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BLUESCENE

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

Today's visitors, Rossington Main, are currently in 13th place on 18 points after 13 games. Rossington's recent league form has seen them go on a 10 game unbeaten run. The sequence included 5 consecutive draws, the last of which was a 1-1 draw at home to Penistone Church. This was followed by a 1-0 win at Campion and an unexpected 4-0 trouncing of league leaders Dearne & District at Oxford Street. However, in midweek, Rosso were on home turf again but this time it was Thackley who sprung the surprise result to win 2-1.

The Blues come into today's game in 17th place on 12 points after 13 games. Our new managerial team, Lee Morris and Rhys Meynell, commenced their reign with a 2-0 victory in our last home against Thackley, with Sam Cable and Joel Spence doing the goalscoring honours. Since then we have been on the road for 3 games. A late strike sent us to a 2-1 defeat at Albion Sports after Elliot Andrew's goal had given us the lead, but then we travelled to highflying Bottesford Town and put up a fight to twice come from behind to draw 2-2, courtesy of goals from Keelan Grist and Jack Humphreys. Then on Wednesday, Moz and Meynell were in very familiar territory as we visited their previous club, Worsbrough Bridge Athletic. Keelan Grist's brace saw us triumph 2-0 in a hard fought encounter.

Our most recent meetings with Rossington were last season's pair of league games, either side of a Sheffield Cup tie. In November, we were 4-1 victors, with Shaun Heselwood, Destiny

Nnenanua, Lucas Robinson (a penalty) and Charlie Clegg getting on the scoresheet. Just 17 days later, Rosso turned the tables with a 7-6 win on penalties in the 3rd round of the Sheffield Cup, following a 2-2 draw. Goals from Lewis Binns, and Lucas Robinson with another spot kick pulled us back from 2-0 down, but to no avail in the end. Then in March, in the penultimate game of the season, Rossington won 4-0 to secure their place in the NCEL Premier Division.

Expect The Blues to be putting in another fighting display against another of our local rivals.

In recruitment news, a very busy area in recent weeks, ex-Blues and former Worsbrough strike pair, Keelan Grist and Lloyd Smith have joined us, along with forward Shay Evans Booth, most recently with Doncaster City. On dual reg, Tom Alngohuru and Liam Love return to The Wezzie. And Barnsley academy work experience signing Toure Bell and local forward Henley Walker are added to the ranks. Tom made his 2nd debut at Keighley, Keelan and Liam reopened their accounts at Bottesford while Lloyd, Shay, Toure and Henley made their bows at Worsbrough in midweek. Going out, Lloyd Allinson, Luke Williams, Liam Flanagan and Harry Carmody have left the club and moved on to Stocksbridge Park Steels, Club Thorne Colliery, Armthorpe Welfare and Athersley Rec respectively. Good luck to them all.

Our next game sees The Blues travel to Nostell Miners Welfare for a Sheffield Cup 3rd Round tie on Tuesday 20th October, 7.45pm kickoff, and then to Golcar United on Friday 23rd October, 7.45pm ko. The Blues are next in action here at Westfield Lane on Saturday 31st October when Pickering Town are our visitors, 7.45pm ko. We hope to see you all there.

We hope you enjoy today's game, and as ever, thank you for your unwavering support.

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





MEET THE VISITORS

Formed in 1919 when 'Rossington Colliery' entered the Sheffield Association League, playing their fixtures on ground at the back of the Colliery offices. A club had competed under the Rossington Colliery name in 1917, but only since 1919 has the club been in continued existence. The club moved to their current Oxford Street ground in 1923, and just a couple of years later enjoyed their best ever run in the FA Cup, reaching the 4th Qualifying Round in 1924/25, where they were beaten 3-0 at Lincoln City. The club enjoyed its most successful season at the end of the WWII when they won both the Doncaster Senior League and Cup in 1944/45. In 1948, due to nationalization of the mines, the club underwent a name change to Rossington Miners Welfare, and it was under this moniker they lifted the Doncaster Senior League Premier Division Cup in 1974.

1983 saw a name change to Rossington Main, and as founder members of the Central Midlands League, they soon won the Premier Division and Premier Division Cup in that league.

In 1984, floodlights were erected at the Oxford Street ground, which have been upgraded to new LED lights. And in 1991, new changing rooms were built at Oxford Street, and a crowd of 1200 attended the inaugural match against Leeds United. That same year, the club earned promotion to the NCEL (Northern Counties East League), Division 1, and remained in the same division until the end of last season.

The club merged with CML neighbours Rossington FC in 1998. Rossington FC were formed as Station FC in the 1970s as a Sunday team, but progressed rapidly, joining the CML in 1986. They had early success but League expectations and finances led to the merger.

The early noughties were the most successful period for the new merged club with 9 trophies in the first 13 years and 9 runners up spots.

Highlights included the Reserves winning the Doncaster & District FA Challenge Cup in 2003 and the first team being runners up in the NCEL Wilkinson Sword Trophy in 2011. Also, the first team had their best season, breaking club goalscoring and points records to finish 7th.

During 2008, long time Chairman Carl Stokes took over the running of the club and wasted no time in introducing changes on and off the pitch. Off the field, improvements to the ground were

rewarded with a preseason friendly against Doncaster Rovers in 2008. A record crowd of 1245 much improved the club's financial footing. The club took major step forward in 2014 with the joining together with the junior sections with them rebranding as Rossington Main Juniors and the Reserves as the Development Squad, with the intention of bringing through the best of the local talent, hopefully to play for the first team and beyond. Further to this, in 2015 Main entered into a scheme run by Doncaster Rovers to promote sport and education amongst youngsters.

As with all clubs, managers come and go. Recent managers have included former Scarborough Athletic Reserves manager Steve Brennan, record goal scorer Lee Holmes, Chris Glarvey and Ryan Hindley, all of whom have crucially overseen NCEL survival.

Ben Hunter took charge in 2019, assisted by Matt Ellison and Sam Parkin, and they brought in a group of promising young footballers. In 2022, Rossington Main had a successful season in Division One, finishing 5th in the league with 81 points from 40 games. However, they lost 2-0 in the playoff semi final against North Ferriby.

For the 2022/23 season, Hunter made changes to his backroom and playing staff. The team achieved promotion to non-league step 5 for the first time in the club's history after winning the NCEL Division 1 playoffs, defeating Horbury 3-1 at home in front of a crowd of 1164 spectators.

