



# WORLDNET 2017

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# Welcome

Welcome to the 22nd edition of the annual WorldNet tournament, this year returning to Nottingham for the first time since its conception way back in 1996. A big welcome back to the BigTamVets tournament as this is the first time that the tournament has left Leeds since it started back in 2008. I hope all teams' enjoy the new venue and we hope to maintain a great relationship with the University of Nottingham that we have had with UCLAN at Preston and Leeds University over the past 17 years.

With a new venue comes a new organising committee, and faces that you might not recognise if you've been over in Leeds in the BigTamVets tournament for the past few years! Rest assured we're all friendly Northerners and are here to make your weekend as smooth and stress free as possible, whilst attempting to manage our own sides.

This year we see 33 teams in the WorldNet competition, and 14 teams over in the BigTamVets. We're delighted to have the biggest Supporters' tournament we've held at a single venue since leaving Leeds in 2012.

The day 2 draw will be held alongside the outstanding presentations for the 2016/17 season and we'd be delighted if you could make it to mingle and have a beer with a few of the other team's before enjoying your evening in this great city. More information about this can be found on the WorldNet twitter @WorldNet2017

Many thanks to everyone who helps make the event possible each year, including the staff at the university, Glynn the DJ, the match officials and all our volunteers – we couldn't do it without you.

Best of luck to all teams, and enjoy your weekend!

Andrew, Jimmy and Matt  
The Organising Committee

p.s We would love your feedback following the tournament, please speak to your team organiser about how to feedback to ourselves about how you found this year's tournament, or drop us an email – theifacommittee@gmail.com

# About The IFA

Since 1995, The IFA has been the main association for Supporters' Football in the UK. It's first ever organised match was held here in Nottingham on the 30th July 1995 between supporters of Leeds United and Tottenham Hotspur. Since then, hundreds of teams and thousands of players have played within the IFA, with league and cup competitions set up and the now annual "Football Christmas" of WorldNet.

WorldNet was born in 1996. At the time of Euro 96, Dave Walmsley wanted to show that football fans could come together in the spirit of the game, play football and build bridges between their respective teams. This was after Graham Kelly, the then chief of the FA, was publicly sceptical about the ability of English football supporters to behave themselves at Euro 96. Through the use of the email lists and other internet based discussion groups, Dave organised a tournament to be held on June 9th 1996 in Nottingham, one of the host cities for Euro 96 and EuroNET 96 (as it was initially called) was born, with Middlesbrough the inaugural winners.

IFA football is not just about winning. It's about taking part and building bridges between rival sets of supporters. Having said that we consider our leagues, competitions and tournaments professionally run and allow for an element of competition and pride in supporting one's home team.

Given the dominant nature of social media the association has adapted and is now interacting with over 1,500 over the likes of Twitter and Facebook combined. If you're not "following" or haven't "liked" us – this is probably the right time to do so!

# About BigTamVets

The WorldNet Vets made it's first appearance at the 2008 competition. In late 2009, Neil Love, aka Big Tam, sadly lost his battle with cancer. The Airdrie legend, lived and breathed the IFA and WorldNet, on a Saturday night at WorldNet you could always hear and see him (being 6ft 4 helped!). As of the 2010 tournament, the WorldNet Vets was re-named BigTamVets in honour of the great man, who will be as missed as ever at this time of year.

# Rules

As per the standard Laws of the Game, with the following exceptions:

Playing Time – all matches are to be played over two periods of twenty minutes, with a five minute half-time break.

The exceptions to this are the BigTamVets and Group B in the WorldNet draw, and all knockout matches played on the Sunday. These matches played over two periods of fifteen minutes, with a five minute half-time break.

Extra Time – one ten-minute period of “Golden Goal” extra time shall be played in Knockout Stage matches where scores are level at the end of normal time.

Penalty Shoot Out – where Extra Time fails to provide a winner in the Knockout Stage, the match shall be decided by Penalty Kicks as per the Laws of the Game (Five penalty takers per side).

