

BRISTOL CORINTHIANS LEAGUE

GRAHAM BENNETT CUP FINAL 2026

OVER 45s



WICK GERRY HATRICKS V SEVERNINSIDE



FRYS TARMAC STADIUM
IPM SUNDAY MAY 10TH 2026



Welcome to Cup Final Day

Welcome to the Bristol Corinthians League Cup Finals Day! We are delighted to return to Somerdale for this showpiece event. Four finals will be decided over the course of the day and the Committee wish all those taking part the best of luck.

The Bristol Corinthians League was inaugurated in a meeting at the Highbury Vaults in August 1995, with the aim of providing an opportunity for players to take part in the odd game of semi-organised 11 a side football. Eight teams took part in the first season and the first league winners were appropriately called the Poetic Champions.

Over the thirty years since, the league has grown into the biggest veterans football league in the UK (probably). Currently there are over seventy member teams across the old Avon area and beyond. There are three defined age categories, over 35s, 45s and 50s, plus a Bristol over 60s representative side which is closely associated with the BCL.

The most important principle of the league is our commitment to promoting and maintaining “Corinthian Spirit”. **We firmly believe that the spirit in which the game is played is more important than the result.** Games should be played in a competitive but friendly manner, with full respect shown to opponents and to all match officials. Examples of sportsmanship and co-operation between teams are celebrated.

The charitable aspect of the league is another cherished part of belonging to the BCL. In 2013 the decision was made at AGM to make a small donation of £300 to the brain injury unit at Frenchay Hospital and the idea of using profits generated from membership fees to fund good causes was initiated. Since then, **the league has donated over £60,000 to a wide variety of charities.** This year, monies raised from cup finals day will be once again be donated to the South West Air Ambulance, who have been pivotal to saving the life of a BCL player during a medical emergency on more than one occasion.

We hope you have an enjoyable day whether playing in or watching the finals. The Corinthian principles on which the league is founded will be much in evidence throughout the day, so all comers should feel welcome to enjoy a feast of quality, friendly veterans football!



Wick Gerry Hatricks

Wick Gerry Hatricks has evolved from a single Over 35s squad in 2006 into a multi-generational veteran setup in the Bristol Corinthians League (formerly the Bristol Casuals League). Today, the club fields teams in the Over 45s and Over 50s divisions, maintaining a deep roster of former Saturday players and “Older Owls” Wick Football Club (Bristol) Vets.

The club’s history is anchored by manager Paul Bond and Over 50s player Matt Davis - both of whom were part of the original 2006 team.

Over the years, the club has built an impressive trophy cabinet, securing league titles across almost every veteran division and adding several cup triumphs to their name.

Beyond the pitch, the club is a dedicated member of the league's charity network, recently nominating Wick Sports Ground for local funding grants.

As the club looks to the future, the new Over 50s team will be aiming to add a title from the senior division to complete their sweep of the Bristol veteran circuit.



Severnside

Severnside Vets were founded in 2010 by Terry "Tango" Jenkins, the owner of Severnside Electrical. For 15 seasons we have graced the FA Affiliated South Gloucester Veterans League, becoming Champions 5 times. This is our first year in the Corinthians League and we play our home games at Kingsweston Sports and Social Club.

**CUP FINALS REFEREES:
LEE DOUGLAS, MATT ROCKER, JT, WHISKEY.**



WICK GERRY HATRICKS

Kev Sibley (GK)

Gary Reily (Cpt)

Sam McAlinden

Jon McAlinden

Ryan Wyatt

Jon Britton

Steve Jones

John Gaylard

Tommy Hutton*

Paul Johnson

Tim Mcloglan

Chris Garland

John Williams*

John Watkins

Clinton Frampton

Paul Radnedge

Mark Cook

Dale Reily

Ryan Bernard

James Sheppard

**40-44 yr old players*

Paul Bond (Manager)



SEVERNSIDE

Luke Brimson (GK)

Gary Kendall

Sam Domone

Craig Domone

Jordan Dun

John Filer

Aaron Still

Andy Cook (Capt)

Chris King

Tony Beecham

Paul Walker

Rob Allen

Ash Bennett

Ben Payne

John Golder

Eastwood Senior *

Darren Brown

Steve Wheeler

James Auger *

**40-44 yr old players*

John Filer (Manager)

BCL CUP FINALS 2004-2025

OVER 35s CUP

2004: Russell Athletic 3 Easton Monday 2
2005: Re-Union 4 Easton Monday 2
2006: Easton Cowboys 4 Re-Union 1
2007: Mathern Vagabonds 3 Nailsea OB 1
2008: Re-Union 3 Bathelona 3 (RU win on pens)
2009: Easton Monday 1 Re-Union 0
2010: Retainers 4 Undy 2
2011: Retainers 5 Undy 3
2012: Undy Arthritic 4 SCS Vets 0
2013: Longwell Green 2 St Mary's OB 1
2014: Longwell Green 1 Wick Gerry Hatricks 0
2015: Undy Arthritic 1 Wick Gerry Hatricks 0
2016: Undy Arthritic 4 Cil Y Coed Celts 2
2017: Rapid Viagra 2 Clevedon 0
2018: Wick Gerry Hat Tricks 1 Rapid Viagra 0
2019: Wick Gerry Hat Tricks 4 Belly 'n' Ribs 0
2020: Void – Season incomplete
2021: Fry Club Vets 1 Real St George 0
2022: Yate Town 3 Easton Cowboys 1
2023: Yate Town 4 Thornbury Town 0
2024: Yate Town 4 Easton Cowboys 1
2025: Yate Town 7 Mathern 2

OVER 35s JUNIOR CUP

2021: Bristol Pigeons 1 WCMB Avonmouth 1
(Pigeons win on pens)
2022: Thornbury Town 1 Cardiff St Pauli 1
(Thornbury win 4-2 on pens)
2023: Corinthians 3 Weston Pirates 1
2024: LA Codgers 4 Athletico Lockleaze 1
2025: KCC 3 Little Stoke 2

OVER 45s CUP

2015: St Brendan's 5 Mathern Casuals 1
2016: Mathern Casuals 1 Voyager 1
(Mathern win 21-20 on pens)
2017: Barely Athletic 1 Nailsea Vets 1
(Barely win on pens)
2018: Re-Union 2 Nailsea Vets 0
2019: Chew Magna 45's 2 Re-Union 0
2020: Void – Season incomplete
2021: Wick 45's 6 Red Star Bedminster 0
2022: Wick 45's 5 Rapid Dementia 4
2023: Chew Magna 45's 3 RedStar 45's 1
2024: Wick 45's 4 RedStar 45's 3
2025: Wick 45's 5 Bury 0

OVER 50s CUP

2021: Decliners 2 Russell Athletic 1
2022: Re-Union 4 EM95 3
2023: EM95 4 Chew 50's 0
2024: Chew 50's 1 Decliners 1
(Chew win 4-2 on pens)
2025: Re-Union 2 EM95 0

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF THE BRISTOL CORINTHIANS LEAGUE





BURY



CHIPPING SODBURY VETS



DAFT



DECLINERS





HERITAGE UTD



KCC



LA CODGERS



MIKE COLLINS WORLD XI AND STAPLETON VETS



NICHOLAS WANDERERS



PUCKLECHURCH



RED STAR



RE UNION



SHERSTON



SHIPHAM



WESTHILL VETS



WICK AND CRIBBS