



# FRICKLEY ATHLETIC

# 25/26

NCEL Premier Division  
Official Match Day Programme



Today's Visitors:

**ALBION SPORTS**

**Saturday 26th July 2025**

**Kick Off: 3.00pm**

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Owen Jenkinson was diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma in 2022 and, after a year cancer-free, sadly relapsed in 2024. Despite further treatment, his cancer has progressed, and he's now undergoing further chemotherapy. Owen's strength, spirit, and love for life remain unwavering, and the charity PACT (Parents' Association of Children with Tumours & Leukaemia) has been a vital source of support for him and his family throughout the journey.

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Will Jenkinson	5	Aran Basi
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Tom Claisse	8	Talent Ndlovu
Destiny Ifeanyi Nnenanua	9	Nathan Cartman
Lucas Robinson	10	Fernando Moke
Thomas Alngohuro	11	Lewis Waddington
Harley Wilson	12	Kieran Suddards
Tyler Sheard	14	Thomas Ponter
Tom Cotson	15	Dominic Staunton
Lewis Binns	16	Ryan Conlon
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**REFEREE**

Kevin O'Donnell

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Nathan Woolley

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# Bluescene

Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen, welcome to The SALUS Stadium for this afternoon's first Northern Counties East Premier Division game of 2025/26 against Albion Sports - the earliest competitive fixture in our entire existence. We give a warm welcome to Albion Sports's players, officials and supporters and hope they have a safe trip home after the game.

Today's match ball is sponsored by Pixel Perfect Photography. We thank them for their kind support of the club.

This afternoon's visitors, Albion Sports, finished last season in 6<sup>th</sup> place with 65 points. Albion narrowly missed out on a playoff spot after a 3 point deduction for fielding an ineligible player against ourselves. Albion's recent form has seen them go unbeaten through pre-season. Starting with a 2-1 win at Garforth Town and a 2-0 win at Maltby Main, Albion have played 3 games at their new Myra Shay home ground. 2-1 triumphs over Leeds UFCA and Harrogate Railway sandwiched a 4-2 victory against South Leeds.

The Blues finished 2024/25 in 18<sup>th</sup> place on 33 points to avoid relegation. Our pre-season programme has seen us lose 4 before winning our last outing. A 5-1 defeat against Pontefract Collieries was followed by 4-0 and 4-1 losses to South Elmsall United Services and a Sheffield Wednesday XI respectively, all played at home. The goals came from an own goal and a trialist. The results were unimportant but the performances were steadily building. The Blues went down 3-2 on our visit to Grimsby Borough, and but for some controversial officiating, Martyn Woolford and Tom Alngohuru's strikes might have seen a better outcome. Then in a final pre-season outing, The Azzurri's efforts culminated with a 5-0 trouncing of Emley at The Wezzie, as Lucas Robinson, Tom A, Destiny Ifeanyi Nnenanua (x2)

and Tom Radley all got on the scoresheet.

Our most recent meeting with Albion Sports was our league game in December 2024. Played at their old home, Horsfall Stadium, The Blues lost 2-0 on the 3G, the evening after Boxing Day. To rub salt into the wounds, Charlie Clegg missed a penalty and the gaffer, Tom Claisse, was sent off. Ironically, as already mentioned, Albion were deducted the points won as a result of an ineligible player. A night to forget for all. Our last meeting here at The Wezzie was last August and was rather more positive for ourselves at least. A last minute Zav Elkin Sheppard winner took the points for The Blues, after Harley McCormack's first half screamer was cancelled out by Albion, 8 minutes from time.

Expect The Blues to be looking to set out their stall early and start the season the way they mean to go on.

In recruitment news, there's obviously been plenty of comings and goings over the summer as the Gaffer has done his utmost to put together a squad that can challenge at the right end of the table. If you go to the Blues Squad 25/26 Page then you'll be able to see who's in. But highlights to look out for are the retention of skipper Joel Spence, the return of Lewis Binns from a year long injury and the legendary Martyn Woolford putting pen to paper, and coming home.

Our next game sees The Blues set out on the road to Wembley as we travel to Brighouse Town on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 3pm kickoff, for an FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round tie. The Blues are next in action here at Westfield Lane on Tuesday 5th, when we Knaresborough Town are our visitors, 7.45pm ko, as we get back to league affairs. We hope to see you all there.

Enjoy the game and as always we thank you for your continued support throughout this season.

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- Enter the field of play before, during and after a game without permission.
- Throw anything onto the field of play.
- Use obscene or abusive language (racial or otherwise), or violence of any nature.





# Meet The Visitors

Albion Sports Football Club was founded in Bradford in 1974 by Harjit Singh Panesar and Baljit Singh, and joined Division Four of the Bradford Amateur Sunday League, which they won in their first season.

The club then gained promotions on a regular basis and winning the Amateur District and Senior cups along the way. In 1995/96, Albion Sports won the Premier league title for the first time, this was to prove the catalyst for what was to come. Over the next ten seasons, Albion Sports won a further five league titles, two County Cups, three District Cups and seven Senior Cups. Other highlights included reaching the final of the National F.A Umbro Sunday Cup on two occasions. The first was in 2000 at Nottingham Forest's City Ground, when Albion Sports were beaten 1-0 by Prestige Brighams from Hull. Then in the second in 2005, Albion were beaten 3-2 by the London side Gossoms End at Anfield, home of football giants Liverpool.

Albion Sports have been honored by receiving three civic receptions from the City of Bradford as well as winning an award of 'Ambassadors of West Yorkshire' beating Patrick Stewart (Star Trek actor) and the late Richard Whitley (Countdown presenter) into 2nd and 3rd place respectively.

In 2007 the club switched to Saturday football, in order to progress up through the Football Association pyramid.

After missing out on promotion by one point in their first season in the division, in 2012/13 the club won Division One and were promoted to the Premier Division.

In 2007/08 Albion Sports joined the Bradford Telegraph and Argus League and won promotion as well as winning the League Cup.

Albion Sports were elected to the West Riding County Amateur League in 2008, gained promotion in the first season and also won the District Cup. In 2009/10 Albion Sports finished runners-up in the Premiership and won the Divisional Cup. In 2010/11 they again finished runners-up and were then successfully elected to join the Northern Counties East League.

To meet NCEL ground requirements, the club had to leave their Myra Shay home to ground share with Bradford Park Avenue at Horsfall Stadium.

In 2011/12, Albion Sports missed out on promotion by a solitary point in their debut season

but quickly rectified this in the following season, 2012/13, by gaining promotion to the Premier Division as Champions.

After negotiations with Bradford PA stalled, Albion Sports were on the move again, leaving Bradford for Leeds and a ground share at Farsley Celtic's Throstle Nest. Albion Sports finished in a very creditable 6th place in their debut NCEL Premier Division season in 2013/14.

From 2014 through to 2017, the club consistently finished in mid table, between 8th and 11th places.

2017/18 saw Albion Sports achieve a 14th place finish and their best run in the FA Cup so far, reaching the 2nd Qualifying Round before going out to Ashton Athletic.

After finishing 16th in 2018/19, boss Kulwinder Sandhu, the longest serving manager in the country at the time, stepped down after 35 years in the job.

