

Hethersett Athletic **ANGLES**

The Official Newsletter of Hethersett Athletic Football Club - Special County Cup Final Souvenir

Up for the cup

THE biggest match in the history of Hethersett Athletic - it's as simple as that.

On Sunday April 18th, the club's first team take on holders Fenman Freehouse in the Final of the Norfolk Sunday Senior Cup.

The match kicks off at the home of Norwich City FC at Carrow Road at 11 a.m.

It is a dream come true for a club which in the last few years has gone from strength to strength.

Hethersett will be underdogs for the final of the premier Sunday tournament in Norfolk, but that is something they have become accustomed to, having already knocked two Norwich Sunday League Premier Division teams out, including unbeaten league champions Quebec Rovers.

At the time of writing the team were also ideally placed to complete a league and cup double. They are virtual certainties to gain promotion to the Premier Division of the Norwich Sunday League by taking the Division 1B championship.

The cup final will be the culmination of a remarkable sea-



The victorious Hethersett Athletic team celebrate after their 2-1 semi-final victory over Marlborough.

son for joint managers Ross Potter and Danny Gaskin who took over the running of the

to read about the players who will be representing the club in the final. And if you want to read more, a special 12 page electronic magazine is available on our web site.

Hethersett Athletic would like to take this opportunity to thank all the local businesses and individuals that have

side at the beginning of the current season. They have put together a skilful and enthusiastic side to build on the foundations of a side which won three Norwich Sunday League divisional titles in four seasons.

Inside this special edition of our newsletter you will be able

sponsored and supported us throughout what is turning into a remarkable season. We are hoping for as much support as possible from the village and the wider area at Carrow Road. On the back page are details of how you can buy a new club scarf to help make it a colourful final.

NORFOLK SUNDAY CUP FINAL

Hethersett Athletic

v

Fenman Freehouse, (King's Lynn)

Sunday April 18th - Carrow Road

Meet the players ... Meet the players

The Hethersett team will be picked from the following squad of 18 players. The appearances and goals are career totals for the club and correct to March 28th, 2004.

Nick Appleton (Midfield: 122 appearances, 19 goals for the club)

Nick is a talented midfield player who has made over 100 appearances for the club after stepping up from the youth ranks. Twenty years of age, he lives at Mulbarton and also plays for Mulbarton Wanderers on Saturdays. Nick is a product of the massively successful Hewett School set-up. His brother Mark plays regularly for Hethersett Athletic Reserves.

Lee Barrett (Striker: 9 appearances, 6 goals)

Lee joined the club during the season and is the brother of central defender Matt Barrett. Eighteen years of age, he lives in Lyng and also plays for Hewett Under-18s and Lyng United. A skilful forward, he has already scored six goals in just nine games for the club. Lee's favourite club is Arsenal, which could cause a family problem (see below)

Matthew Barrett (Defender: 25 appearances, 0 goals)

Matt usually plays in central defence and is 20 years of age. He lives in Lyng and has represented the Hewett School in the acclaimed international USA tournament. He also plays for Lyng FC and his previous clubs include Reepham Town and Wroxham Under-18s. He nominates Manchester United as his favourite club.

Chris Bolderstone (Goalkeeper: 168 appearances, 2 goals)

Talented goalkeeper Chris is 20-years-of-age and one of four players to come from Hethersett. He was a member of the Hewett side which won the international USA tournament in 2002, during which he conceded just one goal. Chris also plays for Acle and has also appeared for Wymondham Town and Dereham Town. His favourite team is Norwich City.

Chris Brownbridge (Goalkeeper: 119 appearances, 13 goals)

Reserve goalkeeper Chris has made over 100 appearances for the club and has converted from being a striker where he scored 13 goals at youth level. Another product of the club's youth policy, he lives in Norwich and has captained the reserves during the season. Chris is 20-years-of age and has represented the club in the South Norfolk League Cup Final.

