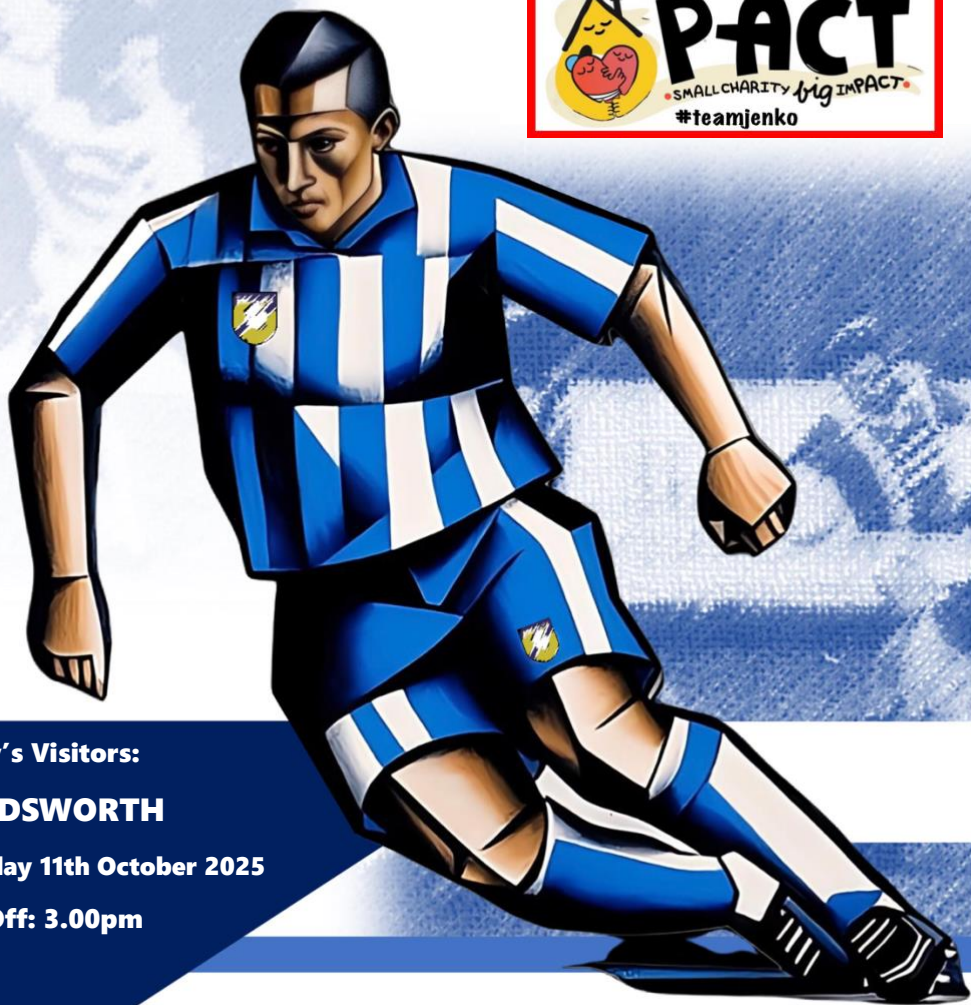




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# 25/26

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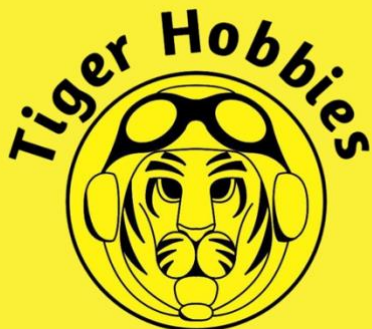
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Owen Jenkinson was diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma in 2022 and, after a year cancer-free, sadly relapsed in 2024. Despite further treatment, his cancer has progressed, and he's now undergoing further chemotherapy. Owen's strength, spirit, and love for 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.

To donate to PACT, helping them to continue their fine work, go to [www.pactfriends.co.uk/donate](http://www.pactfriends.co.uk/donate)



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| Harry Gagen                                   | 3  | Tyler Williams                       |
| Niall Butchart                                | 4  | Brandon Bagley                       |
| Will Jenkinson                                | 5  | Ben Harriott                         |
| Takunda Katsere                               | 6  | Owen Haigh                           |
| Luis Afonso Ferreira                          | 7  | Toby Kenyon                          |
| Joel Spence                                   | 8  | Sam Fewkes                           |
| Destiny Ifeanyi Nnenanua                      | 9  | Scott Ruthven                        |
| Lucas Robinson                                | 10 | Jordan Hines                         |
| Tom Alngohuro                                 | 11 | Mitchell Dunne                       |
| Martyn Woolford                               | 12 | Jonathan Williams                    |
| Harley Wilson                                 | 14 | Fernando Tavares                     |
| Tyler Sheard                                  | 15 | Liam Owen                            |
| Jack Horobin                                  | 16 | Harry Jessop                         |
| Ashton Johnson                                | 17 | Oliver Currie                        |

**REFEREE**

Bradley Triffitt

**ASSISTANT REFEREES**

Ben Toy

Craig Pepper





# Bluescene

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

Today is #teamjenko day! #teamjenko are today's match sponsor as we help to raise money for PACT (Parents Association of Children with Tumours) through Owen's October Challenge. Owen is the brother of Blues defender Will Jenkinson, and PACT is a charity dear to his family's hearts. There will be a bucket collection and flyers on how to donate to this great cause.

Also, club legend and veteran of over 500 professional games, Martyn Woolford, has been named as the new manager of Frickley Athletic. Best of luck, Woolly, we're all right behind you!

To today's game, this afternoon's visitors, Handsworth, currently sit in 7th place on 20 points after 13 games. After an inconsistent start to the campaign, Handsworth's recent form has picked up with 3 home league wins on the trot since a 3-0 reverse at Eccleshill United. Newly promoted duo Wombwell Town and Horbury Town were dispatched 3-2 and 3-1 respectively. Then last weekend the Ambers handed out a 4-0 drubbing to Knaresborough Town. Handsworth beat Leeds UFCA 2-0 in the NCEL League Cup on Tuesday.

