

# Lowland League Cup Final 2024



# East Kilbride Tranent



Sunday 7 April 2024, 3pm  
Broadwood Stadium, Cumbernauld

£2

# Welcome from Thomas Brown

Welcome to the 2023/24 Scottish Lowland Football League Cup Final.

I'd like to start by welcoming everyone to Broadwood Stadium for today's game and I would like to congratulate East Kilbride and Tranent on making it to the final.

Both teams have earned their place, making it through incredibly tight and highly contested games, and we can expect a close match today. You can find out more about their respective 'Roads to the Final' within this programme.

This season is the first time in recent years that we haven't partnered with United to Prevent Suicide on the League Cup but I am confident that we will work with them next season.

As the season draws to a close I would like to thank all the supporters, clubs, sponsors, board members and our excellent administration team who do an outstanding job in ensuring the smooth running of the league.

I want to thank you for attending today and for your support of the Lowland League.

Finally, to the players, club officials, and the match officials, good luck. I hope that today provides a memorable occasion for you, just as much as it does for everyone watching.

Thomas Brown,  
Chairperson,  
Scottish Lowland Football League



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# Welcome from Mick Kennedy

It's a great achievement for all involved with the club to have reached the Lowland League Cup Final for the third year in a row – having lifted the trophy on both prior occasions against Bo'ness United.

I've always said that we'll judge the season at the end of it. At this moment in time, we're sitting top of the table and have reached two cup finals in the Lowland League Cup and South Challenge Cup, and that reflects as a successful season.

Reaching occasions like today's Lowland League Cup Final, we clearly want to go out to win it – particularly when we're looking for three-in-a-row. But, we know the qualities of our opponents in Tranent, given the short but competitive history between the two sides.

Thank you for the continued support throughout the season, and hope you enjoy what should be a great footballing spectacle.

Mick Kennedy



K Park East Kilbride



# East Kilbride

The modern East Kilbride FC was as a result of the coming together of Stewartfield FC and Jackton BC in 2010, with other local teams joining during 2011 and 2012 all now playing under the name of East Kilbride FC. The club motto is "a priory" or "based on what went before", as a reminder of the original club, the two founding modern clubs and the more recent teams which have joined.

The club ethos is one of developing the children as people as well as players. In Summer of 2009 the club achieved the SFA Quality Mark Standard Award as testimony to the high standards within all aspects of the club. This was followed by Development Club Award in 2011 and Community Club Award in 2012. Also in 2012 the Disability Inclusive Award and in 2013 the SFA Disability Club Award.

In April 2014 the Club became Full Members of the SFA, achieving Entry Level Licence.

Our 1st Team was created and entered the Scottish Lowland Football League in 2013, and we have been crowned champions on two occasions, in 2017 and 2019. We have twice qualified for the SPFL Pyramid play-off's.

We have also participated in the full Scottish Cup, and progressed to the last 16 of the competition in 2016, where we faced Celtic in our biggest game to date. Our SFA License allows us to participate in the Scottish Cup each year.

## Honours

### League

**Lowland League Champions (2):** 2016–17, 2018–19  
**Runners up (3):** 2014–15, 2017–18, 2020–21  
**Scottish Amateur Football League Division 1:** 2012–13  
**Scottish Amateur Football League Division 2:** 2011–12

### Cup

**SFA South Region Challenge Cup Winners (3):** 2013–14, 2016–17, 2018–19  
**Lowland League Cup Winners (4):** 2014–15, 2015–16, 2021–22, 2022–23  
**EoS Qualifying Cup Winners (2):** 2015–16, 2017–18  
**East of Scotland City Cup Winners:** 2015–16  
**SAFL Coronation Cup Runners up:** 2012–13

## Contact

K-Park Training Academy, East Kilbride (600 capacity)  
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# Road to the Final

Today sees Tranent participate in their first Lowland League Cup Final – the Foresters Park men last reached a final 2 years ago in losing the East of Scotland equivalent to Linlithgow Rose, while their last success in a cup final came 3 years before that beating Bonnyrigg Rose Athletic in the King Cup climax. In contrast East Kilbride are no strangers to today's big spectacle having already lifted the Lowland League Cup on 4 previous occasions, including the preceding 2 seasons. As well as hoping to make it a hat-trick of consecutive victories at Broadwood today, the K-Park side are also seeking to become the first club to win a treble of Lowland League, South Challenge Cup and Lowland League Cup – being 1pt from the league title at the time of writing and having reached the South final.

With this season's competition brought forward from its traditional April & May timing both of today's finalists began their campaigns in February, although in East Kilbride's case that was after an initial attempt on Tue 23 Jan was postponed over an unplayable pitch. Tranent were therefore underway first and negotiated a tricky home tie with East Stirlingshire courtesy of first half goals from Broque Watson and Scott Gray. East Kilbride had a harder time of it at Dumbarton where they trailed 1-0 at half-time, but Nathan Flanagan's equaliser and Keir Samson's stoppage-time winner took them through in the most dramatic of circumstances.









