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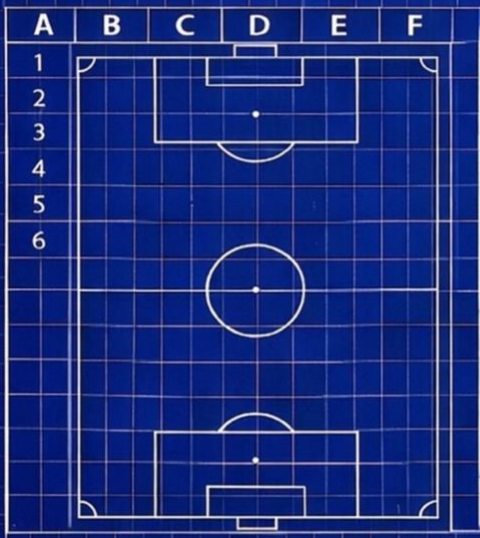

TODAY'S VISITORS:

TADCASTER ALBION

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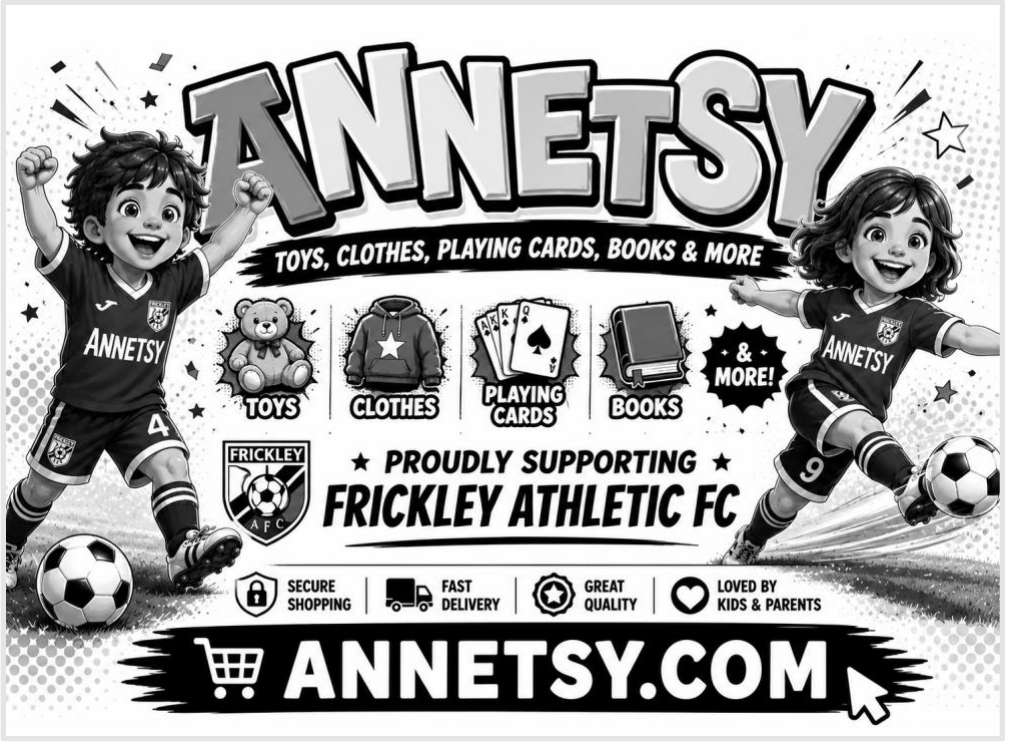

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FRICKLEY ATHLETIC		TADCASTER ALBION
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Owen Evans	1	Harry Stead
Stephen Williams	2	Dan Davy
Jake Holdsworth	3	Curtis Senior
Joel Spence	4	Nick Thompson
Dempsey Smith	5	Sam Pashley
Harry Gagen	6	Ryan Gothard
Keelan Grist	7	Jayden Clarke-Thompson
Charlie Price	8	Spencer Harris
Joe Poxon	9	Desmond Okoro
Charlie Austerfield	10	Charlie Owen
Sam Awty	11	Oliver Green
Max Skelton	12	Luca Studdart
Sam Kilner	14	Noah Kiwomya
Henley Walker	15	Daniel Brookes
Adam Baskerville	16	Zach Francione
Ben Dyer	17	Alex Clark

REFEREE

Mathew Wright

ASSISTANT REFEREES

Charlie Nicholas

Andrew Graham

BLUESCENE

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

Today's visitors, Tadcaster Albion, are currently in 18th place on 20 points after 21 games. Despite their position at the wrong end of the table, Taddy are currently on a run of 3 games without defeat in the league. Since losing 2-0 at table topping Dearne & District, Taddy drew 1-1 at home to Parkgate then repeated that scoreline at Thackley. Then, in midweek, Tadcaster twice came from behind to beat visitors Rossington Main 3-2.

The Blues come into today's game in 15th place on 22 points after 20 games. Our last 3 games have seen us win 1, draw 1 and lose 1. In our last home game, Keelan Grist scored a superb hat trick (including a penalty) in a lively display that sent Knaresborough Town back north empty handed. That performance has proved difficult to replicate on our travels as Dempsey Smith's first goal for the club was needed to claim a 1-1 draw at Parkgate, and Sam Awty's debut strike was only a late consolation in our 4-1 collapse at Horbury Town, in bitter conditions last Saturday.

Our most recent meeting with Tadcaster Albion was our league game in August when Sam Cable's injury time equaliser gave us a 1-1 draw and a share of the points at Ings Lane. Prior to that, in 2025/26, The Blues suffered a resounding 3-0 loss at the hands of Tadcaster in August 2025 in our last meeting here at Westfield Lane. The Blues restored a little pride in the return game, in December 2025,, drawing 1-1, with Taddy needing a second half strike to cancel out a 41st minute own goal, forced by Destiny Nnenanua's pressure.

Expect The Blues to be going all out for a first victory over Taddy since August 2024.

In recruitment news, there have been a few more changes as attacker Sam Awty, and defenders Jake Holdsworth and Max Skelton join us, all 3 having last been at Worsbrough Bridge Athletic. Jake made his debut at Parkgate and Sam scored on his debut at Horbury. Also, midfielder Ben Dyer joins from Hallam and vastly experienced striker Adam Baskerville has made the move to The Blues from Goole. Meanwhile, Will Jenkinson and Deaconn Farrelly have left the club to join Parkgate and Barton Town, respectively. Good luck to them all.

