

Norfolk County FA Bulletin

March 2018



WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of the Norfolk County FA bulletin. As always, we hope to provide you with an insight into our work via these bulletins, along with what's on the horizon for clubs, including various opportunities to get involved in Norfolk Football.

We're hopeful of improved weather over the coming weeks with the 'Beast from the East' causing havoc to teams' fixture lists at the start of the month. The opening weekend of March saw not one Norfolk team at any level or format of the game have a competitive fixture, including Norwich City FC!

U18'S MAKE NATIONAL FINAL

Ryan Miles was the hat trick hero for Norfolk U18's on Saturday morning as they booked their place in the FA County Youth Cup Final with a 3-1 victory at the expense of Gloucestershire U18's.

The first half was a tense affair with neither team creating many clear cut chances however Norfolk did hit the bar courtesy of a Miles Palmer strike.

Palmer was involved when Norfolk made their breakthrough with 12 minutes played in the second half. A long ball forward allowed Palmer to be one-on-one with Dymond in the Gloucestershire net. As the winger knocked the ball round the on-rushing keeper he was brought down, leaving Lloyd Wood no option but to point to the penalty spot.

Forward Miles then stepped up to take the penalty to calmly slot the ball home from 12 yards into the bottom right corner.



The visitors raised their game and got an equaliser shortly after and despite Norfolk having to weather a storm of pressure from the Gloucestershire attack, the game stayed at 1-1 for the remainder of normal time.

Norfolk got the break they needed 5 minutes into the second half of extra time when a free kick on the half way line was launched into the Gloucestershire box and the ball bounced kindly for Miles allowing him to blast the ball into the net.



Miles then completed his hat trick after some good work from Fatadjo with the final kick of the game. You can read the full report by clicking [here](#).

Norfolk will now meet Staffordshire in the final of the FA County Youth Cup which is due to be played at The BET365 stadium, home of Stoke City FC on Saturday 14 April.

There will be a coach travelling to the fixture on the Saturday for those wishing to support the team, further information for which will be released next week.

GROW THE GAME 2018 – LAST CHANCE TO APPLY

This year's Grow the Game application window is almost closed, with less than two weeks to get your applications in.

Grow the Game, which is delivered by the Football Foundation and first launched back in 2010, offers grants to grassroots football clubs that wish to create new teams.



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Grow the Game grants help to reduce the costs associated with starting new grassroots football teams by making £1,500 available for each that a club creates.

Expenditure that the funding can help a club pay for includes: FA coaching courses; FA league affiliation costs; referees' fees; first aid kits; and even football kit and equipment through a bespoke voucher.

This year, applications are being encouraged from clubs who want to start:

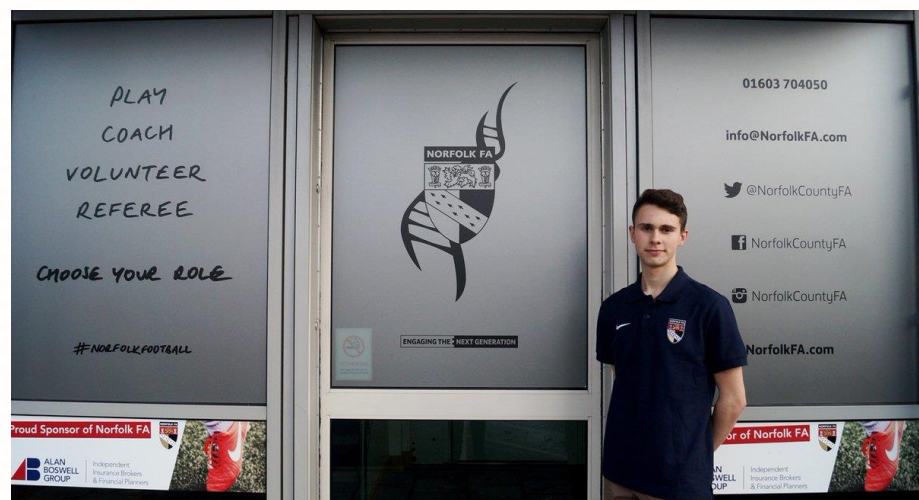
- Women's and Girls' teams
- Disability teams

The application window for Grow the Game closes on **Thursday 29 March**. Clubs seeking more information on the programme should contact Stacey Annison via Stacey.Annison@NorfolkFA.com or visit the [Football Foundation website](#).

BRYN HUGHES JOINS NORFOLK FA

We are delighted to welcome the Association's newest member of staff, Bryn Hughes, who will be taking up the position of Digital Marketing Apprentice.

Bryn joins us after completing his A-Level qualifications at Dereham Sixth Form College and will be replacing Marketing & Communications Officer, Joe Sayer who left to join Aviva in February.



Bryn spoke of his delight at joining NCF: "I have always wanted to work in a capacity that allows me to utilise my passion for football and when this opportunity arose I knew that it would be ideal for me.