With new management, the club were in the relegation spots when the 2019/20 season was abandoned due to Covid. And 2020/21 never really got started as the season suffered the same fate. 2021/22 was a tough one for Albion Sports as they finished second from bottom but received a reprieve from relegation, courtesy of Staveley MW taking voluntary relegation.

The club made the most of said reprieve and 2022/23 was much better with a 12th place finish. However, the club were on the move at the end of the season, returning to Horsfall Stadium and a ground share with Bradford Park Avenue.

In 2023/34, Albion continued their progress as manager Mohammed Rizwan took his side to the playoffs where they lost on penalties in the final to Garforth Town.

At the end of that season, Rizwan moved upstairs to become Director of Football and Neil Sibson and initially Craig Ogilvie came in to replace him as joint bosses, in charge of day to day matters. The club went agonisingly close to achieving a playoff place again in 24/25 but a 3 point deduction, for playing an ineligible player against Frickley, thwarted them.

2025/26 sees Albion Sports finally return to their spiritual home at Myra Shay, which has been developed to meet league requirements.

And now in sole charge, Neil Sibson will be looking to mastermind his side gaining promotion to the NPL.





# Memory Match

If you're new to the Frickley Athletic matchday programme, every issue we feature games from the vaults, yesteryear or the days of yore ;) This issue is no different so we've got 2 memory matches for you. As today's game is being played on the earliest ever date for a competitive Frickley fixture, both memory matches are July preseason wins over sides from EFL clubs that featured a famous name in their ranks. The first match was against a Hull City XI, played on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2015. A second half Chris Wood (not that one) hat trick ensured that The Blues were comfortable victors by 5 goals to 2. The Hull team included future UEFA Europa Conference League winner Jarrod Bowen in their lineup. Then the second game is from Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2011, when The Azzurri nicked a 1-0 win, courtesy of Brad Grayson's goal. The Tykes starting eleven included future UEFA Champions League winner John Stones. With thanks to JL

## Frickley Athletic 5 Hull City XI 2

Substitute Chris Wood scored a second half hat-trick as the Blues comfortably defeated a Hull City U21/U18 side 5-2 at Westfield Lane. The game was only 2 minutes old when former Sheffield FC and Boston United striker Zeph Thomas was sent one on one with the last defender and his angled 20 yard shot went in off the outstretched arm of Hull keeper Rory Watson. Josh Tymon came close to equalising two minutes later but his 25 yard free-kick came back off the right hand upright. A good run from Hull's Greg Olley saw him play in Johan Ter Horst but Ciaran Gibson did enough to send Ter Horst well wide and John Cyrus headed his attempted shot clear. Gibson again denied Ter Horst from close range on 18 minutes with Rhys Fyfe putting the rebound wide from 18 yards. Tyler Williams forced Watson into a smart save from 30 yards on 20 minutes and the Blues were awarded a penalty on 28 minutes when Reece Thompson was brought down inside the box by Conor Townsend. Thompson stepped up himself to take the spot-kick but his blasted effort came back off the crossbar. Thompson then had two efforts charged down by Josh Clackstone inside the box before Gibson was called into action again, saving well from Fyfe in the 35th minute whilst at the other end Watson smothered an 18 yard shot from Thompson. The Blues were awarded their second penalty in the 39th minute when Thompson was again brought down by Townsend but this time Thompson confidently despatched the penalty. Half time saw a raft of changes by the Blues with Sam Leigh replacing Gibson in goal whilst Lee Stratford, James Kay, Tyrone Gay, Brad Dockerty, Luke Hinsley and Chris Wood replaced Luke Jeffs, Macaulay Parkinson, Jameel Ible, Tyler Williams, Brad Riley and Zeph Thomas. Just five minutes after the restart Hull re-

duced the arrears with Fyfe sending Ter Horst clear to fire past Leigh from the edge of the box. Within a minute Watson had to be out quickly to deny Dockerty from a tight angle whilst Leight collected a close range angled shot from Robbie McKenzie at his near post. Simon Lenighan sent Hinsley away down the right but his angled shot was deflected just wide by Watson's outstretched leg but when Luke Hornsey sent over the resulting corner Wood headed past Watson at the near post to put the Blues 3-1 up in the 66th minute. Jarrod Bowen blazed over from 10 yards for Hull before the same player pulled a goal back, steering a low right footed shot just inside the right hand post from 15 yards on 72 minutes. Just 25 seconds later the Blues restored their two goal advantage with Wood flicking the ball in from close range after a strong 20 yard shot from Dockerty had been blocked by Hull substitute Will Aimson. There was still time for the Blues to add a fifth goal and Wood his third as Kay swung a great cross over from the left in the 87th minute for Wood to head in from 6 yards. Frickley Athletic : Ciaran Gibson, Macaulay Parkinson, Luke Jeffs, Luke Hornsey, John Cyrus, Jameel Ible, Tyler Williams, Simon Lenighan, Reece Thompson, Zeph Thomas, Brad Riley. Subs (all used) : Sam Leigh, Lee Stratford, James Kay, Tyrone Gay, Brad Dockerty, Bobby Johnson, Louis Penty, Luke Hinsley, Chris Wood, Jordan Hines, Ryan Smith, Tom Davies. Hull City XI : Rory Watson, Josh Tymon, Conor Townsend, Greg Olley, Rhys Myers, Josh Clackstone, Tyler Hamilton, Robbie McKenzie, Johan Ter Horst, Rhys Fyfe, Jarrod Bowen. Subs. Steve Croudson, Will Aimson, Mark Kellady, Eddie Rogerson, Brandon Fleming. Referee : Mr. Aaron Bannister Attendance : 148

## International Moose Count





# Memory Match (Cont.)

## Frickley Athletic 1 Barnsley XI 0

Some solid defensive work enabled Frickley to get the better of a lively Barnsley outfit in this friendly at the Westfield Lane. The composure of the home defence, marshalled by Lincoln Adams and Dean Jones, took the sting out a nippy Tykes attack, while Michael Simpkins also linked up smoothly with Adams when he came on for the latter on the hour. The Blues should have opened their account after just 21 seconds, a misplaced clearance dropping to an unmarked Ollie Ryan, who lifted his 25 yard drive over the target, while Gavin Smith put a through ball to Ryan in the second minute, only for his effort to be blocked on the line. The Tykes looked impressive in midfield, passing the ball accurately and quickly, but floundered when they got within shooting distance. A 20 yard free-kick from Brad Grayson was turned around a post by Lukas Lidakercius at full stretch in the 19th minute, before the Reds posed their first threat two minutes later. Adams diverted a strong shot from Danny Rose off the line and, while the corner kick was half cleared, Rose seized the ball and drilled a 25 yard drive inches wide. Back came the home side, Danny Walsh playing a neat

one-two before being foiled by another fine save from Lidakercius, who also foiled Ryan with a point blank save when he broke clear in the 26th minute. A penetrating Tykes raid in the 32nd minute ended with Paul Digby whipping an angled 25 yard effort across the face of goal. The deadlock was broken in the 32nd minute, Grayson collecting a pass and beating the visiting keeper from a tight angle. A free-kick from Ashmore led to Walsh volleying just over in the 41st minute, and Walsh had another fine effort blocked on the line on the stroke of half-time. Frickley brought on Charles Fisher, Mark Whitehouse, Alex Callery and Jack Watts, after the break, while Barnsley, fielding

their Intermediate side, also made changes, but the tempo was maintained. Callery almost scored direct from a left wing corner kick in the 49th minute, Matty Steade heading off the line at the far post. A minute later, Watts controlled a through ball before turning and striking a volley which Lidakercius saved well. Lee Bennett almost improved the Blues advantage in the 58th minute, bringing a cross down and beating the keeper with a 15 yards left foot volley which zipped just over the bar. Barnsley team manager Ronnie Branson rang the changes and his youngsters started to stretch the home defence, Jordan Bradshaw darting off his line to save at point blank range from Rhys Oates in the 84th minute.

