APRIL 12, 2020.

An Ascot man sits at his computer screen and writes the fateful words that lead to this day: "How about a Football in Berkshire Mens and Womens Virtual Cup just like @ CPriday are doing with the FA Cup?"

It took a few days to come up with a suitable riposte to something that looked like a complete headache to organise: "This is a good idea!"

With those words, the Berkshire Virtual County FA Cup 2020 was born. 64 teams drawn in to 16 groups of four. Live broadcasts of draws, over 40,000 votes cast across hundreds of matches, leaving us on Saturday, June 6 with eight teams contesting two finals and two third placed play offs. Well, it's something to do right?

Oh, that man? Ascot United Ladies boss and my nemesis, Darrel Evans. Follow him on twitter @darrelevans7

WELCOME!

So that's the story of how this virtual cup came in to being. A lot of gratitude to Darrel, but also father and son groundhopping duo @cpriday who blazed a trail with the virtual cup concept and upon who's bandwagon we've shamelessly jumped.

This competition has taken on a life of it's own. I've appeared on BBC Radio Berkshire to talk about it, not once, but twice. We've held live draws on our Twitter account and generated a ton of new followers, hopefully all ready to lap up news of the 2020/21 non league, women's and grassroots football season in Berkshire.

I have said regularly that this is all a bit of a nonsense - and it is really, but having read a lot of the comments and seen some of the effort people have gone to to really try and replicate the matchday experience: team sheets, live commentaries and that tense final 5 minutes when the vote could go either way, we've even had a 'penalty shoot out' when twitter decided that depsite an odd number of votes, the semi final between Finchampstead and Old Windsor was tied at 50% each.

For me, this competition has introduced us to an whole raft of new people and clubs who we look forward to working with when the season gets started again.

So it's not a nonsense, I hope that it's genuinely been entertaining for people and raised the profile of our football clubs. After all, that is the point of FiB.

Tom Canning - Football in Berkshire co-editor.

WHAT IS FOOTBALL IN BERKSHIRE

Plain and simple, it is a website setup by myself and Darrell Freeland to raise the profile of non league football, initially in and around Bracknell, but now the whole of the Royal County, sweeping up the women's game and grassroots in the same breath. After Darrell's death in 2019, we vowed to continue to grow and support the part of the game he devoted his life to.

It's a not for profit website and everyone who contributes does so voluntarily. But that said, we have some amazing writers and contributors on our side, Rob Davies, Steve Gabb, Tony Hardy, Neil Maskell and Abi Ticehurst make up our key writing team while the website would be nowhere near as good without the incredible photography of Neil Graham, Philip Benton, Graham Tabor, Richard Milam, Robert Mack, Andrew Batt, Darren Woolley and Colin Byers.

NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR AN AWARD

Every year we host the Berkshire Football Awards, it looks like it'll be a virtual event this year but there's still time to get your nominations in. There's everything from player of the year to referee and volunteer of the year. If there's someone in your club that deserves a shout out, head to:

www.footballinbracknell.co.uk/berkshire-football-awards-home

LISTEN TO OUR PODCAST

Yes, of course we have a podcast. 55 episodes to be precise, 45 of which have been recorded during this lockdown period in 2020 talking to people from all parts of the non league game, we've spoken to players, managers, volunteers and legends. From Gareth Ainsworth to Barry Hayles, Mark Tallentire to Ellen Hopkins. You can find them on your favourite podcast app by using the URL: https://link.chtbl.com/bfs-home

ADVERTISE

The site is non profit, but we still have bills to pay. We reach on average 20,000 readers a month, reading 50,000 pages. If you'd like to advertise to our audience and ensure Football in Berkshire can continue to support and promote local football then it costs just £100 a year. Email tom.canning@footballinbracknell. co.uk for details.

