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Welcome to Football Manager WorldNet & BigTamVets 2019

Welcome back to Nottingham for the third consecutive year and thank you for playing your part in what promises to be another great IFA weekend.

Firstly, a massive thank you to Miles Jacobson and our sponsors Sports Interactive for their support of our event once again this year. We're delighted that you have continued your association with our organisation and hope that your team has a great weekend in Nottingham. The Football Manager XI will take part in our WorldNet tournament this year, rolling back the years from when Sports Interactive were a major part of the IFA and its previous successes.

We also would like to thank Gayle and Michelle from Nottingham Conferences and Christine at the University of Nottingham for their support and guidance for making sure this year's event goes ahead. While we're dishing out the plaudits, none of us should forget our referees and St John's Ambulance teams, without whom we would not have a tournament. Thanks once again for your assistance and support this weekend.

It is now 23 years since IFA teams first came together in the name of playing football and building bridges between their respective teams, and we hope that you enjoy the weekend. WorldNet and BigTamVets are the most prestigious events in the IFA calendar and it's a real shame that more teams haven't entered this year. We lowered our entry fee to the lowest price ever, however we just didn't get the numbers that we had hoped for. If you enjoy this weekend, please help us to spread the word and let the teams who haven't come know. As with last year, we will be asking team organisers for their feedback after this weekend. You can help to shape the WorldNet's and BigTamVets' of the future and all feedback, positive or negative, is welcomed.

On a more positive note, we are delighted to welcome back our friends from Aberdeen, Arsenal Nigeria, Cambridge United, Gillingham, Hearts, Kidderminster Harriers and Welling United, who all return this year, I hope you all enjoy your weekend.

Finally, we want to remind all participants that by playing for their teams, they have agreed to abide by the IFA Spirit. We have always encouraged good natured banter between our teams and we believe games should be played with smiles on faces. This means there should be little or no handbags with the opposition, no disputing decisions with referees or linesmen and no arguing with or abusing opponents, team-mates or match officials. If a decision goes against your team, the captain or manager should have a word with the referee where appropriate and if you foul an opponent you are expected to pick them up if needed or shake their hand.

We know everyone wants to win while wearing their team shirt, but please always remember – IFA football is not just about winning. It's about taking part and building bridges between rival sets of supporters. And that is why we are still here, 23 years after that first event on this very land!

Have a great weekend!
Jimmy & Dave, on behalf of the IFA committee

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- 2011 Preston North End
- 2012 Kidderminster Harriers
- 2013 Preston North End
- 2014 Livingston GS
- 2015 West Bromwich Albion
- 2016 Rochdale
- 2017 Stirling Albion
- 2018 Livingston GS

IFA British Cup Final 2019



Troon Academicals vs Rotherham United

This year's IFA Cup Final sees Scottish League winners Troon Academicals take on current WorldNet champions Rotherham United in what should be a great end to the current IFA season, kicking off at 6:30pm at David Ross Sports Village on the 4G Surface.

Troon have overcome Motherwell, Celtic, Rochdale and Millwall to get to this year's final, whilst Rotherham have beaten St Johnstone and Livingston to get to the final for the second consecutive year.

We will present the trophy and medals to the Winners and Runners-up pitch side before post-match refreshments at Derby Halls of residence at their Echo@Derby bar.

Please do not bring any alcohol or pyrotechnics pitch side at the David Ross Sports Centre.

Best of luck to both teams!



Preston crowned Champions again

For the first time ever, the same team has won the IFA British League three years in a row. Well done to Jimmy and the lads from Preston North End who for the third year in a row, pipped a Scottish team to the title on the last weekend of the season. The Top Goalscorer award will also head back to Preston after this weekend, with Damien Singleton retaining the golden boot with an impressive 34 league goals.

North of the Border, British League Runners-Up Troon Academicals won their first Scottish League title after an impressive season where they scored an impressive 116 goals in their 22 Scottish League games and had a 4-point gap to Runners-Up Motherwell, as well as reaching the IFA British Cup final. Well done to Stewarty and the lads at Troon on their success this season.

Next season's IFA British League will start on Saturday 13th July and will end on Saturday 30th May 2020, with teams eligible to play up to 20 League fixtures.

