



Patrick Hearn V Alvar Chambers

GAMEWEEK 37
(Sunday 15th May – Thursday 19th May)

OFFICIAL FC MATCH PREVIEW

19th Final

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Introduction FC Cup 2022

Welcome to this season's FC Cup Final preview.

Like last season I have kept the FC World banner for this preview although we did not do the coverage of the FC Cup as in previous seasons. Unfortunately, once more the season was condensed due to Covid-19 it was at times virtually impossible to keep up just doing the results let alone doing more featured items on the game.

As I stated in last season's preview it is getting harder to continue the feature stuff so not sure will ever return to doing the FC Cup coverage as in previous seasons.

The last two seasons I have made mention that they were the craziest seasons ever I am not sure this season has been quite so crazy but still the season has been majorly affected by Covid -19 and once more we have along gameweek for this cup final due to all the re-arranged fixtures.

BY the time you read this in real football the FA Cup final would have taken place with this gameweek due to start the day after the FA Cup Final, not sure I am getting old and grumpy but it just does not seem right but I guess that is the ever-changing face of football. At least we are back to having the Cup Final in May.

The Sunday start for this gameweek though has given some breathing space with the previous gameweek ending on Thursday although for me it is actually the Friday when the fantasy premier league website is updated which is why this preview will be with not long before the first match kicks off.

The last two seasons has seen the FC Cup become the Glen Hogwood show with him making history with unprecedented back-to-back victories, you can see on the last page of this preview how Glen has written himself into not just the history books of not just FC CUP but the FC World also.

This season though we see two managers making their debuts in the FC Cup Final, Patrick Hearn making the final in his rookie season bidding for a major trophy in his rookie season has him already earmarked as one to watch in the FC World. His opponent Alvar Chambers might be in his first Fc Cup Final but he has tasted big final moments before with back-to-back appearances in the Pyramid Cup losing in 2015 but then returning to final in 2016 to claim the trophy making him a member of the select Major trophy winners. A club that Ptrick will be hoping to join whilst Alavar searches for his second Major trophy.

Unlike the last two finals where every match has been broadcast on satellite TV this final will take place over five days with just a few of the game live on television, so both managers will be using their internet resources to keep in touch with the final. In recent seasons we have had some close finals so we hope that going into the last evening of the final that it is all to play for both managers as the last 3 of the 12 fixture stake place on that Thursday evening. As always, we hope for a high scoring final.

Before I sign off, I want to apologise for any spelling grammatical mistakes in this preview the timeframes are just getting tighter every season the alternative is no preview.

I hope you enjoy this preview of the FC Cup final, all that is left to do is wish both Managers the best of luck.

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Player Profiles

(All statistics correct after Gameweek 36)

PATRICK HEARN

SEASON JOINED FANTASY CHALLENGE
BEST FC CUP RUN (Before this Season)

2022
First Season

HONOURS

STAT ATTACK

AVERAGE GAMEWEEK SCORE	59.41
HIGHEST GAMEWEEK SCORE	121
LOWEST GAMEWEEK SCORE	24
GAMEWEEKS SCORE OVER 50 POINTS	25
GAMEWEEKS SCORE BELOW 50 POINTS	11
FC CUP AVERAGE	73.66

ROAD TO THE FINAL

ROUND	OPPONENT			
1 st Round	Mark Freear	63	-	62
2 nd Round	Steve Whitely	79	-	68
3 rd Round	Colin Davison	44	-	20
4 th Round	Phil Sinclair	46	-	38
Quarter-Final	Sandeep Chohan	121	-	81
Semi Final	James Bastow	89	-	77

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Player Profiles

(All statistics correct after Gameweek 36)

ALVAR CHAMBERS

SEASON JOINED FANTASY CHALLENGE
BEST FC CUP RUN (Before this Season)

2015

Quarter-Finals (Twice)

HONOURS

2015 Pyramid One Champion
2016 Pyramid Cup Winner

HONOURABLE MENTION

2015 Pyramid Cup Runner-Up
2017 Overall League Runner-Up
2017 Conference 3rd Place Promoted
2018 League Two 5th Place Promoted

