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CUP FINALS
MAY 2016



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Chairman's report

As Chairman, may I welcome everyone to the Norfolk Christian Football League finals being played over two weekends in May at Norfolk FA's FDC and at Sale Road.

We have had another successful season for all our youth and adult teams with games, for the most part, being played in a good spirit. But this is football and passions sometimes run high, so we do have the occasional situations to deal with. How we respond as players and managers will reflect on us as individuals and on the league, so it is important that we all speak and act with grace and kindness as well as being strong in discipline as that shown by Jesus in all the situations he had to face while doing his Father's will.

We have had at least 10 enquiries from teams wanting to enter the Christian league with four U10 teams and one U12 team completing their first season with us. A church in Lowestoft is hoping to enter an U12 team next season.

The U10 league has been a great success, the best we have had for many years. I must congratulate all the managers and parents, and sincerely thank you all, for making this so successful.

We have struggled to complete all the fixtures in all the leagues this season so we will look at how we structure the fixtures next season. I know this has been frustrating for some, so we thank all of you for doing your best to complete your fixtures, I do not

think that this has affected league positions.

The cup finalists are mentioned elsewhere in the programme, so all we have to say is congratulations to all finalists, and simply enjoy the occasion. There are no losers here today.

A big thank you to our sponsors, their details are in the programmes, all are thoroughly recommended by us if you do wish to contact them. We are always looking for businesses and individuals to sponsor the Christian League, so please consider this opportunity so that we can continue to share the Good News of Jesus through football.

The season has been overshadowed by the news of Tim Stapleford's battle with cancer since last August. Tim has been an inspiration for so many of us in the league, as founder of the youth league in 1995, and without him I don't think the Christian League could have survived. His faith continues to amaze us all. Please continue to pray for Tim and Sue and the family as they pass through this difficult time.

David Davies has finally decided to hang up his boots after 21 years as manager of Bowthorpe St Michaels. David has been a wonderful ambassador of the league, quietly doing his part with faithfulness and an attitude of grace, being a great example to all. Thank you David.

Mike Culwick
NCFL Chairman

Adult League report

We welcome the players, officials, friends, families and supporters of NCBC, UEA Harriers, Soul Church and King's Palace and many congratulations on making the finals today of the Bishop Maurice Wood Cup and the Wroxham Road Shield.

It is wonderful to have teams which together have been such a valued part of the league over so many years, and which have the values of the League at heart. It has been good to hear stories of players establishing links with their supporting churches, which is one of the things we have in mind with our strapline, 'Connecting Church to Community through football'.

We also thank the heroes who put in so much hard work to run all the other teams in the league. They may not have made it to the finals, but without them there would be no days like this.

It has been another exciting season with a hard-fought battle in Division 1 between great rivals NCBC and UEA Rovers, who only lost one game - to each other - during the season. UEA need to win their last two games and make up a 26 goal difference to overtake NCBC to the title.

The Division 2 champions are new-comers Heigham Park Rangers, ones to watch for the future.

We have also seen successful National Christian Cup and Trophy campaigns from NCBC (last 16) and UEA Rovers and UEA Harriers who both made the quarter finals.

We would also like to congratulate Stalham Baptist who were awarded the Fellowship Trophy, and the league's top goal scorer Daniel Jervis from NCBC.

We would like to welcome and thank Gary Ryan of Surrey Chapel for presenting the trophies and medals today. Gary has been a great friend of the league as player, manager, club welfare officer and member of the Council of Reference.

Finally we would like to thank the staff at the FDC for always making us so welcome and helping to make this a day to remember.

Jim Green, Vice Chairman

Men's League Table

Division 1

POS	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1 NCBC	15	14	0	1	94	42
2 UEA Rovers	13	12	0	1	68	36
3 UEA Harriers	14	7	2	5	26	23
4 St Johns	14	6	1	7	-2	19
5 Soul Church	13	5	1	7	5	16
6 Kings Palace	14	3	4	7	-30	13

Division 2

1 Heigham Park Rangers	14	9	1	4	15	28
2 King's United	13	6	1	6	-24	19
3 Lighthouse	12	4	2	6	-16	14
4 Stalham Baptist	14	2	0	12	-51	6
5 Norwich Vineyard	14	1	0	13	-85	3

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Youth League report

We can't report any 'giant killing' teams who have reached the finals this season, although one or two teams have excelled beyond their league positions.