Substitutes – teams are permitted to an unlimited number of subistitutions on a “roll on, roll off” basis.

Disciplinary – In the highly unlikely event of a player receiving a sending off or two yellow cards, they will miss their team’s next game. Suspensions are not carried forward to Day 2. Any sendings off in games should be reported to the IFA Committee IMMEDIATELY after the completion of a game.

Since the emphasis of the tournament is on fun, players shall respect ALL decisions made by officials even though they may be obviously wrong! Referees and Assistant Referees will be instructed to punish acts of dissent severely, and those teams that persistently offend in this manner will face an immediate IFA Disciplinary Hearing.

Physical and persistent verbal abuse of officials by players or members of a team’s organisation will not be tolerated under any circumstances, and could result in the offending team’s expulsion from the tournament and future IFA activities including the IFA league, Challenge Cup and friendlies.

# WorldNet Tournament Format

The 33 entered teams have been divided into 8 groups. At the end of the group stage, the group winners and runners-up will progress through to the WorldNet Cup knockout format on Day 2. The remaining 17 teams will be placed into the WorldNet plate competition.

Teams will be positioned in their group table by points scored. If two or more teams have earned the same number of points, goal difference, goals scored and then head-to-head record between the relevant teams will be used to try and decide positions to be held. If none of these methods can separate teams, a coin toss will be held.

BigTamVets Tournament Format

The 14 entered teams have been divided into 3 groups. At the end of the group stage a predetermined draw has taken place to determine their knockout games on Day 2. Group positioning as WorldNet format.

Veterans teams must have at least nine players over the age of 35 on the pitch at all times.

Decisions of the match referees and the IFA Committee are final.

# Team Registration

You must register your team at the Pavilion no later than 30 minutes before your first game.

Online Registration is accepted however you must still sign in at the desks to confirm you have arrived before your first game.

# PITCH MAP





Join celebrities, together with legends of the beautiful game, in support of The Offside Trust - Ralf Little, Scott Thomas, Lee Charles, Danny Murphy, Paul Dickov, Trevor Sinclair, Lee Carsley, Danny Webber, Ashley Ward, Colin Hendry, Peter Reid, David Morrissey - and many more!

### Inaugural Offside Trust Celebrity Football Match

At Curzon Ashton FC

On Sunday, 20th August at 2.00 pm.

A great afternoon out for all the family, supporting such an important cause.

Tickets: [www.theoffsidetrust.com/celebrity-match](http://www.theoffsidetrust.com/celebrity-match)

Email: [offsidetrust@wolfelive.com](mailto:offsidetrust@wolfelive.com)

Help the Offside Trust in its crucial mission: supporting survivors of abuse in football, and keeping our kids safe when playing sport.

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# TRUST

## The Offside Trust

In November 2016, British football was rocked by a series of high-profile revelations regarding child sexual abuse. Several former professional players bravely waived their right to anonymity to speak out about their past abuse.

A number of the players involved decided to set up The Offside Trust, a new organisation committed to supporting survivors and working to make sport safer for children. The Trust is led by ex-footballer Steve Walters and former professional golfer Chris Unsworth, whose stories have inspired hundreds of people to speak out for the first time about their abuse.

We are proud to work with and support fellow survivors. In addition to Steve and Chris, the Offside Trust family includes the amazing ambassadors listed below and several others who wish to remain anonymous:

- Jason Dunford, ex-youth team player at Manchester City
- Micky Fallon, former youth team player at Crewe Alexandra
- Dean Radford, ex-professional footballer at Southampton
- Dion Raitt, former youth team player at Peterborough United
- Billy Seymour, ex-Southampton, Coventry and Millwall player
- Tristan Shaw, former School of Excellence player at Blackpool FC
- Mike Smith, ex-Bohemians FC (Dublin) footballer

### Our aims are to:

End abuse in sport, so kids can be kids; and

Support the healing journey of survivors of abuse.

The Offside Trust already has the support of clubs, players and former professionals throughout the sporting world.

