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STEVE'S SAY

MANAGER STEVE BODLE GIVES HIS
THOUGHTS ON RECENT EVENTS



Good afternoon and welcome to the Fast Frame for our NCEL fixture against Glasshoughton Welfare.

Today's game looks a meaningless fixture on paper. We are both settled in the league and current form shows we probably aren't in the play offs mix but that couldn't be more wrong for us.

We have been very hit and miss recently, playing good football but then not being good enough in both boxes. The void left by Gav and Ben has impacted us and then having key pillars from the defence missing means we have been scratching around in two key areas.

I have been sounding out new players but it's tough, a lot of money or "expenses" are being made available across the league and league below and to make a splash means spending big and we aren't at that level just yet.. I shall keep plugging away though so watch this space!

I'm sure today's game will be a difficult one but if honest it is one I feel we should be winning. We have a few players back and a good training session led by Lee and Wednesday should have us ready to roll.. Glasshoughton will cause us problems no doubt so we have to be ready and have good

levels of concentration for the full game or we will become unstuck and drop points.

On a positive note it's good to see Moody back training, he's been a big miss for us this year. He looked good at training but we won't rush him. Hopefully end of Feb we and you guys will start to see him back on the pitch.

There was some great work by the commercial team this week with us agreeing a new sponsorship package with Premier Security 24/7. It's absolutely key we grow with partners of this stature, having them and the likes of Imperial Personnel, Fast Frame and many others means we can compete to a good level on the pitch. They alongside you guys paying on the gate are our 12th man and I for one appreciate you!

I hope we perform today and you guys can enjoy a good non-league game of football..

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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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Mascots—Not Always What they Seem!

A common sight at professional football grounds these days are the club mascots – normally a person in an oversize costume resembling the club badge or a character linked to the clubs.

In theory they bring luck to the team and add to the atmosphere at a game

From the late 70's it was common to see teams walk out with children wearing the club colours. At our game at Deeping Rangers one of the home side's junior teams walked out with them and then sat in the stand and enjoyed a sing off with the travelling Highwaymen Support. For many years England had a Supporter named Ken Bailey who followed them home and away dressed as John Bull. His outfit was effectively that of a master of ceremonies complete with Red Jacket, Union Jack waistcoat and bowtie, Top hat, white gloves and rosette. He was even honoured by Subbuteo who made a model of him. Ken was also in good company with Carlisle's George Baxter and Peterborough's Mr Posh, both dressed as gentlemen in suits and top hats, George even carried a Fox named Olga on to the pitch.

There is a darker side to mascots, in 1998 during an away game at Bristol City, Wolfie the Wolverhampton Wanderers mascot made the news when he got in to a fight with three "Brizzle Pigs" on the pitch, He then had a clash the next year with rival West Brom's Baggy Bird.

Swansea's Cyril the Swan was quite like a real swan at times it would appear with his aggressive behaviour, it has been reported that he had thrown pork pies, managed to knock over another mascot at the mascot Grand National. He has also had two scuffles with Millwall's Zampa Lion. In 2001 he removed Zampa's head and dropped kicked it and was fined. Millwall's

Lion was also seen getting attacked on Live TV by Crystal Palace's Pete the Eagle.

Oldham's Chaddy the Owl was banned from Bloomfield Road after he was said to have attacked Blackpool's Bloomfield Bear, He was also removed from the touchline a couple of seasons earlier in a game against Peterborough when the linesman kept mistaking him for Carlo Corraze and was flagging him offside.

Bury had Robbie the Bobbie named after Sir Robert Peel who founded the modern Police force, Bobby lost his job for making gestures at Howard Webb, He'd also been ordered off by Mike Dean for Belly flopping on the pitch and mooning at opposition fans, there was also a fracas with Bartley the Bluebird from Cardiff City and pulling the ears off Peterborough's Rabbit mascot.

Preston's Deepdale Duck also earned a reputation for winding up the opposition, Everton tried to ban him, He was sent off against Derby for distracting their goalkeeper, He'd also twice interrupted BBC's Mark Clement who was attempting to present "links" from the tunnel.

In Scotland, Dunfermline's Sammy the Tammy got into a cardboard tank and pointed its gun at Raith Rovers fans while the PA system played the noise of gunfire. Ross County's Rossco the Staggie it would appear was a Rangers fan in real life and used the Mascot's Facebook Page to point abuse at Celtic Manager Neil Lennon.

