big screens
- Explore interactive and fact-finding zones
- Discover your local grassroots disability football providers
- Enjoy giveaways
- Large selection of activities

LOCATION: INDOOR 3G

OPENING TIMES: 13:00 - 16:00


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CEREBRAL PALSY FOOTBALL

The National Cerebral Palsy Football League provides opportunities for players with cerebral palsy and other neurological conditions (such as stroke and traumatic brain injuries) to compete in an adapted 7v7 version of the game.

THE FORMAT

TIMES

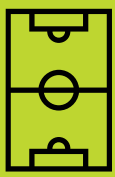


2 × 30-minute halves

PLAYERS PER SIDE

7v7

MEASUREMENT



75M X 55M
Pitch

5M X 2M
Goals

No offsides





Roll-ins and throw-ins permitted

THE SQUADS

CHELSEA FOUNDATION FC

Will **Stubley**
Lewis **Fry**
Charlie **Boyce**
Seb **Hayes**
Zak **Moffett**
Ronan **Coyle**
Finn **Pitchers**
Fin **Stapells**
Jack **Payne**
George **Wiles**
Joe **Dillon**
Tom **Page**
Jamie **Quinnell**



NORWICH CITY COMMUNITY SPORTS FOUNDATION FC

Max **Cummins**
Liam **Irons**
Reegan **McMillan**
Reece **McMillan**
Will **Clarke**
Robby **Newman**
Will **Hornby**
Karl **Townshend**
Bailey **Flemming**
Owen **Woodrow**
Gabriel **Attare**
Ben **Coe**
Max **Walters**



Officials
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Terry **Jeyes**
Andy **Mapperson**
Neal **Casley**

THE RULES

- Based on standard 11-a-side football with adapted laws
- International player classifications range from FT1 to FT3
- FT1 players have the most significant impairments

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National CP Football League

CHELSEA FC FOUNDATION

HOW THEY GOT HERE

Chelsea FC Foundation's Cerebral Palsy side booked their place after an impressive season that saw them win the league before coming through a decisive play-off to secure the title.

PEDIGREE

Founded in 2003, this is Chelsea's third appearance in the EE Disability FA Cup Cerebral Palsy final since the club programme restarted. The side were beaten 6-3 by Norwich in 2024 before losing 4-2 to CP North West in 2025. Will it be third time lucky in 2026?

ONES TO WATCH

Ronan Coyle is Chelsea's danger man. The 21-year-old midfielder, capable of playing centrally or out wide, has delivered countless goals and is viewed as a natural leader despite not wearing the captain's armband. Seb Hayes, meanwhile, who was last season's top scorer, gets another chance after missing last year's final through injury.



INTERVIEW

Top scorer for Chelsea FC Foundation last season, SEB HAYES missed the EE Disability FA Cup final last year through injury. Now, he's back and hoping his goals can fire the Blues to glory

You missed last year's EE Disability FA Cup final with a broken leg. Was it difficult watching from the sidelines?
It was stressful watching from the sidelines. I returned to training in January and played my first



fixture in February, ten months after my last game. I had to get my confidence and sharpness back, but now I feel sharper, stronger, ready and confident.

Has the experience of missing the final given you extra motivation heading into this year's match?
Yes, it's given me huge motivation for this year's final. Missing the game last year was painful.

Chelsea FC Foundation have had back-to-back defeats at this stage. How determined is the squad to get over the line this year?
This year we are 100% going to give it our all to win the final and I believe we can do it. We are a strong team!

How would you describe the spirit and mentality within this Chelsea group?
I'd describe our spirit and mentality as strong. We have a good connection between the players and staff, we are there for each other.

If Chelsea win the EE Disability FA Cup trophy this year, where would that rank in your football journey so far?
Winning it this year would mean a lot, and would be a big big win for me in my footballing journey. I've been wanting to win this trophy for a long time!

NORWICH CITY COMMUNITY SPORTS FOUNDATION FC

HOW THEY GOT HERE

Norwich City Community Sports Foundation FC head into another EE Disability FA Cup final after an impressive campaign that saw them win 13 of their 20 matches. This term, the side have scored 64 goals and conceded just 15, underlining their balance at both ends of the pitch.

PEDIGREE

The East Anglians have become regular contenders in the EE Disability FA Cup in recent seasons. They finished runners-up in 2023, before lifting the trophy a year later with a thrilling 6-3 victory over today's opponents, Chelsea FC Foundation.