STAT ATTACK

AVERAGE GAMEWEEK SCORE	62.5
HIGHEST GAMEWEEK SCORE	152
LOWEST GAMEWEEK SCORE	35
GAMEWEEKS SCORE OVER 50 POINTS	26
GAMEWEEKS SCORE BELOW 50 POINTS	10
FC CUP AVERAGE	69.83

ROAD TO THE FINAL RESULTS AND STORY

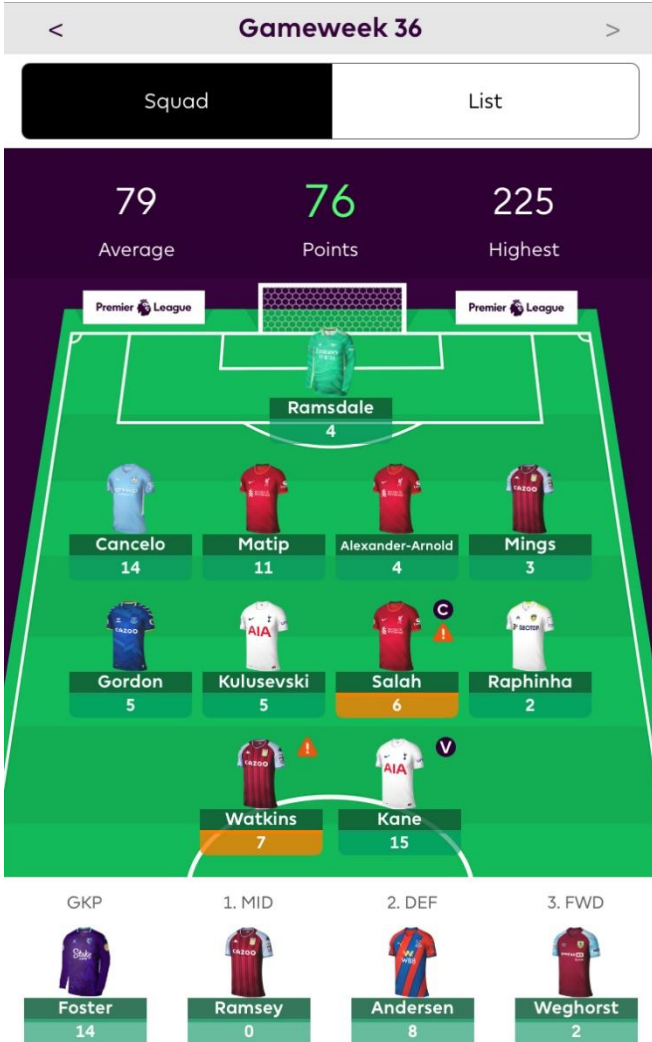
ROUND	OPPONENT			
1 st Round	Craig Lewis	71	-	67
2 nd Round	Tony Nicolaides	66	-	65
3 rd Round	Neil Dawson	55	-	47
4 th Round	Eoin Mooney	59	-	56
Quarter-Final	Rebecca Nicolaides	100	-	78
Semi Final	Miki Mielonen	68	-	63