Walsh split the Barnsley cover two minutes later with a penetrating pass to Watts, who was well tackled by Jake Scott as he shaped to shoot, play switching rapidly to the other end when Bradshaw came out quickly to clear the danger.



Frickley: Lawrence Matthewson (Jordan Bradshaw), Gavin Smith (Charles Fisher), James Kay, Danny Walsh, Lincoln Adams, Dean Jones (Michael Simpkins), Lee Bennett (Ben Leonard), James Ashmore (Alex Callery), Brad Grayson (Jack Watts), Ollie Ryan (Ashley Longstaff), Teo Ringrose (Mark Whitehouse). Barnsley: Lukas Lidakercius, John Stones, Matty Steade, Jake Scott, Kern Miller, Kurtis Turner, Sam Patterson, Paul Digby, Danny Rose, Matt Reece, Alistair Taylor, Erico Sousa, Tom Williams, Josh Alderson, Rhys Oates, Kenna Ngoala, Brad Kilburn, Joe Martin, Jordan McLeod, Chris Moyo, Brad Abbott, Mcauley Shillito. Gate: 586.

## The Famous Five – Who Am I?

1. Current Frickley midfielder who also played for York City, Bristol City, Scunthorpe United, Millwall and Sheffield United.
2. Today's visitors Albion Sports's skipper and defender, he is their longest serving player, and his cousin (same surname) played for The Blues.
3. Metallic-named defender, scored what turned out to be the winning penalty for England Women in their shootout win over Sweden in the Euros quarter final.
4. Chelsea and England attacking midfielder who scored twice in Chelsea's 3-0 World Club Cup Final win over PSG.
5. Leeds United defender, signed for £12 million from Newcastle United.

Answers on the 'Awaydays' page





# NCEL News

In mid-May 2025, Farsley Celtic learned they had been denied an FA licence for Steps 1–4, triggering a 3 division relegation, from the National League North down to NCEL Premier Division .

Financial instability had mounted throughout the season with the club having to play most home matches 70 miles away in Buxton, due to a failed artificial pitch installation. This resulted in revenue loss and rising debt amid poor on-pitch results (just 5 wins in 46 games).

In mid-June, former Premier League goalkeeper David Stockdale (now manager) and his family agreed to purchase the club from longtime owner Paul Barthorpe, ending a controversial tenure amid reports of fan unrest and financial pressure. Just a fortnight later, on 30 June 2025, the club formally announced it would withdraw its men's first team from NCEL for the 2025/26 season, citing a strategic restructure under new stewardship. It will also curb running costs.

Future plans include new facility upgrades, a pending funding bid for a 4G pitch, floodlights, and a groundshare while they secure a long term lease for The Citadel.

In addition to the Farsley move and the regular promotions and relegations, FA club allocations for the upcoming season saw Swallownest FC shuffled from the NCEL to the United Counties League. This move was described as "a massive surprise" by their officials. This especially so, given that Sheffield FC, whose ground is further south and in Dronfield, were placed in the NCEL following relegation from the NPL. Less controversially, Bradford's Route One Rovers moved from the North West Counties League into the NCEL.

For the 2025/26 season, Albion Sports and the aforementioned Route One Rovers will both make Myra Shay in Bradford their shared home ground. Albion Sports have previously played at The Citadel (home of Farsley Celtic) and more recently Horsfall Stadium (home of Bradford PA) but made the move to Myra Shay, a smaller venue with roughly, but the club's original home asa Sunday team so far more aligned to the club's fanbase and community roots. Route One Rovers, entering NCEL Division One

this season, will also take up residency at Myra Shay.

Other benefits include lower overheads at versus larger stadium costs, being in Bradford city proper brings greater accessibility to both clubs' supporters, and the shared tenancy gives greater scheduling flexibility than being secondary tenants at larger stadiums.

As of 1 st June 2025, Eccleshill United announced that their NCEL Premier Division side will relocate to Cougar Park, home of the Keighley Cougars rugby league club, located approximately 19 miles from their original Wrose home.

Chairwoman Sally Smith-Butler stated the move is part of "their long-term strategy to ensure their survival," citing persistent financial losses from their previous home at Kingsway, which lacked its own bar and generated insufficient income to cover running costs.

The club emphasized that manager Lee Elam and his staff remain committed, and that the relocation will help them build a sustainable future on and off the pitch.

Goole's Victoria Pleasure Grounds is undergoing a £7 million transformation, funded by the Goole Town Deal and the Football Foundation. Work began in late 2024 and includes a new pavilion with changing rooms, café, and a conference suite, a 3G pitch and athletics facilities, along with on-site parking and improved accessibility. The project is due for completion by early 2026. Once finished, it will serve as a multi-use venue for Goole AFC, Goole Vikings, and community groups, aiming to grow annual footfall from 13k to 63k and become financially self sustaining within 3 years.

The League's sponsorships also underwent updates. Macron Sports Hub Wakefield extended its title sponsorship, PST Sport became the official Artificial Pitch Partner, and ECO Energy Saving Solutions was appointed as the League's Sustainability Partner.

Bottesford Town joined the sustainability bandwagon with a major solar and battery installation at Barrett Steel Stadium in April, one of the more notable eco-conscious initiatives within the NCEL.





# Match Reports

## **Frickley 1-5 Pontefract Collieries (PSF1)**

The Blues kicked off preseason with a tough test against higher division Pontefract Collieries in the latest edition of the El Classicoal, ultimately falling to a 5-1 defeat. Despite the scoreline, there were plenty of positives for The Blues.

Ponte struck early, taking the lead in the 4th minute, but Frickley responded well, going close through Sykes, Destiny Ifeanyi Nnenanua, and Sam Cable - the latter hitting the bar. The equaliser came in the 23rd minute, with pressure from Destiny and Cable forcing an own goal.

Ponte quickly restored their lead two minutes later and added two more before half-time, including a free-kick, to go in 4-1 up at the break. HT 1-4.

In the second half, The Azzurri showed spirit. Keeper Will Sykes made several strong saves, and Luis Afonso-Ferreira impressed with his pace and attacking threat, but the visitors added a fifth late on to seal the win. FT 1-5. While the result wasn't ideal, it was a valuable run-out. Several players impressed, especially in the second half. Webmaster MOTM went to Sam Cable, who looked sharp and was unlucky not to score. Others most worthy of praise praised included Reuben Brewin Hawkins, Luis Afonso-Ferreira, Will Jenkinson, and Will Sykes.

