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25/26

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Today's Visitors:

PICKERING TOWN

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Destiny Ifeanyi Nnenanua	9	Souleymane Coulibaly
Lucas Robinson	10	George Brown
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Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen, welcome to The SALUS Stadium for today's Northern Counties East Premier Division game against Pickering Town. We give a warm welcome to Pickering's players, officials and supporters and hope they have a safe trip home after the game.

Today's visitors, Pickering, currently sit in 7th place on 28 points after 16 games. They have had a great start to the campaign, with only 2 league defeats up to the middle of last month. However, in their last 3 league outings, the Pikes have suffered their first back-to-back league defeats of the season, getting hammered 5-1 at Bottesford Town then being trounced 3-0 at home by Tadcaster Albion. But last time out, Pickering returned to winning ways with a fine 2-0 win at Penistone Church. With Souleymane Coulibaly, the Premier Division's top league goal scorer in their ranks, the Pikes are a definite threat.

The Blues come into today's game in 12th place on 21 points after 18 games. Since being subjected to a 6-0 drubbing at Golcar United, The Azzurri have gone on a 4 game unbeaten run. A 2-0 victory at Wombwell Town, courtesy of late Charlie Clegg and Lucas Robinson strikes, was followed by a 3-0 triumph in the Sheffield Cup against visitors Jubilee Sports, with Tom Alngohuru and Destiny Ifeanyi Nnenanua (2) getting on the scoresheet. Then 10 days ago, we trounced Rossington Main 4-1, here at The Wezzie, with goals from Shaun Heselwood, Destiny, Lucas Robinson (a penalty), and Charlie Clegg.

Saturday's game at Horbury Town saw us grind out a 0-0 stalemate, but not without incident as both sides had a man sent off, Will Jenkinson was our unfortunate recipient of a red card.

Our most recent meetings with Pickering Town were last season's pair of league games. In our meeting in November 2024, Rob Guilfoyle quickly equalised a Pikes opener but we eventually fell to a 3-1 defeat at Pickering's Mill Lane ground. Our last meeting here at The Wezzie was the opening game of the 2024/25 season in July 2024, The Blues started well, taking a 2 goal lead early in the second half, through Jack Varley and Luke Williams, but Pickering produced a comeback to win 4-2, largely precipitated by the sending off of Liam Haigh.

Expect The Blues to be going all out to get a positive result and continue this unbeaten run.

In recruitment news, striker Elliot Andrew has signed from Rossington Main. Elliot made his debut on Saturday, coming off the bench at Horbury. We welcome him to the club and wish him the best of luck.

Our next game sees The Blues travel to Albion Sports on Saturday 15th November, 3pm kickoff. The Blues are next in action here at Westfield Lane on Tuesday 18th November when Rossington Main are our visitors again, but this time for a Sheffield Senior Cup 3rd round tie, 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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Meet The Visitors

Pickering Town Football Club were first established in 1888 and competed in the local football leagues, such as the York Football League which they joined in 1953/54. Pickering first won the York League in 1955/56.

The club dropped in form for the next few years. Pickering eventually joined the Yorkshire Football League Division Three in 1972. In their second season they were promoted to Division Two as champions. Pickering finished as runners-up in 1974/75 season and were promoted to the top division of the Yorkshire League.

Form dropped again, the club suffered two successive relegations and for the rest of the decade Pickering lingered around the middle of the Yorkshire League Division Three.

In 1982 they became founding members of the NCEL and were in the Premier Division from 1992. It was around this time that the club first entered the FA Cup.

In 1999 Pickering were relegated to the NCEL Division 1. This lasted 2 seasons before promotion back to the Premier Division in 2001.

The club underwent a transformation with manager Jimmy Reid and his assistant Steve Brown in charge. Reid was a former player with St Johnstone and York City and Brown a former "Pikes" player and coach at the Leeds United Academy. At the end of 2001/02 season Jimmy Reid left the club and Steve Brown took control. In 2002/03, the hard work was rewarded towards the end of the season, with a 13th place finish. 2003/04 season was an exciting one as the club looked possible championship contenders.

However, the club were not able to capitalise and finished in 5th position.

Early in 2004/05, Steve Brown stepped down as manager to be replaced by ex-Ipswich Town and Newcastle United striker Alex Mathie, veteran of over 200 league games. After much ground improvement work in recent years, including the erection of floodlights, two stands and covered standing, the club possessed one of the best grounds in the league.

In the 2005/06 the club reached the quarter finals of the FA Vase, the furthest in the club's history, eventually losing to Nantwich Town. After an encouraging start in the 2006/07 season, results took a turn and a run of 1 win in 11 games led to the resignation of Mathie as manager.

Mathie's assistant Mark Wood was named as the

new manager. The 2007/08 season saw the club finish in third in the NCEL Premier Division. Mark Wood stepped down as manager early in the 2010/11 and he was replaced by Scarborough FC legend Mitch Cook, and the club eventually finished in 7th. Cook resigned just before the end of the season to take over at Bridlington Town.

