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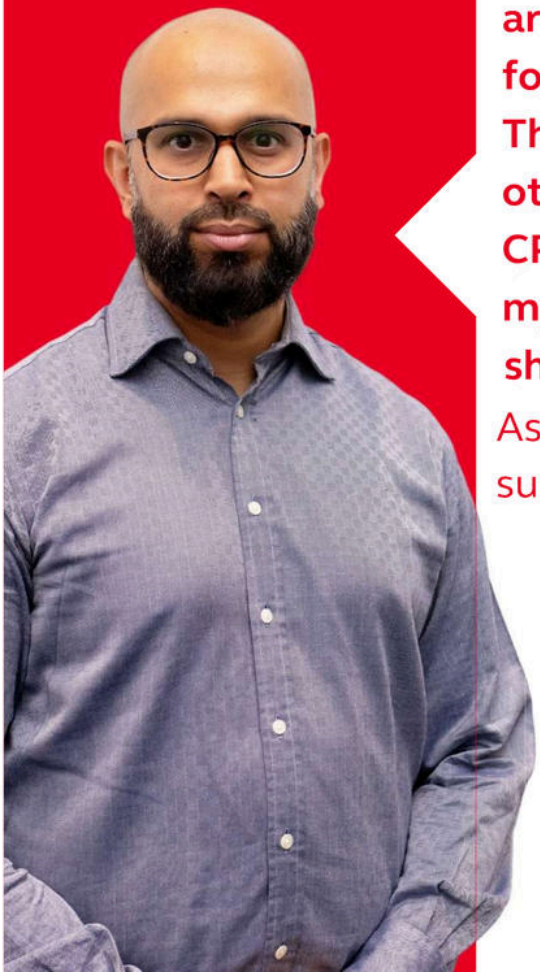
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Game Preview

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Pickering Town v Thackley AFC
NCEFL Premier Division

After playing 7 games in a period of 22 days the team have had a free week this week and have been able to get back on the training ground.

This Saturday we entertain Thackley AFC and both teams come into the game having played the same opposition in their last game, The Pikes came away with a 1-1 draw in the league last Saturday versus Parkgate whilst Thackley lost 1-0 at home to the same opposition in a 2nd Round League Cup game on Wednesday night.

Thackley are currently in 15th place in the league with 4 wins, 5 draws, 7 losses from 16 games for a total of 17 points having scored 23 goals and conceded 28.

Although losing on Wednesday, Thackley come into the game having won their previous two league games with a 2-1 victory away at Rossington Main followed by a 4-1 win at home last Saturday versus Golcar United.

Their other victories in the league have both come at home versus Parkgate 4-0 with all the goals coming in the last quarter of the game and a 3-2 victory over close neighbours Campion.

Thackley were founder members of the NCEFL Premier Division in 1982 and in that time have never been relegated or promoted, although last season came very close to relegation, but a draw at home to Eccleshill United in their last game with the equalising goal coming in the last minute securing their place in the Premier Division for another season.

Over the years the sides have played each other many times, last season saw the honours shared with both sides winning their respective away games.
Thackley won at Mill Lane 3-2 scoring two late goals in the the 85th and 87th minute to win the game, this was after Pickering had gone into a 2 goal lead with both goals coming from Souleymane Coulibaly, but Pickering did get their revenge with a 1-0 victory away and again the goalscorer was Coulibaly.

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Simon Helsop
First Team Manager



Programme Ramble

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NCEFL Chat

Tadcaster after difficult time in the league at the beginning have seen their form improve in October although currently lying in 18th position, they have lost just once in their last 5 games, and with a 1-0 win away at Barton Town last Saturday and a 2-2 draw at second placed Bottesford Town they will be looking to continue that form when they play Handsworth at home this Saturday.
Another game of interest on Saturday is the clash between bottom of the table Keighley Town and second bottom Parkgate - Keighley will be looking to get their first win in the league this season and close the gap on the team above them.