Roll of Honour

1997/98 Queens Park Rangers
 1998/99 Queens Park Rangers
 1999/00 Arsenal
 2000/01 Queens Park Rangers
 2001/02 Queens Park Rangers
 2002/03 Millwall
 2003/04 Fulham
 2004/05 Millwall
 2005/06 Rotherham United
 2006/07 Preston North End
 2007/08 Rochdale
 2008/09 Preston North End
 2009/10 Preston North End
 2010/11 Motherwell
 2011/12 Preston North End
 2012/13 Livingston GS
 2013/14 Preston North End
 2014/15 West Ham United
 2015/16 West Bromwich Albion
 2016/17 Preston North End
 2017/18 Preston North End
 2018/19 Preston North End

Roll of Honour

1998 Watford
1999 Not Awarded
2000 Huddersfield
2001 Brentford
2002 Hull City
2003 Grimsby Town
2004 Tranmere Rovers
2005 Watford
2006 Preston North End
2007 Preston North End
2008 Watford
2009 West Ham United
2010 Kidderminster Harriers
2011 Ipswich Town
2012 Watford
2013 AFC Chorley
2014 West Ham United
2015 Bury B
2016 Gillingham
2017 Grimsby Town
2018 AFC Halifax
2019 Northampton Town



IFA Team of the Year

This year's IFA Team of the Year 2019 is awarded to Claret Shoemakers representing Northampton Town.

The Team of the Year is one of the most prestigious awards to win within the IFA, having been voted for by the other teams. First introduced in 1998, the award is presented at the end of every IFA season to the team deemed to be the best team to play against in terms of sportsmanship and playing in the spirit intended by the IFA.

Rob and the team at Northampton have really impressed a lot of teams this year. They achieved the most "double header" fixtures throughout the league season, which are the core value as to why our organisation exists, as well as competing in a friendly and positive way throughout the league season.

We look forward to presenting Rob with his award at the end of the WorldNet weekend during our trophy presentations on Sunday afternoon.

Football for Cancer

The IFA are delighted to announce Football for Cancer as our charity partner for this year's WorldNet and Big Tam Vets tournaments.

Football for Cancer was created in 2008, since then it has grown from a single tournament, to a Charity that is close to raising £1,000,000 for Cancer charities and people across the South Coast, in particular in the Portsmouth, Bournemouth and Southampton areas.

As a charity, they support families who are going through one of the toughest times in their lives. They can provide much needed funds via a Grant Scheme, sometimes in less than 24 hours, directly to families to try and alleviate the financial burden that coping with this disease can cause.

FFC are now looking to expand nationally and we will be supporting these efforts in the future. Last year, they completed a "10 in 10" mission across the UK where they played 10 games, in 10 cities, in 10 days, with several IFA players and teams taking part.

As with previous years, all proceeds for Car Parking at Riverside Sports Complex will go directly to the charity.

As a reminder, a minimum £2 donation per vehicle is required for parking at Riverside Sports Complex and attending WorldNet and BigTamVets this weekend.

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Tournament Rules

Match Conditions

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

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

Knockout Stage Extra Time – one ten minute period of "Golden Goal" extra time shall be played in the knockout stages in matches where scores are level at the end of normal time

Penalty Shoot Out – where extra time fails to provide a winner in a knockout stage match, the match will be decided by a penalty shoot out. Only players on the pitch at the end of extra time are eligible to participate in the shoot out

Substitutions – teams are permitted to make up to five substitutions per match during play on a "rolling substitutes" basis. Half-time substitutions are unlimited.

Disciplinary – In the unlikely event of a player receiving a sending off or two bookings they will miss their team's next match. In the case of any sending off, this should be reported to the WorldNet committee by the official and further disciplinary measures may be enforced.

Eligibility – players can only play for ONE team during the tournament. Crossing over from A to B teams and from WorldNet to BigTamVets and vice-versa is strictly prohibited. The only permitted exception is where players are helping another team get to their full complement of 11 players, as per IFA General Rule 5.3. Players and Teams which fall foul of this rule risk being expelled from this and future IFA competitions.

Please be aware that the new Laws of the Game released by the IFAB for 2019-20 season will be in play at WorldNet & BigTamVets 2019

Tournament Rules

Registration - Before teams play their first game they **MUST** register at the Control Helpdesk. This includes the Player Registration form issued to all teams which must be completed and signed by all participants. No team will be allowed to kick off their first fixture without registering. Please do not slow the tournament down by not registering your team and players beforehand.

Disclaimer - The IFA make it clear that ALL players compete in the tournament at their own risk. Football can result in injuries, sometimes serious, but the organisers of WorldNet & BigTamVets 2019 cannot be held responsible for any injuries incurred during the tournament. Likewise, they will not be held responsible for any theft or damage to any belongings or motor vehicles whilst at the venue.

