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# STEVE'S SAY

## MANAGER STEVE BODLE GIVES HIS THOUGHTS ON RECENT EVENTS

Good afternoon and welcome to the Fast Frame, the home of Ollerton Town Football Club, for today's NCEL fixture against North Ferriby.

Firstly, I'd like to welcome all those associated with North Ferriby to Ollerton, I hope you had a pleasant trip down and I hope you enjoy the day.

Today's game comes on the back of a postponement on Saturday. The lads were excited about getting back to playing after the positive performance against Carlton Town in the cup game in midweek, a game we should have won, we dominated the game and you would have thought we were the step 4 side. That being said a few errors and some fantastic finishing saw us getting beaten. You can't kid the players though and they are aware of what's needed to get us back firing again and a win against Ferriby, who for me are the best overall footballing team in the league, will be a fantastic way to build that momentum that's needed heading into a busy March!

North Ferriby does bring back fond memories, I played there numerous times in my twenties and always did well and then our first game this season against them really was a day to treasure. People from Ferriby reading this will be maybe amused or shocked by that statement however, the game was about our squad of lads listening and sticking to a game plan, working for others and not themselves and those are days I remember more than the big wins, total teamwork! We drew that game from a deflected shot from Parto but it was what we

deserved, for me we should have been in front at half time but for a lack of composure in front of goal we weren't.

They are a huge club who are probably feeling that weight on their shoulders. There's an expectation they have to win and to win the right way, that's the issue Hallam, don't care! Backs to wall, long balls, flowing football, toughness etc and that's why Hallam will win the league in my opinion because Craig knows and cares only about 3 points; no points for style. I'm sure North Ferriby will give them a fight though and today we have to be ready, because this will be as tough a game as it gets.

Some new player news, Luke Francis has joined us from Worsbrough. Luke is a top player, and his signing is somewhat of a sign we are heading in the right direction and becoming a well thought of club, he will hopefully make his debut today and I can't wait to see him on the pitch for us. Thanks to Lee for getting this one over the line, he never stops and fair play to him, I've a good team supporting.

Well I hope you all enjoy the game, the lads will give their all and you just know we have the capability to beat anyone, let's hope that's the case today!

Please reach out to me if you'd like to be involved next year as a player, commercially or on the committee. We need to keep progressing and we are always looking to add more to the club. Please, if you think you could help, then just say.

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Ollerton has a long history of football going back to the late 1800s. One of its best periods was immediately before the Second World War when Ollerton Colliery won the Notts Senior Cup in 1937/38 and its reserve team won the Notts Intermediate Cup the year previous.

Ollerton Colliery ceased as a football club in the early 1980s but was reformed in 1988 as Ollerton and Bevercotes Miners Welfare and began life in the Mansfield Bitter League before progressing to the Notts Football Alliance in 1991. The club won the Nottinghamshire Football Alliance Division Two championship in 1992–93, gaining promotion to Division One under the management of Adge Owen and David Kent.



Following the closure of the colliery in 1994, the club changed its name to Ollerton Town F.C. In the same year, Ollerton were champions of Division One in 1995–96 and were promoted to the top division of the Notts Alliance.

After finishing runners-up in 1999–2000, the club was promoted to the Central Midlands League and entered the English Football Pyramid.



In the 2007–08 season, Ollerton, under the management of Don Gethfield, David Kent and Anthony Thompson, the club won the Central Midlands Premier Division, earning promotion to the Supreme Division. That season they also reached the Nottinghamshire Senior Cup final where they were beaten 2–0 by Eastwood Town. In 2008–09, the club took part in the FA Vase for the very first time, getting to the second round proper in 2009–10..



After the resignation of Don Gethfield back in 2011, and a brief stint under Paul Rawden, the club appointed Dave Winter and Stephen Bodle as first team managers. The pair guided the club to a 7th placed finish and the Central Midlands Floodlit Cup final in their first season.

For the 2011–12 season, the club was placed in the Central Midlands North Division following a league restructure.

Ollerton spent a few seasons in the middle echelons of the league before in the 2015–16 season, with former-captain Jamie Allan now also on board as first team coach, the club secured promotion to the Northern Counties East League after finishing runners-up in the Central Midlands North. The club battled against the odds to secure their survival over the next three years and recorded some memorable results against some very big teams.



