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## WAKEFIELD AFC V HORBURY TOWN F.C



Tuesday 27th August 2024 Kick off 7:45pm

The Millenium Stadium, Post Office Road, WF7 5EN



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# Notes from the Editor



**Good evening one and all,**

Let me firstly welcome everyone back to back to The Millenium Stadium for this evenings eagerly awaited NCEL Div.1 clash against our local rivals Horbury Town FC.

I would like to welcome the directors, players, staff and supporters of Horbury Town FC. I hope you enjoy your visit this evening and wish you a safe journey home after the game.

This is our first official league game back at The Millenium Stadium after 12 months away and I must say from a personal point of view, its nice to be back.

A lot of our supporters, both those who were here with us previously and those who attended their first game in the cup against Dronfield Town, have said that they are impressed with the fan experience and facilities here. So lets make the most of our new home and support the boys and club as we always do, and crank up the volume to the max tonight.

Last season's game against tonight's opponents provided us with our biggest home attendance of the season, with over 1000 spectators attending the game.

We are expecting a good number of travelling supporters from Horbury tonight, so lets make some noise for Junior and the lads in our quest for 3 points.

Tonights encounter is further spiced up by a number of ex Wakefield AFC players who have joined the ranks of Horbury Town in recent times, most notably, Billy Mole.

We wish them all well in their careers, apart from tonight!!

Saturday saw us progress to the next round of the FA Vase with a resounding 2-0 home victory over 1874 Northwich in our last game at Belle Vue and in front of a crowd of 336, the biggest of the day in the competition.

Goals from Seb Losa and James Eyles sealed the win and in all truth, it could and should have been more. The pleasing thing other than the scoreline was that we kept a clean sheet and the quality, commitment and style of play was great to watch.

Lets have the same again tonight lads, but no pressure.

A good number of 1874 Northwich fans joined us in The Bridge Inn prior to the game and it made for a good afternoon.

They were certainly the loudest fans I have seen at a Wakey game which added to the overall atmosphere. I wish them well for the rest of the season.

We now take on Barnton FC in the second qualifying round of the FA Vase on Saturday 21st September 2024 kick off: 3:00pm at home. Ironically, Barnton FC play are also based in Northwich and share the same ground as 1874 Northwich.

Lets take Saturday's atmosphere forward into our new home and create an atmosphere of our own thats even louder. Has anyone got a drum.....

Enjoy the game and C'mon Wakey



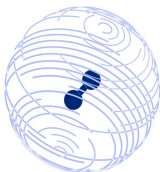
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# The Managers Minutes

with Junior Roberti

Good evening everyone,

Great to have a good game again. We have been working hard to know more about our new players and prepare a way to play to fit the new look squad.

We changed too many players, and had to rebuild the Wakefield way.

Saturday was a great step towards that direction; players did a great job and I am very proud of the team.

I am very happy with the new players. Abdul was immense in the midfield, Akeel showed that he is on another level, and Eyles scoring skills needed only 2 minutes.

Great day.

Now back to the league, Horbury will be a huge test and game. They are ahead of us, and we know it, probably the best team at this point, and it will be a really tough game.

for us, the objective is to carry on building up the squad; we are late and we need to catch up, but in football, things are not easy and won't be won overnight.

Thankfully, we have an amazing set of supporters that keep pushing us through, and I'm sure that we will have more great moments this season.

Junior





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# Horbury Town F.C



Founded 1965

## Club History

Before Horbury Town officially formed when records emerged in 1964-65 season, the football team

in Horbury were known as the " Three Castles".

During the 60's and 70's era, Horbury Town encountered a successful period, winning several trophies along the way.

During the 80's, the club had to endure some difficult years, plying their trade in the Wakefield Leagues, but finally found their glory in 1988, winning the Wakefield Division 2 and being granted acceptance into the West Yorkshire League the following season.

In the summer of 1994, the club secured a permanent residence at Slazengers Sports Club, where they still reside to this day. This was a major development to the club, allowing them to build both on and off of the field.

After securing the Wakefield & District Invitation Challenge Cup in the 2007/08 season, the most successful period for the club came in 2010 onwards, winning the Wakefield & District Cup (Also known as the Cyril Craven Challenge Cup) on five occasions - 2011/12, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2017/18 and again in 2019/20 season.

Those success's then followed for our reserve team in 2021/22, when they created history, winning the West Yorkshire County Trophy for the first time.

In 2022, the club applied for a position in the North East Counties Football League, which required a top five finish in the West Yorkshire Premier Division, along with FA ground requirements.

