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25/26

NCEL Premier Division
Official Match Day Programme



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PARKGATE

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Owen Jenkinson was diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma in 2022 and, after a year cancer-free, unfortunately relapsed in 2024. Despite further treatment, his cancer progressed, and he sadly passed away in November 2025. Owen's strength, spirit, and love for life remained unwavering, and the charity PACT (Parents' Association of Children with Tumours & Leukaemia) has been a vital source of support for him and his family throughout the journey.

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TUESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2026 KICK OFF 7.45 PM

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Joel Spence	4	Liam Tomlinson	
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Cody Collins	6	Callum Rudd	
Tom Alngohuro	7	Alister Haydock	
Charlie Price	8	Harvey Rodgers	
Charlie Clegg	9	Shay Evans-Booth	
Josh Lindley	10	Harley Moore	
Lucas Robinson	11	Bradley Gregory	
Sam Kilner	12	Joseph Austin	
Harry Viggars	14	Tyler Parkin	
Lewis Binns	15	Owen Kelly	
Harry Carmody	16	Finlay Staniland	
Feyi Afuape	17	Jacob Pearson	

REFEREE

Liam Marsh

ASSISTANT REFEREES

Mark Ulliyott
Paul Wilkinson





Bluescene

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

Today's match ball is sponsored by Roy Johnson. We thank him for his kind support of the club.

Today's visitors, Parkgate, currently sit in 9th place on 41 points after 30 games. Parkgate opened the year with a win - their 4th on the spin - by the odd goal in 7 at home against Knaresborough Town. Since then, Parkgate have played 3 away games, losing 4-1 at Barton Town and 6-3 at Bottesford Town, and at the weekend they travelled to Penistone Church, losing another close game 3-2.

The Blues come into today's game in 12th place on 35 points after 29 games. 2026 started for The Blues with a weather-enforced near month-long break before Campion were 4-0 winners here at The Wezzie in our first game of the year. A 2-0 defeat at Pickering Town followed. But then we travelled to then 3rd placed Handsworth and put in one of the performances of the season to win 2-0, courtesy of a pair of stunning strikes from Joel Spence and Charlie Clegg. On Saturday, high flyers

Beverley Town were our visitors but a scrappy game saw us lose 3-1, despite a smashing Cleggy penalty giving us hope of a result until Bev netted late on.

Our most recent meeting with Parkgate was our league game in September 2025 at Roundwood. The Azzurri stormed back from 2-0 down to draw 2-2, with goals from Martyn Woolford, from the spot, and Tom Alngohuru, and we were mightily unfortunate not to win it after a dominant performance. Our most recent league game with Parkgate here at The Wezzie was in March 2025 as a certain Will Jenkinson, then a Parkgate player, scored the only goal of the game to give them a 1-0 victory.

Expect a hard-fought encounter as The Blues look to get a first home win of 2026 and a first win against Parkgate in the NCEL.

In recruitment news, the experienced Harry Viggars has signed on dual registration from Garforth Town, and he made his debut on Saturday against Beverley. We welcome him to the club and wish him the best of luck.

Our next game sees The Blues in action here at Westfield Lane on Saturday 28th February when Eccleshill United are our visitors, 3pm 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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- Throw anything onto the field of play.
- Use obscene or abusive language (racial or otherwise), or violence of any nature.





Meet The Visitors

The history of Parkgate Football Club is inextricably linked to the Steelworks. Operations at the Park Gate Iron and Steel Company started in 1823. Many years later, the Iron and Steel Act created the British Steel Corporation (1967). 2 years on from this the club was formed in September 1969 out of the Parkgate Steelworks Wire Department who were 4 times winners of National Wire Drawers Cup. They were managed by current chairman Albert Dudill, and joined Division Two of the Hatchard League. In 1971, they joined the Sheffield & Hallamshire County FA Senior League then 2 years later in 1973 joined the Yorkshire League as BSC Parkgate. In 1979 they were promoted from Division Three to Division Two, and they were runners up in the historic Mexborough Montagu Hospital Cup.

When the league merged with the Midland League to form the Northern Counties East League in 1982, Parkgate were entered into Division One South of the new competition. The club were challenging for honours, winning the Rotherham Charity Cup in 1983/84, achieving promotion to the NCEL Division One in 1986, and in 1987, Parkgate were runners up again in the Montagu Cup final.

In 1992 the Club installed floodlights at their Roundwood home ground and David Bassett, then the manager of Sheffield United, brought along a team for the switch on.

The club were also were runners up in the Montagu Cup for a third time in that same year when they lost 2-1 to fellow NCEL team Brodsworth Miners Welfare.

In 1996/97, the club was in the running for silverware but could only finish as runners up in the Rotherham Charity Cup.

The 1997/98 season saw the club reach the final of the Sheffield Senior Cup for the first time, where they lost 3-0 to Emley. They also finished in fourth place in the league, their highest place for a number of years.

1998/99 saw the club reach the final of the Wilkinson Sword Trophy, where they lost to Yorkshire Amateurs. However, the club was again Rotherham Charity Cup winners. After challenging for promotion all season they finished in fourth place for a second consecutive season. The next few seasons saw several top 10 finishes and in 2005/06 the Steelmen got to the final of

the Sheffield Senior Cup, only to lose 2-1 to Sheffield FC to an injury time goal. The 2006/07 season saw Parkgate win the Wilkinson Sword Trophy and the Division One Championship with promotion to the Premier Division.