Our next game sees The Blues in action, here at Westfield Lane, on Tuesday 1st December, when Retford United are our visitors, 7.45pm kickoff. 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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MEET THE VISITORS

The club is believed to have been formed in 1892 as John Smith's FC. It wasn't until 1923 that the Tadcaster Albion AFC name was adopted. In the early years the club played in the local York League. In 1948 Albion won the York League. They continued competing in the York League during the 1950s and 60s. Tadcaster Albion, in the early days, played home games on the site of the cricket ground on Station Road, before moving to the Ings ground, near to where the present Samuel Smith Brewery Packaging Block now stands. Changing facilities were in the town, at the rear of the Falcon Public House on Chapel Street. Down the years the club has played in several leagues, the Barkston Ash and then the Yorkshire League followed by the NCEL. Football continued on the Ings ground until 1960, when the club moved 100 yards up river to its present home at the Park.

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

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

At the start of 2004/05, Jim Collis became manager and fortunes on the pitch started to improve. In his first season, Albion finished 5th in the league and the following year, 3rd place.

Jimmy Reid took over as manager in 2006, but his time was blighted by off the field problems.

Paul Marshall took over for 2008/09, and in his first season the team finished 17th. But in 2009/10, with an influx of new players, Albion won the NCEL Division One title.

In 2010 Rob Northfield became Chairman of Tadcaster Albion (2010) Ltd.

Albion finished 4th in their first season in the NCEL Premier Division and won the NCEL President's Cup, beating Farsley AFC 5-1 in the final. That was followed by an 8th place finish in 2011/12 and 6th in 2012/13. In the 2013/14 season Rob Northfield resigned and i2i Sports Ltd agreed to take control of the club with Matthew Gore becoming the chairman.

In 2014/2015 the Brewers lead the NCEL Premier for most of the season, but a poor run of games in March led to them finally finishing in third. A good run in the FA Vase saw them make it to the quarter final where they drew a record crowd of 1307, but were beaten by Highworth Town. At the end of the season, the club released manager Paul Marshall, and former Harrogate Railway boss Billy Miller took over.

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

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

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

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

John Deacey and Andy Monkhouse took the reigns in 2021/22 and ensured that they hung onto their NPL status, in a challenging season. However, 2022/23 started badly and, despite managerial changes, relegation followed as they were unable to turn around the poor results. Mick O'Connell took over the running of the squad for the start of the 2023/24 NCEL season. An 11th place finish was followed by 17th in 2024/25, leading to his leaving the club to be replaced by former player Ryan Qualter in April 2025.

Qualter's first season was a successful one, finishing 4th in the league, reaching the playoff final where they lost to Beverley Town, and finally winning a trophy in the shape of the West Riding County Cup, winning the final against Route One Rovers on penalties. Tadcaster will understandably go into 2025/26 full of hope.

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, a pair of almost 'on this day' games, both played here at The Wezzie. The first match was a FA Trophy 2nd Qualifying Round tie, played on Saturday 27th November 1999 against Droylsden. Andy Hayward drew blood for The Blues with a hatrick against the Bloods to edge the game 4-3 and take us into the next round. The second game is from the Alliance Premier League, played on Saturday 26th November 1983. Barry Gill was the catalyst as The Azzurri saw off Worcester City by 3 goals to 1. With thanks to JL.

Hayward nets treble for Blues

WESTFIELD Lane was not for the faint hearted as Frickley, thanks to a Andy Hayward hat trick, snatched a 4-3 victory over Droylsden in the FA Umbro Trophy second round.

The Blues seemed to have blown it at the break, when they trailed 3-1, but bounced back with determination and skill to deservedly turn the tables.

Tony Carroll appeared fortunate in the ninth minute when he raced away to beat Derek O'Connor from 15 yards with the home cover appealing unsuccessfully for offside. A free kick by Duane Beckett was headed just over the bar by Mick Thompson in the 13th minute, while Gary Hatto put a first time volley wide five minutes later.

Frickley lost Danny Brewster through injury in the 27th minute, and Droylsden improved their advantage seven minutes later, a speculative 40 yards drive by Neil Whalley striking the bar and dropping onto the back of O'Connor and into the net. Ian Edge came on for Mark Earnshaw and the Blues reduced the arrears in the 39th minute, Hayward collecting and ball and turning his man before drilling a low 15 yards drive through a ruck of players just inside the far post. On the stroke of half time, the home defence was cut to ribbons by a penetrating Droylsden raid which ended with Jed Hennigan volleying in from ten yards to put them in the driving seat.

Demonstrating a more positive attitude, Frickley narrowed the gap in the 54th minute, Scott Collins flicking on a clearance and Mick Thompson hit the target from 15 yards.

Eight minutes later the Blues were level, Hayward's pace taking him away from the pursuing defenders before he lobbed over Dave Williams.

A free kick by Beckett in the 74th minute fell to Hatto whose strong shot struck a defender and ballooned just over the bar before a corner by Hatto glanced off a Droylsden head in the 84th minute and Hayward pounced to lash in an angled drive. Hayward almost got his fourth goal four minutes later when he ran onto a pass by Collins and clipped the bar with a snap shot.

Before the game, a silence was held in tribute to stalwart supporter Michael Jordan and Albert Wilson, father of the Blues assistant trainer, Dave Wilson.

Frickley have been drawn at home to Marine in the League Cup quarter-finals on January 22.

MEMORY MATCH (CONT.)

Cup giants crack in second half

Frickley Athletic..... 3
Worcester City..... 1
BARRY GILL's ability to cause confusion in the penalty area with his long thow-ins, was the key to Frickley's success on Saturday.

Gill's effort was headed on by Wilson and the ever dangerous Graham Reed hammered the ball into the net.

The goal was no more than Frickley deserved after pounding the visitors line throughout the second half.

But 25 minutes had elapsed before the vital breakthrough which steadied nerves and settled things down.

Frickley have had a barren spell in their meetings with City over the past three seasons, winning on only one other occasion.

And with their opponents on a high after progressing to the second round of the FA Cup, this was always going to be a difficult one to win.

Their tried and tested method this season of overwhelming opponents by sheer persistence of attacks, succeded yet again.

Worcester defended with all the assurance of a side destined to do well this season but were unable to match the home side's commitment.

Frickley were given a great start after only five minutes when Gary Hooley scored from close range after the visitors failed to clear a corner.

On the half hour Shinton equalised with a lob which ust eluded Meehan's deputy Hinchcliffe but Frickley regained the initiaitve after the break.

They bombarded the visitors goal and eventually gained the just reward with Reed making the breakthrough from Gill's throw.