In 2020, after the season came to a premature end due to the COVID-19 outbreak Ollerton were moved laterally to the East Midlands Counties League but the season only lasted 12 league games before it once again fell victim to the pandemic and national lockdowns.

This summer, Ollerton returned to the NCEL as part of the restructuring of the non-league system and after almost a decade in charge, Dave Winter stepped down as manager, being replaced by his long-serving assistant Steve Bodle.



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CAPTAIN'S



COMMENT

Afternoon folks,

It feels like it's been a fairly quiet few weeks but our last game against Carlton certainly had plenty of positives that can hopefully give us a boost going into today's game against one of the bigger teams. I thought we kept the ball really well the other night and that will be important today to counter-act the fact Ferriby will be looking to control possession themselves.

I think Jacques has been doing really well up front recently but we haven't really had that obvious second striker so it will be great for him to get Luke Francis involved as we look to get our goal return going again.

Looking back to our last game against Ferriby, I think it can certainly be described as a "smash and grab" so I expect that will be some added motivation for our opponents today but if the lads can bring the levels they did against Carlton, then bring it on and let's see what happens.

I also remember turning up at Ferriby that day and the sprinklers being on. It might be a tad different in sunny old Ollerton today...

Hopefully the weather is a tad kinder than against Carlton.

Enjoy the game.

Up the Town!

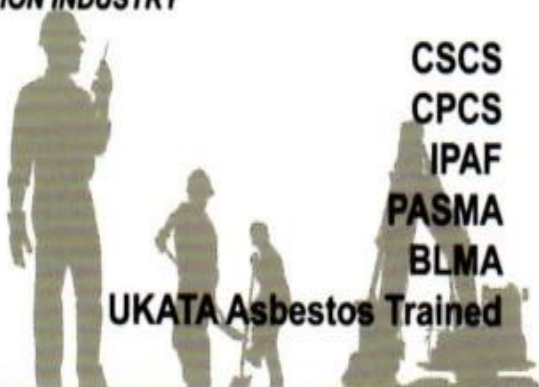
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# A GAB WITH GIBBO

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Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the NCEL Division One games against North Ferriby. We welcome our guests today, especially the Ferriby supporters who will no doubt make their voices heard. We hope you all have a safe journey home.

The club would like to thank Key Builders and in particular, Mr Mark Challands, who donated and delivered one tonne of tarmac chippings which were used to make the entrance to the ground a little bit more car friendly. Ideally it wants digging up and

resurfacing but this will depend on club funds and volunteers.

I was impressed with our performance against Northern Premier League side Carlton Town and would like to thank everyone who braved the weather to support the team. The lads did well in a lot of areas and were unlucky to end the game on the wrong end of a 3-2 score line.

Anyway, back to this afternoon's game, The Villagers are having a splendid season and we are expecting a difficult game against a well organised side and one of the best in the division. Please get behind the lads like you always do.

There are teams in this league with substantial budgets and I have no problem with that. In fact, no one at Ollerton Town thinks that there should be some sort of level playing field. The simple fact is that some clubs get higher attendances, can do better commercial deals or have a general appeal that can generate more income. Those clubs should be able to spend those extra funds on footballing ambition. That means that some clubs will always have more income and thereby greater spending power than others.

As a club we are confident that we can continue to punch above our weight and certainly in this game, we shall be carrying the underdog tag but that is fine because we are happy competing in the Ollerton way.

Thanks for your support and enjoy the game.

Up the Town!

GIBBO.





# LEAGUE NEWS

Bad weather led to the postponement of all but four matches involving Toolstation NCEL sides in the past week but one saw Grimsby Borough extend their lead at the top of the Premier Division.

The Wilderness Boys were 3-0 winners at Staveley Miners Welfare in one of only two games to be played on Saturday to stretch their advantage over second placed Eccleshill United to nine points.

Jordan Barnett gave Borough a second minute lead at Inkersall Road before Lewis Bemrose doubled their advantage in first half stoppage time and then grabbed his second with a quarter-of-an-hour remaining to complete the victory.

Although they stay fourth, Sherwood Colliery closed the gap to the top two to seven points as they won 3-1 at Handsworth.

An own goal from Anthony Mackie was the breakthrough on thirteen minutes for the visitors but Leon Howarth quickly restored parity before William Norcross grabbed Colliery's second prior to the interval.