Teams who reach their respective finals could end up playing a total of over 5 hours of football over the weekend. It is the responsibility of each participant to ensure that they are fit and well enough to participate, and do not enter the tournament with any medical condition that could endanger their health. All matches (except for the IFA Cup Final) will be played on grass, and it is up to players to decide on suitable footwear

Diversity - We gladly welcome all participants regardless of race, religion, gender or sexual orientation. The abuse of any participant or official will not be tolerated under any circumstances. Any participant, supporter or team that fails to extend this welcome to their fellow participants are not welcome to take part in this or any other IFA activity.

Alcohol - Alcohol is **NOT PERMITTED** at the Riverside Sports Complex. Please refrain from consuming alcohol on the premises, those who cannot abide by this rule will be asked to leave the site.

Pyrotechnics - Pyrotechnics of any description are **NOT PERMITTED** at the Riverside Sports Complex or David Ross Sports Village. Please refrain from using Pyrotechnics anywhere in Nottingham, those who cannot abide by this rule will be asked to leave the site. Any team using pyrotechnics (both Flares and Smoke Bombs) will face instant expulsion from this and future tournaments. **Please do not let yourselves, your team or the IFA down.**

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BigTamVets Introduction

Since its inception in 2008, the IFA has run a Veterans tournament as part of its annual WorldNet tournaments. The players may have grown old gracefully, but the Vets tournament still adheres to the IFA ethos and many of its teams have attended since the earliest editions of WorldNet.

The tournament is named after 'Big Tam', a player who achieved legendary status at the early WorldNet tournaments. Big Tam – aka Neil Love – played for the Airdrie fans team Internazioswally and lost his long fight against cancer in November 2009. Tam lived and breathed football, Airdrie and Scotland in particular, and WorldNet was his particular favourite.

Tam was a great Airdrie fan, a great believer in the IFA, a great teammate, a great dad, and a great friend.

This year, 16 teams will roll back the years, try to avoid injuries, renew acquaintances and make new friends and the IFA is delighted to welcome everyone back.

BigTamVets Rules

As per standard WorldNet rules, with the exception of: At least **NINE** players **MUST** be at least **THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OLD** during all action of the BigTamVets tournament. Whilst we don't expect all participants to be carrying around identification, we do expect all teams to respect this rule and the legacy of our BigTamVets tournament.

BigTamVets Knockout Phase

A pre-determined draw will be in place for the Knockout phase of the BigTamVets competition and will be visible on pages 20 & 21 as well as the main pavilion.



Roll of Honour

2008 Arsenal Nigeria
2009 Bury
2010 AFC Halifax
2011 Bury
2012 AFC Halifax
2013 Bradford
2014 Arsenal Nigeria
2015 Bury
2016 Everton
2017 Bury
2018 Doncaster Rovers

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Bury Vets

Year Founded:

2009

Best BigTamVets / WorldNet performance:

BigTamVets Winners 2009, 2011, 2015, 2017

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:

Catching up with all the friends we've made over the years, playing football, enjoying the Saturday night before trying to play more football

Describe your team in 10 words:

Friendly group who always act in the traditional spirit of the IFA

Kidderminster Harriers Vets

Year Founded:

2001

Best BigTamVets / WorldNet performance:

WorldNet Semi-Finalists twice

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:

Night out in Nottingham and seeing if our legs still work!

Describe your team in 10 words:

Confident we can handle the night out but not sure about the football part these days.

Time	Pitch	Home Team	Score		Away Team
10:00	B	Bury Vets			Stockport Vets
10:00	C	Kidderminster H Vets			AFC Halifax Vets
11:20	C	Stockport Vets			AFC Halifax Vets
12:00	B	Bury Vets			Kidderminster H Vets
13:50	A	Bury Vets			AFC Halifax Vets
13:50	C	Stockport Vets			Kidderminster H Vets

Vets Group A - Pitches A, B & C

Stockport Vets

Year Founded:
1997

Best BigTamVets / WorldNet performance:
Finalists 2004

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:
The banter, the sweet smell of the Nottingham turf, catching up with old friends and making new ones. Filming Countryboy re-enacting that scene from Silence of the lambs.

Describe your team in 10 words:
No longer representing the lowest team in the football pyramid!



AFC Halifax Vets

Year Founded:
2006

Best BigTamVets / WorldNet performance:
BigTamVets winners 2010 & 2012

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:
Meeting up with old friends whilst playing the game we love, I'm sure we will even have our customary cricket set with us.