Martyn Carver (Utility: 6 appearances, 1 goal)

Martyn is another new face at the club and another product of the Hewett youth set-up. He has played in a number of major tournaments for the Hewett including the Dallas, USA and Aros Cups. He lives in Norwich and is at home in a number of positions. Twenty-two-year-old Martyn also plays for Little Melton and names Norwich City as his favourite club.

Chris Claxton (midfield: 58 appearances 21 goals)

At 34, Chris is the veteran of the side. An attack minded player, he has contributed some valuable goals this season and also completed 50 games for the club. Chris lives in Hethersett and is married with two daughters (Abbie 6 and Libby 4). His former clubs include James First and the Rat and Parrott (which he reliably informs us is also known as Cygnet and RWP Athletic).

Chris Sutcliffe (striker: 92 appearances 48 goals)

Chris lives in Mulbarton and is brother of central defender Mark. Chris has played for the club for a number of years and averages better than a goal every two games. He also plays for CEYMS and past clubs include Mulbarton United and Mulbarton Wanderers. Aged 21, Chris names Liverpool as his favourite team.

Mark Sutcliffe (defender: 51 appearances 10 goals)

Mark has turned into an accomplished defender after some stirring performances in central defence this season. Nineteen years of age, he lives in Mulbarton and also plays for CEYMS. Like his brother, his former clubs include Mulbarton United and Mulbarton Wanderers and he is also a fan of Liverpool.

Meet the Players ... Meet the Players

Matt Dye (midfield: 61 appearances 15 goals)

A tough tackling midfield player, Matt is 22-years of age and lives at Swardeston. He also took part in the Dallas and USA Cup whilst playing for the Hewett School. Today he plays for Mulbarton United on Saturdays and lists Norwich City as his favourite team. With a goal ratio of one in every four games, Matt is always a big threat.

Carl Garside (striker: 20 appearances 7 goals)

All action Carl is one of the unsung heroes of the team. This is his first season in Sunday League football. He lives in Sprowston and is 22-years-of-age. On Saturdays he plays for Freethorpe in the Great Yarmouth League. He spent a season with Great Yarmouth Town before moving to Freethorpe. He lists Manchester United, Bradford, and Norwich as his favourite teams.

Ross Potter (defender: 55 appearances 5 goals)

Ross is joint manager of the team and a solid no nonsense defender who played for the Hewett School in the USA and Dallas Cups. He lives at Aslacton and is 22. On Saturdays he plays for Hempnall and his previous clubs include Bressingham Youth, Diss Town Under-18s, Mulbarton Under-18s, Diss town Reserves and Redgrave Rangers. He has also played for Norfolk Under-18s.

Tim Pugh (striker: 7 appearances 0 goals)

Tim is a lively and tricky winger who joined the club this season and who has played a handful of games. He is 22 and lives in Cringleford. He also represented the Hewett School in the USA, Dallas and Aros Cups and has also played for King's College University's first team in London. Tim names Norwich City as his favourite club.

Danny Self (midfield or striker: 15 appearances 15 goals)

Danny is one of two former Norwich City Academy players playing for Hethersett. A stylish midfielder, he has scored 15 times for the club in just 15 matches. He lives at Rockland and on Saturdays plays for Lowestoft Town. Twenty year old Danny names Liverpool as his favourite team. Danny's dad Glenn is a former Norwich City player.

Chris Steward (central defence or midfield: 120 appearances 22 goals)

Chris has played over 100 games for Hethersett Athletic and is a former first team captain and also skipper of the Hewett School side which won the USA Cup. He is 22 years of age and in the final year of a physical education teaching degree at Brighton. He is currently captain of the Brighton University team and when in Norfolk has played for Acle. Chris comes from the village.

Matt Steward (defender: 202 appearances 95 goals)

Matt has played for Hethersett Athletic at every level from Under-10s to adult and has made over 200 league and cup appearances for the club. Originally a striker, he now plays at left wing back. Twenty years of age he is another product of the Hewett School system. He currently plays for Leeds University, where he is studying for a degree in physical education, and Wymondham Twn.

