



NORFOLK HIRE
SENIOR CUP

SEMI-FINAL



Wroxham FC vs Mulbarton Wanderers FC

WEDNESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY | KO 7:45PM

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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 Norfolk Hire Senior Cup Semi Finals. This evening is the second of our two Norfolk Hire Senior Cup Semi Finals.

The first of the two sides competing for a place in the final is this evening's home side, Wroxham FC. They currently compete in the Isthmian League, North Division. Their opponents are Mulbarton Wanderers FC, who compete one step below them in the Non-League System, in the Thurlow Nunn League, Premier Division.

Wroxham FC currently sit 19th out of twenty-two in the Isthmian League. They have won five, drawn nine and lost thirteen this season, leaving them on 24 points. Wroxham FC entered the Norfolk Hire Senior Cup at the third-round stage, where they beat Watton United, 4-1. They then faced Kings Lynn U23s in the quarter-final, progressing with a comprehensive 5-0 victory.

This evening's away side are Mulbarton Wanderers FC who currently sit 8th out of twenty in the Thurlow Nunn, Premier Division. They have won fourteen, drawn three and lost eight this season, leaving them on forty-five points. Mulbarton Wanderers FC entered the competition in the second-round stage, kicking off their cup campaign with a 2-0 away win at

Norwich CEYMS FC. The third round saw a repeat of the 2020-21 final, with Mulbarton taking on Gorleston FC. However, this time Mulbarton were victorious, beating Gorleston on penalties, seeing them into the Quarter Finals of the competition. Mulbarton continued their good form in the cup with a 5-0 home win against Norwich United, which sees them earn their spot in tonight's semi-final.

The third team on show for tonight'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 members who are present, together with the Norfolk FA staff for their hard work coming together to stage the Norfolk Hire Senior Cup Semi Final this evening.

*All information correct at time of writing.



Michael Banham
Norfolk County FA Chairman

THE NORFOLK HIRE SENIOR CUP

The Norfolk Senior Cup is the County's oldest Cup competition with a history that stretches all the way back to the 1881/82 season when Norfolk and Norwich became the inaugural winners as they beat Lynn Town by 3 goals to 1.

Despite that initial defeat Lynn Town became regular winners of the trophy in the early years, picking up the Cup on no fewer than five occasions: 1882/83, 1884/85, 1886/87, 1889/90, 1898/99. Another name to feature regularly on the Cup in those initial seasons was CEYMS, especially around the turn of the century when they captured a hat-trick of titles. King's Lynn went one better than that as they took the Cup back to the West of the County an amazing four seasons on the trot between 1954/55 and 1957/58, beating Gorleston, Gothic, Great Yarmouth and most impressively Norwich City in that time.

Norwich City did bounce back from that defeat, and in some style too as they took part in one of the competition's highest scoring Finals the following season, beating Gorleston 7-2. Nine goals were also scored in the 1972/73 Final, but this was much closer as Fakenham Town edged past Hoveton by a score of 5-4.

In recent seasons the competition has been dominated by Clubs that compete in the Eastern Counties League. Wroxham were the team to beat in the late 1990's and their name was engraved on the trophy in 1996/97, 1997/98 and 1999/00. Other recent winners include Diss Town, Gorleston, King's Lynn Reserves and Dereham Town.

The 2009-10 Final broke the trend of Eastern Counties winners though, as Mattishall of the Anglian Combination held Norwich United 1-1 at the end of extra time and then held their nerve on spot kicks to win 5-4, claiming a famous victory. Gorleston won the 2011/12 Final 2-0 against Thetford Town and then won the 2014 Final 1-0 against Wroxham.

Wroxham returned to Carrow Road in 2015 to beat fellow Ryman League side Dereham Town 3-2 after extra time. In 2016 Dereham Town secured their fourth Norfolk Senior Cup after beating Norwich United 2-0.

