

Suffolk Under-18 Midweek Cup Final

Thursday, May 9th 2019



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Welcome



Good evening ladies and gentlemen, and a warm welcome to the final of the KBB NEFF Suffolk Boys' Under-18 Midweek Cup here at Portman Road.

I'm delighted we're able to host six Suffolk County Cup Finals at Ipswich Town FC this season, the most ever in a single season. Whilst we may not be able to host so many finals at Portman Road every season, hopefully those who do get to perform in this stadium will be inspired to give us spectators their best performance.

Thank you to all our colleagues at Ipswich Town for their hard work, time and commitment to ensuring these finals are the showpiece culmination to another Suffolk football season.

This competition has been played since 2014-15 and the road to this year's final has been as exciting as ever. Reaching this final crowns successful seasons for the two teams. AFC Sudbury, who have won the Thurlow Nunn Youth League South Division this season, will be bidding to win the trophy

for a fourth year in a row, while Walsham-le-Willows, who were runners-up in the final two years ago, have won the Central Division. My congratulations go out to both teams for reaching this final, and best wishes for the game.

Please remember there is a third team involved in tonight's match. Our team of officials have been appointed as a result of their performances throughout the season and deserve to be involved in this stage of the competition as much as the two playing teams.

The game is sure to be tense and competitive and could be decided by the smallest of margins. Whilst we're unlikely to all agree with every decision the officials make, please rest assured that decisions will be made with the best of intentions. Therefore I trust you as spectators, players and team officials will join the match officials in adhering to RESPECT Codes of Conduct at all times; a Spectators' Code of Conduct is included within this programme and Codes of Conduct applying to all match participants are displayed in the respective changing rooms.

If the scores are level at the end of normal time, we go straight to a penalty shoot-out. So please do save any fingernails just in case!

Football should be the best experience For All. Please cheer, congratulate and encourage as much as possible in a respectful manner for all involved. Let the game begin...

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Richard Neal
Chief Executive Officer
Suffolk Football Association

The KBB Centre and NEFF are very proud to sponsor the local county cup finals.

Both companies fully support Youth football and sporting initiatives and are absolutely delighted to be involved.

The Suffolk FA were looking for cup sponsors and the chance to have a top brand manufacturer in NEFF willing to help support The KBB Centre's links with Suffolk FA was an opportunity not to be missed. The KBB Centre are a 5 Star MasterPartner for NEFF and we have a lot of innovative things happening with them this year, both with showroom changes and new NEFF products.

We are particularly excited about NEFF's main event of their 2019 calendar, which is the launch of NEFF's 'Home Connect' which will be available on display in our showroom in June.

We'd like to wish all the teams who have made it this far the very best of luck!

Roger Peck (left) & Patrick Peck (right), Directors of The KBB Centre



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I once worked with a northern lad who supported Everton. I used to ask him the Everton result every time they lost and then on one occasion I tried to wind him up by saying 'Never mind, it's only a game'. His reply was instant. 'Aye, but it's a passionate game'. How right he was.

Tonight's final sees the culmination of hard work, skill, determination, some luck and plenty of passion, but that's just the two teams playing on the pitch. For me, I cannot organise the Suffolk FA County Cups without a team with no less passion, but no-one sees them and without them occasions like tonight would not take place.

My squad consists of the referee co-ordinators Ian Smillie, Graham Apperley, Ian Atkins, Mel Stickland and Alan Dale. Darryn Marsh, Bruce Badcock and Richard Neal are alongside myself when the tough, and not always popular, decisions have to be made, and Ruth Ward makes sure the administration for the finals is fully in control.

Then there are the County Representatives attending each semi final and final making sure the County standards are met and a special thanks to all host clubs who have so readily agreed to host County matches.

I would also like to make a special mention of David Mayes of the Thurlow Nunn League whose help is always valued throughout the rounds in identifying available venues causing the least amount of disruption for our partner leagues. Radio Suffolk has seen the coverage of our live semi-final draws on the Non-League hour of their Thursday Night Sports Social programme reach bigger audiences thanks to the enthusiasm of Graeme Mac and David Mann and, of course, our own Nick Garnham whose passion for the County Cup competitions is truly admirable.

My own football career never reached great heights. I played in a Primary Cup Semi-Final but didn't make the final squad but one of my team-mates looked back at his time in local football when our club celebrated an anniversary and wrote the most sincere and heart warming sentiments about this wonderful game that we play in our most beautiful County. He wrote: "Without the enthusiasm of the people that run our club, it is unlikely that we would be here tonight. From a personal point of view I would have missed out on some of the happiest and proudest moments of my life, moments that I have shared with people that have become my closest friends. Who said football was only a game? It's far more important than that."