The Blues come into today's game in 14th place on 14 points after 13 games. Since the departure of Tom Claisse, Martyn Woolford has overseen 2 wins and a defeat. A bright performance and a Cody Collins worldy against SJR Worksop saw The Blues win 1-0 in the first round of the Sheffield Senior Cup. We have been drawn away against Jubilee Sports in the next round of the

competition. A fourth consecutive heavy league defeat followed when we travelled to Sheffield FC, disappointingly going down 5-0. But then last Saturday, we unexpectedly trounced the division's form team as goals from Tom Alngohuru, Destiny Ifeanyi Nnenanua, Lucas Robinson and Tyler Sheard carried us to a 4-1 victory at Beverley Town.

Our most recent meetings with Handsworth were last season's pair of league games. In our meeting in October 2024, a late Jack Cawthorn header looked as if it would earn us a point at Oliver's Mount but The Ambers went straight down the other end and scored to make it 2-1. In the return game at The Wezzie in February 2025, it was another very late goal that settled it but in Frickley's favour on this occasion. One of Handsworth's ex-Blues Johno Williams put through his own net in the first half but The Ambers equalised after the break. However, Keanan Mannings secured all 3 points and a 2-1 win for The Azzurri with a last minute goal.

Expect The Blues to be doing all they can to replicate last weekend's showing, under new permanent management.

In recruitment news, Kieron Ceesay, Sam Tingle and Cody Collins have all moved on and left the club, while winger Ashton Johnson and fullback Jack Horobin, both from our U18 squad, have signed first team forms and both made their debut in last weekend's win at Beverley Town. We wish all of them the best of luck.

Our next game sees The Blues in action here at Westfield Lane on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October when Bottesford Town are our visitors for a NCEL League Cup second round tie, 7.45pm kickoff. We hope to see you all there.

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

#forzawoolly #forzafrickley #FFTD

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# It's #teamjenko Day!!



## Owen's Story

Owen Jenkinson was diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma back in 2022. After enduring nearly 18 rounds of chemotherapy and 6 weeks of daily radiotherapy, Owen was given the all-clear in January 2023. He spent the following year enjoying his newfound freedom and living his best life. However, in January 2024, it was learned that Owen had relapsed and his cancer had returned. Since then, he has undergone more chemotherapy which unfortunately has not stopped the cancer's growth. He has since gone onto receive radiotherapy to give him a greater quality of life. Owen he has a strength like no other. He has found courage rarely seen and, amidst the most difficult circumstances, has shown unparalleled dignity, all while wearing his infectious smile. Owen has NEVER let cancer define who he is. There is no one who loves life as much as Owen does.

## What We're Doing

This October, an amazing group of #TeamJenko legends will be running, walking and wheeling 5-10km every single day. They kicked off the challenge on the 1st October and it will run through until the 31st of October.

It all started a few years ago to raise money for PACT. Efforts have subsequently snowballed and last year raised an incredible £29,000, with each runner covering a minimum of 155km over the 31 days. We're doing this to raise vital funds for PACT (Parents Association of Children with Tumours), a charity that has supported our family in ways we can never fully repay. PACT offer treats, lunches, and care packages for children and parents in the hospital, as well as organising days out, parties, and "staycations" to give families a much-needed break. They also provide a house in Sheffield for families traveling for treatment.

## How Can you Help?

We're asking for donations to support PACT. By contributing, you'll be directly helping families get the care they need and the little moments of joy that make all the difference. If you're able, please consider donating to this cause, your generosity will have a lasting impact.

For more details and to donate to this amazing cause, go to this link:

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/owensoctoberchallenge?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/owensoctoberchallenge?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

Your support, whether through donations or prayers, means the world to Owen's family, and they can't thank you enough for standing by Owen and his family during this time. God Bless x





# Meet The Visitors 1

Handsworth Parramore FC were formed at the start of the 2014/2015 season after the merger of two highly successful clubs, Handsworth FC of the S&H County Senior League Premier Division and Worksop Parramore of the NCEL Premier Division. The NCEL and the FA allowed the new club to take over the position of Worksop Parramore, who had just finished in 4th place in the Premier Division, whilst the S&H CFA allowed their reigning champions to continue under the name of Handsworth Parramore Reserves. The new club could not have begun life better as in their first game, under Manager Russ Eagle, they crushed Glasshoughton Welfare 6- 0 and followed this up with a 5-1 victory over Oadby Town in their first ever FA Cup tie. After leading the table for a number of weeks, a downturn in fortunes led to a change at the top and the installation of the ex Belper Town management team of Peter Duffield and Mick Godber. The duo rebuilt the squad who ended their inaugural season in 7th place and with the clubs first piece of silverware, the NCEL League Cup, secured after a thrilling 4-3 victory over Cleethorpes Town. Our second season started in positive fashion but halfway through the campaign, the difficult decision was made to relieve Duffield of his duties, with Mick Godber stepping up as caretaker manager. However, such was the impact that Godber made, including an unbeaten run of 17 games that propelled The Ambers to the top of the table, the decision to make the role permanent was taken. The Ambers eventually fell just short in their quest for the title, finishing a comfortable second behind champions Tadcaster Albion.

The following season, and despite a best ever run in the FA Cup, halted only at the 3rd Qualifying Round stage, inconsistent league form resulted in Godber stepping down as manager in April, with striker Jon Froggatt being put in temporary charge until the end of the season, and a creditable 4th placed finish was achieved. In April 2017, the club announced that former player James 'Jas' Colliver was to return to take over as the new manager, and with another rebuilt squad, another 4th placed finish was secured in his first season in charge, with promotion missed by just one place for the second time, alongside a run to the semi finals of the League Cup. Unfortunately, the 2018-19

season was really one to forget with The Ambers finishing in their lowest ever position of 8th and with poor showings in the cup competitions. Colliver departed the club in the Autumn and, despite their best efforts, the interim management team of Steve Istead and Jon Froggatt were unable to lift the general malaise that had set in around the club.

At the end of the campaign, the decision was made for the club to continue on a much- reduced budget and to return to Olivers Mount. Russ Eagle was invited back to the club as manager alongside Aiden Spowage, and to strengthen ties with the junior sporting club, the new management board sought and gained approval from the NCEL to change the clubs name to Handsworth FC.

The 2019/20 and 2020/21 campaigns saw the club suffer some highs and lows as was to be expected with such a young and changing squad, and after a hit and miss start to the 2021/22 season, The Ambers parted company with Eagle in October, with Aiden Spowage and Jason Dodsworth named as joint managers, with Louis Axcell strengthening the management team later. An excellent run to the 3rd Qualifying Round of the FA Cup underpinned a highly respectable 8th placed finish, but despite the efforts of everyone involved, they were unable to build on this and a disappointing 2022/23 campaign saw The Ambers finish in their lowest ever position of 16th, leading to the inevitable departure of the management team.