Following Cook's resignation, the club appointed former York City player and coach Peter Vasey. They reached the Second Round Qualifying of the FA Cup 3 times (1999/2000, 2001/02 and 2003/04) under Peter.

In 2013, the club won the North Riding Senior Cup for the first time in their history following a 3-0 win over Marske United at Stokesley in front of 439 spectators.

In the summer of 2015, Paul Marshall left the manager's job at Tadcaster Albion and became manager of Pickering Town. Denny Ingram joined him as a player and assistant manager. Pickering finished 6th in their first season and 2nd in 2017. They reached the final of the North Riding Senior Cup in 2017, losing 3-1 to Whitby Town in the final at Middlesbrough's Riverside Stadium.

The 2017/18 season saw Pikes again finish runners up, but this time promotion was secured and as a result entry to Step 4 NPL football for the first time in our history. Marshall's reign at Pickering lasted until March 2019, when Denny Ingram stepped into the role, avoiding relegation. With 2019/20 starting badly and relegation looming, Scarborough Assistant Manager Steve Roberts took the reigns. Despite progress, the side were struggling when the season was ended by Covid. The same happened in 2020/21.

The Pikes were relegated from the NPL at the end of the 2021/22 season, despite a good run of results which came all too late.

The FA allocated Pickering a step 5 place in The Ebac Northern League for 2022/23. After a poor start to the season, Steve was amicably relieved of his position. Tony Hackworth and Ged Dalton were placed in temporary charge until Rudy Funk took over in September 2022. Once again, results lead to Rudy's departure, and Tony Hackworth again stepped into the breach to avoid relegation with a 19th place finish at the end of 2023/24.

Then last season Hackworth oversaw a massive improvement to finish in 10th, a trend he will be keen to continue in 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.

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 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 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 brace of 'on this day' games, both including braces of goals by Frickley forwards and both were played here at The Wezzie. The first match was against Leek Town in the Unibond Premier Division, played on Saturday 11th November 2006. A particularly good first half showing, with a double from Rob Pell, saw The Azzurri comfortably dispatch the visitors by 3 goals to 1 in challenging conditions. Then the second game is a Yorkshire League fixture from over a century ago, Tuesday 11th November 1922. Like our last home game against Rossington, The Blues were 4-1 victors in a local derby, this time against Houghton Main. Pairs by Reynolds in the first half and Ernie Miller's in the second did all the necessary damage. With thanks to JL.

A FIRST-HALF Rob Pell brace and a further strike from Paul Palmer helped Frickley to all-three points in the UniBond Premier Division against struggling Leek Town at a rainsoaked GMB Stadium on Saturday.

Blues' boss Billy Heath welcomed Steve Robinson and Palmer back to the team in place of the departing Lee Stratford and Mark Ward respectively as the hosts looked to continue on from their midweek cup win over Emley.

The blustery conditions in WF9 gave the Blues the first-half advantage as they dominated the opening exchanges but failed to create any clear-cut chances in front of goal.

Boss Billy Heath replaced Paul Rickers on the half-hour mark with Danny Moore – and the substitute made an instant impact on the match as he started the move down the left which led to Danny Walsh feeding Neil Ashley who was felled inside the Leek box before he could get a shot on goal.

Frickley hitman Rob Pell stepped up

and calmly slotted the ball by Peter Collinge in the Leek goal to give the hosts the advantage on the half-hour mark.

And the Blues' lead was doubled just six minutes later as Pell was again on target to head home a Steve Robinson cross from point blank range to the delight of the 203-strong crowd.

Frickley's perfect first-half was complete as Palmer pounced on a poor back pass from Carl Charlton to round the Leek stopper and roll the ball in to the empty net just a minute before the break.

The heavens opened after the break but the heavy rain didn't stop Frickley's search for a fourth as a break down the left saw Pell volley inches wide from the edge of the box from a Palmer cross.

Paul Moore's men managed to pull a goal back on 76 minutes as Dave Shaw reacted quickest after Frickley stopper Jon Hood could only parry a powerful shot from just inside the box – but it proved just a consolation for the visitors.

Moore twice went close to adding to the Frickley tally late on but the score remained the same to see the Blues up to 13th in the UniBond Premier Division.





Memory Match (Cont.)

FRICKLEY COLLIERY v. HOUGHTON MAIN.

Several changes were made in the constitution of the Frickley Colliery team which met Houghton Main on Saturday last. Reynolds was brought in at outside-left, and appeared to solve the wing problem. He gave a most exhilarating display, his centring being a good feature. He also helped himself to two fine goals in the first half of the play. The home-sters were leading by two goals to Houghton Main nil at half-time. After Ernest Millar had scored upon resuming, the visitors pressed, and eventually they reduced the lead. Millar added yet another ere the final whistle blew. Frickley ran out winners by four goals to one. Ernie Millar is finding his old form once more. Young Roebuck did well in goal, too.

The Famous Five – Who Am I?

