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FROM THE DUGOUT

Welcome Guiseley AFC, players, fans, and staff to the MNMG.

It was a disappointing result at the weekend against Workington following a fantastic result in the week against Morpeth. It was a tough week in terms of travelling distance, over 600 miles across the two games.

With injuries, we are still yet to be running at full capacity this season. We're hoping to have a few bodies back this weekend.

We've identified with the players that we're actually not playing badly, we're playing well but we need to be more ruthless in both boxes. This will be the emphasis with us moving forward.

We hope that the supporters will be with us again this weekend, in full voice and being that 12th player.

See you soon,
Deaks.



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HISTORY - GUISELEY AFC

Founded in 1909, Guiseley AFC's early success came in 1913 with a Wharfedale League title. After World War I, they joined the Leeds League, and by 1924, switched to the West Riding County Amateur League, where they secured multiple trophies. The 1930s saw three league titles and two FA Amateur Cup last-16 appearances.

In the 1960s, Guiseley dominated the Wharfedale Challenge Cup, winning nine out of ten competitions. They achieved higher status in 1968 by joining the Yorkshire League, winning the Second Division title in 1976. Success continued in the West Riding County Cup (1979-81), and they reached the FA Vase quarter-finals in 1981.

The introduction of floodlights in 1988 marked a push for higher ambitions. The 1989/90 season brought a first FA Vase semi-final appearance and a league and cup double. In 1991, Guiseley reached the FA Cup first round for the first time and had further Vase success. The 1990s saw them promoted to the Northern Premier League, FA Vase triumphs, and consistent league performances.

The club's fortunes fluctuated in the 2000s. They reached the FA Cup first round multiple times, enjoyed cup successes, and promoted young talent. The 2014/15 season saw Guiseley promoted to the National League. They avoided relegation in their first season, but struggled in subsequent campaigns. After managerial changes, a significant academy success, and challenges due to COVID-19, the club returned to the Northern Premier League in 2022.

Despite difficulties, Guiseley's academy remained strong, with notable FA Youth Cup performances. The club appointed a series of managers, with Mark Bower returning for his second stint in 2024 to lead the team forward.



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BEHIND ENEMY LINES

Joe Cracknell A summer signing, Cracknell has experience at Hull City, Bradford City, and Harrogate Town. He made over 100 appearances for Scarborough before joining Guiseley.

Jameel Ible (Captain) A strong centre-back, Jameel returned in 2022 for his second stint at Guiseley. He has also played for Stockport County and Scarborough and is a St Kitts and Nevis international.

Jake Lawlor A versatile defender, Lawlor rejoined Guiseley after playing for Salford City, Wrexham, and others. He previously spent six seasons with the Lions.

John Lufudu Known for his pace as a right-back, Lufudu returned for his second spell after playing for clubs like Spennymoor Town and South Shields.

Lucas Odunston A right-back previously with Leeds United and Hull City, Odunston has reconnected with manager Mark Bower, who helped revive his career.

Reece Kendall The left-back has been capped by England C and previously played for Brighouse Town and Spennymoor Town.

Ollie Brown An academy graduate, Brown has returned to Guiseley after a loan spell with Atherton Collieries and time at Alfreton Town.

Kyle Burrows A young defender who made his debut last season, Burrows previously spent time with Bradford City.

Prince Ekpolo Returning to Guiseley after a season at AFC Telford, Ekpolo has been a fan favorite since joining from Glossop North End.

Adriano Moke A seasoned central midfielder with experience at clubs like York City and Wrexham, Moke joined from Darlington.

Lebrun Mbeka A versatile player who can play in both defense and midfield, Mbeka is in his third spell with Guiseley.

Joe Ackroyd Ackroyd rejoined after spells with Barnsley and in the Czech Republic. He first played for Guiseley on loan in 2022.

Lewis Whitham A pacy winger who joined from Alfreton Town, Whitham is sidelined due to a major knee injury.

Gabriel Johnson A former Manchester United and Leeds United youth player, Johnson returned after a 22-goal season last year.

