SUFFOLK PREMIER CUP FINAL









FELIXSTOWE & WALTON UNITED FC

NEEDHAM MARKET FC



Respect Code of Conduct



Spectators

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

This club is supporting The FA's Respect programme to ensure football can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment.

Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for spectators

I will:

- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
- Always Respect the match officials' decision
- Remain outside the field of play and within the Designated Spectators' Area (where provided)
- Left the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to Respect the opposition, referee and match officials
- Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake - mistakes are part of learning
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken bu mu club, Countu FA or The FA:

I may be:

- Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official
- Required to meet with the club committee
- Obligated to undertake an FA education course
- Obligated to leave the match venue by the club
- Requested by the club not to attend future games
- Suspended or have my club membership removed
- Required to leave the club along with any dependents

In addition

• The FA/County FA could impose a fine and/or suspension on the club



Building society with mutual respect





On behalf of the Board, Council and staff of Suffolk FA I wish you a warm welcome to the Endeavour Automotive Suffolk Premier Cup Final here at Bury Town FC.

Once again, we thank all those involved with Bury Town FC for their enthusiasm and commitment to host tonight's final, and provide a memorable evening for all involved – it is hugely appreciated. Please enjoy the facilities with respect and gratitude.

The road to this year's final has been as exciting as ever. Needham Market, who have won the competition in each of the last three seasons, almost exited at the first-round stage this time, trailing Bury Town 2-1 before scoring three goals in 12 minutes of stoppage time to win 4-2.

Both teams had away wins against Step 5 opposition in round two, Needham overcoming Long Melford 3-2 and Felixstowe returning from Lakenheath 4-1 winners.

They then had contrasting home victories in the quarter-finals, Needham defeating Stowmarket Town 7-0 and the Seasiders scoring a last-gasp winner to KO Hadleigh United 2-1. Needham saw off an Ipswich Town XI 4-2 in their semi-final, while Felixstowe produced a battling performance to come from behind and beat Leiston 2-1.

The third team involved in the final will be the team of match officials. This is an occasion as much for them to enjoy as it is the teams.

They have been selected to officiate these prestigious matches through merit, and whilst they may well make decisions which you don't agree with, they will make those decisions based on what they see/hear in a split second, without replays or slow motions.

I invite you to carefully read the Spectators' Code of Conduct included within this programme and do everything you can to ensure you and those around you abide by it. Finally, a huge note of appreciation to our sponsor Endeavour Automotive. The company was founded in 2012 and acquired Hyundai in North London.

They have Hyundai showrooms in Bury St Edmunds, Ipswich, Colchester, North London, Stratford and Watford.

As well as Hyundai their brands include LEVC, Lotus, Ineos Grenadier, Polestar, Volvo and approved used cars.

I hope you enjoy the match and thank you again for passionately but respectfully encouraging your favoured team.

Richard Neal

Suffolk FA CEO and Senior Safeguarding Lead

PREMIER CUP FINAL ROUTE TO FINAL



FELIXSTOWE & WALTON UNITED FC



NEEDHAM MARKET FC

Semi - Final

2 - 1 v Leiston

Quarter - Final

2 - 1 v Hadleigh United

2nd Round

4 - 1 v Lakenheath

1st Round

Bye

Semi - Final

4 - 2 v Ipswich Town XI

Quarter - Final

7 - 0 v Stowmarket Town

2nd Round

3 - 2 v Long Melford

1st Round

4 - 2 v Bury Town





Chay Hathway (centre) pictured with his two assistants at the 2020-21 CNet Training Suffolk Senior Cup Final at The New Croft in Haverhill. Photograph: Paul Voller

REFEREE: Chay Hathway

Chay is a 24-year-old official who lives in Woodbridge. He is a Level 3 Referee, meaning he officiates at Step 3 and 4 of the Non-League Pyramid. He previously refereed the 2018-19 Suffolk Senior Reserve Cup Final and the 2020-21 Senior Cup Final.