1. New Blues midfielder who scored our opening goal on his home debut in our 4-1 win over Rossington Main 10 days ago.
2. Pickering Town forward who is currently the NCEL Premier Division's top league goalscorer.
3. Bournemouth midfielder, the 'Guernsey Grealish', who has been called up for the England senior squad and shares a name with the presenter of Football Focus.
4. Celtic's interim manager who was also a European Cup winner with Nottingham Forest and a Northern Ireland international midfielder.
5. 15 year old who become the youngest ever player to player in the Champions League when he came on in Arsenal's 3-0 win against Slavia Prague last week.

Answers on the 'Awaydays' page



The NLP Column: Magic Moments

By Matthew Badcock

In a funny way, Kevin Horlock's quote after Maldon & Tiptree's defeat to Port Vale encapsulated what the FA Cup is all about. "We had them on the ropes for 5 minutes, we probably scored 85 minutes too soon," the Jammers boss said of Anisius Lewis' very early strike that put the Step 4 side ahead, "but what a magical moment."

Less than 20 minutes later and Horlock's side were 4-1 down to the League One Valiants, the lowest-ranked team in the first round's FA Cup adventure was coming to an end. But it's those moments that make the FA Cup. For a few minutes, 9 to be more precise, their travelling fans would have been wondering 'what if'.

We all know about the financial rewards that comes with the FA Cup – the TV cash to boost the coffers, the benefit of prize money, extra sponsorship and ticket sales. But, also, it gives unforgettable moments.

Think of Havant & Waterlooville all those years ago when they led the mighty Liverpool not once but twice at Anfield. Think of Kidderminster Harriers taking West Ham to the final moments before Declan Rice bailed the Premier League side out.



Think of Tamworth last season as they took Tottenham into extra time but almost won it in the dying stages of the 90 minutes. Chelmsford City caused the first upset of round one when they beat Braintree Town on the Saturday lunchtime, a feat repeated by fellow Step 2 sides Weston-super-Mare, who knocked out Aldershot Town, and Slough Town as they piled the woe on Altrincham.

There were some all non-league ties that brought Sutton United, Wealdstone and

Buxton success and a place in the second round.

We also saw Gateshead upset League One AFC Wimbledon, Brackley Town beat Notts County on penalties and Boreham Wood take, what feels like, their annual EFL scalp in the shape of Crawley Town. Carlisle United looked to be on their way out at Reading before Regan Linney (pictured) scored two stoppage time goals to force extra time, where he then scored

the winner to complete his hat trick.

"It was a good 3 points," he accidentally said live on Match of the Day the next day. "I've crumbled here!" Thankfully the striker doesn't crumble when he's in the box! "Where's the matchball?" presenter Jason Mohammad asked. "It's still in my car," Linney responded with a smile.

That's the magic of the FA Cup!

Match Reports

Frickley 4 Rossington Main 1

The Blues delivered a superb performance and secured a valuable 3 points at home, defeating Rossington Main 4-1 in a very watchable contest that saw The Blues dominate for long periods.

Les Bleus started the match with immediate intent, Destiny (pictured, with Heselwood in the background) proving a handful for the Rossington defence from the off. He had a sighter in the 3rd minute, firing over from the edge of the box. Both sides probed for an opening but it took another quarter of an hour before Jenko's throw found Woolly, he headed on to Destiny but his shot flew across the face of goal and away.

Robbo then tested the keeper but his shot was held, followed shortly by Destiny dragging a promising effort wide after getting onto a through ball and cutting inside. Destiny continued his relentless intensity, dispossessing the Rosso keeper in the 22nd minute only to see his shot blocked.

Moments later, Rosso won a soft free kick on the edge of the box, but the wall did its job, squarely blocking the free kick.

At the other end, The Blues' appeals for a penalty were dismissed in the 26th minute when Destiny was held back by his shirt while rounding a defender, with his follow up shots blocked, twice.

The breakthrough finally arrived on the half hour. Destiny brought the ball down, took it wide, and whipped a cross into the box where Heselwood was perfectly placed to chest the ball past the keeper, giving The Azzurri a deserved lead. Destiny had more chances and Radz headed wide but the advantage was cancelled out seconds before the break under unfortunate circumstances. A tackle by Gadge inadvertently gave the ball straight back to a Rossington forward, whose resulting cross led to a shot hitting the post. The rebound dropped straight to Rosso's number 10 for a simple tap in, sending the teams in level at the interval. HT 1-1.

The Azzurri came out after the break determined to restore their lead and did so almost instantly. 72 seconds after the restart, Tom A's floated

corner caused panic in the Rosso box, and the ball eventually dropped to Destiny, who dinked it over a defender and into the net.

Robbo kept up the pressure with his run in the 50th minute, unsettling the defence before his two shots were blocked.

Good work from Destiny forced a Rossington handball in the box in the 73rd minute. Robbo coolly dispatched the spot kick, sending the keeper the wrong way, to double the advantage. Robbo almost had a second 2 minutes later, hitting the post after a jinking run. And he was on hand again when Luis AF squared the ball after a blistering run but the keeper clung onto Robbo's close range attempt.

With the game entering its final stages, Cleggy was brought on for Destiny, and produced a moment of high quality in the 87th minute when a

defensive mixup allowed the ball to break to Cleggy and he hit a screamer from the corner of the box.