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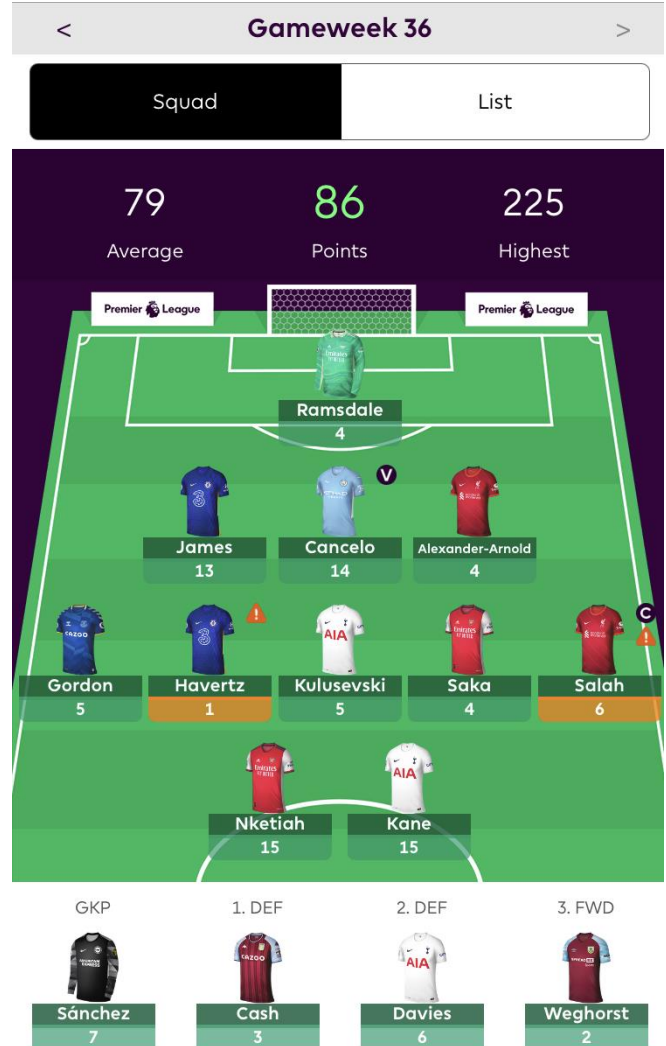
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The below teams were given to the FC Expert at 19:00 the day before the final starts.

PATRICK HEARN



ALVAR CHAMBERS



STAT ATTACK

68	SCORE	86
6	CAPTAIN	6
36	DEFENCE	35
18	MIDFIELD	21
22	ATTACK	30
3 (-4 Points)	TRANSFERS	0
4-4-2	FORMATION	3-5-2
NONE	CHIPS PLAYED	NONE

Patrick Hearn's Gameweek score adjusted from 76 to 68 due minus 8 transfer points.

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THE ANALYSIS

Unlike the last two seasons I have a little more time to do the analysis although with the FA Cup final taking place the day before the gameweek and looking at the two teams I decided to wait to do this until after the final in case there were any injuries, which there were which could potentially affect both managers.

If the final had taken place in Gameweek 36 Alvar Chambers would have come out an easy winner by 18 points as history has taught us this does not tell the tale for the final.

As in previous seasons I am going to break down what I feel will be the key areas and do an analysis, this might not be as comprehensive on the page as in previous season but the research will have been done, I will just have to keep it brief to get this preview to you on time.

CHIPS

PATRICK HEARN

CHIPS

BENCH BOOST

ALVAR CHAMBERS

CHIPS

NONE

I hate to say it but like so many previous finals when one manager has a chip available and the other doesn't it is a massive advantage. Patrick has his Bench Boost available for this final if the two had met in gameweek 36 Hearn would have lost by 18 points however if Hearn had played his Bench Boost in gameweek 36 he would in fact have won the final by 4 points. Yes Hearn had a massive 24 points on his Bench, Watford goalkeeper Ben Foster weighing in with 14. It might be too simplistic to say that this will make the difference as will Foster score so heavily in this gameweek with just one fixture instead of the two he had in Gameweek 36 is doubtful but it does show the power a chip can hold and you would have to say that it does give Patrick Hearn a big advantage in this final.

CAPTAIN – (Points for the Could have selected have been doubled)

Have included this as interesting to see how their selection panned out in Gameweek 36.