Adrian Moye
County Cup Competitions Manager
Suffolk FA



Competition History

The Under-18 Midweek Cup is open to all under-18 sides who play in midweek competitions.

The competition has been run since the 2014-15 season. For the two seasons prior to that, teams competed in a Boys' Under-18 Cup/Sunday Cup competition, before it was decided to split Sunday sides and midweek sides into separate competitions.

AFC Sudbury have won the competition for the past three seasons.

Previous Finals

2014-15 Woodbridge Town Youth 4 - 0
Newmarket Town

2015-16 AFC Sudbury 4 - 1 Stowmarket Town

2016-17 AFC Sudbury 5 - 2 Walsham-le-Willows

2017-18 AFC Sudbury 3 - 1 Bury Town



AFC Sudbury skipper Stefano Mallardo receives the cup from Suffolk FA Chairman David Porter after their 4-1 victory over Stowmarket Town in the 2016 final at Cornard United FC.



Route to the Final

First round: Walsham-le-Willows 5 Bury Town 2, AFC Sudbury – bye.

Second round: Walsham-le-Willows 3 Sporting 87 1, AFC Sudbury v Kirkley & Pakefield Youth – Home Win Walkover.

Quarter-Finals: Needham Market 0 Walsham-le-Willows 5, Kirkley & Pakefield 1 AFC Sudbury 6.

Semi-Finals: AFC Sudbury 4 Mildenhall Town 0, Walsham-le-Willows 3 Felixstowe & Walton United 1.



Walsham-le-Willows players celebrate scoring their first goal in their 5-2 loss to AFC Sudbury in the 2017 final at Colchester United FC.



Tom Maycock (second left) scores his and AFC Sudbury's second goal in their 3-1 victory over Bury Town at Colchester United FC in last season's final.

AFC Sudbury

Baris Altintop – Defender. An excellent ball-playing second year defender. Baris has been a regular in the first team for most of the season.

Liam Bennett – Defender. Liam is another first year who has made excellent progress. Underestimate him at your peril. Currently the first choice right back for the first team.

Josh Buckles – Striker. A second year who is a presence in both boxes and good with his back to goal. Can also play centre back and as a goalkeeper!

Ross Crane – Defender. Yet another first year who is making great strides, currently playing most weeks for the first team. His performances are attracting interest from the professional game.

Harry Critchley – Defender. A first year who has been part of the successful A team. He has an excellent attitude and loves to join in attacks.

Tom Gardiner – Defender. A second year, Tom can play anywhere across the back and in midfield. A versatile, dependable player and person.

Oliver Gravett – Striker. A second year who has an excellent goalscoring record. Oliver has Bostick League experience and has penned a prestigious scholarship to a top NCAA1 university in the USA.

Joe Grimwood – Defender. Now in his second year, Joe is another young man playing regularly for the first team. He is a monster in both boxes.

Ben Hammett – Midfielder. A very accomplished second year defensive midfielder with a crunching tackle and a big switch. He broke into the first team in March.

Adam Hanson – Midfielder. Adam is the team's captain who is an all-action second year midfielder able to make lung-busting runs from box-to-box. He has an eye for goal and is off to the USA in the summer.

Freddie King – Striker. Fred has made excellent progress in his first year this season. Not only a successful member of the A team but introduced himself to the first team with a game-changing brace from the bench.

Ethan Mayhew – Midfielder. Ethan continues to make great progress with the A team in his first year. He has scored a lot of important goals.

Tom Maycock – Striker. Tom can play across the front line and has an eye for the big goals. He is in his second year and currently plays for the first team.

Lewis O'Malley – Midfielder. A versatile first-year defender with a colossal temperament. 'Skip' is the first year leader.



AFC Sudbury

Nathan Read – Striker. Expect the unexpected from this second year lad and expect it to be hit hard. Off to the USA in the summer.

Isaac Skubich – Midfielder. An excellent second-year ball player who loves to find space and thread an assist. He has played several times for the first team this season.

Ben Whiteman – Goalkeeper. A second-year keeper with good hands who can clear the ball a long way.

Sam Wright – Goalkeeper. Sam is a first year keeper, who is a very athletic shot stopper. He has made great progress since July.