In injury time Rosso hit the bar from distance and Cleggy had a rasping drive saved. FT 4-1.

It was an exciting game, a top display, the right result and 3 cherries. It was also our first home league win since August and our biggest home league win since we beat Rosso 4-0 last December. A good day!

WEBMASTER MOTM - Solid at the back, with Radz heading away bricks, Gadge, Jenko and El Binno ice cold on the floor, and Sykes with the safe handling of a wide receiver. A delicious mix of creativity and grit in midfield, Heselwood and Spence controlled the engine room. And electric going forward, you didn't know where to look, Tom A, Robbo, Luis AF, Cleggy were rapier-like in their attacks. But the Glitterball has to go to Destiny. He caused chaos in the Rosso defence, they just couldn't contain him. Dazzling, Destiny!
TWITTER MOTM - Destiny Ifeanyi Nnenanua takes it from Shaun Heselwood, Lucas Robinson and Tom Radley. Charlie Clegg also polled votes. Thanks to all who voted.

SPONSORS/VOLUNTEERS MOTM - Destiny Ifeanyi Nnenanua was chosen by match ball sponsors Juratek. Well done, Destiny!

234 through the gate. Thank you for coming down to cheer on The Boys in Blue. It's really, really appreciated!





Match Reports (cont.)

Horbury Town 0 Frickley 0

The Blues battled to a hard earned point in a niggly contest at Horbury Town, a game that had a modicum of drama but no goals. Both sides ended with 10 men after some 'interesting' officiating that left little room for rhythm or flow. The tone was set early when, in the 5th minute, Horbury's number 9 was deservedly shown a straight red card for elbowing El Binno in the face. The dismissal should've handed the initiative to The Azzurri, but this was largely stifled by an opposition that were hell bent on evening up the sides. Horbury threw themselves to the ground whenever the opportunity presented itself. Their striker went through but then went down theatrically in search of a penalty when he looked to have a better chance of scoring. The ref rightly, although surprisingly, waved play on.

Around the quarter of an hour mark, Destiny saw a shot blocked after a driving run, followed by a spell of pressure from a corner that Horbury eventually cleared. At the other end, a superb defensive header from Jenko denied Horbury a golden opportunity. Unfortunately, Jenko's afternoon came to a premature end soon after. A poorly timed 21st challenge 21 minutes earned him a straight red card.

Extremely harsh, but the ref was clearly swayed by the writhing, screaming Horbury forward and the rest of his team crowding around said official. But fear not, dear reader, the Horbury player jumped up like a veritable Lazarus once the red was brandished.

The Blues edged it as the more composed 10 men. Robbo's surging run and cross on 31 minutes was fielded safely by the keeper. LAF left his marker for dead on 34 minutes, though the danger ended with a comfortable catch. A second cross also evaded his teammates.

However, just before the break, Sykesy had to pull off the save of the day to tip over a tricky Horbury free kick. HT 0-0.

The second half was no less scrappy - the slope,

the long grass and the fear of making a tackle saw to that.

Destiny's 51st minute cross was dragged behind his fellow Blues, before we swapped yellows with the opposition. LAF played in Tom A on 68 minutes, but his deflected shot looped kindly into the keeper's arms.

Horbury offered little threat, with Sykesy comfortably gathering a tame effort being their best attempt on goal.

As the match wore on, both sides made a raft of changes which did little to change matters.

With 8 minutes to go, Horbury mustered one last scuffed effort, easily smothered by Sykesy.

Sub Elliot Andrew came close to making it a dream debut, cutting inside and firing over in the last minute. And Butch drilled narrowly wide in time added on, which was mercifully short, despite 9 substitutions. FT 0-0.

It wasn't a classic by any means, but it's an away point that could very well prove valuable in the long run. And 7 points from the last 9 represents



a pretty decent return from the last fortnight. WEBMASTER MOTM - it was a dogged performance in conditions that conspired to blunt our strengths. Robbo was our biggest threat, although Destiny and LAF gave it a good go. Sykesy, Radz and El Binno were as true as steel and earned that cleano. And big up to Butch and Tom A

(pictured, taking a free kick) for putting team before self and playing in several positions. But the Glitterball goes to Harry Gagen and Joel Spence. Gadge stalked the right flank while The Skip prowled the engine room. Spot on, Sp-agen!

TWITTER MOTM - Harry Gagen takes it from Lewis Binns, Joel Spence and Niall Butchart. 'All of em for doing a shift on a pitch like that' also polled votes. Thanks to all who voted.

SPONSORS/VOLUNTEERS MOTM - Joel Spence was chosen by Jerry Wray. Well done, Joel!

181 through the gate, with over 70 from the Realm of SESKU. What a remarkable following!

We thank you all!





Everywhere We Go Horbury

The trip to NCEL Premier Division newbies Horbury Town was a first for The Azzurri. The football club's Pulse Hire Ltd Stadium is situated on the banks of the River Calder, in the hinterland to the south of Wakefield, between the M1 and A1.

