

# Suffolk Senior Cup Semi-Finals

Friday, April 5th 2019  
**Ipswich Wanderers**

v

**Cornard Utd**

at Millfield  
Hadleigh Utd FC  
Kick-Off 7:45pm

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**Achillies FC**

v

**Henley Athletic**

at The Goldstar Ground,  
Felixstowe & Walton Utd FC  
Kick-Off 7:45pm

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# Welcome



Good evening ladies and gentlemen, and a warm welcome to the semi-finals of the Suffolk Senior Cup.

This competition has been played for since the 1885-86 season and the road to this year's semi-finals has been as exciting as ever.

The Suffolk Senior Cup has, once again this season, been sponsored by CNet Training.

Based just outside Bury St Edmunds, international award-winning education company CNet have been designing and delivering professional network infrastructure training programmes since 1996. We are grateful to their Managing Director, Andrew Stevens, a former Vice-Chairman of Suffolk FA, and Sarah Parks, Director of Marketing & Communications, for giving their support to Suffolk FA.

We also thank our two hosts clubs – Hadleigh United and Felixstowe & Walton United – for their work and support in staging this evening's semi-final ties. Please make as much use of the facilities as possible!

We have four fantastic teams left in the competition and both semi-finals promise to be tense, but exciting matches.

The semi-final at Hadleigh United features Thurlow Nunn League Division One sides Ipswich Wanderers and Cornard United, while the tie at Felixstowe & Walton United is between Touchline SIL Senior Division sides Achilles and Henley Athletic.

We thank and congratulate our eight match officials who are officiating at the semi-final matches, and in so doing, representing all their colleagues who serve us so excellently week-in, week-out throughout the football season.

Whilst we are unlikely to agree with every decision the officials give, please rest assured they will give all decisions with the very best of intentions.

Therefore I trust you as players, spectators and coaching staff will behave in accordance with the RESPECT code at all times. Football should be the best possible experience For All, and that includes the officials.

The rules of the competition require penalties to decide the result of the match on the day in the event of the scores being level at the end of normal time.

My congratulations and best wishes go to all four clubs involved in the two semi-finals. The final awaits!

Richard Neal  
Chief Executive Officer

# Forthcoming Fixtures



Woodbridge Town players celebrate after beating Bungay Town 3-0 to win last season's CNet Training Suffolk Senior Cup Final at Portman Road.

## **Sunday, April 7th**

Suffolk Sunday Shield Semi-Finals: Holbrook Swan v Walton Wanderers at Ipswich Wanderers FC, Elmsett United v Fusilier at Framlingham Town FC, kick-offs 10.30am

## **Saturday, April 13th**

KBB NEFF Suffolk Junior Cup Semi-Finals: Bacton United 89 v Halesworth Town at Woodbridge Town FC, Bildeston Rangers v Sporting 87 at Bury Town FC, kick-offs 2.30pm

## **Tuesday, April 23rd**

Days Sports Suffolk Senior Reserve Cup Final: Framlingham Town or Walsham-le-Willows v Stowmarket Town or Trimley Red Devils at Leiston FC, 7.30pm

## **Sunday, April 28th**

Super Sunday at Needham Market FC, kick-off times tbc

Suffolk Sunday Cup Final: Gym United v Tostock Pirates

Suffolk Sunday Shield Final: Holbrook Swan or Walton Wanderers v Elmsett United or Fusilier

Suffolk Sunday Trophy Final: Haverhill & Hove Albion v Lavenham

Suffolk Veterans' Cup Final: ETC Lowestoft or Woodbridge Town v Capel Plough or Whitton United

## **Tuesday, May 7th**

HomeStore Self Storage Women's Cup Final: Ipswich Town v Needham Market at Portman Road, 7.30pm

## **Wednesday, May 8th**

KBB NEFF Suffolk Premier Cup Final: Leiston v Felixstowe & Walton United at Portman Road, 7.30pm

## **Thursday, May 9th**

KBB NEFF Suffolk Under-18 Midweek Cup Final: Walsham-le-Willows v AFC Sudbury at Portman Road, 7.30pm

## **Friday, May 10th**

CNet Training Suffolk Senior Cup Final: Achilles or Henley Athletic v Cornard United or Ipswich Wanderers at Portman Road, 7.30pm

## **Monday, May 13th**

KBB NEFF Suffolk Primary Cup Final: AFC Sudbury A v Old Newton United Reserves at Portman Road, 7.30pm

## **Tuesday, May 14th**

KBB NEFF Suffolk Junior Cup Final: Bacton United 89 or Halesworth Town v Bildeston Rangers or Sporting 87 at Portman Road, 7.30pm

# Match Officials

## Ipswich Wanderers v Cornard United

The referee for tonight's match between Ipswich Wanderers and Cornard United is Paul Kent from Brandon.

