



FRICKLEY ATHLETIC

25/26

NCEL Premier Division
Official Match Day Programme



Today's Visitors:

TADCASTER ALBION

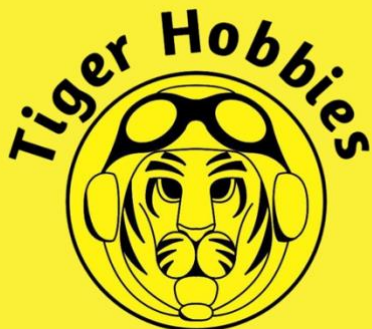
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TUESDAY 26TH AUGUST 2025 KICK OFF 7.45 PM

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Will Jenkinson	3	Alex Clark
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Luis Afonso Ferreira	7	Oliver Norman
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Martyn Woolford	9	Oliver Green
Lucas Robinson	10	Alfie Dean
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Takunda Katsere	12	Jayden Thompson
Tyler Sheard	14	Noah Ward
Destiny Ifeanyi Nnenanua	15	Andrew Shepherd
Niall Butchart	16	Fatum Ibrahim
Tom Radley	17	Desmond Okoro

REFEREE

Matthew Rose

ASSISTANT REFEREES

Stuart Brown

Andy Smith





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Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, welcome to The SALUS Stadium for this evening's Northern Counties East Premier Division game against Tadcaster Albion. We give a warm welcome to Tadcaster's players, officials and supporters and hope they have a safe trip home after the game.

This evening's visitors, Tadcaster Albion, currently sit in 1st place on 12 points after 5 games. Tadcaster's recent form has seen them begin their league campaign with a dramatic 3-2 home victory over Beverley Town, following up with an impressive 2-1 win away at Eccleshill United. They maintained that momentum with a convincing 3-0 triumph over Wombwell Town at home, making it 3 wins from 3. Their unbeaten run was halted at Penistone Church, where they slipped to a narrow 2-1 defeat, but they responded in style, back on home soil, sweeping aside Horbury Town 3-0. Then on Saturday, Taddy negotiated the first round qualifying of the FA Vase by going to Squires Gate and taking the tie 2-1 with a last minute goal.

The Blues come into today's game in 9th place on 6 points after 4 games. Our opening games of 25/26 have seen us win 2 and lose 4 in all competitions. Goals from Luis Afonso Ferreira and Tom Alngohuru gave us all 3 points on opening day as we downed visitors Albion Sports by 2 goals to 1. Then 2 losses by the only goal of the game followed at Brighthouse Town in the FA Cup and at Barton Town. We reversed the trend when Luis Afonso Ferreira's wonder goal gave us all 3 points against

Thackley, here at The Wezzie. But last Tuesday, it was a controversial 'wonder why it was given goal' that sent us to another 1-0 away defeat at Botesford. At the weekend, we were on the end of a 5-1 drubbing at the hands of step 6 visitors Maghull. The late penalty scored by Destiny Ifeanyi Nnenanya's was just a consolation. The scoreline was somewhat harsh but a disappointing second half meant that our involvement in the national cup competitions is already over for another year.

Our most recent meeting with Tadcaster, and our most recent at Westfield Lane, was our league game in December 2024. The Blues lost 1-0 as a result of an 87th minute Taddy goal, a cross-cum-shot that beat the keeper. In our other league meeting of last season, The Azzurri were 3-1 victors at Ings Lane in August of last year. Rob Guilfoyle (now playing for Tadcaster) scored the opener, he won the penalty that was converted by Jack Varley for the second and then teed up Harry Spooner for number 3, before Taddy scored in the final 10 minutes to keep the result in the balance.

Expect The Blues to be looking to show a response to Saturday's defeat and get back to winning ways at The Wezzie.

Our next game sees The Blues travel to Penistone Church on Saturday 30th August, 3pm kickoff. The Blues are next in action here at Westfield Lane on Tuesday 2nd September when Liversedge are our visitors, 7.45pm ko. We hope to see you all there.

Enjoy the game and as always we thank you for your valued and continued support.

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- Enter the field of play before, during and after a game without permission.
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Meet The Visitors

The club is believed to have been formed in 1892 as John Smith's FC. It wasn't until 1923 that the Tadcaster Albion AFC name was adopted. In the early years the club played in the local York League. In 1948 Albion won the York League.

They continued competing in the York League during the 1950s and 60s. Tadcaster Albion, in the early days, played home games on the site of the cricket ground on Station Road, before moving to the Ings ground, near to where the present Samuel Smith Brewery Packaging Block now stands. Changing facilities were in the town, at the rear of the Falcon Public House on Chapel Street. Down the years the club has played in several leagues, the Barkston Ash and then the Yorkshire League followed by the NCEL. Football continued on the Ings ground until 1960, when the club moved 100 yards up river to its present home at the Park.

In 1973 the club joined the Yorkshire League Division 3 and were promoted in 1975 and 1977 to reach Division 1, relegation was to follow in 1979 and 1980.

In 1982/83 they became a founding member of the NCEL, originally in Division Two North before reorganisations led them to Division One in 1991. They rarely finished in the top half of the league in the 1990s and finished bottom in 2001/02 and 2003/04.

At the start of 2004/05, Jim Collis became manager and fortunes on the pitch started to improve. In his first season, Albion finished 5th in the league and the following year a 3rd place finish meant promotion narrowly missed. Jimmy Reid took over as manager in 2006, but his time was blighted by off the field problems. Paul Marshall took over for 2008/09, in his first season the team struggled, finishing 17th.

In 2009/10, with an influx of a few new key players, Albion won the NCEL Division One title. In 2010 Rob Northfield became Chairman of Tadcaster Albion (2010) Ltd.

Albion finished fourth in their first season in the NCEL Premier Division and won the NCEL President's Cup, beating Farsley AFC 5-1 in the final. That was followed by an 8th place finish in 2011/12 and 6th in 2012/13. In the 2013/14 season Rob Northfield resigned and i2il Sports Ltd agreed to take control of the club with Matthew Gore becoming the chairman.