Knaresborough are another team who will be looking to get back to winning ways as their recent form has seen them collect just 2 points from their last 4 games in the league with draws against Handsworth and Campion losses to Retford FC and Barton Town.
Managerial Merry go round

In the last ramble I discussed some of the managerial changes that have occurred this season in the NCEFL, continuing on the same theme and looking mainly at the North East Clubs slightly up the ladder but none the less still non league, starting at the top end the National League both Hartlepool and Gateshead have seen their managers depart,

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whilst Lee Clark resigned at Hartlepool and subsequently has been replaced with the appointment Pete Wild to replace him - Gateshead have parted company with Lee Cattermole who was only appointed in May and have not yet replaced him and they also have a number of financial issues which hopefully will get resolved with a proposed new takeover.

Down at National League North level Spennymoor Town have already appointed a new manager earlier in the month and on Monday Steve Watson left Darlington - Whitby Town NPL Premier have also had to appoint a new manager in Graeme Lee due to Lee Bullock resigning from the position for health reasons.

Near neighbours to Whitby, Guisborough Town are also looking for a new manager after Nathan Haslam left them to take charge of fellow NPL East side Matlock Town.

Haslam had led Guisborough to promotion last season after guiding them to the Northern League Championship.

Another Topical subject in football at the moment besides Manchester City is the Independent Regulator Report on English Football finances which it says are dangerously exposed, this of course refers to levels 2-5 - Championship to National League level in the football system, it would be interesting to see what they would find if they did a survey of clubs at levels 6 - 10 (steps 2-6 in non-league football)

Maybe more of that at a later date.

Pikes Team Stats

Pickering Town 2026-27					
	Apps	Apps Sub	Goals	RC	YC
Luke Jackson	17				
Riley McGinty	10	10			
Jamie Thornton	10	2			
Ben Leyland	13				2
Connor Avison	18	1	1		3
Marshall Nock	15	3	2		2
Nathan Dyer	18		2		1
George Thewlis	18	1	3		7
Michael Coulson	16		3		
Charlie Thompson	7	9	1		
Emmanuel Martin	2	3			
Oscar Shaw	16	4			2
Dom Weston	13	3	1		1
Wayne Brooksby	6	8	2	1	2
Charlie Colley		6			
Cameron Blackburn	1	11	1		2
Souleymane Coulibaly	13		12	1	1
Blake Drury	1	6			
George Kenyon	3				
Liam Tibbett	4				
Joe Bhaskaran	5		3		2
Luke Summerfield	1	1			
Joe Pratley	6		1		
Riley Cooper	4		1		