ASSISTANT REFEREE: Carl Fitch-Jackson

Carl has been officiating since the age of 14, progressing through the Suffolk refereeing system. He now is an Assistant Referee in the EFL, primarily in the Championship, but also in EFL1 and EFL2. Having been on the Football League for over 13 seasons, he has officiated in over 300 fixtures including the later stages of the FA Cup and EFL Cup.

ASSISTANT REFEREE: Nick Cooper

Nick, who is 50 and lives in Ipswich, has been a referee since 2000. He has previously been an assistant referee on the Football League but is currently running the line on the Conference Leagues at Step 1 & 2 of the National League System.

FOURTH OFFICIAL: George Laflin

George, who is 31, lives in Stowmarket. He is currently a Level 2B referee which means that he referees games in the National League North & South.

REFEREE SUPPORT OFFICER:

Trevor Pollard

Trevor Pollard, who is 67, has lived in Walsham-le-Willows for the last 12 years, the village where he was born. He finished active refereeing in 2005 and started coaching young referees, along with Tony and Heather Trevors. They helped form the Suffolk Referees' Youth Academy. Since 2018 he has been coaching in the Suffolk CORE group.





FELIXSTOWE & WALTON UNITED FC

Red shirts with white pin stripe, red shorts, red socks



Firstly, big thank you to Bury Town for hosting tonight's game. Like many, we would loved to have played tonight's final at Portman Road, but it just wasn't to be.

Secondly, a huge welcome to all in attendance, whether you are a Needham follower, a Seasider or just impartial, thank you for supporting Suffolk football.

Tonight, we are certainly the underdog, coming up against a Needham side having an unforgettable season. In many ways it's not dissimilar to the final in 2019, but this group of players and club as a whole has a unique ability to upset the odds from time to time, so let's hope tonight is just that - our time.

JOSH BLUNKELL - Goalkeeper. Josh joined the club in January 2024. The former AFC Sudbury keeper signed a professional contract with Wycombe Wanderers.

STUART AINSLEY - Left back. Stuart joined the club in 2014 from Lowestoft Town. Previous clubs include Chelmsford City and AFC Sudbury.

JOE WHIGHT - Defender. Joe came through the Ipswich Town Youth system and has played for Bury Town, Needham Market and most recently AFC Sudbury.

CALLUM BENNETT - Right back. Callum is in his second spell at the club having re-joined in late 2018. An attacking full back with great delivery.

BILLY HOLLAND - Midfielder. Captain of the side who was previously at Ipswich Wanderers and has had spells at Needham Market, Leiston and AFC Sudbury.

NOEL AITKENS - Midfielder. Noel signed for the club in 2020 from Step 3 Leiston and is thought to one of the best midfielders in the division.





LEON OTTLEY-GOOCH - Defender/ midfielder. Leon signed for the club in 2020 after playing at Step 3 and 4 for Leiston and Bury Town.

JOSH HITTER - Midfielder. Josh signed in 2021 from Step 3 side Leiston. A dynamic, attack-minded player who is a good scorer of goals.

CALLUM HARRISON - Midfielder. Signed from Chelmsford City for the 2022-23 season. A gifted player with the ability to provide goals and assists.

HENRY BARLEY - Midfielder/forward. Signed for the club in 2019 from Ipswich Town. Gifted with the ball at his feet and a good deliverer of the ball.

LAMELL HOWELL - Midfielder/forward. Lamell signed from Brightlingsea Regent in 2020. He can play on either wing. He is a tricky and pacey player.

CHARLIE WARREN - Forward. Initially joined on loan from Needham Market. Following a number of impressive performances he was quickly snapped up.

ZAK BROWN - Forward. A sought-after and highly-rated young striker with blistering pace and a great goalscoring record. Signed from Ipswich Town.

TOM BULLARD - Defender. Joined from Stowmarket Town. Has experience at Step 3 and 4 with long and successful spells as captain at Bury Town and Leiston.

SAM FORD - Forward. Played at Arbroath in the season that saw them just miss out on promotion to the Scottish Premiership. Sam is a local talent.

JACK AINSLEY - Defender. Joined from Stowmarket Town. Jack played professionally for Ipswich Town. An accomplished reader of the game.