Lewis Weaver put the game beyond doubt for Wayne Savage's side in second half stoppage time.

All the remaining Premier Division matches and the entire Division One schedule was wiped out due to heavy rain and snow, in some cases just an hour or two before kick-off.

It was also a frustrating midweek as Rossington Main's home clash with Selby Town became the only Division One game to take place.

And, honours were even as the two play-off hopefuls played out a 1-1 draw on Tuesday night, Gregory Young's own goal putting the visitors ahead on 35 minutes with Tyla Bell's equaliser coming midway through the second period.

A point apiece means Main stay in fifth, keeping Selby just outside the play-off zone in sixth on goal difference.

Meanwhile, on Wednesday night, a second half comeback from Ollerton Town almost saw them cause an upset in the Quarter-Finals of the Notts Senior Cup.

Their visitors, Pitching In Northern Premier League side Carlton Town, took an early two goal lead but Jacques Etia and Sean Dickinson pounced in quick succession to bring it back to 2-2 at the start of the second period.

But, Carlton snatched a winner eleven minutes from time to go through with a 3-2 victory.

	Team	Played	Points
1	Hallam	30	72
2	North Ferriby	30	69
3	Brigg Town	30	68
4	Harrogate Railway	31	63
5	Rossington Main	30	56
6	Selby Town	30	56
7	Retford	29	55
8	Parkgate	29	45
9	Armthorpe Welfare	30	44
10	Worsbrough Bridge	29	44
11	Nostell MW	30	43
12	Hall Road Rangers	30	42
13	Ollerton Town	29	39
14	Glasshoughton Welf	30	35
15	Dronfield Town	29	32
16	Shirebrook Town	29	30
17	Rainworth MW	28	23
18	Clipstone	30	22
19	Swallownest	29	20
20	Humber United	28	16
21	Tiversal	30	6

## Today's Fixtures:

Dronfield Town v Clipstone

Humber United v Rossington Main

Glasshoughton Welfare v Hallam

Hall Road Rangers v Brigg Town

Harrogate Railway v Shirebrook Town

Ollerton Town v North Ferriby

Parkgate v Tiversal

Retford v Rainworth MW

Swallownest v Nostell MW

Worsbrough Bridge v Armthorpe Welfare

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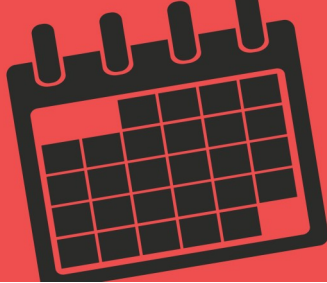