That same night Tranent were back at Foresters playing off their Quarter-Final against Civil Service Strollers, but they had an even more nervous time of it. Having fallen 2 goals behind a brace from Cameron Ross either side of half-time drew them level, before edging the penalty shootout. It was a fortnight later East Kilbride welcomed Bo'ness United – whom they vanquished in the last 2 finals – to Lanarkshire for their equivalent tie but it was a comfortable outing, as an early John Robertson double followed by a goal from Tiwi Daramola put them out of sight before the interval.

Surprisingly both had their easiest contest of the cup the next week. East Kilbride coasted into the Final swatting Gala with goals from Samson, Daramola, Robertson, Adam McGowan and Flanagan; while Tranent put Cumbernauld to bed courtesy an outstanding 4 goal solo haul by Ross.





## 1st Round

	University of Stirling	4:2	Cowdenbeath	
	Civil Service Strollers	4:2	Albion Rovers	
	Gala Fairydean Rovers	3:0	Linlithgow Rose	
	Bo'ness United	4:1	Gretna 2008	
	Tranent	2:0	East Stirlingshire	
	Cumbernauld Colts	3:0	Edinburgh University	
	Broomhill	1:2	East Kilbride	

## Quarter Finals

	East Kilbride	3:0	Bo'ness United	
	Cumbernauld Colts	2:1	Berwick Rangers	
	Tranent	2:2 (4:3p)	Civil Service Strollers	
	Gala Fairydean Rovers	2:0	University of Stirling	

## Semi Finals

	East Kilbride	5:0	Gala Fairydean Rovers	
	Tranent	4:0	Cumbernauld Colts	

# Welcome from Ian Little

We're incredibly proud of reaching the Lowland League Cup Final, especially with this being the second year in the competition, for Tranent.

The lads have worked tirelessly throughout the entire season, and it's great to see that being rewarded in the shape of today's Final.

There's no denying the quality our opponents have, but it's up to us to put in a performance and do what we know we're good at – considering how competitive the two sides have been in previous meetings.

I faced East Kilbride in last season's Lowland League Cup Final with Bo'ness United – unfortunately losing on penalties down at Berwick. It's a great occasion, and it's one I hope our players, staff, board and committee members, supporters, and families all enjoy.

Thank you all for continually turning out in your numbers, and we hope you enjoy what should be a great game of football, and your day.

Ian Little.



# Tranent FC

Tranent Juniors F.C. are a Scottish football club based in the town of Tranent, East Lothian. Members of the Scottish Junior Football Association, they played in the East Region South Division. Their home ground is Foresters Park and club colours are maroon. The club's greatest honour was winning the Scottish Junior Cup in 1934–35, defeating Petershill 6–1 at Ibrox Park in front of a crowd of 22,000. This remains the joint record margin of victory in a Junior Cup final.[1] The club were also runners-up to Yoker Athletic in the 1932–33 final after a replay.

The club joined the East of Scotland League season 2018-2019

Promoted to the Scottish Lowland League for season 2022-2023

## Honours

**East of Scotland League Champions:** 2021–22

**Scottish Junior Cup Winners:** 1934–35

**Runners-up:** 1932–33

**Fife & Lothians Cup Winners:** 2016–17

**East of Scotland Junior Cup Winners (10):** 1913–14, 1919–20, 1930–31, 1931–32, 1933–34, 1935–36, 1937–38, 1959–60, 1978–79, 2016–17

## Contact

Foresters Park; Tranent (2,300 capacity)

[www.tranentjuniorsfc.co.uk](http://www.tranentjuniorsfc.co.uk)

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Foresters Park, Tranent



# Roll of Honour

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## The Venue

# Broadwood Stadium

Broadwood Stadium opened its doors in February 1994 – with then tenants Clyde FC (1994-2022) losing 3-0 to Hamilton Academical in front of a full house of 6000 fans, consisting of the Main and West Stand.

It wasn't until 1997 that the South Stand would be completed, bringing the capacity as it is today to over 8000.













The venue is currently occupied by two tenants – Lowland League side, Cumbernauld Colts, and SWPL 1 side, Rangers Women.

Several other clubs have also played their home games at Broadwood, including – Airdrieonians (1994-1998), Glasgow City (2020-2021), and Open Goal Broomhill (2022-2023).






Broadwood has played its part in some notable events, including – Women's Champions League fixtures, International Rugby matches, Challenge Cup Finals (SPFL Trust Trophy), and Junior Cup Finals.

It was also the scene of one of the most famous Scottish Cup upsets in recent history, when part-timers Clyde – who had an average age of 20-years-old, knocked out then-holders Celtic at the Third Round thanks to a 2-1 victory in 2006.