Not all mascots have sullied their reputation due to testosterone fuelled aggression, Doncaster Rovers' Donny Dog removed his suit during a charity game, wearing the suit was Tracey Chandler a Don's Supporter dressed in Lingerie. She was sacked at the time but offered her job back the following season.

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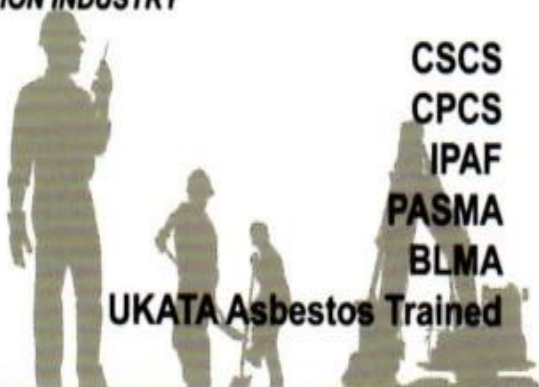
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A GAB WITH GIBBO

Good afternoon everyone and a very warm welcome to the management, players, officials and supporters of Glasshoughton Welfare. We hope you enjoy your short stay with us and wish you a safe journey home back to Casllefed.

I must start by giving a special mention to Conor Green who came to the aid of Lewis O'Connor during last Saturday's away fixture. The Worsbrough Bridge player broke his wrist during the game and Conor, who is a physiotherapist for the NHS, was

on hand to offer his assistance which was very welcomed by Lewis. We wish Lewis a speedy recovery and praise Conor for showing that football is not his only skill.

If you have a quick glance at our February fixtures, you will see two home games that should not be missed. On Wednesday 16th we face Northern Premier League side Carlton Town in the quarter final of the Notts Senior Cup and then on Saturday 26th, league title contenders North Ferriby will be our opponents. Both games promise to be full of goals and action. Your support is very much needed and valued at every game and we want to leave the ground with good experiences.

Therefore the club would like to ask you to refrain from standing in front of the seated stand. This would allow the people who are in the stand to have a clear view of the game and help to avoid any unsavoury confrontation.

Thanks for your co-operation with this matter.

Enjoy the game and thanks for your support.

Up the Town!

GIBBO.





LEAGUE NEWS

Hallam took advantage of dropped points by both of their nearest rivals to extend their advantage at the summit of Division One to three points.

An own goal secured them a tight 1-0 victory at relegation-threatened Swallownest whilst second-placed North Ferriby drew 1-1 at Parkgate, Levi Tarbotton's opener for the visitors cancelled out by Frederick Tracey.

And, despite a hat-trick from the league's top scorer Scott Phillips that took his tally for the season to 33 goals in all competitions, Brigg Town stay third after a 4-4 home draw with Shirebrook Town.

The Zebras led 4-2 going into the final five minutes before Kenan McKenzie and Sam Allcock dramatically grabbed a point for Shirebrook to take back home to Derbyshire.

Marcus Day's double, along with goals from Mike Morris and Daniel Thirkell, ensured a 4-1 home win for Harrogate Railway Athletic over Armthorpe Welfare and they are now eight points clear in fourth. Rossington Main jump into the play-off places after their 3-0 defeat of visitors Rainworth Miners Welfare, thanks to Tyla Bell, Declan Slater and Myron Gibbons, whilst Selby Town drop to sixth.

The Robins let a two-goal lead slip to draw 2-2 at Dronfield Town, Sam Terry and Daniel Wood rescuing a point for Chris Millington's side who stay fifteenth.

In the battle of the bottom two teams, it was hosts FC Humber United who prevailed with goals for Louis Blackwell and Szymon Czubik in a 2-0 win over Teversal.

Nathan Hawkhead's late penalty claimed Nostell Miners Welfare a 2-1 victory at Hall Road Rangers whilst Retford FC survived a second half comeback from visitors Clipstone to win 3-2 after leading 3-0 at the interval.

And, Worsbrough Bridge Athletic conceded twice in the opening quarter-of-an-hour but came back to draw 2-2 at home to Ollerton Town with Harley Holt's equaliser coming in the 85th minute.