In 2007/08, Parkgate were creditably semi finalists in the League Cup and Sheffield Senior Cup, and finished 8th in the League. The 2010/11 season proved to be one of the most successful in the club's history as a new look squad saw the Steelmen finish second in the NCEL Premier Division and reach the final of the Sheffield Senior Cup Final at Hillsborough, even though they lost 3-0 to Stocksbridge Park Steels.

In 2011/12, Parkgate enjoyed another successful campaign with a solid top half finish and a good run in the FA Vase

The following years were somewhat more difficult for the Steelmen, culminating in relegation to the NCEL Division One after a frustrating 2017/18 campaign.

The club had an overhaul, developing a new youth structure through to the U21s, and the formation of a reserve team that still plays in the County Senior League.

In 2018/19, new management guided the Steelmen to 19 League wins and an impressive 8th place, repeated in the season after Covid too. However, the club faced upheaval in July 2022 when management team Andy Dawson and Lee Whitehead accepted an offer from Maltby Main, taking many players with them. This situation placed the club in a precarious position, nearly leading to withdrawal from the league. Yet, they managed to survive the 2022/23 season after Scott Mason took over the managerial reigns. Then 2023/24 proved to be a remarkable turnaround, culminating in winning the NCEL Division 1 title and a successful cup run, where they defeated Emley 3-0 in the NCEL League Cup Final at Scunthorpe's Glanford Park.

The 2024/25 season saw a solid 11th place finish in the Premier Division.

The 2025/26 season has featured the sad passing, in November 2025, of club stalwart Bruce Bickerdike, club secretary for over 50 years. Nevertheless, the sound foundations will make Scott Mason optimistic about building on recent success and striving for further achievements in the upcoming seasons.





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, an 'on this day' game and one that almost was that also happened to be against today's visitors, Parkgate, both played here at The Wezzie. The first match was a NPL Premier Division game against Hyde United, played on Saturday 24th February 1996, on home turf. The Azzurri put on a fine show to see off highflying Hyde by 3 goals to nil, with Gary Duffy claiming a brace. Then the second game is a Sheffield Association League game against Parkgate from Saturday 21st February 1920. The Blues racked up one of their highest ever scores to win 14-0! While Robinson netted 4 and Woodward another 3, the goals were shared around as no few than 8 of the side managed to get themselves on the scoresheet. With thanks to JL.

Superb display

MAGNIFICENT to a man, Frickley Athletic put a spoke in Hyde United's Unibond Premier Division title hopes with a richly deserved 3-0 victory at Westfield Lane.

The Blues, who were hit by injuries to player-manager Mark Dempsey and Scott Armstrong, took what United could throw at them and came back with some superb soccer with every player forming a vital cog in a team display of grit and determination.

Ian Taylor had to tip a 30-yarder by Gary Henshaw over the bar in the ninth minute but Frickley responded with Gary Duffy racing onto a clearance by Mick Thompson and forcing Arthur Williams to save at full stretch.

A 30-yard drive by Mark Hancock was well held by the United keeper before the Blues took a 25th minute lead, Gary Hatto floating over a corner which Mick Thompson

headed down and Glyn Yates flicked in from two yards.

A minute later Thompson sustained a bad cut after a clash of heads and was off the field for eight minutes receiving treatment, but the ten men continued to press and increased their advantage after 33 minutes.

Hancock, a midfield dynamo with Ian Thompson, rode three challenges before crossing for Duffy to waltz round the visiting defence and slot the ball home.

Hyde were rattled and Hancock shaved a post with a 20-yarder in the 43rd minute before lashing a shot just over the top a minute later.

Justin Dickinson replac-

ed the injured Kevin Kelly at the interval, Miles Thorpe dropping into the back four as the home side rode some lively pressure from United.

Always dangerous on the break, Frickley struck again in the 57th minute, Ian Thompson winning a ball on the right and weaving past three defenders before knocking a low ball for Duffy to finish in style once more.

Five minutes later Keith Evans beat Taylor with a header which came back off the post into the keeper's arms but the Blues responded with Hancock and Mick Thompson both having shots blocked on the line in the 65th minute after a penetrating Ian Thompson free kick.

Duffy almost completed his hat-trick in the 87th minute, turning his marker and stroking a low shot which Williams just managed to flick round a post.

Frickley have a blank date on Saturday as Chorley are in the F.A. Trophy but will host Bishop Auckland in the league on Tuesday 7.30pm.

Dempsey is expected to choose from: I. Taylor, Kelly, Hilton, I. Thompson, M. Thompson, Yates, Colley, Hancock, Thorpe, Duffy, Hatto, Dempsey, Dickinson, Rayson, Armstrong, P. Taylor





Memory Match (Cont.)

FRICKLEY v. PARKGATE.

Frickley to-day met Parkgate at South Elmsall in the Sheffield League. From the kick-off the visitors were quite outplayed. Within 15 minutes of the start **ROBINSON** scored for Frickley, meeting the rebound from the crossbar of a strong shot from Haslam, Frickley's right back.

ROBINSON, a few minutes later, scored again from a clever centre from Miller.