We focus on all sports, not just football. We are grateful for the support that we are getting from everyone including the people in cricket, rugby, golf and boxing, helping to raise further awareness across sport.

The Offside Trust works alongside governing bodies, charities and organisations that deal with safeguarding.

# Main Competition Schedule (Saturday)

## Group A

KO	Pitch			
10:30:00	A	Wimbledon A	v	RC Lens A
10:30:00	B	Bury A	v	West Ham
12:10:00	A	Wimbledon A	v	Bury A
12:10:00	B	RC Lens A	v	West Ham
13:50:00	A	Wimbledon A	v	West Ham
13:50:00	B	RC Lens A	v	Bury A

## Group B

KO	Pitch			
10:00:00	G	Man City	v	Halifax
10:00:00	H	Wimbledon B	v	Stevenage
11:30:00	G	Man City	v	RC Lens B
11:30:00	H	Halifax	v	Wimbledon B
13:00:00	G	RC Lens B	v	Halifax
13:00:00	H	Man City	v	Stevenage
13:40:00	G	Man City	v	Wimbledon B
13:40:00	H	RC Lens B	v	Stevenage
15:10:00	G	RC Lens B	v	Wimbledon B
15:10:00	H	Halifax	v	Stevenage

## Group C

KO	Pitch			
11:20:00	A	Ayr	v	Cambridge
11:20:00	B	Bury B	v	Peterborough
13:00:00	A	Ayr	v	Bury B
13:00:00	B	Cambridge	v	Peterborough
14:40:00	A	Ayr	v	Peterborough
14:40:00	B	Cambridge	v	Bury B

## Group D

KO	Pitch			
11:20:00	C	Runcorn	v	Ipswich
11:20:00	D	Preston B	v	Southampton
13:00:00	C	Runcorn	v	Preston B
13:00:00	D	Ipswich	v	Southampton
14:40:00	C	Runcorn	v	Southampton
14:40:00	D	Ipswich	v	Preston B

## Group E

KO	Pitch			
11:20:00	E	Hull City	v	Kidderminster
11:20:00	F	Port Vale	v	Manchester United
13:00:00	E	Hull City	v	Port Vale
13:00:00	F	Kidderminster	v	Manchester United
14:40:00	E	Hull City	v	Manchester United
14:40:00	F	Kidderminster	v	Port Vale

## Group F

KO	Pitch			
10:30:00	E	Wolves	v	Hearts
10:30:00	F	Aberdeen	v	Watford
12:10:00	E	Wolves	v	Aberdeen
12:10:00	F	Hearts	v	Watford
13:50:00	E	Wolves	v	Watford
13:50:00	F	Hearts	v	Aberdeen

## Group G

KO	Pitch			
10:30:00	G	Barnsley	v	Doncaster
10:30:00	H	Alloa	v	Darlington
12:10:00	G	Barnsley	v	Alloa
12:10:00	H	Doncaster	v	Darlington
13:50:00	G	Barnsley	v	Darlington
13:50:00	H	Doncaster	v	Alloa

## Group H

KO	Pitch			
10:30:00	C	Rochdale	v	Rotherham
10:30:00	D	Preston A	v	Grimsby
12:10:00	C	Rochdale	v	Preston A
12:10:00	D	Rotherham	v	Grimsby
13:50:00	C	Rochdale	v	Grimsby
13:50:00	D	Rotherham	v	Preston A

# BigTamVets Competition Schedule (Saturday)

## Group A

KO	Pitch			
10:00:00	J	Everton	v	Brentford
10:00:00	L	Halifax Vets	v	Oxford Vets
11:20:00	J	Everton	v	Halifax Vets
11:20:00	K	Oxford Vets	v	Stockport
12:40:00	J	Everton	v	Oxford Vets
12:40:00	K	Brentford	v	Halifax Vets
13:20:00	L	Halifax Vets	v	Stockport
14:00:00	J	Brentford	v	Oxford Vets
14:00:00	K	Everton	v	Stockport
15:20:00	J	Brentford	v	Stockport