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- 31/07/2021:** (A) L 4-2 Rossington Main | Owen, Moody, Green, Stretton, Slack, Madin, Price, Geeves, Agar, King, Atkinson  
**07/08:** (H) L 2-1 Brigg Town | Owen, Moody, Shaw, Stretton, Slack, Madin, Lumley, Geeves, King, Dungworth, Green  
**10/08:** (A) W 4-1 Glasshoughton W (**NCEL Cup**) | Owen, Geeves, Shaw, Stretton, Slack, Madin, Lumley, Turner, Foulds, Green  
**14/08:** (A) L 3-1 Hall Road Rangers | Owen, Moody, Martin, Stretton, Dalmedo, Madin, Lumley, Turner, Foulds, Littlejohn, Geeves  
**18/08:** (H) D 3-3 FC Humber United | Owen, Slack, Dalmedo, Bamforth, Shaw, Madin, Lumley, Turner, Foulds, King, Geeves  
**21/08:** (A) L 2-0 Retford FC | Owen, Geeves, Cooper, Turner, Slack, Shaw, Lumley, Grady, Foulds, Agar, King  
**28/08:** (A) W 2-1 Swallownest | Owen, Geeves, Cooper, Stretton, Smart, Shaw, Lumley, Dalmedo, King, Grady, Partridge
- 01/09:** (H) W 1-0 Parkgate | Owen, Smart, Shaw, Stretton, Slack, Madin, Lumley, Geeves, King, Grady, Partridge  
**04/09:** (A) L 2-1 Dronfield Town | Owen, Smart, Cooper, Stretton, Shaw, Madin, Lumley, Geeves, King, Grady, Partridge  
**11/09:** (H) L 3-1 Harrogate Railway | Owen, Slack, Cooper, Turner, Smart, Shaw, Lumley, Grady, King, Etia, Partridge  
**18/09:** (H) W 2-0 Worsbrough Bridge | Owen, Geeves, Shaw, Stretton, Madin, Slack, Partridge, Turner, King, Grady, Green  
**21/09:** (A) W 2-0 Glasshoughton Welfare | Owen, Geeves, Holland, Turner, Slack, Madin, Partridge, Lumley, Etia, Grady, Green  
**25/09:** (H) W 4-0 Teversal | Owen, Geeves, Slack, Holland, Shaw, Madin, Partridge, Lumley, Etia, Grady, Green
- 02/10:** (H) W 4-3 Selby Town | Owen, Geeves, Slack, Stretton, Shaw, Madin, Partridge, Holland, Etia, Grady, Green  
**09/10:** (A) D 1-1 North Ferriby | Owen, Geeves, Slack, Stretton, Shaw, Holland, Partridge, Turner, King, Lumley, Etia  
**12/10:** (A) W 1-0 Retford FC (**Notts Cup**) | Owen, Geeves, Slack, Stretton, Shaw, Holland, Partridge, Turner, King, Lumley, Green  
**23/10:** (A) L 6-0 Armthorpe Welfare | Owen, Geeves, Esmaily, Martin, Smart, Murr, Partridge, Lumley, King, Grady, Green  
**30/10:** (H) W 4-0 Clipstone | Owen, Geeves, Murr, Turner, Shaw, Madin, Lumley, Green, King, Grady, Atkinson
- 03/11:** (H) L 3-1 Penistone Church (**NCEL Cup**) | Owen, Geeves, Slack, Stretton, Shaw, Madin, Partridge, Lumley, King, Holland, Green  
**06/11:** (A) W 5-0 Teversal | Owen, Geeves, Slack, Stretton, Martin, Higginson, Partridge, Lumley, King, Grady, Green  
**13/11:** (H) D 1-1 Nostell Miners Welfare | Owen, Geeves, Slack, Stretton, Madin, Murr, Partridge, Lumley, King, Grady, Green  
**20/11:** (A) D 1-1 Shirebrook Town | Owen, Geeves, Slack, Stretton, Shaw, Madin, Partridge, Lumley, King, Grady, Etia  
**23/11:** (A) W 3-0 Clipstone (**Notts Cup**) | Owen, Geeves, Holland, Stretton, Shaw, Turner, Partridge, Lumley, King, Grady, Dickinson  
**27/11:** (H) D 1-1 Rainworth MW | Owen, Geeves, Martin, Stretton, Shaw, Madin, Partridge, Lumley, King, Turner, Dickinson
- 01/12:** (H) L 4-0 Hallam | Owen, Geeves, Holland, Stretton, Shaw, Madin, Partridge, Lumley, King, Turner, Etia  
**04/12:** (A) W 2-1 Brigg Town | Owen, Geeves, Slack, Stretton, Martin, Green, Partridge, Lumley, Atkinson, Bayne, Etia  
**11/12:** (H) W 4-2 Rossington Main | Owen, Geeves, Slack, Stretton, Shaw, Green, Partridge, Lumley, King, Grady, Squires
- 03/01/2022:** (A) L 3-0 Harrogate Railway | Owen, Geeves, Slack, Stretton, Shaw, Green, Partridge, Lumley, Turner, Grady, Murr  
**08/01:** (H) D 1-1 Swallownest | Owen, Squires, Slack, Stretton, Shaw, Turner, Green, Lumley, Etia, Grady, Murr  
**15/01:** (A) L 3-1 Parkgate | Owen, Geeves, Slack, Stretton, Turner, Murr, Green, Lumley, Etia, Grady, Squires  
**22/01:** (H) D 1-1 Dronfield Town | Owen, Geeves, Slack, Stretton, Turner, Murr, Etia, Lumley, King, Grady, Green  
**29/01:** (A) D 2-2 Worsbrough Bridge | Coombs, Geeves, Slack, Stretton, Turner, Madin, Foster, Lumley, Etia, Grady, Green
- 05/02:** (H) D 0-0 Glasshoughton Welfare | Coombs, Geeves, Slack, Stretton, Shaw, Turner, Foster, Lumley, Etia, Grady, Squires  
**16/02:** (H) L 3-2 Carlton Town (**Notts Cup**) | Coombs, Geeves, Slack, Stretton, Shaw, Squires, Green, Dickinson, Etia, Grady, Murr  
**26/02:** (H) v North Ferriby
- 01/03:** (A) v Hallam  
**05/03:** (H) v Armthorpe  
**09/03:** (H) v Retford FC  
**12/03:** (A) v Clipstone  
**16/03:** (H) v Hall Road Rangers  
**22/03:** (A) v Selby Town  
**26/03:** (A) v Nostell Miners Welfare  
**29/03:** (A) v Humber United
- 02/04:** (H) v Shirebrook Town  
**09/04:** (A) v Rainworth Miners Welfare