Ambers' legend Jon Froggatt was handed the reins alongside Mark Ward ahead of the 2023/24 season, and an excellent start saw The Ambers within touching distance of top spot, before a desperate run of form through the winter saw the team drop alarmingly before a late resurgence claimed an improved 13th placed finish. Improvement continued in 2024/25, with The Ambers securing an excellent 7th placed finish after an enjoyable, if sometimes frustrating season. With some slight tweaking during the summer, The Ambers are looking forward to once again improving their final position in 2025/26.





# Meet The Visitors 2

**Jim Pollard (Goalkeeper):** Jim has recently returned to The Ambers after 10 years away, during which time he has appeared in the NCEL and NPL for the likes of Maltby Main, Grantham, Matlock, Rossington Main, Newton Aycliffe and Sheffield FC. A great addition for the Ambers.

**Brandon Bagley (Defender/Midfielder):** Although primarily known as an attacking winger, Baggers re-invented himself at the end of last season as a right back and he will offer a range of options going forward with his pace, power and shooting ability.

**Ben Harriott (Defender):** Ben enjoyed a great end to last season. Whether he features at full back or in the centre of the defence, he is sure to put in 100% and his height is a major asset in both boxes.

**Tyler Williams (Defender/Midfielder):** Experienced left back Tyler had an outstanding season with The Ambers as he brought solidity and flair to the left hand side of defence. Tyler has played in the NPL level with Frickley, Stocksbridge PS and Brighouse.

**Johnno Williams (Defender/Midfielder):** Set piece specialist Johnno captained the side last season as he settled into a centre back berth after playing in midfield for most of his career. Has vast experience of playing higher up the pyramid.

**Owen Haigh (Defender/Midfielder):** Former Swallownest centre back Owen is a consistent performer whether he features at centre half or in midfield. Spent time in the youth set ups at Sheffield United and Doncaster Rovers.

**Max Skelton (Defender/Midfielder):** Max joined us after making over 100 appearances for Swallownest. Happy to play at centre back or as a holding midfielder, he is expected to take the step up to the NCEL Premier Division in his stride..

**Daniel Pudil (Defender):** Experienced centre half Daniel is best known for his spells at Watford and Sheffield Wednesday. The 35 times capped Czech international was part of Hallam's promotion winning squad last season and joins us on dual reg.

**Sam Fewkes (Midfielder):** Sam holds everything together for The Ambers as he patrols the middle of the park. Has now topped 100 appearances for us.

**Charlie Booker (Midfielder):** Charlie was promoted into the first team at the end of last season after impressing for the U21s and Reserves. His all action style has attracted interest from elsewhere and his long throw is dangerous.

**Ollie Currie (Midfielder):** Box to box midfielder Ollie re-joined The Ambers from Maltby Main last Summer

following his journey through the youth ranks at Handsworth to the point where he was a regular starter for the Reserves.

**Fernando Tavares (Midfielder):** Portuguese midfielder Nando is one of those players who makes football look easy. His languid style belies his ability on the ball and he will be looking to nail down the number 10 spot this season.

**Toby Kenyon (Midfielder):** Arguably the fittest member of the squad, midfielder Toby is in his second spell with The Ambers, having re-joined us from Goole last season. The former Owls graduate has also played for Maltby Main and Hallam.

**Josh Nodder (Midfielder):** Recently returned to The Ambers after 6 years away, Josh is known for his long range shooting ability. After spells with Stocksbridge, Sheffield and Parkgate, he was part of Wombwell Town's promotion winning squad in 24/25.

**Harry Jessop (Midfielder):** Attacking winger Harry joined from Pickering Town last season and finished strongly with a number of important goals. The former Scunthorpe United man will be aiming to reach double figures this season.

**Liam Owen (Forward):** Rangy striker Liam has signed on dual reg from Retford United but has spent most of his time in the NCEL with the likes of Athersley Rec, Worsborough Bridge, Nostell MW, Armthorpe and Wombwell Town after playing for Dodworth MW in the County Senior League.

**Mitchell Dunne (Forward):** Current Player of the Season, Dunny has broken the Ambers' record for most appearances, whilst he also closes in on the record for goals scored. A loyal servant to the club..

**Mark West (Forward):** Experienced centre forward or stand-in centre half, Westy had a spell with Goole last season after the last few seasons with Retford United where he scored 137 goals in 150 games.

**Scott Ruthven (Forward):** Experienced striker Scott rolled back the years last season as the former Stocksbridge PS and Hallam man finished the campaign with 29 goals. A leader within the group.

**Jordan Hines (Forward):** Bustling striker Jordan started out with Sheffield United before going to Bradford City, York City, Knaresborough Town, AFC Rushden & Diamonds, Halifax Town, Thackley and Tadcaster before joining us from Pickering Town.

**Jon Froggatt (Joint Manager):** A much travelled striker and Ambers legend as a player, Jon took over as joint manager in 2023/24.

**Mark Ward (Joint Manager):** Former England youth international striker Mark has previous managerial experience at the likes of Buxton and Ossett United.





**Lee Thompson (Coach):** A Boston United legend, Lee has coached at Stocksbridge before coming to Handsworth.

**Ian Whitehouse (Physio):** Ex-Frickley Athletic physio who's been at The Ambers for some years now.





# 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>.

In 2016/17, most of the players who had brought this success were attracted to more affluent clubs. The club were relegated from the NPL Premier Division after a 30 year stay.

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 lead 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 in the newly formed NPL East Division. However, things didn't pan out as hoped. Key departures lead 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 installed 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 to be replaced by Tom Claisse in November 2024 and successfully avoided the drop before being relieved of his duties in September 2025.

Club legend Martyn Woolford has taken the reigns and he'll be looking to roll back the years and bring winning ways back to Westfield Lane.





# Memory Match

As usual, we've got 2 memory matches for you. This week we have a pair of almost 'on this day' games, both played here at The Wezzie. The first match was against Northwich Victoria in the Cheshire County League, played on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October 1964. The game was described as 'the most regrettable exhibition ever seen at the Westfield Lane ground'. Wow! Wish I'd seen that. Despite finishing with 10 men, The Azzurri battled their way to a 5-3 victory. Then the second game is from Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 1946, and was equally dramatic as one of The Blues collapsed and had to go to hospital. Before the days of substitutes, it was a 10 man Blues side that mounted a second half comeback to beat Hull City Reserves by the odd goal in 5, in the old Midland Division. With thanks to JL.