ONES TO WATCH

Captain Owen Woodrow is the driving force behind Norwich City. A long-serving figure within both the club and the wider cerebral palsy football pathway, he has become a leader on and off the pitch.



INTERVIEW

Norwich City Community Sports Foundation's REEGAN MCMILLAN knows what it takes to win the EE Disability FA Cup final, and he hopes his side can make it a treble

You've had a successful season, winning a league and cup double. How do you feel ahead of today's final?

We're really looking forward to it. It's an opportunity to showcase our abilities against one of our main league rivals. Winning the cup was great, our first time,



and it was our route to this final. Winning today would be the icing on the cake, two cup wins this season would be fantastic.

You face Chelsea FC Foundation, who you played in this final two years ago. What do you expect from them?
I've got good memories [of playing Chelsea]. Hopefully we can win again this year, but Chelsea will be a real test. Ultimately, we want to showcase that disability footballers can play at a high level and achieve good things in football.

Do you feel the profile of the sport is changing?
Yes, I'd say so. In CP football, there's definitely more awareness now than when I was growing up. Now, you see England Football posting about it, and St. George's Park holding talent identification days to give players an opportunity with the national setup.

What are your hopes for the future?
I play for the England CP team, and last year we finished runners-up at the European Championship for the second consecutive time. The next step for us is to go and win a major tournament.

POWERCHAIR FOOTBALL

Founded in 2005, the Wheelchair Football Association (WFA) has transformed opportunities in disability sport. Powerchair Football is the only competitive team sport designed specifically for electric wheelchair users, uniting players of all ages and genders on an equal playing field.

THE FORMAT

TIMES

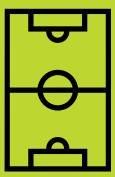


2 × 20-minute halves

PLAYERS PER SIDE

4V4

MEASUREMENT



30M X 18M
Pitch

MATCH BALL



33CM
Football

THE SQUADS

LEEDS PFC

Summer **Rice**
Jack **Maxwell**
Lewis **Harris**
Ethan **Fisher**
Dan **Rigby**
Dylan **Kelsall**



TEESSIDE PFC

Alistair **Haigh**
Dylan **Pearson**
Mitchell **Tinkler**
Gregg **Baxter**
Edward **Common**
Tyler **Reeve**



Officials
Paul **Yates**
Pete **Westmorland**
Alan **Murray**
Geoff **Lewis**

THE RULES

- Players are classified as PF1 (higher-level impairment) or PF2 (lower-level impairment)
- Teams must have at least two PF1 players on the pitch at all times
- Only the goalkeeper and one outfield player may defend inside the box
- The "two-on-one" rule replaces offsides

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LEEDS PFC

HOW THEY GOT HERE

This is Leeds' first-ever appearance at the EE Disability FA Cup final, having missed out in previous years. The side booked their place in the Powerchair final after becoming WFA National Premiership Champions, finishing the season with 55 points after losing just once.

PEDIGREE

Leeds PFC are the elite team within Leeds Powerchair Football Club, representing the city at the highest level of domestic powerchair football. They are only the fifth club to have won the WFA National Premiership title.

ONES TO WATCH

England international Dylan Kelsall has helped transform the side's fortunes this season thanks, in part, to his first-hand experience of winning the EE Disability FA Cup. Goalkeeper Ethan Fisher has also established himself as one of the most exciting young talents in English powerchair football.



INTERVIEW

DYLAN KELSALL has felt both the highs and lows of the EE Disability FA Cup final, but the Leeds Powerchair captain says these are the moments you play for, and which can inspire

What's the feeling in the camp ahead of Leeds' first ever appearance on this stage?
It's a huge moment, a chance to showcase the best of powerchair football on one of the biggest stages, to show that powerchair football is elite, competitive, and played by elite athletes. A lot of



people see a wheelchair first and an athlete second. Our job is to change that, and inspire the next generation.

What a season... winning the title, with Summer Rice becoming only the seventh female player to do so!
It's been incredible, and shows how consistent this group has been. Summer's achievement is brilliant for both Leeds and the sport. She's shown what is possible when talent and hard work come together.

