

Junior Cup Final

Tuesday, May 14th 2019



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- 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

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Welcome



Good evening ladies and gentlemen, and a warm welcome to the final of the KBB NEFF Suffolk Junior 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 1889-90 and the road to this year's final has been as exciting as ever. Reaching this final crowns successful seasons for the two teams. Bideston Rangers finished runners-up in Division One of the Touchline SIL and Bacton United 89 finished fourth in the same league. 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) and Patrick Peck (right), Directors of the KBB Centre



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Cup Competitions Manager



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 Junior Cup has been in existence since the 1889-90 season.

However, in 1907 there was a split in the way football was run in the county.

The existing Suffolk County FA, who owned the Junior Cup, voted to affiliate to the Amateur Football Association. Consequently, a second Suffolk County FA was formed that was affiliated to the Football Association.

The FA presented a trophy to the new Suffolk County FA for their Junior Cup competition.

This meant that there were two Junior Cup competitions for several seasons.

In 1913 the FA and AFA resolved their differences, but the outbreak of the First World War meant that the local situation could not be resolved at that time.

The Junior Cup was not played for again until the 1919-20 season by which time only one Suffolk County FA existed, affiliated to the FA.

The original Junior Cup was still with the people who ran the AFA affiliated Suffolk County FA, but an agreement was reached and they handed it over after the 1919-20 cup final. It is therefore the original Suffolk Junior Cup trophy that is played for today.

So the 1919-20 season was the only season in which the FA presented Junior Cup was the only Junior Cup that was played for.

The FA presented Junior Cup was given to the Suffolk Schools' FA for one of their cup competitions and so is no longer owned by Suffolk FA.

The cup is contested by adult Saturday Junior clubs who play at a higher level than those competing in the Primary Cup.

Route to the Final

First round: Walsham-le-Willows A 1 Bacton United 89 5, Bildeston Rangers 8 Coddendam Athletic 1.

Second round: Stanford v Bacton United 89 – Away Win Walkover, Brantham Athletic A 0 Bildeston Rangers 5.

Third round: Kesgrave Kestrels 1 Bacton United 89 2, Bildeston Rangers 3 Old Newton United 2.

Quarter-Finals: Bildeston Rangers 2 Shotley 1, Bacton United 89 2 AFC Kesgrave 0.

Semi-Finals: Bacton United 89 2 Halesworth Town 0, Bildeston Rangers 2 Sporting 87 1.



Bacton United 89 celebrating with the Junior Cup after they beat Oulton Broad 3-2 after extra time in the 2017 final at Colchester United FC