PATRICK HEARN

Mo Salah (Liverpool) 6 Points

COULD HAVE SELECTED

Harry Kane (Tottenham) 15 Points

Joao Cancelo (Manchester City) 14 Points

Joel Matip (Liverpool) 11 Points

Ollie Watkins (Aston Villa) 7 Points

ALVAR CHAMBERS

Mo Salah (Liverpool) 6 Points

COULD HAVE SELECTED

Harry Kane (Tottenham) 15 Points

Eddie Nketiah (Arsenal) 15 Points

Joao Cancelo (Manchester City) 14 Points

Reece James (Chelsea) 13 Points

Interesting to see that neither manager got their captain picks correct but both went for Liverpool's Mo Salah. What makes this even more interesting is that Salah pulled up in the FA Cup Final and may not be available for this gameweek, Liverpool away to Southampton may decide to rest Salah for the final gameweek and the all-important Champions League final. Both managers had four players who outscored their captain in fact Patrick Hearn had six with two player son his bench also outscoring Salah, which as previously mentioned could make Alvar very nervous with that Bench Boost. With Aston Villa, Burnley, Crystal Palace and Everton all playing twice this is where I would look to see the managers playing their captains. Hearn has 3 Villa players, 1 Burnley, 1 Crystal Palace and 1 Everton player. Chambers has 1 Villa, 1 Burnley, 0 Crystal Palace and 1 Everton Player. Both have Weghorst (Burnley) and Gordon (Everton). I see Chambers on the back foot here again having to think who Will Hearn will play as captain and big choice to go the same and cancel or try and find the differential which is possibly a better route as Hearn has more options of the players playing twice in the gameweek. A potential curve ball pick for Chambers would be Kane although Tottenham have only one fixture, they are home to Burnley Spurs have found goalscoring form of late, although Hearn also has Kane it is doubtful that he would play him those options of players with two games in a week. A potential real differential could be by Aston Villa's Phillippe Coutinho for more on that see the next section.

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FINANCE / TRANSFERS / OPTIONS

PATRICK HEARN		ALVAR CHAMBERS	
FINANCE	TRANSFERS	FINANCE	TRANSFERS
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The one thing that struck me about Gameweek 36 was Patrick Hearn making 3 transfers and losing 8 points. When you delve into these transfers you realise these were made with the cup final in mind. Hearn brought in Weghorst of Burnley, Watkins of Aston Villa and Gordon of Everton all have 2 matches in the gameweek. This shows that Hearn who has already secured promotion is fully focused on winning his first major final. However, I am now beginning to wonder if this has backfired on him as he has his full allocation of Aston Villa players and only has one transfer and with the injury of Mo Salah (Liverpool) he has to buy a midfielder with some great choices the stand out selection is Aston Villa's Phillippe Coutinho who has two matches in the gameweek but to get Coutinho in he would have to do a second transfer either getting rid of Tyrone Mings, defender, or Forward Ollie Watkins this would then see a deduction of 4 points. Although Hearn has that Bench Boost, he will not want to start the final with a negative score. His finances are strong enough that he could take any of the other top candidates to replace Salah. Manchester City's Kevin De Bruyne who has a potentially tough fixture away to West Ham then there is the Liverpool trio of Mane, Luis Diaz and or Jota they also face a potentially tricky away game to Southampton you would expect all three to play even after a tough FA Cup Final. Leicester City's James Maddison I think is another decent shout the Leicester midfielder is also away but to already relegated Watford, could this be a goal fest for Leicester or will Watford show some pride to try and go down with their heads up. Some great options there for Hearn but if he can't do Coutinho for the stand-out selection has to be Tottenham's Heung-Min Son, he is currently on fire and in with a chance of the golden boot and although he only has the one game, he is the only player with one game who has a home match and against Relegation battling Burnley. Over previous season I have used the word options and whilst Hearn has many of these, I think Son is the stand out one. As for Chambers suddenly the injury to Salah and that extra transfer gives him a real chance of finding the differential as already mentioned the obvious choice is Coutinho and potentially go big on the Brazilian midfielder by making him captain also. That then leaves Chambers looking for one more transfer which is also going to be a forced one through injury Chelsea's Kai Havertz is out injured so Chambers has to go for another midfielder, here he has two options cancel out Hearn's other Aston Villa player Jacob Ramsey or the potential transfer in of Son (Tottenham) or look for the differential as he is fighting that bench boost. The differential here surely has to lie with Crystal Palace players the obvious selections being Conor Gallagher or Wilfried Zaha, Palace have two fixtures and both layers offer a goal threat. That said about the Palace players that option is also open for Hearn to play. There is one last option if Chambers brings in Coutinho for Salah that frees up a lot of money although Eddie Nketiah shinned in gameweek 35 Arsenal have a tough trip to Newcastle and after that Tottenham defeat I can see Arsenal's season ending with a whimper rather than a bang, so with that extra cash what about gambling on Everton's Brazilian forward Richarlison Everton are fighting for their lives but seem to have found an end of season spark could Richarlison fire them to safety against Brentford (Away) and Crystal Palace (Home) this would be a brave decision and see Chambers move away from the five man midfield but those two potential transfers of Coutinho and Richarlison could be massive differentials.