Paul is an experienced official who has operated this season as both a referee and assistant referee on the First Division of the Thurlow Nunn League.

Paul, who was an assistant referee in the 2015-16 Suffolk Premier Cup Final, will be assisted by Matthew Oakley and Joe Fisher-Stevenson.

Matthew is a regular official on the Suffolk & Ipswich League, with Joe assisting in a number of matches this season involving both of these clubs.

The fourth official is Chris Whitley from Ipswich.

## Achilles v Henley Athletic

Reg Barker from Mildenhall will be the man in the middle for the match this evening between Achilles and Henley Athletic.

He has taken charge of matches this season in the Thurlow Nunn First Division following also being an assistant referee on Contributory Leagues.

In the 2007-08 season, Reg refereed the final of this competition. Assisting tonight are Mark Potkins and Darren Stobbart, who both also have Suffolk Cup final experience.

Mark refereed the Senior Cup Final 2011 as well as the Junior Cup in 2017, while Darren refereed the Premier Cup in 2015.

Ian Harvey is the fourth official tonight. He will take charge of this year's Sunday Trophy final.



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# Ipswich Wanderers

**Tom Curtis** – Goalkeeper. Tom recently broke into the team from the Under-18 side. An agile keeper who kicks well and is a fine shot stopper and is building a great rapport with his defence.

**Mark Goldfinch** – Defender. Mark took over the reins last season after the departure of Mark Benterman, but remained a key influence in the youthful side. A vastly-experienced defender who reads the game well and is the club's all-time appearance-maker and a fans' favourite.

**Gavin Flurrie** – Defender. Gavin returned to the club from Diss and has become a mainstay of the defence. Always calm under pressure and a good passer of the ball and is also good in the air.

**Sam Garwood** – Defender / Midfielder. Sam made his debut a couple of seasons ago but really broke into the side consistently last season. A hard-working and tough-tackling player who really developed during the campaign and recently passed 50 full matches for the club.

**Ollie Rumsey** – Defender. Ollie joined last season and impressed as a hard-working defender who enjoys breaking into the opposition half with creative surging runs. His season has been cut short due to a knee ligament injury.

**Nathan Speed** – Defender / Midfielder. Nathan joined from Coplestonians several years ago and initially played on the wing. He is a very versatile player, excelling both at the back or in midfield. Reads the game very well and generally ensures that the midfield ticks, with his calm and assured performances.

**Paulo Coelho** – Defender. Paulo made his debut against Whitton a few seasons ago and immediately became a favourite with the fans. Missed several matches last season when his creativity was sorely missed.

**Sam Cheetham** – Midfielder. Sam joined the club's Under-18 side last season and made swift progress to the first team. A player who belies his age and is a real creative influence in the side, excellent with the ball and a good ball winner, whilst also having an eye for goal.

**James Buckle** – Midfielder. James became assistant manager last season which reduced his appearances as he was the vocal voice on the bench. When he plays, he is a combative midfielder, who passes the ball well and creates good opportunities for others, a real asset to the side.

**Stefan Mallett** – Defence / Midfield. Stefan joined the club last season and quickly established himself as a first-team regular in either midfield or defence. A tenacious tackler who is a good passer of the ball.

**Jamie Curran** – Midfield / Striker. Jamie joined the club last season and has developed into a versatile midfielder or striker. He is a creative player who can unlock defences and is also a threat in front of goal.

**Joe Berry** – Defence / Midfield. Joe joined this season and also plays for the Under 18s. He is a skilful, tough-tackling player who can play in defence or midfield but has become a goal threat in recent months as he develops in the centre of the park.

**Ross Henry** – Winger. Ross has recently joined from Debenham Leisure Centre and made his full debut at home to Downham Town. A pacey winger who likes to take players on and will be looking to establish himself as a first-team regular.

**Jack Severy** – Winger. Jack has recently returned to the club from Debenham Leisure Centre. A popular player who can turn a game with his excellent crossing ability. A threat from free kicks and open play, he once scored four in one match for Wanderers.