Previous Finals

1889-90 Ipswich Town Reserves 4 - 1 Leiston (after 2-2 draw)	1963-64 Farningham 2 - 1 Melton United
1890-91 Halesworth 4 - 3 Haverhill Town	1964-65 Farningham 4 - 3 Southwold Town
1891-92 Bungay Chaucer Press 4 - 1 Brantham Athletic	1965-66 Farningham 5 - 2 Worthing
1892-93 Landguard Ford 2 - 0 Bury Alexandra	1966-67 Brandon Town 3 - 2 Wetheringsett
1893-94 Kirkley 2 - 1 Haverhill Town	1967-68 Farningham 4 - 0 Halesworth Town
1894-95 Leiston 2 - 0 Sudbury	1968-69 Farningham 4 - 0 Elmswell
1895-96 Beccles Red Star 5 - 0 Brantham Athletic Reserves	1969-70 Old Lowestoftians 5 - 3 Farningham
1896-97 Woodbridge Old St Mary's 1 - 0 Ipswich St Matthew's	1970-71 Woodbridge Town 2 - 1 Lake Lothing
1897-98 Kirkley Res 4 - 1 Long Melford Reserves (after 1-1 draw)	1971-72 Lake Lothing 4 - 2 St Edmunds RCYC
1898-99 *Brantham Athletic 3 - 2 Lowestoft Reserves	1972-73 St Edmunds RCYC 4 - 3 Carlton Colville
(*Following a protest, a replay, resulting in a draw, and the Association ruled that each club should hold the cup for six months)	
1899-00 Mildenhall 4 - 1 Southwold RA Volunteers	1973-74 Murrayside 2 - 1 Walsham-le-Willows
1900-01 Lowestoft Town Reserves 4 - 0 Newmarket Town (after 2-2 draw)	1974-75 Lakenheath 3 - 2 Wenham United
1901-02 Haverhill Rovers Reserves 2 - 0 Orford & District (after 0-0 draw)	1975-76 Alan Road 3 - 2 Elmswell
1902-03 Lowestoft IOGT 3 - 0 Ipswich Town Reserves	1976-77 St Edmunds RCYC 1 - 0 Haughley United
1903-04 Southwold 4 - 1 Trinity Old Boys (Ipswich) (after 2-2 draw)	1977-78 St Edmunds RCYC 4 - 1 Alan Road (after 2-2 draw)
1904-05 Orwell Works 2 - 1 Newmarket (after 1-1 draw)	1978-79 Murrayside 4 - 1 Coplestonians
1905-06 Halesworth Town 2 - 0 Newmarket	1979-80 St Edmunds RCYC 2 - 0 Haughley United Reserves
1906-07 Ipswich Town Reserves 4 - 0 Stowmarket	1980-81 Brandon Town 4 - 0 Haughley United Reserves
1907-08 Stowmarket 5 - 1 Westbourne Mills	1981-82 Post Office Research 2 - 0 Ransomes Reserves (after 1-1, 2-2 draws)
1908-09 Woodbridge 2 - 1 RFA (Ipswich) (after 1-1 draw)	1982-83 Leiston 2 - 0 Southwold
1909-10 Orford 2 - 0 Lavenham	1983-84 Leiston 1 - 0 Barrow
1910-11 Sudbury Brigade Utd 3 - 1 Newmarket Town Reserves	1984-85 Needham Market 1 - 0 Cornard United
1911-12 All Saints United (Ipswich)	1985-86 Ashlea 2 - 1 Fonnereau Athletic
1913-14 Stoke Athletic 2 - 0 Egerton Amateurs	1986-87 Woodbridge Town 4 - 1 Elmswell
1920-21 St Mary Elms Old Boys (Ipswich) 2 - 0 Beccles Town Reserves	1987-88 Walsham-le-Willows 5 - 0 Westerfield United Reserves
1921-22 Egerton Amateurs 2 - 1 Bramford	1988-89 Walsham-le-Willows 1 - 0 Halesworth Town
1922-23 Lowestoft Town Reserves 2 - 0 West End Athletic (Ipswich)	1989-90 Walsham-le-Willows 2 - 1 Leiston St Margarets
1923-24 Halesworth Town 3 - 0 Exning United	1990-91 Saxmundham Sports 1 - 0 Beccles Caxton
1924-25 Leiston St Margarets 5 - 0 Haverhill Rovers Reserves	1991-92 Newbury United 4 - 3 Willis Corroon