Until a few short years ago, in the club's West Yorkshire League days and when I first visited, the ground was just a pitch with a bar round it. Development has come on apace since then, with the addition of larger and smaller seated stands, a large covered terrace (pictured below) and hard standing on 3 of the 4 sides. Horbury's support might be small but it was feisty (much disturbed by the the presence of

my southern accent too, it would seem), and I like that coz it creates a bit of an atmosphere. Those numbers were swelled by an incredibly impressive 70 of the Blue Faithful.

The proximity of the aforementioned river and Calder Valley is largely the cause of the significantly sloping pitch (pictured above). Combined with the long grass, it made passing football and quick breaks nigh on impossible. Add in 2 early red card and an opposition at the bottom of the table who needed to stonewall and the stalemate looked almost inevitable. It won't live long in the memory. But I'll always take an away point. We've got 2 wins and a draw, and 2 clean sheets, from our 3 consecutive league games against what was the division's bottom 3 a fortnight ago. We've halted our free fall and are moving away from the relegation zone for now. That's progress!





NCEL News

The Second Round of the Isuzu FA Vase took place on Saturday with three of the five remaining Macron NCEL clubs all keeping their dreams of a Wembley appearance alive.

There was late drama as Albion Sports sneaked through 3-2 against Holker Old Boys in a game that had been deadlocked for 75 minutes before ending in a five-goal thriller.

The Old Boys took the lead but Mohammed Qasim and Ellis Wade turned the tie in the Lions' favour only for their visitors to level matters once again as injury time loomed.

But, Nathan Cartman struck to grab Sports the dramatic victory in a clash that had been moved to Brighthouse Town's ground following firework damage sustained to the surface at Myra Shay in midweek.

Rossington Main are also into Monday's draw after a 6-5 win on spot kicks following a 2-2 scoreline at Carlisle City, Dylan Mantle and Archie Micklewaite with second half strikes to fight back from a two goal deficit in the opening half-hour.

And, Liversedge also came from behind to progress as Joseph Walton and Kelan Swales netted in a 2-1 home victory over Atherton Laburnum Rovers.

However, the FA Vase trail has ended for Brigg Town who were knocked out by an injury-time winner for visitors West Didsbury & Chorlton in a 2-1 defeat, Joshua Batty with the goal for the Zebras, and Barton Town went down 4-0 at South Liverpool.

In the Premier Division, Beverley Town have climbed up into second and are three points behind Sedge after their 2-0 home win against Bottesford Town, Adam Stockhill and James Piercy pouncing in the opening eleven minutes to claim the victory that lifts them above Tadcaster Albion who were beaten 3-1 at Handsworth.

Scott Ruthven's penalty and a Jordan Hines strike gave the hosting Ambers a two goal lead by the interval, that advantage was halved by Spencer Harris midway through the second period and Ruthven's second in stoppage time confirmed the three points for the home side who move up into fifth.

Sheffield keep themselves in fourth after their 3-0 defeat of visitors Penistone Church, Corey Gregory, Nathan Whitehead and Harrison Poulter

all scoring in the opening period to claim a comfortable win.

There were also early goals for Thackley as Toby Marriott and Hass Gorji netted in the first quarter of the game to beat hosts Eccleshill United 2-0. Patrick Sykes' injury time leveller snatched Champion a 1-1 home draw with Parkgate after Alex Wonham's penalty had broken the deadlock. Dearne & District made it seven wins in a row to keep daylight between themselves and the chasing pack in Division One as the leaders won 3-0 at home to Goole AFC, Cian Guest's first half brace added to in stoppage time by Cyrus Rowe. Harrogate Railway Athletic continue their pursuit of pole position as their 4-3 win over visitors Crowle Colts sees them up into second, four points off the summit.

Samuel Drake, Harry Lee, Harry Lynn and Alex Burton scored for the Rail whilst Declan Bacon claimed a double for Colts and Robert Guilfoyle converted a penalty in an exciting encounter. Wakefield AFC have consolidated fourth spot as Owen Thomas, Billy Mole, Oli Robinson, Bolton Makwedza and Austin Vicenzino were their scorers in a 5-1 win at Ilkley Town, a game in which they raced into a three goal lead by the sixteenth minute.

Fifth-placed Leeds UFCA were beaten 2-1 at Maltby Main after taking the lead through Harrison Rowley with Luke Hinsley and Jordan Buckham turning the game round in the Miners' favour who move up into eighth.

Appleby Frodingham picked up three vital points in their bid to move from the relegation zone, Krzysztof Jarosz with an 82nd minute winner as they beat hosts Doncaster City 2-1 whilst Selby Town have climbed up into sixteenth after their 4-1 win at basement side Glasshoughton Welfare. Joseph Rawcliffe, Daniel Davison, Lleyton Brown and Harry Clapham scored for the Robins who keep themselves five points clear of danger.

Cole Nelson and Will Pennell secured a 2-0 home win for Louth Town over Winterton Rangers whilst South Leeds shared six goals with Club Thorne Colliery, Luke Williams with a 71st minute equaliser for the visitors in a 3-3 rollercoaster draw.





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

Tyler Sheard (Defender/Midfield/Forward): Versa Tyler 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.