	Team	Played	Points
1	Hallam	28	69
2	North Ferriby	28	63
3	Brigg Town	28	62
4	Harrogate Railway	29	57
5	Rossington Main	27	52
6	Selby Town	27	49
7	Retford	26	46
8	Worsbrough Bridge	27	44
9	Hall Road Rangers	29	42
10	Parkgate	27	41
11	Nostell MW	27	40
12	Armthorpe Welfare	27	39
13	Ollerton Town	28	38
14	Glasshoughton	27	34
15	Dronfield Town	26	29
16	Shirebrook Town	27	27
17	Rainworth MW	27	23
18	Clipstone	27	22
19	Swallownest	26	16
20	Humber United	26	13
21	Teversal	28	6

Today's Fixtures:

Armthorpe Welfare v Swallownest

Clipstone v Harrogate Railway

Hallam v Parkgate

North Ferriby v Dronfield Town

Nostell MW v Humber United

Ollerton Town v Glasshoughton Welfare

Rainworth MW v Brigg Town

Selby Town v Worsbrough Bridge

Shirebrook Town v Hall Road Rangers

Teversal v Retford

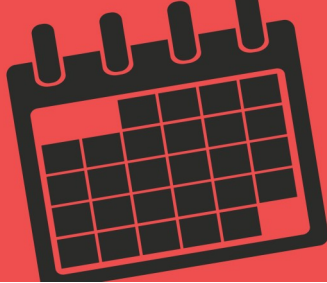
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31/07/2021: (A) L 4-2 Rossington Main | Owen, Moody, Green, Stretton, Slack, Madin, Price, Geeves, Agar, King, Atkinson
07/08: (H) L 2-1 Brigg Town | Owen, Moody, Shaw, Stretton, Slack, Madin, Lumley, Geeves, King, Dungworth, Green
10/08: (A) W 4-1 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) v Glasshoughton Welfare
16/02: (H) v Carlton Town (**Notts Cup**)
19/02: (A) v Selby Town
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
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	1	0	0	0
Tom Moody	Defence	3	0	0	0
Josh Madin	Defence	18	2	6	0
George Slack	Defence	23	0	6	5
Sam Geeves	Defence	28	2	8	1
Brandon Shaw	Defence	21	1	6	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	3	2	0	0
Sam Stretton	Midfield	25	2	5	1
Harry Holland	Midfield	8	2	5	1
Lewis Murr	Midfield	7	0	1	0
Ollie Grady	Midfield	21	0	7	6
Sam Martin	Midfield	5	10	3	0
Joe Turner	Midfield	18	2	5	1
Joe Lumley	Midfield	29	2	7	3
Joe Bayne	Midfield	1	6	3	2
Jason Foster	Midfield	1	1	0	0
Sean Dickinson	Midfield	2	2	1	0
Callum Littlejohn	Attack	1	5	1	1
Connor Green	Attack	19	2	6	0
Callam Atkinson	Attack	3	8	3	2
Gav King	Attack	22	1	6	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	12	4	3	5

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8. Joe Lumley **1**
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10. Ollie Grady
11. Conor Green **OFF1**
12. Jake Squires **ON1**
14. Sam Martin **ON2**

Ollerton Town's 2022 continues to be a year of frustration as Worsbrough Bridge fought back from 2-0 down to secure a point and leave the Town still searching for their first win of the New Year.

Ollerton were not at their best but two goals in the opening fifteen minutes saw them take control of the game. Worsbrough responded with a goal of their own before half time and despite chances for both teams, it was Worsbrough who scored again to share the points.

The opening goal of the game arrived in the 11th minute after a fairly even opening to the contest. Jacques Etia picked up possession deep inside Worsbrough's half and was able to advance forward before passing to the feet of Ollie Grady. The Ollerton midfielder in turn sent the ball to Joe Lumley who fired a shot towards the near post, seeing it squeeze past Ross Pritchard and into the back of the net.

A few minutes later and Ollerton doubled their lead. It was another assist for Grady as his well delivered corner found George Slack free in the middle of the area, Worsbrough allowing him the time and space to thump a header past Pritchard.



The hosts began to fight back searching for a way back into the game, and in the 25th minute, Conor Glavin saw his strike from distance skew wide of the Ollerton goal.

Around the half hour mark however, the Briggers did halve the deficit. An in-swinging corner went all the way to the back post and after a Worsbrough player did well to keep the ball in, Luke Francis was on hand to smash a low shot past Ollerton 'keeper Marcus Coombs.

