



STUART DRACUP CUP

FINAL



Redgate Rangers U14s vs Bohemians U14s

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CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

As Chairman of the Norfolk County Football Association, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to Harrod Sport Arena for our 2025 Cup Final Series. This afternoon is the final of our fourteen County Cup Finals as we host the Stuart Dracup Cup Final.

The first of the two sides competing for the trophy is this evening's home side, Redgate Rangers FC. They compete in the Norfolk Combined Youth Football League, Premier League division. The team currently sit in 3rd position having won 12, lost 1 and drawn one. With 6 games in hand on the division leaders, there is all still to play for.

The second of the two sides competing for the trophy is this evening's away side, Bohemians FC. They compete in the Norfolk and Suffolk Youth Football league, division one. The team have completed their league campaign, already clinching the title with an impeccable record having played 15 and won 15.

The third team on show for today's spectacle will of course be the match officials. They, like the teams have also earned the right to be here, and I would like to extend my congratulations to them on their selection. I wish them every success in what I hope will be a memorable occasion for all involved.

Finally, a thank you to all our Board, Ex-Council and Youth Council members who are present together with staff from HQ and our FDCs for their hard work coming together to stage our fourteen 2025 County Cup Finals.

*information correct at time of writing.



Michael Banham
Norfolk County FA Chairman

THE STUART DRACUP CUP

The Stuart Dracup Cup was first competed for in the 2014/15 season following the sad passing of Stuart Dracup, who devoted many years to youth football in Norfolk. Prior to this, the competition was known as the Norfolk Minor Cup and was competed for by Under 18 teams, until the 1986/87 season, when the competition was reformed to its current format for U14 teams.

In its 37-year history, there have been three stand out teams, with Old Catton Juniors and Lakeford Rangers both winning four out of seven finals and Sprowston who have made it to nine Norfolk Minor/Stuart Dracup Cup Finals, being on the winning end of six of them, with their first win in the 1988/89 season they would be an ever present name in finals over the years, with their most recent win coming against Lakeford Rangers in the 2015/16 season.

Old Catton's period of dominance came at the beginning of the competition, reaching four consecutive finals from 1988 to 1991, losing the first two, but back-to-back after that. The latter stages of the 1990s saw Old Catton Juniors win one and lose one to make it three out of six wins, before taking their fourth and most recent Stuart Dracup Cup win in the 1999/00 season. As Old Catton's dominance fizzled out, Lakeford Rangers were on hand to take over, reaching their first final in the 1998/99 season, claiming victory with a 1-0 win

over Tilney Rovers, then claiming back-to-back wins over Firside Athletic, in 200/01 and Sprowston Lads in 2001/02. More finals then followed, with Lakeford's first defeat coming against Taverham in 2003/04, bouncing back two years later to beat Thorpe Rovers Juniors 1-0 to claim their fourth title. Lakeford would also make it to two Finals in the 2010s, however Taverham and Sprowston were victorious on those occasions.

In more recent history, Dereham Town have claimed two victories in three finals, winning in 2013/14 & 2017/18. Wymondham Town United beat Hellesdon St Faiths on penalties at the FDC in 2023, having been on the losing end the year prior.

Last season's semi-finals saw arguably the two strongest sides drawn with Wroxham hosting Attleborough Town. It wasn't much of a surprise that this was a closely fought match, with both teams impressing, taking an incredible strike late on to seal victory for Wroxham. The other semi-final saw divisional rivals face off as Old Catton Juniors hosted Dereham Town Youth. Despite being in the same division, they were yet to face each other, so the game was another closely fought contest with Dereham Town Youth taking a 3-2 win. The final saw a 6-goal thriller whereby Wroxham edged out Dereham by 4 goals to 2.

This year's final sees both Redgate and Bohemians battle it out to have their name etched on the trophy for the first time.

REDGATE RANGERS U14S

SQUAD INFORMATION

Charlie S - Goalkeeper

Charlie has been at the club for 4 seasons now, He is the joker of the pack, excellent character in the dressing room, talented experienced goalkeeper with great hands and feet.

Logan G - Goalkeeper

Logan joined Redgate this season and is a great shot stopper and communicator. Committed to working hard, with great attitude and has come up with some important penalty saves this season.

Grayson B - Defender

Grayson joined the club last season. A left back that is hard to beat and works hard for the team. Is decent around the edge of the box on set pieces. His left foot is technically as good as any in the league.

Bobby W - Defender

Bobby is versatile player, big leader in the dressing room with a great engine on him he will squeeze the life out of the opposition's attacks from the back or as a CDM.