Pikes Team Sheet History

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17	18	19
25 Jul	Bottesford T	NCEFL	0-3	Jackson	McGinty	Thornton	Leyland	Avison	Nock	Dyer	Thewlis	Coulson	Thompson	Martin	Shaw	Weston	Brooksby	Colley	Blackburn		
29 Jul	Retford Utd	NCEFL	0-2	Jackson	Martin	Thornton	Mcginty	Avison	Shaw	Brooksby	Thewlis	Dyer	Coulson	Thompson	Colley						
4 Aug	W Bridge	NCEFL	2-3	Jackson	Shaw	Weston	Leyland	Avison	Thornton	Thompson(1)	Thewlis	Dyer (1)	Coulson	Brooksby	Nock	McGinty	Mondelus	Colley	Blackburn		
8 Aug	Crook Town	FAC	0-4	Jackson	Shaw	Weston	Leyland	Avison	Thornton	Thompson	Thewlis	Dyer	Coulson	Brooksby	Nock	Drury	McGinty	Colley	Blackburn		
11 Aug	Rossington Main	NCEFL	1-4	Jackson	Shaw	Weston	Leyland	Avison	Thornton	Dyer	Thewlis	Coulibaly	Coulson (1)	McGinty	Nock	Drury	Brooksby	Thompson	Blackburn		
15 Aug	Alnwick Town	FAV	3-1	Jackson	Shaw	Weston	Leyland	Nock	Thornton	Dyer	Thewlis	Coulibaly(2)	Coulson	McGinty	Avison	Drury	Brooksby (1	Thompson	Blackburn		
21 Aug	Golcar Utd	NCEFL	3-1	Kenyon	Nock (1)	Weston	Leyland	Avison	Shaw	Dyer (1)	Thewlis	Coulibaly	Coulson	McGinty	Drury	Brooksby(1)	Martin	Thompson	Blackburn		
25 Aug	Albion Sports	NCEFL	0-2	Kenyon	Shaw	Weston	Leyland	Avison	Nock	Dyer	Thewlis	Coulibaly	Coulson	McGinty	Drury	Brooksby	Martin	Thompson	Blackburn		
28 Aug	Keighley Town	NCEFL	4-0	Kenyon	Shaw	Weston	Leyland	Avison	Nock	Dyer	Thewlis (1)	Coulibaly(3)	Thompson	McGinty	Drury	Brooksby	Colley	Jackson	Blackburn		
8 Sept	Horbury Town	NCEFL	3-2	Jackson	Shaw	Tibbett	Mcginty	Avison	Nock	Dyer	Thewlis	Coulibaly(2)	Coulson (1)	Thompson	Drury	Brooksby	Martin	Colley	Blackburn		
11 Sept	Grangetown Boys Cl	FAV	3-2	Jackson	Nock (1)	Weston	Shaw	Avison	Drury	Dyer	Tibbett	Coulibaly(2)	Coulson	Brooksby	McGinty	Thewlis	Thompson	Colley	Blackburn		
14 Sept	Tadcaster Albion	NCEFL	3-0	Jackson	Nock	Tibbett	Leyland	Avison	Shaw	Dyer	Thewlis (1)	Coulibaly(1)	Coulson	McGinty	Drury	Weston	Brooksby	Thompson	Blackburn(1)		
18 Sept	Penistone Church	NCEFL	2-2	Jackson	Nock	Tibbett	Leyland	Avison	Shaw	Dyer	Thewlis (1)	Coulibaly	Coulson	Bhaskaran(1)	Thornton	Weston	McGinty	Thompson	Blackburn		
26 Sept	Retford FC	NCEFL	2-1	Jackson	Nock	Weston (1)	Leyland	Avison	Shaw	Dyer	Thewlis	Coulibaly(1)	Coulson	Bhaskaran	Thornton	Somerfield	McGinty	Brooksby	Blackburn		
29 Sept	Barton Town	NCEFL	0-4	Jackson	Nock	Shaw	Leyland	Avison	Pratley	Dyer	Thewlis	Coulibaly	Bhaskaran	Brooksby	Thornton	McGinty	Weston	Heslop	Blackburn		
3Oct	Handsworth FC	NCEFL	2-1	Jackson	Thornton	Leyland	Summerfield	Avison	Pratley	Bhaskaran	Thewlis	Coulibaly	Nock	Weston	Shaw	Coulson	McGinty	Colley	Blackburn		
6 Oct	Dearne & Dist	LC2	3-1	Jackson	Cooper	Brooksby	Shaw	Avison (1)	Pratley	Thompson	McGinty	Blackburn	Bhaskaran(1)	Gibb (1)	Beard GK	Nock	Heslop	Hopwood	Colley		
10 Oct	Holker OB	FAV	1-5	Jackson	Thornton	Weston	Shaw	Nock	Pratley	Cooper	Thewlis	Dyer	Coulson (1)	McGinty	Butler	Heslop	Thompson				
13 Oct	Dearne & Dist	NCEFL	1-1	Jackson	Thornton	Weston	Butler	Avison	Pratley	Dyer	Thewlis	Nock	Coulson	Cooper (1)	Heslop	Shaw	Potts	McGinty	Thompson		
17 Oct	Parkgate	NCEFL	1-1	Jackson	Nock	Weston	Thornton	Avison	Pratley (1)	Dyer	Thewlis	Coulibaly	Coulson	Cooper	Shaw	Heslop	McGinty	Brooksby	Kilpatrick		

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Pickering Town Club History

Pickering Town FC, founded in 1888, spent nearly 80 years playing local football before joining the Yorkshire League in 1972. The club quickly progressed through the divisions, later becoming members of the Northern Counties East Football League (NCEFL).

The Pikes won the NCEFL Division 2 title in 1987–88 and claimed their first major senior trophy in 1990–91 by winning the North Riding County Cup.

Promotion to the NCEFL Premier Division followed in 1991–92, and the club narrowly missed out on the title the next season. Pickering also made its FA Cup debut in 1993–94 and reached the FA Vase quarter-finals in 2005–06.

The club won the North Riding Senior Cup again in 2012–13. After finishing as NCEFL Premier Division runners-up in 2015–16 and 2016–17, Pickering earned promotion to its highest level of senior non-league football. However, difficult seasons followed, including two curtailed campaigns during the COVID-19 pandemic and relegation from the Northern Premier League in 2021–22.