Jordan Thewlis, formerly of Scunthorpe United, was Alfreton Town's top scorer last season and previously played for Guiseley in 2021/22.

Jake Wright Wright joined from Buxton but is expected to miss the season due to an ACL injury.

Will Longbottom A versatile forward, Longbottom has reunited with Bower and Boshell after playing for Bradford (Park Avenue) and Farsley Celtic.

FROM THE ARCHIVES - THIS WEEK IN 1909

One hundred and fifteen years ago this week Ilkeston United entertained Belper Town at the Manor Ground in the FA Cup Second Qualifying Round.

Ilkeston United :- Webster, Roulstone, Hickling, Lane, Chalmers, Jebb, Harrison, Warner, Calladine, Davis and Gee.

The Belper line up was not announced in the papers but both teams played in the Notts and Derby League. Ilkeston started strongly and forced the Belper keeper to make some excellent saves but he was injured in the process and had to "retire". So despite playing with a stand in keeper Belper managed to keep Ilkeston out with Harrison and Calladine missing a number of good chances. Ilkeston understandably dominated the second half but were, according to the Football Post reporter, thwarted by the offside rule. The game went to a replay which Ilkeston won 3-0 with goals from McCulloch two and Harrison. They beat Heanor United in the next round but went out to Stoke, a forerunner of the present Stoke City, in the next round.

At the time Ilkeston United had a hundred percent record in the Notts and Derby League and at Christmas they had won ten of their eleven league fixtures. However they hit a run of indifferent form and lost out to Mansfield Mechanics and Eastwood Rangers finishing third in the table. In the next season they finished second before the league was re organized to become the Central Alliance.

Ilkeston had a strong squad at the time including a number of players who had Football League experience. Keeper Joe Webster went on to play for Watford and West Ham. Bill Hickling had played for Derby County, Tottenham Hotspur and Middlesbrough before joining Ilkeston. Scotsman Tommy Chalmers had played for Notts County but sadly he died in the First World War at the Somme in 1918. Charlie Calladine had experience at Notts County and Notts Olympic and like Chalmers Chalmers perished in the Great War. He was tunneller planting mines under the German trenches but was killed by a German mine. Ellis Gee had Football League experience at Everton and Notts County and John Davis had played 130 times for Derby County and made one appearance for Derbyshire Cricket Club. Also a young George Lawrence who we believe played in the replay went to play 137 games for Derby County and was apparently a relative of the author DH Lawrence.

Elsewhere locally Eastwood Rangers lost 3-1 at Sutton Junction in the FA Cup as did Gresley Villa against Heanor United. Villa were doing well in the Burton and District League but Gresley Rovers were rock bottom without a point to their name. In the Football League Division One Nottingham Forest beat Bolton Wanderers 2-0, with two goals from Morris, to go fourth in the table. Notts County were also in the top division but they lost 3-1 to Bristol City whilst Derby County were in Division Two losing to Leicester Fosse who were soon to change their name to Leicester City. Also in Division Two Glossop beat Grimsby and moved up to third place whilst plain Birmingham were beating Gainsborough Trinity 6-0.

Outside of football the newspapers were fascinated by the invention of manned flight and Orville Wright broke the altitude record of 1650 feet for a flight in an aero plane in a demonstration in Germany and then proceeded to take the Crown Prince up for a short flight going no higher than sixty feet. There were riots in Paris at the Spanish Embassy after Senor Ferrer a Catalan political activist was executed in Barcelona. This incident led to unrest all over Europe including riots in Italy as well. His death led to the formation of the International Movement. At home the Daily Mirror were reporting that "factory girls are sworn foes of the Suffragettes" and that in Bermondsey "women are warring against women". They also commented on the "Shampoo Tragedy" were women were washing their hair in a highly inflammable concoction containing petrol and tetrachloride because it dried quicker. A Miss Holbrook was the latest victim of this fashionable but deadly treatment. Finally General Baden Powell was knighted for his work in the Boer War, which Britain lost, and his work in the scouting movement.