230 through the gate. Thank you for a strong start to the 2025/26 campaign.

## **Frickley 0-4 South Elmsall United Services (PSF2)**

The Blues suffered a frustrating 4-0 defeat to local friends and tenants South Elmsall United Services. Despite the scoreline, the game was more balanced than it appeared, with The Blues creating numerous chances but lacking the finishing touch.

The Soldiers struck early, converting a 9<sup>th</sup> minute penalty after a defensive error. They doubled their lead in the 17th minute following a misplaced back pass, and added a third on 23 minutes from a nodded on high ball.

Despite the early setbacks, The Azzurri responded with attacking pressure, particularly through Luis Afonso Ferreira, who caused constant problems but was denied several times. HT 0-3.

The Blues showed more intent after the break, with Arun Triallist, Tom Alngohuru, and Anders Triallist all going close. But it was the Soldiers who scored again in the 58th minute with a headed goal. Afonso continued to threaten but was again denied in a 1-on-1. The best chance to score came late when Frickley won a penalty, but Arun Triallist put it wide.

Alngohuru nearly snatched a consolation in stoppage time, but it wasn't to be. FT 0-4.

Despite the result, the game offered a few positives - promising link ups, attacking threat, and trialists showing potential. Ultimately, South Elmsall were more clinical.

Webmaster MOTM went to Luis Afonso Ferreira, who was lively throughout and a constant danger, and unlucky not to score.

Other standouts included Reuben Brewin Hawkins, Sam Kilner, Takunda Katsere, Niall Butchart, and Tom Alngohuru. 215 through the gate. Thank you for the super support.

## **Frickley 1-4 Sheffield Wednesday XI (PSF3)**

The Blues delivered their best preseason display so far in a battling 4-1 defeat to EFL opposition, Sheffield Wednesday. Despite the scoreline, The Boys in Blue showed fight, organisation and potential in the final third.

The game started brightly for Frickley, with Harry Gagen impressing in defence early on. However, Wednesday took the lead in the 17th minute and added a second just after the half hour. The Azzurri had chances of their own, with Robinson and Spence both going close. HT 0-2.

In the second half, Destiny was on it in attack and had an early chance before Wednesday made it 3-0 in the 57th minute. The Blues pulled one back in the 71st minute through a towering header from Brian Trialist after a well-delivered Tom A corner.

There was late controversy when Destiny appeared to be fouled by the keeper, but only





## Match Reports (cont.)

a corner was awarded. Wednesday sealed the result with a fourth in the 84th minute, though The Azzurri almost responded again through Tom A. FT 1-4.

Webmaster MOTM was shared between Harry Gagen (outstanding defensively) and Destiny (a constant second half thorn in the opposition's side). The goal from Brian Trialist was also a highlight.

530 through the gate was The Azzurri's biggest home turnout since 2018. Amazing support, thank you.

### Grimsby Borough 3-2 Frickley (PSF4)

The Blues upped their preseason performance again in a narrow 3-2 defeat away to NPL side Grimsby Borough. It was an entertaining, hard-fought match full of attacking quality and controversial moments.

Grimsby started quickly, forcing an early save from Will Sykes and hitting the woodwork.

They took the lead on 10 minutes via a penalty wrongly awarded for handball. The Blues responded well, with Martyn Woolford and Tom Alngohuru both influential. The Azzurri levelled in the 31st minute after Luis Afonso Ferreira beat his man and crossed for Woolford, who nodded down for Tom A to finish smartly.

Grimsby controversially regained the lead just before the break, capitalising on a questionable drop ball decision that led to a goal. HT 2-1.

Frickley came out strongly in the second half and equalised again in the 58th minute, this time Tom A turned provider, setting up Woolford to make it 2-2. Destiny had a goal ruled out for offside, and Robinson saw a shot blocked before Grimsby took advantage of a defensive lapse to retake the lead.

Despite going behind, Frickley kept pushing. Destiny, Tom A, and Robinson all forced saves, while Woolford had 2 very good penalty appeals waved away late on. FT 3-2.

It was a hugely encouraging display from The Azzurri, who created numerous chances and matched higher league opposition in both

intensity and quality.

Webmaster MOTM was a three-way tie - Martyn Woolford, for his goal, assist and all round class, Tom Alngohuru, who continues to impress with his creativity and energy, and Takunda Katsere, whose gritty performance and growing confidence stood out. Other notable mentions included Afonso, Destiny, Niall Butchart, RBH, and the ever-dependable Joel Spence.

110 through the gate, with a large percentage from the Duchy of SESKUshire. Thank you, it's much appreciated!

### Frickley 5-0 Emley (PSF5)

The Blues produced a sensational display in the El Claisse-ico, trouncing Emley, from the step above, 5-0 in their most dominant preseason showing to date.

The Azzurri flew out of the blocks, with Lucas Robinson firing home a 25 yard opener in the 7th minute. Tom Alngohuru was everywhere, creating multiple chances and playing a key role in the second goal on 22 minutes, cutting inside and finishing coolly. Just three minutes later, Tom A set up Destiny for a composed third. Frickley continued to control the game, with several near misses before the break. HT 3-0.

Two minutes into the second half, Destiny grabbed his second, finishing off after a slick through ball from Tom A. Tom Radley completed the scoring on 67 minutes with a powerful header from Niall Butchart's corner. Destiny nearly bagged a hat-trick late on, and Emley's rare chances were well dealt with, Will Sykes making a fine late save to preserve the clean sheet. FT 5-0.

It was a complete team performance, ruthless in attack, rock solid at the back, and full of confidence. The squad is clearly gelling under the gaffer's guidance.

Webmaster MOTM went to Tom Alngohuru, who was unstoppable down the flank with a goal, two assists, and flair to spare. Other standouts included Destiny (2 goals), Robbo, Butch, Jenko, and Radders.

227 through the gate. Thanks for the fantastic support on a wet night. The buzz is building!





# Everywhere We Go

## Grimsby (& Cleethorpes)

Yesssss! The first awayday of the new season!! Albeit a preseason one. Although Grimsby, our destination, wasn't a new one and even though the game ended in defeat, it was a top day out.

The stadium, known as the Bradley Football Development Centre, is a purpose built site, opened in 2010, and it became Grimsby

Borough's permanent home after several ground-shares at various sites in Grimsby, Brigg and even Barton.

Set in a rural area a few miles out of Grimsby, The facilities are fairly impressive with a main grass stadium pitch that was like a carpet, a 3G pitch, grass training and kids' pitches. And there's the expected changing rooms plus function rooms, a well-frequented bar and café – which is handy coz it's a bit of a bugger to get to on public transport.

The ground has a utilitarian and minimalistic vibe with a flatpack metal main stand seating about 100, a covered terrace



behind one goal, and open sides exposed to the Lincolnshire weather in winter. On this occasion, it was keeping cool that was more of an issue, coming away as I did with a touch of sunburn. Whilst there's a slight character deficiency, the home fans, despite being thin on the ground,

were friendly and welcoming.