A third goal would have seen Ollerton retake control of the game and in the 51st minute, it almost arrived through Sam Geeves as he latched onto a loose ball 20 yards out, but his dipping strike went over the bar.

At the other end, Worsbrough came agonisingly close to an equaliser as Callum Walton's shot from inside the area deflected off Joe Turner and onto the post. It had been an exciting start to the second half and that continued when Ollerton were awarded a free kick after Etia was hacked down when it looked like he was through on goal. Jason Foster stepped up to take it and his curling effort forced Pritchard into a strong save.

Worsbrough were asking serious questions of the Ollerton defence and they had to stay strong when a goal mouth scramble ended with Conor Green blocking the ball on the line.

With an hour gone on the clock, Ollerton were almost given a fortuitous third as Grady's free kick was headed onto the face of his own bar by a Worsbrough defender. Lumley got to the rebound first, directing the ball back into the middle, where Foster saw a shot blocked.

The game was then brought to a halt by a serious wrist injury to Worsbrough's Lewis O'Connor. Ollerton's very own Conor Green stepped up to use his skills and experience to aid Lewis before he was eventually able to exit the field, allowing the game to get back underway.

Despite that set back, Worsbrough still looked lively and the introduction of substitute Harley Holt soon made the difference as he got the goal to draw them level. Picking the ball up on the left flank, Holt cut inside before bending a shot past Coombs and into the far corner.

With substantial added time to come, the momentum was now with the hosts but that soon disappeared as Alex Hutchinson was shown a straight red card in the 89th minute for kicking out at an Ollerton player.

Steve Bodle's men tried to make that man advantage count in the time they had left but the closest they came was when Grady saw a poked effort go well over the bar from just inside the area.

GLASSHOUGHTON WELFARE

The club was formed in 1964 as works outfit, Anson Sports, competing in the local Castleford Sunday League.

In 1974, an approach was made by Glasshoughton Colliery to adopt the name of the Colliery Welfare's disbanded club and play on its Leeds Road ground. This enabled the move into senior football and entry to the West Yorkshire League, progression to the Yorkshire League and then onto the Northern Counties East Football League.

In 2007, most of the committee retired threatening the Club's existence, but thanks to the support of former Liverpool goalkeeping legend Bruce Grobbelaar the Club entered the NCEL Premier Division for the 2007/2008 Season. However, the having had to appoint 3 Managers in as many months saw the Club struggle. Battling against all odds, Manager Dave Holmes fulfilled fixtures drawing upon youngsters from the Club's strong Under 19's team but for many of these players it was a difficult transition into Premier Division football and the Club ultimately ended the season in bottom place, resulting in relegation to the First Division.

In 2008/09, despite a good pre-season and some creditable performances against some of the top sides, a lack of experience was again the team's downfall, resulting in another bottom place finish. Fortunately the Club remained in the First Division for the 2009/2010 season, but another poor start saw the Committee appoint former Harrogate Railway Assistant Manager Stuart Waddington who took the club to a comfortable 13th place come the end of the season.

With great expectations, disappointingly Stuart Waddington had to resign for personal reasons 3 weeks before the season kicked off but prompt action by the Committee saw former Glasshoughton players Craig Elliot and Paul Mattison appointed as the new management team within a week. The pair worked hard to improve the team and succeeded in taking the club back to the NCEL Premier Division before moving on to further their managerial careers.

A number of management changes in the following seasons saw the Club experience many highs and lows. Season 2014/15 saw the club relegated to the First Division with Mick Norbury appointed manager in June 2015 but, as the club began to fall down the league, he resigned in November of that year and joint managers Simon Houghton and Craig Wilkinson were appointed to try and turn things around. The pair did well but Simon Houghton had to resign towards the end of the season and Craig Wilkinson was unable to find a

suitable assistant and he too left.

Darren Holmes and Lee Vigers were appointed to management posts in early June 2016 and they had a good first season, claiming 11th place in the league and taking the side to the semi-final of the NCEL cup. Fortunes continued to improve with the team finishing 6th in Season 2017/18 but saw a dip once again in 2018/19 back to 11th position. Darren and Lee took the team into season 2019/20 and started strongly, little knowing what strange times would be on the horizon. The Covid 19 Pandemic put a stop to the season in March 2020 with the NCE League writing off 2019 / 20 season with no promotions or relegations. The team kicked off pre-season friendlies in August 2020 behind closed doors and with strict guidelines to follow to prevent the spread of infection. Supporters attended their first friendly in limited numbers on 25th August 2020 and the team was selected to take part in the Extra Preliminary Round of the FA Cup on 1st September 2020, losing on penalties.