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THE CHIP EFFECT

CHIP	EXPLANATION
Wildcard	The Wildcard chip can be used twice a season, once in the first half of the season and once in the second half of the season. The Wildcard chip is played when confirming transfers that cost points and can't be cancelled once played.
Bench Boost	All the Players on your Substitute Bench score points for that gameweek
Free Hit	You can make unlimited transfers in the gameweek you play your free hit. When the gameweek finishes your team will revert to how it was setup the previous gameweek. You will lose any saved transfers so will only have 1 free transfer after a free hit has been played.
Triple Captain	Instead of the normal double points your Captains Points are tripled
OTHER INFORMATION	Can I Play More than One Chip in a Gameweek Only one chip may be active in a Gameweek. For example, it is not possible to make transfers with your Wildcard chip and then use your Bench Boost chip in the same Gameweek The following chips can only be played once per season Bench Boost, Free Hit and triple Captain What happens to my Triple Captain chip if my captain doesn't play The triple point's bonus will be passed to your vice-captain. If your vice-captain doesn't play either then the bonus is lost, the chip isn't returned.

THE FIXTURES FOR GAMEWEEK 37

Sunday 15th May

Tottenham Hotspur	12:00	Burnley
BT Sport		
Aston Villa	14:00	Crystal Palace
Leeds	14:00	Brighton
Watford	14:00	Leicester City
West Ham United	14:00	Manchester City
Sky Sports		
Wolves	14:00	Norwich City
Everton	16:30	Brentford

Sky Sports

Monday 16th May

Newcastle United	20:00	Arsenal
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Sky Sports

Tuesday 17th May

Southampton	19:45	Liverpool
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Sky Sports

Thursday 18th May

Everton	19:45	Crystal Palace
Aston Villa	20:00	Burnley
Chelsea	20:00	Leicester City

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THE VERDICT

Initially this final seemed to be all about Partick Hearn's Bench Boost but amazingly and Injury to Liverpool's Mo Salah in the A Cup final has had quite an affect on this final. It will force both managers into a transfer which can be predicted well at least you know who they have to sell. Once more it is about the options that the two managers are faced with Hearn with that Bench Boost seemed to have an outstanding option with a big advantage but plans to maybe add to that bench boost have been taken away by that Salah injury. Chambers holding back his two transfers now seemingly has a really brave decision to make the key to his transfers is does he stick with the five-man midfield and transfer Havertz (Chelsea) out as well as Salah or does he gamble on changing the forward line and going three up top. With the two managers having eight of the same players in their squad of Fifteen this final is going to come down to three things, Hearn's Bench Boost, Transfers and Captain Selections. Chambers I feel is forced to try and find a big differential to combat that Bench Boost so surely, he not only has to bring in Coutinho (Aston Villa) but he has to make him captain you would say this cuts down his options but, on this occasion, I can't help but feel only having the one option is working in his favour. Then for Chambers it all boils down to that other transfer does he stick with a five man midfield, go negative negating and potential transfer Hearn might make like Son (Tottenham) or once more look for that differential with a player who Hearn does not have with two fixtures, I feel Chambers is going to attack this final and throw the curve ball of Richarlison (Everton) however he is going to have to shuffle his pack to get all of his players in that have two fixtures and could end up leaving a potential star on the Bench like Reece James (Chelsea) or Bukayo Saka (Arsenal) so one option here creates issues with team formation and selection. For Hearn the option of that Bench Boost means he does not have to worry about formation or team selection just that one transfer and his captain selection. For the transfer I just can't see past Son (Tottenham) although he only has one fixture, he is goalscoring form and surely Chambers will not have him in his side. That leaves the captain pick this is now where it gets interesting do any of his players playing twice stand out, I think the plan was to go with Ollie Watkins (Aston Villa) but he has a flag showing a potential 75% chance of playing but as opposed to defenders Mings (Aston Villa) and Anderson (Crystal Palace), midfielders Gordon (Everton) and Ramsey (Aston Villa) then he has Burnley forward Weghorst but this would be a brave decision for captain so surely he has to play Watkins.

