

# Gosport, Fareham and Solent Football League



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## Frank and Pat Marsden Challenge Cup Final

**Date:** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
**Venue:** Gosport Borough FC Enclosure  
**Kick Off time:** 10.30am



Formed 2013

## Gosport, Fareham and Solent Football League

The League

### Brief Summary

Gosport, Fareham and Solent Football League, formed 2013, Affiliated to the Hampshire Football Association Limited and a member of the Portsmouth Divisional Football Association.

This season the Gosport, Fareham and Solent League has 26 Clubs / 31 Teams divided into three divisions, ten teams in Division One and Division Two and eleven teams in Division Three.

### Location

Based in Gosport, Hampshire, England with Clubs accepted within a 10 mile radius.

### Brief History of the League

The League was formed in 2013 from an amalgamation of the Gosport and Fareham League and the Solent Football League.

### Brief History of Gosport and Fareham League

In 1904 The Gosport District League was formed and later became known as the Gosport and Fareham League.

### Brief History of Solent Football League

The League called the Solent Premier League and was not affiliated to any associations, was formed in 1987 from Clubs of the Friendly League that started in 1971.

In 1995 the League applied for affiliation to the Hampshire Football Association who asked the Portsmouth Football Association to vet our application. It was suggested by the PFA that the League become the Solent Divisions of the Gosport and Fareham League.

In the 1995/6 season the Solent Premier League became the Solent Divisions of the G & F League. After two seasons the Solent Divisions decided to once again apply for affiliation, as the Solent Football League, to the HFA.

The application was successful and led, in the 1997/8 season, to the League's membership of the PFA now called the Portsmouth Divisional Football Association (PDFA).

### Thanks to Our Sponsors

If you would like to sponsor the Gosport, Fareham and Solent Football League and/or the Charity Cups, please contact the League Secretary.

The Gosport, Fareham and Solent League has managed to donate monies to local charities.

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League Websites: [full-time.thefa.com/Index.do?league=3788444](http://full-time.thefa.com/Index.do?league=3788444) and [www.gfsfl.com](http://www.gfsfl.com)

# LGS Rovers FC

CLUB FORMED 2013

## Club History:

LGS Rovers were formed back in 2013 after many years of discussing the idea of starting a 11-a-side team. Starting in the Meon Valley League, we initially struggled to get results but ended the season as the Hampshire FA Fair Play Award winners. Over the next few seasons with the additions of a few more experienced heads, the Lifters slowly went up the league table. This improvement was shown by the Lifters winning the Nicholson Cup with a 1-0 against-all-odds win against Denmead in 2017. The goalscorer that day was Dan Bayles towering above everyone to score a bullet header. The next season the Lifters were then awarded the Hampshire FA Charter Standard Club of the year.

In the 2019/20 season, LGS moved across to the Gosport, Fareham & Solent League starting off in Division 3. This was the first "Covid Season" so the season was cut short but not before the Lifters reached the Portsmouth Cup Final. Once the lockdown restrictions were lifted, the Lifters went on to Lift the Portsmouth Cup after beating Gosport Spartans 3-0 thanks to a Jon Hope Hat-trick.

What followed was a few years of struggles but after a few fresh additions this season, the Lifters are for more competitive this season and are looking forward to playing in their 3rd Cup Final in 11 years. After winning division 3, with a brace from Jon Hope in the title deciding game, LGS are looking to secure a club first league and cup double.

**Staff:** Manager - David Durant, Assistant Manager - Luke Upton, Coach - Adam Redman.

## Squad:



1. **David Durant** GK - Most keepers fumble the ball when he very much flips it and tumbles it, generational talent.



2. **Stuart Wilson** CB - The Harry Maguire of the team, solid in the air but turning circle of the titanic. One of the few remaining founding members of the team.



3. **Daniel Bayles** CB - Experienced CB, in his 10th season with the club. Scorer of the only goal in a gritty 1-0 win in our first ever final.



4. **Zak Hamilton** CB - A refreshing addition this season, injecting some much needed pace into the back line. Solid in the air and composed on the ball.



5. **Arron Kelly-Bennett** RB - Solid fullback and Mr utility, operates well wherever he's asked to play.



6. **Jason Whistler** LB - Another solid fullback, reads the game well and is strong as an ox, rarely gets beaten.



7. **Connal Bray** RB - Another founding member who started his LGS career as a forward. Slowly transitioned to full back and can operate on either flank. A generational talent.



8. **Allan James** (Captain) CM - Most Experienced player in the team, is the engine room and drives the team forward. Does the dirty work.



9. **Daniel Bartlett** CM – The maestro in midfield, lovely first touch, great range of passing and not afraid to put a challenge in.



10. **Christopher Talbot** CM - The finesse of the midfield, Elegant and composed, The Sunday league Pirlo.



11. **Christopher Berry** CM – A box to box midfielder who loves a tackle and has a real eye for goal.



12. **Liam Bryant** RW - A dynamic winger who rarely loses the ball, easily beats his man, and puts in a great cross.



13. **Cameron Aldridge** RW - Electric winger, with excellent dribbling. Loves to beat a man and is a set piece master.



14. **Bradley Hamilton** LW - Tenacious winger who doesn't give the full back a moments rest, with a wicked left boot.



15. **Craig Bull** ST - Bull by name bull by nature, works his socks off and is a Goal machine.