2023/24 started with the experienced Zeph Thomas, ex-Frickley and a St Kitts & Nevis international, being added as assistant manager. The club then announced their arrival at step 5 by achieving an amazing 4th place finish. However, a defeat on penalties in the playoff semi final to eventual winners Garforth Town was to follow. Ben Hunter stepped down after a disappointing first month of the 2024/25 season and former Grimsby Town (and Frickley) defender Greg Young took up the hot seat and they recovered to achieve a mid-table finish.

Following a difficult run in 25/26, Hunter returned as joint first-team manager to help guide the team through a crucial period and Rosso eventually secured NCEL Premier safety with 1 game to spare. Rosso also creditably reached the NCEL JCP Construction Cup final in May 2026 where they were defeated.

The club will be looking to progress in 2026/27.





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.

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, and managed 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 then 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 turned the side's fortunes around, before Covid ended the season and did the same to 2020/21. 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 and the club was relegated to the Northern Counties East League for the first time.

Since the summer of 2022, the club has been managed by Wayne Benn, with ex-Frickley goal scoring legend Andy Hayward as his assistant, Patrick McGuire, whose tenure included a superb 8-0 win at Goole, James Baxendale and Tom Claisse. All presided over finishes between 15th and 18th place in the NCEL Premier Division, but crucially avoided relegation.

In September 2025, club legend Martyn Woolford took the reigns and lead the club to a 15th place finish. And in one of his early games, he masterminded a 7-6 league cup triumph over Bottesford Town after being 5-1 down! However, his tenure was ended by a 9-0 defeat at FC St Helen's in the FA Vase in September 2026.

The new boss, the returning Lee Morris, assisted by Rhys Meynell, will be looking to restore that fighting spirit and bring better times to Westfield Lane.





MEMORY MATCH

This week, we've got 2 memory matches for you, an 'on this day' game and one that almost was, with our new boss, Lee Morris, playing an integral part in both victories. The first match was played on Saturday 17th October 2009, here at The Wezzie. The Blues came from behind to edge past visitors Bamber Bridge in a FA Trophy 1st Qualifying Round tie. Moz was on hand to net the equaliser before his strike partner Tic Towler scored the decisive second half goal that would send The Blues into the next round. The second game is a NPL Premier Division game played on Saturday 19th October 2002 at Runcorn's Halton Stadium. The Azzurri nicked it by a goal to nil with Moz turning provider after coming off the bench to cross for Craig Elkin's match winning goal, lifting us out of the bottom 3 in the process. With thanks to JL.

Bridge isn't too far for Frickley

Frickley Athletic	2
..... Morris 16, Towler 75	
Bamber Bridge	1
..... Denney 12	
ATTENDANCE: 171	
REFEREE: Mr S. J. Meredith	

FRICKLEY showed strength of character and skill to come from behind and progress to the next round of the FA Trophy with victory over Division 1 North side Bamber Bridge.

Frustration threatened to unsettle the Blues, particularly controversial decisions by the referee, but they continued to play constructively despite having manager Billy Heath sent to the stand in the closing minutes.

Frickley were keen to bounce back from their midweek FA Cup defeat against Lincoln United and put another Division 1 side to the sword in the FA Trophy.

And they got off to a bright start as Neil Towler collected the ball in his own half in the fifth minute and played a slick one-two with Danny Clarke before testing visiting goalkeeper Mike Hale for the first time with an angled cross.

The Division 1 side snatched a 12th minute lead though when a free-kick from Chris Marlow was knocked down by Shane Oldfield for Phil Denney to bundle into the net from four yards.

But their joy was short-lived as Towler threaded a ball down the left to Danny Clarke, who turned it inside for Lee Morris to hit the target from six yards and level after 16 minutes.

The pace of Lennie Reid caught the home cover napping as he burst into the penalty area in the 28th minute but fired straight at Adam Nicklin from ten yards.

A long throw by Chris Hilton was flicked on by Towler in the 38th minute and Jake White whipped the ball back from the left, only for it to be caught under the bar by Hale.

The second half saw Frickley threaten from the start, Hale managing to collect dangerous efforts from White, Clarke and Towler in the first five minutes.

A slick home build up in the 63rd minute ended with Morris firing just wide from 20 yards, but Bamber showed they were dangerous on the break when Jerome Watt tested Nicklin with a high cross after 71 minutes.

James Heywood pounced on a misunderstanding by the Blues cover in the 74th minute to burst into the penalty area, only for his tame shot to be easily gathered by Nicklin.

And a minute later White got down the left and whipped in a pinpoint cross for an unmarked Towler to find the net with a 15-yard glancing header to give Frickley the advantage.

It seemed to deflate Bridge, with Danny Walsh slipping a ball inside to Clarke whose strong shot was deflected off the line by Heywood after 78 minutes.

Clarke split the visiting defence with a superb pass to White in the 84th minute, but his shot was saved by Hale, while Clarke provided another accurate cross three minutes later and Morris skimmed the bar with a diving header.





MEMORY MATCH (CONT.)

Blues out of bottom three

FRICKLEY Athletic got out of the bottom three of the Unibond Premier Division with a determined display which earned them a 1-0 victory at Runcorn.

A lively start produced a header by Runcorn's Chris Lightfoot which went just wide of the far post, while at the other end, Nigel Hemstock swung in a cross with Curtis Bernard met perfectly but his header was tipped over by Tony McMillan.

Mark Samways had to be alert to smother an effort from Kevin Leadbetter, who caused problems on the left before switching to the right and picking out Dave Gamble, but his shot was diverted for a corner.

The tempo continued, Hemstock providing another pinpoint cross from the right for Craig Elkin to head inches over the target after 23 minutes, and Chris Gowen struck a 20-yard drive a shade too high six minutes later.

A neat Frickley attack down the left saw Mark Hancock flick a pass to Bernard and he fed Andy Evans but his first-time 30-yard lob dropped just over the bar.

by Peter Jordan

Runcorn almost snatched the lead on the stroke of half-time when Matty McNeil broke clear of the visiting cover but shot wide under pressure from the advancing Samways.

There was a let-off for Frickley straight after the resumption when Lightfoot put an angled shot wide, and Paul Marquis hobbled off with a hamstring injury in the 54th minute, Mark Hine coming on with Evans and Hancock dropping back in defence.

Lee Morris replaced Hemstock in the 57th minute and immediately chased a long ball to set up Bernard but he lifted his shot over from 10 yards.