1925-26 Woodbridge Town 4 - 2 Southwold Town	1992-93 Newbury United 2 - 0 Ipswich Athletic
1926-27 Newmarket Town Reserves 2 - 1 Beccles Caxton	1993-94 Stanton 2 - 0 Ipswich Athletic
1927-28 Brantham Athletic Reserves 4 - 3 Bungay Town	1994-95 Wenham United 2 - 1 Stonham Aspal Reserves
1928-29 United Services (Lowestoft) 3 - 1 Ipswich Town Reserves (after 1-1, 1-1 draws)	1995-96 Haughley United Reserves 2 - 1 Ipswich Athletic
1929-30 Old Nactonians 2 - 1 Beccles Caxton	1996-97 Cavendish 3 - 1 Bungay Town
1930-31 Exning United beat Bungay after a draw 3-3	1997-98 Tuddenham Rovers 3 - 2 Thurston
1931-32 Melton St Andrew's 1 - 0 Lowestoft Town Reserves	1998-99 Tuddenham Rovers 4 - 3 Corton (aet)
1932-33 Kirkley Reserves 2 - 1 Lowestoft St Margaret's	1999-00 Tuddenham Rovers 5 - 3 Cockfield
1933-34 Eastern Counties United Reserves 1 - 0 Ipswich Town Reserves	2000-01 Bramford United 4 - 2 Westerfield United (aet)
1934-35 Eastern Counties United Reserves 2 - 1 Atlas Works (Ipswich)	2001-02 Westerfield United 1 - 0 Framlingham Town
1935-36 Eastern Counties United Reserves 2 - 1 Needham Market	2002-03 Cockfield United 2 - 1 Framlingham Town
1936-37 Lakenheath 1 - 0 Life Brigade OB (after 1-1 draw)	2003-04 Hearts of Oak 3 - 1 Hadleigh United Reserves
1937-38 Mildenhall RAF 8 - 0 Wickham Market	2004-05 Leiston St Margarets 0 - 0 Southwold Town (6-5 on pens)
1938-39 Beccles Town 5 - 0 Old Grammarians	2005-06 AFC Sudbury Reserves 1 - 0 Stowupland
1945-46 Brooke Marine 4 - 0 Bradfield St George	2006-07 Stonham Aspal 3 - 0 Hundon
1946-47 Lowestoft Town Reserves 4 - 0 Haverhill Rovers Reserves	2007-08 Old Newton United 2 - 1 Cockfield United
1947-48 Lowestoft Town Reserves 6 - 2 Lowestoft Corinthians	2008-09 Achilles 5 - 2 Old Newton United (aet)
1948-49 Leiston St Margarets 4 - 3 Brandon Town (after 2-2 draw)	2009-10 Bacton United 89 2 - 1 Sudbury Athletic
1949-50 Lowestoft Town Reserves 1 - 0 Grundisburgh	2010-11 Glemsford & Cavendish United 3 - 1 Leiston St Margarets
1950-51 Bury East Athletic	2011-12 Westerfield United 2 - 1 Barton
1951-52 Town Street, Brandon 3 - 0 Lowestoft CWS	2012-13 Oulton Broad 2 - 2 Waveney (4-2 on pens)
1952-53 Landseer Youth Club 4 - 2 Bradfield St George	2013-14 Oulton Broad 2 - 1 Claydon
1953-54 Lowestoft CWS 2 - 1 Stanton	2014-15 Ipswich Athletic 1 - 0 Benhall St Mary
1954-55 Brandon Town 4 - 2 Beck Row	2015-16 AFC Hoxne 2 - 0 Henley Athletic
1955-56 Grundisburgh 2 - 0 Lowestoft Town Reserves	2016-17 Bacton United 3 - 2 Oulton Broad (aet)
1956-57 Beccles Caxton 8 - 0 Debenham and District	2017-18 AFC Kesgrave 3 - 2 Trimley Red Devils
1957-58 Beccles Caxton 8 - 0 Corton	
1958-59 Beaconsfield 4 - 2 Wetheringsett	
1959-60 Castle Hill Youth Club 3 - 1 Haughley United	
1960-61 Southwold Town 4 - 0 Westerfield United	
1961-62 RAF Honington 3 - 2 Farningham	
1962-63 Oulton Broad 2 - 0 Halesworth Town	