# Ipswich Wanderers

**Perrie Soames** – Winger. Perrie joined the club earlier in the campaign, marking his debut with a goal from the bench. A fast-raiding winger with an eye for goal who is equally comfortable as a wing back, improves with every game.

**Camillo Douglas** – Striker. Camillo has recently rejoined the club from Debenham Leisure Centre, having been an integral part of the first team in previous seasons. An attacking player who always causes defences problems.

**Marcus Taylor** – Winger / Striker. Marcus re-joined the club last season from Westerfield United and played either up front or on the wing. He has really developed this season with the captaincy and is a free-scoring striker and hard-working player.

**Jordan Godbold** – Striker. Jordan joined this season and has already made an impact with several good goals. Can play either up front or on the wing and always carries a threat, developing at this level with every game.

**James Watling** – Striker. James rejoined the club for a second spell from Debenham Leisure Centre. He is a pacey striker who is very direct who holds the ball up well and is a very hard-working player.

**Taureen Hamilton** – Striker. Taureen has rejoined the club this season and has played both as a midfielder and forward. A threat in front of goal, a good tackler and passer of the ball.



Ipswich Wanderers. Back row (left to right): James Buckle (manager) Mark Goldfinch (manager) James Watling, Sam Cheetham, Marcus Taylor, Bailey Fairweather, Joe Berry, Sam Allen (now Leiston Res), Taureen Hamilton, Darius Laws, Steffan Mallett, David Head (now Leiston), Paul Cudworth (goalkeeper / coach).

Front row: Mick Lowe (physio) Liam Crapnell (now Felixstowe & Walton United Res), Nathan Speed, Josh Folkes, Jamie Curran, Mason Ransome (now Framlingham Town), Sam Garwood, George Ablitt, Ben Smith, Ollie Rumsey, Connor Ward, Christian Phillips, Jordan Godbold. Missing from photograph: Danny Thrower, Jack Severy, Alex Bobonette, Ben Mayhew.

# Cornard Utd

**Matt Grove** – Goalkeeper in his second season with the club and has stepped up to be first team manager this season after a short spell managing the club's Under-18s.

**Colin Athey** – Goalkeeper who is also goalkeeper coach. Colin has been at Cornard United since its creation – a great bloke to have at the club and will do anything for Cornard including driving the minibus.

**Brad Dix** – A full back who came back to the club this season after four seasons away.

**Lewis Brennan** – Can play anywhere across the back. Lewis is in first season at the club after signing from Halstead Town in the close season. He is a young lad with lots of potential to grow in to a very good player.

**Charlie Hayes** – Centre back in his second season at the club after joining from Stanway Rovers. He is very good in the air and has a good eye for goal.

**Dave Dowding** – Centre back who is a real character of the team. He has been at Cornard seemingly since birth and is great to have around as he always lifts the mood.

**Dan Clark** – A centre back who is skipper and a born leader. He is a very big presence on and off the pitch and is very strong in the air and in the tackle.

**Oliver Judge** – He can play anywhere across the back line, and is one of the club's current Under-18s players who has made the step up to the first team this season.

**Sean Bartlett** – A defensive midfielder or striker who is a rolls-royce of a player. He is in his first season with the club after moving from Brantham Athletic and is a massive part of the team on and off the field.

**Andy Schofield** – A midfielder who is in his second season with the club after arriving from Stanway Rovers. Andy is fantastic in the air and his all-round play is superb. He gets goals from midfield which is what every team needs.

**Ryan McGibbon** – A midfielder in his second season at the club after signing from Stanway Rovers. A very hard-tackling ball playing midfielder who is a great lad to have around and one you definitely want on your side.

**Dan Sakal** – A silky midfielder who has been around the club for a few years now but has only just started playing again after a spell away to develop his business. A very skilful player whose ball control is unrivalled.

**Michael Schofield** – Midfielder who is also first-team manager along with Matt Grove. He stepped up this season to manage the first team after a short spell managing the Under-18s. A ball playing midfielder with an eye for goal and a set piece specialist.

**Max Dinnell** – A midfielder. Max is top goalscorer for the club's Under-18s, an excellent young talent who has it all – a great engine, a great attitude and a great finisher. Max is a product of the Youth system coming through the Dynamos to United.

**Lewis Blanchett** – A highly-talented lad who knows where the net is. He has been with the club, on and off, for two years but must love the club as he keeps coming back.

**Ezra Drann** – A striker who has been at the club for five years and has finished top scorer every season. He is a handful for defenders to read as plays totally off the cuff and sometimes even confuses his own team mates.