FINAL VERDICT Wow right up to this point I still have not made up my mind we have Partick Hearn in his rookie season showing some great skill taking on the experience of Alvar Chambers a manager who has two Major finals in his locker and the experience of winning one. I keep coming back to that Bench Boost but I just see the transfer for Chambers holding the key to this final and I can't see Hearn getting another amazing haul from reserve keeper Ben Foster of Watford it was that 14-point haul that would have turned around this match in gameweek 36. I can't believe it but I am going to go against that Bench Boost, I can see this final being in the balance as we enter the last three fixtures on Thursday evening. Last season I knew it was. **CHAMBERS to win.**

Check out on the last page just how good that Verdict is by seeing the history of the FC Experts predictions.

In the Event of A Draw

The FC Cup is the only Major cup competition in which if the final is drawn the match will go to a replay. The replay will be held in Gameweek 38. If the replayed final ends in a draw the match will go into a penalty Shoot-Out. A penalty shoot-out means each team's top five-point scorers will go head-to-head to produce a result. If the best five scorers in the two teams cannot produce a result sudden death will take place with the next highest point scorers being next.

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History

PREVIOUS FINALS

2004	Paul Dwinfour	51	-	42	Paul Kelly
2005	Steve Shew	84	-	40	Ian Philp
2006	Ian Philp	95	-	74	Rob Gurney
2007	Rob Gurney	98	-	93	Steve Shew
2008	Cedric Ayres	70	-	68	Andy Gurney
2009	Glen Hogwood	57	-	53	Chad Pereira
2010	Sandeep Chohan	80	-	67	Omid Afzalalghom
2011	Charlie Thrussell	60	-	53	Joe Hatch
2012	Steve Shew	61	-	55	Barry Edwards
2013	Dave Perrett	44	-	36	Sebastian Logan
2014	Hans Hayrynen	99	-	83	Benjamin Alexander
2015	James Dwinfour	55	-	42	Michael Lynn
2016	Bill Hill	73	-	68	Daragh Prendergast
2017	Omid Afzalalghom	149	-	149	Daniel Sherry
REPLAY	Omid Afzalalghom	104	-	82	Daniel Sherry
2018	David Noel	99	-	83	Scott Smith
2019	Omid Afzalalghom	74	-	42	Anthony Lobo
2020	Glen Hogwood	53	-	52	Steve Haley
2021	Glen Hogwood	57	-	44	James Bloomer

WINNERS

Glen Hogwood	3	David Noel	1
Omid Afzalalghom	2	Hans Hayrynen	1
Steve Shew	2	Ian Philp	1
Bill Hill	1	James Dwinfour	1
Cedric Ayres	1	Paul Dwinfour	1
Charlie Thrussell	1	Rob Gurney	1
Dave Perrett	1	Sandeep Chohan	1

