

# Reserves

## Stags 5-0 Tranmere Rovers (League Cup Semi-Final)

Thursday 11th April 2013  
Kick Off: 2pm

One Call Stadium



### Rampant Mansfield breeze through to the Cup Final



Player coach Andy Todd put in a Man of the Match display as his reserve side made it through to the Central League, League Cup Final against Gateshead - running out comfortable 5-0 winners over a young and inexperienced Tranmere Rovers side at The One Call Stadium this afternoon.

Initially Stags thought they were out of the competition after failing to win their group, however Todd's men finished the best statistical runners-up across all three groups and now have a real shot of success.

Stags were dealt an early blow when captain Ryan Tafazolli limped off injured after three minutes to be replaced by youth teamer Jake Green. Ben Hutchinson had the first chance of the game early on as he fired a free-kick against the Rovers wall before Andy Todd swung in a dangerous cross which teased the visiting defence. At the other

end Mansfield had goalkeeper Shane Redmond to thank as he pulled off an excellent save on twelve minutes to deny youngster Leo Riley who let fly from 22 yards.

Stags were unlucky not to lead on 24 minutes as Nick Wright cushioned down Andy Todd's cross for Jamie Tolley who fired narrowly wide on the half volley, before Chris Clements saw a goal bound shot deflected behind for a corner. With five to go before half-time Mansfield grabbed the goal they deserved when George Pilkington nodded home at the near post from Tolley's clipped cross.

After the break Mansfield stepped up a gear but were guilty of some awful finishing early on as Nick Wright squandered a 1 v 1 situation, however on 58 minutes substitute Jake Green replicated the finishing touch of his older brother Matt, driving a left footed effort into the bottom corner following some intricate passing between Clements and Tolley.

It was soon three as Nick Wright slammed into the roof of the net on 65 minutes after strike partner Hutchinson sent him clean through on goal, player coach Todd then volleyed in the fourth three minutes later as Clements teed him up with a floated pass from the edge of the area.

Stags then sealed the victory nine minutes from full-time as Hutchinson's forceful run saw the ball fall into Nick Wright's path, the front man driving in from 20 yards with a little help from the post. Tranmere did have the ball in the back of the net in the final minute however the off-side flag saw Shane Redmond keep a deserved clean sheet and send Stags through to the final with a comfortable 5-0 win.

**Man of the match:** Andy Todd

**Referee:** Dean Watson (Birmingham)

**Stags [4-2-3-1]** Shane Redmond, Ritchie Sutton, Exodus Geohaghon, Ryan Tafazolli (Jake Green 6), George Pilkington, Andy Todd, Chris Clements, John Thompson, Nick Wright, Jamie Tolley, Ben Hutchinson

Name - Appearances (Sub)	GOALS
Adam Murray	2
Alan Marriott	2
Amadou Barry	0 (1)
Andy Owens	4 1
Andy Todd	6 1
Anthony Howell	2 (1)
Ben Birch	1
Ben Clark	0 (1)
Ben Hutchinson	9 6
Blake Vincent	1
Chris Clements	9 2
Danny Barke	0 (1)
Exodus Geohaghon	5 1
George Pilkington	10
Godfrey Poku	0 (1)
Jake Green	1(2) 1
Jake Speight	1 1
Jamie Hand	2
Jamie Tolley	4
Jobe Shaw	1
Joe Flint	0 (2)
John Dempster	1
John Thompson	7
Jordan Vilums	2 (1) 2
Junior Daniel	2 1
Kurtis Turner	1
Lee Beevers	3
Lee Stevenson	7 (1) 2
Liam Marsden	3 (1)
Liam Mitchell	2
Lindon Meikle	1
Louis Briscoe	5 (1) 2
Luke Jones	5 1
Matt Green	1
Matt Rhead	5 (1) 3
Michael Boateng (T)	1 (2) 1
Nick Wright	11 7
Nuha Jabbi	1 (2)
Ritchie Sutton	6
Ross Lamb	0 (1)
Ryan Tafazolli	7 1
Scott Rogers	0 (2)
Shane Redmond	
Solomon Taiwo*	2
Tom Clarke	1

DATE	OPPONENT	H/A	
29-Aug	Port Vale	H L1-0	Central League DIVISION 2
11-Sep	Wrexham	A W3-1	Central League DIVISION 2
03-Oct	Gateshead	H W1-0	Central League League Cup 7pm
16-Oct	Bradford City	H W7-0	Central League DIVISION 2
30-Oct	Rotherham United	A D1-1	Central League EAST DIVISION
28-Nov	Hull City	A D0-0	Central League League Cup 7pm
04-Dec	Hartlepool United	H L3-2	Central League League Cup 7pm
19-Dec	Burton Albion	A 2-2	Central League DIVISION 2
08-Jan	Hartlepool United	H W5-0*	Central League EAST DIVISION
30-Jan	Grimsby Town	A W3-0	Central League EAST DIVISION
13-Mar	Hull City	A L2-1	Central League EAST DIVISION
20-Mar	Grimsby Town	H W4-0*	Central League DIVISION 2
25-Mar	Gateshead	A 2pm P-P	Central League DIVISION 2
03-Apr	Bradford City	H W3-1	Central League EAST DIVISION
11-Apr	Tranmere Rovers	H W5-0	Central League League Cup SF
17-Apr	Morcambe	H 7pm	Central League DIVISION 2
23-Apr	Chesterfield	A 7pm	Central League EAST DIVISION
30-Apr	Gateshead	H 2pm	Central League EAST DIVISION
TBA	Gateshead	TBA	Central League League Cup FINAL

*All stats are accurate bar one match, Burton Away - There was no reporter for either club at the match*



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