CHAMPIONS: CFA Secure First-Ever League Title In Unforgettable Season



Senior League Division Two champions, CFA. [Credit: @frame the game media]

Glen Villa 2 - 2 CFA

Harry Gamble (85') Liam Taylor (1', 80') Cameron Greiff (90')

Assists

Aamir Bham (1')

Venue: Great Glen Recreation Ground

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Having already secured the title without kicking a ball, CFA travelled to Great Glen for the final match of the season against fellow promoted side Glen Villa, where they were held to a 2-2 draw.

The opening goal came in the first minute when skipper Aamir Bham tested the Villa defence with a long ball. A defensive misjudgment allowed Liam Taylor to pounce and coolly place the ball into the corner.

Villa's first real chance came when Cameron Greiff whipped in a dangerous ball from a free kick, but Bham was alert and made a reflex save.



CFA received a guard of honour from Glen Villa. [Credit: off-ame_the_game_media]

Shortly after, Louis Chambers nearly doubled the lead, but his powerful effort forced the goalkeeper to stretch and tip it over the bar.

Midway through the half, Elvis Nnamah thought he had levelled the score, but his shot was dragged wide.

At half-time, coach Adam Maravia made no changes but reverted to the regular formation, with Taylor as a lone striker.

The second half was more one-sided, with CFA dominating play and creating plentiful chances in front of goal.



Usamah Zerroug pictured in the second half. [Credit: off-ame-the-game-media]

In the 65th minute, Taylor had a golden opportunity after a corner but fired his shot off target. Soon after, Zak Yusuf attempted a curling effort from range, only to be denied by the Villa keeper's outstretched hand.

With ten minutes remaining, Taylor seized on a poor back pass, doubled his tally, and scored his 14th goal of the season.

To make matters worse, Villa were reduced to ten men after George Parker was dismissed for a reckless challenge on substitute Mohamed Mahir.



Man of the Match Liam Taylor, pictured with Irfan Patel. [Credit: off-media]

Despite that, the home side pulled one back through Harry Gamble and, in the 90th minute, converted a penalty through Greiff after a foul.

Regardless of the scoreline, the full-time whistle marked the end of a remarkable season for CFA, who were crowned Senior League Division Two champions - the Saturday team's first title since its inception in 2021 - with 21 wins, 2 draws, and 1 loss, along with a staggering +95 goal difference.



Captain Aamir Bham lifting the league title. [Credit: @frame the game media]

Maravia praised his players for an incredible season and highlighted their progress as a team.

He said: "This moment will stay with us forever, but it's just the beginning. We've got a special group - now let's go win the County Cup."

The Fluffy Fluffy Man of the Match award went to Liam Taylor for a classic striker's performance - he led the line, won his battles, and scored a brace.

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POS	Team	Р	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Community Football Academy	24	21	2	1	95	65
2	Glen Villa	24	18	3	3	73	57
3	Whetstone Athletic	24	17	3	4	64	54
4	Brookside Athletic	24	17	2	5	53	53
5	Loughborough FC	24	14	1	9	14	43
6	Leicester Nirvana Reserves	23	12	3	8	-4	39
7	Magna 73 Reserves	24	10	2	12	4	32
8	Rothley Imperial	23	10	2	11	0	32
9	Hinckley Borough	24	10	1	13	2	31
10	Highfield Rangers Reserves	24	6	1	17	-56	19
11	Friar Lane & Epworth Reserves	24	4	4	16	-48	16
12	Barrow Town Reserves	24	3	2	19	-39	11
13	Leicester United	24	0	0	24	-158	0

Final standings for Senior League Division Two. [Credit: FullTime FA]

With the league campaign concluded, CFA now turn their focus to the County Cup final on May 15th - a rematch against Glen Villa for the Saturday Trophy - which they have reached for a third successive season.



Man of the Match: Liam Taylor