John Shiels

JUNIOR SPOTLIGHT - U10S

Good afternoon, everyone. I'm Dan, and I manage Ilkeston Town U10s on Sundays with my brother James.

The past three years managing our lads has been absolutely brilliant. As a dad who just wanted to watch his boy play football, being asked to manage and run the team took some getting used to, but now Sunday mornings can't come quick enough! Watching the bond they've developed and their love for football makes it more than worthwhile.

We've had most of the lads since the team was set up in October 2021. Seeing them grow as individual players and as a team has been a pleasure. We've had a few successes, too—winning our first-ever tournament as U7s, finishing runners-up in the league at U9s, and being cup semi-finalists. Over the summer, we won the shield at a local tournament, battling through back-to-back penalty shootouts in the semi and final.

We've made great progress year on year, which is down to the hard work they put in week after week, and I can't wait to see what we can achieve this season and beyond.

A massive thanks to everyone at Ilkeston who helps with the running of the juniors and to all the coaches who are always happy to lend a hand. It's a fantastic community club to be a part of!

Good luck to the first team today and for the rest of the season!





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The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation

Providing Screening and Defibrillators to prevent Sudden Cardiac Death in the young

The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation is a charity set up in memory of Daniel Wilkinson who died in 2016 aged 24, while playing the game he loved, from an underlying heart condition called Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy (ARVC).



Dan played football from an early age and joined Hull City AFC when he was 10, earning a professional contract aged 18. Loughborough University followed where he completed a degree in Accounting and Financial Management while playing non-league football. He was an athlete who enjoyed the gym and took his health and nutrition very seriously. He lived life to the full and had so much ahead of him.

Other than feeling light-headed on a few occasions in the month before he died, he had no symptoms!

SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH IN THE YOUNG (SCD)

- SCD is the leading cause of death in young athletes during sport and the majority of deaths occur with **NO SYMPTOMS** or family history.
- ARVC can be found in one in every 1,000 to 5,000 young adults - **IF IT IS LOOKED FOR.**
- Warning signs may include light-headedness, fainting, palpitations, swollen legs, breathlessness.
- Every week in the UK, 12 apparently fit and healthy young people (aged 35 and under) die from previously undiagnosed heart conditions.
- In Italy, where screening is mandatory for all young people engaged in organised sport, they have reduced the incidence of young sudden cardiac death by 89%.

OUR MISSION

The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation has been set up to raise awareness of SCD and to provide funding towards heart screening, defibrillators and CPR/defibrillator training primarily for grass-roots sporting teams.

Tragedies can be prevented through cardiac screening. It is vital that young people are identified and treated.

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ANDYSMANCLUB

WHAT IS ANDYSMANCLUB?

ANDYSMANCLUB is a free peer-to-peer group that provides a place for men to come together in a safe and open environment to talk about the issues or problems that they have faced or are currently facing.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The process is about bringing men together who have been in similar situations, to help each other on a peer to peer basis, sharing how they have dealt with various situations through lived experiences. No matter how big or small your problem feels, we are here to support each other. The 5 questions that are asked each week are designed not only to encourage men to talk, but to start to focus on the positives and on strategies to keep moving forward. There is no pressure to answer any of the questions and it is not uncommon for men to just listen for the first few sessions.

The clubs all run on the same format and adhere to the same guidelines. A key principle of ANDYSMANCLUB is anything that is said in the club, stays within the club.

WHO IS IT FOR?

The club is open to any man 18 or over, who is going through a storm, been through a storm or just wants to meet a good group of people with the aim of improving one another.

WHEN IS IT?

ANDYSMANCLUBs meet every Monday at 7pm (excluding Bank Holiday Mondays).


WHERE IS IT?

ANDYSMANCLUB has over 100 locations across the UK. Check our website below for a full list.

HOW DO I JOIN?

Just turn up on the night. No registration or referral is required, all we ask is that you arrive before 7pm. The full list of our locations available on our website.

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