In 2014/2015 the Brewers lead the NCEL Premier

for most of the season, but a poor run of games in March led to them finally finishing in third. An excellent run in the FA Vase saw them make it through to the Quarter Final of the FA Vase where they drew a record crowd of 1,307, but were beaten by Highworth Town. At the end of the season, the club released manager Paul Marshall, and former Harrogate Railway boss Billy Miller took over.

In 2015/2016 the Brewers lead the NCEL Premier for most of the season again, but this time they held on to finish as Champions. They also reached the League Cup Final, but were beaten 3-2 by Cleethorpes Town.

In 2016/2017 the Brewers started their first ever season in the Evo-Stik First Division North. They finished 19th in the league. The Brewers had a chance of silverware in the West Riding County Cup Final, but they lost out to Farsley Celtic on penalties.

At the end of 2016/17 Billy Miller was replaced by Simon Collins. In 2017/18 the new management team steered the club to its highest ever finish, reaching the Evo-Stik League play-offs. This unfortunately ended in a 2-1 semi-final defeat at Bamber Bridge.

The 2018/19 season saw the Brewers move into the Evo-Stik East NPL East Division and finish in 7th place. At the end of this campaign Manager Simon Collins decided to step down. In 2019/20 former pro footballer and boxer, Curtis Woodhouse took charge. Curtis left the club at the end of October and Paul Quinn inherited the mantle. The second half of the season was overshadowed by more floods at the stadium, before Covid 19 brought everything to an impromptu finish, as happened in 2020/21 too. John Deacey and Andy Monkhouse took the managerial reins in 2021/22 and ensured that they were able to maintain their NPL status, in a challenging season.

However, 2022/23 started badly and, despite managerial changes, relegation followed as they were unable to turn around the poor results. Mick O'Connell took over the running of the squad for the start of the 2023/24 NCEL season. An 11th place finish was followed by 17th in 2024/25, leading to his leaving the club to be replaced by former player Ryan Qualter in April.

Qualter takes up his first managerial position with his new squad full of hope for season 2025/26.





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 1st round proper for the first time.

Post war, Frickley remained in the Midland league gaining its best finish, 7th, 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 3rd 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 3rd 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 7th.

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 3rd 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 12th 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.





Memory Match

As usual, we've got 2 memory matches for you. This week we have a pair of almost 'on this day' games. The first match was against Cleethorpes Town at the Bradley Centre in the NPL Division One East, played on Monday 27th August 2018. Late goals from Jacob Hazel and Gavin Allott meant that we came home from the seaside win a 2-1 win and 3 points. Then the second game is from Wednesday 28th August 1974, when The Azzurri won by a goal to nil, here at The Wezzie, against Mexborough in the old Midlands League, with Roger Chapman doing the goalkeepers' union proud and putting in a heroic performance between the sticks. With thanks to JL.

Fearn's men make it three from three in East Division

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FRICKLEY ATHLETIC sit in second place in the Evo-Stik League's East Division after continuing their 100 per cent start to the season with a hard earned 2-1 victory on Monday away to a Cleethorpes Town side expected to challenge for honours.

Spencer Fearn's men have won all their four matches so far this season, launching an Emirates FA Cup run as well with an incredible 10-1 win over Liversedge last Saturday.

The goals were not quite flowing so plentifully on their bank holiday at the seaside, but a profitable trip it proved with three points in the bank courtesy of a late goal by Gavin Allott and a strike by Jacob Hazel after the Blues had found themselves behind early in the second half.

After the goal rush of the cup tie Frickley struggled to put much together in the opening half, the closest they came being when a Hazel shot hit the side netting.

Cleethorpes broke the deadlock six minutes into the second half with Joshua Batty beating keeper Hugo Warhurst with a lob.

But the Blues' response was good, Allott forcing a save from the home keeper, and they pushed on after the hosts were reduced to 10 men with Mark Gray sent-off for chopping down Dan Palmer.

Nine minutes from time Hazel equalised with a powerful shot and Frickley put in a big finish to seal the points, going close twice before Allott headed home Hazel's corner to make it 2-1.

Manager Fearn admitted it was not the team's best performance, but he was pleased to take the points.

He said: "Cleethorpes are a good side. They've not had the best of starts, but they've got some good players so to come and get three points is what it's all about, it's what we came to do.

"The football wasn't pretty in the first half and it was difficult against the wind. In the second half it took us a while to get going, but once they had a man sent off we just thought we'd go for it, we had nothing to lose.

"We kept the ball better and showed a lot more patience, something we're getting there as a team.

"I'm delighted with the win. Not the best performance, but we got the points."

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Memory Match (Cont.)

Chapman the saviour!

ROGER CHAPMAN proved that on his day he is still the best goalkeeper in the Midlands League by making several superlative saves to help Frickley gain their first league win this season.

The pick of his saves, in the game against Midland League newcomers, Mexborough, at Westfield Lane last Wednesday, was 14 minutes from time. Whitehouse was allowed to go at, and through, Frickley's defence with only the oncoming Chapman to beat and two fellow forwards along side him well inside the area. Whitehouse took the responsibility himself and his effort was neatly cut out by Chapman.

Frickley 1 Mexborough 0

Whitehouse desperately wanted to beat Chapman for the penalty save he made from him in the first half. Mexborough's left winger, Kulic, rounded Ron Pounder and Malcolm Argyle on the corner edge of the box. Even though Kulic had centred the ball, the referee, Mr B. Dennis, of York, pointed to the spot for a foul by Argyle.

Technically Argyle committed an offence but certainly not serious enough to warrant a penalty. As it was, Chapman made poetic justice by diving low to his left to clear Whitehouse's penalty kick.

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The Mexborough inside left was also the culprit for a third superb bit of action by the Colliery's rearguard. Seven minutes into the second half, normal defence king-pin Pounder made one of his rare errors of judgment in

attempting to pass back to Chapman. Whitehouse nipped in between the two, rounded the goalkeeper, who had come well off his line to collect the ball, and fired wide.

Chapman made more first-class saves, notably two from Deakin early on and two from South in the second half, to enable Frickley to hang on to their slender one goal lead.