16. **James Smeeth** ST - A defender's worst nightmare, constantly on the go not giving them time for a touch. A real threat in the box.

# Golden Lion FC

CLUB FORMED 2023

## Club History:

The dream was started after a session down the Golden Lion in Fareham.

Kyle, Will and Andrew thought it would be a walk in the park. Yeah, how wrong were we.

We're a mixture of old school mates and friends of friends who have now become a collective group of mates who enjoy sinking a few pints with each other on the weekends as well.

With help from wives, family and friends we've made it to a cup final in our maiden season and haven't folded! We very much look forward to giving it a good go today and in the future building on this next season!

**Staff:** Manager: **William Kipling**, Assistant Manager: **Kieron O'Connor**, Coach: **Kyle Stretton**

## Squad:



1. **Josh Whitehead** GK - Legendary Sunday Keeper, fancies himself for every other position and a penalty, could pick a pass out to someone on Privett Playing at Brookers.



2. **Rob Smith** DF - Resilient, Loud, Northern. Loves a tackle as much as a surging run. Glass Hamstring though.



3. **Ryan Heath** DF - Tenacious left foot when he fancies it, also voted rear of the year by the GLFC woman's association.



4. **David Dickins** DF - Gentleman Dave. Tall as a tree, strong as an ox and as elegant as a swan. Talisman at the back.



5. **Tom Spears** DF - Trojan horse at the back. Quiet but professional in every sense of the word.



6. **Keane Dodd** DF - XL bullies are scared of Keano. Don't tackle him as he'll be chasing you halfway up your driveway 30 minutes after full-time for the ball back.



7. **Nath Bethell** DF - Some say he turns his own mother on Christmas Day bringing out the Turkey. Confident on the ball, channels his inner Nigel Quashie weekly to every keeper's disdain.



8. **Tom Hutchings** MF - Turning Circle of a Boeing 747 but makes up for it with one of the best right pegs in the league.



9. **Tyrone Turner** MF - Grealish type hair, Pirlo type Football.



10. **Lee Brant** (C) MF - Playing what seems to be his 8th Final season. True Sunday league Legend (looks like George Hatton).



11. **Nicholas Tappenden** MF - Turns up 80% of the time unless Sky Bet have had an offer on. Quality Talent. Guinness Connoisseur.



12. **Lloyd Lock** FW - Every fullback's worst nightmare. More talent than Simon Cowell's phonebook.



13. **Mathew Heard** LW - Pacey in his £400 boots, owes everyone in the club £20 though.



14. **Jacob Arendse** ST - Epitome of a goalscorer. Leaves absolutely everything on the pitch. Recently welcomed his first daughter into the world - Ella-Mae Arendse.



15. **George Hatton** FW - Took weeks to get him to sign on now he loves it. Last to arrive and first to leave (Looks like Lee Brant).



16. **Shaun Tappenden** FW - Shauno espidito de Souza. Brazillian talent, Emmas Regular. Avoid the Hair.

## Frank and Pat Marsden Challenge Cup



Frank Marsden's greatest love was football and he devoted all of his spare time to firstly running Arrow Athletic football teams and then in the 1950's he was appointed Treasurer of the Gosport and Fareham league, a post he held for 20 years. In 1973 he was elected Chairman of the Gosport and Fareham League and elected Life Vice President in 1975. In 1979 he was awarded Hants FA "services to football" trophy. Throughout this time Pat became a Life Vice President in her own right and gave Frank tremendous support. Frank was still a referee at the age of 70.

A challenge cup competition was started in 2016/2017 season in their memory.

## Frank and Pat Marsden Challenge Cup Final

**Match Officials: Referee: Jack Bryant**

**Assistant Referees: Daniel Hedger and Robert West**

Quarter-Finals		
Solent Sports	1	
Gosport Spartans	3	
Kingfisher	1	2
LGS Rovers	1	4
Gosport Rovers	1	5
TML Royal	1	3
Green Dragon Reserves	A	
Golden Lion	W	

Semi-Finals		
Gosport Spartans	0	
-v-		
LGS Rovers	3	
Gosport Rovers	1	
-v-		
Golden Lion	4	

Shirt No.	LGS Rovers FC Team from the following
1.	David Durant
2.	Stuart Wilson
3.	Daniel Bayles
4.	Zak Hamilton
5.	Arron Kelly-Bennett
6.	Jason Whistler
7.	Connal Bray
8.	Allan James (C)
9.	Daniel Bartlett
10.	Christopher Talbot
11.	Christopher Berry
12.	Liam Bryant
13.	Cameron Aldridge
14.	Bradley Hamilton
15.	Craig Bull
16.	James Smeeth

Shirt No.	Golden Lion FC Team from the following
1.	Joshua Whitehead
2.	Nathan Bethell
3.	David Dickins
4.	Thomas Spears
5.	Keane Dodd
6.	Lee Brant (C)
7.	Tyrone Turner
8.	Nicholas Tappenden
9.	Jacob Arendse
10.	Shaun Tappenden
11.	Lloyd Lock
12.	Ryan Heath
13.	Rob Smith
14.	Mathew Heard
15.	George Hatton
16.	Thomas Hutchings

**Manager: David Durant**

**Manager: William Kipling**

**Colours:**

**Shirts: Teal**  
**Shorts: Navy Blue**  
**Socks: Navy Blue**

**Colours:**

**Shirts: Black / Yellow Stripes**  
**Shorts: Yellow**  
**Socks: Yellow**