Those requirements were achieved, with a second place finish, narrowly losing out to Horsforth St Margarets by just two points, who we would also go on to beat the club in the West Yorkshire Cup final that season.

A successful season in the NCEL for the first time also followed for Horbury, as they secured themselves a play off spot on the final day of the season, beating Beverley Town 3-1 and results in other fixtures going the club's way.

A victory at Harrogate Railway the following week, meant the club had the opportunity to be promoted at the first time of asking, but fell to a defeat against Rossington Main.

In the West Yorkshire Leagues, the reserve team were also handed promotion from Division Two, to Division One, despite a fifth placed finish, thanks to a restructure of all three leagues due to the application of several new clubs.

The club have also secured an U23's side in the West Riding Centralised Division to help secure young and upcoming talent to help continue the rise of the club.

2023/24 had seen our reserve side promoted once again to the West Yorkshire Premier Division, but due to commitments beyond the club's control, the unfortunate decision was made to fold the side was made.

The club continue to build the pathway between junior and senior football at the club.





## Si's Stats.....

Feature written by Simon Boyle

### Head to head encounters.....

29/10/2022 - Wakefield AFC 0-2 Horbury Town - Att: 503

29/03/2023 - Horbury Town 0-1 Wakefield AFC - Att: 511

09/09/2023 - Wakefield AFC 4-3 Horbury Town - Att: 1035

26/12/2023 - Horbury Town 2-2 Wakefield AFC - Att: 502

There are many great derbies in the world of football; the Manchester derby (City v United), The Glasgow derby (Rangers v Celtic) and even the Istanbul derby (Fenerbahce v Galatasary).

The non-league step 6 equivalent is the 5 towns derby between Wakefield AFC v Horbury Town, which has its 5th instalment tonight.

The script could hardly be more gripping for this one as Horbury Town have recorded five wins from five games played and top the table, whilst Wakefield AFC have yet to hit their stride, picking up just three points from their opening three league games to date. Tonights encounter is essential for both clubs' ambitions as they chase promotion to the NCEL Premier Division.

Wakefield AFC hold a slight edge on our visitors based on our previous encounters, with two wins to Horbury's one, with the last game ending in a 2-2 draw.

The crowds have also been some of the highest in the division each season and I'm sure tonight will be no exception.

Come on you Falcons.

Si





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**X** 6.6K  
**tk** 1.1K  
**yt** 0.7K



## Captain's Comments

with Club Captain, Jack Durkin

Hi Wakey Fans,

what a win at the weekend in the FA Vase, from what I've heard a fantastic performance, some great debuts and some amazing support from yourselves.

Also, a massive well done to our fans for the way you conducted yourselves due to what sounded like a woman who had got herself into a pickle after one too many!

Back at Fev tonight after our final game at Belle Vue and we can really make this place a tough ground to come to with a big performance tonight and they don't come any bigger than a local derby.

Horbury are unbeaten in the league so far this year and have a few ex Wakey players in their ranks, so I know how badly they'll want to beat us, but the feeling is extremely mutual, I can assure you.

We need all of your support as usual and I'm looking forward to hopefully seeing a bumper crowd in attendance!!

A win tonight will give us some massive momentum and we can start building on what has been a rocky start to the season.

In the words of Kevin Keegan..... I would love, I would love it if we beat them.

Come on Wakey....

Durks



# Wakefield AFC Merchandise 2024/25



Wakefield AFC - Navy  
Supporters Hoody  
£30.00 - £40.00



Wakefield AFC - White  
Supporters Hoody  
£30.00 - £40.00



Wakefield AFC - supporters  
Gilet  
£40.00



Wakefield AFC - Supporters  
Navy Cap  
£15.00



Wakefield AFC - Supporters  
Navy Bobbie Hat  
£15.00



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Navy Bucket Hat  
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All merchandise is available to order through: [www.ellgren.co.uk](http://www.ellgren.co.uk)  
Click on link: Clubshops, then scroll down to Wakefield AFC fan store.  
Ellgren have ordering windows throughout the season, so check on the website for the next window.

Limited merchandise items will be available at home games subject to stock and availability.  
We shall also be opening a dedicated club shop in the near future located at the Millenium Stadium and open on home matchdays.