That goal, from Paddy BUCKLEY in the first minute of the second half, came from a move on the right wing by Pounder and Tandy, the latter sending in a low cross for the former Sheffield United and Wolves forward to flick home just inside the post.

A simple goal it was but it brought two long-awaited points. A surprise goal too from Buckley who has failed to impress his new club. He had two more excellent chances to add to his total but the one proved enough.

Buckley was substitute but came on midway through the first half after John Mooney's latest signing, Trevor Rawson, of Hemsworth, severely sprained an ankle.

Rawson, a player with Hemsworth St. Patrick's and Hemsworth Taits, was beginning to get the feel of the game when the injury occurred in the 13th minute. Although the Frickley bench tried to get the winger fit again, the substitution had to be made.

Lacking the midfield determination of Alan Jones, Frickley still managed to hold on to their lead without extending it in a game spoilt by offides.

Frickley: Chapman; Pounder, Argyle, Boyle, Cooper; Beaumont, Beswick; Tandy, Moran Whiteley, Rawson; substitute, Buckley (for Rawson 23rd minute).

Mexborough: Brunt; Parker, Wood; Harry, Lowe, Ashmore; South, Cousins, Deakin, Whitehouse, Kulic; substitute, Hickton.

Referee — Mr B. Dennis, of York.

KEITH HAMER.

The Famous Five – Who Am I?

1. Current Blues winger who joined us from Harrogate Railway and scored a beauty against Emley in pre-season?
2. Much travelled ex-Blues forward who has played for York City, Bradford PA and Ponte Colls and re-signed for today's visitors Tadcaster Albion in the summer?
3. Former Juventus and Manchester United player who, following a drugs ban, is trying to resurrect his career with Monaco?
4. Former Leicester City midfielder who won the FIFA World with Chelsea in the summer and has now signed for Everton for an initial fee of £28 million?
5. 19 year old Arsenal striker who was England Women's super sub in the 2025 Euros, coming off the bench to score in both the quarter and semi finals?

Answers on the 'Awaydays' page





NCEL News

The Isuzu FA Vase for the 2025/26 season got underway at the weekend with 15 Macron NCEL sides booking their place in Second Round Qualifying next month.

Pickering Town became the first to progress when Marshall Nock and Nathan Dyer struck in the second half for a 2-0 home victory over Horden Community Welfare in one of two ties played on Friday night. South Leeds almost joined them in the evening's other game, having come from 2-0 down with goals from Mitchell Hamilton and Brandon Hughes-Miller to force a 2-2 draw with Barnton to take the encounter to a penalty shootout that, sadly, they lost 4-2. Saturday's ties included three all-NCEL ties with Horbury Town, Goole and Nostell Miners Welfare all beating league rivals to move into the next round. George Whittaker, Noel Nfonkey, Joe Jagger and Samuel Kyeremeh were the scorers for Horbury as they won 4-1 at Club Thorne Colliery, Harry Brown with the goal for the hosts.

Mitchell Carlton's opener for Goole was cancelled out by Max Leonard for home side Golcar United in a 1-1 draw that led to the Vikings going through 4-2 on penalties. And, there were 2 goals each for Cyrus Rowe and Matthew Hughes as Nostell surprised their Premier Division hosts with a 5-2 victory that also saw Miguel Cassama score whilst Mitchell Dunne and Scott Ruthven netted for Handsworth.

Elsewhere, Brigg Town came from 2-1 down to win 3-2 at home to Pilkington, Dayle Hutson and Alfie Usher turning the game around for the Zebras with the winner coming four minutes from time.

There were also home victories for Crowle Colts, Eccleshill United, Liversedge and Maltby Main to keep their flags flying in the competition.

Declan Bacon opened the scoring for Crowle and Henry Cook sealed the deal with an injury time penalty as they beat Maine Road 2-0 whilst Junior Nasihunu grabbed a late winner in a 1-0 win for Eccleshill over Guisborough Town.

It was also a single goal victory for Sedge, George Green with the vital strike against Cammell Laird 1907, and Main beat Stockport Georgians 2-1 with Curtis Morrison getting both of the Miners' goals. Alfie Dean struck in stoppage time to snatch Tadcaster Albion a 2-1 win at Squires Gate after Oliver Green had equalised for the Brewers and four of our sides progressed away from home after penalty shootouts. Doncaster City, Penistone Church and Knaresborough Town all prevailed 4-3 on spot kicks after Jack McKay had scored in a 1-1 draw for Doncaster at Abbey Hey and Kieran Ryan netted for Church as their game at FC St Helens ended with the same scoreline whilst Knaresborough drew 0-0 at

Marske United. Rossington Main, courtesy of goals from Elliott Andrew and Khalid Suleiman, played out a 2-2 draw at Litherland Remyca and then went through 5-4 on penalties after their entertaining tie. However, there was disappointment in the other matches.

Keelan Grist scored for Worsbrough Bridge Athletic as they were beaten 2-1 at Euxton Villa. Leeds UFCA went down 1-0 at Grangetown Boys Club, Kevin Gonzalez got on the scoresheet for Ilkley Town but they lost 6-1 at home to Newcastle Benfield, and Winterton Rangers were defeated 2-0 at Northwich Victoria.

Despite goals from Glen Sani, Luka Suluburic and Jason Chanayire, Beverley Town's participation ended with a 4-3 loss at Retford United whilst there were 3-0 defeats for Appleby Frodingham and Selby Town at Retford and Stockport Town, respectively. And, there was one game on Sunday as Campion hosted Penrith. Goals from Patrick Sykes, Ewan Gregson and Aiden Day secured a 3-1 win and made it a successful end to the weekend for NCEL sides in the Vase.

There were three matches in the Premier Division on Saturday with Barton Town climbing to second as Ali Aydemir's and Tyler Edwards' strikes secured a 2-0 home win over Thackley.

Wombwell Town have moved off the foot of the table as Jordan Kershaw and Oli Robinson scored in a 2-1 home win over Parkgate who pulled one back through an Alex Wonham penalty.