Bildeston Rangers

Daryl Alexander – Central Midfield. A massive addition to the team mid-way through the season. Daryl has a massive work rate and has fitted in to the team perfectly. He joined from Bramford United at the start of the season.

Ben Baldwin – Central Defender / Striker. After joining from Hadleigh United at the start of the season, Ben has only been available a few weeks due to work commitments. A tough, strong defender who loves a 'strong' tackle.

Callum Bentley – Right Midfield. Re-joining the club this year Callum had a great run of games early in the season but due to moving to London he now has restricted availability. A wide, attacking player who has great goalscoring attributes as well.

Stuart Brooks – Right Back / Right Midfield. The team's most versatile player who has played pretty much in every position this season. He is the club's longest-serving player and always puts in good performances no matter what position he is playing.

Charlie de Lara-Bell – Goalkeeper. Former Ipswich Town Academy keeper who re-joined Bildeston two seasons ago from Bramford United. Definitely one of the best keepers at this level and an unbelievable shot stopper. He is also captain of the side.

Kieran Dilloway – Striker. In his third spell with the club now and can't keep away. 'Dilly' holds the ball up perfectly and brings all other attacking players in to play. A proven goalscorer at this level.

Lloyd Dodsworth – Central Midfield. Since joining from Bramford United two seasons' ago, Lloyd has been ever-present in the centre of the midfield. His passing ability and composure on the ball gives the team many options.

Paul Dodsworth – Striker. An experienced striker with great goalscoring ability and hold up play. Paul's experience is invaluable to a young squad and he provides a great knowledge of the game. Gives everything every time he steps on the pitch.

Josh Everett – Defender. Josh can play anywhere across the back line, as well as in midfield. Another consistent performer with a great long throw. Provides the pace needed in the back line.

Ben Goodchild – Central Defender. Ben joined two seasons' ago from Bramford United and has been a permanent fixture at the heart of the defence. He has not missed a game all season and his experience is invaluable to the team.

Charlie Guy – Left Back. A permanent fixture at left back after making the position his own. Loves to get forward when possible and has a great left foot. Joined from Adastral Park three seasons ago and rarely misses a game.

Dale Munson – Striker. Since joining from Hadleigh United at the start of the season, Dale has been a great addition to the squad. His natural ability and skill has other teams panicking as soon as he gets on the ball. A goalscorer who loves to run with the ball.

Tommy Newbigging – Central Midfield. His first season with the club has seen limited appearances due to work commitments. Tommy provides the team with great composure and skill when he is on the pitch.



Bildeston Rangers

Tim Rix – Central Defender. He has been with the club for eight years and has only missed a handful of games in this time. A consistent player whose experience and ability to read the game makes him such an invaluable part of the team.

Sam Sharp – Striker. Since joining at the start of the season from Hadleigh United, Sam has been the side's top goalscorer. He provides pace and strength up front and is a constant threat against all teams.

Alfie Smith – Central Midfield. Now in his third season with the club, Alfie is the first name on the teamsheet each week and a fans' favourite. His high work rate and fitness in the middle of the pitch is priceless and allows other players the freedom to play.

Trevor Vinyard – Central Midfield / Striker. Re-joined Bildeston at the start of last season following spells with Bramford United and Long Melford. A hard-working central midfielder who also loves to play as a striker. Gets forward whenever possible and has the ability to pop-up and score important goals.

Kye Wright – Right Back. Kye joined from Bramford United half-way through the season and always gives 100 per cent in the games he plays in. A pacey full-back who likes to get forward.



Bildeston Rangers. Back row (left to right): George Buxton, Daryl Alexander, Sam Sharp, Tim Rix, Ben Baldwin, Callum Bentley, Ben Goodchild, Lloyd Dodsworth, Paul Dodsworth, Charlie Guy, Trevor Vinyard. Front row: Kye Wright, Alfie Smith, Dean Cox, David Lorimer Snr (Manager), Charlie de Lara-Bell (Captain), David Lorimer Jnr (Player Manager), Josh Everett, Kieran Dilloway, Stuart Brooks, missing from photograph: Dale Munson

The Teams

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The Presentations will take place on the pitch after the final whistle.

Penalties

Should the scores be level after 90 minutes of play, the winner shall be determined by penalty kicks.

Bildeston Rangers

Blue & White Checkered Shirts, Blue Shorts, Blue Socks

Bacton United 89

Red & Green Quartered Shirts, Black Shorts, Green Socks

Referee

James Tebbit

Assistant Referees

Euan Goodman
Daryl Butcher

Fourth Official

Ian Moore



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Josh Everett
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Charlie Guy
Dale Munson
Tommy Newbigging
Tim Rix
Sam Sharp
Alfie Smith
Trevor Vinyard
Kye Wright

Manager: David Lorimer Snr

Player / Manager: David Lorimer Jnr

Physio: Dan Leeks

Goalkeeper Coach: Liam Heffer-Thorpe



Bacton United 89

Kalum Benham
Sean Caley
Jamie Claydon
Jack Finbow
Tom Fisher
Ben Gutteridge
Jack Hardy
Jerome Haynes
James Hitter
Arben Kastrati
Nick Knights
Gavin Mortimer
Sam O'Connor
James Smith
Dan Steed
Archie Theobald
Matt Thompson
Warren Taylor-Holt

Manager: Ryan Owens

Assistant Manager: Neil Hitter



Match Officials

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Tonight's referee is James Tebbit, who regularly officiates on the Suffolk & Ipswich League on Saturdays and the Bury & District League on Sundays. He began refereeing to support his son's Youth football team and has enjoyed it ever since. He has plenty of cup final experience with his previous two finals both finishing 4-3 with last-minute winners!