"I can't wait for the next stage of my life to begin and to get started; I am looking forward to facing the upcoming challenges and am willing to tackle them head on."

You can contact Bryn on 01603 704050 (Ext. 1; Opt. 3) or via Brynmor.Hughes@NorfolkFA.com.

THE FDC WOMEN'S & GIRLS' CUP

We are very pleased to announce that we will be hosting our first ever female only tournament at the FDC, (Football Development Centre), this summer!



The FDC Women's & Girls' Cup is set to be a festival for female football, in line with Norfolk's This Girl Can Month in June and is an opportunity for everybody to come together and celebrate the female game.

Details of The FDC Women's & Girls' Cup are as follows:

Date:	Sunday 10th June
Time:	10am – 3pm
Format:	5-a-side (maximum of 8 players)
Age Groups*:	U12's, U14's U16's, Ladies
Cost:	£25 per team

*Teams are encouraged to play up an age group (for example U11 teams can compete in the U12 category).

[Click here for more information and to enter your team!](#)

SAFEGUARDING IN NORFOLK

Norfolk offers a range of safeguarding services and training to help create a safe and enjoyable football experience for everyone.

We ensure safeguarding requirements are met as a requirement of club affiliation and we support clubs to maintain these standards. This includes making unannounced safeguarding visits to clubs.

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. If you have any concerns regarding a safeguarding matter, please contact our County FA Designated Safeguarding Officer, Ken D'Rosario via safeguarding@NorfolkFA.com or call 01603 704050 (Ext. 1; Opt.1 then 5)

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NSYL CHARITY DINNER

On Friday 27th April 2018 the Norfolk and Suffolk Youth Football League are pleased to announce an evening with Darren Eadie and Jamie Cureton.



The evening is in aid of NSYFL and Sammy Morgan's chosen charity (2017-2018) which is the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital Oesophagogastric Cancer Charity (Charity no. 1048170).

The evening is being held at The Royal Assembly Rooms, Albert Square, Great Yarmouth, NR30 3JH. Dress code is Smart Casual and doors open at 7pm with sit down at 7:30pm.

Tickets are £30 (non-refundable), for more information contact Shaun (07720 927574), John (07985 206288) or Sammy (07808 124936).

CUP FINAL REFEREE APPOINTMENTS

Our programme of County Cup Finals kicks off at The Football Development Centre in Bowthorpe on Friday 23rd March, where Andrew Wilson will take charge of the John Savage Cup Final between Firside Athletic and Attleborough Town.

He will be assisted by Egidijus Amsiejus and Leon Howard with last years' Referee, Dario Matthewson, on hand as fourth official.



At the other end of the Cup Final calendar, Ricky Owen will deliver as the man in the middle at the Senior Cup Final, assisted by top ranked Level 4s, Nathan Walker and Mark Ames. Last years' Referee, Darin Geary, will act as fourth official.

For the full list of this year's Cup Final appointments, please [click here](#).

PLAY AT CARROW ROAD THIS MAY

Would you and your team like the exciting and unique opportunity of playing under the floodlights at Carrow Road?

Well now is your opportunity as through our close relationship with Norwich City FC we are able to promote the club's available slots to grassroots teams and local organisations.



NCFC's exclusive pitch hire package provides a unique and unforgettable experience for everyone involved and includes;

- Use of the Carrow Road hallowed turf for 2 ½ hours
- Use of the home & away changing rooms & showers
- Spectator seating for up to 200 in the Directors Box
- Use of a lounge with a cash bar (all drinks to be paid for by the customer and/or their guests, catering options available upon request and at an additional cost)
- A member of CSF Staff to assist on the day
- Car parking (subject to availability)
- Use of six footballs

For full information about how to book a slot click [here](#).

KICK IT OUT



Please be reminded that football is a game For All, regardless of gender, sexuality, ethnicity, ability, disability, faith or age. If you witness or hear any discriminatory behaviour, then please get in contact with us immediately by contacting 01603 704050.

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REFEREE PROMOTION

Hearty congratulations go to the following colleagues whose promotions were confirmed at the Referees' Committee meeting on 1st March, and will take effect from 1st July 2018:

Level 7 to Level 6:

Scott Addy; Egidijus Amsiejus; Rob Bunting; Allen Clark; Andre Delgado; Daniel Ditcham; Louis Lofts; James Ludlam; Zach Oglesby; Karl Smith; Mark Swaby; Steve Westgate and Mark Whiting.

Level 6 to Level 5:

Sam Dorrell; Richard Manning; Ollie Sadd; Mark Taylor; Ashley Tyne; Andrew Wilson and Rob Wilton.

Recommended to National FA for promotion from Level 5 to level 4:

Ady George; Ahmed Mohamed; Callum Parke; Cameron Saunders; Ashley Smith and Tristen Watson.

ALAN BOSWELL CHARITY FIXTURE

Alan Boswell Group took us on at our own game last week when we went head to head in a football match to raise money for charity.