Albion Sports drop into bottom spot as they drew 2-2 at home with Sheffield, Nathan Cartman with a late equaliser for the Lions after Sumaili Cisse had put them ahead but Alexander Hardwick and Nathaniel Crofts gave the visitors the lead in the second half. Dearne & District made it five wins out of six to go top of Division One, Adam Baskerville with a dramatic last gasp winner for his second of the afternoon as they beat Route One Rovers 2-1, Zak Khan netting for the visitors.

Harrogate Railway Athletic continued their good start to the season with a 1-0 win at Louth Town to climb to second, Harris Eggleston with the late winner. Armthorpe Welfare went into the weekend leading the table but their 2-0 loss at home to Wakefield AFC on Friday night gave others the opportunity to leapfrog them, Akeel Francis with both of Wakefield's goals as they kickstarted their campaign. And, Gilles Foka's 72nd minute winner has moved Glasshoughton Welfare away from the bottom of the table as they won 2-1 at Athersley Recreation, William Mendonca with their other goal whilst Nathan Perks levelled for the hosts from the penalty spot.





NCEL – The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen

As we enter our fourth season in the Northern Counties East Football League or the NCEL (for today's visitors Tadcaster Albion it's season 38!), it begs the question - how much do you know about the NCEL? Well, let me tell you...

The NCEL has been a central part of English grassroots football since its formation in 1982. It was created through the merger of two well-established competitions, the Yorkshire League and the Midland League, bringing together clubs from across the region into a new structure. In its first season the league was ambitious, starting out with five divisions that included a Premier Division at the top and several regional divisions beneath.

As the 1980s unfolded, the league experimented with its format. In 1985/86, for example, it reorganised to introduce new divisions, redistributing clubs across Division Two and Division Three. By 1991, however, a clearer structure had emerged, with the league streamlined into just two tiers, the Premier Division and Division One. That format, with some refinements, such as a reserve division for several years, has endured ever since. In more recent years the NCEL has stabilised at around 20 clubs in each division, offering a consistent competitive environment.

Promotion and relegation have always been central to the NCEL's role in the football pyramid. Successful clubs in the Premier Division progress upward to the Northern Premier League, while Division One clubs fight for the chance to move up a tier. In 2015, the league introduced play-offs to decide an additional promotion place, a move that added extra drama to the close of the season. This system was further adapted in 2023/24, when the champions of the Premier Division went up automatically and the second promotion place was settled through a 4 team play-off.

The league sits at steps 5 and 6 of the non-league pyramid (or levels 9 and 10 of the

English football pyramid, if you prefer) and is largely semi-professional. It draws new entrants from a range of local competitions, such as the Central Midlands League, the Humber Premier League, and the West Yorkshire League, among others. At times, The FA has also transferred clubs laterally into or out of the NCEL to keep a geographical balance across the country's non league system. This has meant that although it is largely a Yorkshire and Lincolnshire-based competition, clubs from the North East, including the likes of North Shields and Spennymoor United, have featured in its divisions, as have clubs from Nottingham, Derbyshire and Leicestershire, further broadening the NCEL's geographical footprint through the years.

The League's top division has been won by 37 different clubs, the most successful of whom are Bridlington Town with 3 titles, although the 2 versions of Emley AFC have 3 titles between them. And Retford United, Ossett Albion and Alfreton Town have all taken top spot twice. Our Gaffer, Tom Claisse, has 4 championship winners medals. Just saying ;) Lower down, a staggering 50-odd clubs have been champions of one of the various other divisions. It's testament to the strength and competitiveness of the league that so many clubs have won a championship.

Beyond the league competition itself, the NCEL has run its own cup tournaments. The President's Cup once featured the top sides from each division, while the Division One Trophy gave lower tier clubs a chance to claim silverware of their own. Currently, the league cup offers another chance to win silverware. Meanwhile, NCEL teams have often impressed on the national stage. The FA Vase in particular has produced some memorable moments: Emley reached the final in 1988, Bridlington Town lifted the trophy in 1990, and Guiseley followed them a year later. Brigg Town became two-time winners in 1996 and 2003, while North Ferriby United also enjoyed



NCEL – The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen (cont.)

a Vase final appearance in 1997, and Cleethorpes Town did the same in 2017.

A couple of ex-NCEL clubs, North Ferriby United and Harrogate Town have gone on to win the higher FA Trophy. And Sheffield FC and North Shields have both won the FA Amateur Cup prior to their NCEL membership. The NCEL has even made its mark on the country's premier cup competition, The FA Cup. In the league's first season, 1982/83, Shepshed Charterhouse became the first NCEL club to reach the First Round Proper, but went out at that stage, beaten 5-1 at Preston North End. Spennymoor United 1990/91 and Brigg Town 2001/02 also reached the First Round Proper, but were eliminated 3-2 by Chesterfield and 4-1 by Tranmere Rovers, respectively. However, the furthest a club has

ever got in the FA Cup whilst an NCEL club was Harrogate Railway Athletic in 2002/03. They remain the only NCEL side to date to win a game in the competition proper, defeating Slough Town, before falling to Bristol City 3-1 in the Second Round Proper. In addition, this was the only time a NCEL club has played at home against EFL opposition in the FA Cup. There are several teams that have reached the Third Round Proper, before or after their time in the NCEL, such as The Blues themselves in 1985/86. However, it is Sheffield FC that are the NCEL member club, past or present, that have gone furthest in the competition, twice reaching the Fourth Round in 1878 and 1880. Over the decades, the league has been home to some of the world's notably oldest clubs such as the aforementioned Sheffield FC, along with Hallam, Worksop Town and Brigg Town. Scarborough Athletic, formed in 2007 after the collapse of Scarborough FC, used the NCEL as the launchpad for their rise back up the pyramid to the National League North. Alfreton, Buxton, Farsley, Guiseley, North Ferriby United and Worksop have also made it to the National League or National League North from the NCEL. And perhaps the most

striking example of progress from NCEL foundations is Harrogate Town, who played in the league during the 1980s before climbing steadily through the divisions and eventually reaching the English Football League in 2020. Their rise demonstrates just how significant the NCEL has been as a platform for ambition. The NCEL has also been a league that has accommodated many footballers with much EFL experience under their collective belts, including a few appearances by the likes of Chris Waddle, Lee Sharpe, Jono Greening,



Brendan Ormsby, Paddy Kenny and Dean Windass. Here at Frickley we could add and Martyn Woolford and Lee Crooks to the list. And then there's Socrates (pictured), the chain-smoking captain of the legendary 1982 Brazil World Cup team, who played 13 minutes of NCEL football for Garforth Town against Taddy Albion in 2004!