# History of the LL Cup

2013/14	 University of Stirling	5:2	Preston Athletic 
2014/15	 East Kilbride	3:1	Gretna 2008 
2015/16	 East Kilbride *won 4-2 penalties	0:0	Gretna 2008 
2016/17	 The Spartans	3:0	BSC Glasgow 
2017/18	 Cumbernauld Colts	3:1	Selkirk 
2018/19	 BSC Glasgow	2:1	East Stirlingshire 

No competition between 2019-2021

2021/22	 East Kilbride	4:2	Bo'ness United 
2022/23	 East Kilbride *won 5-4 penalties	2:2	Bo'ness United 
2023/24	 East Kilbride	v	Tranent 

# Quiz

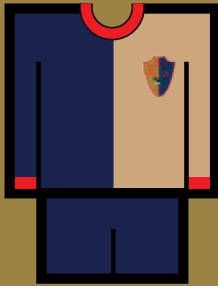
1. Within the 42 SPFL clubs, how many have 'Athletic' in their name? Can you name them?
2. Since 1900, six clubs have reached Scottish Cup Finals, but failed to ever lift the trophy. Can you name the six unfortunate runners-up?
3. When was the last time two Scottish clubs occupied two semi-final spots in European competition? Can you name the clubs, the tournaments, and their opposition?
4. Five players have earned over 75 international caps playing for Scotland, who are they?
5. Who was the last Scot to lift the English FA Cup as captain? What year was it, and who was he playing for and against?
6. Who is the only team to reach three Scottish League Cup Finals and never lift the trophy?
7. Who was the first non-British manager to win the league in the top flight of Scottish Football?
8. Over the past 12-months, six players have been called-up by the Scotland National Team who don't ply their trade in the British Isles. Who are they, and what clubs do they play for?
9. Since 2000, six Scottish Cup Finals have been played that haven't involved either side of the Old Firm. Can you name the fixtures and the years?
10. Five players with World Cup Winners medals have played in Scotland at some point in their career. Can you name them, their nationalities, and the Scottish clubs they represented?

## Answers below

A1) Four – Alloa, Annan, Dunfermline, and Forfar.  
 A2) Raith Rovers (1913), Albion Rovers (1920), Hamilton Academical (1911, 1935), Gretna (2006), Queen of the South (2008), and Ross County (2010).  
 A3) 1984, Dundee United – European Cup v Roma (3-2 loss on aggregate), and Aberdeen – European Cup Winners' Cup v Porto (2-0 loss on aggregate).  
 A4) Kenny Dalglish (102), Jim Leighton (91), Darren Fletcher (80), Alex McLeish (77), and Paul McStay (76).  
 A5) Alan Hansen – 1989, Liverpool v Everton (3-2 a.e.t.), Dunfermline Athletic (1950, 1992, and 2006), and Celtic (1997/98).  
 A6) Wim Jansen – Celtic (1997/98).  
 A7) Kieran Tierney (Real Sociedad), Jack Hendry (Al-Ettifaq), Lewis Ferguson (Bologna), Scott McKenna (Copenhagen), Josh Doig (Sassuolo), and Max Johnston (Sturm Graz).  
 A8) Hearts 1-1 (4-2 pens) Gretna (2006), Dundee United 3-0 Ross County (2010), Hearts 5-1 Hibs (2012), St Johnstone 2-0 Dundee United (2014), Inverness Caledonian Thistle 2-1 Falkirk (2015), and St Johnstone 1-0 Hibs (2021).  
 A10) Peter Bonetti (England 1966 & Dundee United), Lionel Charbonnier (France 1998 & Rangers), Stéphane Guivarch (France 1998 & Rangers), Juninho (Brazil 2002 & Celtic), and Gennaro Gattuso (Italy 2006 & Rangers).



# Squad List



## Goalkeepers

Lyle Avci  
Matty Connelly  
Scott Cowie  
Chris Truesdale

## Defenders

Cameron Eadie  
Sean Fagan  
David Ferguson  
Ryan Lockie  
Dylan MacDonald  
Andy McDonald  
Chris McGowan  
Mark Morrison

## Midfielders

Aaron Arnott  
Joaõ Baldé  
Calum Biggar  
Liam Brown ©  
Nathan Flanagan  
Calvin McGrory  
Kai Montagu  
Andrew Stirling

## Forwards

Tiwi Daramola  
Adam McGowan  
John Robertson  
Keir Samson  
Robert Thomson



## Goalkeepers

Kelby Mason  
Sam Scott

## Defenders

Euan Bauld  
Dean Brett  
Callum Donaldson  
Jack Duncan  
Euan Greig  
Alan Horne  
Robbie McIntyre  
John Ward

## Midfielders

Scott Gray  
Kallum Higginbotham  
Alassan Jones  
Scott McCrory-Irving  
Ben Miller  
Spencer Moreland  
Sean Murphy ©  
Cameron Ross  
Kieran Somerville  
Lennon Walker

## Forwards

Jackson Mylchreest  
Aiden O'Malley  
Broque Watson



## Officials

**Referee:** Sean Murdoch  
**AR1:** Alastair Taylor  
**AR2:** Michael MacDermid  
**Fourth Official:** Gary Hanvidge