There was no mistake after 62 minutes, however, Bernard sending Morris down the left and his cross was flicked on for Craig Elkin to drill in from 10 yards.

Frickley entertain leaders Accrington Stanley in a rearranged Unibond Premier Division game tomorrow, kick-off 3pm, and next Tuesday are at home to Stalybridge Celtic, kick-off 7.45pm.



THE MATCHDAY MIX-UP

Solve the anagrams to answer the 5 questions:

1. HASTY HOOVES BAN - Which new signing for The Blues usually plays up front but has won a youth cap for England as a goalkeeper?
2. BLUER OILY FOG - Which Rossington Main forward was The Blues' top scorer in 2024/25?
3. GO BE ABRASIVE - Which former Leicester City midfielder and Strictly contestant has become the new manager of Peterborough United?
4. ONO REINSTALLED - Which Manchester City midfielder became the fastest England player to reach 20 senior caps in the recent 7-0 win in Croatia?
5. CHIN SPIT WOW - Which newly promoted Premier League club scored twice in the last 3 minutes to beat Fulham 2-1 last Saturday?

Answers on the 'Awaydays' page.





NCEL NEWS

Bottesford Town, Brigg Town and Retford FC are through to the Second Round draw of the Isuzu FA Vase after weekend victories.

Bottesford edged past Blyth Town 3-2 on penalties following a 0-0 draw, whilst Brigg Town beat Selby Town 3-2. Harry Clapham gave Selby the lead before Reece York, Dayle Southwell and Henry Parr put Brigg 3-1 up. Nathaniel Muenda's late goal set up a tense finish.

Retford FC won 4-1 at Worsbrough Bridge, with Iren Wilson scoring twice plus goals from Krzysztof Jarosz and Bernard Nsiah Yaa. Ousmane Sidibe netted a late consolation. Field Olympic and Albion Sports both exited on penalties. Kieron Batey and Omar Habeeb scored in Olympic's 2-2 draw at Atherton Laburnum Rovers before they lost 5-4 in the shootout. Albion drew 0-0 at Thornton Cleveleys but also lost 5-4 on penalties.

Parkgate lost 3-0 at home to Burscough, whilst Rossington Main went down 2-1 to Durham United despite Ross Hannah's goal. Pickering Town and Handsworth both suffered 5-1 away defeats, Michael Coulson scoring a penalty for Pickering at Holker Old Boys and Tyler Williams scoring for Handsworth at Shildon.

In Sunday's tie, Retford United lost 2-0 at Northwich Victoria.

In the Macron NCEL Premier Division, Dearne & District extended their lead at the top to 4 points with a 3-2 home win over Golcar United. Ashley Flynn scored for Golcar before Jamie Austin and Justin Circuit put Dearne ahead. Voldi Mbaya equalised, but Austin's second secured victory. Barton Town climbed to 4th after Danny Earl's winner against Knaresborough Town. Champion moved into 5th with a 1-0 win over Keighley Town, Ben Grech-Brooksbank scoring the winner. Penistone Church climbed to 13th with a 3-0 win over Tadcaster Albion. Carlton Pownall, Trent Coulter and Jordan Coduri getting the goals. Meanwhile, in Division One, 3rd placed Wombwell Town edged past LIV 3-2. Edward Agnew scored early before Al Keita added 2, whilst Ryan Whincup netted twice for the hosts. Route One Rovers beat Winterton Rangers 3-2 through Lucas Stephens, Reece Thompson and Hamza Hamdosh goals. Lewis Walker scored twice for Rangers, who remain ninth.

Wakefield AFC completed the top 5 with a 2-1 home win over Harrogate Railway Athletic,

Joshua Lockwood and Harley Blankley scoring. Armthorpe Welfare recovered from Joel Simpson's 3rd minute opener to draw 1-1 with Crowle Colts after Alfie Charlotte's equaliser. South Leeds claimed their first win of the season, beating Appleby Frodingham 2-1 through Kieran Haigh and James Law. They remain 7 points from safety after Hemsworth also won 2-1, Bismark Osei scoring twice against Immingham Town. Ilkley beat Kinsley Boys 4-0, with goals from Auzair Khan, Tawheed Ahmed, Luke Baldwin and Dan Clark-Coates. Harry Holland's winner gave Athersley Rec a 2-1 win at Leeds UFCA. In midweek, Bottesford Town reached the 3rd Round of the NCEL League Cup with a 2-0 win at Retford United, thanks to goals from Samuel Aynsley and Owen Vincent.

Dearne & District's lead at the top of the Premier Division increased to 5 points with a 1-1 draw at Pickering. Jamie Austin scored for Dearne, but Riley Cooper equalised. And Knaresborough drew 0-0 with Handsworth, whilst Thackley went clear of the relegation zone with a 2-1 win at Rossington. Reuben Bartkiw and Joseph Rawcliffe scored either side of Robert Guilfoyle's equaliser. Golcar United secured a 5-1 win over Parkgate. The goals came from Ashley Flynn (2), Harvey Booth, George Doyle and Kieran Mboma. In Division One, Club Thorne Colliery beat Selby Town 5-2, with Luke Williams and Jackson Yates both scoring twice and Andrew Wright adding another. Maximillian Bauer and Joseph Rawcliffe replied for Selby as Club Thorne climbed to 14th. Barton Town progressed in the Lincolnshire Senior Trophy with a 4-0 home win over Immingham. Joe Wood, Albie Collier, Liam White and Thomas Waudby scored.

Appleby Frodingham also advanced, winning 5-1 at Winterton Rangers. Rhys Vazquez gave the hosts a lead, but a Joshua Fraiwald brace and goals from Jordan Spencer, Callum Stenton and Harry Douglas secured victory. Crowle Colts lost 3-0 at Louth Town, whilst Brigg Town were beaten 2-0 at Skegness Town.

Retford FC lost 4-3 at West Bridgford in the Notts Senior Cup 2nd Round, despite goals from Iren Wilson, Rory Coleman and Scott Boden.

Keighley Town suffered a 7-1 home defeat to Pontefract Colls in the West Riding County Cup 1st Round, Callum Chippendale scoring their consolation from the penalty spot.





THE NLP COLUMN: NEXT STOP - 1ST ROUND PROPER!

By Matt Badcock

One game – possibly two if it goes to a replay – away from the dream draw. This week, 64 Non-League teams will fight it out for a place in the FA Cup first round.

Leicester City at home? Sheffield Wednesday away? It won't happen if you're not in Monday's draw.