Describe your team in 10 words:
AFC Halifax, probably the greatest supporters' team in the world



 @AFCHalifax2006

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Ipswich Town

Year Founded:

1996

Best WorldNet / BigTamVets performance:

2014 Runners Up

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:

Seeing all the old faces, getting older :)

Describe your team in 10 words:

Friendly, honest but the will to win the right way



@intergillsfc1

Gillingham Vets

Year Founded:

1999

Best WorldNet / BigTamVets performance:

WorldNet Cup Semi Final 2010

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:

Playing against teams from all over the country... with a bit of added rivalry

Describe your team in 10 words:

Mix of mature silver and bald born athletes with panache

Time	Pitch	Home Team	Score		Away Team
10:40	B	Ipswich Town Vets			Everton Vets
10:40	C	Gillingham Vets			Grimsby Old Skool
12:00	C	Everton Vets			Grimsby Old Skool
13:10	B	Ipswich Town Vets			Gillingham Vets
14:30	B	Ipswich Town Vets			Grimsby Old Skool
15:10	A	Everton Vets			Gillingham Vets

Vets Group B - Pitches A, B & C

Everton Vets

Year Founded:
1998

Best WorldNet / BigTamVets performance:
BigTamVets Winner 2016

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:
Trying to avoid old foe's Arsenal Nigeria

Describe your team in 10 words:
Waifs and strays from across the UK and beyond.



Grimsby Old Skool

Year Founded:
1999

Best WorldNet / BigTamVets performance:
BigTamVets Semi-Finalist

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:
Catching up with old friends

Describe your team in 10 words:
Old, knackered, likely to lose - there for the laughs (beer)



 @IMOSGTEC

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@NaijaGunners1



@BrentfordVets

Arsenal Nigeria

Year Founded:

2005

Best WorldNet / BigTamVets performance:

BigTamVets Winners 2009 & 2014

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:

Fun, relaxation and to enjoy good football

Describe your team in 10 words:

We are bunch of old men reliving our youths

Brentford Vets

Year Founded:

1999

Best WorldNet / BigTamVets performance:

IFA Team of the Year 2001; Plate Runner Up 2002

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:

Catching up with old mates

Describe your team in 10 words:

We travel more in hope than expectation!

Time	Pitch	Home Team	Score		Away Team
10:00	A	Arsenal Nigeria Vets			Brentford Vets
10:40	A	Man United Vets			Athletico Pompey
12:00	A	Arsenal Nigeria Vets			Man United Vets
13:10	A	Brentford Vets			Athletico Pompey
14:30	A	Brentford Vets			Man United Vets
14:30	C	Arsenal Nigeria Vets			Athletico Pompey

Vets Group C - Pitches A & C

Manchester United Vets

Year Founded:
1996

Best WorldNet / BigTamVets performance:
Middlesbrough 1997 – a collection players who had never met, put together some good results but ran out of players!

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:
Lads night out on Saturday

Describe your team in 10 words:
Old, great bunch, glad to still try things we know we can't do. (like count!)



 @musfc

Athletico Pompey

Year Founded:
1998

Best WorldNet / BigTamVets performance:
2011 WorldNet Plate Winners
2014 Julie Varley Friday Night Beer Fest Trophy

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:
Some great team banter!

Describe your team in 10 words:
Has-beens too old and drunk, but this is our year!



 @AthleticoPompey

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@DonnyRsonists



Donny R'Sonists Vets

Year Founded:
1998

Best WorldNet / BigTamVets performance:
BigTamVets Winners 2018

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:
Our centre-half turned forward Matt missing a sitter so bad he finally stops banging on about his tournament winning goal from last year.

Describe your team in 10 words:
Would you like to know why we keep starting fires?

Welling United Vets

Year Founded:
Sometime in the 1980's

Best WorldNet / BigTamVets performance:
WorldNet Plate Winners 2009

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:
Meeting up with some old friends and making some new ones.

Describe your team in 10 words:
Old, tired but here to compete in the true spirit of WorldNet

Time	Pitch	Home Team	Score		Away Team
11:20	A	Donny R'Sonists Vets			Portsmouth OAP
11:20	B	Oxford United Vets			Welling United Vets
13:10	C	Donny R'Sonists Vets			Oxford United Vets
13:50	B	Portsmouth OAP			Welling United Vets
15:10	B	Donny R'Sonists Vets			Welling United Vets
15:10	C	Portsmouth OAP			Oxford United Vets

Vets Group D - Pitches A, B & C

Oxford United Vets


Year Founded:
1994

Best WorldNet / BigTamVets performance:
BigTamVets Semi Finalists

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:
The banter and a break from the other half!