WAGSTAFF registered a third goal from a nice pass from Hoyland, and **MILLER** followed with a shot into the corner of the net. Just on the interval the home team were awarded a penalty for hands against Kinsley, which **LOVE** converted.

Half-time:—Frickley 5
 Parkgate 0

Goal-scorers for Frickley in the second half were **WOODWARD** (3), **ROBINSON** (2), **ASKEW**, **FROGETT**, **WAGSTAFF** and **THOMPSON**.

Result:—**FRICKLEY** 14.
PARKGATE 0.

The Famous Five – Who Am I?

1. Blues midfielder on loan from Barnsley who made his debut and played the full 90 minutes in our 2-0 win at Handsworth 10 days ago.
2. Parkgate boss who became the club's third manager in 3 weeks but has now been in charge since then in 2022, after a 2 year spell at the helm at Maltby Main.
3. Galatasaray's Dutch international on loan from Napoli who made his mark by scoring twice in his club's 5-2 Champions League win over Juventus last week.
4. Former Liverpool, Manchester City and Chelsea forward who has signed for Rotterdam-based club Feyenoord.
5. Northern Ireland manager who was recently simultaneously named as manager of Championship side Blackburn Rovers.

Answers on the 'Awaydays' page



The NLP Column: Scarves, scarves and more scarves!

By Matt Badcock

Alfie Lund's incredible memorabilia collection and fundraising were proudly honoured at The NLP's National Game Awards ten years ago – now the Essex Senior League are aiming to help boost his scarf tally to 5,000!

Alfie's dad Mark picked up the Unsung Hero award at our NGAs back in 2016 in recognition of all the family were doing in raising awareness of a rare life-limiting condition.

Apart from being an amazing story about a dad and lad's connection to the beautiful game, it was touching to see the impact they were having.

What started at the local park grew into father and son travelling to games throughout the steps to collect enough items to surround a football pitch if tied together.

Mark arrived at Chelsea's Stamford Bridge – where we held the awards back in 2016 – with rolls of scarves he unfurled to decorate the room. It was quite the talking point among guests as they scoured the colourful display

looking for clubs they knew.

Shirts donated along the way were later sold, with the funds raised going to MECP2 Duplication Syndrome UK, supporting families with respite breaks, long hospital stays, sensory equipment and, sadly, funeral costs. Since then, Alfie's scarf haul has passed 3,438 and the ESL are hoping to help them reach a huge milestone with clubs already donating their own colours.

"There is now a new target in sight, we at Essex Senior League would like to help get Alfie to 5,000 scarves!" the ESL said. "If any level of the game can help make that happen, it's Non-League football.

"If any club, supporters or league can donate a scarf, old or new, you can help Alfie take another step towards that incredible milestone."

While Alfie isn't able to travel as far any more, the duo can often be seen out and about at non-league grounds in the north west or at their Wigan Athletic.

If you've got any scarves you'd like to donate and help boost the target, they'd be pleased to hear from you.

Mark Lund is contactable via his Facebook page <https://facebook.com/mark.lund.127>





Match Report

Frickley 1 Beverley Town 3

Facing a Beverley side sitting 2nd in the table was always going to be a stern test, but The Blues gave everything. However, the contest was ultimately settled by the 2 goals we conceded in a loose 5-minute spell just before the interval.

The Blues were quickly out of the traps, and inside 2 minutes Cleggy whipped a teasing ball across the face of goal, only for Tom A to be inches away from applying the finishing touch. Radz went into the book shortly afterwards, but Les Bleus continued to compete well. Sykesy was called into action on 12 minutes, blocking smartly with his legs. He repeated the trick 7 minutes later when Beverley slipped in behind Radz and found themselves 1 on 1 with the keeper, only for the Sykesy to stand tall and deny them again with his legs.

The Azzurri had to stay alert to the danger as Sykesy cut out a tricky cross, and Love showed great composure moments later by clearing from right in front of an open net. Robbo nearly punished a defensive lapse on 26 minutes, rounding the keeper but unable to bring the ball under control. Chance gone. Beverley scuffed a shot wide from distance on the half hour. Not long after, Sykes came out to clear but only as far as a Bev forward. Fortunately the forward couldn't get it onto his good foot and tamely rolled his shot wide with much of the goal to aim at.

Meanwhile, Robbo tormented the Bev back line with a series of excellent deliveries, one evading Tom A's head by a whisker. But pressure told late in the half. Beverley were allowed to get to the byline and cross in the 41st minute, then the untracked runner finished from close range.

In time added on, things went from bad to worse. Collins was shown a yellow for a foul. The resultant free kick was nodded back across goal and a looping header by the Bev number 5 found the back of the net. HT 0-2. The Blues regrouped and showed a reaction from the restart. Cleggy's volley was comfortably held early in the half.

There followed a scrappy period as the rain started to hammer down and both sides struggled for rhythm. The star performer at this point was the pitch, holding up well, thanks to the efforts of our award winning groundsman. Just past the hour mark, The Azzurri grasped a lifeline when Lindley was chopped down in the area and the ref pointed to the spot. Cleggy stepped up and buried it, halving the deficit and igniting belief around the ground. Love had a long shot deflected wide, and at the other end Sykesy produced another good save at full stretch to tip a Beverley effort round the post. From the corner the visitors bundled the ball over the line but it was offside. However, Beverley restored their 2 goal lead in the 79th minute, converting a cross from a position that looked suspiciously offside. Afuape, Carmody and Viggars were introduced as The Blues chased the game, and there were late moments of promise. Robbo's cross reached Viggars, who teed up Afuape but the shot lacked the power to trouble the keeper. Viggars then surged forward on a 40-yard run, only to hit the side netting. FT 1-3.