James is assisted this evening by experienced officials in Daryl Butcher and Euan Goodman. Daryl currently appoints referees to the Suffolk & Ipswich League as well as continuing to referee on the league.

A keen cyclist, Daryl has successfully completed the Ride London 100 on four occasions. On the other side, Euan can boast officiating at two Olympic Games as a BMX official. He regularly officiates on a number of leagues including the SIL and Bury Sunday League.

Fourth official is Ian Moore, who officiates regularly both Youth and adult football and was an assistant referee in the Suffolk Boys' Under-18 Midweek Cup Final in 2016.

Supporting the team as Referee Support Officer this evening is Suffolk FA Observer Martin Chapple, who also took on the same role on last season's Suffolk Sunday Cup at Needham Market FC.



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Bacton United 89

Kalum Benham – Centre Back. A fantastic defender who is dominant in his own penalty area but also a big threat in the opponents' area. He is great in the air which at 6ft 5 Inches is to be expected but also has a great range of passes at his disposal.

Sean Caley – Forward. Sean is a tricky forward who has the ability to travel with the ball at great speed and is a nightmare to mark. A low centre of gravity allows him to twist and turn often tying his marker in knots.

Jamie Claydon – Defender. Jamie is a very popular member of the squad who can play in multiple positions which is a manager's dream. He will run all day and will do any job asked of him without question. Jamie missed four months of the season with a broken toe.

Jack Finbow – Centre Midfield / Centre Back. Jack has been a Bacton player since the age of six and is one of those players that you just love to watch. He does everything with style, in particular his range of passing.

Tom Fisher – Centre Back. Tom was a new addition this year but it feels like he's been a part of the club for years. He's brought vital experience that the team had been missing in the defence. He also has a wand of a left foot which balances up the back line perfectly.

Ben Gutteridge – Left Midfield. Ben is an exciting player who has recently stepped up from the Reserves after many great performances for them this year. He is quick and a good dribbler with the ball but also very direct with an eye for goal.

Jack Hardy – Goalkeeper. Jack has been the first-team keeper for a season-and-a-half since joining from Stowupland Falcons, aged 16. He started off in the A team, but moved up into the Reserves and then first team very quickly due to his amazing saves and rave reviews.

Jerome Haynes – Centre Midfield. Jerome joined Bacton this season and instantly became a favourite with both the players and supporters. Coming back from a serious knee injury it took him a few games to find his form but since then he has really been a driving force in the midfield. Having experience of playing in the Thurlow Nunn he brings big-game experience and has an eye for a goal.

James Hitter – Centre Midfield. James has played all of his junior and adult football with Bacton which is a testament to the loyalty he has shown the club. He is a dominant midfielder who never gives less than 100 per cent. He has won the Junior Cup twice and leads the team by his example. He is the club captain and team's penalty taker.

Arben Kastrati – Centre Midfield. Arben is a fine footballer who is the assist king, laying on passes for his team mates to score from. He has a good football brain and a killer delivery from set pieces. Arben suffered a fractured jaw earlier in the season.

Nick Knights – Winger. Nick joined this year and has fast become one of the first names on the team sheet. Astute in many different positions, he is quick in speed but also in thought. Every time he gets the ball he wants to make an impact.

Gavin Mortimer – Defensive Midfield. Gavin came to the club as a forward but quite quickly established himself in the middle of the park as an outstanding defensive midfielder. He is tough in the tackle and has energy levels off the scale.

Sam O'Connor – Centre Back. Sam is a strong and athletic player who is great in the air but also has skills on the floor. He's played at left back as well during his time with Bacton, but on occasion has also been played as a central striker due to his physicality.