Describe your team in 10 words:
Random relationships fuelled by random cheap energy drinks delivering nothing



 @RagingFeverFC

Portsmouth OAP

Year Founded:
2010

Best WorldNet / BigTamVets performance:
2003 WorldNet Plate Winners
2014 Julie Varley Friday Night Beer Fest Trophy

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:
Some great team banter!

Describe your team in 10 words:
Has-beens too old and drunk, but this is our year!



 @AthleticoPompey

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BigTamVets Knockout

BigTamVets—Round One

Time	Pitch	Teams	Score
11:00	A	Group A2	
		Group C3	

Time	Pitch	Teams	Score
12:00	A	Group B1	
		Group D4	

Time	Pitch	Teams	Score
11:00	B	Group B2	
		Group D3	

Time	Pitch	Teams	Score
12:00	B	Group A1	
		Group C4	

Time	Pitch	Teams	Score
11:00	C	Group C2	
		Group A3	

Time	Pitch	Teams	Score
12:00	C	Group D1	
		Group B4	

Time	Pitch	Teams	Score
11:00	D	Group D2	
		Group B3	

Time	Pitch	Teams	Score
12:00	D	Group C1	
		Group A4	

BigTamVets—Quarter Final

Time	Pitch	Teams	Score
13:00	A	Winner 11:00 A	
		Winner 12:00 A	

Time	Pitch	Teams	Score
13:00	B	Winner 11:00 B	
		Winner 12:00 B	

Time	Pitch	Teams	Score
13:00	C	Winner 11:00 C	
		Winner 12:00 C	

Time	Pitch	Teams	Score
13:00	D	Winner 11:00 D	
		Winner 12:00 D	

BigTamVets – Semi Final

Time	Pitch	Teams	Score
1400	A	Winner QF A	
		Winner QF B	

BigTamVets – Final

Time	Pitch	Teams	Score
1500	B	Winner SF A	
		Winner SF B	

Time	Pitch	Teams	Score
1400	B	Winner QF C	
		Winner QF D	



Sandbaggers

Take your WorldNet experience to the next level & play Football in some of the most Remote countries in the world with Sandbaggers

Sandbaggers brings together teams and communities of football fans across the globe to discover and explore football through local eyes. Travelling with us is the very best way to get up-close and personal with football cultures in a way you'd never manage on your own.

The team at Sandbaggers have over 15 years of Expedition work to some of the most remote countries in the world. We also have experience of running an IFA team for 20 years, attending over 15 WorldNets, so know exactly what ticks all the boxes for a football holiday.

Our 7-day trips will see you play 2-3 games against supporters' teams of local clubs. Then you have the rest of your time to do extraordinary things.... take in a game at Boca Juniors; trek in the Gobi Desert; go on Safari in Africa; or visit the breath-taking scenery in Patagonia. The world is your oyster, with the football being the main catalyst behind it all.

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WorldNet Introduction

At the time of Euro 96, Dave "Voice of Football" 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 was born.

Since then the tournament has gone from strength to strength. In 1998, EuroNET became WorldNet and since then over 100 different Supporters Teams have been represented including teams from Greece, Africa, Italy, Ireland and of course our friends RC Lens from France, and has been held in six different cities across the UK.

In 2017 after a 4-year absence, WorldNet and the BigTamVets were re-united. Both tournaments took place back where it all started in Nottingham, as a new chapter in the WorldNet story began. This weekend, 21 teams take part in the 24th edition of this excellent, friendly and competitive tournament.

WorldNet Knockout Phase

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, Head-to-Head record between the two teams and finally a Coin Toss will be used, in that order, to separate teams.

The draw for the knockout stage will take place from 6pm on the Saturday evening at Echo@DerbyHalls. The draw will be streamed via our Twitter handles of @IFAWorldNet and @BigTamVets

13 teams will qualify for the Cup competition. The 1st and 2nd placed team in each group along with 3rd place in Group A and the best two other 3rd placed teams (separated by the methods above) will qualify for the Cup competition.

The winner of Group A alongside the two best 1st placed teams for the groups will receive a Bye for the 1st round. Teams who have played against each other in the Group stage cannot be drawn against each other in Round 1 of the Cup competition.

The 4th and 5th placed teams in each group along with the other two 3rd placed teams will qualify for the Plate competition. Teams who have played against each other in the Group stage cannot be drawn against each other in Round 1 of the Plate competition.