The U10 league has been a great success, both outdoor and indoor being thoroughly enjoyable for all. We now have two end-of-season competitions with the Cup finalists being Thorpe Rovers and Stoke United. The Trophy finalists are Old Catton and Brooke Adventurers. These will be close fought games being played on May 7 at Sale Road. Old Catton and Thorpe Rovers are new teams to the league, while Brooke and Stoke have been with us for several years, and have always been strong sides. Could this be the 'Year of the Newcomers', we wait and see!

The U12 league winners were Stoke United with Brooke close behind in second spot. The cup finalists will be Stoke and Brooke, so no surprises there, being played on May 14 at Sale Road.

Top goal scorer, once again is Charlie Mayhew from Brooke with 20 goals well done Charlie.

U14 league winners were Heartsease Whites winning very comfortably, having been runners-up in last three seasons. The cup finalists are Heartsease Whites and Brooke, top teams in the league, this being played on 7th May at Sale Road. Top goal scorer once again is Thomas Musson from Heartsease Whites with an amazing 47 goals, well done Thomas.

U16 league winners were Brooke who widened the gap with ENYP in the closing stages of the season. The cup finalists are ENYP and Brooke Adventurers, with the game to be played on May 14. Top scorer is Harry Browne from Brooke with 27 goals, well done to Harry.

Brooke are having a really successful season, and may well be hoping to 'do the treble' with a five-a-side win in the U16 competition. Heartsease Whites I know are also hoping for the treble and must be favourites to lift these trophies.

Congratulations to all teams for reaching the finals, we all hope they will be memorable and very sporting occasions for all to enjoy.

Mike Culwick
NCFL Chairman

Bishop Maurice Wood Cup Final
Saturday May 7
2.30pm FDC

UEA Harriers

Greg Rix 1
Christian Binder 2
Ollie Rodrigues 5
Chris Scott 6
Rowan Gatfield 3
Dan Clark 8
Jack Stevens 4
Ben Anderson 11 (c)
George Alton 7
Connor Hain 10
Lucas Richardson 9
Michael Bennett 12
Eirik Myrset 15
George Stringer 14
Manager: George Alton

NCBC

Adam Hubbard
Mark Waters
Tom White
Toby Meek
Peter Morgan
Craig Glen
Simon Jervis
Kevin Finch
Adam Jervis
Nat Bash
Chris Morgan
Matthew Mitchell
Ben Jervis
Ed Ward
Daniel Jervis

Unavailable
Matthew Seager (player/
manager)
Ian Garrod (team captain)
Ewan Hall
Kellen Playford

Officials

Referee: Richard Toms
Assistants: Tracey Clayton
Chris Brown
4th Official: Chris Allen

**Wroxham Road Shield final
Saturday May 7
10am FDC**

**U16s Cup Final
Saturday May 14
10am Sale Road**

Soul Church

Josh Hall
Chay Liddiment
Stephen Brown
Stewart Pailthorpe
Joao Neves
Serginho Melnikovs
Kyle Appleton
Byron Rawlings (Captain)
Daniel Cullingford
Owen Cullingford
Lee Daniels
Tim Lee
Adam Knights
Jonothas Neves
Ross Barnard
Sam Hennigan
Jim Garver
Manager: Owen Cullingford

King's Palace

Chris Baikie
Christopher Bolden
Matt Buxton
Samuel Cansdale
Toby Connell
Al Coulson
Leon Debbage
Michael Fairthorn
Jonathan Hopley
Mike Jackson
Matthew Kettle
Neil Wakefield
Adam Knights
Adam Newton
David Tallentire
Steve Walwyn
Jack Dodd
Pete Kettle
Manager: James Wilson

Brooke Adventurers

Harry Browne (Captain)
Eddie Carr
Ben Dixon
Grady Given
Frazier Hopkins
Joe Lowther
Ned Mead
Owen Page
Lloyd Perfitt
Dan Stamper
Oliver Sykes.
Manager: Rob Dixon

ENYP

Jack Bradfield
Joel Chatten
Oliver Costello
Owen Davis
Tyler Doran-Smith
Jai Girling
Leo Howard
Owen Muir
Coren Norman
Ryan Staff
Brandon Taylor
Tommy White
Reece Wilson
Manager: Tom Woods

Referee: Chris Allen

Officials

Referee: Keith Morris
Assistants: Mark Ayliffe
Chris Brown
4th Official: Richard Toms

**Under 14s Cup Final
Saturday May 7
9:30am Sale Road**

**U12s Cup Final
Saturday May 14
10am Sale Road**

Heartsease Youth

Tony Blenkinship 1
Kian Smith (Captain) 4
Connor Woodhouse 8
Thomas Musson 11
Cameron Pond 12
Danny Loftus 5
Tyla Read 7
Logan Sabberton 10
Ewan Barnard 9
Brandon Dixon 3
Manager: Gary Woodhouse

