

# Norfolk County FA Bulletin

February 2020



## WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of the Norfolk County FA bulletin and the eighth of the 2019/20 Season.

As always, we aim to continue to provide you with engaging content from the various Norfolk FA departments as well as relevant information regarding what's on the horizon within the #NorfolkFootball calendar.

## NORFOLK U18'S REACH FA COUNTY YOUTH CUP FINAL FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Norfolk reach this year's FA County Youth Cup Final by beating Essex thanks to two quickfire goals in the first half.

Essex started the stronger of the two sides and came very close to taking the lead early on. Norfolk goalkeeper, Reuben Lane, came to his team's rescue with a smart reaction save down to his right after the ball was fired at goal from close range.

Although Norfolk were dominating possession, neither side created any meaningful chances until the deadlock was broken in the 32nd minute when Tom Baird converted a penalty as he hit the ball into the bottom left corner from 12 yards out.



Norfolk doubled their lead less than two minutes later after Tom Pipe latched onto an excellent through ball from the left-hand side by Dyson and drilled a low cross to the front post. Norfolk number 9, Ethan Warne, was first to react and confidentially stroked the ball past the on-rushing goalkeeper. Read the full report by [clicking here](#).

## CAREER OPPORTUNITY AT THE FDC WITH MANAGER VACANCY

Norfolk County FA is excited to offer a unique opportunity to join our team as the Manager of our largest and well-established Football Development Centre, the FDC based at Bowthorpe Park, Clover Hill Road, Norwich.

The facility offers a variety of 3G football pitches (2x 7-a-side and 6x 5-a-side), a 'stadia' grass pitch known locally as the Field of Dreams and a hub building that includes a bar/function area, changing rooms and meeting rooms.



We are looking for someone who possesses a passion for customer excellence and drive for maximising the opportunities for using the facility. The successful candidate needs to have an excellent understanding of facility management with a focus on delivering first class customer service and facility compliance. They must have a desire to sustain the existing users whilst generating and maintaining new users, using their knowledge and experience of creating a welcoming and professional environment.

For more information about the vacancy please [click here](#).

## DATES CHANGE FOR CARROW ROAD CUP FINALS

Norfolk County FA have released the changed and confirmed dates for their County Cup Finals held at the home of Norwich City, Carrow Road.

The dates of the Norfolk Junior Cup, Norfolk Sunday Senior Cup and Norfolk Women's Cup have changed from those released earlier this Season. Norfolk County FA have worked alongside Norwich City FC to ensure that all these Cup Finals are held at Carrow Road and fit in with other events happening at the Stadium.

Please see below the new dates for the respective Cup Finals at Carrow Road:

- **Norfolk Sunday Senior Cup** – Tuesday 14 April, Kick Off 7:45pm
- **Norfolk Women's Cup** – Sunday 19 April, Kick Off 11:00am
- **Norfolk Junior Cup** – Tuesday 28 April, Kick Off 7:45pm

The Norfolk Senior Cup Final remains on Monday 23 March with Kick Off at 7:45pm at Carrow Road. To read more, please [click here](#).



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## NORFOLK VETERANS LEAGUE GAINS NEW SPONSOR

The Norfolk FA Veterans League was formed in 2010 and has enjoyed a highly successful period to date, resulting in its growth to five divisions and the introduction of a League Cup competition.

Teams from across the County play in what will now be known as The One Broker Veterans League thanks to regional insurance firm, One Broker Ltd, becoming Norfolk FA's Official Insurance Partner and supporter of grassroots football.



One Broker Veterans League Chairman, Matt Carpenter said: **"It's fantastic to have One Broker become our new league sponsor. Veterans' football is a real growth area of the game and we hope that continues for many seasons to come. Having One Broker on board will enable us to continue to support and develop football for the over 35's in Norfolk, with all of the benefits that brings."**

Read more be [clicking here](#).

## ASHTONS LEGAL SPONSOR NORFOLK SENIOR CUP

We are delighted that our most prestigious competition will continue to thrive with the support of our newest partner, Ashtons Legal, who we are looking forward to working with. Every season, around 40 teams from across the County play in what will now be known as The Ashtons Legal Senior Cup thanks to regional solicitors, Ashtons Legal, becoming Norfolk FA's Official Legal Partner, supporter of grassroots football and sponsors of the Norfolk Senior Cup.

Norfolk FA Chairman, Michael Banham said: **"We're thrilled to announce this new partnership with Ashtons Legal for the next three seasons. From meeting Ed O'Rourke and Dave Richardson at the Semi-Finals this week, I can tell they are passionate about supporting local grassroots football and are excited to be**

**associated with our most prestigious competition; the Norfolk Senior Cup. I look forward to welcoming them to Carrow Road on Monday 23 March, for the official launch of the partnership."**



Find out more about Ashtons Legal and the partnership by [clicking here](#).

## WIN £10,000 TOWARDS CLUB MATCH FEES FOR THE 20/21 SEASON

Ahead of the 2020/21 season, PayPal, the official payments partner of The FA, are offering three lucky clubs the chance to win £10,000 towards their match fees, further emphasising PayPal's commitment to grassroots football.