Roll of Honour

WorldNet Cup

1996 Middlesbrough
1997 Bradford City
1998 Queens Park Rangers
1999 Arsenal
2000 Middlesbrough
2001 Middlesbrough
2002 Charlton Athletic
2003 Celtic
2004 Dumbarton
2005 Rotherham United
2006 Celtic
2007 RC Lens
2008 Preston North End
2009 West Bromwich Albion
2010 Bradford City
2011 RC Lens
2012 Crystal Palace
2013 AFC Halifax
2014 AFC Halifax
2015 Preston North End
2016 Preston North End
2017 RC Lens
2018 Rotherham United

WorldNet Plate

2000 Arsenal
2001 Arsenal
2002 Aberdeen
2003 Portsmouth
2004 Stockport County
2005 Scunthorpe United
2006 Queens Park Rangers
2007 Leicester City
2008 Queens Park Rangers
2009 Welling United
2010 Queens Park Rangers
2011 Portsmouth
2012 Darlington
2013 Manchester United
2014 Runcorn Linnets
2015 Morecambe
2016 Bury A
2017 Manchester City
2018 Barnsley

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AFC Halifax

Year Founded:

2006

Best WorldNet performance:

Winners 2013 & 2014

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:

Meeting up with old friends whilst playing the game we love, I'm sure we will even have our customary game of cricket

Describe your team in 10 words:

AFC Halifax, probably the best Supporters Team in the World

Manchester United

Year Founded:

1996

Best WorldNet performance:

Plate Winners 2014

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:

WorldNet is our annual weekend away and a chance to re-group ahead of the new IFA season. It's why we are here.

Describe your team in 10 words:

Biggest collection of misfits ever to wear the United shirt.

Football Manager

Year Founded:

2002

Best WorldNet performance:

Quarter finals 2004 losing to Inter

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:

Winning

Describe your team in 10 words:

Unfit with a dash of quality and "know-how"

Chester

Year Founded:

2006

Best WorldNet performance:

Plate Quarter Finals

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:

Making a return to WorldNet and Tournament football, renewing acquaintances, meeting our Scottish friends.

Describe your team in 10 words:

A new generation of players, with some old guys left!

Group A - Pitches D & E

Bury B

Year Founded:

2003

Best WorldNet performance:

Quarter Finals, once upon a time

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:

Boozing

Describe your team in 10 words:

Biggest best-looking boozers in Bury



@BuryFCFansB

Time	Pitch	Home Team	Score		Away Team
10:00	D	AFC Halifax			Manchester United
10:00	E	Chester			Bury B
11:20	D	AFC Halifax			Football Manager
11:20	E	Manchester United			Bury B
13:10	D	Chester			Football Manager
13:10	E	AFC Halifax			Bury B
14:30	D	AFC Halifax			Chester
14:30	E	Manchester United			Football Manager
15:50	D	Manchester United			Chester
15:50	E	Bury B			Football Manager

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Preston North End

Year Founded:

2005

Best WorldNet performance:

The old side Winners 2008, 2015, 2016.
This lot, Semi Finalists twice.

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:

Not getting chucked out of Bierkeller for the 3rd year running.

Describe your team in 10 words:

Right bunch of snakes. Keep John Orton away from Stella

Ayr United

Year Founded:

1999

Best WorldNet performance:

Plate Runners Up 2017

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:

the beer, it's the only consistent performer at WorldNet.

Describe your team in 10 words:

We're an ageing bunch of journeymen who have now realised that we were never very good.

Time	Pitch	Home Team	Score		Away Team
10:00	F	Preston North End			Ayr United
10:00	G	Port Vale			RC Lens
12:00	D	Preston North End			Port Vale
12:00	E	Ayr United			RC Lens
13:50	D	Preston North End			RC Lens
13:50	E	Ayr United			Port Vale

Group B - Pitches D, E, F, G

Port Vale

Year Founded:
1999

Best WorldNet performance:
Plate Runners Up 2014

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:
The Friday Night Party!

Describe your team in 10 words:
Prefer to go out get smashed than to play football



 @PortlyVale

RC Lens

Year Founded:
2000

Best WorldNet performance:
Winners 2007, 2011, 2017

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:
To be better than 2018... to arrive in Final!

