

# Norfolk County FA

'Taking football forward in Norfolk'

## Stuart's new role

THE New Year has seen a new arrival at Norfolk County FA, in the form of Stuart Rushbrook, Hat-trick Football Development Officer.

The Hat-trick Programme is a new feature at Norfolk County FA for 2009, enabling young people to engage in safe, fun, structured football activities, with the longer-term aim of players within the community taking in affiliated football on a regular basis.

This initiative is currently being rolled out within the NELM (North Earlham, Larkman and Marlpit) area. Previously, the programme was managed at the NELM office in Norwich. At the start of January Stuart moved to Norfolk County FA, where the programme is now managed, while still being funded by NELM.

The two-year programme has certain objectives to be achieved in



NEW FACE: Stuart Rushbrook.

order to make football activities within the area sustainable, and increase the number of people playing affiliated football.

Some of the activities the Hat-trick Officer provides are soccer schools, after-school and lunchtime clubs and social inclusion sessions,

which take place at the Bowthorpe school site in North Earlham, every Wednesday (4pm-6pm) and Saturday (11am-12 midday). 2009 will also see the beginning of a new mini-soccer league in the area.

Through the development of clubs within this community, we aim to increase the number of teams playing within the area and offer a greater amount of opportunities to participate within football.

However, there are also plenty of opportunities for volunteers to get involved with the programme, attend Norfolk FA education courses and gain new qualifications.

Stuart, who is currently working towards his Level 3 Certificate in Coaching Football (UEFA B License), has been involved as a coach within the Hat-Trick programme since February 2007. In July of the same year, he took

charge of the programme as Hat-Trick Officer, where he remained until December of last year.

"It's greatly beneficial for me to now be based at County FA Headquarters", said Stuart. "I am surrounded by people who have worked in football for a number of years and can offer me their support and experience.

"Although Hat-trick is an established programme, this fresh start gives us the chance to evaluate where we have come so far, and the areas to be addressed over the next two years. I'm thrilled with the move and I have no doubt the many people involved with the programme will benefit as a result."

For more information on the Hat-trick Programme please contact Stuart Rushbrook at County FA Headquarters on 01603 704050 or email [stuart.rushbrook@NorfolkFA.com](mailto:stuart.rushbrook@NorfolkFA.com)

## You are the ref Major Minor for Mundford

IN the past week, two Laws of the Game Workshops have been delivered for club members who have to referee games in the absence of a qualified referee.

The interactive workshops, delivered by FA Referee Instructors, were part of a Charter Standard Clubs and Leagues in-service training programme.

One workshop was held at Lynnsport Leisure Centre, following on from the Club Assistant Referee workshop in December, and attracted ten club members from six different clubs from the West Norfolk area.

At the workshop held in Gorleston, run in conjunction with the Norfolk & Suffolk Youth League, 37 club members from 17 clubs attended, along with two league officials.

The aim of the workshop is to equip the club referee with the basic skills and knowledge to officiate consistently within the Laws of the Game, and to enforce these laws in a more confident manner.

While all the laws cannot be covered in this single session, the main laws covered are: Law 5 - The Role of the Referee, Law 11 - Offside, Law 12 - Fouls and Misconduct and the Laws covering restarts, Law 13 - Free Kicks, Law 14 - Penalty Kicks, and Laws 15, 16 & 17 - Throw In, Goal Kick and Corner Kicks.

A further four workshops are running between now and the end of the season, at North Walsham, Watton, Great Yarmouth and Norwich.

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FROM 44 teams in the John Savage Cup and 46 in the Norfolk Minor Cup, this weekend should see both competitions whittled down to the last four remaining teams.

Already in the Minor Cup semis are Mundford who, having reached the final of the Norfolk Minor Cup two seasons ago, kept the squad together and now have a shot at winning the Under-16s competition.

Mundford have played in four rounds so far, scoring a total of 26 goals, with 12 of them coming in an away win against Holt United Youth. Blake Stangroom leads their goal scoring charts with eight strikes.