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

Thomas Radley (Defender): Radz is a big centre half who was at Shelley last season and 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 joined us from Ossett United after an initial loan spell.

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 winger from our U18s who recently made his debut, getting an assist within 5 minutes of coming on!

Dylan Sefton (Goalkeeper): Safe-ton is a solid young keeper who returns after coming through our academy and spending time at Worsbrough Bridge.

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.

Bailey Cowsell (Forward): Bails is an exciting goals scorer from our U23s. Made his first team debut in 2023/24 and has played for Athersley Rec and Wombwell Main since then.

Charlie Clegg (Forward): The Power is a local boy and a fan favourite, in his third spell with us. Has experience with Ponte Colls youth programme, Emley, Athersley, Armthorpe and Club Thorne.

Shaun Heselwood (Midfielder): Hez of The Wez joined us from Selby Town, after spells at Hemingbrough United and Goole AFC, to add drive in the middle of the park.

Elliot Andrew (Forward): The Prince is a quality striker who started out at Doncaster Rovers then Nottingham Forest before more recent spells at Tadcaster, Beverley and Rossington Main.

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.

Mike Carmody (Assistant Manager): As a player, MC Hammer was a top defender for Huddersfield and Tranmere in the EFL and for many years at Altrincham. Since retirement, he has managed Armthorpe Welfare and Goole AFC.

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 Up to & Inc. Sat. 8th November 2025							
	League	Cups	Total	Sub.	Grand	Gls	c/s
			Starts	Apps.	Total		
Martyn Woolford	61	13	74	8	82	17	
Lewis Binns	47	8	55	14	69	3	
Charlie Clegg	16	3	19	47	66	7	
Joel Spence	52	9	61	1	62	4	
Will Sykes	29	5	34	0	34		8
Niall Butchart	17	3	20	13	33	1	
Tom Alngohuro	20	5	25	6	31	8	
Sam Cable	10	3	13	18	31	8	
Harry Gagen	24	5	29	0	29		
Ifeanyi Nnenanua	13	2	15	8	23	7	
Lucas Robinson	17	2	19	2	21	3	
Will Jenkinson	16	3	19	0	19		
Sam Kilner	15	3	18	0	18		
Tom Radley	12	1	13	3	16	1	
Luis Afonso Ferreira	11	1	12	4	16	3	
Tyler Sheard	4	2	6	8	14	1	
Takunda Katsere	5	3	8	3	11		
Shayan Keyghobadi	0	1	1	5	6		
Ashton Johnson	0	0	0	4	4		
Jack Horobin	0	1	1	2	3		
Shaun Heselwood	2	0	2	0	2	1	
Harley Wilson	0	0	0	2	2		
Elliott Andrew	0	0	0	1	1		

MOST RECENT PREVIOUS RESULT ON THIS DAY 11TH NOVEMBER

Year	Day	H/A	Comp.	Opponents	Result	Frickley Scorers
1978	Sat	A	NPL	Bangor City	Lost 2-4	Long 2
1989	Sat	H	SSC1R	East Pennine	Won 3-1	Myles 2, Woodhead
1991	Mon	H	NPL	Emley	Draw 0-0	
1995	Sat	H	NPL	Bamber Bridge	Lost 0-5	
1997	Tue	H	NPL	Bishop Auckland	Lost 2-3	Field, Green
2003	Tue	A	NPL	Gainsborough Trin.	Lost 0-3	
2006	Sat	H	NPL	Leek Town	Won 3-1	Pell 2, Palmer
2014	Tue	A	LC1R	Blyth Spartans	Won 2-0	Thompson, South
2017	Sat	H	NPL1S	Corby Town	Won 3-0	Frost, Hazel 2
2023	Sat	H	NCELP	Thackley	Won 3-0	Walker, Townrow, Boocock

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Macron NCEL Premier Division Table

	As at 10.11.25	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	P
1	Liversedge	17	12	4	1	37	11	26	40
2	Beverley Town	20	11	4	5	37	24	13	37
3	Tadcaster Albion	17	11	3	3	32	16	16	36
4	Sheffield	19	9	7	3	38	20	18	34
5	Handsworth	18	10	2	6	33	28	5	32
6	Barton Town	18	8	5	5	26	19	7	29
7	Pickering Town	16	8	4	4	36	29	7	28
8	Parkgate	19	5	10	4	30	28	2	25
9	Thackley	19	7	4	8	20	21	-1	25
10	Eccleshill United	18	6	4	8	21	26	-5	22
11	Penistone Church	18	6	4	8	21	33	-12	22
12	Frickley Athletic	18	6	3	9	18	37	-19	21
13	Knaresborough Town	18	4	8	6	26	28	-2	20
14	Campion	17	4	7	6	39	41	-2	19
15	Albion Sports	17	5	3	9	30	40	-10	18
16	Golcar United	17	4	5	8	31	30	1	17
17	Bottesford Town	18	4	4	10	25	40	-15	16
18	Rossington Main	15	3	6	6	22	23	-1	15
19	Wombwell Town	17	3	5	9	19	34	-15	14
20	Horbury Town	18	2	6	10	22	35	-13	12