The Boys in Blue showed plenty of heart and gave it a bloody good go against a team who had won their previous 7 league games and are now undefeated since we beat them at the beginning of October. We go again next time. WEBMASTER MOTM - There was grit in abundance throughout. Defensive players like Sykes, Radz and Spence had more chance to flex their muscles than some others. But Robbo was a constant outlet, Lindley was a willing runner and Cleggy was never going to miss that penalty. And Viggars looked a real handful when he came on. However, the Glitterball goes to Harry Gagen. He was in the thick of it at the back and was quick-footed in getting us going forward. Great stuff, Gadge! TWITTER MOTM - Josh Lindley takes it from Harry Gagen, Tom Radley and Lucas Robinson. Will Sykes also polled votes. Thanks to all who voted.

SPONSORS/VOLUNTEERS MOTM - Tom Radley was chosen by Jacob Liddle. Well done, Radz!

224 through the gate. We thank you for your super support on what became a very wet day!





Everywhere We Go Handsworth

Handsworth's Olivers Mount is yet another place that has not been the most fruitful of hunting grounds in recent years, with The Blues taking 2 points there from a possible 12 in our years in the NCEL.

I'm normally no fan of plastic pitches either, but with this fixture being one of only a handful that survived this ridiculous run of wet weather, then I eased my stance. Game on beats my footballing dogma every time.

The ground is functional, with covered standing and seating along one side (pictured above) and a raised platform for filming. No idea how Joel Clarkson resisted the temptation to do his commentary from up there. Along the other side is the big Hollywood-style 'Handsworth' letters/sign that I've featured on this page many times before. The only other feature of note is the

changing room block with tea bar at one end (pictured below in watery winter light).

As for the game, The Boys in Blue put in one of the best performances of the season and scored a pair of absolute beauties in the second half to win it 2-1. The only fly in the ointment was the injury time penalty awarded to the home side, for a handball unseen from the sidelines. I really felt for Sykesy as his cleano was snatched from right under his nose.

I do my best to feel a modicum of animosity for all of our opponents, at least temporarily. It is a competitive sport, after all. However, Handsworth make it very difficult coz they're so nice. The supporters and officials are complimentary and congratulate us if we take a point or even get a goal. This occasion was no different as they tweeted about what a strike Joel Spence's opener was and ended the day by openly stating that we had deserved the win. My aim is that when I grow up I'll be as magnanimous as a Handsworth social media person. I can dream... ;)



Football Talk

Each week on our social media, we ask a question on different footballing topic, give you, the fans, the chance to have your say. Here are some of our recent topics and opinions which make fascinating reading...

We all have that one magical season in football that we all wish we could go back to. What is that season for you, and why is it so memorable?

Simon Jones: 1965 - firstly it was my birth year and secondly my dad Bryn Jones was the leading scorer for Frickley with 26 goals. Which wasn't bad considering his usual position was left back.

John Critchley: 1985/86, The Blues coming second in the old Gola League, and we were a power in non-league football. A great set of players and good attendances at Westfield Lane.

Everyone remembers their first away trip with their club, whether it be for the drama or just the overall experience. What was your first away trip, and why is it so memorable?

Hannah Liddle: Maltby main away on supporters bus, their keeper arguing with me dad all way through game, we won, got a video somewhere of Pat McGuire's celebration walking off the pitch to some music and all frickley fans clapping the team off. Doing the Frickley winning beeps in the supporters bus on the way out, singing all the way home. Then watching Pat's interview after game and you can hear the bus beeping the horn in background.

Penny Wall: Boston United when we were in the Gola league in the 80s. My Uncle took me on the team coach and my favourite player Barry Gill (pictured) asked me to draw the raffle. What's nice is I'm just having a text conversation with him about the club. Some players never forget us and how hard we work.

John Critchley: Gainsborough Trinity in the FA Cup, I can't remember which round. I caught the supporters' bus from Westfield Lane. The Holy

Blues v The Blues. I was impressed by Northholme. It was my first visit (far from the last) to the North Lincolnshire town. We lost 4-0. Trinity deserved to progress to the next round. I've never seen Frickley win there.

Benners: Halesowen away, FA Cup replay, great result and a beer or two in West Bromwich to celebrate. Lived to tell the tale.

There is always that one standout performance from one of the players in a match every week, wither that be your team or the opposition. What is the best individual performance you have seen, and why?

Sháne Maughan: Tyler Williams vs Darlington. Ripped them to pieces and was the best player on the pitch by a mile. Men vs boys stuff.

John Critchley: Chris Waddle against Frickley Athletic when the Blues lost 12-0. He made most of the goals and was easily the man-of-the-match.

There has been some fantastic goals been scored in recent years across the football pyramid. What is the best goal you have seen scored live, and why?

Ken: Tom Dugdale for The Blues v Belper! Sorry to end the debate so soon!