But that's fluff, what truly defines the Northern Counties East League is its community spirit. Many of its clubs rely on volunteers, small sponsorships, and deep-rooted local support. Matches are as much about community pride as they are about points on the table.

Only 5 clubs have been members of the NCEL in every year since its inception, Parkgate, Maltby Main, Selby Town, Worsbrough Bridge Athletic and Thackley. Amazingly, the last of these, Thackley, will have remained in the Premier Division for all 44 seasons of the NCEL by the end of this season. Indeed, a proud achievement by all.

From its beginnings the NCEL has consistently balanced ambition with tradition. It has been a starting point for clubs with higher aspirations (and deeper pockets), a stage for unforgettable cup runs, and a beating heart of footballing life across Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, the East Midlands and the North East. More than forty years on, its story continues to embody the resilience and passion clearly evident in the non-league game, and it shows no sign of losing its ultimate vitality.

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 :)

In 1977/78, The Blues had several ex-EFL players in the side but a couple had a very famous friend and former teammate, one Graeme Souness. Harry Charlton had played in the same team as Souness at Middlesbrough under Jack Charlton (no relation). And Alan Murray crossed paths with him initially in shared lodgings as Murray left Boro for York City and Souey arrived. Murray then went on to be Souness's scout and assistant manager at the likes of Southampton, Newcastle United, Blackburn Rovers and Benfica. Link ticked. Graeme Souness was never just another footballer. With his fierce competitiveness, technical excellence, and natural leadership, he was a player, and later a manager, who left a permanent mark on every club he touched, sometimes literally. Born in 1953, in Edinburgh, Souness grew up just round the corner from, and regularly played jumpers-for-posts football with, the slightly older Peter Marinello. Souness would go on to become one of the most successful Scottish footballers of his generation.

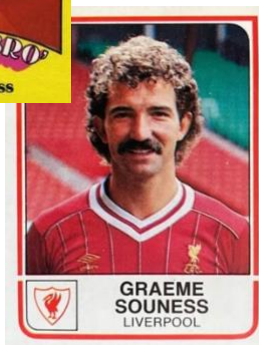
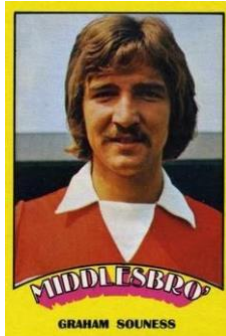
Souness began his professional career with Tottenham Hotspur as a teenager in the late 1960s under the tutelage of that giant of the game, Bill Nicholson. He won the 1970 FA Youth Cup in the same side as Steve Perryman, Barry Daines and Mike Flanagan against Coventry City who had David Icke in goal. Doubtlessly, the lizard people were responsible for the Spurs win. Souness did make a single first team appearance

in the UEFA Cup but he found first-team opportunities limited in North London. Eager to prove himself, he moved to Middlesbrough in 1972. It was at the Teesside club that he began to flourish. Under the manager Jack Charlton, no stranger to the dark arts himself, Souness matured rapidly, becoming a key figure in the team and showing early signs of the commanding presence and the steel that would define his career. With Souness in the side, Boro were promoted back to the top flight in 1973/74 as Second Division champions and then went within 5 points of the First Division title in 1974/75. In over 170 appearances for Boro, he established himself as one of the most promising midfielders in the EFL.

His performances didn't go unnoticed, and in January 1978, Liverpool came calling with a then sizeable fee of £352,000. It was a move that would elevate Souness into the elite echelons of European football. At Liverpool, he stepped into a side already full of greats as one would expect of the European Cup holders. but far from being intimidated, he thrived. Playing under Bob Paisley, Souness became the heartbeat of a Liverpool team that dominated both at home and abroad. He quickly developed into the complete midfielder,

capable of dictating the tempo, breaking up play with crunching tackles, and launching attacks with pinpoint passes. Between 1978 and 1984, Souness won a stunning 5 First Division titles, 3 European Cups, and 4 League Cups, scoring a screamer to win the 1984 League Cup Final replay against cross city rivals Everton. He was instrumental in Liverpool's

triumphs, captaining the team from 1981 onward. His leadership qualities were as pronounced as his technical ability, he led by example, never backed down from a challenge, and expected the highest standards from those around him. His final act as a Liverpool player was lifting the European Cup in 1984 after a penalty shootout victory over Roma in their own stadium, a fitting finale to an extraordinary chapter, although slightly ironic considering his next destination.

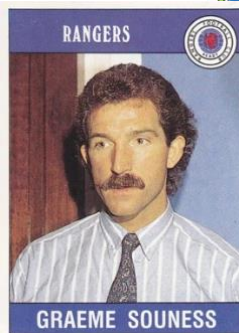
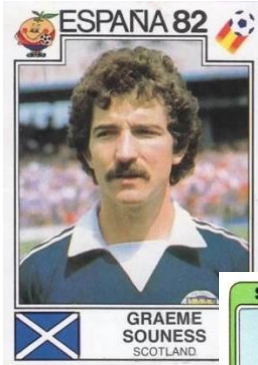


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In 1984, Souness made a surprising move to Italian side Sampdoria. The transfer was part of a trend that saw top British players trying their luck in Serie A. Though his spell in Italy lasted just 2 seasons, he helped the club win the Coppa Italia, Sampdoria's first major trophy.

After his time in Italy, Souness returned to Britain in 1986, this time as player-manager of Rangers in the Scottish Premier Division. His arrival marked the start of a new era for the Glasgow giants. As a player, he brought sophistication and a granite-like resolve to Rangers' midfield. As a manager, he completely revolutionised the club. He was instrumental in bringing top English players to Scotland, something that had previously been rare. His signings included Terry Butcher, Chris Woods, Trevor Steven, Ray Wilkins, Trevor Francis and Gary Stevens, among others. During his time at Rangers, he led the team to 3 league titles and 4 domestic cups, laying the foundation for their Scottish dominance in the 1990s.