JOSH MAYHEW - Forward. Joined this season from AFC Sudbury. An experienced front man who has a prolific goalscoring record at Step 4 and 5.

KYRAN CLEMENTS - Defender. Kyran was recently signed from Step 2 side Bishop's Stortford. Previously had a five-year spell at Braintree Town.

SETH O'NEILL - Midfielder.
The 18-year-old is currently on loan from lpswich Town. Previously on loan at Stowmarket Town.

BEN FOWKES - Forward. Ben recently signed from Peterborough Sports in the National League North. A prolific scorer with 50-plus goals over two seasons.









Needham Market's Jamie McGrath (red shirt) challenges an Ipswich Town opponent (blue shirt) for the ball during their semi-final at Hadleigh United FC. Photograph: Ben Pooley



Needham Market's Seth Chambers scores the first of his two goals in his side's 4-2 victory over an Ipswich Town XI in their semi-final at Hadleigh United FC. Photograph: Ben Pooley







Felixstowe & Walton United's Leon Ottley-Gooch volleys home the equaliser in their semi-final versus Leiston at Ipswich Wanderers FC. Photograph: Paul Voller



Felixstowe & Walton United goalkeeper Josh Blunkell saves at close range from Leiston striker Jamar Loza in their semi-final at Ipswich Wanderers FC. Photograph: Paul Voller





NEEDHAM MARKET FC

Yellow shirts, yellow shorts, yellow socks



Kevin was appointed first-team manager in February 2020 and has led the club to three successive Suffolk Premier Cup titles. His professional clubs included Swindon Town, Manchester City, West Ham United and Ipswich Town. Primarily a left-sided midfielder, Kevin won 32 caps for Northern Ireland.

Kevin finished his playing career at Needham Market, where he also ran the club's Academy.

After spells managing Chatham Town and Maldon & Tiptree, as assistant manager of Northern Ireland's U21 side as well as coaching at Colchester United, Kevin returned to Needham Market as manager. Tom Rothery is his trusted assistant manager and coach.

MARCUS GARNHAM - Goalkeeper. Marcus joined in the summer of 2019 after previously playing for Bury Town, Lowestoft Town, AFC Sudbury and Leiston.

JAKE DYE - Full back. Jake is a product of Needham Market's Academy who has now made over 300 appearances for the first team. He is currently injured.

KEIRAN MORPHEW - Centre back He was the first player to come through the club's Academy and sign a contract with the first team. He is cub captain.

DAN MORPHEW - Centre back. Dependable defender who has formed a solid partnership in recent seasons with Keiran Morphew, although they are not related.

HUGH CULLUM - Defender. Another product of the club's Academy. He represented England U18 Schoolbous during the 2021-22 season.





KYLE HAMMOND - Defender/ midfielder. Versatile player who was with lpswich Town as a youngster. Signed in June 2021 from Suffolk rivals Leiston.

REECE HARRIS - Defender/midfielder. Reece joined the club in June 2023 from AFC Sudbury, where he was club captain. He has a wealth of experience.

PATRICK BROTHERS - Defender/ midfielder. Joined in January 2022 from Brantham Athletic, where he was player-coach. Currently recovering from injury.

DYLAN WILLIAMS - Midfielder. Cambridge United Youth graduate who joined from St Ives Town in January 2023. Previously at AFC Sudbury and Lowestoft Town.

TEVAN ALLEN - Midfielder. Signed in the summer of 2023 from Brightlingsea Regent. Previously with Bury Town, AFC Sudbury and Stowmarket Town.

BYRON LAWRENCE - Midfielder. Ex-Ipswich Town and Colchester United player, who signed in the summer of 2020 from Leiston. Back after a serious injury.

ADAM MILLS - Midfielder. Returned in January from AFC Sudbury for his fourth spell at the club, after starting in the Academy. Also played for Leiston.

JACOB LAY - Midfielder. Signed in the summer of 2022 from Ipswich Wanderers. A skilful attack-minded player who had a spell at Preston North End.