September 2020 saw a black cloud descend on the club with the sudden loss of club secretary, Frank Maclachlan. Frank was well known by most of the Division One members and will be sadly missed. The work and dedication he gave to the club became evident with his passing.

Another longstanding volunteer, Colin Sanderson, passed away at the beginning of 2021. Despite being in his 90's, Colin was a regular organiser of half-time hospitality, as well as being a long time President of the Castleford and District FA.

The League matches in 2020 / 21 season took place under varying degrees of Covid regulations, dependant on the Steps agreed by the Government, until the final games were played on Boxing Day with the team finishing in 11th position. Having closed the 2020/21 season, the FA undertook a restructure of the pyramid system with the various leagues, an onerous task to undertake although this had been the intention for a while.

The re-structure saw the club remain in Division One of the NCE League with some teams moving up to higher leagues, others moving to different area leagues and some entering NCE Division One for the first time. A total of 21 teams will commence the season and we look forward hopefully to completing a full quota of games.



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Jamie Simpson
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Craig Tonkinson
Sam Varley
Adam Walsh
Joshua Wright
Daniel Youel

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Lee Vigars

Assistant Manager:

Iso Budimir

Physio:

Andy Lacey

Club info

Established	1964-
Years in NCEL	1985-
Home Colours	Blue & White
Away Colours	Green & White

The Kent Comment

Good afternoon to you all and welcome back home to the Fast Frame Sports Ground for today's big game against Glasshoughton Welfare.

It's safe to say we could do with a win! After two big wins before Christmas, January was a bit of a struggle so we're all hoping we can start February better. We've not had a settled side over the past few weeks and when you don't have a big squad, one or two absentees can make a big difference. Hopefully from today we can have some consistency so Bodle isn't having to shuffle his pack.

Obviously losing Ben has been a big blow, he was such a threat and an outlet to us that it was always going to be difficult when he left. Jacques has stepped up recently though and he's been a threat to our opponents. He's still young though and learning his trade so we must be patient with him but I'm not sure there's any defender in this league who will enjoy going up against his strength and pace.

If you look at the fixtures for this month, they look difficult. We play the two teams at the top of the league, a very strong Selby side and of course today's opponents who always provide a difficult game. On top of this, we also have the Carlton Town Notts Senior Cup game. This run of games could be daunting for many but when you look through our results so far this season, we've done fairly well against the top teams and dropped points against those near the bottom. Of course, that doesn't mean anything is guaranteed but all of the lads should go into these games with belief that they can get something.

Obviously, the end of the season is appearing on the horizon which means the planning for next season begins. I'm always open to hearing suggestions from people as to how we can improve our content. If there's a desire for us to do something, whether that be a podcast, player interviews or something else, then I will certainly try and make that a reality. Please get in touch with me through Twitter, or at a game, if you have any ideas.

Enjoy this afternoon, let's hope we can get those three points.

Up the Town

Kenty x





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RESERVE TEAM

The end of the season is in sight for our reserve team and after a difficult campaign, new manager Mark Fronczak will be looking forward to the summer break to allow him to properly build a squad he wants and work towards a successful year next season.

When Mark took the job following Richard Walker's resignation, it was made clear to him that his job was to get us through to the end of this season and he will hopefully be able to do that.

Next season will present a fresh start for the team and if you would like to be a part of it, please get in touch with either Mark directly or the club, and you will be made aware of pre-season training as and when it happens.

In the meantime, if you can't make a first team away day, please consider lending your support to our reserves when they are at home as they will all appreciate it a lot.

	Team	Points
1	Thorne Colliery	26
2	Bessacarr	24
3	Bottesford Town	21
4	780 JLC	21
5	Harworth Colliery	17
6	Retford	15
7	Ollerton Town	13
8	Dearne & District	9
9	Newark Town	3

05/02/22 | A v Thorne Colliery | 3pm
23/02/22 | H v Harworth Colliery | 7:45pm
26/02/22 | A v Bessacarr | 2pm
26/03/22 | A v Retford | 2pm
09/04/22 | A v Dearne & District | 2pm

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