MOST RECENT PREVIOUS GAMES BETWEEN FRICKLEY & PICKERING TOWN

Season	Date	Comp.	H/A	Result	Frickley Scorers
2018/19	20th October 18	NPL1E	A	Draw 4-4	Hazel (p), Walton 2, Ible
	12th January 19	NPL1E	H	Draw 1-1	Hazel
2021/22	25th September 21	NPL1E	H	Lost 1-2	Wells B.
	5th March 22	NPL1E	A	Won 2-1	Scott (p), Mettam
2023/24	15th August 23	NCELP	A	Won 2-0	Keita, Collier
	5th March 24	NCELP	H	Draw 1-1	James
2024/25	27th July 24	NCELP	H	Lost 2-4	Varley, Williams
	16th November 24	NCELP	A	Lost 1-3	Guilfoyle

ON THIS DAY IN FOOTBALL – 11TH NOVEMBER

1905 - Chelsea and Clapton (now Leyton) Orient played the first all-London Football League encounter at Clapton Orient's Millfields Road ground. Chelsea won the Second Division match 3-0.

1987 - England played Yugoslavia for the last time in a competitive match, winning 4-1 in Belgrade in a Euro 88 qualifier. Peter Beardsley, John Barnes, Bryan Robson and Tony Adams scored the goals.

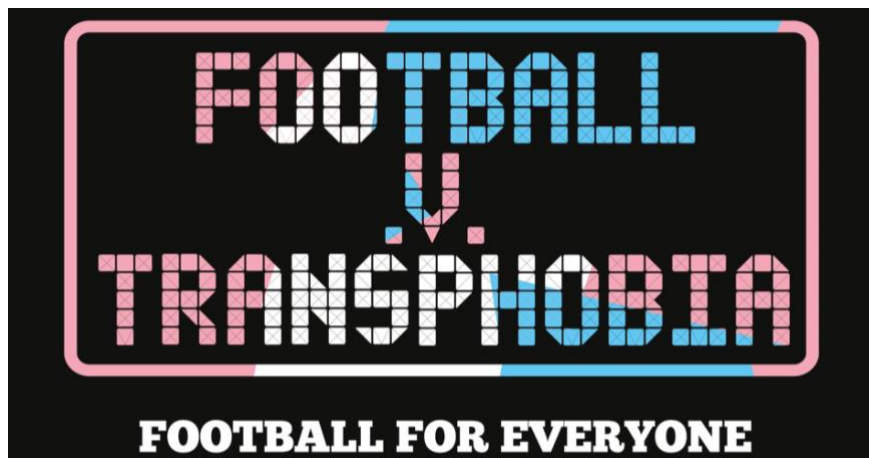
2006 - A First Round FA Cup tie between Barrow and Bristol Rovers at Holker Street saw the first player in England to be jailed for an incident during a football match. Barrow's James Cotterill punched Sean Rigg of Bristol Rovers, breaking his jaw. Cotterill was eventually sentenced to 4 months in prison for GBH.





Macron NCEL Division One Table

	As at 10.11.25	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	P
1	Dearne and District	21	17	1	3	57	15	42	52
2	Harrogate Railway Athletic	19	15	3	1	49	17	32	48
3	Worsbrough Bridge Athletic	19	15	1	3	45	26	19	46
4	Wakefield	20	12	3	5	52	24	28	39
5	Armthorpe Welfare	19	10	3	6	48	40	8	33
6	Leeds UFCA	20	10	3	7	43	35	8	33
7	Crowle Colts	19	10	3	6	41	36	5	33
8	Club Thorne	20	7	9	4	26	21	5	30
9	Maltby Main	19	9	3	7	33	30	3	30
10	Route One Rovers	19	9	2	8	53	29	24	29
11	Brigg Town	18	8	4	6	33	28	5	28
12	Louth Town	20	7	5	8	29	27	2	26
13	Goole	20	7	2	11	42	38	4	23
14	Doncaster City	20	6	5	9	22	32	-10	23
15	Ilkley Town	21	6	5	10	32	44	-12	23
16	Selby Town	19	6	3	10	28	35	-7	21
17	South Leeds	20	5	4	11	28	42	-14	19
18	Athersley Recreation	19	5	4	10	23	43	-20	19
19	Nostell Miners Welfare	19	5	3	11	17	41	-24	18
20	Appleby Frodingham	19	5	1	13	23	46	-23	16
21	Winterton Rangers	20	4	1	15	21	54	-33	13
22	Glasshoughton Welfare	20	2	2	16	20	62	-42	8



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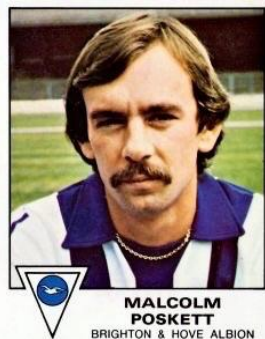
I'm an incorrigible collector of old A&BC, Panini, Merlin, Topps, etc. football cards and stickers, and it struck me how many of the players pictured had links to Frickley Athletic. They might have played for or against us at some point, or are related to one of The Azzurri past or present. Or the connection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

I was recently reminded that when The Blues were first relegated back to the Northern Premier League in the late 80s, one of the clubs that we faced were Morecambe in their pre-EFL days.