OLLIE FRASER - Midfielder. Ollie came through the club's Academy and was selected for England U18 Schoolboys last season. Attacking left-sided player.

ED BARKER - Midfielder. Another product of the club's Academy, whose performances for the U18s and U23s saw him called up to the first-team squad.

LUKE INGRAM - Forward. Fans' favourite who has made more than 400 appearances during his 11 seasons at Needham. Previously at Bury Town and AFC Sudbury.

JAMIE MCGRATH - Forward. Signed in the summer of 2022 after scoring 53 goals for East Bergholt United in the SIL during the previous season.

SETH CHAMBERS - Forward. Seth came through the club's Academy and has had trials with professional clubs, including lpswich Town, this season.

HARRISON PODD - Goalkeeper. Signed in the summer of 2023 from Leiston. He provides excellent cover for No.1 Marcus Garnham.





SUFFOLK PREMIER CUP **PREVIOUS FINALS**



1958-59 Bury Town 2 - 1 Long Melford **1959-60** Bury Town 3 - 1 Sudbury Town (after 0-0 draw) 1960-61 Bury Town 5 - 3 Long Melford 1961-62 Bury Town 4 - 2 Lowestoft Town (after 1-1 draw) 1962-63 Stowmarket 2 - 0 Lowestoft Town 1963-64 Bury Town 3 - 0 Lowestoft Town (after 2-2 draw) 1964-65 Bury Town 4 - 1 Lowestoft Town 1965-66 Bury Town 2 - 1 Haverhill Rovers 1966-67 Lowestoft Town 3 - 0 Stowmarket 1967-68 Ipswich Town 4 - 1 Bury Town 1968-69 Ipswich Town 5 - 0 Lowestoft Town 1969-70 Ipswich Town 6 - 1 Sudbury Town 1970-71 Bury Town 1 - 0 Sudbury Town (after 0-0 draw) 1971-72 Lowestoft Town 3 - 1 Bury Town 1972-73 Sudbury Town 4 - 0 Bury Town

1973-74 Sudbury Town 5 - 4 Lowestoft Town (on aggregate) 2004-05 Lowestoft Town 4 - 3 Bury Town 1974-75 Lowestoft Town 3 - 2 Newmarket Town (on aggregate)

1976-77 Stowmarket 5 - 4 Sudbury Town (on aggregate) 1977-78 Bury Town 5 - 1 Lowestoft Town (on aggregate) 1978-79 Lowestoft Town 5 - 2 Sudbury Town (on aggregate) 2009-10 Ipswich Town 4 - 1 Needham Market

1979-80 Lowestoft Town 2 - 0 Sudbury Town (on aggregate) 2010-11 Bury Town 2 - 0 Needham Market

1980-81 Sudbury Town 6 - 3 Felixstowe Town (on aggregate) 1981-82 Sudbury Town 2 - 1 Bury Town

1982-83 Sudbury Town 3 - 1 Lowestoft Town (aet) 1983-84 Brantham Athletic 2 - 0 Lowestoft Town

1984-85 Sudburu Town 3 - 1 Lowestoft Town 1985-86 Stowmarket Town 1 - 0 Lowestoft Town 1986-87 Sudbury Town 2 - 1 Felixstowe Town

1987-88 Sudbury Town 3 - 1 Newmarket Town

1988-89 Sudburu Town 3 - 1 Buru Town 1989-90 Sudbury Town 4 - 2 Bury Town

1990-91 Stowmarket Town 3 - 2 Haverhill Rovers 1991-92 Sudbury Town 1 - 0 Stowmarket Town

1992-93 Sudbury Town 2 - 1 Brantham Athletic

1993-94 Newmarket Town 2-1 Sudbury Town

1994-95 Newmarket Town 1 - 0 Felixstowe Town (after 1-1 draw)

1995-96 Bury Town 0 - 0 Woodbridge Town (5-4 on pens)

1996-97 Newmarket Town 1 - 0 Stowmarket Town (after 0-0 draw)

1997-98 Sudbury Wanderers 5 - 2 Lowestoft Town (after 0-0 draw)