In many ways, the fourth round qualifying has the feel of the first round proper these days, with so many ex-Football League club names scattered throughout Non-League's top two tiers.

And it promises to be an action-packed Saturday. Step 4 AFC Rushden & Diamonds are, of course, the next guise of the former Football League club and they take on Morecambe this weekend after knocking out National League South Braintree.

"The club are absolutely buzzing," boss Elliot Sandy said. "It's a fan-owned club so there are so many volunteers working tirelessly to make the club run like it runs.

"I get the easy bit. We work hard but we've just got to concentrate on the football. Without all the people behind us, it would be impossible to do what we're doing on the pitch.

"I thank all the volunteers regularly because without them we couldn't do what we're doing at the minute."

Stafford Rangers are also a Step 4 side dreaming big – they've already seen off Hereford and Halesowen to set-up a trip to struggling Gateshead.

Boss Graham Deakin said: "I am so



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confident in our group. Regardless of the troubles Gateshead have off the pitch it will be difficult but we go there full of confidence – we have to with the start we have had.

"We can only control what we can control. If we are on it then we will give anyone a game, I really believe that. Hopefully we can cause another shock."

For some it's about avoiding a shock.

Chorley boss Andy Preece will take on his boyhood club Worcester City, the place his career began and a club he managed in the FA Cup second round against Huddersfield. "Without Worcester City I wouldn't have had

the career I have," Preece said.

"I was 17 when I made my debut against Scarborough at home from the bench. I could not breathe! The game was so fast. I probably touched the ball four times."

Leatherhead host Yeovil Town in another eye-catching tie, and FC United of Manchester

are making the short trip to Altrincham. Then there are the two remaining Step 5 sides. SE Dons, who beat Weymouth to reach this stage, are off to Sholing and Tadley Calleva make the short trip to Aldershot Town.

"Tadley is a small village," manager Joe Lawler (pictured) said. "We continue to be underdogs. But it's all about the magic of the FA Cup and trying to dream big. We've done that this year and we've had a superb run. We'll go to Aldershot full of confidence, and we'll give it our best shot.

"We've beaten the odds in the last two years, and being in the first round draw would just be another magical thing for the club."





MATCH REPORTS

Frickley 2 Thackley 0

The reign of new manager, Lee Morris, got off to a winning start as a The Blues claimed a first home victory of 2026/27, ending a run of 7 league game without a win. The Azzurri were down to 10 men for 45 minutes, but produced a memorable second half display to take all 3 points.

It looked brighter from the off. Cable then broke through on goal in the 12th minute, but his venomous shot hit the side netting.

Frickley continued to threaten, with Flan robbing a fullback and crossing in the 26th minute, only for Cable to glance his header wide.

Thackley almost snatched an unlikely opener on the half hour. Roberts made an important clearance, but the ball ricocheted off a Thackley player and looked destined for the corner before Allinson produced an excellent save. The resulting corner created further danger, but the Frickley man somehow made an even better stop. Then, in the 44th minute, came what could've been a major turning point. Roberts was shown a red card for verbals following a free kick awarded after a theatrical Thackley tumble. Thus, The Blues closed out the half with 10 men. HT 0-0. Despite the numerical disadvantage, Los Azules regrouped and even took control as 6 minutes after the restart Les Bleus unlocked the Thackley defence. Cleggy battled to dispossess a defender before driving towards the byline and pulling the ball back. Cable showed speed of thought to get across him man and deftly to turn it in at the near post, giving the 10 man Blues the lead.

Thackley came close to an equaliser in the 56th minute when a clipped ball floated over Allinson, only to bounce off the top of the crossbar.

The clincher in the final minute of normal time.

The ball found Spence on the edge of the box and the skipper simply lashed it into the net to put the result beyond doubt. FT 2-0.

And so the Mozozoic era begins on a high. The new brooms, M & M (Moz and Meynell) instilled a fresh impetus and confidence into the squad. WEBMASTER MOTM – the Glitterball has to go to Joel Spence. The Doncaster De Bruyne lead from the front and was an absolute force of nature from box to box. Stupendous, Skip!

VOLUNTEERS' MOTM – Sam Cable.

313 through the gate. We thank you for turning out in such numbers to back the new boss and cheer on The Boys in Blue.

Albion Sports 2 Frickley 1

The Blues were edged out in cruel fashion by Albion Sports' injury time winner late after a game in which The Blues had done more than enough to take something from the contest.

The opening stages were closely fought, with Les Bleus having to adjust to the pace of the plastic pitch.

Albion were looking to bypass the midfield with a steady supply of long balls, with Purks and Dacre at the front of the queue to deal with the aerial challenge.

The best chance of the half arrived didn't arrive until stoppage time. Humphreys' shot was cleared off the line, with the loose ball falling to Cleggy, whose follow up suffered the exact same fate.

Albion breathed a sigh of relief after 2 goalline interventions in such quick succession. HT 0-0.

The second half initially followed the pattern of the first. The game remained extremely tight, with neither side able to establish a clear foothold.

Cable saw a snapshot skid narrowly wide in the 63rd minute. Albion briefly thought they had taken the lead 2 minutes later when a header found the net, but the flag was raised for offside.

However, moments later, the same combination produced the piece of magic needed to get our noses in front. Cable burst clear down the left, and bearing down on the keeper, he unselfishly squared to Andrew (on as sub), allowing to him calmly slot into the unguarded net.

Frickley looked to protect the lead, but Albion nicked an equaliser in the 81st minute. A forward cut inside as Dacre slipped on the plastic, and the resulting strike found the far corner.

The Blues pushed for a response and were denied by what looked a particularly harsh offside decision in the 89th minute, with Flan penalised while in the box.

Then, deep into time added on, Azzurri hearts were broken. Albion charged into the box and, from a tight angle, hit a low shot past Allinson to snatch all 3 points. FT 2-1.

It was a harsh ending for Les Bleus, who had competed throughout, but on to the next...

WEBMASTER MOTM – the Glitterball goes to Josh Dacre. He would've headed away bricks if he'd had to. Jawohl, Judgement Dacre!

VOLUNTEERS' MOTM – Sam Cable and Will Jenkinson.

125 through the gate, with what looked like a majority from The Triumvirate of SESKU. You have our eternal gratitude.





MATCH REPORTS (CONT.)

Bottesford Town 2 Frickley 2

The Blues stubbornly refused to lay down and put in a determined display to earn a valuable point at 2nd placed Bottesford Town, twice coming from behind to hold the hosts to a 2-2 draw.