## Players' names taken and Frickley inside- right sent off

Frickley Col. .... 5 Northwich Vics. .... 2

**T**HE Cheshire County League game at South Elmsall on Saturday was more like a boxing and all-in wrestling match than football in the second half.

Names of several players were taken by Referee D. W. Hall, of Manchester, and ten minutes from the end Frickley inside-right Heath was sent off.

Northwich outside-left Allen was struck by a player and carried off unconscious, and what had been a splendidly contested game in the first half developed into the most regrettable exhibition ever seen at the Westfield Lane ground, with fists and feet flying. The referee would have been justified in sending off more than one player.

Fouls on Frickley players resulted in two penalties, both

converted by HOLMES, who went on to complete his hat-trick. SMITH and WILKINSON completed Frickley's scoring, and DOBELL and GOODWIN replied for Northwich.

Northwich opened strongly, but after Dobell had given them the lead after seven minutes they allowed Frickley to get a grip on the game which they never relaxed.

Frickley's usual left fullback, Jones, was a success in the unusual role of centre-forward, and Mollatt (right half) and Haughton (right back) also played well.





# Memory Match (Cont.)

## MIDLAND LEAGUE FRICKLEY FORWARD COLLAPSES

The game between Frickley and Hull City, at South Elmsall, on Saturday, which resulted in victory for Frickley by 3-2, was marred by an injury to Devey, Frickley's reserve inside-left, who was making his first appearance with the side. He collapsed at half-time soon after heading the ball, and was taken to the Warde-Aldam Hospital and detained overnight suffering from concussion. Despite his absence, Frickley played much better in the second half than in the first, and had an equal share of the game. They were, however, lucky to win after they had been outplayed by a faster and cleverer team in the first half. Frickley were hard-pressed in the opening stages by clever opponents, and Wildman was called upon to save from Hassal and Bell in the first minute. In the next few moments, the Frickley goalkeeper tipped over fast drives by Taylor and Wright. A raid on the Frickley left wing

relieved the pressure, and Watson passed to Stocks, who was just wide with a good shot. Hull continued to dominate the game, and they took the lead after 12 minutes, Griffiths running up the right wing and beating Wildman with a good shot. Frickley had more of the play after this reverse, and Stocks made an opening for Cooper, who kicked over. Watson then broke away, but challenged by Farmer, shot yards wide. Shooting through a crowd of players, Watson put Frickley on level terms after 30 minutes. Hull went back to the attack, and Hassal and Taylor fired in shots which Wildman did well to hold. Hull regained the lead after 42 minutes, Boughan, in trying to pass to Wildman, giving the ball to Taylor, who scored. Frickley's two winning goals were scored with magnificent shots by Stocks after 28 and 37 minutes in the second half. Frickley were well served by Jones (right-back), Kaye (centre-half) and Stocks, but the remainder of the team was very weak, the forwards being ineffective and failing to give the support to Stocks that he ought to have had.

## The Famous Five – Who Am I?

1. Young Blues midfielder who came off the bench and scored the final goal in our 4-1 win at Beverley Town last Saturday, his first senior Frickley goal.
2. Handsworth fullback who has been a Wezzie hero with over 150 games under his belt for The Blues.
3. Teenage Sheffield Wednesday striker who scored a double in their 4-1 preseason win here at The Wezzie and has since scored 2 EFL goals as well.
4. England and Arsenal midfielder who refused to celebrate his goal in a 2-0 triumph over his old club West Ham last weekend.
5. Legendary manager who saw his side achieve his 250th Premier League win last Sunday.

Answers on the 'Awaydays' page





# Match Reports

## Frickley 1 SJR Workso 0 (Sheffield Cup)

The Blues booked their place in the next round of the Sheffield Cup with a narrow, hard fought win over plucky opponents from two steps below. The Blues set the tone early, as Spence's 5th minute strike was blocked after neat build up play. Soon after, Destiny and Garrick caused mild panic on the edge of the SJR box, winning a corner that the visiting goalkeeper struggled to deal with, flapping away under pressure. Destiny looked lively, steaming in on 18 minutes only to be denied by a last ditch toe poke, and Spence saw another effort held shortly after. Amid the pressure came a slightly surreal moment as play was briefly halted due to a drone hovering over the pitch.

Azzurri appeals for a penalty fell on deaf ears when Tom A was bundled over inside the box, before Collins unleashed a rising effort from range that just cleared the bar. At the other end, Sykes was called into action on 40 minutes, catching calmly from a rare SJR shot. Destiny twice tested the keeper before the break, first with an angled drive on 42 minutes, then again in stoppage time when his effort from the edge of the box was pushed away, only for Kilner's shot on the rebound to be blocked. Despite dominating territory and chances, it was level at the break. HT 0-0.

The second period began much as the first had ended, Destiny breaking into the area but the ball was smothered by the keeper. Then in the 54th minute, Sam Kilner unleashed a thunderous 25 yard volley that cannoned back off the crossbar. The Boys in Blue survived a scare as a defensive mix up presented SJR with a sight of goal, only for Sykes to race out to make a superb tackle. Just before the hour, Destiny threatened again, going but after seeing his first effort saved, he could only fire the loose ball into the side netting. Changes followed, with Destiny and Butch being replaced by Shear and Sam Cable, making his first appearance of the season after returning from injury. Within minutes, the breakthrough came. Cable was scythed down on 67 minutes, and up stepped Collins who delivered in style, sticking the free kick right in the top corner. The Blues thought they had doubled their lead on 73 minutes when TK bundled in from a Kilner corner, the referee initially awarding the goal, only

to consult with the liner and chalk it off.

The biggest cheer of the night soon followed as El Bino made his return from injury, coming on for his first Blues appearance since January 2024. Frickley had another penalty shout waved away when Tom A was again barged over in the box, while Robbo went close with a shot, swept wide across the face of goal.

SJR, however, grew into the game late on, netting a disallowed goal for offside and carving out chances on the break. The visitors looked certain to level in the closing stages, a missed handball in midfield sparked a break that ended with a shot rolling inches past the post, before Sykes produced two vital late saves, standing firm to preserve the clean sheet. FT 1-0. Job done – safe passage into the next round, a clean, no cards, no injuries. An honourable mention for our valiant visitors too.