The Teams

Thursday, May 9th 2019 @ Portman Road

Penalties

If the match is still level after full-time, the winner shall be determined by penalty kicks.

AFC Sudbury

Red Shirts, Red Shorts,
Red Socks

Walsham-le-Willows

Yellow Shirts, Yellow
Shorts, Yellow Socks

Referee

Liam Chinery

Assistant Referees

Jak Clarke
Thomas Ling

Fourth Official

Daniel Frost

Referee Support Officer

Maurice Scrivener



AFC Sudbury

Baris Altintop
Liam Bennett
Josh Buckles
Ross Crane
Harry Critchley
Tom Gardiner
Oliver Gravett
Joe Grimwood
Ben Hammett
Adam Hanson
Freddie King
Ethan Mayhew
Tom Maycock
Lewis O'Malley
Nathan Read
Isaac Skubich
Ben Whiteman
Sam Wright

Manager: Danny Laws

Coach: David Cannon

Coach: Craig Power

Coach: Gavin Peters

Physio: Mike Ford



Walsham-le-Willows

Jordan Asker
Marley Browne
Konnor Dixon
Matthew Glover
Ben Harris
Harvey Hubbard
Harry McKeown
Joe Mower
Harry Roberts
Oli Selfe
Ed Spampinato
Jack Spampinato
Ryan Stiff
Dan Stobbart
Will Stobbart
Taylor Waterson
Kehan Whitby

Manager: Alan Harris

Assistant Manager: Nigel
Brame

Coaching Assistant: Ian
Hubbard

Goalkeeping Coach:
George Crowe



Tonight's Match Officials

Refereeing tonight's final is 25-year old Liam Chinery, who was selected last summer for inclusion in The FA's Centre of Refereeing Excellence. Liam regularly officiates in both the Suffolk & Ipswich League and Ipswich Sunday Football League and was last season promoted from Level 7 to Level 5.

He will be assisted by Ipswich-based Tom Ling, who has been a member of the Suffolk Youth Referees' Academy and continues to officiate on the Suffolk & Ipswich League and the Thurlow Nunn Youth League. Tom has previous experience of officiating at Portman Road, being involved in Ipswich Town's Academy Showcase fixture.

On the opposite side is Jak Clark from Lowestoft. Although currently working as a printer, Jak achieved a degree in Sport & Physical Education and now officiates in both the Lowestoft & District League and Thurlow Nunn Youth League.

Experienced Daniel Frost, who started officiating in 2004, will be between the benches tonight. After being injured, Dan took up officiating and now regularly officiates within Youth football, including the Eastern Junior Alliance League.

Suffolk and Ipswich League stalwart and now Thurlow Nunn Youth League Appointments Officer, Maurice Scrivener will take the role of Referee Support Officer this evening.



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Walsham-le-Willows

Jordan Asker – Left back. Jordan is one of a few lads in the squad who has made an appearance in every single game this season. This is his second season with Walsham U18s. Jordan is a tough-tackling defender who also has a goal in him.

Marley Browne – Right back. Marley has had a fantastic season so far, moving from midfield to defence has made him, and the team, part of a great defensive line. Marley, who has played for Walsham's first team, is also the team's penalty taker.

Konnor Dixon – Centre Midfield / Right Wing. Konnor played in the 2017 final and since then has matured into a great player who, with his strength and power, can go past any player with skill and speed. Konnor also has an excellent dead ball range.

Matthew Glover – Centre Midfield / Striker. Matthew has made a big impact with his goals since joining the team earlier this season, like his perfect hat-trick in a previous round. He has shown his maturity and strength in games and has scored vital goals.

Ben Harris – Striker. Known as 'Bumpy' by his team mates, Ben has popped up with some last-minute goals like your typical goal poacher. He has a great attitude and has played in most positions and even had a spell in goal for the adult team on a Saturday when needed.

Harvey Hubbard – Centre Back. Harvey started the season in central midfield, but with his defensive talents he soon moved into the centre back role. He has shown wisdom beyond his years with not just great defensive performances but getting the odd important goal along the way.

Harry McKeown – Centre Midfield. Harry has been with the club for a while now and has the flair and skill to take any player on. His vision for a pass and the creativity it brings is so quick it can leave defenders puzzled.

Joe Mower – Striker. Joe is the youngest squad member and you would not think that with how he has matched those that are older. Joe has a goal tally this season well into double figures, some being very crucial goals for the team.