On the international stage, Graeme Souness had a distinguished career with Scotland, earning 54 caps and scoring 4 goals between 1974 and 1986. He was a key figure during a strong era for Scottish football. Thus it was that Souness represented Scotland at 3 consecutive World Cups, 1978 in Argentina, 1982 in Spain, and 1986 in Mexico. The team failed to progress beyond the group stage in each tournament but his goal against the Soviet Union in 1982 gave Scotland hope and took them as close to qualification for the next round as they've ever gone.



In 1991, retired from playing, Souness returned to Liverpool, this time as manager. However, the second chapter at Anfield proved far more challenging than the first. His reign was marked by controversy and inconsistent performances. He made several high profile signings that didn't quite work out, and his overhaul of the squad drew criticism from fans and former players alike.

Despite winning the FA Cup in 1992, his time as Liverpool manager was seen as underwhelming, and he left the club in 1994. Souness would go on to manage several other clubs, including Galatasaray (where he famously planted a Gala flag in the center circle after a derby win over Fenerbahçe and he won the Turkish Cup), Southampton, Torino, Benfica, Blackburn Rovers (where he won the League Cup), and Newcastle United.

His managerial style, much like his playing days, was built on discipline, strong personality, and high standards, though it sometimes brought him into conflict with players and boards alike.

In more recent years, Souness has found a new niche as a television pundit. His sharp insights, unfiltered opinions, and obvious love for the game have made him much sought after on

Sky and other networks.

He has also had his health problems over the years but has faced them with the same sort of grit he showed on the pitch.

Graeme Souness's career was a study in strength, control, and uncompromising commitment, he was one of the finest midfielders of his era, a true general who approached games with a mix of elegance and aggression.

It's not beyond the realms of possibility that Souey popped down to The Wezzie to watch his old mates, HaCha and Ruby Murray, in action for The Blues. And from his tackling, it seems very likely that he had witnessed Ray Ternant's rather 'robust' challenges. To the world of football - you're very welcome!



Blues Squad 24/25

Reuben Brewin-Hawkins (Defender/Midfielder):

RBH was with Gainsborough's U21s and 1st team in 23/24, whilst also playing in the NCEL at Rossington and Armthorpe, before joining us in 2024. 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 Alngohuru (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.

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 at the 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 Katsere (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.

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.

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.

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 rangy winger with an eye for goal, Cool Hand Lucas comes to us from Harrogate Railway but has been at Goole and Barton too.

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

Tyler Sheard (Defender/Midfield/Forward): VersaTyler is another who can do a job anywhere on the park, team before self every time. And he's another of our U23s stepping up for 1st team duties.

Alfie Studd (Defender/Midfielder): The Studd Wall is a confident performer who has come right through our academy system. He's a local lad - his dad once lived 2 doors down from our head of media!

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.

Sam Tingle (Midfielder): The Sting is a smart and energetic midfielder who joins from Retford FC but also has experience at Hemsworth MW, Ponte Colls and Ossett Utd, where he played with Tom Claisse.

Cody Collins (Defender): The Force is a defender with pedigree, his dad was a pro and 2 uncles played for the club. Comes to us from Bottesford after time at Mansfield Town, Gainsborough and Rossington.

Harold Edjangue (Goalkeeper): The Mantis is a talented keeper from Yorkshire Amateurs.

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 Crooksy 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 & Including Saturday 23rd August 2025							
	League	Cups	Total	Sub.	Grand	Gls	c/s
			Starts	Apps.	Total		
Martyn Woolford	51	12	63	5	68	15	
Joel Spence	38	6	44	1	45	4	
Niall Butchart	11	1	12	7	19	1	
Will Sykes	16	2	18	0	18		3
Tom Alngohuro	11	2	13	5	18	3	
Harry Gagen	10	2	12	0	12		
Sam Kilner	4	2	6	0	6		
Will Jenkinson	4	2	6	0	6		
Tom Claisse	5	0	5	1	6		
Destiny Ifeanyi Nnenanua	3	0	3	2	6	1	
Cody Collins	3	2	5	0	5		
Louis Afonso Ferreira	3	1	4	1	5	2	
Lucas Robinson	3	1	4	0	4		
Sam Tingle	3	1	4	0	4		
Tom Radley	3	0	3	1	4		
Tyler Sheard	1	1	2	1	4		
Takunda Katsere	1	0	1	1	2		
Shayan Keyghobadi	0	0	0	1	1		
Tom Cotson	0	0	0	1	1		
Harley Wilson	0	0	0	1	1		

PREVIOUS RESULTS ON THIS DAY 26TH AUGUST

Year	Day	H/A	Comp.	Opponents	Result	Frickley Scorers
1991	Mon	Away	NPL	Horwich RMI	Won 3-1	Woodhead, Parker, Myles
1998	Sat	Away	NPL	Witton Albion	Lost 0-5	
1996	Mon	Away	NPL	Gainsborough Trin.	Lost 0-2	
2000	Sat	Away	NPL	Hucknall Town	Lost 1-3	Hurst
2002	Mon	Away	NPL	Accrington Stanley	Lost 1-2	Hancock
2006	Sat	Home	NPL	AFC Telford United	Lost 0-1	
2013	Mon	Away	NPL	Whitby Town	Draw 2-2	Picton, Gray
2017	Sat	Away	NPL1S	Alvechurch	Lost 0-2	
2019	Mon.	Home	NPLSE	Worksop Town	Lost 1-2	Currie
2023	Sat	Home	FAV1QR	Barnton	Lost 1-2	Townrow

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Macron NCEL Premier Division Table