FINALISTS

Glen Hogwood	3	Charlie Thrussell	1
Steve Shew	3	Chad Pereira	1
Omid Afzalalghom	3	Daniel Sherry	1
Andy Gurney	2	Hans Hayrynen	1
Ian Philp	2	James Bloomer	1
Rob Gurney	2	James Dwinfour	1
Alvar Chambers	1	Joe Hatch	1
Anthony Lobo	1	Patrick Hearn	1
Barry Edwards	1	Paul Dwinfour	1
Benjamin Alexander	1	Paul Kelly	1
Bill Hill	1	Sandeep Chohan	1
Cedric Ayres	1	Scott Smith	1
Daragh Prendergast	1	Sebastian Logan	1
Dave Perrett	1	Steve Haley	1
David Noel	1	Michael Lynn	1

SEMI-FINALISTS

Glen Hogwood	6	Anthony Lobo	1	Hans Hayrynen	1	Michael Carleton	1
Omid Afzalalghom	4	Barry Edwards	1	Harrison Bath	1	Miki Mielonen	1
Rob Gurney	3	Bill Hill	1	James Bastow	1	Nigel Rose	1
Steve Shew	3	Cedric Ayres	1	James Bloomer	1	Patrick Hearn	1
Ben Alexander	2	Chad Pereira	1	James Dwinfour	1	Paul Cullen	1
Ian Philp	2	Charlie Thrussell	1	James Watson	1	Paul Dwinfour	1
James O'Leary	2	Daniel Hansen	1	Jeff Aldersea	1	Paul Kelly	1
Jean-Pierre Clegg	2	Daniel Sherry	1	Jim Burrows	1	Richard Munroe	1
Michael Lynn	2	Daniel Silcock	1	Joe Hatch	1	Rob Lynn	1
Sandeep Chohan	2	Daragh Prendergast	1	Kelvin Walker	1	Scott Smith	1
Steve Haley	2	Dave Hansell	1	Lee Pepper	1	Sebastian Logan	1
Alvar Chambers	1	Dave Perrett	1	Marin Stuart	1	Steve Martin	1
Andreas Themistocleous	1	David Curran	1	Mark Freear	1		
Andy Gurney	1	David Noel	1	Martin Trew	1		
Andy Taylor	1	Hakan Bedir	1	Matt Hansell	1		

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FC CUP HISTORY 2021

GLEN HOGWOOD FC CUP LEGEND

- 2021 first manager to retain FC Cup
- 2021 First Manager to make the FC Cup Final after winning the competition the previous season.
- 2021 First Manager to win FC Cup 3 times
- 2021 First Manager to make 6 Semi-Finals

MOST FC CUP VICTORIES

3	Glen Hogwood
2	Omid Afzalalghom
2	Steve Shew

MOST FC CUP FINAL APPEARANCES

3	Glen Hogwood
3	Omid Afzalalghom
3	Steve Shew

MOST FC CUP SEMI-FINAL APPEARANCES

6	Glen Hogwood
4	Omid Afzalalghom
3	Steve Shew

HOW GOOD IS THAT VERDICT?

After successive season of predicting the final incorrectly the FC Expert got back on track selecting Glen Hogwood for that famous FC Cup victory last season. The FC Expert has now predicted 9 of the 13 finals correctly.

Previous FC Cup Final predictions below: -

YEAR	FC EXPERT PREDICTION	WINNER	✓ / ✗
2009	Glen Hogwood	Glen Hogwood	✓
2010	Sandeep Chohan	Sandeep Chohan	✓
2011	Charlie Thrussell	Charlie Thrussell	✓
2012	Steve Shew	Steve Shew	✓
2013	Dave Perrett	Dave Perrett	✓
2014	Hans Hayrynen	Hans Hayrynen	✓
2015	Michael Lynn	James Dwinfour	✗
2016	Bill Hill	Daragh Prendergast	✗
2017	Omid Afzalalghom	Omid Afzalalghom	✓
2018	David Noel	David Noel	✓
2019	Anthony Lobo	Omid Afzalalghom	✗
2020	Steve Haley	Glen Hogwood	✗
2021	Glen Hogwood	Glen Hogwood	✓