Frazer T - Defender

Frazer joined the club 2 years ago and has been ever present, he's what we call an old-fashioned centre half, strong, good in the air, and sets an example for the team, good leader and willing to put his body on the line for the team.

William M - Midfield

This is Will's 2nd season at Redgate Rangers. He is a central midfielder who works hard box to box. A good technical player with an eye for a defence splitting pass.

Freddie K - Midfield

Freddie has been with the club since the age of 4, a direct player who works hard for the team and likes to exploit the spaces with his bursts of energy, loves setting up goals and scores his fair share over a season.

Casey G - Midfield

Casey has been with the club since the age of 4, tough tackling central defensive midfielder, will throw his body on the line to protect the back 4, the sort of player every team would like in their squad.

Callum B - Forward

A versatile attacking player that can play anywhere across the front 3. He is quick and will exploit spaces behind if given the chance, he has great feet and can score from anywhere if given the chance to.

Theo L - Forward

A physically strong, clever and quick centre forward who loves to chase lost causes. Good at holding the ball up and bringing others into play, deadly cool when in on goal, Clubs top Goalscorer, and will also come up with important assists, leads from the front.

Charlie F - Forward

In the right place at the right time is the expression that best comes to mind when describing Charlie. Scorer of many vital goals this season. He is our fox in the box who has pace to burn.

Mason T - Defender

The newest member of the squad, Mason is a strong tackling defender who has great composure on the ball. Mason is often seen starting our attacks from deep.

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SQUAD INFORMATION

Joseph C - Midfield

The nearest we have to the Duracell Bunny. He will run from the first whistle to the last. Great at winning the ball back and moving it on, great leader in the group.

Devan Q - Defender

Devan joined Redgate this summer, and has had an excellent season, versatile, strong, quick defender who will make a burst with the ball at times into the midfield on a dynamic run. Come up with some late goals in earlier rounds of this competition.

Joshua R - Midfield

Josh is a versatile player with great attacking instincts, He loves to win the ball high up the field and put our attacking players through, another player that will add to the goals throughout the season.

Blake P - Midfield

Blakes into his 4th season with the team, A central midfielder who can get the ball down and play and makes things happen he had a great passing range and pops up with some crucial goals. Great character in the dressing room.

Riley L - Forward

Riley is a great striker of the ball, with a deadly left foot, set pieces is a speciality, and has a great eye for seeing things or openings other players can't.

Albie W - Defender

This is Albie's 2nd Season for the team, excellent with the ball at his feet and great technical ability, mainly plays right back but can play further forward, reads the game and starts transition like no other.



REDGATE RANGERS U14S

SQUAD LIST

SQUAD

Goalkeepers

Charlie *S*

Logan *G*

Defenders

Albie *W*

Grayson *B*

Bobby *W*

Frazer *T*

Mason *T*

Devan *Q*

Midfielders

William *M*

Freddie *K*

Casey *G*

Joseph *C*

Joshua *R*

Blake *P*

Forwards

Callum *B*

Theo *L*

Charlie *F*

Riley *L*

PLAYER TO WATCH

The SQUAD

Since the very beginning as tiny tekkers up to where they are now, this squad has been built with the ethos of playing as a team. No individuals are treated differently. At the end of every season we celebrate this by giving each player an individual award. We do not praise one without the other. They are all important to the team from Goalkeepers through to forwards they each bring something unique to the squad. Without any one of the players we would have a missing link and that would affect the team and our style of playing. We believe this is one of our biggest strengths and why together they have been very successful. Since moving into competitive football over these past few seasons they have proved themselves time and time again that together they are a force to be reckoned with. Without all players we would have a missing link and that would affect the team on our style and way of playing. We believe this is an important factor on why they have been very successful over the past few seasons since moving into competitive football.



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BOHEMIANS U14S

SQUAD INFORMATION

Oliver A - Midfielder

An excitable lad who on his day a very good player with a great eye for a defence splitting pass. Loves an assist and also doesn't mind getting on the score sheet and is the team's second top scorer in this competition with eight goals (would have been more if he didn't hit the woodwork nearly every game).

Leyton B - Centre Back

Understands and reads the game very well, loves to get the ball in the box when he can, does the simple things brilliantly. First hand up to take a penalty.

Cohen C - Forward

A player who isn't afraid to run at, and take players on when given the chance. Knows where the goal is, but is also unselfish in front of it. Scored some important goals in the competition that has given the team confidence to go on and push for the win.