# PLAYER STATISTICS



Name	Position	S	SO	CS	G
Levi Owen	Goalkeeper	31	0	8	0
Marcus Coombs	Goalkeeper	3	0	1	0
Tom Moody	Defence	3	1	0	0
Josh Madin	Defence	18	3	6	0
George Slack	Defence	25	0	7	5
Sam Geeves	Defence	30	2	9	1
Brandon Shaw	Defence	23	1	7	0
Lewis Dalmedo	Defence	3	0	0	1
Liam Smart	Defence	5	1	1	0
Ash Cooper	Defence	4	0	0	0
Jake Squires	Defence	5	2	1	0
Sam Stretton	Midfield	27	2	6	1
Harry Holland	Midfield	8	2	5	1
Lewis Murr	Midfield	8	0	1	0
Ollie Grady	Midfield	22	0	8	6
Sam Martin	Midfield	5	11	4	0
Joe Turner	Midfield	19	2	6	1
Joe Lumley	Midfield	30	2	8	3
Joe Bayne	Midfield	1	6	3	2
Jason Foster	Midfield	2	1	1	0
Sean Dickinson	Midfield	3	2	1	1
Callum Littlejohn	Attack	1	5	1	1
Connor Green	Attack	20	3	7	0
Callam Atkinson	Attack	3	8	3	2
Gav King	Attack	22	2	7	17
Sam Foulds	Attack	4	0	0	3
Ben Partridge	Attack	21	0	6	7
Conor Higginson	Attack	2	1	1	1
Jacques Etia	Attack	14	4	4	6

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# The Kent Comment

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to NG22 for this afternoon's league fixture against North Ferriby.

We all know today is going to be another tough game, Ferriby's form this season and their position in the league table tells us that, but it has been against the top sides in the league where we have shined this season so fingers crossed we can get something today.

We of course got a draw away at Ferriby earlier in the season thanks to Ben Partridge's late goal which I have to say has been one of the moments of the season so far. There were some very upset Ferriby fans that day and I'm sure those who have made the long journey today will be hoping they're in a much happier mood at the end of today's game.

There has been a bit of needle between the two sides since we've been in the same division, not only at the game earlier in the season but also from a game a few years ago when our floodlights failed and some comments online about our ground. That's what football is all about for me, it would be boring if we all got along. As long as you're respectful, a bit of bickering never did anyone any harm. We can get too hung up on pretending we all get along swimmingly.

The end of the season is hurtling towards us as we head into a very busy March before two local derbies in early April see us out. It's been a weird season for sure, pre-New Year we were excellent and looking upwards to see how high we could finish. However, our form since then hasn't been great and we need to try and get back on track soon to try and make the most of the games we've got left.

To get anything from today's game, we'll need to show the desire we showed against Carlton Town the other week. I thought we were desperately unlucky to lose that game and second half especially, you'd struggle to believe they were a few leagues above us.

Let's hope we can upset the odds today and get our first win of 2022.

Up the Town!

**KENTY x**



# MATCH ACTION!

## OLLERTON TOWN 2-3 CARLTON TOWN

1. Marcus Coombs
2. Sam Geeves
3. George Slack **OFF1**
4. Sam Stretton ©
5. Brandon Shaw
6. Jake Squires
7. Conor Green
8. Sean Dickinson **1**
9. Jacques Etia **1**
10. Ollie Grady
11. Lewis Murr **OFF2**
12. Tom Moody **ON1**
14. Josh Madin **ON2**

Ollerton Town may have thought they were in for a long evening when they went two goals down early on against Northern Premier League Midlands side Carlton Town, in Wednesday's Notts Senior Cup quarter final.