Brooke Adventurers

Harry Allcock
Cameron Amis
Sam Blazer
Reuben Lane
Michael Lewis
Harry Liggins
James Lightfoot
Oscar Muntendam
Luke Mainwaring
Conor Phipp
James Tee
Harry Woodhouse
Manager: Mike Liggins

Brooke Adventurers

Jack Allcock
Henry Barker
Tobias Conway
Elijah Elwell
James Enright
Daniel Jones
Charlie Mayhew
Noah Muntendam
Jacob Reynolds
James Saunders
Joseph Smith
Emile Tighe
Ethan Wright
Manager: Carl Mayhew

Stoke United

Thomas Boss
Jack Broughton
Matthew Burton
Zac Butcher
Nat Buxton
Dillon Dennis
Torin Grady
Rocco Iacarrino
Thomas Leaberry
Robert Mackintosh
Friedrich Morris
George Morris
Freddie Paterson
Arjuna Puvanachandra
Joseph Roy
Ethan Rushton
George Sore
Manager: York Dennis

Referee: Chris Allen

Referee: Keith Morris

**Under 10s Shield Final
Saturday May 7
9:30am Sale Road**

Old Catton Juniors

Marcus Gardner (GK) 18
Finley Cocking 7
Kingsley Reid Fleming 31
Samuel Britton 12
Jack Morgan 22
Hayden Thompson 45
Charlie Archer 2
Joshua Ikins 14
Gabriel Jones 16
Ethan Brown 30
Heath Davison 10

Manager: Scott Davison

Referee: Haixin Turner

Brooke Adventurers

Finlay Lane 1
Cameron Warman 2
Barnaby Amis 3
Sam Reynolds 4
Arlo Brown (Capt) 5
Joe Allcock 6
Max Lowe 7
Harry Lowe 8
Nicholas Embery 9
Sonny Muntendam 10
Shay Given 11
Matthew Lightfoot 12
Harry Smith 13

Manager: Benny Brown

**Under 10s Cup Final
Saturday May 7
9:30am Sale Road**

Thorpe Rovers

No info available

Manager: Simon Loveday

Stoke United

Joshua Pattinson
Finley Williams
Zak Jones
George Hannant

George Wells
George Riches
Cameron Florence
James Boss
Henry Fagan
Jamie Hunt
Joshua Brighton
Callum McDuff
Bradley Hitchcox

Manager: Paul Williams

Referee: Matthew Cotton

League Tables

U16

POS	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1 Brooke Adventurers	14	11	2	1	32	35
2 ENYP	14	10	2	2	26	32
3 Bowthorpe St Michaels	14	7	2	5	15	23
4 Kings Athletic	13	6	0	7	-10	18
5 Heigham Park Rangers Hawks	14	5	1	8	-1	16
6 St Johns	13	4	2	7	-11	14
7 Lighthouse	13	3	1	9	-13	10
8 Heigham Park Rangers Eagles	13	3	0	10	-38	9

U14

POS	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1 Heartsease Youth White	18	16	1	1	96	49
2 Brooke Adventurers	15	10	3	2	5	33
3 Lighthouse	13	7	1	5	20	22
4 Heartsease Youth Black	12	6	0	6	14	18
5 Worstead Wolves	14	2	3	9	-67	9
6 Surrey Chapel	10	2	1	7	-7	7
7 St Johns	16	1	1	14	-61	4

U12

POS	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1 Stoke United	13	12	1	0	53	37
2 Brooke Adventurers	13	10	1	2	49	31
3 Heigham Park Rangers	16	7	1	8	8	22
4 Lighthouse	15	3	2	10	-44	11
5 Mattishall	15	1	1	13	-66	4

History of the League

The Norfolk Christian Football League is one of the longest-standing church leagues in the whole country and can trace its history back almost 40 years. Alan Barnes reports.

A friendly football match in Norwich on Boxing Day morning of 1967 between Surrey Chapel and South Park Chapel was the first-ever recorded inter-church game and started off the process towards the formation of a league proper in 1978 following friendly matches between half-a-dozen teams over the next ten years.

The early years' pioneer of the league was Don Wilson from Surrey Chapel. All matches were played at Earlham Park and it was not until the late 1980s that teams started to have their own home pitches.

In 1980, Maurice Wood, Bishop of Norwich at the time, agreed to sponsor a cup competition. The final was played at Carrow Road in front of a small, enthusiastic, crowd and saw Surrey Chapel narrowly beat Holy Trinity.

The next two finals were played at Carrow Road, with Salvation Army and YMCA as winners.