James Smith – Forward. Smithy has grown up at Bacton from a young kid in the Youth section to a regular in the first team. He's got unbelievable feet and has the ability to travel quickly over the ground with the ball. He scores all types of goals including the spectacular.

Dan Steed – Centre Back. Dan is another player who has played all of his football with Bacton which demonstrates his great loyalty to the club. He has that ability to look calm under pressure and is the best one-on-one defender at the club. His main strength is being able to read the game and then being able to play the right pass at the right time turning defence into attack.



Bacton United 89

Archie Theobald – Centre Midfield. Archie is a young player with enormous potential who has impressed everybody this year. He has played in several positions which aren't his favourite, every time giving a performance without any hint of a moan. He's scored some great goals and laid on some others for his team mates.

Matt Thompson – Full Back. Matt is by far one of the nicest people you'll ever meet and would do anything you asked for the benefit of the team. He can play on both wings and will run through brick walls if he thought it meant the team would benefit.



Bacton United 89. Back row (left to right): James Smith, Warren Taylor-Holt, Sean Caley, Tom Fisher, Jack Hardy, Sam O'Connor, Kalum Benham, Dan Steed, Arben Kastrati, Jack Finbow. Front row: Nick Knights, Kurtis Goatham, Gavin Mortimer, Jerome Haynes, Neil Hitter (Assistant Manager), James Hitter (Captain), Ryan Owens (Manager), Jamie Claydon, Ben Gutteridge, Archie Theobald.

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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.



Super Sunday Cup Finals

Three former Ipswich Town stars were in the Whitton United side that won the Suffolk Veterans' Cup for the first time.

Kieron Dyer, who scored his side's first goal, Titus Bramble and Carlos Edwards all played in their 4-1 victory over holders Woodbridge Town in the final which was one of four to be staged on Super Sunday at Bloomfields, home of Needham Market FC, and attended by more than 400 spectators.

A mixture of good goalkeeping and some profligate finishing meant Whitton were kept at bay until the 65th minute when Dyer bundled home.

However, just when it looked as though Whitton would win the cup for the first time – they were runners-up in this competition in 2012 – Adam Glencastle equalised after 84 minutes for the Woodpeckers.

That was the first of four goals in a frantic seven-minute finale, with Whitton then scoring three more unanswered goals. Gavin Crane put them back in front after 87 minutes, before Ronaldo Wright struck twice to wrap up victory.

The final was the second to be played on the main pitch, after Gym United had deservedly won the Suffolk Sunday Cup earlier in the day.

They defeated fellow Bury & District Sunday League side Tostock Pirates 1-0 thanks to Mex Melanson's sweetly-struck volley from outside the penalty area over Steve Fenner after 58 minutes.

In a final of few clear-cut chances it was Gym United, the 2014 and 2015 winners, who had the lion's share of them against Tostock Pirates, who won the trophy in 2016.

The other two finals, both played on the 3G pitch, were rather more one-side affairs.

Scott Sloots helped himself to five goals – the other was an own goal – as Lavenham made up for the disappointment of losing in the final two years ago by beating fellow Sudbury, Haverhill & District Sunday League side Haverhill & Hove Albion 6-0.

That was followed by the Suffolk Sunday Shield Final which saw Lowestoft-based Fusilier defeat Holbrook Swan of the Ipswich Sunday Football League 5-0.

Harley Thompson led the way with a hat-trick and there were also goals for Sam Lish and Ryan Davies.



Former Ipswich Town stars, left to right, Kieron Dyer, Carlos Edwards and Titus Bramble with the Suffolk Veterans' Cup after Whitton United's 4-1 victory over Woodbridge Town in the final at Needham Market FC.

Super Sunday Cup Finals



Super Sunday winners (from top to bottom) Bury St Edmunds-based Gym United celebrate after their 1-0 victory over Tostock Pirates in the Suffolk Sunday Cup Final.



Lowestoft side Fusilier after their 5-0 win against Holbrook Swan in the Suffolk Sunday Shield Final.



Lavenham after their 6-0 success versus Haverhill & Hove Albion in the Suffolk Sunday Trophy Final.

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KBB 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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