	As at 25.08.25	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	P
1	Tadcaster Albion	5	4	0	1	12	5	7	12
2	Barton Town	5	3	2	0	9	4	5	11
3	Penistone Church	5	3	2	0	7	4	3	11
4	Liversedge	5	3	1	1	11	4	7	10
5	Knaresborough Town	3	2	1	0	5	1	4	7
6	Handsworth	5	2	1	2	5	6	-1	7
7	Thackley	6	2	1	3	2	6	-4	7
8	Parkgate	5	1	3	1	5	4	1	6
9	Frickley Athletic	4	2	0	2	3	3	0	6
10	Rossington Main	4	1	2	1	6	3	3	5
11	Campion	3	1	2	0	5	4	1	5
12	Pickering Town	3	1	2	0	5	4	1	5
13	Eccleshill United	5	1	2	2	2	4	-2	5
14	Horbury Town	4	0	3	1	2	5	-3	3
15	Bottesford Town	3	1	0	2	1	5	-4	3
16	Wombwell Town	4	1	0	3	2	9	-7	3
17	Sheffield	2	0	2	0	4	4	0	2
18	Beverley Town	5	0	2	3	6	10	-4	2
19	Golcar United	4	0	1	3	4	7	-3	1
20	Albion Sports	4	0	1	3	5	9	-4	1

PREVIOUS GAMES BETWEEN FRICKLEY & TADCASTER

Season	Date	Comp.	H/A	Result	Frickley Scorers
2016/17	15th November 16	LC1R	H	L 0-2	
2018/19	11th September 18	NPL1E	A	L 0-4	
	13th April 19	NPL1E	H	L 1-3	Ible
2019/20	24th August 19	FACPR	H	L 0-1	
2021/22	28th August 21	NPL1E	H	W 2-0	Wells K., Wells B.
	16th April 22	NPL1E	A	L 0-2	
2023/24	1st August 23	NCELP	A	W 4-2	Smith 2, Keita, Anku
	23rd March 24	NCELP	H	D 0-0	
2024/25	13th August 24	NCELP	A	W 3-1	Guilfoyle, Varley, Spooner
	14th December 24	NCELP	H	L 0-1	

ON THIS DAY IN FOOTBALL – 27TH AUGUST

1977 – René Higuita was born in Medellín, Colombia. Nicknamed El Loco, he was a goalkeeper who scored 43 professional goals but is best remembered for his 'scorpion kick' in a game vs England at Wembley in 1995.

1986 - Bristol Rovers played their first match at their new home, non-league Bath City's Twerton Park, in the Littlewoods Cup tie against Reading. Reading won 2-1 in front of a crowd of 3,760.

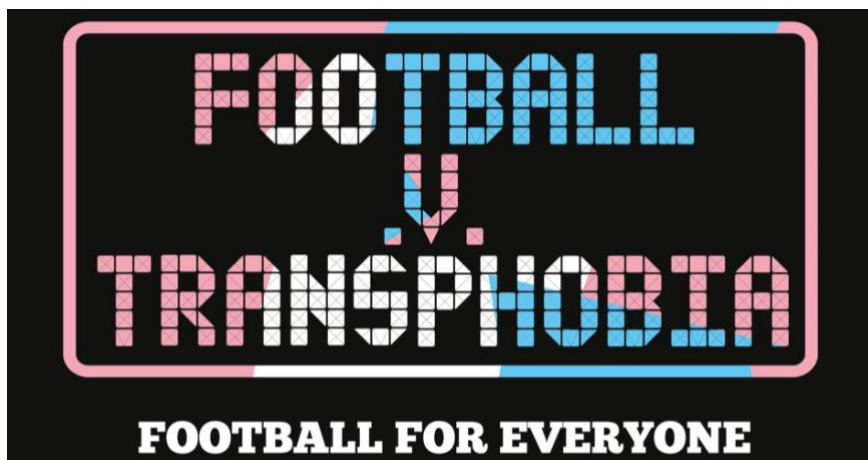
1988 - Tony Cottee made his Everton debut after a £2.2 million move from West Ham made him the most expensive British signing. He scored after 34 seconds and completed a hat-trick in the 4-0 defeat of Newcastle.





Macron NCEL Division One Table

	As at 25.08.25	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	P
1	Dearne and District	6	5	0	1	13	5	8	15
2	Harrogate Railway Athletic	6	4	2	0	13	5	8	14
3	Armthorpe Welfare	5	4	0	1	14	7	7	12
4	Club Thorne	4	3	1	0	6	2	4	10
5	South Leeds	5	3	1	1	11	8	3	10
6	Ilkley Town	5	3	1	1	9	7	2	10
7	Goole	5	3	0	2	12	7	5	9
8	Athersley Recreation	6	3	0	3	10	9	1	9
9	Worsbrough Bridge Athletic	5	3	0	2	7	9	-2	9
10	Maltby Main	5	2	2	1	10	8	2	8
11	Selby Town	5	2	1	2	8	7	1	7
12	Louth Town	6	2	1	3	10	10	0	7
13	Wakefield	6	2	1	3	14	15	-1	7
14	Crowle Colts	5	2	1	2	4	7	-3	7
15	Route One Rovers	6	2	0	4	11	9	2	6
16	Doncaster City	5	1	2	2	7	8	-1	5
17	Appleby Frodingham	5	1	1	3	5	8	-3	4
18	Brigg Town	5	1	1	3	8	13	-5	4
19	Leeds UFCA	5	1	1	3	5	10	-5	4
20	Glasshoughton Welfare	6	1	1	4	8	18	-10	4
21	Winterton Rangers	5	1	0	4	7	11	-4	3
22	Nostell Miners Welfare	5	0	1	4	3	12	-9	1



Match Report

Frickley 1 Maghull 5 (FA Vase)

Frickley bowed out of the FA Vase at the first hurdle on Saturday, suffering a disappointing 5-1 home defeat to Maghull. The scoreline was harsh on Les Bleus, who created plenty of chances and had more than their fair share of misfortune.

However, The Blues ultimately paid the price for not taking opportunities when they came.

Maghull struck an early blow after just three minutes, when a forward charged down Sykes's attempted clearance, controlled the ricochet, and finished neatly to make it 1-0.

The Azzurri responded positively as Woolly broke clear soon after but was wrongly flagged offside, before Jenko tested the visiting keeper with a header from Spence's free kick.

