

# Gosport, Fareham and Solent Football League John Norton Memorial Cup Final



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**In Memory of John Norton's daughter Heather who sadly passed away recently. She was as mad on football as John. she very often did the result cards for John while she was at home, (she used to say it was painful to watch him type one finger at a time) and she took over when he was ill. She was also "unofficial" secretary when John was with Lee Athletic.**

**Date: Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024**  
**Venue: Fleetlands**  
**Kick Off time: 2.00pm**



## Gosport, Fareham and Solent Football League

**Formed 2013**

**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.

League secretary: [secretary@gfsfl.com](mailto:secretary@gfsfl.com)

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)

# CT United F.C.

FORMED 2021

## Club History:

Formed: 2021

## History:

Div 3 League Champions 21/22

John Norton Cup Champions 22/23

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## Squad:



1. **Harry Page #1** – Goalkeeper



2. **Luke Ryman #8** – Defender (Captain)



3. **Matthew Griffin #17** – Defender



4. **Patrick Hilton #6** – Defender



5. **Matthew Rylance #20** – Defender



6. **Ethan Dean #25** – Midfielder



7. **Scott Steele #29** – Midfielder



8. **Callum Archer #4** – Midfielder



9. **Samuel Middleton #26** – Midfielder



10. **Harvey Clark #11** – Striker



11. **Lewis Tribble #9** – Striker



12. **Darby Thomas #2** – Defender



13. **Charlie Wakefield #28** – Midfielder



14. **Billy Lavin #7** – Midfielder



15. **William Broadway #19** – Midfielder



16. **Jacob Quinn #15** – Defender

# Solent Town F.C.

FORMED 2021

## Club History:

Solent Town was founded in 2021. Serving our 3 seasons all in division 1.

In our second year we won the Gosport War Memorial trophy.

Sponsorship by P&P Campers, who have supported us from the beginning.

## Squad:



1. **Thomas Bath** (Goalkeeper) – All round quality keeper communicates well. Good shot stopper, dominant.

Sam Masters still has more clean sheets.



2. **Jamie Hall** (Defender) - Great footballer, confident on the ball, the leader of men. Stepped in and helped the team when it was needed. Toeing.



3. **Liam Yates** (Defender) - Solid LB, works hard, physical, confident on the ball. Still can't take a throw in.



4. **George Lee** (Defender) - Good on the ball, versatile player, loves a Cruyff. Still hasn't smiled this season.



5. **Connor Palmer** (Defender/Midfielder) - Scored some brilliant goals this season, Can defend and get forward, can also moan.



6. **Joe Reed** (Defender) – Solid defender, good at driven with the ball, loves a tackle. Always around, just not for the kick off.



7. **Samuel Masters** (Defender) - Brilliant attitude, works hard, likes to get forward, all round team player. Loves his shades.



8. **Ryan Hathaway** (Midfield) - All round quality player, can dribble, create and score a variety of goals, only when he's not starting an argument with the whole team.



9. **Jack Thomas** (Midfield) - Quality work rate, loves to get forward. Puts a shift in wherever he plays. Also puts a shift in chasing his touch.



10. **Aidan Scott** (Midfield) – The strong in the team. Still legs left in the old horse yet..



11. **Connor Johnson** (Attacker) - Brilliant on the ball, will dribble passed people with ease he can create goals, score goals. Just doesn't like paying subs.



12. **Joe Fields** (Attacker) - All round quality player, calm on the ball, consistent, his work goes unnoticed at times. Can also Create, score goals for fun. Still not heard him talk yet.



13. **Jack Gregory** (Attacker) - Intelligent player, works hard on and off the ball. Brilliant link up play. Will score and create and always seems to be injured.



14. **James Blackburn** (Attacker) – Helped the team with his consistency since he signed on, he's the one wearing the u10's kit.



15. **Adam Willis** (Attacker) - The founder of the club, all Solent's success is down to this man. Passionate, organised, firm and honest. Will also play and put a shift in but will also leave it all down Haller to save the day.