However, those early goals were harsh on Steve Bodle's men and they didn't let their heads drop, going on to have the better of the game and fighting back to 2-2 in the second half, only for Carlton to score a late and undeserved winner with around ten minutes to go.

It was a surprise to many that the game was even on, the Walesby Lane pitch holding up well to the recent heavy rain, and though it was dry for kick off, there was an extremely strong wind blowing across NG22 which had a big impact on the game, affecting both sides.

Ollerton were never expected to get anything from the game given Carlton's quality but they did the club proud and though the results in 2022 haven't been as good as they would have liked, the performance on Wednesday should give them confidence that the win's will come sooner rather than later.

The first half-chance of the game arrived in the 7th minute when George Slack headed a corner straight at goalkeeper Jake Frestle.

Moments later, Nat Watson attempted to lob Ollerton stopper Marcus Coombs from distance but his effort dropped just wide of the target, with Watson seemingly finding his range ahead of what would be the game's opening goal. Ollerton had enjoyed some good early possession, moving the ball well, and one such move saw the ball worked back to Coombs inside the 9th minute. His miskick could have gone anywhere



but unfortunately it landed straight at the feet of Watson who sent the ball back over Coombs and into the back of the empty net from 25 yards.

Within two minutes, Ollerton were two-nil down. Carlton were awarded a free-kick just outside the area and Watson stepped up to send the ball over the wall and past Coombs to seemingly put the visitors well in control of the game.

If the pressure wasn't off Ollerton before the game, it certainly was now and they kept trying to play their game and work a way back into the contest.

A series of corners around the 25 minute mark saw some good pressure on the Carlton back line but they were able to stay firm and clear the danger.

Ollerton's best chances of the first half arrived in the 35th minute. A ball to the near post found Conor Green who saw his first-time shot saved well by Frestle. Carlton were unable to clear the danger and Sam Geeves was on hand to win the ball back, feeding Green once again who this time lifted his shot over the bar.

The second half started strongly for Ollerton and they should have got a goal back early on.

Within the first minute of the restart, Geeves picked up a loose ball in the area and sent a dipping shot over the bar.

In the 50th minute, Ollerton had a brilliant chance to halve the deficit as Green was played down the left hand side of the area but he skewed a shot just wide of the post.

There was only one team in it and in the 52nd minute, Jake Squires' long range free kick was blocked on it's way through to goal.

After being on the receiving end of two quick-fire goals in the first half, Ollerton then went on to inflict the same sucker punch on Carlton to turn the game on it's head.

The first goal came when Jacques Etia picked up a knock down inside the area before running towards the byline and smashing a terrific shot past Frestle and into the roof of the net.

One minute and 44 seconds later, Ollerton had their second. Squires' long throw was only cleared as far as Sean Dickinson 16 yards out and he took a touch before spinning and finishing into the bottom corner.

Carlton were struggling to deal with their hosts and the game only looked to be going one way. In turn, the Nottingham-based side had a period of trying to break the game up and slow down Ollerton's momentum, allowing them to regain a foothold in the game.

The goal mouth action did slow down as a result but with just over ten minutes remaining, it heated up once again. Firstly, Ollerton won the ball after Carlton tried to play out from the back and it was worked to Ollie Grady who sent a shot over the bar.

Then, the winning goal arrived. A through ball from midfield put Aaron O'Connor in down the left and he evaded defender Tom Moody before firing across goal, past Coombs, and into the corner of the net.

It was a cruel blow for Ollerton who now had to find the motivation to go again. With a few minutes remaining, Etia was challenged on the edge of the box with the ball running through for Green. He went down under pressure, claiming the Carlton defender had sent the ball out for a corner, but the referee disagreed and waved away any appeals for a penalty from the Ollerton supporters.

In the end, there was to be no more Ollerton heroics and it was Carlton who progressed to the semi-final. None of the 115 in attendance could honestly say that Ollerton deserved to lose the game but they will be encouraged by their performance as they enter the run-in towards the end of the season..



# NORTH FERRIBY

Although there's evidence that football had been played within the village since the turn of the century, it's not until after the great war we can establish for certain that North Ferriby Football Club had been formed.