# Cornard Utd

**Jack Graham** – A striker who is another one of the club's Under-18 players. In his first season with Cornard after joining from the AFC Sudbury Academy. He has lightning pace and a great eye for goal.

**Kyle Hurley** – A wide player, Kyle is from the club's Under-18s and is a very quick and spirited wide player who will give any full back a hard time.

**Christian Walsh** – A striker or winger, Christian came to the club this year after he finished at university. He was previously at Stanway Rovers. Christian has had a difficult year with injury but is determined to show everyone what he can do now he is fit.

**Rowen Drann** – An all-round player who, like his brother, has been with the club for a long time. Over the past two seasons he has missed a lot of football due to recovering from a snapped ACL but when used in limited spells Rowen is highly effective.



Cornard United. Back row (left to right): Brad Dix, Lewis Brennan, Oli Dinnell, Dave Dowding, Matt Grove (manager), Colin Athey, Andy Schofield, Sean Bartlett. Front row: Kyle Hurley, Jack Graham, Michael Schofield (manager), Max Dinnell, Ryan McGibbon.

# The Teams

Friday, April 5th 2019 @ Hadleigh Utd

## Penalties

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

## Ipswich Wanderers

Blue Shirts, Blue Shorts,  
White Socks

## Cornard Urd

Red Shirts, Red Shorts,  
Red Socks

## Referee

Paul Kent

## Assistant Referees

Matthew Oakley  
Joe Fisher-Stevenson

## Fourth Official

Chris Whitley



## Ipswich Wanderers

Tom Curtis  
Mark Goldfinch  
Gavin Flurrie  
Sam Garwood  
Nathan Speed  
Paulo Coelho  
Sam Cheetham  
James Buckle  
Stefan Mallett  
Jamie Curran  
Joe Berry  
Ross Henry  
Jack Severy  
Perrie Soames  
Camillo Douglas  
Marcus Taylor  
Jordan Godbold  
James Watling  
Taureen Hamilton

**Manager:** Mark Goldfinch  
**Manager:** James Buckle



## Cornard Utd

Matt Grove  
Colin Athey  
Brad Dix  
Lewis Brennan  
Charlie Hayes  
Dave Dowding  
Dan Clark  
Oliver Judge  
Sean Bartlett  
Andy Schofield  
Ryan McGibbon  
Dan Sakal  
Michael Schofield  
Max Dinnell  
Lewis Blanchett  
Ezra Drann  
Jack Graham  
Kyle Hurley  
Christian Walsh  
Rowen Drann

**Manager:** Michael Schofield  
**Manager:** Matt Grove

# The Teams

Friday, April 5th 2019 @ Felixstowe & Walton Utd FC



## Achilles FC

Danny Crump  
John Boorman  
Andy Coote  
Matty Ryland  
Andy Crump  
Lewis Kincaid  
Joey Revell  
Jerome Primus  
Connor Field  
Ivan Buxton  
Dave Grimwood  
Sean Hanley  
Jack Sayers  
Tommy Smith  
Darryn Van Oene  
Gavin Van Oene  
Lee Grimwood  
Ryan Wragg

**Manager:** Andy Coote  
**Assistant Manager:** Jamie King



## Henley Athletic

Liam Jones  
Brandon Burton  
David Shore  
Mark Storey  
Arran Sheppard  
Robbie Smythe  
Nile Francis  
Seth Duzgun  
Danny George  
Josh Caraccio  
Byron Tejano  
Clark Bruce  
Thomas Jackson  
Jamie Cowan  
Ross White  
Ben Golding

**Manager:** Liam Bevis  
**Manager:** Sam Behnamnia

## Penalties

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

## Achilles

Red & Black Striped Shirts, Black Shorts, Red Socks

## Henley Athletic

Green Shirts with White Trim, Green Shorts, Green Socks

## Referee

Reg Barker

## Assistant Referees

Darren Stobbart  
Mark Potkins

## Fourth Official

Ian Harvey

# Achilles

**Danny Crump** – Goalkeeper who is an outstanding shot stopper. Danny played at a higher level for several years with Felixstowe & Walton United and has a professional attitude to everything he takes part in.

**John Boorman** – A big, old-fashioned, no nonsense centre back, great attitude to each and every game.

**Andy Coote** – Andy is player-manager. After being assistant manager the previous season, Andy took over managing the first team in October 2018. A veteran striker or centre back who just doesn't seem to age.