By the early 1980s, the league had grown to 12 teams including, Assemblies of God, Norwich Christian Fellowship, Dereham Road Baptist Church, Mount Zion. Some churches joined together to form teams: Meadow Way Chapel joined with Oak Grove Chapel, Hillcrest Chapel joined with Belvoir Street.

From 1983, the finals have been played at grounds including Norwich City's former training ground at Trowse, Mulbarton FC, Dereham Town FC, Wroxham FC and, more recently, the FDC at Bowthorpe. More teams from outside the city joined over this period including from North Walsham, Aylsham, Yarmouth, Dereham and Stalham.

Wroxham Road Boys' Brigade was one of the most successful teams of the 1990s and early 2000s, keeping their original squad together for many years. When they finished, they donated a trophy for the shield competition, for clubs

knocked out in the first round of the cup.

In the late 1990s, Tim Stapleford had a vision to extend the league to include youth football. Many children in churches found it difficult to play competitive football as it took place on a Sunday. The youth league, played on a Saturday morning, provided that opportunity. Initially games took place at the UEA Sportspark. All six pitches were used and the league grew into four age-group sections from Under 10s to Under 16s. Cup finals were also played at the venue.

Into the new century and clubs started using their own pitches and teams from outside the city began to join the league including Broadland Lads from North Walsham, Brooke Adventurers, Lighthouse Church from Sheringham and teams from Happisburgh and Catfield.

Some teams have been part of the league almost from the very beginning. Brooke Adventurers and St Johns are still going strong and each year field teams in most of the age categories.

Naturally, competitive football is very important to all the teams involved but, as a Christian league, the way that teams approach the matches and interact with each other is just as important. During the 1990s, the Fellowship Trophy was instigated and is presented to teams which, over the course of the season, have demonstrated that element of fair play as judged by their opponents.

We hope that today's finals will be both competitive and demonstrate the Christian ethos of the league. Today will be the 37th playing of the Bishop Maurice Wood Cup and those involved will remember the occasion for a long time to come. We pray that the league will remain strong over the coming years and that our aim of linking Church to Community through Football will continue to influence all involved.

Fair Play Awards & Top Scorers

Men

Fair play - Stalham Baptist (average of 22.9 out of 25)
Golden boot - Daniel Jervis (NCBC) - 33 goals

Under 16s

Fair play - Heigham Park Rangers - Eagles (23.2)
Golden boot - Harry Browne (Brooke Adventurers) - 27

Under 14s

Fair play - To be decided
Golden boot - Thomas Musson (Heartsease Youth White) - 47

Under 12s

Fair play - Stoke United (21.2)
Golden boot - Charlie Mayhew (Brooke Adventurers) - 23

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Hall of Fame

Adult League

LEAGUE	Winners	Runners up
2015	UEA Rovers	Norwich Central Baptist
2014	Norwich Central Baptist	UEA Rovers
2013	UEA Rovers	Norwich Central Baptist
2012	Surrey Chapel	UEA Wanderers
2011	Norwich Central Baptist	Surrey Chapel
CUP	Winners	Runners up
2015	UEA Rovers	Kings Palace
2014	Holy Trinity	UEA Rovers
2013	UEA Rovers	UEA Wanderers
2012	Surrey Chapel	UEA Rovers
2011	UEA Rovers	Norwich Central Baptist
SHIELD	Winners	Runners up
2015	Heartsease Lane Sewell	Soul Church
2014	Kings Palace	Kings United
2013	Norwich Central Baptist	Surrey Chapel
2012	Heartsease Churches	Norwich Central Baptist
2011	Meadow Way	Wildlife NFLC

Youth League

LEAGUE	Under 10	Under 12	Under 14	Under 16
2015		Lighthouse	ENYP	Heigham Park Rangers
2014		Brooke Adventurers	Bowthorpe St Michael's	Cringleford Kestrels
2013	Brooke Adventurers	ENYP	St John's Y9	Holy Trinity
2012	Surrey Chapel	Cringleford Ospreys	Heartsease Black	Holy Trinity
2011	Cringleford Crows	Holy Trinity	St John's	St John's

CUP	Under 10	Under 12	Under 14	Under 16
2015	Brooke	Lighthouse	ENYP	St John's United
2014	Brooke	Heartsease Youth	ENYP	Holy Trinity (Reds)
2013		Heartsease Youth	Cringleford Kestrels	Bowthorpe St Peter's
2012		Cringleford Ospreys	Heartsease Black	Holy Trinity
2011		Holy Trinity	Cringleford Hawks	Surrey Chapel

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