Since returning to the Northern League and then the NCEFL Premier Division, the club has faced several relegation battles, finishing second bottom in 2023–24 but retaining its place. The following season brought improvement, with Pickering finishing 10th after briefly challenging for the play-offs. Off the pitch, Mill Lane has been significantly developed with floodlights, seated stands, covered areas and improved changing facilities.

The club is also investing in its future through a scholarship programme, junior teams and the formation of a women's team competing in the North Riding Division 1 League.

Pickering Town Profiles

1 Goalkeepers



Luke Jackson - Luke has joined the club on a permanent basis this season after signing for the club on a dual registration last season from Bradford PA,. Previously Played for Huddersfield Town and Sheffield Wednesday academy



Toby Beard - Toby is a young keeper who came through the ranks at Scarborough Athletic, Toby has also made appearance for the Pikes U18 youth FA Cup team.

3 Defenders



Oscar Shaw - Oscar has joined us on a permanent basis this season after being released by York City in the summer, Oscar spent some time with the club last season on a dual registration basis whilst being at York City



Connor Avison - Connor is a young powerful central defender, who came through the Scarborough Scholarship programme. In his third season with the club and has been named captain of the side following a superb season last year.



Dom Weston - Dom is now in his second season with us after joining us last season after his release from Sheffield Wednesday and has become an important member of the squad



Jamie Thornton - Jamie is a very composed central defender and now in his 6th season with the club after joining us in the 2021-22 season after being released by Leeds United Academy. Jamie is also equally at home playing in midfield



Wayne Brooksby - Wayne is a vastly experienced player and has played for the likes of Guiseley ,Harrogate Town and more recently Scarborough Athletic. Wayne is often the driving force of the side and is extremely competitive. A shining example for the younger players to learn from who's levels and expectations are very high both in training and games..



Marshall Nock - Another young defender who joined us last bseason from Bridlington Town. A tall, competitive player who can operate in a number of positions and who has now established himself in the team.



Seb Holowkiewicz - Seb joins us this season from local football having done well in pre season. A competitive full back who can play on either side who will provide good competition in those areas this season.



Alfie Jackson - Young left sided player who joins us this season having broken into the Whitby Town first team last season. Looking to break into and establish himself in the side this year.

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Blake Drury - Central Defender - Blake first joined us in the 2023-24 season. He has previously been at York City and played for Scarborough Reserves. He is just making his way back from an injury that prevented him from playing last season .

3 Midfielders



Simon Heslop - Simon is a massive signing for the club. Captain at Bridlington Town last year he has years of football league and national league experience. He will bring composure and leadership to the group and we are delighted to have him with us this season.



George Thewliss - George is a young midfielder who came through the ranks at Leeds United and Bradford City. Played for Silsden when they won the NCEL Premier Division Title in the 24/25 season . George now in his second season with the club is a very competitive and talented midfield player



Nathan Dyer - Nath is an exciting, pacy wide player who spent a number of years at York City making a number of first team appearances. Nathan rejoined us last season after a spell at Bridlington Town, also had previous experience at Grantham Town, and Whitby Town



Riley McGinty - Young, local midfielder who joined us last season from Scarborough Athletic. Riley has now established himself as a vital part of the squad.. Competitive and good on the ball, he provides real competition in the middle of the pitch.



Ben Leyland - Ben joined us in the 2024-25 season he has previously played for North Ferriby . Ben is a very versatile player and can play in numerous positions and his a very important member of the squad never let us down.



Cameron Blackburn - Joined us in February 2026 from Bridlington Town on a dual registration a promising young Midfield player /striker

4 Forwards



Michael Coulson - Coulo has joined the Pikes from Bridlington Town with a experienced career with Scottish Premier club St Johnstone, York City and Scarborough.



Souleymane Coulibaly - The former Ivory Coast U17 International has a wealth of experience having played for Siena and Tottenham Hotspur, Peterborough United then moving to Kilmarnock in the Scottish Prem. Often capable of the unexpected he will be looking to light up the league this season and pass on his experience to the group.

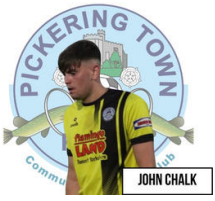
Joel Marsden - A talented youngster who joins on a dual registration from Bridlington Town.