Steve Pearce: Rob Pell's screamer at Leek from almost the halfway line just edges it for me.

What was your best memory of 2025 with Frickley Athletic, and why?

Keith Walker: The Bottesford 7-6 game will take some beating.

Gavin Stevens: That ridiculous Bottesford game or giving Beverley a good hiding away from home when their fans thought it was an easy 3 points for the taking. Think again under Woolly's Blues! Charlie Clegg: Wombwell away.

Dianne Scott: The win at Penistone in terrible rainy and cold was one of my great memories.

John Critchley: The own goal scored by Tadcaster Albion this season. Seeing the delight on Destiny's face when he celebrated. I was sitting in the stand behind the goal. A rare game I managed to travel to - I suffered afterwards, but it was worth it.

Chorlton: Got to be the Bottesford cup game.



Football Talk (Cont.)

We've had some fantastic games over the years. So, what is the your most memorable game while following Frickley Athletic, and why?

Keith Walker: Frickley v FC United 2014, I'm sure we were near bottom of the table that night, but a brilliant hat trick by Gavin Allott, who was unplayable that night, gave us a 4-1 victory. Darlington, I'm sure we went behind before coming back. And Bottesford in the league cup this season.

John Critchley: Worksop Town v Frickley Athletic. 12-0, and they missed a penalty. Chris Waddle and Kirk Jackson were brilliant, and the Blues were woeful. I predicted a heavy defeat in the pub before the match.

Hannah Liddle: 21st November 2023, Knaresbrough at home, 3-0 down at half time but came back to draw 4-4. Also, when Callum Bradbury came up for last corner and scored, where it finished 1-1 against Barton Town. I'm sure Pat ended up on top of dugout as well.

John Critchley: The 1-0 win at Hartlepool United in the second round of the FA Cup. The Blues really battled well that day and deserved the victory.

There's some fantastic opposition players out there, who is the best opposition player you have seen play against Frickley Athletic, and why?

John Critchley: Linden Whithead, Worksop Town, a solid midfielder who was always brilliant when I watched him against The Blues. Gary Ingham, for various clubs including Leek Town, Stafford Rangers and Stocksbridge Park Steels. He was often the man of the match when he played at Westfield Lane for the opposition. A good goalkeeper. Jamie Vardy for Stocksbridge Park Steels. I watched him score a hat trick against the Blues, playing wide right. At least 2 yards quicker than anyone else on the pitch. I recommended him to the Blades, but they weren't interested due to his private life at the time - he was wearing an ankle tag and was not allowed to

play in night matches against The Blues. Bridlington Town's centre half Chris Swales always had good battles with Billy Whitehurst.

What's the nicest football ground you have ever been to, and why?

John Critchley: While watching The Blues, Alfreton and Ilkeston. Well-designed grounds with enthusiastic supporters. Worksop Town is another good one. Matlock Town is good, but it can be bitterly cold.

Big Harry Shipman: The Wezzie - because it is the real Home Of Football and the real Theatre Of Dreams and the real Stadium Of Light.

Who is the best player you have seen play for Frickley Athletic, and why?

Tony Czajko: After over 60 years watching The Blues, I have seen many Frickley legends but it has to be Paul Shirtliff. Glad he was a Blue but had the ability to play much higher up the pyramid.

Keith Walker: Tyler Walton and Gary Stohrer are the best 2 I've seen in past 10 years, both oozed class in their respective positions, but my all time favourite Frickley and non-league player is big Gavin Allott.

Steve Pearce: For me, over the last 10 years, would have to be big Gav Allott and Seb Malkowski. Both should have played at a higher level and were fabulous players at our level. With them, it was like we had a 1 goal start. Before that, it has to be

the mercurial Gary Hatto, had a wand of a left foot, small in size but big in heart and could play any position on the park.

Jerry Wray: Gary Hatto, Gavin Allott and John Cyrus.

Lee Winter: For me, got to be Gary Hatto. He also showed me a thing or too in his later days. I was privileged to share a pitch with him.

James Handley: Gary Hatto and Simon Collins - both local lads too. My favourite keeper was Gary Ingham, a fantastic bloke.

Greg Gardham: The best were Gary Hatto, Graham Reed and Russ Wilcox. The most underrated was Gary Hooley (pictured). With 25 goals in the National League (then Gola League), he'd be worth a fortune nowadays.





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 and Garforth Town.

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.

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

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.

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.

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): The HGV is a Rolls Royce of a defender who started out at Barnsley but joined us from Ossett United after an initial loan spell.

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.

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

Tyler Sheard (Defender/Midfield/Forward):

VersaTyler is one of our U23s who can do a job anywhere on the park, team before self every time.

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.

Josh Lindley (Midfielder): J-Force is a midfielder signed on dual reg with Ponte Colls. The son of ex-Blue, Phil, he started at Doncaster Rovers, and has been at Ossett, Wombwell Town and Deame & Dist.

Bailey Cowsell (Forward): Bails is a goalscorer from our U23s. Made his first team debut in 2023/24.

Shayan Keyghobadi (Midfielder): Once at Fulham, The Key is quite capable of unlocking a defence.

Spencer Booth (Goalkeeper): The Barrier joins us dual reg with Guiseley. He has also had a spell at Leeds UFCA earlier in the season.