The hosts threatened inside the opening few minutes when a shot on the turn took a deflection and went narrowly wide. The resulting corner saw Bottesford take a 5th minute lead in controversial circumstances. A corner was headed against the crossbar before the rebound was bundled over the goal line, ex-Blue Jack McMenemy getting the final touch. There were immediate shouts for handball and the linesman's flag went up, but the goal was allowed to stand.

But The Blues were back in it in the 14th minute. Cable's persistence earned a corner and what followed was a chaotic scramble inside the 6 yard box. Grist reacted quickest to stab it home from close range and restore parity on his 2nd debut. Bottesford continued to see plenty of the ball, but Les Bleus made life difficult for the hosts. HT 1-1. Bottesford regained their advantage 7 minutes after the restart. Allinson produced an absolutely stunning save, pawing away what looked a certain goal, but the ball was recycled back into the danger area and McMenemy netted from 12 yards to make it 2-1 with his 2nd of the game.

The Azzurri dug in to prevent the deficit getting any greater. Flan and Humphreys were thrown into the fray and in the 79th minute the 2 subs were instrumental in The Azzurri's 2nd equaliser. Flan's free kick picked out Dacre, whose initial attempt was blocked on the line. Humphreys reacted quickest to the rebound, poking it in from 3 yards and send the travelling Blues fans into delirious celebrations.

Bottesford pushed forward in search of the winner, but The Azzurri continued to throw bodies in the way. FT 2-2.

The Azzurri's composure and refusal to surrender ensured a deserved share of the spoils as we became only the second team to do so at Bottesford in the league this season.

WEBMASTER MOTM – for a second time in 5 days, the Glitterball goes to Josh Dacre. He was a defensive colossus and a calming presence as he organised those around him. Spirited stuff, JD!

VOLUNTEERS' MOTM – Charlie Price. 234 through the gate, with great numbers from The Fiefdom of SESKU. We thank you all!

Worsbrough Bridge Athletic 0 Frickley 2

Frickley climbed out of the relegation places with a valuable 2-0 victory over Worsbrough Bridge Athletic, as The Blues made the most of their opportunities to secure 3 important points.

The hosts fired wide from distance inside the opening 20 seconds, but Les Bleus soon found their feet. In the 5th minute, Grist broke down the right and charged towards goal, only to hit his shot straight at the Worsbrough goalkeeper.

On 20 minutes, Evans-Booth's superb header looked destined for the net until the Worsbrough stopper intervened with an decent save.

The Blues would not have to wait much longer to break the deadlock. In the 27th minute, Kilner picked out Grist, who drove purposefully towards goal before shooting. The attempt squeezed through the keeper's legs and into the net to give The Blues a 1-0 lead. HT 1-0.

The Blues were soon put under pressure after the restart as Harold produced what was the save of the evening in the 51st minute. A Worsbrough throw in fell for one of their forwards at the back post. To a shot from point blank range, Harold pulled off a reflex save to keep the ball out.

The Briggers continued to threaten from set pieces, and in the 58th minute a header from a corner was heading towards goal before Harold got down smartly to smother it, amid claims from the hosts that it had crossed the line.

In the 66th minute, Lloyd nipped in ahead of the home defence and rounded the goalkeeper, but could not get the ball under control and a recovering defender managed to get back and make the tackle.

The home side then appealed for a penalty in the 74th minute after a dive over a leg inside the box. In the 77th minute The Azzurri delivered the decisive blow. Humphreys battled his way around the fullback before pulling the ball back to Grist, who unleashed a powerful finish from 12 yards, through a sea of legs. FT 0-2.

A quality win against a decent side. And with 7 points from a possible 12, The Mozaoic era continues in a most promising fashion.

WEBMASTER MOTM - the Glitterball goes jointly to Keelan Grist and Harold Edjange. Grist's brace provided the goals, but Harold's important saves were equally significant in getting the W. VOLUNTEERS' MOTM - Joel Spence and Tom Radley.

410 through the gate with a big turnout from The Palatinate of SESKU. Thank you for your support!





EVERYWHERE WE GO

BRADFORD, BOTTESFORD & WORSBROUGH

First up were Albion Sports and Myra Shay (top left pic) then Bottesford Town and Birch Park (top right pic) – a pair of very functional grounds with plastic pitches.

Myra Shay is a council facility, shared with Route One Rovers, and it's pretty new so may need a bit of time to develop a bit of character (other than the local lovelies needing opposition fans). Plenty of parking though. Result was a shame but hey.

Bit more scope for personalisation at Bottesford, evidenced by the 'Taco Bell End' flag and the gigantic flag with the legend 'There is nothing is impossible to those who

never give up' – inspired and inspirational, respectively. Now there's a couple of flags I wouldn't mind seeing hung from lampposts. They certainly did the trick for The Boys in Blue. Under the cosh for most of the game, we ground out a result. Moz-tivation right there. Then the big one, Worsbrough! Both clubs successfully downplayed the movement of

management and players from WBA to FAFC and kept it low-key.

The midweek attendance of 410 was testament to the fact that it was the biggest NCEL game of the week. And what a good game and evening it was. I'd have taken a point beforehand so to get all 3 was a treat.

Park Road itself (middle and bottom pic) is a shade worn, the floodies aren't as bright as some and the lines were virtually non-existent at the end I was stood, but I like it. It's got soul! What more do you need? ;)





BLUES SQUAD 26/27

Joel Spence (Midfielder): Joel 90 was at Armthorpe before joining us and he's been at Rotherham United, Belper Town, Ossett United, Winterton and Wakefield. Won the supporters' player of the season in 24/25 for his consistency in the engine room.

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): Cleggy 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 joined us from Parkgate, having started out at Rotherham United.

Sam Kilner (Defender): A NCEL title winner at Silsden in 24/25, Killer is a highly proficient fullback who has also been at Buxton, Mossley, Hemsworth and Knaresborough.

Thomas Radley (Defender): Radz is a big centre half who joined from Shelley in 2025 and provides quality and leadership in 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 and is now in his 3rd season at The Wezzie. Gadge was the supporters' player of the season in 25/26.

Tyler Sheard (Defender/Midfielder): VersaTyler came through our academy and can do a job anywhere on the park, team before self every time. Scored his first goal at Beverley last season.

Harold Edjangue (Goalkeeper): HE-Man is a Cameroonian shot stopper who always impresses. Has been with Farsley Celtic U23s, Yorkshire Amateurs and Nostell MW amongst others.