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Virtual fixture 'played' at the Memorial Ground, home of Finchampstead FC. Make your vote count @fiberkshire on Twitter. **S4K L**Junior
Thame

Ladies Brackr Kick: 1

SQUAD FROM:

- 1. Kiah Owen aka Captain Kiah
- 2. Mich "I don't need to train" Melia
- 3. Ciara "TGI" Molloy
- 4. Nat Beeches aka Beechey
- 5. Jo Anderson (or Jo with an E)
- 6. Joely Sheldon aka Soz
- 7. Charisse Tregear aka Charry
- 8. Claudia "Sin Bin" Periquito
- 9. Anni "Don't break my nails" Young
- 10. Kate "The Cripple" Brown
- 11. Sammy "Target not power" Sadler
- 12. Jess Harvey aka Little Jess
- 13. Kayleigh "Dancing Queen" Matysiak
- 14. Izzy "Cricket" Clayton
- 15. Our newbies Ali Kelly and Liv Darke
- 16. Our legends Fran aka Legs and Nicky aka Refs

Manager: Graham Ridley aka G! Assistant: Adam Beeches and Artur Periquito Coach's: Kyla, Chloe, Zach, Phoebe and Archie Physiotherapist: Hayle Young

CLUB DETAILS:

Interested? Contact: Sammy Sadler sammyjsadler@hotmail.co.uk



ABOUT THE CLUB

We're a local ladies football team with a passion for the game. We work hard and play hard!

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adies vs Bracknell Titans

Cup Third and Fourth place play off between es Valley Counties Women's Football League S4K and Bracknell Town & District Sunday League ell Titans. Referee: Charles Walker.



SQUAD FROM:

1. Callum Masey

2pm, Saturday, June 6

- 2. Adam Fowke
- 3. Will Lemon
- 4. David Vince
- 5. Jordan Grimsby
- 6. Nathan Ottley
- 7. Stuart Foston
- 8. Fraser Flanagan
- 9. James Cotton
- 10. Scott Tubb
- 11. Robbie Lemon
- 12. Stuart Dean
- 13. Liam Mckeown
- 14. Mac Hoope
- 15. Damien Lewis
- 16. Richard Lemon

Manager: Robbie Lemon Assistant: Nathan Ottley Coach's: Fraser Flanagan

Physiotherapist: Robbie Lemon

CLUB DETAILS:

Interested? Contact: Robbie Lemon Bracknelltitans@outlook.com



ABOUT THE CLUB

We are full of banter and a joy to watch a very friendly and enjoyable bunch of lads with a great team spirit and very fair

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The Market Inn, Bracknell

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#BVCFAC2020

Virtual fixture 'played' at the Hill Farm Lane, home of Binfield FC. Make your vote count @fiberkshire on Twitter.

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SQUAD FROM:

- 1. Fosters
- 2. Simon Fuller
- 3. Danny McCarthy
- 4. Ryan Lonsdale
- 5. Joe Scott
- 6. Jack Blair
- 7. Tyler Hudson
- 8. Taylor Elliott-Money
- 9. James Rogers
- 10. Harvey Elliott-Money
- 11. Ricky Escargot
- 12. Dan Barnes
- 13. Ben Ide
- 14. Taylor Webb
- 15. Bobby Hamblin
- 16. Jose Escorcio

Manager: Jamie Docherty

Assistant: Gooner

Coach's: Martyn Foster

Physiotherapist: Joe Cumner

CLUB DETAILS:

Interested? Contact: Chris Goodey chris.goodey@hotmail.co.uk



ABOUT THE CLUB

"The Twigg" are a community club who re-formed this (half) season following a short break after being one of, if not the most successful Sunday league club ever!

We are more than a club, yes for 90 minutes on a Sunday morning the football is our life but we look after other and have a zero tolerance on liars.... you know who you are

If you're not playing you will not be missing out on the fun either. "The Sesh" is where club legends are also made. If you have the ability to drink Jagers, Heinekens instead of fosters, sing karaoke badly, dance like bambi and have an affinity with Sunday drinking and attending (or not) work with a fuzzy head on a Monday - see you there."

