

SUFFOLK JUNIOR CUP FINAL



**WOOLVERSTONE
UNITED**

VS



THURSTON FC



DATE:
Monday 20th May 2024



LOCATION:
Ipswich Town FC



KICK-OFF:
19:30

£2

Respect Code of Conduct Spectators



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We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

This club is supporting The FA's Respect programme to ensure football can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment.

Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for spectators

I will:

- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
- Always Respect the match officials' decision
- Remain outside the field of play and within the Designated Spectators' Area (where provided)
- Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to Respect the opposition, referee and match officials
- Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake - mistakes are part of learning
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA or The FA:

I may be:

- Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official
- Required to meet with the club committee
- Obligated to undertake an FA education course
- Obligated to leave the match venue by the club
- Requested by the club not to attend future games
- 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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On behalf of the Board, Council and staff of Suffolk FA I wish you a warm welcome to the Parkers Pitches Suffolk Junior Cup Final here at Ipswich Town FC.

We thank all those involved with Ipswich Town FC for their enthusiasm and commitment to host tonight's final, one of three Suffolk County Cup Finals the club are staging this season and providing a memorable evening for all involved – it is hugely appreciated. Please enjoy the facilities with respect and gratitude.

The road to this year's final has been as exciting as ever. Both teams had a bye in round one, before having high-scoring wins in the second round; Thurston won 7-0 at Hundon and Woolverstone United 5-1 at home to Tuddenham Rovers.

Into the third round and Thurston edged a close contest 2-1 at Mutford & Wrentham, while Woolverstone were 3-1 winners at home to AFC Kesgrave, last season's winners.

The quarter-final stage saw both teams win again by the same scorelines - Thurston 2-1 at home to Kirton Athletic and Woolverstone United 3-1 at Achilles.

There were five goals in both semi-finals, with Thurston holding on to win 3-2 versus Somersham and Woolverstone United enjoying a 4-1 victory over Kesgrave Kestrels.

The third team involved in the Final will be the team of match officials. This is an occasion as much for them to enjoy as it is the teams.

They have been selected to officiate this prestigious match through merit, and whilst they may well make decisions which you don't agree with, they will make those decisions based on what they see/hear in a split second, without replays or slow motions.

I invite you to carefully read the Spectators' Code of Conduct included within this programme and do everything you can to ensure you and those around you abide by it.

Finally, a huge note of appreciation to our sponsors Parkers Pitches, without whom holding this Final at this ground would not be possible.

Parkers Pitches have been fantastic champions of grassroots football in Suffolk in helping clubs to improve their playing surfaces as well as sponsoring this competition.

Will and his team continue to be very valued and loyal supporters of Suffolk FA, also helping to judge our Grounds Team of the Year competition.

I hope you enjoy the matches and thank you again for passionately but respectfully encouraging your favoured team.

With best regards

Richard Neal
Suffolk FA CEO and Senior Safeguarding Lead



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Navy & White Shirts, Navy Shorts, Navy Socks

MANAGER - CLIVE CATCHPOLE

We are probably the smallest village side in the SIL and are very proud to have recently celebrated our Centenary.

Loyalty is always key, a chairman and groundsman with a combined 107 years' of service and 11 players tonight having played six seasons or more.

In four years with a mix of our old Youth team and players that have stayed, we have climbed from the bottom of Division Three to winning Division Two to playing in Division One and reaching a County Cup Final for the first time in the club's history.

Many thanks to Ipswich Town FC and Suffolk FA for this experience and also our kit sponsor SG Ellis Carpentry.

PAUL DENNINGTON 35, Goalkeeper, 11 Seasons.

A real clubman, played outfield for a time but now first-choice keeper for the last two seasons.

JORDAN HARWARD 24, Defender, 8 Seasons.

Product of the Youth team, speedy, versatile and good on the overlap with an eye for goal.

DAVID STRIKE 27, Defender, 1 Season. Team Captain and one who has Senior experience. Been a major player for us this season!

LEWIS WILDING 27, Defender, 10 Seasons.

Vice-captain. Another real clubman who always leaves it out there. Good vision and likes a goal.

DECLAN LEE 27, Defender, 6 Seasons. Will keep running all game. Pacy with a sweet left foot; good on overlaps and at whipping a ball in.

OWEN SLATTERY 24, Defender, 8 Seasons. Product of the Youth team. A no-nonsense defender who puts his body in where it hurts. Good in the air.





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JAMES HARBUT 27, Defender/Midfielder, 2 Seasons. Our only other player with Senior experience. Clever with the ball, strong and a vital player for us.

DOMINIC THROWER 29, Midfielder, 7 Seasons. Holding midfielder with the ability to be playmaker and make things happen. Excellent from a dead ball.

ALEX GIBSON 21, Midfielder, 2 Seasons. Lots of energy and can play in most positions in midfield. Technically very good and likes a spectacular goal.