In the last minute Ian Smith wrapped up the points when he raced onto a through ball and calmly tucked the ball past Hayward.

THE MATCHDAY MIX-UP

Solve the anagrams to answer the 5 questions:

1. WHY ALL KEENER - Which Blues forward, who scored in the 7-0 win at Nostell, has been chosen for the 2026/27 English Colleges FA squad?
2. NEARLY QUART - Which former Bradford PA, Shaw Lane, Matlock and Scarborough centre half is the current manager of Tadcaster Albion?
3. TUNED DIESEL - Which club recorded its first win at Stamford Bridge since 1999 with a 4-1 victory last weekend?
4. BIONIC LEMUR - Which ex-Sheffield United forward scored twice in injury time for Hull Cuty in their 2-0 win over Brighton on Sunday?
5. COLLIERY ION - Which England and Manchester City defender/midfielder won the Premier League Young Player of the Season award in 2025/26?

Answers on the 'Awaydays' page.

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By Matt Badcock

The debate around the 3pm Saturday TV blackout has popped up again!
Even Prime Minister Andy Burnham had his say on Article 48 of the UEFA Statutes that prevents games in this country being shown on live TV between 2.45pm and 5.15pm on Saturdays.
"I would urge a bit of caution because it does protect the income of lower-league clubs," he said.
"If you have effectively wall-to-wall Premier League football at any time, it takes away perhaps the incentive to go and watch the Football League or Non-League.
"So I think it has to be considered carefully. I'm not going to take the pure consumer view here. I'll take the health-of-football approach to this particular issue."



So why now? Next year the Premier League and EFL are reportedly set to hold discussions about its future. Taken in the context of the existing TV deals running to the end of the 2028/29 seasons, it makes sense to talk about it.
There are some who think it's outdated and time to get rid. Others argue that would be to the complete detriment to lower league football and the vital revenue streams.
So maybe it is time to have the debate properly. And Non-League football must be in the room and at the table when it does.
"We have one of the strongest football pyramids in the world, with excellent matchday attendances deep into the Non-League game," Football Supporters' Association chair Tom Greatrex said. "In the fifth-tier National League the likes of Carlisle United and Southend United often draw crowds of seven or eight thousand."
"Those are attendances that many other country's top-flight leagues would look at jealously, so the Prime Minister is right to point out the value of the blackout to clubs further down the pyramid, and to urge caution over the impact rushed change could have on the overall health of the game."
The pyramid in this country is the envy of football. The attendances seen right down through the levels are unmatched anywhere else.
No other country is getting regular four-figure crowds in its eighth and ninth tiers.
No one has the same depth and heritage throughout its whole system as English football.
Anything that potentially threatens that surely isn't worth considering.
Because once the toothpaste is out of the tube, you can be sure it won't go back in.

NCEL NEWS

The leaders of both divisions in the Macron NCEL fell to defeats on an intriguing Saturday afternoon of action that largely survived the cold snap.
Dearne & District were beaten 2-1 at home by Retford FC but remain eight points clear at the summit after second-placed Barton Town's trip to Campion was postponed. Alex Wonham gave Retford the lead, doubled by Liam Bennett before Jamie Austin grabbed a late consolation.
The Choughs move up to third, above Campion, while neighbours Retford United climb into fifth after thrashing basement side Keighley Town 8-0. Ross Duggan scored four first-half goals, Oliver Wilson added two, with Ben Ashall and Brandon Kane completing the rout. Keighley have just two points from their season so far and are sixteen adrift of safety.
Handsworth remain ninth after a 3-1 home defeat to Albion Sports, who move up to twelfth. Zackary Sangster, Talent Ndlovu and Mohammed Qasim scored for the visitors, with Sebastian Bolton replying for the Ambers, who are six points off the playoff places.
Thackley and Tadcaster Albion shared the points in a 1-1 draw. Desmond Okoro put the Brewers ahead before Lewis Sugden equalised for the hosts in the 81st minute.
There was a change of leadership in Division One as Brigg Town's seventeen-match unbeaten league run ended with a 1-0 derby defeat at Appleby Frodingham. Harry Middleton struck a late winner in a closely contested encounter.
Field Olympic took full advantage, moving top on goal difference with a 2-0 victory at Goole AFC. Danny Edwards and Kieron Batey were on target.
Wombwell Town remain third, two points off the summit, after Danny South's first-half goal secured a 1-0 home win over Ilkley Town.
Fourth-placed Armthorpe Welfare suffered a 3-1 defeat at Route One Rovers, who move into fifth. A Jacob Robinson own goal and David Bayoh's strike gave the hosts a two-goal interval lead. Liam Flanagan pulled one back before substitute Umar Ali Zahoor sealed the points.
Club Thorne Colliery climbed to sixth after coming from behind to beat LIV 3-2. Trailing 2-1, Marc Newsham and Luke Williams turned the game around in the final twenty minutes.
Wakefield AFC moved up to eighth with a 2-1 home victory over Winterton. George Birley and Miguel Cassama scored in quick succession before Lewis Walker converted a late penalty.
Crowle Colts climbed to ninth after an 8-1 demolition of Kinsley Boys. Jamal Stewart claimed a hat trick, Alezander Huntsman scored 2, while Thomas Moulds, Carlo Midwinter and Alfie Fudge also found the net.
Harry Clapham's 72nd-minute winner earned Selby Town a 2-1 victory at Athersley Recreation, while South Leeds moved off the bottom with a 1-0 home win over Harrogate Railway Athletic. James Law scored in first-half stoppage-time, leaving Leeds two points from safety.
In the midweek action, Barton Town and Retford FC shared the points in a 1-1 draw between two of the Premier Division's top three. Aaron Sennett-Neilson put the visitors ahead in first-half stoppage-time before Craig King's 89th-minute penalty rescued a point for the Swans. Barton remain second, seven points behind Dearne and two ahead of Retford.
Bottesford Town moved into fourth with a 4-1 home win over Golcar United. Clayton Bryant scored twice, with Jack Varley and Owen Vincent also on target. Rico Kilbourn replied.
Tadcaster Albion moved out of the relegation zone after Oliver Green's winner secured a 3-2 victory over Rossington Main. Lucas McKie and Henry Spooner twice put the visitors ahead, but Green and Nick Thompson restored parity before the former struck again.
In Division One, Route One Rovers strengthened their hold on fifth with a 1-0 win over Athersley Recreation, David Bayoh scoring on the half-hour. Goole moved into sixth after drawing 1-1 at Selby Town. Mackenzie Ross gave the Vikings the lead before Maximillian Bauer equalised.
Winterton Rangers beat Hemsworth Miners Welfare 4-2 through goals from Grayson Giles, Oliver Nicholson, Tyler Hamilton and Ben Vazquez. Ilkley Town also enjoyed a 3-2 away victory, Dan Clark-Coates' 78th-minute penalty securing the points at Appleby Frodingham.
In the cup, Pickering Town progressed in the North Riding Senior Cup after a 2-2 draw at NPL side Redcar Athletic, winning 3-0 on penalties. Connor Avison and Michael Coulson scored for the Pikes. Penistone Church, however, exited the Sheffield Senior Cup at the quarter final stage, losing 5-1 at home to Sheffield Wednesday's U23 team despite Matthew Lee finding the net for Church.