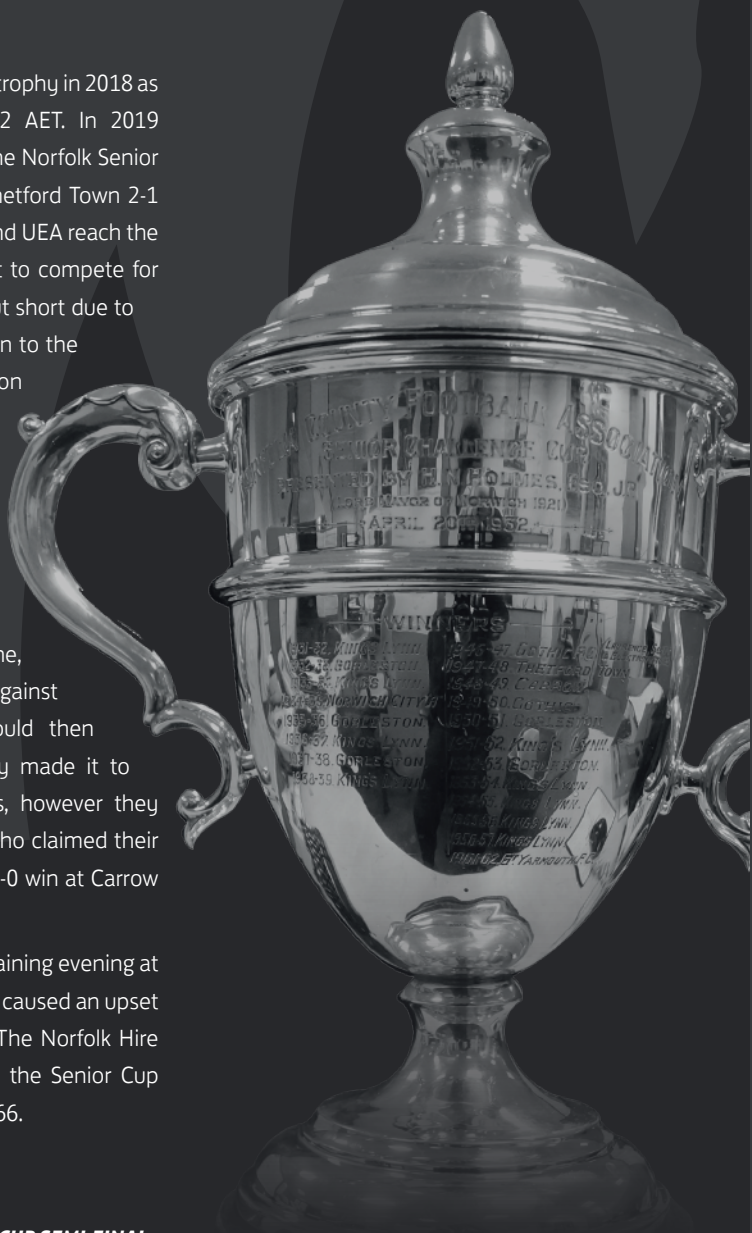
2017 saw King's Lynn Town beat Fakenham Town for their first Senior Cup triumph since 2009. Ryan Fryatt and a Michael Clunan penalty sealed the win.

THE NORFOLK HIRE SENIOR CUP

Norwich United finally lifted the trophy in 2018 as they beat Downham Town 4-2 AET. In 2019 Dereham Town were crowned the Norfolk Senior Cup Winners after they beat Thetford Town 2-1 AET. 2020 saw Dereham Town and UEA reach the Final, although they did not get to compete for the trophy as the season was cut short due to the pandemic. 2021 saw a return to the Senior Cup Final, with Gorleston overcoming Mulbarton Wanderers 3-2 in a thrilling encounter.

Mulbarton would then bounce back from this defeat a year later, to face Dereham Town, competing at Step 4 at the time, and would claim a 2-1 victory against the odds. Dereham Town would then attempt the same feat as they made it to back-to-back Senior Cup Final's, however they would fall victim to Gorleston, who claimed their 2nd title in three years, with a 3-0 win at Carrow Road.

Last season's final saw an entertaining evening at Carrow Road as Downham Town caused an upset as they ran out 4-2 winners in The Norfolk Hire Senior Cup semi-final to secure the Senior Cup Trophy for the first time since 1966.



WROXHAM FC

SQUAD INFORMATION

Travis Dodsworth - Left Back

A left back who was promoted from the reserve team when he was just 16.

Rio Abodunde - Right Back/Midfield

A young player who has made outstanding progress over the last two seasons.

Shaun Taylor - Midfield

The former reserve Captain and Player of the Season has progressed to be a vital part of the first team.

Ryan Miles - Striker

2021-22 Thurlow Nunn League Golden Boot Winner.

Jordan King - Centre Midfield

A neat, tidy and competitive player who can set the tempo for the team and leads by example.

Tom Huckerby - Centre Back

A centre back who is strong in the air but assured on the ground.

Harry Barker - Fullback

A fullback who still brings a lot of experience. A former FA Youth cup winner with Norwich City.

Ryan Hawkins - Striker

A player with proven stats across a number of leagues from Step 1 – Step 4, including back-to-back promotions with Kings Lynn.

Haydn Davis - Left Midfield

A recent signing, Haydn joined the club from near neighbours, Norwich United.

Jacek Zielonka - Midfield

A player with years of experience who has Kings Lynn, Lowestoft and Dereham amongst his former clubs.

Ollie Sutton - Goalkeeper

Club captain and a GK with a big personality on and off the pitch.

Aston Jaggard - Midfield

A midfield player who impressed on trial during pre-season.

James Everett - Centre Back / Left Back

A young defender who made his first team debut during last season.

Jeorgy Batch - Midfield

A hard working, tenacious midfield player.

Ollie Bates

Captain of last season's undefeated Under 18 team. Currently on loan at Great Yarmouth Town.