WEBMASTER MOTM – the Glitterball goes to jointly to Cody Collins, the matchwinner with his Beckham-esque free kick, and Will Sykes, his crucial stops secured the win and the clean sheet. Wunderbar, Will-Co!

TWITTER MOTM – Cody Collins takes it from Will Sykes and Tom Alngohuru, Destiny Ifeanyi Nnenanua. Sam Kilner also polled votes. Thanks to all who voted.

SPONSORS/VOLUNTEERS MOTM – Will Sykes was chosen by Chris Hawkins. Well done, Sykesy!

115 through the gate. Thank you for your dedicated support during these tricky times!

## Sheffield 5 Frickley 0

The Blues' foray over the border into Derbyshire ended in a disappointing 5-0 defeat, though it was more competitive than numbers suggest.

The Azzurri actually started quite encouragingly, Sam Cable fired over with an early sighter, before a teasing Kilner cross on 6 minutes saw Cable's header drift narrowly over. 2 minutes later, good work from Robbo led to Luis blocking a clearance, the ricochet looping onto the roof of the net. Sheffield obviously carried a threat of their own and forced a series of half chances, and the game was finely poised until the 40th minute when Sheffield were awarded a soft free kick. From the delivery ex-Blue, Nathan Whitehead, climbed highest to head in, giving the home side a 1-0 lead at the break. HT 1-0.

The Blue Machine began the second half with purpose but the game turned decisively in the





## Match Reports (cont.)

home side's favour in the 10 minutes that followed the hour mark. Sheffield's number 9 slotted home to double the lead on 62 minutes, before striking twice more in quick succession, turning in from close range on 69 minutes and repeating the trick from a cross a minute later to complete an 8-minute hat trick.

Still, there were chances for a reply, Cable beat the keeper to the ball only to see his lob come back off the post, while Destiny blazed over. Sheffield's number 9 wasn't finished, however, and he got a 4th goal with a cool finish to round off the scoring with 4 minutes remaining. FT 5-0. A difficult afternoon, but those 8 minutes of madness did for us there. We go again next time.

WEBMASTER MOTM – the Glitterball goes to Takunda Katsere who defended bravely and committedly under great pressure. Top effort, TK! TWITTER MOTM – Takunda Katsere takes it from Joel Spence, Niall Butchart and Sam Cable. Thanks to all who voted.

SPONSORS/VOLUNTEERS MOTM – Joel Spence and Niall Butchart were chosen by Jack Byford and The Family Carr. Well done, fellas! 416 through the gate, with plenty from Sesku-cestershire. We can't thank you enough for your loyal support when the going is as tough as this!

### Beverley Town 1 Frickley 4

The Azzurri produced a sensational away performance at Beverley Town, eventually storming to a 4-1 victory.

The Blues showed intent from the off. In the 7th minute Destiny's surging run and pull back almost created the opener, but Butch saw the ball nicked off his toes at the crucial moment. Then Kilner's hanging delivery forced the Beverley keeper into action before Tom could get a head in.

The Azzurri forward line continued to threaten, and on 16 minutes Destiny raced through and coolly lobbed the keeper, only to be denied by a late offside flag. At the other end, Gagen made a vital tackle to snuff out a promising Bev attack.

The game exploded into controversy in the 24th minute when Robbo was brought down on the edge of the box by the last defender. To general disbelief, the ref only produced a yellow card. Justice, however, was swiftly served from the resulting free kick, Tom drilled a wormburner through the wall, into the corner, to put us one up. From there on into the interval, The Boys in Blue

were forced into a rearguard action as Bev threw men forward. The Blues defended stoutly amid a storm of home appeals and theatrics. HT 0-1.

The Azzurri came flying out of the traps after the break. Luis jinked into the box on 50 minutes but was dispossessed as he prepared to shoot, before Robbo hit the keeper's outstretched foot. 4 minutes later came the reward for the pressure. A perfectly weighted ball over the top from Spence found Destiny, who lashed a superb angled finish past the keeper to make it 2-0.

Tom almost made it 3 shortly after when he charged down a clearance. The hosts' sporadic attacks were capably dealt with by a resolute Blue backline. This was typified by TK's outstanding last ditch challenge in the 73rd minute that prevented a near certain goal. Gagen's bone crunching block tackle was a close second. Frickley struck again with 15 minutes left. Spence headed out to Destiny and he turned provider, slipping Robbo in to fire in our third of the day. With the game seemingly under control, Les Blues made changes, Sheard replacing Luis, and caretaker boss Woolly coming on for Butch, as we looked to see the game out.

Beverley pulled one back in the 85th minute, after Sykes pulled off a stunning reflex save, they reacted quickest to the rebound to make it 1-3.

The Blues responded with more fresh legs, handing debuts to U18s Ashton Johnson and Jack Horobin, while Wilson also replaced Spence. In stoppage time, Bev squandered a glorious chance by blazing over from close range and they were punished emphatically. Then debutant Johnson slid a neat ball to Sheard, who showed fantastic composure to slot through the keeper's legs, putting the result beyond doubt. FT 1-4.

What a display! We've always known that this group can play. It'd be nice to take that confidence into our upcoming games but let's enjoy these moments when they come along too. WEBMASTER MOTM – a real team effort with everyone playing their part. So it should come as no surprise that the Glitterball goes to the whole battalion. Congrats, comrades!

TWITTER MOTM – The whole team takes it from All of 'em. Thanks to all who voted 😊

SPONSORS/VOLUNTEERS MOTM – the whole team was chosen by Chris Lewis. Well done, lads!

333 through the gate, with plenty from The Azure Protectorate of SESKU. We thank you for going to Hull and back in your support for The Blues!





## *Everywhere We Go Dronfield (Sheffield)*

In 2017/18, the old Norton Woodseats' Coach & Horses ground was a veritable Shangri-La for Blues fans, with 3 wins there against current residents Sheffield FC in the space of 56 days. If you win the World Cup 3 times, you get to keep it so after winning 4-3 in the league, 3-0 in the FA Trophy and 4-0 in the Sheffield Cup, we should've got to keep Sheffield FC, no? We just had to make do with the birth of the iconic 'wings of love' picture of FA Trophy hat trick hero Jacob Hazel (centre)!

It's not been such a happy hunting ground since then, with our last win there, and against Sheffield FC anywhere, in 2019. We never looked like changing that statistic on this visit. It wasn't as bad as the 6-0 drubbing in 2020, but it wasn't a long way better.