The Azzurri had played a Sheffield Wednesday XI the previous evening, in scorchio conditions, but the 1pm kickoff meant that they were playing again less than 16 hours after full time. The lads coped brilliantly and the

upside was that it facilitated a bonding session for players and fans alike at nearby Cleethorpes

afterwards. The Blue Faithful had travelled in good numbers in anticipation of a grand day out beside the seaside.

And that's exactly what they got. Tom Alngohuru, Luis Afonso Ferreira and the returning legend Martyn Woolford inspired a spritely showing in the face of 'interesting' officiating (it's not every day the ref actually does get a pre-assist!). The eventual 3-2 reverse was never going to dampen Blues spirits.

The minutes and miles are in the legs so come on 2025/26, we're ready, let's be havin' some....



# Linked to The Lane

I'm an incorrigible collector of old A&BC, Panini, Merlin, Topps, etc. football cards and stickers, and it struck me how many of the players pictured had links to Frickley Athletic. They might have played for or against us at some point, or are related to one of The Azzurri past or present. Or the connection might be even more tenuous! But you can be sure it was the highlight of their career :)

A regular visitor to The Wezzie in the late 70s as a player and manager with Mossley and Gainsborough Trinity, and an ex-Bantam, Roy Ellam has all the link credentials required to grace this page on the day we open the 2025/26 season against today's visitors, Bradford-based Albion Sports.

A local lad, born just up the road in Hemsworth in 1943. Roy Ellam carved out a solid and respected career during the 1960s and 70s. Known for his imposing presence at the heart of defence, Ellam embodied the grit and determination that defined an era of the English game. Though never a household name, he remains fondly remembered by fans of the clubs he served with distinction. His early footballing promise was evident from schoolboy level, and it wasn't long before he was attracting the attention of scouts.

Ellam began his professional career with Bradford City in 1961. At Valley Parade, the tall centre half quickly made an impression with his commanding aerial ability and no-nonsense defending. Over five years at the club, he established himself as a regular starter, making over 100 appearances and developing the robust style that would become his trademark. In 1966, Ellam made the move across West Yorkshire to Huddersfield Town, a club then building towards promotion. He played a key role in helping the Terriers secure the Second Division title in the 1969/70 season, earning promotion to the top flight of English football.



During Huddersfield's brief stint in the First Division, Ellam found himself up against some of the finest forwards in the country. His performances drew praise for their consistency and bravery, and while the team struggled to maintain their status among the elite, Ellam's reputation as a reliable and hard-working defender remained intact.

In 1972, Roy Ellam achieved a lifelong ambition when he signed for Leeds United, then one of the top sides in English football under the management of Don Revie. Although competition for places was fierce, with the likes of Jack Charlton and Norman Hunter entrenched in defence, Ellam relished the opportunity to be part of such an illustrious squad.

His appearances for Leeds were limited - he played just 4 games in the 73/74 season when Leeds were crowned league champions - but he remained a trusted squad member during his time at Elland Road.

Ellam later returned to Huddersfield Town for a second spell before retiring from the English professional game. Roy then alternated between spending time in the North American Soccer League with the Philadelphia Atoms and Washington

Diplomats, and playing for Mossley and managing Gainsborough Trins.

Roy Ellam remained connected to the game and his community. He worked in various roles, including coaching, the licensing trade and local business, and continued to be a presence at Huddersfield Town events, where he is warmly remembered as part of the club's proud history.

Roy Ellam's career may not have been laden with silverware or headlines, but it exemplifies the dedication, resilience, and love for the game that define English football's workaday heroes. From Hemsworth to the First Division, and even across the Atlantic, his journey is one of steady perseverance and a tribute to a bygone era and a true footballing servant. Just the sort of thing we like at The Wezzie...



# Frickley's History

Frickley Athletic FC is based in the former coal mining village of South Elmsall. Recent research has shown that the first South Elmsall football team was formed in 1905 but was superseded in 1908 by the newly formed Frickley Colliery Athletic Club and joined the South Yorkshire league which comprised of works, church and village teams. In 1910, the football club moved to the Sheffield Association League and first played in the FA Cup.

The club remained in the Sheffield Association League (except for the war years) until 1922, finishing runners up in 1911/12, and winners in 1920/21, our only ever league title.

In 1922/23 Frickley joined the Yorkshire league and after finishing runners up in 1923/24, the club were elected into the Midland League. Although the club had to apply for re election several times pre war (and didn't play in any league in 1933/34) it was kept going by the support of the mineworkers and the sale of players.

1936/37 was Frickley's worst ever league season when the club finished bottom with only 8 points, but amazingly reached the FA Cup 1<sup>st</sup> round proper for the first time.

Post war, Frickley remained in the Midland league gaining its best finish, 7<sup>th</sup>, in 1945/46, but left the league on its break up at the end of 1959/60.

From 1960/61 to 1969/70, Frickley Colliery played in the Cheshire County League. However, financial considerations led the club to join the Midland Counties League for 1970/71. They finished runners up in 1972/73, and were eventually elected into the NPL for the 1976/77 season as Frickley Athletic.

After finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in 1979/80, the club was promoted into the Alliance Premier League, now the National League. Here they remained for 7 years, the most successful in the club's history, and in 1985/86 reached the FA Cup 3<sup>rd</sup> round proper, after beating a Football League club, Hartlepool Utd, only to lose 3-1 at home to Rotherham Utd. The club also finished as Gola League runners up. The following season saw a reversal as we were relegated back to the NPL. From 1987/88 to 1991/92 the club consistently finished around mid-table in the NPL, but did manage to reach the league cup final in 1991/92, losing 1-0 to Marine at Maine Road.

The next few seasons saw Frickley finish in the lower reaches of the table. Then, in 2005/06 The

Blues had their best league season for 20 years, finishing 2nd to Blyth Spartans. Unfortunately, the Blues lost on penalties in the playoff semi.

In the following seasons Frickley returned to the lower half of the table, but 2015/16 saw the club have a great season to finish 7<sup>th</sup>.

This was not repeated in 2016/17 as most of the players who had brought this success were attracted to join more affluent clubs. The club were relegated from the NPL Premier Division after being members for 30 years.

2017/18 saw the club enter the NPL Division 1 South, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the league, scoring a record 117 goals. Additionally, Jacob Hazel broke the club record for individual goals in a season with 47 strikes. The season ended disappointingly with playoff semi final defeat at the hands of Stamford.

2018/19, in the new NPL East Division, was less successful, seeing managerial changes and a 12<sup>th</sup> place finish. However, the season had its highlights, with victory at highflying Morpeth and a 10-1 win over Liversedge in the FA Cup.

More change followed prior to the start of 2019/20. A further league reorganisation which put the Blues into the NPL South East Division was accompanied by a new manager. An inauspicious start led to the appointment of Dave Frecklington in September 2019.

Frecks rapidly turned the side's fortunes around, before lockdown ended the season. 2020/21 ultimately suffered the same fate.

Frecks built what looked like strong squad for the 2021/22 season, able to compete for promotion from the newly formed NPL East Division.

However, things didn't pan out the way that was hoped. Key departures led to a run of form that saw the club relegated to the Northern Counties East League for the first time in our history.