George Potter - Goalkeeper

Current reserve team goalkeeper. George made his senior debut last season.

Asa McGeachy - Winger

Joined the club in mid-November from Harleston in the Thurlow Nunn League.

Tom Coombe - Midfielder

Experienced goalkeeper who rejoined the club this January.

Alfie Doy - Centre Back/Left Back

Norwich City Under 21 player currently on loan to Wroxham.



WROXHAM FC

SQUAD LIST

SQUAD

Goalkeepers

Ollie **SUTTON**
George **POTTER**
Tom **COOMBE**

Defenders

Travis **DODSWORTH**
Rio **ABODUNDE**
Tom **HUCKERBY**
Harry **BARKER**
James **EVERETT**
Alfie **DOY**

Midfielders

Shaun **TAYLOR**
Jordan **KING**
Jacek **ZIELONKA**
Jeorgy **BATCH**
Haydn **DAVIS**
Aston **JAGGARD**

Forwards

Ryan **MILES**
Ryan **HAWKINS**
Asa **MCGEACHY**

PLAYER TO WATCH

Asa **MCGEACHY**

Asa joined Wroxham in November 2024. His senior football journey started at East Harling for whom he featured in the Mummerly Cup Final v Wroxham Reserves in 2023. From there he signed for Harleston Town, where he played 48 games scoring 17 goals.

MANAGEMENT TEAM

Manager **JORDAN SOUTHGATE**
Assistant Manager **DANNY CROW**
Goalkeeper Coach **DARREN PLOWMAN-READ**
Sports Therapist **BECKY EDGE**



MULBARTON WANDERERS FC

SQUAD INFORMATION

Elliot Altay - Attacker/Centre Back

The 'big un'. A versatile, strong centre half or centre forward with an eye for goal.

Tom Baird - Attacking Midfielder

Strong, attacking midfield player. Excellent dead ball expert.

Dom Doggett - Full Back / Attacking Midfield

Still one of the fittest players in the squad, with over 290 appearances for the team.

Joe Easton - Centre Back

Scored the winner when we won the Senior Cup in the 2021/22 season.

Fraser Field - Centre Back

Joined the team this season and has established himself as a strong centre half.

Noah Hunt - Attacking Midfielder

Product of the club's youth system and has had England schoolboy trials this season.

Tom Hunter - Full Back

Reliable full back who is strong in the tackle. Loves a run down the wing with an eye for a great cross.

Liam Ireland - Midfield

Product of the club's youth system, 1st season with the team.

Ashley Jarvis - Attacker

Top goal scorer in the Thurlow Nunn Premier Division last season.

Ben Jones - Midfield

Strong, reliable midfielder who loves a tackle.

Peter Lambert - Attacker

Experienced attacker with a great eye for goal.

Owen Lane - Attacking Midfielder

First name on the team sheet. Loves a tackle and has a great eye for goal.

Migel Lopez - Midfield

Signed this season from Waveney. Experienced midfielder, and a great addition to the team.

Angus Mackie - Full Back/Midfield

Experienced and versatile. Will play where asked and will give 100% for 90 minutes.

James Page - Midfield

The skipper's record says it all. 228 appearances including a run of 146 consecutive games.

Danny Self - Midfield

Joint manager whose vast experience is brought to fruition on the training ground and on the field.

Chris Skipper - Centre Back

Joined this season and is establishing himself as an excellent signing. A strong centre half.

Kieran Smith - Fullback

Popular fullback with a strange choice of matchday food.

Ben Thompson - Striker

Our joint manager with 265 appearances and the club's top goal scorer with 130 goals.

Tom Wright - Goalkeeper

Played between the sticks a remarkable 300 times with 107 clean sheets. z



MULBARTON WANDERERS FC

SQUAD LIST

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Goalkeepers

TOM **WRIGHT**

Defenders

Elliot **ALTAY**

Dom **DOGGETT**

Joe **EASTON**

Fraser **FIELD**

Tom **HUNTER**

Chris **SKIPPER**

Kieran **SMITH**

Midfielders

Tom **BAIRD**

Noah **HUNT**

James **PAGE**

Danny **SELF**

Owen **LANE**

Migel **LOPEZ**

Angus **MACKIE**

Liam **IRELAND**

Ben **JONES**

Forwards

Peter **LAMBERT**

Ashley **JARVIS**

Ben **THOMPSON**

PLAYER TO WATCH

Noah **HUNT**

A Mulbarton lad that has come through the youth system to play in the 1st team. Fast, attacking winger who improves with every game. Made it to the final stages of trials for the England schoolboy team this season.

Off the field he is assistant manager of both our U18 Sunday team, who are currently top of their league, and our U18 Thurlow Nunn youth team.

MANAGEMENT TEAM

Joint Manager **BEN THOMPSON**

Manager **DANNY SELF**

Physio **BEATA BALLA**

Coach **CHRIS CARTER**

Coach **ANDY CUNNINGHAM**



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