You've won and lost in the EE Disability FA Cup final before...
The moment that always sticks with me is being in the tunnel before kick-off. That's when the opportunity hits you, for yourself, your club and the sport. Winning is incredible because of everything it takes to get there, but all these experiences teach you to embrace the occasion.

Are perceptions changing?
Yes. We're seeing more media coverage, more social media exposure and more disabled athletes telling their stories. People are recognising the skill, professionalism and competitiveness. Organisations are creating opportunities, with charities like Caudwell Children providing expensive and life-changing equipment to help players access the sport, shifting the focus from limitation to potential. That's when incredible things can happen.

TEESSIDE PFC

HOW THEY GOT HERE

Teesside's journey to the Powerchair final began with an impressive away win at Nottinghamshire PFC, which saw the side qualify for WFA Finals Day. Victories against Premier League outfit Seven Oaks and five-time EE Disability FA Cup champions Aspire saw them book their spot in this year's showpiece occasion.

PEDIGREE

While several Teesside players are familiar with St. George's Park, having trained here as part of the England set-up, this year will see the side feature at the EE Disability FA Cup for the first time.

ONES TO WATCH

England international Tyler Reeve has registered 13 goals and 21 assists in 22 league appearances this season. Winger Ed Common has been similarly effective in attack, with 26 goal involvements. Alongside Gregg Baxter, the duo won the 2019 EPFA Nations Cup, England's first trophy since 1966!



INTERVIEW

Teesside's first pivot TYLER REEVE has more assists than anyone else this season, and now he hopes he can create some more magic to fire his side to victory on the big stage

How are you feeling about Teesside's first ever EE Disability FA Cup final?

I'm excited, looking forward to it. I'm hoping we can play some good football and promote the sport to a wider audience.

What's been your highlight of



Teesside's exciting run to the final this year?
Beating Newcastle 5-0, when I managed to score a hat-trick. We also beat last season's finalists, Aspire PFC, to get here. We beat them twice in the 2024-25 season and so knew we just needed that level of performance.

You've scored plenty of goals and got plenty of assists this season. You must be happy with your performance levels...
I've got the most assists in the league this year, which I'm really proud of. I chip in and score a few from time to time, whatever the team needs, but I prefer to create.

You have a couple of players with winning experience...
Ed [Common] has played in this final on four or five occasions and has won it a couple of times. Our goalkeeper, Gregg Baxter, has won in the league and in Europe.

Do you think the event being broadcast will help raise the profile of powerchair football?
TNT Sports is a big platform and helps promote the game to more people. Hopefully both teams can put on a show and showcase how good our sport is. We're the two most positive and open teams in the league, so hopefully there'll be plenty of goals.

DEAF FOOTBALL

England Deaf Football, launched in June 2003 at Old Trafford, has been the country's only deaf-led football organisation for 23 years. Many deaf players and teams also compete in mainstream football without rule adaptations, where hearing technology is permitted.

THE FORMAT

TIMES



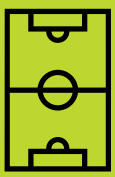
Two halves of 45 minutes.

PLAYERS PER SIDE

11v11

Players must have a minimum hearing loss of 55dB

MEASUREMENT



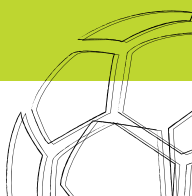
110M X 70M
Pitch

7.32M X 2.44M
Goals

REFEREE



Referees raise a flag alongside blowing the whistle



THE SQUADS

BARNET DEAF FC

Matthew **Powe**
Joshua **Austen**
Damien **Wood**
Daniel **Mace**
Philip **Swift**
Liam **Gunn**
Samuel **Norman**
Thomas **Paull**
Jacob **Willis**
Abdul **Hak-Benameur**
Adam **Llewellyn**
Callan **Durkin**
Micah **Thomas**
Harry **Potter**
Zito **Monteiro**
Matthew **Wheeler**
Adrian **Gubala**
Cameron **Pheonix**
Landry **Naubo**
Harvey **Norman**
Drew **Bradshaw**
Samuel **Halfpenny**



DISABILITY FA CUP

ST. JOHN'S DEAF FC

Hashim **Mahmood**
Rylan **Casey**
Byron **Down**
Rory **Muirhead**
Henery **Bowe**
Dominic **Cassell**
Abdou **Jobe**
James **Clarke**
Kimahrie **Lee**
Wilf **Jenkins**
Ellis **McLean**
Kevin **Oladineji**
Matthew **Burjak**
Harry **Storry**
Adam **Thomas**
Ali **Er**
Andre **Preston-Morley**
Drew **Rowley**
Matthew **Oaten**