MATCH REPORTS

Frickley 3 Knaresborough Town 0

The Blues produced an excellent all round performance to secure a comprehensive 3-0 win over playoff chasing Knaresborough Town, with Keelan Grist bagging a superb hat trick.

The visitors had the first opportunity of the game when Evans came out of his goal to clear, but the ball fell to a Knaresborough man. His attempted lob from range, however, drifted harmlessly wide.

At the other end, a ball headed out of the Knaresborough penalty area fell invitingly for LOC, but with the ball refusing to come down, his resulting shot floated over the crossbar.

LOC then slid a pass to Marvin in the 24th minute, with the latter's shot across the face of goal going narrowly wide of the far post.

Knaresborough continued to be restricted to potshots from distance.

Then in the 31st minute, a Marvin pass released Grist, who raced clear of the visiting defence. Showing superb composure, he lifted his first touch over the advancing goalkeeper and into the net to give Les Bleus the lead.

Marvin was unfortunate not to add a second shortly afterwards but the Wezzie bobble prevented him from bringing it under control.

Knaresborough then had one of their better chances, but dragged the shot wide. HT 1-0.

Marvin took a knock around 5 minutes after the restart, and was replaced by Joe Poxon. But 8 minutes into the half and Los Azules were 2 up. Roberts delivered an inch perfect cross to the edge of the 6 yard area and it was a beautifully executed finish as Grist stooped to head into the net at the near post.

Knaresborough attempted to find a way back into the contest, with an effort that could have been either a shot or a cross sailing inches over Evans' goal in the 58th minute.

Grist put in another inviting cross in the 63rd minute, with both Dacre and LOC getting heads to the ball, but neither could direct it on target.

Williams then powered down the flank a minute later before pulling the ball back for Price, but it got trapped under his feet before he could shoot.

Knaresborough enjoyed their best spell of the afternoon at this point, striking the post in the 66th minute with a hooked volley, before putting another shot wide from 8 yards out a minute later.

Poxon and Williams combined in the 75th minute to tee up Poxon, whose shot went wide.

Poxon lifted another effort over the bar in the 78th minute, but otherwise The Blues looked destined to comfortably see out the closing stages.

However, deep into time added on, Poxon was barged over as he charged into the penalty area, and the ref pointed to the spot. Grist stepped up and confidently converted the penalty to seal the victory and score his 10th goal in his 9 games since re-signing. And, of course, Gristy completed his hat trick into the bargain, the first treble by a Frickley player at The Wezzie in a league game since April 2019. FT 3-0.

WEBMASTER MOTM – the Glitterball has to go to hat trick hero Keelan Grist. Goals of the highest quality, he defended and attacked non-stop, and his tekkers were absolute filth. Killin' it, Keelan!

VOLUNTEERS' MOTM – Keelan Grist.

264 through the gate. We thank you all for your 5 star, 24 carat, grade A support!

Parkgate 1 Frickley 1

The Blues rallied to earn a deserved point at Parkgate after an entertaining 1-1 draw under the lights. However, more clinical finishing might easily have yielded all 3 points for either side.

It was Parkgate who made the better start, taking the lead in the 11th minute. A corner was headed back into the danger area by a Frickley shirt, allowing the corner taker to collect the ball again, cut inside and find the net with his finish.

Frickley almost responded immediately. Williams squared to Price, whose shot was blocked.

Los Azules were finding their feet, and a 22nd minute scramble inside Parkgate's area saw the ball fall to Austerfield, but his shot lacked power.

3 minutes on, Poxon picked out Grist, who shot from a tight angle. The keeper was equal to it, getting down to save.

At the other end, Parkgate played a ball over the top to send an attacker through on goal. Evans was on hand to make a top save with his legs.

The game was becoming increasingly open. A bout of penalty box pinball presented Price with a shot, but his attempt was deflected narrowly wide.

Parkgate looked dangerous on the break, getting in behind the Blues defence in the 34th minute but their cross was diverted behind for a corner.

Grist then tested the keeper with a rasping drive in the 39th minute, but it was held. HT 1-0.

The second half, though, was a slightly different story. Les Bleus returned with greater purpose and were rewarded in the 54th minute. Grist did the hard work, driving into a promising position before squaring the ball to Dempsey Smith. The

MATCH REPORTS (CONT.)

defender took aim, sending his shot through a sea of legs and into the bottom corner to level it.
The Blues almost went ahead 2 minutes later. Grist's long range attempt was saved, but Poxon followed up and hit the side netting.
Parkgate had chances, with Evans dealing with an effort in the 59th minute, while Spence produced an important sliding block.
Grist delivered a dangerous cross in the 64th minute, but Awty poked the ball wide.
The Azzurri were asking plenty of questions of the home defence. Grist was sent through in the 69th minute and struck a low shot, only for the keeper to get fingertips to it to divert it around the post.
Parkgate briefly threatened at the other end, although Evans was again on hand to make a save after the hosts went clear.
Poxon then had a gilt edged chance when he got beyond his marker in the 72nd minute, but with a clear sight of goal he shot inches wide.
The Blues continued to press, with Poxon shooting wide in the 79th minute before Price delivered a cross in the 87th minute which Awty glanced narrowly past the post with his head.
In the 90th minute, Parkgate fired over from inside the Frickley area. But the final stages largely belonged to The Azzurri. In time added on, Price struck the crossbar with the keeper beaten.
More frustration was heaped on The Blues when Grist's 94th minute shot hit a defender's hand. Despite appeals, nothing was given. FT 1-1.
WEBMASTER MOTM – the Glitterball goes to Charlie Price. He drove us forward, covered every blade of grass. Cheers, Champagne Charlie!
VOLUNTEERS' MOTM – Charlie Price.
169 through the gate, Parkgate's biggest home attendance of the season, with a majority from The Concordat of SESKU. Thank you so much for coming out and supporting The Blues.