The friendly fixture, held at theFDC@OpenAcademy, was an 11-aside game between us and our partners, in which each staff member playing donated to their employer's Charity of the Year.

Alan Boswell Group fundraised for The Big C Appeal while we contributed toward our running total for The Bobby Moore Fund.

'Team Boswell', branded underdogs before the start of the fixture took the lead early on with a great strike that hit the underside of the bar on its travels, leaving the player/manager of 'Team NCFA', Chief Executive Gavin Lemmon, helpless in goal.

We soon found our shooting boots however, eventually running out 12-3 winners on the evening after a strong

performance featuring staff from the Football Development Centres (FDC's) as well as Football Administration and Football Development Departments.

The fixture was also officiated by the Norfolk FA Referee Department!

Thanks to all players and officials that took part on the night and thanks to our partners Alan Boswell Group for a brilliant game.

CHARTER STANDARD IN-SERVICE CALENDAR

The Charter Standard In-Service calendar features a range of events that aim to up-skill the people involved at Charter Standard clubs.

Here's what's coming up in the coming weeks:

MARCH	EVENT		DETAILS
	26	Coach CPD	19:00 – 21:00 Youngs Park, NR11 6UJ
	28	Youth Football Transition Support: 9v9 – 11v11	18:30 – 20:30 Clipbush Park, NR21 8SW
	29	Grow the Game Application Closes	Football Foundation
APRIL	EVENT		DETAILS
	9	Coach CPD	19:00 – 21:00 Clipbush Park, NR21 8SW
	10	Mini Soccer Transition Support: 7v7 – 9v9	19:00 – 21:00 theFDC@Flegg , NR29 4QD
	16	'Keep Calm & Re-Cap' Safeguarding Web EX	18:30 – 20:00
	23	Mini Soccer Transition Support: 5v5 to 7v7	19:00 – 21:00 Swaffham Town FC,
	26	Youth Football Transition Support: 9v9 – 11v11	19:00 – 21:00 theFDC@OpenAcademy , NR7 9DL

COUNTY CUP FINALS

The previous month has seen the majority of the semi-finals of the County Cups played meaning that we now know the finalists of 7 out of the 9 competitions. The remaining finalists will be decided this weekend in the Women's and Veterans Cups. Good luck to the teams competing in those fixtures.



It's always exciting to see the results come in; especially when the pressure is heightened as we get closer to finding out our Champions.

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The dates for the finals have been announced and are listed below:

John Savage Cup – [23 March](#)
Stuart Dracup Cup – [20 April](#)
Norfolk Senior Cup – [30 April](#)
Norfolk Junior Cup – [29 April](#)
Norfolk Primary Cup – [13 April](#)
Norfolk Veterans Cup – [4 May](#)
Sunday Senior Cup – [29 April](#)
Sunday Junior Cup – [6 April](#)
Norfolk Women's Cup – [27 April](#)

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

TheFDC@OpenAcademy



TheFDC@OpenAcademy
Development Officer
Fionn Goodwin-Wright



TheFDC@OpenAcademy
Apprentice
Harry Borrett

The 'Department Spotlight' section provides an insight into the different Departments here at Norfolk FA and the work they undertake.

TheFDC@OpenAcademy is a full sized 3G football pitch opened in 2016 as a partnership between Norfolk County FA and the Open Academy on Salhouse Road, Norwich.

As well as the construction of the pitch, state-of-the-art changing facilities and social/education areas mean the venue is fit to host a range of football activities.

The centre hosts various football activities such as County 5IVES matches on a Monday evening where there are 4 competitive leagues of varying abilities making the football being played enjoyable for all.

Some 40 teams train every week at the centre, and a number of teams call the centre home for their weekend fixtures; ranging from 5v5 to 11v11 and everything in between.

For more information about theFDC@OpenAcademy please email theFDCopen@NorfolkFA.com or call the centre on 01603 704050 (Opt 3).

WENSUM PRINT BECOME PARTNERS

We are delighted to announce that we have a new official partner in Wensum Print.

The Norwich based print company will be the official sponsors of this season's County Cup Final programmes and also recent sponsored the U18's FA County Youth Cup Semi-final fixture against Gloucestershire.

Wensum Print specialise in a wide range of services such as brochure and leaflet printing, banners and signage, promotional products and web design.



We'd like to thank Wensum Print for becoming the latest supporter of Grassroots football in Norfolk and look forward to working with them further this year.

To find out more about the services provided by Wensum Print please visit their website WensumPrint.co.uk. You can also contact them via email using info@wensumprint.co.uk

AND FINALLY, GOOD LUCK!

Time flies and we are now nearly a quarter of the way through 2018, although there is plenty more football to be played this season.

By the time of April's Bulletin, the County Cup Finals will be in full swing and we hope to see as many of you making it out to the FDC to support the local game.

Good luck with your fixtures in the coming weeks and with further poor weather forecast for this weekend, please ensure that you stay safe and take care.

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