Ben Thompson (striker: 16 appearances 30 goals)

Averaging almost two goals a game for the club, Ben is a deadly winger/striker whose pace strikes fear into defences. Another former Norwich City Academy player, he lives in Mulbarton and supports Arsenal. First team captain, he also plays for Acle and Northampton University where he is studying. Former clubs also include Mulbarton Youth and Wroxham. Ben is 19.

Rob Ward (defender: 11 appearances 0 goals)

Danny Gaskin (co player-manager). Danny is 22 and joint manager with Ross Potter. He comes from Mulbarton and also plays for Norwich CEYMS. He has missed the entire season with torn cruciate ligaments. His previous clubs include Mulbarton Wanderers and Mulbarton United and he is another Hewett School Dallas Cup product.

The Route to the Final



BEFORE this season, Hethersett Athletic had not been renowned for its county cup form. Indeed until October 2003, the club had struggled to win a single match in any of the county competitions.

All that changed this year, however, as the men's first team reached the final and the reserves only just failed to make it a final double when they went out of the Norfolk Sunday Junior Cup at the semi-final stage.

The first team started their cup campaign on October 12th with a comfortable if unexciting 2-0 win at home to West Lynn thanks to a double strike from leading scorer Ben Thompson.

This was followed with another home win in the next round against fellow Norwich Sunday League Division One B team Taverham. This time the scorers were Andy Lindner and Carl Garside. That win took the team through to the quarter-finals and a match against reigning Norwich Sunday League Premier Division champions and leaders Quebec Rovers from Norwich.

The match looked to be in real doubt thanks to a waterlogged pitch on the Memorial Playing Field. But the men's reserves kindly stepped aside and gave their pitch up. Without Ben Thompson the decision to play the game was looking a bad one as we were 2-0 down at half-time.

However, with the wind in their favour in the second half, Athletic set about turning the game round in spectacular style. Danny Self scored twice to make it 2-2 and take the game into extra-time.

The game seemed to be destined for a replay until Self popped up with only a couple of minutes to go to complete his hat-trick. After the match the Quebec team and secretary were very complimentary about the way our side had played and their determination not to give up.

In the semi-finals, Hethersett faced a very difficult task against another Norwich Sunday League Premier Division team - Marlborough.

Marlborough were determined to win, having been knocked out at the semi-final stage on numerous occasions. The match was robust to say the least, but Athletic refused to be drawn into an aggressive game, preferring to let their football do the talking.

Danny Self gave them the lead with one of his unstoppable free kicks from just outside the area and Ben Thompson made it two with an extravagant shot from almost the halfway line after the Marlborough 'keeper had misdirected a clearance.

A late Marlborough goal tested the nerves, but Hethersett held on for a deserved final appearance against cup holders Fenman Freehouse who come from King's Lynn and seem to have made Carrow Road their second home with three appearances there in the past four seasons. We will be the underdogs for the final and that suits us just fine!

Cup Final and Scarves

The Cup Final kicks off at Carrow Road at 11 a.m on April 18th and there will be extra-time if the scores are level at the end of 90 minutes. If the scores are still level the match will be decided by penalties.

Admission to the match is £5 for adults and £2 for concessions. These prices have been set by Carrow Road and Norfolk FA.

To commemorate our appearance in the final, we have produced a special club scarf in high quality material with the club's logo and name in the club colours of amber and black.

These cost just £5 and are available from co-managers Danny Gaskin and Ross Potter or club chairman Peter Steward. Orders can also be sent via club secretary Mel Perkins. Full details are available on our web site.

Special electronic magazine

A special 12 page electronic souvenir Cup Final brochure is available through our web site.

This features news on the final, along with articles on the club's history and the success of the first team written by members of the club