Jayden Roberts (Midfielder): JR is a livewire in the middle of the park and has been at Parkgate and Athersley Rec.

Josh Dacre (Defender): Judgement Dacre joins us from Dearne & District, where he won the 25/26 NCEL Division One title. This rugged defender brings bags of experience from his time at Handsworth, Ponte Colls, Grimsby Borough, Garforth, Sheffield FC, Worksop Town, Selby and Worsbrough Bridge.

Bailey Wright (Midfielder/Forward): The Wright Stuff is a former Barnsley trialist and Athersley Rec winger with pace to spare.

Charlie Price (Midfielder): Priceless is an exciting prospect who joins us after his release from Barnsley despite interest from higher up the pyramid.

Lucas Brown (Midfielder): Cool Hand Lucas has come through our academy and looks ready to make an impression at first team level.

Matty Hughes (Midfielder/Forward): The Motor started with our U19s-U23s. He made his 1st team debut in 2016/17, and is now in his 4th spell with us. Has also been at Armthorpe and Handsworth.

Jake Carrigan (Midfielder): Carra is a hard running box to box midfielder and a local lad as well.

Freddie Dale (Midfielder): Ever Ready is another midfielder making the step up from our academy.

Reuben Crossley (Defender/Midfielder): Signed from the academy, Crossfire is an assured young player with great potential.

Tom Alngohuru (Midfielder/Forward): After playing for the York City and i2i academies, Pickering Town and Ossett United, The Guru returns on dual reg with Beveley Town to terrorise NCEL defenders.

Jack Humphreys (Midfielder): A former Parkgate, Beverley Town and Donny City midfielder, The Mister brings lots of NCEL experience to the squad.

Jamie Purkiss (Defender/Midfielder): Comfortable anywhere down the right flank, Purfection is ex-Worksop and Parkgate but joins us from Donny City.

Keelan Grist (Forward): The Real Deal is a forward with a deft touch who returns after a short period with us in 22/23. Has been with the likes of Barnsley, Emley, Pickering and Worsbrough where he has developed into a quality player.

Lloyd Smith (Forward): Lloyd is a quick-footed striker who joins us from Worsbrough for a second spell, after 24 goals in 65 games first time around. Started at Barnsley and was also with Bradford PA.

Shay Evans-Booth (Forward): Hightower is an experienced NCEL forward with real physical presence. Most recently, he has been at Parkgate and Doncaster City.

Henley Walker (Forward): Hench is a tall, powerful striker signed from local football in Rotherham.

Toure Bell (Defender/Midfielder): The Alarm joins us on work experience from Barnsley. He has also spent 9 years at the Everton academy.

Lee Morris (Manager): A player, Moz was a goal scorer with Goole, Shaw Lane and here at The Wezzie, with almost 90 Frickley goals. After a stint as Blues boss in 2016/17, Moz went to Armthorpe then had a very successful 3 year stint at Worsbrough who he lead to promotion via the playoffs in 25/26, before coming back home in September 2026.

Rhys Meynell (Assitant Manager): Rhys was a no nonsense defender at Barnsley, Gretna, Stalybridge, Galway United, Shaw Lane and Frickley. Since hanging up his boots, he's been Moz's right hand man at Armthorpe and Worsbrough.





FRICKLEY PLAYER STATISTICS

Frickley Athletic Apps. & Goal Scoring Record Career Up to & Inc. 14.10.26							
	League	Cups	Total	Sub.	Grand	Gls	c/s
			Starts	Apps.	Total		
Joel Spence	83	16	99	2	101	6	
Charlie Clegg	27	5	32	67	99	10	
Harry Gagen	54	12	66	1	67	1	
Lloyd Smith	55	8	63	3	66	24	
Tom Alngohuro	35	7	42	14	56	12	
Sam Cable	23	7	30	24	54	13	
Sam Kilner	37	7	44	4	48		
Tom Radley	32	6	38	3	41	2	
Will Jenkinson	30	6	36	3	39	1	
Charlie Price	17	5	22	7	29	2	
Liam Love	14	0	14	4	18		
Keelan Grist	12	2	14	4	18	7	
Josh Dacre	11	4	15	0	15	2	
Jayden Roberts	3	3	6	8	14	1	
Harold Edjangue	2	5	7	0	7		2
Bailey Wright	2	0	2	4	6		
Jack Humphreys	1	0	1	4	5	1	
Jamie Purkiss	2	0	2	0	2		
Shay Evans-Booth	1	0	1	0	1		
Henley Walker	0	0	0	1	1		
Toure Bell	0	0	0	1	1		

MOST RECENT PREVIOUS RESULTS ON THIS DATE 17TH OCTOBER

Year	Day	H/A	Comp.	Opponents	Result	Frickley Scorers
1992	Sat	Home	NPL	Fleetwood Town	Lost 1-2	Brook
1995	Tue	Home	NPL	Blyth Spartans	Lost 1-2	Armstrong
1998	Sat	Home	FAC3QR	Witton Albion	Won 1-0	Stratford
2000	Tue	Home	FAC3QRr	Mossley	Won 3-0	Hanby, McAreavey 2
2006	Tue	Away	NPL	Ilkeston Town	Won 2-1	Walsh, Ward
2009	Sat	Home	FAT1QR	Bamber Bridge	Won 2-1	Morris, Towler
2015	Sat	Home	NPL	Marine	Lost 0-1	
2017	Tue	Home	LC1R	Stocksbridge PS	Draw 3-3	Birkelund, Palmer, Bloor Lost 6-7 on pens.
2023	Tue	Away	NCELP	Goole AFC	Won 8-0	Murillo 2, Smith, Binns, Mannings, Keita 2, Anku



TOGETHER WE CAN





MACRON NCEL PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

	Up to & Inc 16.10.26	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	P
1	Dearne and District	15	10	2	3	34	18	16	32
2	Bottesford Town	13	8	3	2	33	10	23	27
3	Retford United	15	6	5	4	24	17	7	23
4	Barton Town	10	7	1	2	20	8	12	22
5	Campion	14	7	1	6	27	24	3	22
6	Retford	13	6	4	3	22	19	3	22
7	Horbury Town	12	6	3	3	21	12	9	21
8	Knaresborough Town	13	6	3	4	27	20	7	21
9	Worsbrough Bridge Athletic	13	6	2	5	24	19	5	20
10	Handsworth	13	5	5	3	23	24	-1	20
11	Pickering Town	14	6	2	6	23	26	-3	20
12	Penistone Church	14	5	4	5	23	19	4	19
13	Rossington Main	13	4	6	3	19	13	6	18
14	Albion Sports	16	5	3	8	25	27	-2	18
15	Golcar United	12	4	3	5	26	21	5	15
16	Thackley	15	3	5	7	19	27	-8	14
17	Frickley Athletic	13	3	3	7	20	22	-2	12
18	Tadcaster Albion	12	2	5	5	11	23	-12	11
19	Parkgate	14	3	2	9	10	35	-25	11
20	Keighley Town	14	0	2	12	8	55	-47	2