In the summer of 2022, former Blue, Wayne Benn, was appointed as manager, with ex-Frickley goal scoring legend Andy Hayward as his assistant. There were occasional highs but Benn resigned in early 2023 so Patrick McGuire came in to avoid a second successive relegation.

2023/24 started well, and included an 8-0 win at Goole, but ended with the release of McGuire. James Baxendale was in the hot seat for the start of 2024/25 but left in October.

Tom Claisse took the reins in November 2024 and successfully avoided

relegation. Tom and his team will be looking to bring back winning ways to Westfield Lane in 25/26.





# Blues Squad 24/25

## **Reuben Brewin-Hawkins (Defender/Midfielder):**

RBH was part of Gainsborough's U21s in 23/24, and made appearances for the first team, whilst also playing in the NCEL at Rossington and Armthorpe before joining us last term. A man-mountain, he's developing into quite some player.

**Joel Spence (Midfielder):** Joel 90 was at Armthorpe before joining us and he's been on the books of Rotherham United before plenty of experience at Belper Town, Ossett United and Wakefield.

Deservedly won player of the season in 24/25.

**Will Sykes (Goalkeeper):** The Holy Goalie is a highly rated young stopper who joined us from Hallam, against whom he saved a penalty towards the end of last season.

**Niall Butchart (Defender/Midfielder/Forward):** The Butcher is a versatile squad member. He is a former youth teamer at Altrincham, then was at Winsford United, Swallownest, Armthorpe and Goole.

**Tom Alingohuru (Midfielder/Forward):** The Guru is a defender's nightmare. He joined last season from Ossett United. Prior to that he was at the York City and i2i academies, and has played almost 80 games for Pickering Town.

**Wilfey Woodham (Midfielder):** Win-win is a midfielder making the step up from our U23s side.

**Harry Gagen (Defender):** Gadge is a Rolls Royce of a defender who started out at Barnsley but has joined us from Ossett United.

**Luis Afonso-Ferreira (Midfielder/Forward):** The Ferrari is a rapid forward who puts teams on the back foot. He has plenty experience from time spent at he likes of Retford United, Parkgate and Albion Sports.

**Sam Cable (Forward):** The Power is a handful of an attacker. Since starting out in our U19s over a decade ago, he is now in his 3rd spell with the club after spells at Barton Town, Garforth and others.

**Will Jenkinson (Defender):** Jenko is a footballing defender who joins us from Parkgate, having started out at Rotherham United.

**Takunda Katsero (Defender):** The Thunder is a big, strong defender with loads of potential. Has previous NCEL experience at Goole, Selby Town, Athersley Rec and Wombwell Town.

**Sam Kilner (Defender):** A NCEL title winner at Silsden last season, Killer is a highly proficient fullback who has also been at Buxton, Mossley, Hemsworth and Knaresborough.

**Martyn Woolford (Midfielder/Forward):** The Woolfman started at The Wezzie in 2005. He is a very classy attacking midfielder who has been in the EFL with the likes of York, Scunthorpe and Blades since then but back home now for a 3rd spell.

**Ifeanyi Nnenanua (Forward):** Goes by the name of Destiny, he's a committed young striker who is always in the thick of it. He's been at the i2i academy and has previously played for Pickering Town.

**Thomas Radley (Defender):** A long time target, Radz is a big centre half who was skipper at Shelley last season so brings quality and leadership into our back line.

**Lucas Robinson (Midfielder/Forward):** A rangey winger with an eye for goal, Cool Hand Lucas comes to us from Harrogate Railway but has been at Goole and Barton too.

**Tyler Sheard (Defender/Midfield/Forward):** Versa Tyler is another who can do a job just about anywhere on the park, team before self every time. And he is another of our U23s stepping up for first team duties too.

**Alfie Studd (Defender/Midfielder):** The Studd Wall is a confident performer who has come right the way through our academy system. He is a local lad – his dad used to live 2 doors down from our head of global communications!

**Tom Cotson (Defender/Midfielder):** Top Cat is also hot off our U23s production line. Wherever he plays, his composure belies his years.

**Harley Wilson (Midfielder):** Hells Angel is a midfielder who knows his way round at this level with time served at Rossington Main, Penistone Church, Wombwell Town and Dinnington Town.

**Luke Williams (Forward):** Luke The Nuke is a pacey striker, on dual reg from Ponte Colls having been at Goole, Albion Sports and Winterton.

**Joe Wilson (Midfielder):** Smokin' Joe is a tricky young winger who has come through our academy and made his first team debut at the end of 23/24.

**Lewis Binns (Defender/Midfielder/Coach):** Binno is a rock of a defender/midfielder. This local lad has played for a number of clubs, including South Kirkby and Armthorpe. Already a Frickley legend, the Supporters' Player of the Season in 22/23 is back from injury, and is part of the coaching team too.

**Lee Crooks (Defender/Midfielder/Asst Manager):** When Crookys came on as sub in the final game of 24/25, he became one of the oldest players ever to appear for The Blues. Having played many times in the EFL for Man City, Barnsley, Bradford City and Rochdale, the muscle memory is second to none.

**Tom Claisse (Defender/Midfielder/Manager):** Claisse Act was appointed manager in November 2024. He started out at Leeds United then Bradford City. Since then he's been at a host clubs in the NPL and NCEL (winning it 4 times), most recently at Hallam, and has played for the RAF and Armed Forces. He was coach at Emley and joint manager at Ossett. And he carried the FA Cup to the Royal Box in 2018!





# Frickley Player Statistics

Frickley Athletic Apps. & Goal Scoring Record Career Up To End of 2024-25 Season							
	League	Cups	Total	Sub.	Grand	Gls	c/s
			Starts	Apps.	Total		
Martyn Woolford	50	10	60	5	65	15	
Lewis Binns	44	6	50	12	62	3	
Joel Spence	35	4	39	1	40	4	
Reuben Brewin-Hawkins	20	1	21	6	27		
Sam Cable	8	2	10	16	26	5	
Niall Butchart	9	0	9	5	14	1	
William Sykes	12	0	12	0	12		2
Tom Alngohuro	7	0	7	5	12	2	
Harry Gagen	9	0	9	0	9		
Tom Claisse	5	0	5	1	6		
Lee Crooks	0	0	0	1	1		

## PREVIOUS RESULTS ON THIS DAY 26<sup>th</sup> JULY

This is Frickley's first competitive fixture on 26<sup>th</sup> July  
So here are our only competitive July games from the past:

### July 27<sup>th</sup>

Year	Day	H/A	Comp.	Opponents	Result	Frickley Scorers
2024	Sat	Home	NCEL P	Pickering Town	Lost 2-4	Varley, Williams

### July 29<sup>th</sup>

Year	Day	H/A	Comp.	Opponents	Result	Frickley Scorers
2023	Sat	Home	NCEL P	Campion	Lost 0-3	

### July 30<sup>th</sup>

Year	Day	H/A	Comp.	Opponents	Result	Frickley Scorers
2022	Sat	Away	NCEL P	Maltby Main	Won 1-0	Bennett

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# Macron NCEL Premier Division Table