The world's oldest remaining independent football club (Cambridge University FC is older, obvys) is at least well equipped in terms of seating (top) and terracing (bottom). And there was a good following by the Blue Faithful.

There's nowhere I'd rather be on a Saturday for a couple of reasons. Amateur football philosophy incoming.

Firstly, my worst day at football, which this wasn't, is still better than my best day at work (sorry, boss!). There's always positives – 90 minutes from Sam Cable and the company of the Blue Faithful, on this occasion.

Secondly, the dawn always follows the darkest night.

The lows make you appreciate the highs. And so it proved as we went to Beverley Town, 7 days later, and pulled off one of the most surprising results in a while, 2-0 at Penistone notwithstanding. But more of that in the next programme...





# Blues Squad 25/26

**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 Welfare 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.

**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 Town 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.

**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 Town too.

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

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

**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 is a local lad and has come right through our academy system.

**Jack Horobin (Defender):** Jack The Lad has stepped up from the U18s to make his debut as very capable defensive cover.

**Ashton Johnson (Midfielder):** AJ is an exciting young winger from our U18s who recently made his debut, getting a booking and an assist within 5 minutes of coming on!

**Harley Wilson (Midfielder):** With time at Penistone Church, Rossington Main, Wombwell Town and Dinnington Town, Hells Angel is an experienced midfielder at this level.

**Harold Edjangu (Goalkeeper):** The Mantis is a talented keeper from Yorkshire Amateurs, great backup for Sykesy.

**Donnell Garrick (Midfield/Forward):** The Director General is a young winger who joins us from Huddersfield Town's academy. He has also played for Emley's youth setup and Ossett United on loan.

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

**Martyn Woolford (Midfielder/Forward/Manager):** The Woolfman started at The Wezzie in 2005 after joining from Glasshoughton Welfare.

He is a very classy attacking midfielder who has been in the EFL with the likes of York City, Scunthorpe United, Millwall, Bristol City and Sheffield United since then but he's back home now for a 3rd spell. Took over as player-manager in October 2025.





# Frickley Player Statistics

| Frickley Athletic Apps. & Goal Scoring Record Career<br>Up to & Inc. Sat. 4th October 2025 |        |      |        |       |       |     |     |
|--|--------|------|--------|-------|-------|-----|-----|
|  | League | Cups | Total  | Sub.  | Grand | Gls | c/s |
|  |        |      | Starts | Apps. | Total |     |     |
| Martyn Woolford  | 58     | 12   | 70     | 6     | 76    | 16  |     |
| Lewis Binns  | 44     | 6    | 50     | 13    | 63    | 3   |     |
| Joel Spence  | 47     | 7    | 54     | 1     | 55    | 4   |     |
| Sam Cable  | 9      | 2    | 11     | 17    | 28    | 5   |     |
| Will Sykes   | 24     | 3    | 27     | 0     | 27    |     | 5   |
| Niall Butchart   | 14     | 2    | 16     | 10    | 26    | 1   |     |
| Tom Alngohuro  | 16     | 3    | 19     | 6     | 25    | 6   |     |
| Harry Gagen  | 19     | 3    | 22     | 0     | 22    |     |     |
| Sam Kilner   | 13     | 3    | 16     | 0     | 16    |     |     |
| Destiny Ifeanyi Nnenanua   | 8      | 1    | 9      | 7     | 16    | 3   |     |
| Lucas Robinson   | 12     | 1    | 13     | 1     | 14    | 1   |     |
| Will Jenkinson   | 11     | 2    | 13     | 0     | 13    |     |     |
| Louis Afonso Ferreira  | 10     | 1    | 11     | 2     | 13    | 3   |     |
| Tom Radley   | 9      | 0    | 9      | 1     | 10    |     |     |
| Tyler Sheard   | 3      | 1    | 4      | 3     | 7     | 1   |     |
| Takunda Katsere  | 3      | 1    | 4      | 3     | 7     |     |     |
| Harley Wilson  | 0      | 0    | 0      | 2     | 2     |     |     |
| Jack Horobin   | 0      | 0    | 0      | 1     | 1     |     |     |
| Ashton Johnson   | 0      | 0    | 0      | 1     | 1     |     |     |

## MOST RECENT PREVIOUS RESULTS ON THIS DAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

| Year | Day | H/A | Comp.  | Opponent         | Result       | Frickley Scorers                |
|------|-----|-----|--------|------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| 1988 | Tue | H   | NPL    | Gateshead        | W 4-1        | Bishop, Birch 2 (1p), Mallender |
| 1994 | Tue | H   | NPL    | Buxton           | D 1-1        | Brock                           |
| 1997 | Sat | A   | NPL    | Barrow           | L 1-2        | Armstrong                       |
| 1999 | Mon | A   | FAT1Rr | Ashton United    | W 4-2<br>aet | Hatto 2 (1p), Thompson, Hayward |
| 2003 | Sat | A   | NPL    | Harrogate Town   | L 1-2        | Morris                          |
| 2005 | Tue | A   | NPL    | Ossett Town      | W 4-2        | Callery, Woolford 3             |
| 2008 | Sat | A   | FAC3QR | Fleetwood Town   | L 0-2        |                                 |
| 2011 | Tue | H   | NPL    | FC United of Man | L 1-3        | Grayson                         |
| 2014 | Sat | A   | NPL    | Skelmersdale Utd | L 2-3        | Riley, Hinsley                  |
| 2016 | Tue | H   | NPL    | Coalville Town   | L 0-4        |                                 |