MOST RECENT GAMES FRICKLEY V ROSSINGTON

Season	Date	Comp.	H/A	Result	Frickley Scorers
2005/06	Tue. 15 th November 05	SSC2R	A	Won 2-1	Collins, Evans
2023/24	Sat. 4 th November 23	NCELP	A	Won 1-0	Smith.
	Sat 16 th March 24	NCELP	H	Lost 0-1	
2024/25	Tue. 6 th August 24	NCELP	A	Draw 1-1	Brook
	Sat. 7 th December 24	NCELP	H	Won 4-0	Chipamunga, Guilfoyle, Keita, Tomlinson
2025/26	Sat 1 st November 25	NCELP	H	Won 4-1	Heselwood, Nnenanua, Robinson, Clegg.
	Tue. 18 th November 25	SSCR3	H	Draw 2-2	Binns, Robinson. Lost 7-6 on pens.
	Sat. 28 th March 26	NCELP	A	Lost 0-4	

ON THIS DAY IN FOOTBALL – 17TH OCTOBER

1968 - The first attempt by an English side to win the Intercontinental Cup ended in defeat by the champions of South America. After losing 1-0 in the first leg in Argentina, European champions Manchester United met Estudiantes in the second leg at Old Trafford and drew 1-1 so Estudiantes won the trophy 2-1 on aggregate.

2002 - A gaffe from England's David Seaman allowed Macedonia's Artim Šakiri to score direct from a corner. The 2-2 Euro Qualifier draw at St Mary's in Southampton proved to be Seaman's 75th and final England game.





MACRON NCEL DIVISION ONE TABLE

	Up to & Inc 16.10.26	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	P
1	Brigg Town	14	11	2	1	32	13	19	35
2	Field Olympic	14	11	1	2	45	9	36	34
3	Wombwell Town	16	10	3	3	38	20	18	33
4	Route One Rovers	15	8	2	5	34	23	11	26
5	Wakefield	15	8	2	5	21	17	4	26
6	Goole	14	8	1	5	30	21	9	25
7	Armthorpe Welfare	13	7	3	3	26	18	8	24
8	Selby Town	14	6	5	3	23	16	7	23
9	Winterton Rangers	15	7	1	7	25	28	-3	22
10	LIV Supplies	15	5	6	4	33	25	8	21
11	Kinsley Boys	15	6	3	6	25	29	-4	21
12	Crowle Colts	15	5	4	6	21	28	-7	19
13	Athersley Recreation	14	4	6	4	17	24	-7	18
14	Club Thorne Colliery	14	4	5	5	31	30	1	17
15	Harrogate Railway Athletic	15	5	2	8	25	34	-9	17
16	Leeds UFCA	15	4	4	7	24	24	0	16
17	Ilkley Town	14	3	4	7	24	29	-5	13
18	Appleby Frodingham	14	4	1	9	15	35	-20	13
19	Hemsworth Miners Welfare	15	3	3	9	18	31	-13	12
20	Immingham Town	15	2	1	12	16	42	-26	7
21	South Leeds	15	1	3	11	17	44	-27	6



TON UP, SKIPPER

O Captain, My Captain! Joel Spence - he's club captain, he's a former supporters' player of the season, he's a top bloke and he's a Blues legend! Well, he's now a centurion as well! Joel made his 100th appearance for Frickley Athletic in the recent game at Bottesford Town. Huge congratulations, Skipper, from all at Frickley. There will be a presentation before today's game, so make sure you give him the big cheer he deserves. #properfrickley



Macron NCEL Premier 2026-27

Date	Opponents...	Res.	Att.	Pos.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Sub	Sub	Sub	Sub	Sub
25.07.26	Keighley Town	1-1	236	09	Allinson	Kilner	Sheard	Spence	Dacre	Gagen	Wright	Carmody	Andrew	Clegg	Cable	Price	Flanagan	Roberts		
28.07.26	Knaresborough T	3-0	183	03	Allinson	Gagen	Sheard	Spence	Radley	Dacre	Wright	Carmody	Andrew	Clegg	Cable	Williams	Price	Flanagan	Roberts	Woolford
01.08.26	Horbury Town	2-3	201	06	Allinson	Gagen	Sheard	Spence	Radley	Dacre	Williams	Carmody	Andrew	Price	Cable	Flanagan	Wright	Kilner	Woolford	
08.08.26	Campion FACEPR	1-1	145		Edjangué	Kilner	Gagen	Spence	Radley	Dacre	Roberts	Carmody	Cable	Price	Flanagan	Williams	Clegg	Wright	Woolford	
12.08.26	Campion FACEPR	0-3	115		Edjangué	Kilner	Sheard	Spence	Radley	Dacre	Roberts	Carmody	Cable	Price	Flanagan	Andrew	Clegg	Woolford		
15.08.26	Tadcaster Albion	1-1	220	09	Allinson	Kilner	Gagen	Spence	Radley	Dacre	Roberts	Woolford	Cable	Andrew	Williams	Flanagan	Clegg	Carmody	Price	Sheard
22.08.26	Penistone Chu.	2-3	304	10	Allinson	Kilner	Gagen	Spence	Jenkinson	Dacre	Flanagan	Woolford	Cable	Andrew	Williams	Roberts	Carmody	Price	Carrigan	Clegg
25.08.26	Retford FC	0-2	190	13	Allinson	Kilner	Gagen	Spence	Radley	Dacre	Roberts	Price	Cable	Andrew	Flanagan	Williams	Clegg	Carmody	Carrigan	
29.08.26	Barton Town	0-2	145	16	Allinson	Kilner	Gagen	Spence	Jenkinson	Dacre	Williams	Price	Cable	Clegg	Flanagan	Carmody	Andrew	Roberts	Carrigan	
05.09.26	Handsworth	2-3	183	17	Allinson	Kilner	Omoriyi	Carmody	Radley	Jenkinson	Clegg	Price	Woolford	Spence	Andrew	Williams	Roberts	Flanagan	Carrigan	Gagen
09.09.26	Campion	2-3	131	19	Edjangué	Gagen	Omoriyi	Carmody	Radley	Jenkinson	Andrew 2	Price	Woolford	Spence	Flanagan	Clegg	Roberts	Williams		
12.09.26	FC St Helens FAV2Q	0-9	191		Edjangué	Farrelly	Jenkinson	Spence	Carmody	Gagen	Williams	Price	Cable	Andrew	Flanagan	Hughes	Clegg			
19.09.26	AFC Bentley SSC2	5-0	100		Edjangué	Gagen	Omoriyi	Spence	Jenkinson	Dacre	Flanagan	Price	Andrew 2	Clegg	Cable	Carmody	Roberts	Williams	Wright	Crossley
23.09.26	Keidhev T. LC2R (Won 8-7 pens)	1-1	138																	
26.09.26	Thackley	2-0	313	17	Allinson	Purkiss	Gagen	Spence	Jenkinson	Dacre	Roberts	Price	Cable	Clegg	Flanagan	Williams	Humphreys	Andrew	Carmody	
29.09.26	Albion Sports	1-2	125	18	Alinson	Purkiss	Gagen	Spence	Jenkinson	Dacre	Williams	Price	Cable	Clegg	Humphreys	Roberts	Alngohuro	Flanagan	Andrew	Carmody
03.10.26	Bottesford Town	2-2	234	19	Allinson	Kilner	Love	Spence	Jenkinson	Dacre	Grist	Price	Cable	Clegg	Alngohuro	Williams	Humphreys	Flanagan		
14.10.26	Worsbrough Br A	2-0	410	17	Edjangué	Kilner	Love	Spence	Radley	Dacre	Grist 2	Price	Cable	Evans-B	Smith	Wright	Humphreys	Walker	Clegg	Bell
17.10.26	Rossington M																			
20.10.26	Nostell MW SSC3																			
23.10.26	Golcar United																			
31.10.26	Pickering Town																			
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06.02.27	Albion Sports																			
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27.02.27	Worsbrough B A																			
13.03.27	Rossington M																			
19.03.27	Golcar United																			
03.04.27	Pickering Town																			