Horbury Town 4-1 Frickley

A second half collapse proved costly for a patched up Blues side at Horbury, ending in a 4-1 reverse, despite having been in contention for the first hour of this encounter in Baltic conditions.
The opening period was a closely fought affair, with neither side able to establish supremacy.
Les Blues had an early chance in the 8th minute when a corner found Dacre, whose header forced the keeper to get down to keep the ball out.
The contest subsequently developed into something of a war of attrition. Horbury sent a header over from a corner in the 25th minute before firing wide from distance a minute on, but The Blues were having the better of proceedings.
There was a moment of confusion inside the Horbury box just before the interval, but it came to nothing and we went in goalless. HT 0-0.
The second period was rather different.
Notice was served as Evans was fouled just before Horbury found the net, with the ref correctly bringing play back for the foul. And 3 minutes later, there was a scramble inside the Azzurri box, with a succession of players hacking at the ball before the danger was cleared.
Unfortunately, it was a stay of execution as Horbury got their noses in front in the 63rd minute with a flash of precision. A diagonal ball over the top caught the Azzurri defence out, allowing a home forward to get in behind before hitting a fizzing low shot that squeezed between the keeper's fingertips and the post.
Matters deteriorated further in the 68th minute when Williams attempted to bring the ball under control on the edge of the area and was dispossessed. The Horbury forward fired the ball into the net before Evans had time to react.
Evans then produced a superb save in the 76th minute to prevent Horbury from extending their lead, but the reprieve was short lived as Horbury made it 3-0 in the 79th minute. A corner was headed down in the 6 yard box before a home player prodded the ball into the net from 4 yards.
The Azzurri were facing an uphill battle, and a 4th goal followed 3 minutes on when Horbury worked the ball across the penalty area and turned it in.
To their credit, Les Bleus continued to look for something to take away from the afternoon and were rewarded in the 85th minute. Price brought the ball down with a header, allowing Austerfield to shoot. The keeper saved it, but Awty pounced on the rebound and steer the loose ball home.
Austerfield thought he had added a 2nd when he found the net from 3 yards out, but the liner's flag intervened, ruling it out for offside.
The Azzurri continued to push, with Horbury's stopper having to get down smartly to deal with a low Austerfield shot in the 87th minute. FT 4-1.
WEBMASTER MOTM – again, the Glitterball goes to Charlie Price. He was a high intensity, tenacious gladiator! Hail, Charlius Priceus!
VOLUNTEERS' MOTM - Charlie Price. Again.
149 through the gate, with lots from SESKU. We thank you for supporting The Blues on the road!



EVERYWHERE WE GO

PARKGATE & HORBURY

Two very different trips awaited the travelling Blues, with visits to Parkgate on a Tuesday evening and Horbury Town on a bitterly cold Saturday afternoon providing contrasting backdrops to a couple of tough encounters.

First up was the midweek journey to Parkgate, where the most distinctive feature is the substantial hedge running along one touchline (pictured above), perhaps giving the home side a claim to being God's own county's answer to Brechin City, otherwise known as The Hedgemen, courtesy of their equally prominent boundary.

On an evening when several games were rained off, the Roundwood pitch was looking in tip-top condition.

There was little further opportunity to admire the surroundings once the football got underway, with the two sides eventually sharing the points in a 1-1 draw. A respectable outcome for The Blues, who at least had something to show for their evening's efforts, although the number of chances we had perhaps warranted more.



The following Saturday brought a rather different experience at Horbury Town. The temperatures had dropped like a stone, and it was frozen pitches causing postponements around the region. It was a truly Baltic afternoon, hats and gloves were a must and one bright member of the Blue Faithful brought along a hand warmer that he usually keeps for early season fielding in the slips at his cricket club. Yorkshire, eh?

Whilst it wasn't warm, the Slazenger Sports Club does have an elevated setting, providing some lovely views across the surrounding countryside. As the afternoon progressed, the setting sun provided an especially attractive backdrop and an impressive display of colour (pictured below). And I liked the nod to Barcelona in the form of the 'More than a club' banners (centre picture).

Unfortunately, the football provided rather less to celebrate from a Frickley perspective. The Azzurri found were on the wrong end of a 4-1 scoreline, making the journey home considerably less enjoyable.

At least the sunset at Horbury was a winner, even if Los Azules weren't. And my submission to @non_league_sunsets was in the bag ;)



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.
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.
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 keeper who has been with Farsley Celtic U23s, Yorkshire Amateurs and Nostell MW.
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.
Charlie Price (Midfielder): Priceless is an exciting prospect who joins us after his release from Barnsley despite interest from higher up the pyramid.
Lewis O'Connor (Midfielder): LOki is a tough tackling midfielder with an eye for goal who joins us after a successful spell at Worsbrough Bridge.
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.
Stephen Williams (Defender): SWat is a defender who loves to get down the line. He joins us from Golcar after time at Worsbrough earlier this season.
Reuben Crossley (Defender/Midfielder): Signed from the academy, Crossfire is an assured young player with great potential.
Lloyd Smith (Forward): Lloydy 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.
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.
Charlie Austerfield (Midfielder): Aussie Rules is a goalscoring midfield dynamo who has been at Worsbrough, Nostell, Knaresborough and others.
Henley Walker (Forward): Hench is a tall, powerful striker signed from local football in Rotherham.
Owen Evans (Goalkeeper): Evans Almighty is a highly rated stopper who joins us from Wombwell Town after time at Worsbrough and Wakefield.
Sam Awty (Midfielder/Forward): Awtigol is another goal getter who was last at Worsbrough Bridge.He has been with Eccleshill United and Horbury Town.
Troy Lucas (Goalkeeper): The Trojan Wall is a safe pair of hands when called upon by the first team.
Joe Cooney (Midfielder): Smokin' Joe is an absolute baller who has come through our academy.
Ben King (Midfielder): Midfield dynamo Ben E is another top talent from our academy.
Charlie Parker (Forward): After starting at Harrogate Town's academy, Bird joins us from South Leeds, adding firepower to the side.
Joe Poxon (Midfielder/Forward): Signed from Albion Sports, The Justice brings attacking flair to the club. He has also been at Ossett United.
Dempsey Smith (Defender): After spending time with Worsbrough, D-Block bolsters our backline.
Jake Holdsworth (Defender): Stranglehold is a towering presence who was at the heart of Worsbrough's playoff winning defence. He was previously with Maltby Main and Wakefield AFC.
Max Skelton (Defender): Mad Max was another of Worsbrough's playoff winners. He has played 150+ games for Swallownest and was at Handsworth too.
Ben Dyer (Midfield): Zen is an attacking midfielder who joins from Hallam after time at Doncaster City.
Adam Baskerville (Forward): Hound Dog is a bagsman who joins from Goole, bringing a bucketload of experience from the likes of Dearne, Armthorpe, Hallam, Rossington and Winterton.
Lee Morris (Manager): A 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 (Assisitant Manager): Rhys was a no nonsense defender at Barnsley, Gretna, Stalybridge, Galway United, Shaw Lane and Frickley. Since then, 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. 21.11.26							
	League	Cups	Total	Sub.	Grand	Gls	c/s
			Starts	Apps.	Total		
Joel Spence	90	18	**108**	2	**110**	6	
Harry Gagen	57	13	**70**	2	**72**	1	
Lloyd Smith	59	8	**67**	3	**70**	24	
Sam Cable	27	8	**35**	24	**59**	17	
Sam Kilner	39	8	**47**	8	**55**		
Charlie Price	22	7	**29**	9	**38**	2	
Keelan Grist	18	4	**22**	4	**26**	14	
Josh Dacre	17	6	**23**	0	**23**	4	
Jayden Roberts	4	4	**8**	9	**17**	1	
Henley Walker	0	2	**2**	6	**8**	1	
Lewis O'Connor	4	1	**5**	1	**6**	2	
Owen Evans	5	0	**5**	0	**5**		2
Stephen Williams	5	0	**5**	0	**5**		
Charlie Austerfield	4	0	**4**	0	**4**		
Dempsey Smith	3	0	**3**	0	**3**	1	
Joe Poxon	2	0	**2**	1	**3**		
Jake Holdsworth	2	0	**2**	0	**2**		
Sam Awty	1	0	**1**	1	**2**	1	
Charlie Parker	0	0	**0**	2	**2**		
Harrison Marvin	1	0	**1**	0	**1**		