1998-99 Newmarket Town 1 - 0 Sudbury Town (aet)

1999-00 Lowestoft Town 1 - 0 Mildenhall Town 2000-01 Lowestoft Town 4 - 3 AFC Sudbury

2001-02 AFC Sudbury 3 - 1 Felixstowe & Walton United

2002-03 AFC Sudbury 1 - 0 Mildenhall Town 2003-04 AFC Sudbury 4 - 0 Bury Town 95

2005-06 Lowestoft Town 3 - 2 Leiston (aet)

2006-07 Ipswich Town 8 - 0 Leiston

1975-76 Sudbury Town 3 - 1 Lowestoft Town (on aggregate) 2007-08 Needham Market 0 - 0 Leiston (5-4 on pens)

2008-09 Lowestoft Town 3 - 2 Needham Market

2011-12 Lowestoft Town 4 - 2 Bury Town

2012-13 Buru Town 2 - 0 Lowestoft Town

2013-14 Buru Town 4 - 1 Felixstowe & Walton United

2014-15 Lowestoft Town 2 - 1 Whitton United

2015-16 Lowestoft Town 3 - 1 Leiston

2016-17 Needham Market 3 - 2 Lowestoft Town

2017-18 Leiston 3 - 0 Bury Town

2018-19 Leiston 3 - 2 Felixstowe & Walton United 2019-20 Needham Market 4 - 3 Lowestoft Town

(on aggregate)

2020-21 Cancelled due to Covid

2021-22 Needham Market 0 - 0 Leiston (5-4 on pens)

2022-23 Needham Market 3 - 3 Stowmarket Town (6-5 on pens)



Felixstowe & Walton United players and management applaud their supporters after being beaten 3-2 by Leiston in the 2018-19 final at Portman Road



In November 2016, British football was rocked by a series of high-profile revelations regarding child sexual abuse. Several former professional players bravely waived their right to anonymity to speak out about their past abuse.

A number of those involved, decided to set up the Offside Trust, an organisation committed to supporting survivors and working to make sport safer for children.

Former professional footballer Steve Walters is director of the Offside Trust.

We are proud to work with and support fellow survivors. In addition to Steve, the Offside Trust family includes the amazing ambassadors listed below and several others who wish to remain anonymous:

Gary Cliffe, former youth team player at Manchester City Dion Raitt, former youth team player at Peterborough United Alan Arber, former Norwich City player Callum Hancock, professional boxer

Our aims are:

- To raise awareness of the importance of safeguarding across all sports at all levels
- To provide survivors with advice guidance and resources to aid the healing journey
- · To campaign for legal and regulatory changes to improve safeguarding in sport

Our objectives are:

- · To secure partnerships with clubs at all levels, in all sports
- To engage with survivors and signpost them to the appropriate professional support
- To engage with survivors within the Offside Trust Support Network
- · To support charitable helplines with specific focus on survivors in sport
- To change the law on child sexual abuse being exempt from 'Double Jeopardy'
- To lobby for 'Mandatory Reporting' to be adopted in UK law
- To engage with political and judicial bodies to strengthen legal support for survivors

Since 2016, the Offside Trust has received the support of supporters, clubs, players and former professionals throughout the sporting world. We focus on all sports, not just football. We are grateful for the support that we are getting from everyone including the people in cricket, rugby, golf and boxing, helping to raise further awareness across sport.

The Offside Trust works alongside governing bodies, charities and organisations that deal with safeguarding.

If you are a survivor of child sexual abuse in sport, there are a number of resources available. The FA have commissioned a dedicated NSPCC helpline for adults who were abused in childhood within the football industry from grassroots to Premier League. If you would like to speak to somebody the free NSPCC helpline for guidance and support is available 24 hours a day on **0800 023 2642**. Our friends at Survivors Manchester (https://www.survivorsmanchester.org.uk/) and Samaritans (https://www.samaritans.org/) have help and support available if you need to talk.

If you think that a child is in immediate danger please dial 999.

If you are a child who needs help, please call Childline on 0800 11 11.







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