Sadly, there's no record of how the club started, most likely an informal meeting of like-minded gents in a smoke-filled corner of the local pub. The first published record is of participation in the East Riding Intermediate Cup on November 6, 1919. A further Hull Daily Mail report in January 1920 revealed North Ferriby had played consecutive fixtures on Christmas Day (won 8-2), Boxing Day (won 3-2) and December 27 (won 2-0).

An auspicious start for the club and perhaps a precedent for future success, although one doubts that teams nowadays would, or even could play three in three. One of the earliest successes was in reaching the final of the South Howdenshire Cup in 1921 against Howden.

The game was played at Howden in front of a crowd of 1,500, an "unprecedented assemblage including a large number of Ferriby supporters" according to the HDM, who further reported that each set of fans were "gaily bedecked with their club's colors". Unfortunately, Harry Thomas, the Ferriby captain, had to be satisfied with a runners-up medal as the team eventually went down 2-1 having finished the game with just ten men following the loss of scorer Arthur Kirby through injury at half time. No substitutes in those days.

On April 28, 1923 North Ferriby hosted the final of the South Howdenshire Cup between Melton and Willerby. One can start to imagine the immense pride of the clubs committee and volunteers as they busily prepared their pitch on the outskirts of the village.

Fast forward to January 2020 and Ferriby stalwarts are again filled with pride as news was broken their Dransfield Stadium has been nominated to host an England U18 International against Scotland on Thursday, April 9.

Who would have thought that might be possible for a tiny village back in the day.

No one's certain what happened to North Ferriby FC during the early 1930's, but in 1934 the second element of this incredible trilogy began with the formation of North Ferriby United, a village club extraordinaire.

In their very first season, NFU were runners up in the East Riding Church League Division One, but also went on to win the League Cup in that inaugural season. Astonishingly, by the time of its

demise in March 2019, NFU had achieved no less than 64 major honors, including eight promotions and appearances in both National Stadiums.

The first Wembley visit was in the 1997 FA Vase Final when the team went down to a strong Whitby Town side in the shadow of those famous white towers, but that disappointment was put firmly behind supporters when in 2015 North Ferriby completed the giant killing of giant killings by overcoming "full time" Wrexham in the final of the FA Trophy beneath the iconic arc of the new Wembley Stadium.

Between 1934 and 1954 football was played on several sites within the village. Humber Road, Corby Park and Pickerings Field are all listed locations. Significantly, in 1954 Sir Arthur Atkinson stated at the opening ceremony that it was very rare for a Village to have "such splendid facilities". The clubs then committee and volunteers had acquired unwanted bricks from a disused building and constructed in their own time and at their own expense a brick pavilion. So good was the quality of construction, the building is still in situ and used by the cricket club today. But the urge to progress was like a baton being passed on and on and by 1969 the need to move again had been determined after club officials decided the best way forward lay within the wider bigger world of the then Yorkshire League. To meet requirements, a new pitch was needed and so eyes turned to a veritable wilderness that lay between the playing field and the railway. An area of land originally designated for allotments after the Second World War, but subsequently laid unused.

The local Parish Council were approached and the outcome was the granting of a lease, the proceeds of which would support the Parish's obligations for maintenance of the playing fields. A win-win all round and an enduring arrangement still in existence today, albeit at a significantly higher contributory level from the football club.

The jungle was levelled, the access track (now Grange Lane) was improved, a car park dug-out and covered. Two condemned pre-fabs were acquired from Beverley Borough Council and daily sweepings of cement were taken from Earls Cement. Finally, posts and rails were bought for £40 from Hull Brunswick and the foundations



of the now Dransfield Stadium had begun. Unfortunately, the club couldn't afford to connect drains to the main sewer that lay 400 meters away under Church Road, so a cesspit was dug inside the ground under the entrance car park. When the day came for the big opening a large crowd gathered to witness arrival of the first Tetley delivery. The dray wagon swept majestically into the ground and immediately collapsed into the cesspit where it remained for several days until a JCB eventually pulled it out. It has been said many times, there's an easy way, a hard way and then the Ferriby way. Following a progressive building programme lasting over 20 years between 1994 and 2014, all necessary to keep pace with ground requirements associated to progress on the pitch, the now Dransfield Stadium has developed beyond comprehension to those early days. But not before the third and final part of this trilogy would emerge.