CLUB SPONSOR

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m Twigg vs Reading YMCA

Cup Final off between Bracknell Town & District y League William Twigg and Thames Valley Premier e Reading YMCA. Referee: Ollie Kaya. 2pm, Saturday, June 6



SQUAD FROM:

- 1. Stephen Marshall
- 2. Steve Woodrow
- 3. Mo Adam
- 4. Ryan Adams
- 5. James Coker
- 6. Jordan Cox
- 7. Danny Fitzpatrick
- 8. Michael Holder
- 9. Mark Ilsley
- 10. Chris Lemm
- 11. Kieron Mabbutt
- 12. Ryan North
- 13. David Rolfe
- 14. Paul Towner
- 15. Drew Tipper
- 16. Rob Why

Manager: Mark Lemm Assistant: Paul Cooke Coach's: Glenn Goudie Karl Curtis Brian Baggaley Mike Hancock Luke Howroyd Physiotherapist: Stuart Cripps

CLUB DETAILS:

Interested? Contact: Luke Howroyd lukehowroyd@gmail.com



ABOUT THE CLUB

We are a family friendly club with a new licensed bar. There is a play park for the kids, plenty of room to park. A great place to watch football. 10 minute walk from Aldermaston station

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Binfie Senior Uhlspo

Footba

Kick 3

SQUAD FROM:

- Chris Grace 1
- 2. Jack Thomson-Wheeler
- 3. Jack Broome
- Steve Nebbett 4.
- 5. Gary Callaway
- 6. Mark Baker
- 7 Luke Williams
- 8. Jamie McClurg
- 9. Mickey Havermans
- 10. Jan Davies
- 11. Danny Wing
- 12. Asa Povey
- 13. Mick Baldrey
- 14. Liam Gavin
- 15. Carl Withers
- 16. Sean Moore

Manager: Jamie McClurg/Carl Withers/Roger Herridge (retiring)

Coach's: Geoff Warner

Physiotherapist: Liam Day/Carl Bennett

CLUB DETAILS:

Interested? Contact: Rob Challis Robchallis@binfieldfc.com



ABOUT THE CLUB

Come and see the volenteer lead improvements and sample our soon to be huge range of Siren beers.

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MY BODY IS BACK

ld vs Old Windsor

Cup Third and Fourth place play off between ort Hellenic League Binfield and East Berkshire all League Old Windsor. Referee: Malcolm Hutt. pm, Saturday, June 6



SQUAD FROM:

- 1. Roger Hill (GK)
- 2. Mark Belaes (GK)
- 3. Paul Blanchard (CB)
- 4. James Walton (CB)
- 5. Dale Robins-Bailey (CB)
- 6. Andy Reynolds (RB)
- 7. Malcolm Swain (CM, Captain)
- 8. Arron Lafilin (CM)
- 9. Luke Wade (CM)
- 10. Stewart Wright (CM)
- 11. Nick Bolding (CM)
- 12. Barry Clarke (Winger)
- 13. Lewis Hewitt (Winger)
- 14. Gary Wade (CF)
- 15. Micky Williams (CF/CM)
- 16. Simon Jackson (CF)

Manager: Russell Taylor Assistant: Bjorn Dunkley

Coach's: Chris Brooker and Neil Ostler Physiotherapist: James Greenwood

CLUB DETAILS:

Interested? Contact: Luke Wade oldwindsorfc@gmail.com



ABOUT THE CLUB

A small local football club that offers football to all abilities. We don't take ourselves to seriously and it's all about being a family friendly well respected club.

The club won the East Berkshire Premier Division last season and has plans to further build on our success in the seasons to come.

It would be great to have some new faces visit our club and see what we're all about."

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Öld Windsor Club
46A St. Luke's Rd Old Windsor, Windsor SL4 20J TEI- 01753 861068



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Virtual fixture 'played' at the York Road, home of Maidenhead United. Make your vote count @fiberkshire on Twitter. Senior Fincha Cavers Kick: 3

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SQUAD FROM:

- 1. Elliot Thompson
- 2. Lewis Francis
- 3. Ryan Finch
- 4. James Payne
- 5. Ed Ramsey
- 6. Alex Woodhead
- 7. Nick Payne
- 8. Joel Day
- 9. Liam Yellend
- 10. Fllis Willett
- 11. Tom Symss
- 12. Dan Pawson
- 13. Patrick Hand
- 14. Jack Lewis
- 15. Cam Pritchard
- 16. Richie Dow

Manager: Chris Payne Assistant: James Payne

Coach's:

Physiotherapist:

CLUB DETAILS:

Interested? Contact: James Payne jamespayne253@yahoo.co.uk



ABOUT THE CLUB

A community club, with beautiful surroundings, grounds and a welcoming club house. Free of charge to watch our side who play an attractive style in the Thames Valley Premier League.