LEWIS CRAWFORD 24, Midfielder, 8 Seasons. Product of the Youth team. A holding midfielder, who is calm with the ball at his feet and can pick a pass.

AARON GORDON 36, Midfielder, 9 Seasons. A real clubman who helps behind the scenes. A great ball winner, who has scored a lot of goals from midfield.

JACK KNILL 24, Defender/Midfielder, 5 Seasons. Left back or midfield. Fantastic attitude, and a sweet left foot from a dead ball. Good football brain.

DANIEL KNIGHTS 26, Midfielder, 6 Seasons. Likes to get up the wings. Plenty of passion, tackles and yellow cards!

MARCUS LAWRENCE 22, Midfielder, 8 Seasons. Youth player product. Speedy winger with two good feet. Technically good and scoring goals this season.

GEORGE SYKES 24, Midfielder, 1 Season. Has worked his way up from the Reserves. Two-footed, quick feet and keeps the ball well. Winger or inside.

JUSTIN DAVIES 23, Midfielder/Striker, 2 Seasons. A busy player who can work down the wing or lead the line. Good strength and a good attitude.

HAYDEN CATCHPOLE 23, Striker, 8 Seasons. Youth player, leading goalscorer for last three seasons. Quick brain, good energy and plenty of assists.



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ROUTE TO FINAL



WOOLVERSTONE UNITED

Semi - Final

4 - 1

v Kesgrave Kestrels

Quarter - Final

3 - 1

v Achilles

3rd Round

3 - 1

v AFC Kesgrave

2nd Round

5 - 1

v Tuddenham Rovers

1st Round

Bye



THURSTON FC

Semi - Final

3 - 2

v Somersham

Quarter - Final

2 - 1

v Kirton Athletic

3rd Round

2 - 1

v Mutford & Wrentham

2nd Round

7 - 0

v Hundon

1st Round

Bye



PARKERS PITCHES SUFFOLK JUNIOR CUP FINAL MATCH OFFICIALS (left to right) Stephen Henderson-Holmes, Andrew Eley, Ian Copping and Justin Butcher. Missing from photograph: Sully Mapplebeck

REFEREE:

Andrew Eley

Andrew Eley lives in Rushmere St Andrew. He is 60 years old and has 15 years' refereeing experience. As a Level 5 referee, he mainly officiates in the Suffolk & Ipswich League. His footballing career spanned almost 25 years, playing for a number of local clubs, predominantly Willis Faber and Orwell Athletic.

ASSISTANT REFEREE:

Sully Mapplebeck

Sully, who is 20 years old, is a Level 5 referee from Ipswich. He has refereed on the Thurlow Nunn League, the Eastern Junior Alliance, Suffolk & Ipswich league and the Professional Development League. He has refereed the Thurlow Nunn League's U23 Chell Trophy Final and is looking forward to refereeing at Portman Road

ASSISTANT REFEREE:

Ian Copping

Ian, who is 60 years old, lives in Lawshall, near Bury St Edmunds. He has been officiating for 31 years and is a Level 6 referee. He is an assistant referee for the Thurlow Nunn League, whilst also refereeing on the Thurlow Nunn Youth League. In his spare time Ian is also a keen cyclist, volunteering as a rickshaw rider.

FOURTH OFFICIAL:

Stephen Henderson-Holmes

Stephen, who is 48, has been refereeing for around 15 years. He is originally from Liverpool but now lives in Woodbridge. He is a Level 5 Senior County Referee and officiates on the Suffolk & Ipswich League on Saturday afternoons.

REFEREE SUPPORT OFFICER:

Justin Butcher

Justin currently observes match officials on the Isthmian, Southern and Thurlow Nunn Leagues for the Football Association. He also observes Referees on the Level 5 to 4 pathway for Suffolk County FA. He enjoys observing as it enables him to put something back into the game.



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MANAGER - MARTIN MCCONNELL

I want to thank all the supporters who have made the trip here tonight to cheer the lads on. It means a lot to them and hopefully they can put a good game on for you.

I would also like to congratulate all the players for the season they have had and it's a credit to them for sticking at it and working hard every week. It's no lie we have had probably the hardest run to get to this final and the lads have come through. This is a great reward to play at Portman Road - who would have thought that three years ago? - and a day that these lads will remember forever.

I would like to wish Wolverstone United all the best for tonight's match.

DAN STOBART - Goalkeeper. A massive part of the team. Great shot stopper and kick from the ground. Previous clubs: Walsham, Debenham, Lakenheath.

JAMIE BARCLAY - Defender. The captain who could play higher. Strong, quick and plays like a boss. Previous clubs: St Edmunds 1965, Old Newton United.

JACK STONE - Defender. Always good for the changing room banter. Strong and direct. He always gives 100%. Previous clubs: Bury Town, Walsham, Hadleigh.