They are joined in the last four by Scole Lads, a team who have knocked out some fancied teams so far. Hethersett Athletic and Hellesdon have been disposed on the way, with George Buller their top scorer in the competition with four goals.

Lakeford Rangers Juniors, the club who won last season's John Savage Cup, are again one match away from the final.

Their opponents will be either Sprowston or Taverham, who play tomorrow. On their way to the last four, Lakeford came through three close ties before

thrashing Old Catton Juniors 9-0 in the quarter-finals. Lewis Wallace bagged four of their goals on that day.

All four quarter-finals ties in the Norfolk Minor Cup fell foul to the weather last Sunday, but will hopefully be played tomorrow.

A total of 100 goals were scored in the 12 matches played in the 1st Round. Drayton Youth leading the way with 14 goals, of which Kyle Egleton scored five.

The eight teams that remain are scattered around the county, however there is the potential for an all Gorleston semi-final,

should Gorleston Youth and Gorleston Rangers both win.

Poringland Wanderers have scored 25 goals in their three matches so far - Tim Cary getting six in their first round win against Aylsham and Jack Timson with four in their second round victory over East Lynn.

Shrublands are another team from the Great Yarmouth area to reach this stage, and face a long trip to Thetford Independents. Of their 20 goals scored in the competition so far, Alex Gathercole has scored eight goals.

## A question of liability

WITH the recent spate of bad weather resulting in a large number of football pitches found to be in a poor condition, the question of whether a game can be played is, unless the pitch is declared unusable by the local authority, down to the decision of the referee.

In these circumstances the referee of the game should complete a suitable and comprehensive field of play inspection to decide if the game can be played or not. Paramount in the referee's mind

must be the safety of the players involved to prevent any serious injury being sustained due to the condition of the playing surface.

Provided the inspection is comprehensive the referee is covered by Norfolk County FA Public Liability Insurance should any player sustain an injury resulting from the condition of the playing surface.

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### County 5IVES

Acle: Farm Traffic 1, SWS FC 5; The Click 6, Caister 4; Art Attack 17, Brundall Hammers 4.

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Art Attack	1	1	0	0	3
SWS	1	1	0	0	3
The Click	1	1	0	0	3
Team AA	1	1	0	0	3
Real Caister	1	0	0	1	0
Caister FC	1	0	0	1	0
Farm Traffic	1	0	0	1	0
Brundall Hammers	1	0	0	1	0

Aylsham: Aldborough Lions 1st 6, Aldborough Res 1; AFC 2, AFC Walsham 0; Aylsham OB 3, Orchard Rovers 6.

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Aldborough Lions 1st 6	1	1	0	0	3
Aldborough Res 1	1	1	0	0	3
AFC 2	1	1	0	0	3
AFC Walsham 0	1	0	0	1	0
Aylsham OB 3	1	0	0	1	0
Orchard Rovers 6	1	0	0	1	0

Dereham Premiership: Dereham Posties 8, The Badgers 1; Dereham Ath 8, Dereham Utd 3; Real Rudeboys 0, Total Voetbal 6.

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Dereham Posties 8	1	1	0	0	3
Dereham Ath 8	1	1	0	0	3
Toftwood Juniors 1	1	1	0	0	3
Dazzler Boys 1	1	0	0	1	0
Dereham Utd 3	1	0	0	1	0
Real Rudeboys 0	1	0	0	1	0
The Badgers 1	1	0	0	1	0

Dereham Championship: Globbo Gym 3, CCM FC 4; Beetley Rovers 1, Dereham Over 15s 3; Dereham Real 1, Runners 2; Achard FC 1, Eagles 1.