And playing up front for the Shrimps was Malcolm Poskett, a striker with well over a hundred Football League goals to his name and, more notably, who trod the hallowed Wezzie turf and scored vs The Blues. Middlesbrough born in 1953, Malcolm Poskett, was a hardworking and forward whose professional career

spanned more than a decade across the English Football League. After playing for local youth sides such as Beechwood and South Bank, he began his pro journey with Middlesbrough. He made his league debut at Ayresome Park, as a sub against Hull City in October 1973. The team were promoted to the First Division as Second Division champions but Poskett left to find regular football. Whilst working as a metal plater, he moved into the non-league scene with Whitby Town, where a bucketload of goals earned a return to the professional ranks in 1976 with Hartlepool United.

It was there that Poskett began to establish himself as a determined forward, with a reputation for reliability. His performances soon caught the attention of those higher up the league, and a transfer to Brighton & Hove Albion followed. At Brighton he demonstrated his finishing with hat tricks against Bristol Rovers and Charlton Athletic. He went on to be part of the Seagulls



side that was promoted to the First Division for the first time in the club's history in 1978/9. Poskett started only 1 top flight game in 1979/80, but scored an 83rd minute goal in said game at West Brom before his next major move to Watford under the management of Graham Taylor, in December 1979. During his time at Vicarage Road, he enjoyed one of the most productive periods of his career, becoming the club's top scorer in the 1980/81 season with 21 goals. His bustling style and relentless work rate made him a fan favourite, and he was central to a number of memorable games, including a remarkable 7-1 League Cup victory over Southampton, in which he scored twice. The Hornets had been 4-0 down from the first leg but progressed 7-5 on aggregate. Again, Malcolm was part of the Watford team that achieved promotion to the top division for the first time. However, opportunities become more limited as Luther Blissett and John Barnes came to the fore, so his contribution to Watford's success during that period was on the wane, prompting another move.

In 1982, Poskett joined Carlisle

United, where his experience helped the club produce a strong Second Division campaign under manager Bob Stokoe. His goals and physical presence made him a key figure in a side that were seriously challenging for promotion in March of the 1983/84 season, but a mere 5 points from their last 10

games meant that Malcolm's hopes of another promotion to Division One were dashed. Later spells with Darlington, Stockport County, and a return to Carlisle United extended his professional career well into the mid-1980s before he concluded his playing days at non-league Morecambe.

After hanging up his boots, Poskett remained in the Carlisle area, working as a car salesman and a tyre inspector for Pirelli.

And I feel sure that the moustachioed marksman now spends his retirement retelling the tale of the time he netted against Frickley, no?



Awaydays

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3. Alex Scott.
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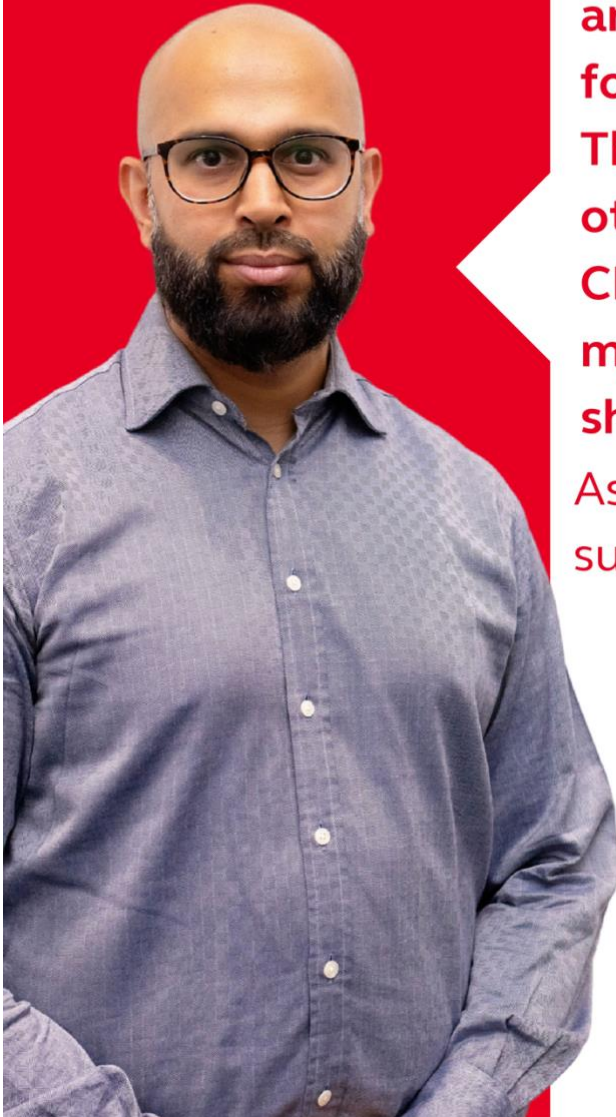


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