Describe your team in 10 words:
Frogs, Collective, Clubber, Determination, United, Alcoholic, Ultras-Group, Team, Animals



 Red Tigers Lens 1994 Officiel

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 @ManCitySFC



 @Watford_IFC

Manchester City

Year Founded:

2012

Best WorldNet performance:

2017 Plate Winners

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:

The Night Out

Describe your team in 10 words:

Manchester City The Only Football Team To Come From Manchester

Watford

Year Founded:

1997

Best WorldNet performance:

Finalists 2008

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:

It's always a great weekend for everyone to get away and bond in a different environment to usual the team meal on Saturday night is always a treat.

Describe your team in 10 words:

Always very happy to go out early on day two

Time	Pitch	Home Team	Score		Away Team
11:20	F	Manchester City			Watford
11:20	G	Aberdeen			Barnsley
13:50	F	Manchester City			Aberdeen
13:50	G	Watford			Barnsley
15:10	F	Manchester City			Barnsley
15:10	G	Watford			Aberdeen

Group C - Pitches F & G

Aberdeen

Year Founded:
2000

Best WorldNet performance:
Never troubled the history books!

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:
The Lager

Describe your team in 10 words:
Play good auld Scottish fitba with a bit of flair



Barnsley

Year Founded:
2004

Best WorldNet performance:
2018 Plate Winners

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:
Sunburn, football & returning to 1st round knockout form

Describe your team in 10 words:
Full of tournament experience, short of tournament glory.



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@InternetMariner

Rotherham United

Year Founded:

2002

Best WorldNet performance:

WorldNet Winners 2005, 2018

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:

Having fun, drinking beer, playing football, drinking more beer, playing more football.

Describe your team in 10 words:

Young but experienced. Surprisingly energetic when powered by alcohol

Grimsby Town

Year Founded:

1999

Best WorldNet performance:

Semi Finalists 2011

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:

On pitch rivalries followed by sharing a beer with other teams afterwards.

Describe your team in 10 words:

Past it, overweight and drink too much

Time	Pitch	Home Team	Score		Away Team
10:40	D	Rotherham United			Grimsby Town
10:40	E	Hull City			Livingston GS
12:00	F	Rotherham United			Hull City
12:00	G	Grimsby Town			Livingston GS
14:30	F	Rotherham United			Livingston GS
14:30	G	Grimsby Town			Hull City

Group D - Pitches D, E, F & G

Hull City

Year Founded:
1999

Best WorldNet performance:
QF WorldNet, SF Plate

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:
A good weekend away, winning at drinking even if we can win at football. As we don't get as many games as we'd like it will be nice to play against different teams again

Describe your team in 10 words:
Older, slower, fatter than we used to be. Still camp.



 @TigerNationFC

Livingston GS

Year Founded:
2005

Best WorldNet performance:
Plate Semi Finals, about 5 years ago

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:
Watching Ryan Mutter make a complete tit of himself both on and off the pitch. He's available if any teams are struggling for players, btw.

Describe your team in 10 words:
Ryan Mutter keeps spare chippies under pillow for late-night snack.



 @LiviGS

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Bury A

Year Founded:

2003

Best WorldNet performance:

2016 Plate Winners

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:

Plenty of drinking and catching up with old friends and making some new ones!

Describe your team in 10 words:

Balanced, Understanding, Reliable, Young-at-Heart, Adventurous, Supportive, Friendly and Committed

AFC Wimbledon

Year Founded:

2003

Best WorldNet performance:

WorldNet Cup QF

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:

Retro Rooms and trying not to head the ball on Saturday morning whilst nursing a hangover

Describe your team in 10 words:

Beer drinking, cheese room dancing, defensive minded "footballers"

Time	Pitch	Home Team	Score		Away Team
10:40	F	Bury A			AFC Wimbledon
10:40	G	Hearts			Cambridge United
13:10	F	Bury A			Hearts
13:10	G	AFC Wimbledon			Cambridge United
15:10	D	Bury A			Cambridge United
15:10	E	AFC Wimbledon			Hearts

Group E - Pitches D, E, F & G

Hearts

Year Founded:
2002

Best WorldNet performance:
2016 Plate Semi Finalists

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:
Being back at WorldNet after a 1-year hiatus

Describe your team in 10 words:
Hard Working, Hard Drinking, Loads of Laughs



 @RealMaroonFC

Cambridge United


Year Founded:
1996

Best WorldNet performance:
2017 Plate QF

What you're most looking forward to this weekend:
the social environment that an all weekend tournament brings, both within the squad and with other teams

Describe your team in 10 words:
"Just like Cambridge United, we're permanently in our banter era"



 @AbbeyUnitedIFC

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Football Manager WorldNet Cup