Emmanuel Martin - A talented youngster who joins on a dual registration from Bridlington Town.



Charlie Thompson - Charlie is a young exciting striker - he joined us last season from Tadcaster Albion having previously been at Doncaster Rovers Academy



Charlie Colley - Charlie a young exciting stiker, joins us from Scarborough Athletic where he has been a prolific goalscorer for the Reseves.

THACKLEY AFC

Thackley FC - A Brief History

Thackley FC was formed in 1930 by members of the Thackley Wesleyan Methodist Church, progressing by way of the Bradford Mutual Sunday School League and the Bradford Amateur League before moving into county-wide leagues and joining the West Riding County Amateur League in 1939, where they would spend 25 years, winning that league on five occasions before a brief spell in the West Yorkshire League. In 1967 Thackley joined the Yorkshire League's Division Two, where they would go on to win and be promoted to Division One in 1974 before becoming a founding member of the Northern Counties East League's Premier Division in 1982. The club has never been promoted or relegated from that division since, with their best season being in 1993–94 when they were runners-up, losing out only on goal difference to Stocksbridge Park Steels.

On the 8th of April 1975 the club would receive a visit from FC Barcelona, who had originally been intended to train at Bradford City's Valley Parade stadium before their semi-final match of the European Cup against Leeds United, but due to a mix-up, there was a game being played there causing Barcelona to be turned away. A Bradford City representative gave them the number of Stewart Willingham, Thackley's secretary at the time, after a conversation between Stewart and a UK Barcelona representative. Both parties made their way to Dennyfield, where the pitch would open for Barcelona to train. The training session did not serve them well as Leeds United beat them 2-1.

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NCEFL Premier Division

	NCEL Premier Division	P	HW	HD	HL	HF	HA	AW	AD	AL	AF	AA	Pts	+/-
	1 Dearne & District	16	7	0	2	21	10	4	2	1	18	9	35	20
	2 Bottesford Town	14	4	3	0	23	6	4	1	2	12	6	28	23
▲	3 Barton Town	12	3	1	1	8	2	5	0	2	14	7	25	13
▼	4 Retford FC	14	3	3	2	13	14	4	1	1	13	7	25	5
▼	5 Retford United	15	3	4	2	16	11	3	1	2	8	6	23	7
▼	6 Campion	15	2	1	4	8	10	5	1	2	20	15	23	3
▼	7 Handsworth	14	4	0	1	8	9	2	5	2	17	16	23	0
	8 Knaresborough Town	14	2	1	2	9	9	4	3	2	19	12	22	7
	9 Horbury Town	14	5	1	2	15	5	1	2	3	7	11	21	6
	10 Pickering Town	15	5	1	1	17	9	1	2	5	7	18	21	-3
	11 Worsbrough Bridge Athletic	13	4	1	2	17	8	2	1	3	7	11	20	5
	12 Penistone Church	15	3	4	2	17	12	2	0	4	8	11	19	2
	13 Rossington Main	14	2	3	3	13	9	2	3	1	7	9	18	2
	14 Albion Sports	16	3	2	4	16	18	2	1	4	9	9	18	-2
	15 Thackley	16	3	2	4	17	15	1	3	3	6	13	17	-5
	16 Golcar United	13	4	1	2	18	9	0	2	4	9	16	15	2

Team Composition

v/s

Luke Jackson	Liam Wilson
Oscar Shaw	Sam Walters
Dom Weston	Daniel McDaid
Ben Leyland	Alex Washington
Connor Avison	Kamron Basi
Marshall Nock	Lewis Sugden
Nathan Dyer	Reuben Bartkiw
George Thewlis	Thomas Whelan
Souleymane Colibaly	Alex Ingham
Michael Coulson	Luke Brooks
Ryan McGinty	Paul Walker
Charlie Thompson	George Birley
Cameron Blackburn	Alex king
Wayne Brooksby	Joseph Kell
Jamie Thornton	Sam Clothier
Charlie Colley	Olaf Figurny
Jack Kilpatrick	Bobby Isbell
Simon Heslop	Lionica Gama
	Joey McClare

Referee: Fares Alharbi
Assistants: David Wedge, Robert Campbell

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