Find out more by [clicking here](#).

## THE FA LEVEL 1 IN COACHING



Any youth teams without a qualified coach can receive a bursary to cover the cost of a Level 1 course! Please contact [Kate.Dixon@NorfolkFA.com](mailto:Kate.Dixon@NorfolkFA.com) for more information.



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## NORFOLK FA PCVR CLUB GROWTH FUND

The Norfolk FA PCVR Club Growth Fund is to support the adult male traditional 11v11 game.

The Norfolk FA PCVR Club Growth Fund will offer £325 (plus 3 size 5 Nike Match Balls) to any club setting up a new adult male 11v11 team for the 2020/21 season.



The application window will be open between Monday 2 March 2020 – Friday 1 May 2020, with successful clubs receiving their grant by the end of June ready for the start of the 2020/21 season.

For more information please [click here](#) or alternatively contact [Anna.Larkins@NorfolkFA.com](mailto:Anna.Larkins@NorfolkFA.com).

## THE FDC WOMEN'S & GIRLS' CUP

The FDC Women's & Girls' Cup is back this summer and is set to once again be a festival for female football on Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 June 2020.

As per previous years, The FDC Women's & Girls' Cup will be held on the fully enclosed 3G artificial grass pitches at theFDC in Bowthorpe, Norwich. The tournament is a brilliant way to continue playing over the summer and also serves as a great way to get together with friends.



[Click here](#) for more information or should you have any questions about the tournament, please contact theFDC on 01603 704050 (Ext. 2) or email [theFDC@NorfolkFA.com](mailto:theFDC@NorfolkFA.com).

## THE FDC YOUTH CUP RETURNS FOR 2020

Norfolk FA's biggest tournament is returning to theFDC this July!

As per tradition the showcase summer tournament, held on the fully enclosed 3G artificial grass pitches at theFDC in Bowthorpe, will see even age groups compete on the Saturday and odd age groups compete on the Sunday.



The tournament is taking place on the weekend of 4 and 5 July and will host 84 teams in seven age groups, ranging from U7 to U13.

With age groups expected to fill fast, don't delay in entering your team and the tournament costs just £30.

Find out more and enter a team by [clicking here](#).

## TELL US – WE'LL TACKLE IT

The Football Association has launched a campaign to encourage all participants and spectators to report any acts of discrimination that they witness within grassroots football.



Gavin Lemmon, Norfolk County FA CEO, said: "Tackling discrimination is a significant priority for the Association and it's absolutely crucial that any spectators or participants who believe that they have been the subject of, or witness to, discriminatory abuse to report it to us. By doing this we can ensure that all incidents are rightly investigated."

Watch a video and read more about the campaign [here](#).



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## FRIDAY NIGHT TOURNAMENTS AT THEFDC@FLEGG

theFDC@Flegg is pleased to announce the return of the Friday Night Football Tournaments that made their debut throughout February and March last year.



Dates for the tournaments are as follows:

- U8s – Friday 28th February 2020 (6.30-9pm)
- U9s – Friday 6th March 2020 (6.30-9pm)
- U10s – Friday 13th March 2020 (6.30-9pm)
- U11s – Friday 20th March 2020 (6.30-9pm)
- U12s – Friday 27th March 2020 (6.30-9pm)

All age groups are 5-a-side with a maximum squad of 8 players in a competitive format. Cost to enter each tournament is £15 per team with a maximum of 12 teams per age group with places expected to fill up fast.

For more information and to enter please [click here](#).

## HALF PRICE PLACES ON LEVEL 1 IN COACHING GOALKEEPERS COURSE

If you live in Norfolk, are aged 19 and over (on 31.08.19) and are not in full time education you are eligible to a half price place at £100 on this course, running over 3 Saturdays; 14, 21 and 28 March from 9am – 4.30pm at the FDC@Open Academy.



For more details on this course and to book a place please [click here](#).

## SAFEGUARDING IN NORFOLK

Please be reminded that Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. Please contact our County FA Designated Safeguarding Officer, Ken D'Rosario via

[safeguarding@NorfolkFA.com](mailto:safeguarding@NorfolkFA.com) or call 01603 704050 if you have any concerns.

## WOMEN'S COUNTY 5IVES

The new County 5IVES Women's League at theFDC@OpenAcademy is now accepting team entries. There are no sign-up costs and fixtures are every Monday evening. You can enter a team by [clicking here](#).



## NORFOLK TEAMS IN FA COMPETITIONS

Wroxham competed in The FA Vase and this month.

Results from The FA Vase 5<sup>th</sup> Round:

- **Wroxham 2-0 Stowmarket Town**

Fixtures for The FA Vase Quarter-Final Round to take place on Saturday 29 February:

- **Wroxham v Bitton**

## AND FINALLY,

We hope you have enjoyed the season so far and good luck in your remaining matches for this campaign.

Best wishes

**Norfolk County FA**