**Matty Ryland** – A cool as you like centre back who is great on the deck and in the air considering he is only 5ft2in. Matt has previously skippered both Felixstowe & Walton United and Brantham Athletic.

**Andy Crump** – an experienced versatile player and calmness is his nature. His previously clubs include Grundisburgh and Felixstowe & Walton United.

**Lewis Kincaid** – An intelligent left back who can also play further forward.

**Joey Revell** – A strong and speedy left back and the nicest bloke at the club.

**Jerome Primus** – Jerome is defensive minded and can play anywhere along the back four. He previously played with Lawford Lads in the Essex and Suffolk Border League.

**Connor Field** – A skilful midfielder going forward who can turn a game and is a free-kick specialist.

**Ivan Buxton** – A no-nonsense midfielder with a deft touch. Good attitude and popular with team mates.

**Dave Grimwood** – An experienced centre midfielder who has great feet and rarely loses the ball. He has previously won the Senior Cup with Grundisburgh and also played for Brantham Athletic.

**Sean Hanley** – A tireless centre midfielder who is dubbed a non-league Kante. Always gives 110%!

**Jack Sayers** – A striker who is returning to football after injury. He recently played for Felixstowe Rangers.

**Tommy Smith** – A cool and calm player who returned to Achilles mid-season.

**Darryn Van Oene** – An all-round versatile player who gives 100% in any position on the pitch.

**Gavin Van Oene** – A simply brilliant attacking midfielder/winger. He can win a game on his own on his day.

# Achilles

**Lee Grimwood** – An injury-plagued striker who is great with both feet but not so much with his head.

**Ryan Wragg** – A big, strong, centre forward and fantastic finisher. Ryan is a popular lad who has a good attitude to every game.



Achilles. Back row (left to right): Andy Coote (manager), Lee Grimwood, Connor Field, Jerome Primus, Daniel Crump, Andy Crump, John Boorman, Joe Revell, Jamie King (assistant manager).

Front row: David Grimwood, Lewis Kinkaid, Sean Hanley, Ivan Buxton, Gavin Van Oene, Darryn Van Oene, Jack Sayers.

# Henley Athletic

**Liam Jones** – Goalkeeper. A seasoned goalkeeper who has represented the likes of Needham Market, Bury Town, Felixstowe & Walton United and Whitton United. Liam's goalkeeping skills and quality of distribution have helped the team considerably at both ends of the pitch with his ability to quickly turn defence into attack.

**Brandon Burton** – Goalkeeper. Understudy to Liam, Brandon has proven he has the skills to be a top goalkeeper locally for years to come. He is establishing himself as a very assured member of the squad. His confidence with the ball at his feet makes him an excellent option to recycle possession and start attacks.

**David Shore** – Right Back. Former captain of Bramford United, David joined the club in the first few weeks of the season. Since his arrival his work ethic and energy have been infectious, demonstrating the intensity and expansive style of play the team have become known for. His crossing ability has led to many goals this season.

**Mark Storey** – Centre Back. Club captain 'Bushy' has represented the club for over 10 years. Closing in on 400 appearances and 50 goals demonstrates his loyalty. Bushy has seen the club rise through the junior leagues to the Senior Division, where he lifted the SIL Senior Division trophy in the club's debut season in 2016-17.

**Arran Sheppard** – Centre Back. An experienced defender who has played the majority of his football in the Thurlow Nunn League for Woodbridge Town, Felixstowe & Walton United and Whitton United. Now in his third season at the club, 'Shep' was a member of the side which won the SIL Senior Division title in 2016-17.

**Robbie Smythe** – Centre Back. Now in his third season at the club, Robbie was an integral part to Henley's success in his first season winning the SIL Senior Division. His versatility across the back four has been a valuable asset adjusting his responsibilities to the benefit of the team.

**Nile Francis** – Left Back. In his debut season Nile has cemented the left back position in the side, quickly taking on the responsibilities demanded in the full-back areas by the new management team. His athleticism and ability to contribute goals from this position makes him a very dangerous player for the opposition to consider.

**Seth Duzgun** – Centre Midfield. A product of the Ipswich Town Academy, Seth's outstanding ability to carry the ball across the pitch is a delight to watch. A regular nomination for man of the match, Seth leaves it all out on the pitch, constantly driving the team forward both with the ball and through his variety of passing from either foot.

