

BRISTOL CORINTHIANS LEAGUE

# ELLIOTT CUP FINAL 2026

OVER 50s



**NAILSEA VETS**  
V  
**WICK REAL OLD**



FRYS TARMAC STADIUM  
10AM 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!



# Nailsea Vets

Nailsea Vets have been part of the league since 2010, initially competing in the Over-35 Division I.

In 2016, a 45s team was established, but today the club is represented exclusively by an Over-50s squad.

The Over-50s have enjoyed notable successes, including finishing as Cup runners-up in the 2017/18 season and being crowned League I champions in 2023/24.

Playing in the Corinthians League continues to bring great enjoyment.

While winning trophies remains a goal, the true reward lies in the opportunity to play competitive football as we advance in years.



# Wick Real Old

Wick started in the Bristol Casual League back in 2006 with a 35s team made up of mainly Wick players that had stopped or had nearly finished Saturday football. Roll forward 18 years we now have a 45s and 50s team still with a good contingent of ex Wick players.

There is still a couple of players from the original team involved, the manager Paul Bond and Matt Davis who plays in the over 50s team.

Over the years we have probably won a league title in most of the divisions in the 35s and 45s along with some cup wins. Now having a team in the 50s will be looking to add to our success.

**CUP FINALS REFEREES:  
MATT ROCKER, SCOTT TAMLIN, JT, WHISKEY.**



# **NAILSEA VETS**

Lee McGreevy (GK)

Steve Lester

Martin Sidebottom \*

Mark Shortland

Steve Allen

Paul Frost

Matt Gigg

Paul McLaughlin (Capt)

Neil Watts

Mark Evans

Stewart Kemble

Jerry Randall

Alvin Pollard \*

Christian Taylor

Richard Stamp

Simon Bright

David Wenn

*\*45-49 yr old players*

*David Cottle (Manager)*



## **WICK REAL OLD**

Barry Werrett (GK)

Gary Reily (Capt)

Big John

Matt Sheedy

James Sheedy

Rich Webb

Martin Webb

Paul (Raggy) Radnedge

Jimmer

Chris Garland

Gary Macreth \*

Matt Davis

Dean Quirke

Dave Guyatt

Jason (Chico) Johnson

James Sheppard

Mark Lippiat

Steve

Justin New

Akky

Matt Headen

Mark Cook

Chris Mountford \*

*\*45-49 yr old players*

*Paul Bond (Manager)*

# BCL CUP FINALS 2004-2025

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## 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**