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# Macron NCEL Premier Division Table

|    | As at 10.10.25     | P  | W | D | L | F  | A  | GD  | P  |
|----|--------------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|----|
| 1  | Liversedge         | 13 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 26 | 6  | 20  | 28 |
| 2  | Tadcaster Albion   | 13 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 24 | 13 | 11  | 27 |
| 3  | Barton Town        | 14 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 22 | 12 | 10  | 26 |
| 4  | Sheffield          | 12 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 27 | 13 | 14  | 23 |
| 5  | Beverley Town      | 15 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 28 | 22 | 6   | 22 |
| 6  | Parkgate           | 14 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 20 | 13 | 7   | 20 |
| 7  | Handsworth         | 13 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 22 | 23 | -1  | 20 |
| 8  | Penistone Church   | 13 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 17 | 23 | -6  | 20 |
| 9  | Pickering Town     | 11 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 28 | 21 | 7   | 19 |
| 10 | Knaresborough Town | 14 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 23 | 22 | 1   | 18 |
| 11 | Eccleshill United  | 14 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 18 | 20 | -2  | 18 |
| 12 | Frickley Athletic  | 13 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 21 | 27 | -6  | 17 |
| 13 | Thackley           | 14 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 12 | 17 | -5  | 16 |
| 14 | Campion            | 11 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 21 | 25 | -4  | 13 |
| 15 | Wombwell Town      | 12 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 15 | 25 | -10 | 12 |
| 16 | Albion Sports      | 13 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 22 | 33 | -11 | 11 |
| 17 | Golcar United      | 12 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 15 | 20 | -5  | 10 |
| 18 | Bottesford Town    | 12 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 13 | 27 | -14 | 9  |
| 19 | Rossington Main    | 10 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 11 | 12 | -1  | 8  |
| 20 | Horbury Town       | 13 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 14 | 25 | -11 | 8  |

## PREVIOUS GAMES BETWEEN FRICKLEY & HANDSWORTH

| Season  | Date                  | Comp. | H/A | Result   | Frickley Scorers |
|---------|-----------------------|-------|-----|----------|------------------|
| 2022/23 | Sat. 8th October 22   | NCELP | H   | Lost 0-1 |                  |
|         | Sat. 25th February 23 | NCELP | A   | Draw 2-2 | Keita, Smith     |
| 2023/24 | Sat. 14th October 23  | NCELP | H   | Draw 1-1 | Keita            |
|         | Sat. 17th February 24 | NCELP | A   | Draw 1-1 | Townrow          |
| 2024/25 | Tue. 2nd October 24   | NCELP | A   | Lost 1-2 | Cawthorne        |
|         | Sat. 8th February 25  | NCELP | H   | Won 2-1  | OG, Mannings     |

## ON THIS DAY IN FOOTBALL – 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

**1944** - Maverick England international striker Rodney Marsh was born in Hatfield, Herts. A born entertainer, he scored over 200 goals during his career for Fulham, QPR, Manchester City and Tampa Bay Rowdies.

**1958** - Bill Nicholson started his new career as a manager on this day and watched his new Tottenham Hotspur side beat Everton 10-4 in a First Division match at White Hart Lane.

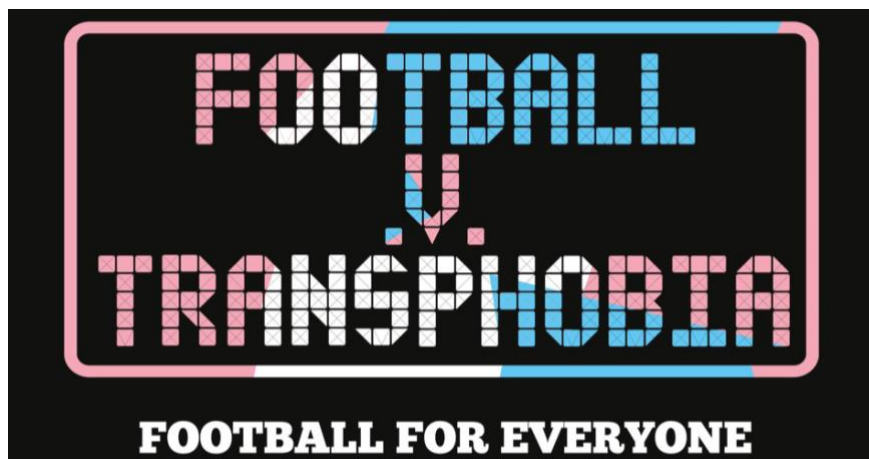
**1994** - Northampton Town were the last League side to have its home at a cricket ground. The Cobblers played their last match there on Tuesday October 11th 1994, a 0-1 Division 3 defeat by Mansfield Town. 4 days later they drew 1-1 with Barnet in their first match at the Sixfields Stadium.





# Macron NCEL Division One Table

|    | As at 10.10.25             | P  | W  | D | L  | F  | A  | GD  | P  |
|----|----------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|----|
| 1  | Dearne and District        | 15 | 11 | 1 | 3  | 35 | 12 | 23  | 34 |
| 2  | Harrogate Railway Athletic | 13 | 9  | 3 | 1  | 32 | 10 | 22  | 30 |
| 3  | Worsbrough Bridge Athletic | 13 | 10 | 0 | 3  | 29 | 20 | 9   | 30 |
| 4  | Wakefield                  | 15 | 9  | 2 | 4  | 34 | 19 | 15  | 29 |
| 5  | Crowle Colts               | 14 | 8  | 3 | 3  | 29 | 22 | 7   | 27 |
| 6  | Armthorpe Welfare          | 14 | 8  | 2 | 4  | 37 | 26 | 11  | 26 |
| 7  | Brigg Town                 | 15 | 7  | 3 | 5  | 31 | 27 | 4   | 24 |
| 8  | Club Thorne                | 14 | 6  | 5 | 3  | 19 | 13 | 6   | 23 |
| 9  | Maltby Main                | 14 | 6  | 3 | 5  | 24 | 21 | 3   | 21 |
| 10 | Leeds UFCA                 | 14 | 6  | 3 | 5  | 27 | 27 | 0   | 21 |
| 11 | Goole                      | 13 | 6  | 1 | 6  | 31 | 20 | 11  | 19 |
| 12 | Route One Rovers           | 13 | 6  | 0 | 7  | 32 | 22 | 10  | 18 |
| 13 | Louth Town                 | 15 | 5  | 3 | 7  | 25 | 26 | -1  | 18 |
| 14 | South Leeds                | 14 | 5  | 2 | 7  | 19 | 28 | -9  | 17 |
| 15 | Doncaster City             | 14 | 4  | 4 | 6  | 15 | 21 | -6  | 16 |
| 16 | Ilkley Town                | 15 | 4  | 4 | 7  | 22 | 30 | -8  | 16 |
| 17 | Selby Town                 | 13 | 4  | 2 | 7  | 18 | 24 | -6  | 14 |
| 18 | Athersley Recreation       | 15 | 4  | 2 | 9  | 18 | 35 | -17 | 14 |
| 19 | Appleby Frodingham         | 14 | 4  | 1 | 9  | 20 | 29 | -9  | 13 |
| 20 | Nostell Miners Welfare     | 12 | 3  | 2 | 7  | 11 | 28 | -17 | 11 |
| 21 | Winterton Rangers          | 14 | 3  | 0 | 11 | 16 | 34 | -18 | 9  |
| 22 | Glasshoughton Welfare      | 15 | 2  | 2 | 11 | 16 | 46 | -30 | 8  |





# 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 the light of recent events, it's high time that one of the finest footballers to ever pull on the Blue shirt, Martyn Woolford, featured on this page.

astleford born in 1985, Woolly comes from a sporting family with as both his dad and granddad played rugby league for Featherstone Rovers. However, it was football that was Woolford Jr's game and he grew up supporting Manchester United. We forgive him.