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Dereham Over 15s 3	1	1	0	0	3
CCM FC 4	1	1	0	0	3
Runners 2	1	1	0	0	3
Achard FC 1	1	0	1	0	1
Eagles 1	1	0	1	0	1
Globbo Gym 3	1	0	0	1	0
Dereham Real 1	1	0	0	1	0
Beetley Rovers 1	1	0	0	1	0

Thorpe Premiership: The DBs 1, Team Stallion 1; The Royals 1, Unicorns 0; Athletic Wanderers 1, Beast FC 2; Hainford 0, The Chief 3.

	P	W	D	L	Pts
The Chief 3	1	1	0	0	3
Beast FC 2	1	1	0	0	3
The Royals 1	1	1	0	0	3
Team Stallion 1	1	0	1	0	1
The DBs 1	1	0	1	0	1
Athletic Wanderers 1	1	0	0	1	0
Unicorns 0	1	0	0	1	0
Hainford 0	1	0	0	1	0

Thorpe Championship: Dynamo Kebab 2, FUBAR 3; NASC 0, PSV Walsham 4; Thorpe Sixers 1, Wanderers 2; Price Waterhouse Coopers 1, FC Gussett 0.

	P	W	D	L	Pts
PSV Walsham 4	1	1	0	0	3
FUBAR 3	1	1	0	0	3
Wanderers 2	1	1	0	0	3
PW Coopers 1	1	1	0	0	3
Dynamo Kebab 2	1	0	0	1	0
Thorpe Sixers 1	1	0	0	1	0
FC Gussett 0	1	0	0	1	0
NASC 0	1	0	0	1	0

Thorpe League 1: St Andrews SSFC 4, Wasps 0; Norwich City Deaf Squad 1, Rogue Traders 2; Happy Faces 2, Hit & Hope 1; Dereham OB 0, Garden House 3.

	P	W	D	L	Pts
St Andrew's SSFC 4	1	1	0	0	3
Garden House 3	1	1	0	0	3
Happy Faces 2	1	1	0	0	3
Rogue Traders 2	1	1	0	0	3
Hit & Hope 1	1	0	0	1	0
Nor City Deaf Squad 1	1	0	0	1	0
Dereham OB 0	1	0	0	1	0
Wasps 0	1	0	0	1	0

UEA Premiership: Broadland Dynamos 7, Spixworth Utd 8; Old Catton OB 17, Heigham Park 6; The Has Beens 3, Legends 16; Forest Green 20, Haxhis Heroes 5.

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Forest Green 20	1	1	0	0	3
Legends 16	1	1	0	0	3
Old Catton OB 17	1	1	0	0	3
Spixworth Utd 8	1	1	0	0	3
Broadland Dynamos 7	1	0	0	1	0
Heigham Park 6	1	0	0	1	0
The Has Beens 3	1	0	0	1	0
Haxhis Heroes 5	1	0	0	1	0

UEA Championship: Broadland 12, Five Yards 6; CHAPS 7, Junglist Movement 7; Team GB 7, RUF 15; Earlham OB 1, Farmhouse SSFC 10.

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Farmhouse SSFC 10	1	1	0	0	3
RUF 15	1	1	0	0	3
Broadland 12	1	1	0	0	3
CHAPS 7	1	0	1	0	1
Junglist Movement 7	1	0	1	0	1
Five Yards 6	1	0	0	1	0
Team GB 7	1	0	0	1	0
Earlham OB 1	1	0	0	1	0

UEA League 1: Merit Log 10, Charlton Rejects 5; Norwich Boyz 7, Chicken Kiev 4; Six Players and He's Done It 11, Sheppards Removals 3; Boom Squad 5, Dave Thomas Non Athletic 4.

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Six Players and He's Done It 11	1	1	0	0	3
Merit Log 10	1	1	0	0	3
Norwich Boyz 7	1	1	0	0	3
Boom Squad 5	1	1	0	0	3
Dave Thomas Non Athletic 4	1	0	0	1	0
Chicken Kiev 4	1	0	0	1	0
Charlton Rejects 5	1	0	0	1	0
Sheppards Removals 3	1	0	0	1	0