Liam Love (Defender/Midfielder): The Heartbreaker is a consistent performer with experience at Pickering and most recently Selby.

Cody Collins (Defender): The Force has pedigree, his dad was a pro and 2 uncles played for us.

Returns from Barton, after time at Mansfield Town, Gainsborough, Rossington and Bottesford.

Lewis Binns (Defender/Midfielder/Coach): El Binno is a local lad and played for South Kirkby and Armthorpe. A Frickley legend, the 22/23 player of the season is back from injury and is coaching too.

Harry Carmody (Midfielder): The Modfather is a solid young midfielder who has been at FC Halifax Town's academy, Goole and Glasshoughton.

Harry Viggers (Defender/Midfielder): Dirty Harry is an experienced player, signed on dual reg from Garforth. His 3 seasons there were preceded by 10 at Hemsworth, with a short spell at Ossett United.

Charlie Price (Midfielder): Priceless is an exciting prospect on youth loan from Barnsley.

Oluwayfeyisayomi Afuape (Midfielder/Forward): A-Game is an attack-minded player, another on youth loan from Barnsley. Feyi has had loan spells at Guiseley, Grantham Town and Mickleover.

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. He is a classy attacking midfielder who has been in the EFL with the likes of York, Scunthorpe, Millwall, Bristol City and Sheffield United since then but he's back home 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. 21st. Feb. 2026							
	League	Cups	Total	Sub.	Grand	Gl's	c/s
			Starts	Apps.	Total		
Martyn Woolford	70	15	85	9	94	18	
Joel Spence	62	11	73	2	75	5	
Lewis Binns	49	10	59	15	74	4	
Charlie Clegg	18	3	21	52	73	10	
Tom Alngohuro	31	7	38	6	44	12	
Niall Butchart	17	5	22	22	44	1	
Harry Gagen	35	8	43	0	43		
Will Sykes	35	7	42	0	42		9
Lucas Robinson	27	5	32	2	34	10	
Sam Kilner	22	5	27	2	29		
Tom Radley	20	4	24	3	27	2	
Will Jenkinson	22	3	25	0	25	1	
Luis Afonso Ferreira	11	4	15	4	19	3	
Cody Collins	9	3	12	2	14	1	
Shayan Keyghobadi	0	1	1	12	13		
Josh Lindley	9	2	11	1	12	2	
Elliott Andrew	3	1	4	8	12	1	
Liam Love	6	0	6	2	8		
Charlie Price	2	0	2	0	2		
Harry Carmody	0	0	0	2	2		
Feyi Afuape	0	0	0	2	2		
Harry Viggars	0	0	0	1	1		

MOST RECENT PREVIOUS RESULTS ON THIS DATE 24th FEBRUARY

Year	Day	H/A	Comp.	Opponents	Result	Frickley Scorers
1979	Sat	A	NPL	Northwich Victoria	L 0-4	
1990	Sat	H	NPL	Morecambe	W 1-0	Sidlow
1996	Sat	H	NPL	Hyde United	W 3-0	Thompson M, Duffy 2
2001	Sat	A	NPL	Marine	L 0-1	
2004	Tue	A	NPL	Blyth Spartans	W 3-1	Sheriffe 2, Hatto (p)
2007	Sat	H	NPL	Matlock Town	W 2-0	Walsh, Morris
2009	Tue	H	NPL	Kendal Town	W 2-1	White, Clarke
2018	Sat	A	NPL1S	Bedworth United	L 2-3	Dugdale, Hazel
2024	Sat	H	NCELP	Albion Sports	L 1-2	Keita

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Macron NCEL Premier Division Table

	As at 22.02.26	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	P
1	Liversedge	29	22	5	2	70	24	46	71
2	Beverley Town	30	19	6	5	65	32	33	63
3	Campion	30	15	8	7	67	41	26	53
4	Barton Town	29	15	6	8	52	35	17	51
5	Tadcaster Albion	30	15	6	9	51	41	10	51
6	Handsworth	31	16	3	12	52	50	2	51
7	Sheffield	27	14	7	6	66	32	34	49
8	Pickering Town	29	14	5	10	54	49	5	47
9	Parkgate	30	10	11	9	50	58	-8	41
10	Penistone Church	31	9	10	12	44	64	-20	37
11	Knaresborough Town	28	9	8	11	52	45	7	35
12	Frickley Athletic	29	10	5	14	47	69	-22	35
13	Thackley	30	9	6	15	32	49	-17	33
14	Bottesford Town	32	9	6	17	50	71	-21	33
15	Eccleshill United	29	9	5	15	29	45	-16	32
16	Horbury Town	30	8	7	15	48	51	-3	31
17	Golcar United	28	7	9	12	50	47	3	30
18	Albion Sports	30	8	4	18	52	81	-29	28
19	Rossington Main	27	7	6	14	39	44	-5	27
20	Wombwell Town	27	3	7	17	24	66	-42	16

PREVIOUS GAMES BETWEEN FRICKLEY & PARKGATE

Season	Date	Comp.	H/A	Result	Frickley Scorers
1984/85	Sat. 1 st Dec 84	SSCR2	H	W 4-0	Wilson, Hooley 2, Wright
1987/88	Sat. 16 th Jan 88	SSCQF	A	W 3-0	Woodhead, Chapman, Bishop
2000/01	Tue. 6 th Mar 01	SSCQF	A	W 1-0	McAreavey
2024/25	Sat. 9 th Nov 24	NCELP	A	L 2-3	Spence, Butchart
	Sat. 22 nd Mar 25	NCELP	H	L 0-1	
2025/26	Sat. 6 th Sept 25	NCELP	A	2-2	Woolford, Alingohuro

ON THIS DAY IN FOOTBALL – 24TH FEBRUARY

1910 - Malmö FF were formed. The club from Sweden have won their domestic championship title 24 times and the national cup 16 times. They remain the only Swedish club to have reached the European Cup Final, losing 1-0 to Nottingham Forest in Munich in 1979.