In March 2019 the unthinkable happened. After a three year decline in fortunes, two relegations and irresponsible financial management, North Ferriby United was wound up in the Hull courts. Gone forever. Or so was thought. On 1 April 2019, yes April Fools Day, North Ferriby Football Club rose from the ashes like a phoenix. Within six short months 18 teams had been formed. Men, women and nearly 200 children all brought together to once again ensure the great Ferriby tradition continues.

Jordan Douglas (GK)	Jackson Jowett
Lewis Exall (GK)	Josh Whiteley
Liam Nelthorpe	Rich Medcalf
Levi Tarbotton	Adam Bolder
Niall Tilsley	Oli Donald
Iwan Heeley	
Louis Kirk	<b><u>Manager:</u></b>
Danny Buttle	Chris Bolder
Jamie Forrester	
Danny East	<b><u>Assistant:</u></b>
Tom Corner	Paul Robson
Danny Emerton	
Ben Leyland	
Joel Shortland	
Eddie Rogerson	
Danny Clarke	
Jason Mycoe	
Matt Plummer	
Harry Fenton	
Rinalds Jurkitis	
Oliver Kemp	

### Club info

Established	2019-
Years in NCEL	2019-
Home Colours	White & Green
Away Colours	Jade

# A FAN'S VIEW

## BY RILEY SOMERVILLE



Hello to everyone reading today's match day programme.

As a North Ferriby fan I've been asked to provide an opinion on our season so far. Overall, this season has been almost entirely positive as we sit comfortably in the playoff positions in second place, only three points behind Hallam who occupy top spot.

It was frustrating to miss out on promotion last season on the smallest of PPG margins, but you have to move on and I think Chris Bolder and the squad have done that well. The additions we've made to the team have added some firepower to add to our stellar defensive record.

Josh Whiteley is the man to look out for, a forward who astounds me with the pace he's able to reach.

He really complements our top-scorer Danny East and when you're competing with free-scoring teams like Hallam and Brigg, you need all the goals you can get.

At one point we were seven points clear at the top and 21 unbeaten and we looked like we could really push on to secure the title.

Our rough form over Christmas though has made the league more competitive than we want it to be.

However, for the neutral we have an exciting title race on our hands and who doesn't want that?

When we met Ollerton at the Dransfield Stadium earlier in the season we had a red card for our club captain Niall Tilsley and a last minute deflected goal for the away side.

We'll be hoping for all three points this time, but anyone can beat anyone in this league.

Let's hope we don't curse your floodlights again...

Riley







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# Who is “Sideburn Bob”?

You probably will not recognise the name but if you have attended football matches over the last 40 years you will have probably seen him on many programmes across the country. These days editors have sophisticated publishing software to produce their programmes, but in the past there were far fewer options to produce your publications. Many editors turned to clip art images which were somewhat limited but often Bob was the star. He appeared in a countless number of clubs, usually accompanied by his longstanding opponent Dependable Dave. Sometimes Bob was on his own, but he has always sported his sideburns.

It's not exactly known where, or when Bob first appeared or who drew him, the author of many Non-League Publications Tony Williams wrote that He had spotted Bob in a 50's Football Magazine. Just like the Loch Ness Monster there were no more reports of Bob for many years until he was seen in 1974 advert for Derby County's "Ramtique".

Bob then turned up on 100s of programmes including Kilmarnock in 1976, although primarily gracing British Non-League issues, He has been seen across the world. It has been suggested that Bob was modelled on Malcolm MacDonald and that Dave resembles Likely Lads actor Rodney Bewes. This however can be discounted if Bob was first drawn in the 1950's. Bob was prolific during the 1980s and 90s, turning out in black and white and numerous colour football strips, having had more clubs than Jack Nicklaus and a longer career than Melchester Rovers' Roy Race.



After trending on Twitter in late 2017 amongst ground hoppers the weekend of 13/14th January 2018 was nominated as "Sideburn Bob Weekend". Many Non-League Clubs featured him on their matchday programme, He was seen at clubs such as Brixham, Sholing, Knaphill, Clay Cross Town, Prestwich Heys, and Borrowash Victoria. Bob is still regularly turning out for Bedfont & Feltham FC and at Portland United. Clay Cross Town's game that weekend was postponed but such was the interest the club mailed the programme out to collectors who sent an SAE (Yes – I have one!)

Although you may not have remembered seeing Sideburn Bob before today's match, I'll guess you'll spot Him and Dave a lot more in the future.

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