LINKED TO THE LANE

I love looking at the 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 ;)

Another visitor from our Alliance League days was Mike Pejic, manager of Northwich Victoria in 1985/86. Despite rumours that he was hewn from granite, Mike Pejic was actually born near Stoke on Trent in 1950. The son of a Serbian miner and an English mother, he joined his local club Stoke City as a schoolboy in 1964, aged 14, initially as a winger. He made his first team breakthrough under legendary manager Tony Waddington and became Stoke's regular left back. He played just under 350 games for the Victoria Ground club between 1968 and 1976, and established a reputation as an aggressive defender who tackled hard and was not afraid to confront opponents. His disciplinary record reflected that approach. Pejic was an vital member of Stoke's best side, that of the early 1970s. His principal honour with the club was the League Cup in 1972, when Stoke beat Chelsea 2-1 in the final at Wembley – the Potters first, and to date only, major honour. He also helped Stoke to several cup semis and win the Watney Cup in 1974. A broken leg in February 1975 disrupted his progress, and Stoke's challenge for the First Division title was weakened by his absence. He recovered to regain his place and attract further attention for his solid displays. Pejic's performances earned him 8 England U23



caps and 4 senior England caps in April and May 1974. He made his full international debut against Portugal in Lisbon, then played in all 3 of England's British Championship games. In February 1977, Stoke sold Pejic to Everton for nearly £150k to help ease the club's financial difficulties following storm damage to the roof of the Victoria Ground's main stand. He played 93 games in all competitions for the Toffees, helping them to finish 3rd in the First Division in 1977/78 and to reach the 1977 FA Cup semi-final against Liverpool. Another broken leg and a recurring pelvic problem began to increasingly affect his Everton career.

In 1979, Everton accepted an offer of approximately £250k from Aston Villa. Pejic made only 10 league appearances for Villa before injury ended his professional playing career in 1980, aged 30.

At various times MP had a farm and a fruit and veg business outside of football but struggled to adjust to life without football.

Pejic did eventually return to the game, moving into coaching and management. He managed Leek Town and Northwich Victoria in 1985. He subsequently worked at Port Vale from 1986 to 1992, undertaking youth development and first-team coaching duties. In 1994, he became manager of Chester City. He also had a later caretaker spell back at Leek and coaching roles in

Malaysia, Zimbabwe and

Kuwait Selangor, and at Plymouth Argyle and Ipswich Town until 2010.

Away from football, Pejic developed a serious interest, and talent, in taekwondo later in life. He began practising the martial art in his early 60s and, in April 2019, became European champion in the over-65 category. He also established his own taekwondo academy whilst he continued to contribute to Stoke City coverage as a newspaper columnist and radio co-commentator.

One of Mike's sister in laws co-wrote the theme tune to the Australian soap opera Neighbours, so next time in Linked To The Lane, it's Mrs Mangle & Bouncer if I can find their Panini stickers... ;)





AWAYDAYS

Next up – Nostell Miners Welfare (Sheffield Cup)

Crofton Fact: The Redbeck Motel in Crofton has featured in the TV's Emmerdale and has hosted Tom Jones, Shirley Bassey and Diana Ross.

When : Tuesday 20th October 2026.

Kick off : 15:00

Where : Crofton Community Centre, New Crofton, Wakefield, WF4 1LB.

How much : Adults £4, Concessions £2, U18s Free, Dogs allowed on a lead.



Then – Golcar United

Golcar Fact: Golcar is named after St Guthlac, an 8th century hermit, and is recorded in the Doomsday Book as *Goullakarres*.

When : Friday 23rd October 2026.

Kick off : 19:45

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

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



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2. Rob Guilfoyle.
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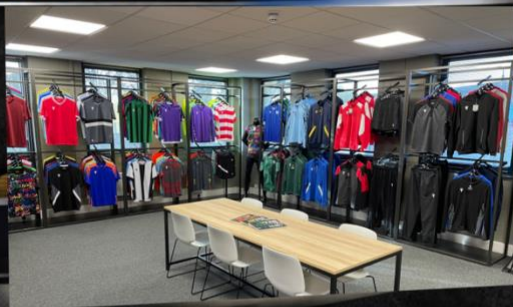
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