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# John Norton Memorial Cup

## John Norton - 1937-2016

One of my fondest memories of my Dad won't be a surprise for those of you who knew him, yes it was Football. Dad used to come home from work on a Saturday, grab his football bag, a flask of Beef Oxo and a bag of oranges for half time. We used to stand at the side of the pitch whilst Dad ran the line, his full focus on the match. But it used to be his half time chats with the team that I remember the most. Looking back now I can see the passion, the commitment and the love of the game. I admire him for that. You could never go anywhere without someone knowing Dad, I even used to be given result cards at school to bring home! Even Dad's hands bore the scars of football; as a young child I used to think that his fingers were pregnant as his knuckles were twice the size from being a goalie.

His lifelong passion for the game started at a young age, leading to him playing for Victory Sports FC, which was formed in 1952. He started playing in goal around 1957, he continued playing even taking over as Club Secretary in early 60's.

John's enthusiasm for football soon led to him being involved in, what was then the, Gosport & Fareham Football League becoming the Results Secretary in 1968. Even then John continued to be involved in the teams by playing and running Wanderers, Lambs and then Lee Athletic. He went on to be the President of the league in 2006, even receiving a 50yr service member in 2007 from the FA, one of his proudest moments.

I will always remember the muddy football strips in the bath, the social events, and the camaraderie. His enthusiasm for the game, the league and the friends he met along the way made my Dad. To him football was not just a game, it was a passion, it was in his blood and in his heart. Playing football with your feet is one thing, but to play it with your heart is another. To quote Pele "Success is no accident, it is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing" and my Dad certainly did all of that and more.

The cup being played for today started out as a trophy for a friendly between Victory Sports and Ludgershall (near Andover) and was called the Victory Cup. Starting around 1957 the cup became an annual social outing until around 1979. Despite Victory Sports FC folding in the mid 60's the cup continued to be played for under the title of the Victory Cup for clubs associated with John. So it is poignant that this cup, so personal to John, is being played for in his memory.

# John Norton Memorial Cup Final

Match Officials Referee: Scott Dowell

Assist. Ref: Nigel Florence, Assist. Ref: Andrew Russell

Quarter-Finals		
Sarisbury Spartans 1sts	8	
AFC Hill Head	2	
West End United	0	
CT United	4	
Solent Town	2	4
Gosport Athletic	2	2
Lee Rangers	1	
Village Home	3	

Semi-Finals		
Sarisbury Spartans 1sts	1	
-v-		
CT United	4	
Solent Town	3	
-v-		
Village Home	1	

## CT United FC

Shirt No.	Team from the following
1.	1 Harry Page
2.	8 Luke Ryman (Captain)
3.	17 Matthew Griffin
4.	6 Patrick Hilton
5.	20 Matthew Rylance
6.	25 Ethan Dean
7.	29 Scott Steele
8.	4 Callum Archer
9.	26 Samuel Middleton
10.	11 Harvey Clark
11.	9 Lewis Tribble
12.	2 Darby Thomas
13.	28 Charlie Wakefield
14.	7 Billy Lavin
15.	19 William Broadway
16.	15 Jacob Quinn

Manager: Haydn Randall

Colours:  
Shirts: White (Black Sleeves)  
Shorts: Black  
Socks: Black

## Solent Town FC

Shirt No.	Team from the following
1.	Thomas Bath
2.	Jamie Hall (Captain)
3.	Liam Yates
4.	George Lee
5.	Connor Palmer
6.	Joe Reed
7.	Samuel Masters
8.	Ryan Hathaway
9.	Jack Thomas
10.	Aidan Scott
11.	Connor Johnson
12.	Joe Fields
13.	Jack Gregory
14.	James Blackburn
15.	Adam Willis
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Manager: Adam Willis

Colours:  
Shirts: Navy Blue  
Shorts: Navy Blue  
Socks: Navy Blue