PREVIOUS MOST RECENT RESULTS ON THIS DATE 28TH NOVEMBER

Year	Day	H/A	Comp.	Opponents	Result	Frickley Scorers
1953	Sat	H	ML	Notts County Res.	W 3-0	Wilkinson, Barritt 2
1959	Sat	A	ML	Skegness Town	L 1-3	Sausse
1964	Sat	H	CCL	Wrexham Res.	L 1-2	Jones
1970	Sat	A	MCL	Belper Town	W 2-1	Avery, Moran
1981	Sat	H	APL	Kettering Town	W 3-2	Flanagan, Wadsworth, Gill B
1987	Sat	H	MPL	Oswestry Town	W 3-1	Brook 2, Wilkes
1989	Tue	A	NPL	Goole Town	W 2-0	Woodhead, Sidlow
1992	Sat	A	FAT3QR	Mossley	W 4-2	Hancock, Fuller 2, Ashurst
2000	Tue	H	NPLC1	Farsley Celtic	L 0-1	
2015	Sat	A	NPL	Hyde United	D 1-1	Davie

FRICKLEY AFC TOGETHER WE CAN KICK IT OUT

MACRON NCEL PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

	Up to & Inc 26.11.26	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	P
1	Dearne and District	22	15	2	5	52	26	26	47
2	Barton Town	19	12	4	3	35	13	22	40
3	Retford	20	11	5	4	38	25	13	38
4	Bottesford Town	19	11	4	4	47	19	28	37
5	Campion	21	11	3	7	40	33	7	36
6	Retford United	21	9	8	4	47	24	23	35
7	Horbury Town	21	9	5	7	33	23	10	32
8	Knaresborough Town	19	9	4	6	41	32	9	31
9	Handsworth	20	8	5	7	34	37	-3	29
10	Penistone Church	21	8	4	9	35	36	-1	28
11	Thackley	21	7	6	8	34	34	0	27
12	Albion Sports	21	8	3	10	34	37	-3	27
13	Rossington Main	19	6	7	6	32	28	4	25
14	Golcar United	20	7	4	9	37	42	-5	25
15	Frickley Athletic	20	6	4	10	32	31	1	22
16	Pickering Town	20	6	4	10	28	40	-12	22
17	Worsbrough Bridge Athletic	19	6	2	11	30	36	-6	20
18	Tadcaster Albion	21	4	8	9	21	39	-18	20
19	Parkgate	21	4	6	11	21	44	-23	18
20	Keighley Town	19	0	2	17	11	83	-72	2

MOST RECENT GAMES FRICKLEY V TADCASTER ALBION

Season	Date	Comp.	H/A	Result	Frickley Scorers
2016/17	15th November 16	LC1R	H	L 0-2	
2018/19	11th September 18	NPL1E	A	L 0-4	
	13th April 19	NPL1E	H	L 1-3	Ible
2019/20	24th August 19	FACPR	H	L 0-1	
2021/22	28th August 21	NPL1E	H	W 2-0	Wells K, Wells B
	16th April 22	NPL1E	A	L 0-2	
2023/24	1st August 23	NCELP	A	W 4-2	Smith 2, Keita, Anku
	23rd March 24	NCELP	H	D 0-0	
2024/25	13th August 24	NCELP	A	W 3-1	Guilfoyle, Varley, Spooner
	14th December 24	NCELP	H	L 0-1	
2025/26	26th August 25	NCELP	H	L 0-3	
	20th December 25	NCELP	A	D 1-1	OG
2026/27	15th August 26	NCELP	A	D 1-1	Cable

ON THIS DAY IN FOOTBALL – 28TH NOVEMBER

1955 - The first FA Cup tie under floodlights between 2 Football League sides was played. Darlington beat Carlisle United 3-1 in a 2nd replay of a 1st Round tie at Newcastle's St James' Park.
1975 - George Best made his League debut for Stockport County at Edgeley Park in a Fourth Division game against Swansea City, scoring a goal in County's 3-2 win.