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England Deaf Football

THE RULES

- Players remove hearing aids and cochlear implants during deaf-specific competition to ensure fairness
- Deaf competitions are played under either Futsal or standard 11-a-side laws

BARNET DEAF FC

HOW THEY GOT HERE

A 4-1 win over Derby set the tone before a convincing 6-1 victory against Farsley DFC confirmed back-to-back final appearances in the EE Disability FA Cup final.

PEDIGREE

Barnet are hoping to win in the Deaf final for the first time, having lost to St. John's Deaf FC at this stage last year. First founded in 2005, the club is run by passionate chairman and manager Brinthan Nanthabalan and the side – coached by Luke Bryant – participates in the Islington Midweek League and EDF League and Cup competitions.

ONES TO WATCH

Captain Matthew Wheeler is a key figure, having led teams in the Deaf Champions League while balancing football with work for the Cambridge Deaf Association. He's also a Mr Universe winner! In defence, Daniel Mace provides reliability at centre-back, while Landry Naubo and Liam Gunn offer the attacking threat.



INTERVIEW

Barnet arrive for their second successive EE Disability FA Cup final, and MATTHEW WHEELER believes his side can win to secure a historic double

What's the mood in the camp?
We're keen to step up and embrace today's occasion, and make the most of this second chance. St. John's DFC are full of England Deaf internationals so are the favourites – the pressure is on them – but we're confident and optimistic. We beat them 2-0 in the England Deaf League final two



weeks ago, and we've also come through a strong Deaf Champions League campaign. There's a real belief within the squad that we can get the job done and secure the double. The EE Disability FA Cup final is a fantastic and special experience. I'd like to commend everyone involved for giving deaf players the platform to showcase their abilities, we're all incredibly grateful.

How do you reflect on Barnet's recent fourth-place finish in the Champions League?
We were disappointed not to finish with a medal, but the experience has made us all stronger. We made our mark in Europe, and people are recognising our progress.

We've seen you box, enter Mr Universe, you're raising the profile of deaf football...
Absolutely. Every opportunity to showcase deaf football is important to me. I come from a deaf family, and my father was a passionate advocate for deaf football who dedicated many years to St. John's DFC. I have huge respect for that history, but I'm writing my own story with Barnet.

What's next?
I've set up a football team called Cambs Hammers DFC through the Cambridgeshire Deaf Association, the charity I work for. My focus is on coaching and creating competitive opportunities for deaf and hard-of-hearing children: it's heartwarming and rewarding.

ST. JOHN'S DEAF FC

HOW THEY GOT HERE

St. John's Deaf FC began their title defence with back-to-back 6-1 wins before a disciplined 3-0 victory over Sheffield Wednesday. They then sealed their return to the final – where they face Barnet Deaf FC for the second year running.

PEDIGREE

The side are managed by former Leeds player Paul Christou, who saw his career cut short by injury. St. John's compete across multiple competitions and have become regular finalists in the EE Disability FA Cup, winning the Deaf final for the last three years in a row.

ONES TO WATCH

Midfielder and winger Rylan Casey is the standout star. The 26 year old, once the youngest player to represent Great Britain and Northern Ireland at the Deaflympics aged 16, has produced a remarkable 18 assists this season.



INTERVIEW

RYLAN CASEY can't wait to face his former club in the EE Disability FA Cup final, and says his teammates are always hungry for more silverware

This is St. John's fourth final in a row, and you face Barnet for the second season running...
A lot of our players have experienced the final before and are hungry to achieve more. Reaching four finals is something we're incredibly proud of. We have a winning culture and our mentality is: 'Never Enough' – and



every player shares an ambition and determination to succeed. I have great respect for Barnet, my former club; it's always a pleasure to face them. They were impressive in the Deaf Champions League recently, finishing ahead of us, so they'll be strong, confident and determined to win.

You've had a lot of assists this season...
I take great pride in creating opportunities and helping my teammates succeed, but helping the team win matters more. Team success always trumps individual achievements.