	2024 - 2025 Final Table	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	P
1	Silsden	38	26	8	4	86	48	38	86
2	Hallam	38	23	8	7	96	44	52	77
3	Golcar United	38	23	3	12	87	48	39	72
4	Beverley Town	38	21	5	12	79	60	19	68
5	Thackley	38	20	7	11	84	57	27	67
6	Albion Sports	38	20	8	10	77	51	26	65
7	Handsworth	38	18	7	13	83	68	15	61
8	Penistone Church	38	16	8	14	75	62	13	56
9	Campion	38	16	5	17	63	63	0	53
10	Pickering Town	38	16	5	17	66	68	-2	53
11	Parkgate	38	16	4	18	55	66	-11	52
12	Knareborough Town	38	13	10	15	61	59	2	49
13	Rossington Main	38	14	7	17	68	70	-2	49
14	Barton Town	38	13	10	15	60	67	-7	49
15	Eccleshill United	38	12	8	18	54	68	-14	44
16	Bottesford Town	38	13	5	20	56	80	-24	44
17	Tadcaster Albion	38	10	7	21	54	72	-18	37
18	Frickley Athletic	38	9	6	23	53	86	-33	33
19	Winterton Rangers	38	7	6	25	25	77	-52	27
20	Goole	38	6	9	23	38	106	-68	27

## PREVIOUS GAMES BETWEEN FRICKLEY & ALBION SPORTS

Season	Date	Comp.	H/A	Result	Frickley Scorers
2022/23	Sat. 29th Oct 22	NCELP	H	Draw 1-1	Green
	Sat. 18th Mar 23	NCELP	A	Lost 1-2	OG
2023/24	Sat. 24th Feb 24	NCELP	H	Lost 1-2	Keita
	Wed. 13th Mar 24	NCELP	A	Lost 0-2	
2024/25	Sat 17th Au 24	NCELP	H	Won 2-1	McCormack, Elkin Sheppard
	Fri. 27th Dec 24	NCELP	A	Lost 0-2	

## ON THIS DAY IN FOOTBALL - 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY

**1948** - Following the Second World War, the first major world sporting event to be held was the 1948 Olympic Games in London. The Olympic football tournament kicked off on this date with two Preliminary Round ties, Luxembourg beat Afghanistan 6-0 at the Goldstone Ground in Brighton (attendance 5,000) and the Netherlands defeated Ireland 3-1 at Fratton Park, Portsmouth, in front of a 8,000 crowd.

**1966** - Bobby Charlton scored 2 and Eusébio 1 as England beat Portugal 2-1 at Wembley in the semi final of the World Cup. England went on to play and beat West Germany in the World Cup Final.

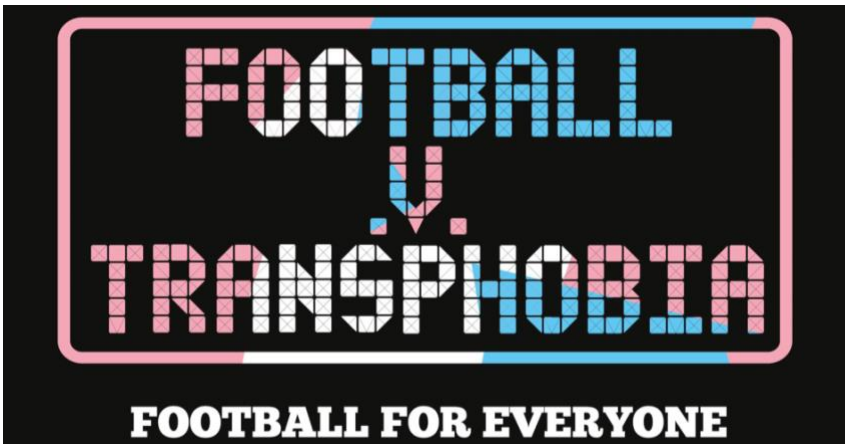
**1977** - Following his £500,000 transfer from Liverpool to Hamburg, Kevin Keegan made his debut for his new club in a preseason friendly against Barcelona and scored in their 6-0 defeat of the Spaniards.





# Macron NCEL Division One Table

	2024 - 2025 Final Table	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	P
1	Horbury Town	42	30	5	7	100	33	67	95
2	Wombwell Town	42	29	7	6	113	47	66	94
3	Wakefield	42	29	4	9	98	35	63	91
4	Dearne and District	42	25	9	8	97	50	47	84
5	Ilkley Town	42	24	4	14	81	60	21	76
6	Worsbrough Bridge Athletic	42	20	10	12	82	75	7	70
7	Brigg Town	42	21	6	15	94	57	37	69
8	Selby Town	42	21	6	15	77	68	9	69
9	South Leeds	42	19	8	15	89	76	13	65
10	Maltby Main	42	19	7	16	77	72	5	64
11	Club Thorne	42	16	14	12	60	48	12	62
12	Harrogate Railway Athletic	42	17	9	16	71	63	8	60
13	Armthorpe Welfare	42	15	6	21	68	79	-11	51
14	Glasshoughton Welfare	42	13	10	19	68	84	-16	49
15	Louth Town	42	14	7	21	68	88	-20	49
16	Swallownest	42	14	5	23	55	90	-35	47
17	Shelley	42	11	13	18	59	81	-22	46
18	Athersley Recreation	42	13	5	24	59	86	-27	44
19	Nostell Miners Welfare	42	9	10	23	52	84	-32	37
20	Dronfield Town	42	10	5	27	65	101	-36	32
21	Appleby Frodingham	42	9	6	27	49	110	-61	30
22	Yorkshire Amateur	42	4	4	34	32	127	-95	16





# Laying Down The Law

Whether it's outlawing hacking, having crossbars, adding a D to the penalty area, or banning backpasses, football is always developing. So here's an overview of the key updates to the Laws of the Game, ratified by IFAB (International Football Association Board) in Belfast in March 2025, and set to take effect for the 2025/26 football season:

## 1. Goalkeeper Time-Wasting - the 8-Second Rule (Law 12.2):

Goalkeepers now have a maximum of eight seconds to release the ball.

If exceeded, even momentarily, the opposing team is awarded a corner kick, no longer an indirect free kick.

Referees will visually count down the final five seconds using hand signals.

This change stems from trials in over 400 matches (Premier League 2, Italy, Malta) which showed strong compliance and reduced delays.

## 2. Captain-Only Communication (Law 3.10):

Teams may now adopt the rule where only the captain is permitted to approach the referee in specified match situations, emphasising discipline and respect. Take a good look at the picture as this should be a thing of the past.

## 3. Dropped-Ball Updates (Law 8.2):

If play stops with the ball outside the penalty area, it's dropped to the team that had or clearly would have had possession, or else to the last team that touched it.

If stoppage occurs inside the penalty area, the ball is dropped to the defending goalkeeper.

## 4. Accidental Contact "Off-field" (Law 9.2):

If a substitute, coach, sent-off player, or official accidentally touches the ball as it leaves the field and doesn't intend to interfere, the restart is an indirect free kick, no yellow card.

## 5. Offside Reference Clarification (Law 11):

When a goalkeeper throws or distributes the ball, the last point of contact instead of the first determines offside positions, aimed at simplifying decisions and reducing controversies.