Harry Roberts – Right Wing. Harry has been with the club for a couple of seasons and after playing as a striker last year he has moved to the wing. He is a dedicated player, willing to play in different positions for the team when required.

Oli Selfe – Striker. Oli has been exceptional this season, and is the top goalscorer for Walsham. Oli played in this final last season for Bury Town, so will be hoping he can win the final this year.

Ed Spampanato – Left Back. Ed has had an excellent season so far with his wand of a left foot. He has made the jump from U18s to first team with ease, making many starts for the team. Ed is never one to shy away from a tackle and has scored some great goals this season.



Walsham-le-Willows

Jack Spampanato – Left Wing. Jack has been a great piece in the Walsham jigsaw this season, getting a few well-earned starts with the first team. Jack can play with both feet and shows this well by scoring goals with confidence with either foot.

Ryan Stiff – Striker. Ryan was last year's top goalscorer for the club but after a bad pre-season injury and then another setback mid-season, it has been a challenging season for Ryan. He played in the 2017 final and since has becoming a natural goalscorer.

Dan Stobbart – Goalkeeper. Dan has not only been the U18 keeper this season but also for a large stint the Walsham first-team keeper, stepping in when needed. He has not only pulled off saves he had no right to, but has led from the back in a mature manner.

Will Stobbart – Centre Midfield. Will's performances have sometimes gone unnoticed but take him out of the team and then you realise how important he is. He works hard for 90 minutes and gives you his all and does not stop running.

Taylor Waterson – Centre Back. Taylor was the only player of the 2017 squad to miss out on playing in the final, so it is great he gets his own chance to shine. Taylor has been absolutely outstanding this season and is also vice-captain of the team.

Kehan Whitby – Centre Midfield. Kehan is captain of the team, the heart and soul of everything the club believe in. Wherever Kehan plays he gives his all, with skill, power and goals. Kehan, who played in the 2017 final, is now a first-team regular.



Walsham-le-Willows Under-18s. Back row (left to right): Manager Alan Harris (Manager), Ian Hubbard (Coaching Assistant), Harry Roberts, Ed Spampanato, Harvey Hubbard, Kehan Whitby, Dan Stobbart, Taylor Waterson, Matthew Glover, Oli Selfe, Jack Spampanato, Nigel Brame (Assistant Manager), George Crowe (Goalkeeping Coach).

Front row: Konnor Dixon, Ben Harris, Jordan Asker, Ryan Stiff, Joe Mower, Will Stobbart, Marley Browne.

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Forthcoming Final Fixtures

TONIGHT'S final is the third of six Suffolk FA County Cup Finals to be hosted at the home of Ipswich Town FC this season.

Details for the remaining three finals at Portman Road, which will all kick-off at 7.30pm, are as follows, with the first-named team having the home changing room.

Friday, May 10th

CNet Training Suffolk Senior Cup Final: Achilles (red & black) v Cornard United (blue). Adults £8, concessions £4, children £1.

Monday, May 13th

KBB NEFF Suffolk Primary Cup Final: AFC Sudbury A (red) v Old Newton United Res (yellow). Adults £5, concessions £3, children £1.

Tuesday, May 14th

KBB NEFF Suffolk Junior Cup Final: Bildeston Rangers (blue & white) v Bacton Utd '89 (red & green). Adults £6, concessions £3, children £1.



AFC Kesgrave celebrate after defeating Trimley Red Devils 3-2 to win last season's Suffolk Junior Cup Final at Portman Road

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GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL AWARDS



The FA and McDonald's Grassroots Football awards are back!

Suffolk FA will be celebrating those people, clubs and leagues who make a positive difference across their communities. This is your chance to celebrate work that goes into the grassroots.

Nominations are now open until May 10th 2019. Anyone can make a nomination. Individuals should be nominated by someone else (not themselves), while anyone can nominate their own club and/or league.

The awards are split into 10 categories:

- Grassroots Coach of the Year
- Grassroots Supporter of the Year
- Grounds Team of the Year
- Grassroots Club of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Rising Star of the Year
- We Only Do Positive Respect
- Grassroots Project of the Year
- Grassroots Match Official of the Year
- Grassroots League of the Year

Suffolk referee George Byrne not only won the county award last year, but went on to win the national award.

To make a nomination go to the home page on the Suffolk FA website: www.suffolkfa.com



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The Football Association has re-launched its adult male retention-focused funding scheme to support men's 11-a-side community football teams in Suffolk.

The newly-titled Stay in the Game scheme will offer existing clubs the opportunity to apply for grants of £750 to help cover the various associated costs of running a football team.