You're the youngest player to represent England's Deaf team, but where would winning this trophy rank in your achievements?
I'll always be proud of representing my country at such a young age, but winning this trophy would be a big and special achievement that would reflect the team's success on a major stage.

Which players should we look out for?
Wilfred Jenkins is young but a real threat, composed and mature, a really important player with a bright future. Abdou Jobe has pace, he's hungry and has an eye for goal. I wouldn't want to play against him! Ellis McLean deserves credit too, he brings out the best of us.





SILVER SERVICE

Trophy makers THOMAS LYTE were commissioned to produce a new trophy to commemorate ten years of the EE Disability FA Cup. Here's the lowdown...



Thomas Lyte has created a new trophy for the EE Disability FA Cup to celebrate the ten year-anniversary of the event. The official trophy and silverware supplier of the Emirates FA Cup and Adobe Women's FA Cup were set the challenge of translating the new brand identity of the EE Disability FA Cup and transforming this prestigious new crown into a trophy befitting the competition's decade-long heritage.

The new trophy will be presented for the first time to the winners of all six formats at St. George's Park



this weekend, with each team being pictured with the newest trophy in The FA's suite of silverware.

The design itself took a creative lead from a brand new logo, which reflects the evolution of the event since it was first held in 2016. With the logo reflecting both the past and the future of the competition, the trophy had to be timeless in appearance – ensuring that it has an enduring legacy that will stand proudly alongside the Emirates FA Cup and Adobe Women's FA Cup as one of the ultimate prizes in English domestic football.

Measuring 60cm in height and with the famous Three Lions motif adorning the front, one of the most striking features of the trophy is a 3D faceted star at the top of the finial on the lid. It has been designed to generate eye-catching reflections. Each handle also features a distinctive six stars to represent the six finals that make up the EE Disability FA Cup weekend. In addition, the trophy features softened geometry to ensure key areas are comfortable and easy to hold. The 'neck' of the trophy, meanwhile, has been decorated in a tactile linear texture. The competition name is engraved on the front of the trophy body, alongside The FA emblem.

A trophy befitting of the competition itself.



ST GEORGE'S PARK

MAP

1. STEVE DALEY SPORTS HALL (FUTSAL HALL)
   - Partially Sighted Cup Final
   - Powerchair Cup Final
2. NATIONAL FOOTBALL CENTRE
   Including Changing Rooms
3. SIR ALF RAMSEY PITCH (INDOOR 3G)
   - Amputee Cup Final
   - Cerebral Palsy Cup Final
4. TONY LARKIN BLIND PITCH
   - Blind Cup Final
   - Experience Area
5. FARA WILLIAMS PITCH (PITCH 5)
   - Deaf Cup Final



KEY INFO

- A VIP / Media Reception and Team Entry
- B Tickets, Wristband Exchange and Audio Description Hire
- C Partially Sighted and Powerchair Final Entry
- D Amputee and Cerebral Palsy Final Entry
- E Blind Final Entry
- F Deaf Final Entry
- G Experience Area (refer to the opening times on page 35)
- H Spectator Refreshments
- I Spectator Toilets (including accessible toilets)
- J Hilton Hotel

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2026 FIXTURES

SATURDAY 27TH JUNE

AMPUTEE CUP FINAL

CAMBRIDGE CITY FC v CHELSEA FC FOUNDATION

10.00 SIR ALF RAMSEY PITCH (INDOOR 3G)

PARTIALLY SIGHTED CUP FINAL

BIRMINGHAM FUTSAL v BOLTON FUTSAL

12.30 STEVE DALEY SPORTS HALL (FUTSAL HALL)

BLIND CUP FINAL

ROYAL NATIONAL COLLEGE FOR THE BLIND v WEST BROMWICH ALBION BLIND FC

15.10 TONY LARKIN BLIND PITCH

SUNDAY 28TH JUNE

CEREBRAL PALSY CUP FINAL

CHELSEA FC FOUNDATION v NORWICH CITY COMMUNITY SPORTS FOUNDATION FC

10.15 SIR ALF RAMSEY PITCH (INDOOR 3G)

POWERCHAIR CUP FINAL

LEEDS PFC v TEESSIDE PFC

12.20 STEVE DALEY SPORTS HALL (FUTSAL HALL)

DEAF CUP FINAL

BARNET DEAF FC v ST. JOHN'S DEAF FC

14.20 FARA WILLIAMS PITCH (PITCH 5)