# 2024/25 SQUAD LIST



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BILLY MOLE *Huggamugg At The Pavillion*  
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KEENAN MCKENZIE-GREY *Freddie The English Springer*  
KIYANI MORRIS *Michael Allen*  
MASON RUBIE *W AFC Volunteers*  
SCOTT SMITH *Legacy Financial*



# Match Action: 1874 Northwich FC (H) FA Vase

Result: 2-0

Attendance: 336

Saturday 24th August 2024 K.O: 3:00pm



vs



A convincing win for the Falcons and progression to the next round of the FA Vase. Another home tie in the second qualifying round against a team also from Northwich who incidently share the same ground as 1874 Northwich, called **Barnton FC**. Tie to be played on **Saturday 21st September 2024**, kick off 3:00pm





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# A - WAKEY DAYS

Our Next Game:

## ILKLEY TOWN FC



In our next fixture of the 2024/25 season on the road, we take on:

**Ilkley Town FC on Saturday 27th August 2024 K.O: 7.45pm.  
The Ben Rhydding Sports Club, Leeds Road, Road, Ilkley LS29 8AW**

See below for further information and also look out on the Wakefield AFC Fans Page and Wakefield AFC on Facebook for a comprehensive pre match guide.

It is certainly an informative and comprehensive read that will give you all the information you will require for the day.

Lets get as many Wakey fans over to the game as we can, to support both the club, Junior and the boys in their quest for the three points.

**Founded:** 1995  
**Years in NCEL:** 2024-

**Nickname:** None

**Status:** West Riding FA

**Home Colours:** Gold &

Navy/Navy/Navy

**Alternate Colours:**

Pink/Black/Black

**Sponsors:** tbc

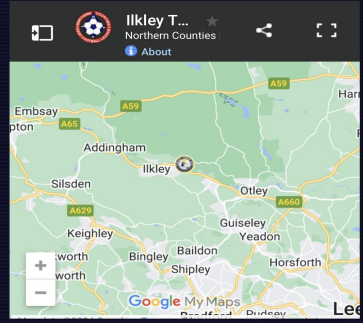
**Midweek Matchday:** Tuesday



### Ground Details

#### The MPM Stadium

Ben Rhydding Sports Club, Leeds Road, Ilkley, LS29 8AW



### General Ground Directions:

From the Leeds area, use the A660 towards Ilkley and the Ben Rhydding Sports Club is on the right hand side approximately 1.5 miles east of Ilkley.

### Public Transport:

Station: Ben Rhydding 0.8m. By bus, the X84 from Leeds city centre stops at the ground.

*Public transport directions courtesy of Andy Edwards.  
Click here for more details.*

**Admission Price:** Adults: £6, Concessions: £3.

**Capacity:** 559, **Cover:** 60, **Seats:** 50

**Clubhouse:** Yes, shared as part of Ben Rhydding Sports Club.

**Club Shop:** No, but merchandise is on sale at the ticket hut on matchdays.

### Club History

#### League History:

West Yorkshire League: 2004-21; North West Counties League 2021-24; NCEL 2024-.



## WAKEFIELD AFC

Manager: Junior **Roberti**

Jamie **Allsop** (D)  
Abdul Kadiri **Asamoah** (M)  
George **Bristol** (GK)  
Edward **Busfield** (D)  
Callum **Charlton** (D)  
Hagie **Damba** (GK)  
Jack **Durkin** (D)  
Owen **Evans** (GK)  
James **Eyles** (F)  
Ben **Gelder** (F)  
Bradley **Green** (D)  
Kieran **Haigh** (M)  
Ben **Holmes** (F)  
Morgan **James** (M)  
Jayden **John** (D)  
Alex **King** (M)  
Sebastian **Losa** (M)  
Keenan **McKenzie - Grey** (F)  
Kiyani **Morris** (F)  
Mason **Rubie** (F)  
Jayden **Sandhu** (M)  
Scott **Smith** (F)  
Steve **Smith** (D)  
Keenan **Townrow** (D)

## Match Officials

Referee: Brandon **Blackham**

Assistants: Andy **Smith**  
Skander **Gadaleta**



## HORBURY TOWN FC

Manager: Darren **Barnes**

Joseph **Angel**  
Samuel **Awty**  
Darren **Barnes**  
Abdou **Bojang**  
Gibril **Bojang**  
Lamin **Bojang**  
Thomas **Brook**  
Ben **Carrington**  
Joshua **Craig**  
Jock **Curran**  
James **Cusworth**  
Isaac **Donlon**  
Robert **Evans**  
Joel **Feirn**  
Aaron **Fell**  
Paul **Hargreen**  
Henry **Holder**  
Joe **Jagger**  
Declan **McGivern**  
Billy **Mole**  
Luke **Playford**  
Jordan **Ripley**  
Eoin **Schofield**  
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