## 6. Penalty Kick Double-Touch Clarification (Law 14):

In cases where a penalty taker accidentally plays the ball twice before it leaves their foot and it results in a goal, the penalty will now be retaken rather than disallowed.

If missed, it stands as a miss or an indirect free kick to the defense. Deliberate double touches remain punishable.



The updates to VAR protocol and referee body camera trials are unlikely to have much impact in the NCEL on a wet night in Goole.

IFAB gave reasons for why they felt these changes were needed: Enhanced flow & pace - The eight-second rule is designed to deter time wasting without harsh penalties.

Communication discipline - Limiting dialogue to captains helps reduce present-time dissent and confrontations.

Restart fairness - Clarified dropped ball and interference rules promote consistency.

Penalty fairness - The double touch clarification avoids unjust disallowed goals through accidental missteps.

And, not wishing to stand still, IFAB is looking to future changes as they actively trial a new "daylight" offside rule, which prioritises the attacker's torso for offside determination rather than toes or limbs. These trials, championed by Arsène Wenger, aim to promote attacking play and increase goal scoring. So far they've shown promise at youth and amateur levels, with plans to extend testing into professional leagues and selected FIFA competitions.

These reforms are intended to balance tradition with innovation, to make football more fluid, fair, and fan-friendly. We live in hope...

# Awaydays

## Next up – Brighouse Town (FA Cup)

**Brighouse Facts:** Situated on the River Calder, 4 miles east of Halifax, Brighouse is twinned with the German town of Lüdenscheid. Brighouse is home to the rock band, Embrace, who have had 3 UK number 1 albums, the Brighouse & Rastrick Brass Band, who reached number 2 in the UK singles charts in 1977 with 'Floral Dance', and Brighouse Rangers ARLFC, original members of what is now the Rugby Football League.

**When :** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2025.

**Kick off :** 15:00

**Where :** Heffernan Utilities Stadium, St Giles Road, Brighouse, HD6 2PL.

**How much :** Adults £10, Concessions (Blue Light/Armed Forces/Students) £5, 12-17 £3, U12s £1, Dogs are allowed on a lead.



Ian Clarkson frequently runs a supporters' bus to the more distant away games provided there is enough support to make it worthwhile. Departure is usually from North Elmsall and cost varies with distance. Details will be posted on the club's usual social media channels, or you can contact Ian on 07790 569075. Alternatively, if anyone is travelling to an away game by car and is willing to offer car share places, or is looking to travel to an away game but hasn't got transport, please email [media@frickleyathletic.co.uk](mailto:media@frickleyathletic.co.uk) with your contact details.

## Famous Five - Who Am I? Answers

1. Martyn Woolford.
2. Aran Basi.
3. Lucy Bronze.
4. Cole Palmer.
5. Sean Longstaff.

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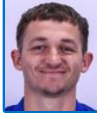
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# WHATS ON...

- **RETURN TO FOOTBALL**

- MONDAY - 6PM TO 7PM @FRICKLEY 3G, WF9 2EQ

- **STAY, PLAY, AND WEIGH - PARENT AND TODDLER**

- TUESDAY 9:30AM TO 11:15AM @RED ROOF, KINSLEY, WF9 5BP

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- THURSDAY 9:30AM TO 11:15AM @MILLENIUM HALL, MOORTHORPE, WF9 2BJ

- **LADIES FOOTBALL FUN REC SESSION AND 11 A-SIDE TEAM**

- WEDNESDAY 19:00PM TO 20:00PM @MINSTHORPE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, WF9 2UJ

- **WALKING FOOTBALL**

- SATURDAY 9AM TO 10AM @MINSTHORPE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, WF9 2UJ

- **SPORTING MEMORIES**

- STARTS SEPTEMBER, FORTNIGHTLY (FRIDAYS), SOUTH ELMSALL LIBRARY

- **SOCIAL CLUB - ASHFIELD HOUSE**

- WEDNESDAY 10AM - 11AM @ASHFIELD HOUSE, HEMSWORTH - £1

- **SOCIAL CLUB - FARFIELD COURT**

- WEDNESDAY 1PM TO 2PM @FARFIELD COURT, SOUTH ELMSALL - £1

- **OVER 55'S CLUB**

- THURSDAY, FORTNIGHTLY 1PM TO 3PM @SOUTH ELMSALL SOCIAL CENTER - £2

- **LADIES ROUNDERS**

- THURSDAY 6:30PM TO 20:00PM @MINSTHORPE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, PLAYING FIELDS

- **BUGGY WALK**

- FRIDAY 10AM-11AM @RED ROOF, KINSLEY, WF9 5BP

- **FAMILY FISHING SESSION**

- STARTS 20TH AUGUST, TUESDAY 4PM-6PM @THE PUMP FISHING LAKE (MEET @JUNTION PUB, EQUIPMENT PROVIDED)

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- 5PM TO 6PM 3 TO 6 YEAR OLDS & 6PM TO 7PM 7 TO 11 YEAR OLDS



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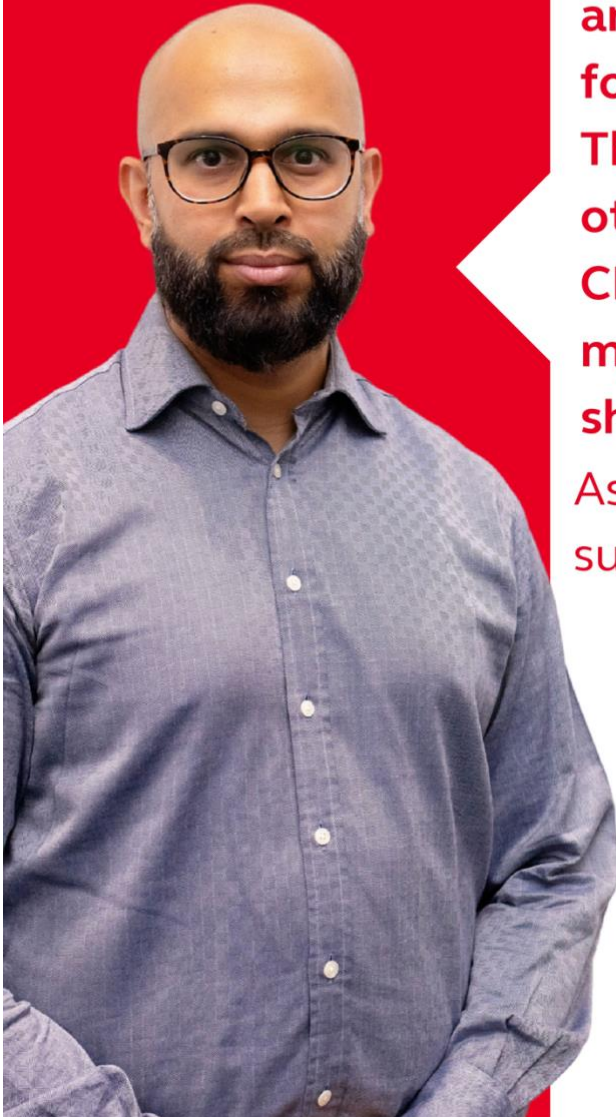
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