## Group B

KO	Pitch			
10:00:00	K	Portsmouth	v	Airdrie
10:40:00	J	Peterborough	v	Man Utd Vets
11:20:00	L	Portsmouth	v	Watford Vets
12:00:00	J	Airdrie	v	Man Utd Vets
12:40:00	L	Portsmouth	v	Peterborough
13:20:00	J	Airdrie	v	Watford Vets
14:00:00	L	Portsmouth	v	Man Utd Vets
14:40:00	J	Peterborough	v	Watford Vets
15:35:00	K	Man Utd Vets	v	Watford Vets
15:35:00	L	Airdrie	v	Peterborough

## Group C

KO	Pitch			
10:40:00	K	Grimsby Vets	v	Pompey OAP
10:40:00	L	Ipswich Vets	v	Bury Vets
12:00:00	K	Grimsby Vets	v	Ipswich Vets
12:00:00	L	Pompey OAP	v	Bury Vets
13:20:00	K	Grimsby Vets	v	Bury Vets
14:40:00	K	Pompey OAP	v	Ipswich Vets

# Main Competition Schedule (Sunday)

## Cup

### Round 1 (12:00ko)

Game number				Pitch
1	1st	v	2nd	A
2	1st	v	2nd	B
3	1st	v	2nd	C
4	1st	v	2nd	D
5	1st	v	2nd	E
6	1st	v	2nd	F
7	1st	v	2nd	G
8	1st	v	2nd	H

### Quarter-Final (13:00ko)

Game number				Pitch
9	1 WINNER	v	5 WINNER	A
10	2 WINNER	v	6 WINNER	B
11	3 WINNER	v	7 WINNER	C
12	4 WINNER	v	8 WINNER	D

### Semi-Final (14:00ko)

KO				Pitch
13	9 WINNER	v	11 WINNER	A
14	10 WINNER	v	12 WINNER	B

### Final (14:00ko)

KO				Pitch
15	13 WINNER	v	14 WINNER	I

## Plate

### Prelim (10:00ko)

Game number				Pitch
P1	4th	v	4th	A
P2	4th	v	4th	B
P3	4th	v	4th	C
P4	4th	v	5th B	D

### Round 1 (11:00ko)

Game number				Pitch
P5	4th Group B	v	3rd	A
P6	WINNER P1	v	3rd	B
P7	WINNER P2	v	3rd	C
P8	WINNER P3	v	3rd	D
P9	WINNER P4	v	3rd	E
P10	3rd Group B	v	Bye	
P11	Best 3rd	v	Bye	
P12	Best 3rd	v	Bye	

### Quarter-Final (12:00ko)

KO				Pitch
P13	P9 Winner	v	P12	I
P14	P6 Winner	v	P11	J
P15	P7 Winner	v	P10	K
P16	P8 Winner	v	P5 Winner	L

### Semi-Final (13:00ko)

KO				Pitch
P17	P13 WINNER	v	P15 WINNER	F
P18	P14 WINNER	v	P16 WINNER	E

### Final (14:00ko)

KO				Pitch
P17	P17 WINNER	v	P18 WINNER	I

# BigTamVets Competition Schedule (Sunday)

## Prelim (10:00ko)

Game number			Pitch
V1	1st A	v Bye	
V2	1st B	v Bye	
V3	1st C	v 5th A	G
V4	2nd A	v 5th B	H
V5	2nd C	v 4th A	J
V6	2nd B	v 3rd C	K
V7	3rd A	v 4th B	L
V8	3rd B	v 4th C	F

## Quarter-Final (11:00ko)

Game number				Pitch
V9	Winner 1	v	Winner 8	J
V10	Winner 2	v	Winner 7	K
V11	Winner 3	v	Winner 6	L
V12	Winner 4	v	Winner 5	F

## Semi-Final (13:00ko)

KO				Pitch
V13	Winner 9	v	Winner 11	J
V14	Winner 10	v	Winner 12	K

## Final (14:00ko)

KO				Pitch
V15	Winner 13	v	Winner 14	J