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ampstead vs Caversham United

Cup Final between Thames Valley Premier League mpstead and Reading & District Sunday League ham United. Referee: Tony Hardy. pm, Saturday, June 6



SQUAD FROM:

- 1. FC Cologne (@fckoeln_en)
- 2. The Stiffs FC (@thestiffsfc)
- 3. Luton Town Ladies Youth (@LTLFCYT)
- 4. Daughter & Son Washing (@and_washing)
- 5. AFC Crowthorne Ladies (@crowladies)
- 6. Esteban Cerna (@gz_mist)
- 7. Harchester Hawks (@HarchHawksFC)
- 8. Berkshire Rangers Supporters Club (@BerkshireRSC)
- 9. Wallsend Boys Club Senior (@WallsendBCS)
- 10. Unity 101 FC (@Unity101FC)
- 11. The Club HQ (@TheClubHQ1)
- 12. SocialSports Manager (@socialsportman)
- 13. ProSports GFX (@prosports_gfx)
- 14. JK Silverstown FC (@JKSILVERTOWNFC)
- 15. International Football Surrey (@IntSurFootball)
- 16. Balls to Cancer FC (@BTC_FC)

Manager: Paul The Gaffer (@gutted27)

Assistant: Hennes The Goat

Coach's: Bulawayo Chiefs (@bulawayochiefs), Football Kitbox (@footballkitbox), Bree Mo'ngina (beebree0) Physiotherapist: Ballstocancer (@ballstocancer)

CLUB DETAILS:

Interested? Contact: Paul Gutteridge Cavershamunited@gmail.com



ABOUT THE CLUB

"We are Berkshire's Premium Sunday League side, known as the Billy Goats. Not too bad on the pitch, decent on the socials, even better in the pubs!

And we hold events! Sunday League Day 2020 (TBC) and Caversham Cup 2021!"

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Website - coming soon @ www.cavershamunited.com

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CLUB

All 64 men's and women's teams that took part in the 2020 Berkshire Virtual County FA Cup plus their witter handles.

Give them a follow.

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Maidenhead United - @MUFCYorkRoad Maidenhead United Women - @Maidenhead WFC Mortimer - @mortimervillage Mortimer Ladies - @mortimervillage Ladies Newbury - @NewburyTownFC Newbury Ladies - @NewburyLFC Old Windsor - @OldWindsorFC Reading City - @Reading City FC Reading FC - #Reading FC Reading FC Women - @ReadingFCWomen Reading Royals Futsal - @Royals Futsal Reading YMCA - @ymca_fc S4K Ladies - @S4KLadiesFC Sanctuary Strikers - Sanctuary Strikers Sandhurst Town - @Sandhursttownfc Singh Sabha Slough - @SabhaFc Slough Heating Laurencians - @SHEATINGRES2014 Slough Town - @sloughtownfc Slough Town Ladies - @SloughTownLFC Thames Valley Railway - @RailwayThames Thatcham Flames - Thatcham Flames Thatcham Town - @Thatcham TownFC Tilehurst Panthers - @TP GirlsFC Wargrave Ladies - @WargraveWGFC Westwood Wanderers - @FirstWestwood William Twigg - @FcTwigg Windsor - @windsorfc Wokingham & Emmbrook - @wokingham sumas Wokingham & Emmbrook Ladies - @Sumas Ladies Woodlev United - @WoodlevUtdFC Woodley United Ladies - @WoodleyUtdLFC Wraysbury Village - @Wraysbury FC



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