The Blues enjoyed a long spell of dominance throughout the remainder of the half. Luis AF teed up Woolly, whose effort was blocked, while Robbo fizzed a dangerous cross across the six yard box with no one able to apply the final touch. Los Azules thought they had their equaliser on 25 minutes when Collins powered in a header, but the flag went up. Veo footage later confirmed the goal should have stood.

More chances followed. Gagen's driving run ended with Luis AF scuffing his shot, Tom A had a stinging effort beaten away, and Luis AF again looked set to score just before the break but was denied by the keeper. The Blues were still in it. The best Maghull could muster to this point was a blocked shot, although Sykes pulled off a top save in the final seconds of the half. HT 0-1.

Sadly, the second period was a different kettle of fish. It began in almost identical fashion to the first with De Blauwen conceding, 3 minutes in. Maghull doubling their lead as a low cross was tucked away from close range.

Otherwise, Sykes continued to excel between the sticks, making a superb save with his legs and then fingertipping away a header, but he could do little about a debatable penalty on 61 minutes.

Collins was adjudged to have fouled in the box, and Maghull converted from the spot. The referee awarded Collins a yellow card. Thus it was that

Collins's afternoon went from bad to worse minutes later when a theatrical tumble (one of many) earned the visitors another free kick, and The Blues defender was shown a second yellow card. Down to 10 men, an uphill task became mission impossible.

Maghull added 2 further goals, an excellent volley from the edge of the box in the 71st minute and Niall Butchart diverted the ball into his own net with a glancing header from a corner in the 80th. Sykes again produced another decent save to prevent the deficit from becoming even greater. To their credit, The Azzurri never gave in. Luis AF was hauled down in the box as he sped past his man, and Destiny, on as sub, dispatched the penalty for consolation in the 87th minute. Tom A came within inches of adding another in stoppage time, his free kick just clearing the crossbar. FT 1-5.



It wasn't our day, with fine margins and officiating decisions going against us. Maghull's propensity to go to ground at every opportunity did not help. The main takeaways were the spells of good attacking football and chances created, and the commitment to keep pushing until the end. But never mind. Wembley's overrated anyway and The Blues can concentrate on bouncing back strongly in the league.

WEBMASTER MOTM - the performance was full of effort and intent, but the area lacking was the finishing. Harry Gagen was solid, while Cody Collins was unlucky to see a goal wrongly ruled out before being harshly dismissed. Luis AF's pace caused problems throughout. Destiny bagged his first goal for the club. Woolly and Tom A both carried a threat going forward, with Tom A going close from distance more than once. However, the Glitterball goes to Will Sykes. Without his timely stops, the margin of defeat would've been much more. Wunderbar, Will!

TWITTER MOTM - Harry Gagen takes it from Will Sykes, Luis Afonso Ferreira and Tom Alngohuru. Thanks to all who voted.

SPONSORS/VOLUNTEERS MOTM - Tom Alngohuru (pictured) was chosen by Teddy Claisse. Well done, Tom A! 152 through the gate. Thank you for your loyal support on days like these.

Awaydays

Next up – Penistone Church

Penistone Facts: Penistone is England's highest market town at over 250m above sea level. Historically famed for Penistone cloth and its rare Whitefaced Woodland sheep, the town thrived as a railway hub, boasting the first UK electrified line and the striking 29 arch Penistone Viaduct. Penistone Grammar School is one of the country's oldest schools, founded in 1392. Former pupils include founder of Sheffield Wednesday FC John Marsh, actor Paul Copley, World Cup winning cricketer Katherine Sciver-Brunt and England footballer John Stones.



When : Saturday 30th August 2025.

Kick off : 19:45

Where : Parker Roofing Memorial Ground, Church View Road, Penistone, Sheffield, S36 6AT.

How much : Adults £6, Concessions £4, U14s Free, Dogs 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 with your contact details.

Famous Five - Who Am I? Answers

1. Lucas Robinson.
2. Rob Guilfoyle.
3. Paul Pogba.
4. Kiernan Dewsbury Hall.
5. Michelle Agyemang.

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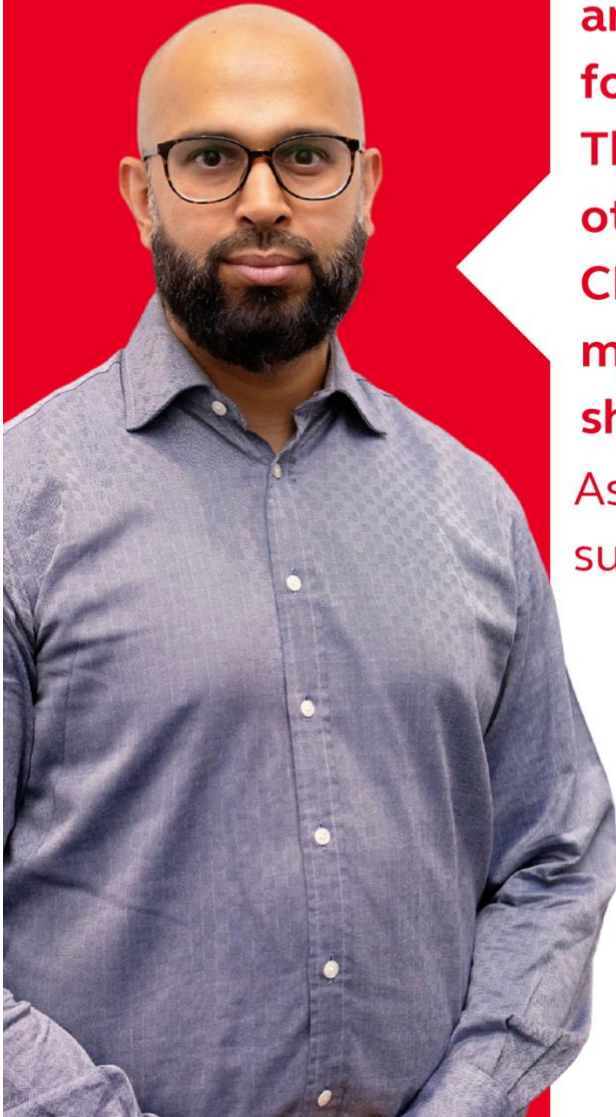


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