LEWIS KEMP - Defender/midfielder. Mr Reliable. Can play any position and never lets us down. Always calm on the ball. Previous clubs: Walsham, Debenham.

ALFIE GAMBLE - Defender. The quietest lad in the team but always gives his all. Came through the Youth at Thurston and has been a credit to the club.

KERRIN LAWRENCE - Defender. Tall and great in the air. Has had a rough time with injuries this season. Previous clubs: Sporting 87, Stanton.





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WILL STOBART - Midfielder.

Mr Sensible of the team who gets about the pitch and breaks play up. Previous club: Walsham.

RHYS FOSTER - Midfielder.

The Bulldozer whose work rate is second to none. He works so hard for the team. Previous club: Bedricks Worth.

KAINE FRYER - Midfielder/striker. Very quick with so much energy and will chip in with some goals.

RYAN JOLLY - Midfielder with great touch and delivery who has an eye for goal as well. Previous club: Elmswell.

CALLUM STEED - Midfielder who joined just before Christmas. Great ball player who is still young. Previous clubs: Old Newton United, Haverhill Rovers.

CHARLIE COOK - Midfielder. Technically a very good player on the ball. Great delivery. Previous clubs: Bury Town, Walsham, Haughley United.

ANDREW WOOD - Striker.

So experienced, still scoring goals. Previous clubs: Bury Town, Walsham, Thetford, Mildenhall, Stanway Rovers, Old Newton United.

BRANDON SALISBURY - Striker. Top scorer this season. Quick, direct and scores wherever he has been. Previous clubs: Bedricks Worth, Old Newton United.

LUKE AUSTIN - Midfielder. Experienced player who helps the youngsters. Hit by injuries this season. Previous clubs: Walsham, Debenham, Old Newton United.

SHAUNY THORROLD - Midfielder. He has good feet and energy and a good footballing head. Previous clubs: Walsham, Debenham, Old Newton United.

HARRY FRENCH - Striker who has had a great season. Strong, physical lad who loves a battle. Great left foot. Previous clubs: Ely, Thetford.

KIREAN WALLER - Defender.

So energetic and works his socks off. He is a nightmare to play against. Previous clubs: Stanton, Bardwell.

JAMIE DEMPSEY Midfielder. Another lad who came through the Youth ranks. Big, strong lad who wins a lot in the air and does not stop battling.

HARRY FRENCH JUNIOR - Striker/ goalkeeper. A great lad who loves being around this team. Helps out when needed and has never let us down.





In November 2016, British football was rocked by a series of high-profile revelations regarding child sexual abuse. Several former professional players bravely waived their right to anonymity to speak out about their past abuse.

A number of those involved, decided to set up the Offside Trust, an organisation committed to supporting survivors and working to make sport safer for children.

Former professional footballer Steve Walters is director of the Offside Trust.

We are proud to work with and support fellow survivors. In addition to Steve, the Offside Trust family includes the amazing ambassadors listed below and several others who wish to remain anonymous:

Gary Cliffe, former youth team player at Manchester City

Dion Raitt, former youth team player at Peterborough United

Alan Arber, former Norwich City player

Callum Hancock, professional boxer

Our aims are:

- To raise awareness of the importance of safeguarding across all sports at all levels
- To provide survivors with advice guidance and resources to aid the healing journey
- To campaign for legal and regulatory changes to improve safeguarding in sport

Our objectives are:

- To secure partnerships with clubs at all levels, in all sports
- To engage with survivors and signpost them to the appropriate professional support
- To engage with survivors within the Offside Trust Support Network
- To support charitable helplines with specific focus on survivors in sport
- To change the law on child sexual abuse being exempt from 'Double Jeopardy'
- To lobby for 'Mandatory Reporting' to be adopted in UK law
- To engage with political and judicial bodies to strengthen legal support for survivors

Since 2016, the Offside Trust has received the support of supporters, clubs, players and former professionals throughout the sporting world. We focus on all sports, not just football. We are grateful for the support that we are getting from everyone including the people in cricket, rugby, golf and boxing, helping to raise further awareness across sport.

The Offside Trust works alongside governing bodies, charities and organisations that deal with safeguarding.

If you are a survivor of child sexual abuse in sport, there are a number of resources available.

The FA have commissioned a dedicated NSPCC helpline for adults who were abused in childhood within the football industry from grassroots to Premier League. If you would like to speak to somebody the free NSPCC helpline for guidance and support is available 24 hours a day on **0800 023 2642**. Our friends at Survivors Manchester (<https://www.survivorsmanchester.org.uk/>) and Samaritans (<https://www.samaritans.org/>) have help and support available if you need to talk.

If you think that a child is in immediate danger please dial 999.

If you are a child who needs help, please call Childline on 0800 11 11.





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