WorldNet Cup – Round One

Time	Pitch	Home Team	Score		Away Team
11:00	E				
11:00	F				
11:00	G				
11:00	H				
12:00	F				

WorldNet Cup – Quarter Final

Time	Pitch	Home Team	Score		Away Team
13:00	E	Winner 11:00 E			Winner Group A
13:00	F	Winner 11:00 F			Best Group Winner
13:00	G	Winner 11:00 G			2nd Best Group Winner
13:00	H	Winner 11:00 H			Winner 12:00 F

WorldNet Cup – Semi Final

Time	Pitch	Home Team	Score		Away Team
14:00	D	Winner QF E			Winner QF F
14:00	E	Winner QF G			Winner QF H

WorldNet Cup – Final

Time	Pitch	Home Team	Score		Away Team
15:00	A	Winner SF D			Winner SF E

Football Manager WorldNet Plate

WorldNet Plate – Quarter Final

Time	Pitch	Home Team	Score		Away Team
10:00	E				
10:00	F				
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WorldNet Plate – Semi Final

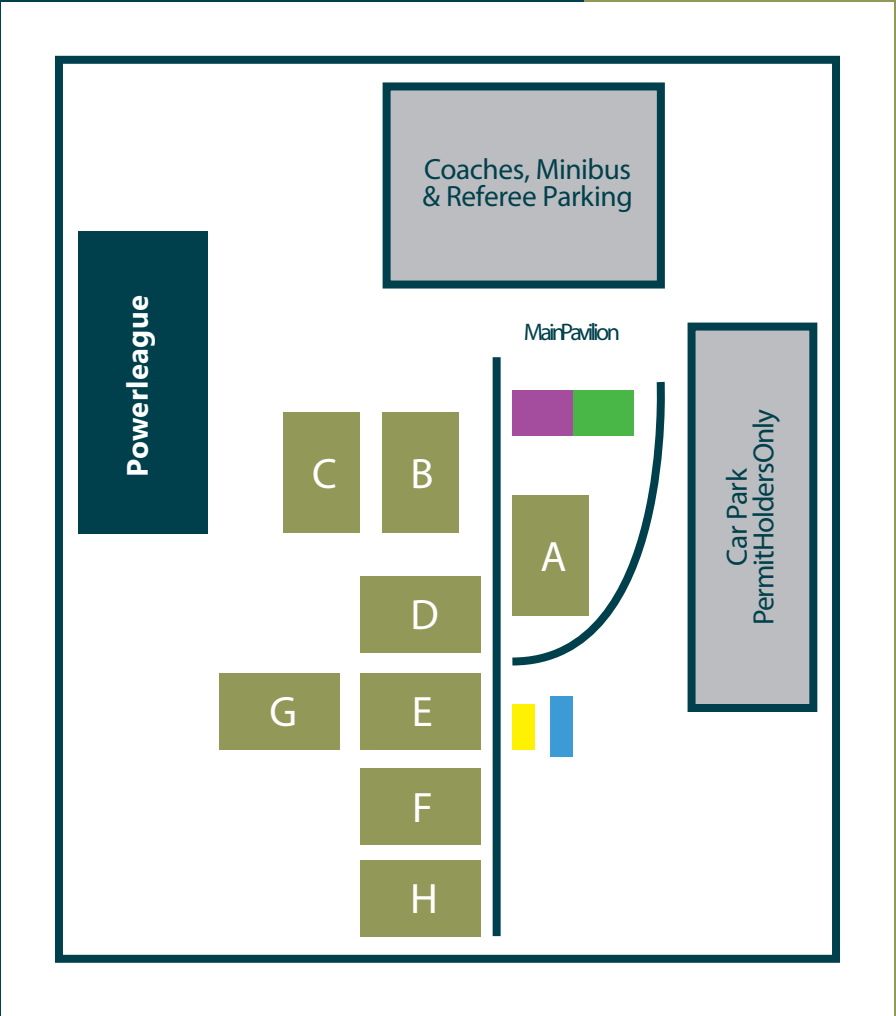
Time	Pitch	Home Team	Score		Away Team
12:00	G	Winner Game E 11:00			Winner Game F 11:00
12:00	H	Winner Game E 12:00			Winner Game F 12:00

WorldNet Plate – Final

Time	Pitch	Home Team	Score		Away Team
15:00	C	Winner SF G			Winner SF H

Pitch Map - Riverside Sports Complex

St John's Ambulance will be based in the Main Pavilion
Drinking Water available in the Main Pavilion



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