Last year, under the name Retain the Game, the scheme helped to support the retention of 2,336 adult male teams across the country, supporting an estimated 55,000 community footballers.

Clubs who benefited from the grants last year were able to use the funding for match-day and training facility hire, first-aid training and new equipment, whilst also subsidising match-day fees for members of their respective squads.

This year, the grants will once again be available to adult male teams in the under-18 to Under-21 category, open-age adult sides and veterans' teams.

Grassroots clubs that meet the following criteria will be eligible to apply:

- Clubs that operate with two or more adult male teams – Under-18s, Under-19s, Under-21s, Under-23s, open age and vets.
- Clubs that hold the FA's Charter Standard Award (Adult, Youth, Development or Community).

- Adult clubs that commit to becoming FA Adult Charter Standard within season 2019/20.

- Clubs that have the support of their County Football Association.

Please note that clubs who benefited from successful Retain the Game applications last season will not be eligible to apply to this funding window of Stay in the Game.

Jodie Allard, Football Development Manager at Suffolk FA, added: "Managing finances can be a challenge for adult clubs and so we are really pleased to see the return of this new look funding scheme this season.

"The Stay in the Game scheme is a great incentive for clubs to recognise and reward those with more than one adult team and support them to continue providing opportunities for local people to enjoy the game here in Suffolk.

"We would encourage any adult clubs who fall within the eligibility criteria to take advantage of this opportunity to secure additional financial support."

The application window for Stay in the Game is now open and closes at 5pm on Thursday, June 6th 2019.

Clubs seeking more information on the programme should either contact Jodie Allard at Suffolk FA via Jodie.Allard@Suffolkfa.com or visit the Football Foundation website.



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Grassroots Festival 2019



SUFFOLK FA have pulled off a coup with England legend Kelly Smith agreeing to attend this year's KBB Suffolk FA Grassroots Festival.

Smith, England's all-time leading scorer with 46 goals, is to visit the two-day festival at Whitton United FC on Saturday, May 18th. The festival will continue on the Sunday.

The former striker, who was England's first professional female footballer, won 117 caps in an illustrious career and played in six major tournaments, including representing Great Britain at the 2012 London Olympics.

Smith, who won five FA Cups, scoring six times in those five finals, said: "I'm really looking forward to visiting the KBB Suffolk FA Grassroots Festival.

"Grassroots football and tournaments like these are so important to the development of the players and the future prosperity of the game, so I am pleased to be able to attend."

Suffolk FA Mini Soccer & Youth Football Development Officer James Morley, who is co-organising the festival, said: "We are really pleased to have Kelly Smith attending this year's KBB Grassroots Festival.

"Our festival will be themed around the FIFA Women's World Cup which is taking place in France and to have Kelly in attendance provides a great opportunity for all the young girls to meet someone who has played and achieved everything at the highest level.

"This season is tracking to be the biggest festival we have ever organised, with more teams being able to attend than ever before and new festivals including walking football and disability football.

"Having Kelly in attendance as well is going to help us create the biggest and best festival by far. We now can't wait until May for the festival to be here."

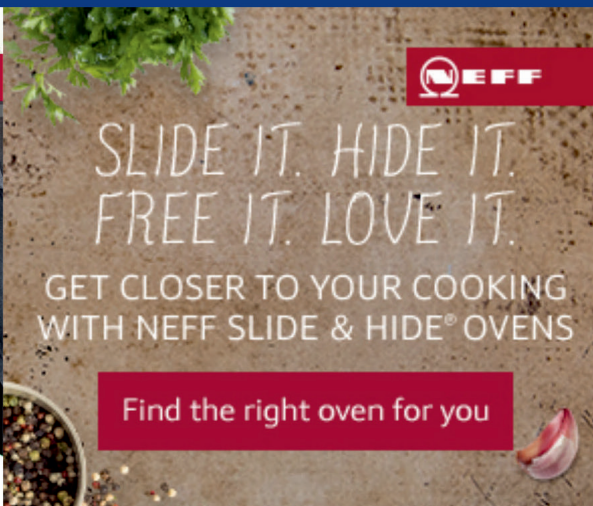
Roger Peck, a director of festival sponsors KBB, said: "Kelly Smith's presence at this year's festival is testament to the hard work and dedication that has gone into the festival over the years.

"The fact that the popularity and the exposure that the festival gets is now encouraging big names like Kelly to get involved makes us very proud."

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