Woolford began his senior career in 2002 with Glasshoughton Welfare in the NCEL after progressing through their youth system and gaining a reputation as an emerging talent. Though he had trials with Doncaster Rovers, Barnsley, and Bradford City, none led to a contract, so in 2005, he moved to Frickley Athletic, then in the NPL Premier Division. Woolly hit the ground running, scoring 14 goals in his first season. The Wolfman's form saw The Blues finish as runners up, and only lost the playoff semifinal on penalties. His form brought interest from higher level clubs, and in August 2006 he signed for York City in the Conference National for a five figure fee. He became a key player, scoring on a regular basis and finishing the 2007/08 season as joint top scorer with 17 goals.

It was during his time with York that Woolly won 2 caps for the England C team in the summer of 2008 on a tour of the Caribbean.

His performances attracted EFL scouts, and in 2008 he stepped up to join Scunthorpe United in

League One.

At Scunny, Woolly appeared in the 2009 Football League Trophy Final, then went one better, netting an 85th minute winning goal in the 2009 playoff final against Millwall, earning his club promotion to the Championship, and himself the man of the match award.

In January 2011, Woolly joined Bristol City. After 2 seasons there, he moved to Millwall in 2013, then signed for Sheffield United in League One in 2015. A year later he was on the move again, to Fleetwood Town, where he spent the 2016/17 season. In August 2017, Woolly signed for Grimsby Town in League Two. He spent 2 seasons at Blundell Park before being released in 2019.

After almost 500 professional games as an attacking midfielder with over 60 goals, The Wolfman returned to non-league football,

joining Hyde United, then Boston United, and later Gainsborough Trinity.

Finally, in 2021 Woolford came home to The Wezzie. However, it was a short stay as injury lead to his retirement after just 8

games. But the lure of The Azzurri is great and he came out of retirement in 2025, making his third debut in the FA Cup game against Brighouse Town. And his goal from the penalty spot against Parkgate last month meant that he set a new Frickley club record for the longest goalscoring span at nearly 20 years.

When Tom Claisse was relieved of his managerial duties, it was only natural that

Woolly took the reins as boss, and won his first game in charge as well.

If all that wasn't enough, alongside his football career, Woolly also gained university qualifications in civil engineering. He's subsequently moved into property development and even does a bit of motivational speaking. It's a much used sobriquet but look in the dictionary under 'legend' and there's a picture of Martyn Woolford!





# Awaydays

## Next up – Golcar United

**Golcar Fact:** Golcar is named after St Guthlac, an 8<sup>th</sup> century hermit, and is recorded in the Domesday Book as *Goullakarres*.

**When :** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

**Kick off :** 15:00

**Where :** Skye Direct Stadium, Longfield Avenue, Golcar, Huddersfield, HD7 4BT.

**How much :** Adults £6, Concessions £4, Dogs allowed on a lead.



## Then – Wombwell Town

**Wombwell Fact:** Jonny Mitchell of TV's Educating Yorkshire fame, is the headteacher at Netherwood Academy in Wombwell.

**When :** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

**Kick off :** 15:00

**Where :** Recreation Ground, Station Road, Wombwell, S73 0BJ.

**How much :** Adults £5, Concessions £3, U16s 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](mailto:media@frickleyathletic.co.uk) with your contact details.

## Lucky 7 Quiz Answers

1. Tyler Sheard.
2. Tyler Williams.
3. George Brown.
4. Declan Rice.
5. Pep Guardiola.

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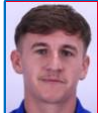


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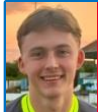


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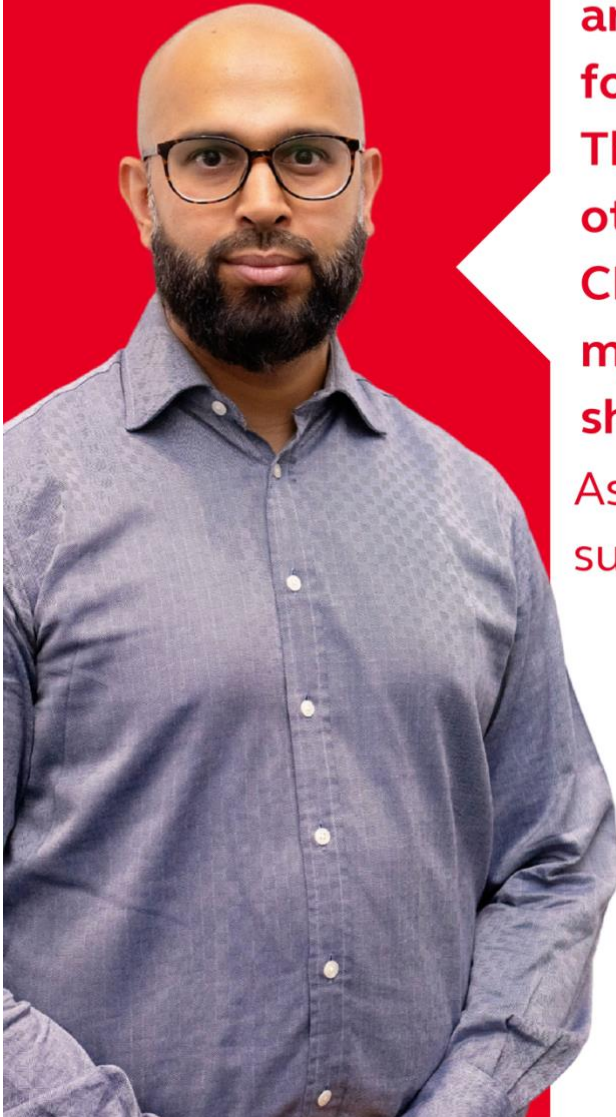
  
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