1993 - One of the greatest defenders in football history, Bobby Moore died of bowel cancer at the age of 51. Most notably, he appeared in 108 international caps for England and captained them to the 4-2 World Cup Final win against West Germany at Wembley in 1966. At club level, he played for West Ham, winning the FA Cup in 1964 and the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1965 as captain, before ending his career at Fulham.

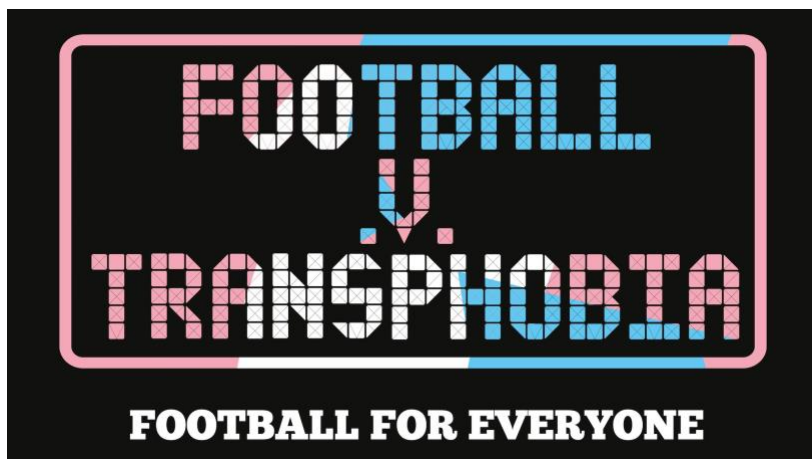
2004 - Bournemouth's James Hayter scored the quickest hat trick in Football League history in a 6-0 Division 2 win vs Wrexham at Dean Court. Brought on as substitute with 6 minutes to go, he scored his treble in just 2 minutes 20 seconds.





Macron NCEL Division One Table

	As at 22.02.26	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	P
1	Dearne and District	32	26	2	4	91	28	63	80
2	Wakefield	33	23	5	5	90	36	54	74
3	Worsbrough Bridge Athletic	32	22	4	6	80	43	37	70
4	Harrogate Railway Athletic	30	20	5	5	80	37	43	65
5	Brigg Town	34	19	5	10	69	50	19	62
6	Club Thorne	29	14	9	6	47	30	17	51
7	Armthorpe Welfare	28	15	5	8	74	54	20	50
8	Leeds UFCA	30	15	5	10	66	53	13	50
9	Crowle Colts	32	15	4	13	64	64	0	49
10	Route One Rovers	29	15	2	12	81	45	36	47
11	Maltby Main	30	13	3	14	55	62	-7	42
12	Goole	34	13	3	18	64	73	-9	42
13	Selby Town	32	12	4	16	53	56	-3	40
14	South Leeds	34	11	5	18	60	78	-18	38
15	Louth Town	32	10	7	15	52	63	-11	37
16	Appleby Frodingham	31	11	1	19	51	75	-24	34
17	Ilkley Town	34	8	9	17	51	75	-24	33
18	Doncaster City	27	8	7	12	41	53	-12	31
19	Winterton Rangers	32	8	3	21	41	76	-35	27
20	Athersley Recreation	31	7	6	18	37	73	-36	27
21	Nostell Miners Welfare	32	6	6	20	28	76	-48	24
22	Glasshoughton Welfare	32	2	4	26	32	107	-75	10



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 ;)

2026 is a big one - the 40th anniversary of The Blues' momentous game against Rotherham United in the 3rd round proper of the FA Cup. So it is fitting that we feature someone associated with that afternoon, the Millers' boss and footballing legend,

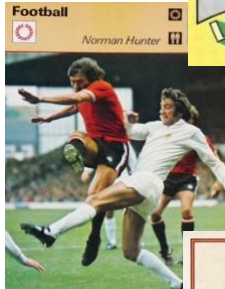
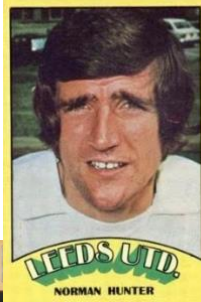
Norman Hunter. Born in Gateshead in 1943, his talent was spotted early and he joined Leeds United as an apprentice in 1959, shortly after the club had been relegated to the Second Division. He progressed through the club's youth system and made his senior debut in 1962, during Don Revie's early years as manager.

