NORTH YORKSHIRE SCHOOLS’
U-16 FA CUP FINAL
The NYSFA 2013-14 Schools’ & Colleges’
Championship
The Edna Roberts Trophy for U-16 Girls

King James’s School
Knaresborough

versus

Northallerton College

Tuesday 25th March
2014
Manse Lane, Knaresborough Town FC

kick-off 4 pm
WELCOME!

A very warm welcome to Manse Lane, home of Knaresborough Town FC, for this afternoon’s NYSFA U-16 Girls’ Cup Final. From an original entry of thirteen schools and colleges from all over North Yorkshire, the final two teams from Northallerton and Knaresborough will go head to head to see who will have the honour of lifting the U-16 Championship – the Edna Roberts Trophy for Girls for 2013-14. The girls of Northallerton College have scored eighteen goals en route to this Cup Final and remarkably have yet to concede a single goal. Last year’s U-16 finalists, King James’s have scored sixteen goals on their way to today’s finale, and conceded only one single goal. That suggests that we may be in for a low scoring game with the quality of defending being so high but as we all know, football can be a very unpredictable affair. Last year’s U-16 Cup Final was one of those rare things – an entertaining 0 - 0 draw (after extra time) and was only settled on a penalty shoot-out which St. John Fisher won 4 – 2.

After dominating North Yorkshire school girls’ football in recent years King James’s School in Knaresborough have reached yet another County Cup Final and their third consecutive U-16 County Cup Final – a remarkable achievement indeed. They will be keen to lift a trophy which they missed out on so narrowly last season in a thrilling penalty shoot-out at Ripon City. The King James’s girls reached the 5th Round (last 32 from 266 teams) of the English Schools’ U-16 FA Cup this season, after victories over Fulford School York, Mirfield Grammar School (West Yorkshire) and Temple Moor High School Leeds. They are a group of strong, talented, intelligent players who play a stylish, attractive passing game of football.

Northallerton College’s U-16 team have clearly produced a free scoring sensation in this season’s County tournament but will be aware that, like their opponents, they are up against a much meaner defence than they have heretofore met today. There are some outstandingly talented players in the Northallerton team and they will be hoping that they can bring the trophy back to North Yorkshire’s county town. Lacking some of the valuable experience that comes with competing at national level in the ESFA tournament, the Northallerton lasses nevertheless count amongst their ranks some with the priceless experience and composure of academy football behind them. This match has all the makings of a cracking game of football – let’s hope it’s a memorable day for all the girls to treasure whatever the final result.
ROAD to the Final
King James’s School Knaresborough
1st Round – St. Aidan’s Church of England High School (Harrogate) 6 – 0 (away)
Quarter Final – Easingwold School 5 – 1 (home)
After Extra Time – won 9 – 8 on penalty shoot out
Semi Final – Wensleydale School (Leyburn) 5 – 0 (home)

Northallerton College
1st Round – George Pindar School Scarborough 15 – 1 (away)
Quarter Final – Stokesley School 15 – 0 (home)
Semi Final – Rossett School (Harrogate) 4 – 1 (away)

THE TEAMS

KING JAMES’S
1. Jayde Latimer
2. Catherine Ganley
3. Becky Corcoran
4. Jenna Edmonds
5. Molly Evans
6. Abbie Parkinson
7. Ellie Crabtree
8. Kirstie Hunt
9. Shauna De Warard
10. Emily Topham
11. Zoe Hillier
12. Abbie Sayers
13. Emma Pollock

COACH: Ashley Atkinson
Playing in all green

This afternoon’s referee:
Jess Shuker (Northallerton)

NORTHALLERTON
1. Lois Farndale
2. Fran Corr
3. Stephanie Gosling
4. Megan Watson
5. Stacey Johnson
6. Jasmine Pearson
7. Sophie Coton
8. Georgina Smith
9. Casey Owen
10. Fran Smith
11. Georgina Watkiss
12. Sophie Truman
13. Rebecca Salmon-Owens
15. Alexandra O’Brien

COACH: Stuart Wright
Yellow shirts, black shorts and black socks
We are very grateful to Knaresborough Town FC for kindly agreeing to host this afternoon’s match at Manse Lane. Many thanks are due to Eddie Roberts, whose tireless work as Secretary of the North Yorkshire Schools’ Football Association, has provided the opportunity for thousands of pupils to play competitive football at County level for the past 40 years. Finally, it is a privilege to have with us Edna Roberts to present the trophies and medals.