**Danny George** – Centre Midfield. Danny has seen his role at Henley change quite significantly this season, after moving from centre forward to midfield. His leadership on the pitch sets a precedence throughout the team, starting attacks and dictating the tempo of the game with his range of passing.

**Josh Caraccio** – Centre Midfield. After recovering from serious injury a couple of years ago, Josh is now reaching the levels of performance we all know he is capable of. His tenacious approach to the game matched by his care of the ball makes him a very difficult puzzle for opposition teams to solve.

**Byron Tejano** – Centre Midfield. Club record goalscorer with 139 goals in 346 appearances, Byron has transitioned smoothly from the lower SIL leagues to the Senior Division, which is unsurprising as he possesses all the attributes to take his game to a higher level. His work rate matched with his technical ability and eye for goal make him a regular standout performer.

**Clark Bruce** – Striker. With a goal record to rival the likes of Ronaldo and Messi, 'Clarkey' in his four seasons at Henley has so far scored 123 goals in 122 games. Without doubt his finishing ability is arguably the best at this level.

# Henley Athletic

**Thomas Jackson** – Striker. Technically gifted, ‘Jacko’ has the ability to turn the game to his advantage with his excellent passing ability or via a set piece. He has the intelligence to adapt to many roles within the team but has seen his best form for the club achieved in the forward line.

**Jamie Cowan** – Striker. Now in his second season at the club, the former Bramford United playmaker has seen his role change dramatically within the team this season, moving from midfield to centre forward, scoring in almost every game since his move.

**Ross White** – Striker. SIL Senior Division winner both with Henley in his first season and formerly with Crane Sports, ‘Gus’ has years of experience at this level. A versatile player with electric pace, ‘Gus’ is best admired driving forward, gliding past players and laying on opportunities for others as well as being a goal threat himself.

**Ben Golding** – Striker. Since signing in the summer Ben suffered a major setback when rupturing his achilles tendon in pre-season. It’s been a slow road to recovery for Ben, however his commitment has been second to none, rarely missing training and applying himself in every session.



Henley Athletic. Back Row (left to right): Seth Duzgun, Byron Tejano, David Shore, Arran Sheppard, Nile Francis, Jamie Cowan, Brandon Burton, Danny George, Ben Golding.

Front row: Ross White, Josh Caraccio, Mark Storey, Liam Bevis (joint manager), Sam Behnamnia (joint manager), Clark Bruce, Thomas Jackson, Robbie Smythe.

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# Six Finals at Portman Road



Bures United celebrate after beating AFC YourShirts 2-0 to win last season's Suffolk Primary Cup Final at Portman Road

Ipswich Town FC will stage an unprecedented six Suffolk FA County Cup Finals at Portman Road this season.

The most the club has previously accommodated in one season is four finals, which was the same number as were hosted last season.

In addition to the Premier Cup, Senior Cup, Junior Cup and Primary Cup finals held last season, Portman Road will host the Women's Cup and Under-18 Midweek Cup Finals.

Suffolk FA Chief Executive Richard Neal said: "We're delighted to announce the details of the Suffolk County Cup Finals for this season. We know the hosting clubs will help us to provide a fitting finale to another fantastic season of adult football in the county.

"Whilst we may not be able to hold this number of finals with Ipswich Town FC every season, having the opportunity to give so many clubs the experience of playing their finals in such a prestigious setting in Suffolk is fantastic."

Ipswich Town Secretary Stuart Hayton said: "After the success of hosting four well-supported county cup finals last season, we are delighted to be able to increase that number to six for 2019.

"To give Suffolk's leading amateur players, both male and female, the opportunity to play at Portman Road is fantastic. It is also rewarding and beneficial for Suffolk-based referees to get the opportunity to officiate at the stadium.

"We look forward to some great entertainment and hope that as many of our supporters as possible can come along and enjoy the games in May."

The schedule of Portman Road cup final dates is as follows:

Tuesday, May 7th – HomeStore Self Storage Women's Cup, kick-off 7.30pm

Wednesday, May 8th – KBB NEFF Suffolk Premier Cup, kick-off 7.30pm

Thursday, May 9th – KBB NEFF Suffolk Under-18 Midweek Cup, kick-off 7.30pm

Friday, May 10th – CNet Training Suffolk Senior Cup, kick-off 7.30pm

Monday, May 13th – KBB NEFF Suffolk Primary Cup, kick-off 7.30pm

Tuesday, May 14th – KBB NEFF Suffolk Junior Cup, kick-off 7.30pm

# Grassroots Festival



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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