

In the first round of this season's Morgan Cup, King Edward VI High School., Morpeth recorded a win over Blyth Academy before narrowly beating Gosforth Academy 3-2 in round two. There was then a 4-1 win over St Cuthbert's in the quarter final before defeating last season's holders Ponteland High School 3-2 in the semi-final.

Meanwhile Jesmond Park Academy had a bye in round one before defeating Seaton Valley in the next round. They the recorded comfortable wins against Whitley Bay High School in the quarter final and the Duchess high School, Alnwick in the semi-final.

Ponteland are the current holders of the Morgan Cup.

It has been several decades since either school featured in this final so a great achievement for both!

Congratulations to both teams in reaching this Northumberland Schools' FA County Cup Final.

The final is 11-a-side and 2 x 35 minute halves. No extra-time and in the event of a draw at full-time, there will be a penalty shoot-out (5 penalties).

Many thanks to today's match officials and also to Newcastle University for the use of Cochrane Park Sportsground today and for their continuing support for schools' football.



Northumberland Schools' Football Association

U14 Morgan Cup Final

King Edward VI High School

v

Jesmond Park Academy

6.45pm ko

Thursday 21st May 2026
at Cochrane Park Sportsground

**King Edward VI High U14:
(Red Black)
Manager: M Wickens**

**Jesmond Park Academy U14:
(Yellow/Red)
Managers: M Bolam, A Cleland**

Dylan Laidler

Josh Towers

Leo Wills

Leo Postings

Adam Beavis

Thomas Banks

J'Zon Tawaba-Brown

Sam Yeowart

Liam Shepherd-Garrido

James Gray

Hayden Davidson (C)

Finnley Menzies

Blake Tahmassebi

William Hutchinson

Adam Cutts

Harry Martin

Aaron Diallo

Joe Clark

Harry Henderson

Daniel Williams

Daniel Weatherby

Zac Davison

Lewis Marshall

Jimmy Ridgeway

Danny Thirlway

James Davis ©

Parham Alebrahim

Shay Mulroy

Max Leman

Daniel Hynd

Max Dreyer

The Morgan Cup

The Morgan Cup is named after WH Morgan (Bill Morgan) who was born in 1888 and died in 1990 at the age of 102.

His grandson Andy often presents the trophy but is unable to attend this year but has sent the following information about his grandfather who was a great servant to East Northumberland, Northumberland and ESFA over many decades:



Bill was educated at Blyth Grammar School and played cricket for Seghill and was later cricket captain at Armstrong College, the oldest part of Newcastle University but then of course part of Durham University, for whom he also played football.

Bill was headmaster of Guide Post Modern School for many years and was Secretary of East Northumberland SFA starting in the 1920s and through to the 1950s. He was twice elected Chairman of the ESFA International Selection Committee as well as serving as Secretary of Northumberland CSFA.

A newspaper cutting from when Bill retired from teaching in the early 1955:



The G.O.M. of East Northumberland schools football, Mr W. H. Morgan, right, of Sheepwash, receiving from Mr H. C. Gray, president of East Northumberland S.F.A., a wrist watch to mark the occasion of his retirement. The presentation was made at a dinner in the Arcade Hall. Also in the picture can be seen Mr W. Hume (left), chairman of Ashington A.F.C., and Mr T. Harvey (right) chairman of the East Northumberland S.F.A.

During his stewardship, East Northumberland SFA (they only ran an U15 boys team in those days) won the ESFA National Trophy in 1927.

Distinguished players who also represented ENSFA during that period were: Jimmy Richardson (1923), G Watson (1927), W Turnbull(1938), Bobby Charlton (1943), Jimmy Jackson (1949), JF Middlemass (1950) and A Morton (1951)

Bill was awarded the MBE in 1954 and on his one hundredth birthday he was presented with a glass bowl by the English Schools FA. A lifetime of service to schools football!