MACRON NCEL DIVISION ONE TABLE

	Up to & Inc 26.11.26	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	P
1	Field Olympic	21	15	3	3	63	21	42	48
2	Brigg Town	20	15	3	2	53	14	39	48
3	Wombwell Town	21	14	4	3	50	23	27	46
4	Armthorpe Welfare	20	12	4	4	42	24	18	40
5	Route One Rovers	22	12	2	8	47	36	11	38
6	Goole	22	10	3	9	42	35	7	33
7	Club Thorne Colliery	21	9	5	7	49	39	10	32
8	Selby Town	21	8	8	5	30	23	7	32
9	Wakefield	22	10	2	10	32	34	-2	32
10	Crowle Colts	21	9	5	7	38	41	-3	32
11	LIV Supplies	21	8	6	7	45	39	6	30
12	Winterton Rangers	22	9	3	10	41	40	1	30
13	Kinsley Boys	21	9	3	9	35	50	-15	30
14	Harrogate Railway Athletic	21	8	3	10	34	42	-8	27
15	Appleby Frodingham	21	7	4	10	30	44	-14	25
16	Athersley Recreation	22	5	7	10	24	47	-23	22
17	Ilkley Town	21	5	6	10	38	44	-6	21
18	Leeds UFCA	20	5	5	10	34	37	-3	20
19	Hemsworth Miners Welfare	21	3	4	14	25	50	-25	13
20	South Leeds	21	2	5	14	26	61	-35	11
21	Immingham Town	20	2	3	15	20	54	-34	9



Frickley Athletic Football Club 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		Edjangue	Kilner	Gagen	Spence	Radley	Dacre	Roberts	Carmody	Cable	Price	**Flanagan**	Williams	Clegg	Wright	Woolford	
12.08.26	Campion FACEPRr	0-3	115		Edjangue	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	Omoruyi	Carmody	Radley	Jenkinson	Clegg	Price	Woolford	Spence	Andrew	Williams	**Roberts**	**Flanagan**	Carrigan	Gagen
09.09.26	Campion	2-3	131	19	Edjangue	Gagen	Omoruyi	Carmody	Radley	Jenkinson	**Andrew 2**	Price	Woolford	Spence	Flanagan	Clegg	Roberts	Williams		
12.09.26	FC St Helens FAV2Q	0-9	191		Edjangue	Farrelly	Jenkinson	Spence	Carmody	Gagen	Williams	Price	Cable	Andrew	Flanagan	Hughes	Clegg			
19.09.26	AFC Bentley SSC2	5-0	100		Edjangue	Gagen	Omoruyi	Spence	Jenkinson	**Dacre**	**Flanagan**	Price	**Andrew 2**	Clegg	Cable	Carmody	Roberts	**Williams**	Wright	Crossley
23.09.26	Keighley T LC2	1-1	138		Edjangue	Crossley	Gagen	Spence	Jenkinson	Dacre	**Flanagan**	Price	Clegg	Williams	Roberts	Alngohuru	Humphreys	Carmody		
	(Won 8-7 pens)																			
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	Edjangue	Kilner	Love	Spence	Radley	Dacre	**Grist 2**	Price	Cable	Evans-B	Smith L	Wright	Humphreys	Walker	Clegg	Bell
17.10.26	**Rossington M**	5-1	287	17	Edjangue	Kilner	Jenkinson	Spence	Radley	**Dacre 2**	**Grist**	Price	**Cable**	Evans-B	Smith L	**Clegg**	Humphreys	Walker	Wright	Love
20.10.26	Nostell MW SSC3	7-0	120		Edjangue	Bell	Love	Spence	**Jenkinson**	Dacre	**Grist 2**	Price	**Cable 3**	**Walker**	Clegg	Evans-B	Roberts	Sheard	Kilner	
23.10.26	Golcar United	0-2	330	17	Edjangue	Kilner	Love	Spence	Jenkinson	Dacre	Grist	Price	Cable	Evans-B	Smith L	Clegg	Walker	O'Connor	Humphreys	
31.10.26	**Pickering Town**	2-0	260	17	Evans	Williams S	Jenkinson	Spence	Radley	Dacre	**Grist**	**O'Connor**	Cable	Austerfield	Smith L	Walker	Price	Clegg	Kilner	Evans-B
03.11.26	**Dearne & Dist.**	0-1	353	17	Evans	Williams S	Jenkinson	Spence	Radley	Dacre	Grist	O'Connor	Cable	Austerfield	Smith L	Price	Gagen	Clegg	Walker	
10.11.26	**Rossington SSCQF**	3-1	182		Edjangue	Crossley	Gagen	Spence	Kilner	Dacre	Grist	Price	Walker	**O'Connor**	Roberts	Cooney	King	**Farrelly**	Lucas	
14.11.26	**Knaresborough**	3-0	264	16	Evans	Williams S	Gagen	Spence	Smith D	Dacre	**Grist 3**	Price	Marvin	O'Connor	Roberts	Poxon	Kilner	Walker		
17.11.26	Parkgate	1-1	169	15	Evans	Williams S	Gagen	Spence	**Smith D**	Holdsworth	Grist	Price	Poxon	O'Connor	Austerfield	Parker	Awty			
21.11.26	Horbury Town	1-4	149	15	Evans	Williams S	Holdsworth	Spence	Smith D	Dacre	**Awty**	Price	Poxon	Austerfield	Gagen	Parker	Farrelly	Kilner		
28.11.26	**Tadcaster Alb.**																			
01.12.26	**Retford United**																			
05.12.26	**Penistone Chu.**																			
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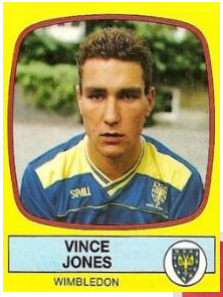
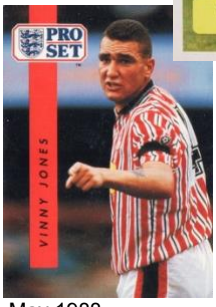
09.01.27	**Campion**																			
12.01.27	**Pickering T LC3**																			
16.01.27	Dearne & Dist.																			
23.01.27	**Parkgate**																			
30.01.27	Thackley																			
06.02.27	**Albion Sports**																			
13.02.27	**Bottesford T**																			
20.02.27	Retford United																			
27.02.27	**Worsbrough B A**																			
02.03.27	**Barton Town**																			
10.03.27	Keighley Town																			
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 ;)



It's a big one today! Back in our Alliance League days, in the mid 80s, a certain young defender/midfielder by the name of Vinnie Jones turned out for Wealdstone at The Wezzie. He obviously went on to be a Wimbledon, Leeds and Blades legend before Hollywood (probably) called.
Vincent Peter Jones was born in Watford in 1965. He began his football career relatively late, joining non-League Wealdstone in 1984, aged 19, after working as a hod carrier on building sites. He was part of the Wealdstone squad which won the Alliance Premier League and FA Trophy in 1984/85. In 1986, he had a loan spell with Swedish side IFK Holmsund, helping them win the Division 3 title.
His performances attracted the attention of Wimbledon, who paid Wealdstone £10k for his services in November 1986. He quickly established himself in the First Division, scoring in only his second appearance against Manchester United.
Jones became a leading member of manager Bobby Gould's Crazy Gang, a Wimbledon side renowned for its physicality and team spirit.