Finley F - Wide Midfielder

Plays on either wing and does a good job whatever side he's on. Unfortunately had to go to the hospital during the semi final due to a nasty tackle and didn't get to celebrate with the boys on reaching the final, but is now back fully fit ready for the final.

Wade F - Centre Back

The Tigers Captain. Always very positive and encouraging. A strong and physical player with a good left foot. Goes on more holidays than Dora the explorer and has cost his parents a fortune to make sure they are back in the UK in time for this game.

Jack G - Forward

A defender's nightmare. His energy is relentless and just doesn't stop chasing the ball down. Very good in front of goal and can also create a chance from nothing. The Tigers top scorer with 21 goals in the competition.

Declan H - Centre Midfielder

New to the team this season and has fitted in extremely well. A very clever player with great feet, capable of causing the opposition plenty of problems. A fantastic addition to the team.

Riley H - Defensive Midfielder

Another player who joined this season and has adapted very well in a couple of positions. Very strong and physical and doesn't lose many tackles.

Corey N - Forward

Battles hard all over the pitch. Is very physical despite not being the biggest. Likes to run at the opposition. Another player who joined this season and has slotted in very well.

Henry P - Defensive Midfielder

Wins the ball back when you least expect him too and will get a foot in to break play up when needed. Along with a good eye for a clever pass, he does the important work that most of the time goes unnoticed.

Corben P - Midfield/Attacker

Loves a tackle and to run with the ball, which is handy as he is pretty quick. Defensively minded, but can also attack into the final third often causing the opposition problems.

Oliver S - Centre Back

Only been playing football for around two seasons, so very late starter compared to most, but has improved no end and has nailed down a couple of positions that he is comfortable playing in.]

BOHEMIANS U14S

SQUAD INFORMATION

Harrison S - Wide Midfielder

Another player who has been in the team since day one, keeps his game simple and does this very well. Scored a vital goal in the semi-final which gave him plenty of confidence, which we are sure he will bring into this evening's final.

Joshua V - Goalkeeper

A great player to have on board this season between the sticks, a brilliant shot stopper and just as good with his feet. Has given the team confidence to play back to him if and when needed.

Alfie G - Defensive Midfielder/ Defender

Unfortunately cup tied in the competition through no fault of his own having played one game for his previous team in the first round who later folded. The boys are gutted that he can't be involved on the pitch this evening.

Luca W - Wide/Central Midfielder

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Midfielders

Oliver **A**

Finley **F**

Declan **H**

Riley **H**

Henry **P**

Harrison **S**

Alfie **G**

Luca **W**

Forwards

Cohen **C**

Jack **G**

Corey **N**

PLAYER TO WATCH

Jack **G**

Jack has matured immensely this season allowing him to adapt to changes in the team system as needed. His decision making in front of goal has improved immensely and has increased the number of team goals and scorers. Whether he's playing as part of a pair, or up front on his own, his energy is relentless. A real threat in front of goal and is capable of creating a chance from nothing. As previously mentioned, he's scored 21 goals in the competition so far and is hoping he can add to his tally tonight. One flaw is that he keeps turning up to training in his Ipswich coat ;-)

MANAGEMENT TEAM

Manager **SAM ALEXANDER**

Assistant Manager/Coach **STEVIE CALVER**

Coach **MARTIN PATTERSONL**



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REFEREE INFORMATION



REFEREE
Morgan Bowsher-Kent
Age: 17
Referee Level: 7

Interesting Fact/Occupation: I am completing my A Levels in English Literature, Politics and Government and Geography at City of Norwich School. I recently completed the Southwold Half Marathon.

Previous Cup Finals: The Norfolk U12 Girls' Cup.



ASSISTANT REFEREE
Matthew Cotton
Age: 30
Referee Level: 6

Interesting Fact/Occupation: I'm currently working in Finance at Norfolk County Council, which has provided me with a great opportunity to learn some transferable skills to refereeing and in turn, apply some of the skills I've learned from refereeing. Away from the refereeing and work, I'm a regular at Nuffield Health which is also used by Darren Huckerby and Iwan Roberts.

Previous Cup Finals: N/A



ASSISTANT REFEREE
Jake Hicklin
Age: 17
Referee Level: 7

Interesting Fact/Occupation:

I participate in flag football.

Previous Cup Finals: N/A



FOURTH OFFICIAL
Luke Fisher
Age: 37
Referee Level: 7

Interesting Fact/Occupation:

I am a Primary School Teacher.

Previous Cup Finals: 4th official on Stuart Dracup in 2021.

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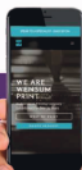
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