Hunter became a regular first teamer at the heart of the Leeds United defence as the Whites established themselves as one of the leading English clubs during the 1960s and 1970s. During this time, Hunter earned the moniker 'Bites Yer Legs' as his reputation as a fearsome tackler grew (see middle card!). He played across multiple domestic and European campaigns as Leeds rose from promotion contenders to title winners. Over his Leeds career, he made more than 700 appearances in all competitions. During this period, Leeds won the First Division championship in 1968/69 and again in 1973/74, finished runners up in the league on several occasions. Hunter was part of the team that reached 4 FA Cup finals, winning it in 1972, plus the League Cup in 1968, and the Inter Cities Fairs Cup in 1968 and 1971. He also played in (and lost) the finals of European Cup Winners' Cup in 1973 and the 1975 European Cup, which marked

the end of his playing career at Leeds.

In 1976, following 14 seasons at Elland Road, Hunter transferred to Bristol City. He was there for 5 years, appearing over 100 times for them in the First Division. Hunter won the Anglo-Scottish Cup with the Robins and was twice player of the season in his time at Ashton Gate.

Hunter then moved to Barnsley under his old Leeds teammate Allan Clarke, taking over as player-manager in 1980 and retiring from playing in 1981. He remained in charge until his sacking in 1984. Hunter went on to take the managerial reigns at Rotherham United from 1985 until 1987. He also held coaching roles under more ex-teammates, Johnny Giles, Billy Bremner and Terry Yorath at West Brom, Leeds and Bradford City respectively.



At international level, Hunter represented England 28 times between 1965 and 1974. He was selected for England's squad for the 1966 FIFA World Cup and eventually received a winner's medal, although he did not play in the final. He later featured in a single match during the 1970 World Cup in Mexico. The low point of his international career was in the game against Poland in 1973 where his mistake led to the oppositions' goal in a 1-1 draw that prevented England qualifying for the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany. In his later years, Norm returned to his spiritual home, Leeds United, in various roles,

including work with the youth setup and serving as a club representative.

Norman Hunter sadly died in 2020 at the age of 76, following complications related to COVID 19. The South Stand at Elland Road was renamed the Norman Hunter South Stand in his honour. Bites Yer Legs claimed that his time at Rotherham was "the least enjoyable of my entire football career". Well, if you will win at The Wezzie relatively early in your time with the Millers then everything else is bound to be a let down!

Awaydays

Next up – Liversedge

Liversedge Facts: Noted for its part in the woollen industry, Liversedge is recorded in the Domesday Book as 'Livressec'. Despite being a town of almost 20,000 inhabitants, there is only one road sign in the entire area directing motorists towards Liversedge, situated on the A649 Halifax Road from Bailiff Bridge. Liversedge has been home to John Fozard who helped to design the first of the Harrier Jump jets, and the Burgess brothers, Sam, Luke, Tom and George, all of whom played rugby league for a variety of clubs in England and Australia.



When : Wednesday 3rd March 2026.

Kick off : 19:45

Where : Clayborn Ground, Quaker Lane, Liversedge, WF15 8DF.

How much : Adults £8, Concessions £4, U16s £2, Dogs allowed on a lead.

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Famous Five - Who Am I? Answers

1. Charlie Price.
2. Scott Mason.
3. Noa Lang.
4. Raheem Sterling.
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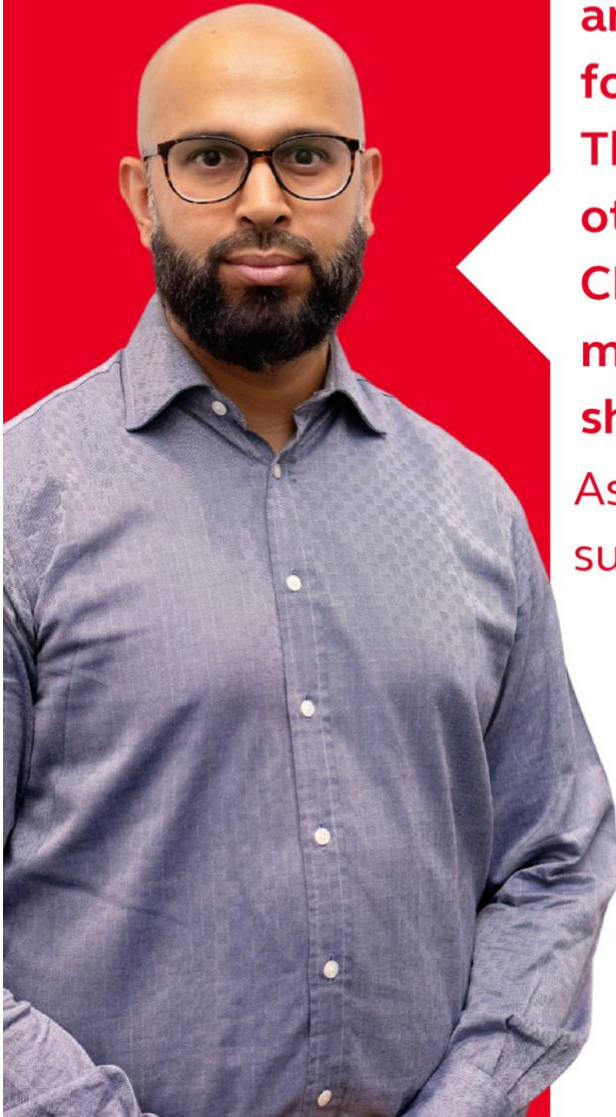

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