His greatest achievement came in May 1988 when Wimbledon defeated Liverpool 1-0 in the FA Cup final at Wembley, which remains one of the biggest upsets in the competition's history. Vinnie set a record for the earliest booking in an FA Cup Final After poleaxing Steve McMahon in the first 20 seconds. Standard Jones.
In June 1989, Leeds United paid Wimbledon £650k for Jones. He played a significant part in their 1989/90 Second Division championship-winning campaign, making 45 appearances in all competitions as Howard Wilkinson's side secured promotion to the First Division.
Jones moved to Sheffield United in late 1990 for £700k, reuniting with former Wimbledon manager Dave Bassett. He made 35 appearances and scored twice before joining Chelsea in 1991, before returning to Wimbledon in 1992.
His second spell at Plough Lane lasted almost 6 years. He helped the club finish sixth in the Premier League in 1993/94, their highest ever league position, and played in the 1997 FA Cup and League Cup semi finals.
Internationally, Jones qualified to represent Wales through his grandfather and made his debut in 1994. He won 9 caps between 1994 and 1997.
In March 1998, he joined QPR as player-coach. He scored on his debut against Huddersfield Town but made only 9 appearances before announcing his retirement in 1999, aged 34.



Jones dabbled with acting just before his playing career ended, making his film debut in 1998 as Big Chris in Guy Ritchie's Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels. His performance earned him the Empire Award for Best Newcomer and opened the door to one of the most unexpected post-football careers. He subsequently appeared in Snatch, Gone in 60 Seconds, Mean Machine, Swordfish and X-Men: The Last Stand. Further television and film appearances included The Cape, MacGyver and The Gentlemen.
Away from acting, Jones has undertaken television presenting and documentary work. His wife, Tanya, died in July 2019 following a long battle with cancer. He bravely spoke openly about his grief and its impact on his life.
Despite his fearsome image and playing style, his dedication to the cause made him a cult hero at every club he played for.
And Frickley played its part in Vinnie's rise. Tales are still told of Barry Gill and Graham Reed strong arming him and giving him the runaround. We toughened him up. You're welcome.

AWAYDAYS

Next up – Retford FC

Retford Fact: England and Nottinghamshire cricket Derek Randall, fondly nicknamed Arkle for his running style, was born in Retford.

When : Tuesday 12th December 2026.

Kick off : 15:00

Where : Green Bros Rail Stadium, Babworth Road, Retford, DN22 7NJ.

How much : Adults £6, Concessions £4, U16s £1, Dogs allowed on a lead.

Then – Handsworth

Handsworth Fact: Sharpe, Lord of the Rings and Game of Thrones actor, Sean Bean, grew up and went to school in Handsworth.

When : Saturday 2nd January 2027.

Kick off : 15:00

Where : Express Worktops Stadium, Oliver's Mount, Sheffield, S9 4PA.

How much : Adults £6, Concessions £4, U16s Free, Dogs allowed on a lead.

Ian Clarkson frequently runs a supporters' bus to the more distant away games provided there is enough support to make it worthwhile. Departure is usually from North Elmsall and cost varies with distance. Details will be posted on the club's usual social media channels, or you can contact Ian on 07790 569075. Alternatively, if anyone is travelling to an away game by car and is willing to offer car share places, or is looking to travel to an away game but hasn't got transport, please email **media@frickleyathletic.co.uk** with your contact details.

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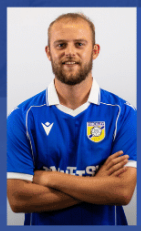

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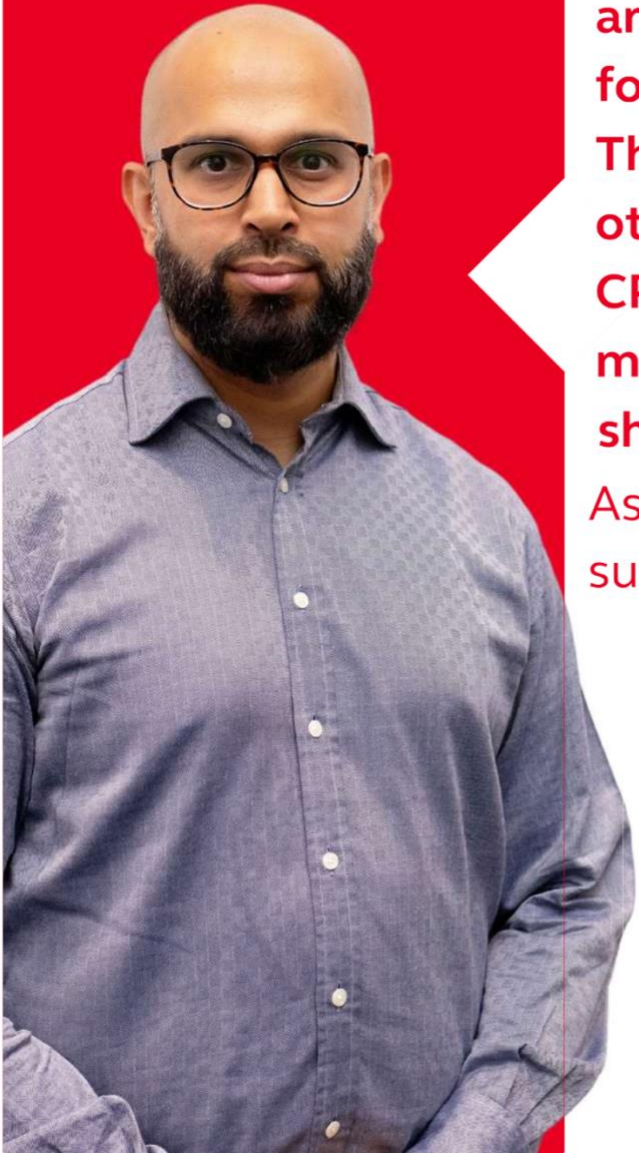

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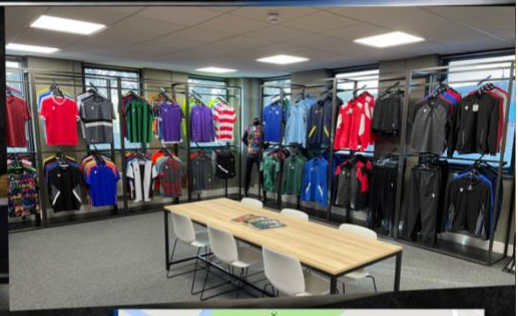

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