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NEXT UP AT SANDYGATE
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vs

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TUESDAY 6th AUGUST 2024
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MANAGER'S COLUMN

Good afternoon and welcome back to Sandygate for what's sure to be an entertaining game this afternoon.



I'd like to take the opportunity to welcome Gary Moore and his Lower Breck side to Sandygate for the first time. This afternoon's game provides us with a wealth of opportunities, including a test against a tough side and an opportunity to kick on from our opening day draw against Knaresborough Town.

As mentioned, Lower Breck gave us a tough game last season in the FA Vase. A very hard side to break down and we had to ride our luck at times. The penalties didn't do so much good for the nerve either! We know we're in for a tough game, but it's one we're prepared for.

The lads have been hard at work in training this week and are focused on giving our supporters a performance their dedication and support deserves. It was wonderful to see our strong travelling contingent carry over from last season at Knaresborough, and long

may it continue.

Finally, looking ahead to Winterton on Tuesday, who are a great team that we know a lot about. They're a team that will be looking to bounce back after relegation and will share similar ambitions to us, but a Tuesday night under the light's at Sandygate can, and has been the difference in the past, so let's keep the momentum going on Tuesday.

Enjoy the game.

Craig Denton

Manager



LEAGUE TABLE

NCEL Premier Division		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	+/-
1	Golcar United	1	1	0	0	4	1	3	3
2	Parkgate	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
3	Silsden AFC	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
4	Tadcaster Albion	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
5	Pickering Town	1	1	0	0	4	2	3	2
6	Handsworth	1	1	0	0	2	0	3	2
7	Thackley	1	1	0	0	2	1	3	1
8	Eccleshill United	1	0	1	0	2	2	1	0
9	Rassington Main	1	0	1	0	2	2	1	0
10	Albion Sports	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
11	Barton Town	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
12	Hallam	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
13	Knaresborough Town	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
14	Beverley Town	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	-1
15	Frickley Athletic	1	0	0	1	2	4	0	-2
16	Winterton Rangers	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	-2
17	Penistone Church	1	0	0	1	1	4	0	-3
18	Belford Town	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	-3
19	Campion	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	-3
20	Goole AFC	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	-3

Ann's CABIN

Grab a variety of refreshments over at Ann's Cabin, located between the 1860 Suite and the main stand.

Ann's menu includes Pasties, Sausage Rolls, Hot Dogs, Chips, Chip Butties, Tea & Coffee and Soft Drinks. We are proud to serve up delicious pasties and sausage rolls from our local supplier and sponsor: The Proper Pasty Company.

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

DATE	OPPOSITION	COMP	RESULT	ATT	GOALSCORERS
6/7/24	Ilkeston Town	PSF	1-3		Allan x 3
9/6/24	Emley AFC	PSF	3-3		Allan, Suleiman, Bradbury
13/7/24	Basford United	PSF	4-0		
16/7/24	AFC Mansfield	PSF	0-5		Salt, Goodwin, Howarth, Allan, Fearon
20/7/24	Bridlington Town	PSF	1-2		Peterson, Salt
23/7/24	Sheffield United XI	PSF	5-1		Allan, South, Howarth, Ward
27/7/24	Knareborough Town	NCEL	0-0	162	
4/8/24	Lower Breck	FAC EPO			
6/8/24	Winterton Rangers	NCEL			
10/8/24	Handsworth	NCEL			
13/8/24	Parkgate	NCEL			
16/8/24	Pickering Town	NCEL			
24/8/24	Albion Sports	NCEL			
31/8/24	Penistone Church	NCEL			
10/9/24	Tadcaster Albion	NCEL			
14/09/24	Campion	NCEL			
21/9/24	Thackley	NCEL			
24/9/24	Rossington Main	NCEL			
28/9/24	Albion Sports	NCEL			
1/10/24	Barton Town	NCEL			
5/10/24	Beverley Town	NCEL			
12/10/24	Bottesford Town	NCEL			
19/10/24	Silsden AFC	NCEL			
26/10/24	Frickley Athletic	NCEL			
2/11/24	Eccleshill United	NCEL			
12/11/24	Golcar United	NCEL			
16/11/24	Knareborough Town	NCEL			
23/11/24	Goole AFC	NCEL			
30/11/24	Handsworth	NCEL			
7/12/24	Winterton Rangers	NCEL			
17/12/24	Parkgate	NCEL			
21/12/24	Penistone Church	NCEL			
28/12/24	Pickering Town	NCEL			
4/1/25	Rossington Main	NCEL			
11/1/25	Tadcaster Albion	NCEL			
18/1/25	Campion	NCEL			
25/1/25	Thackley	NCEL			
8/2/25	Barton Town	NCEL			
15/2/25	Beverley Town	NCEL			
22/2/25	Bottesford Town	NCEL			
1/3/25	Silsden AFC	NCEL			
8/3/25	Eccleshill United	NCEL			
15/3/25	Frickley Athletic	NCEL			
22/3/25	Golcar United	NCEL			
5/4/25	Goole AFC	NCEL			

Fixtures are subject to change. HOME fixtures in bold.

Good afternoon everyone. Cup fever is once again in the air at Sandygate as we welcome the FA Cup back to the World's Oldest Football Ground.

May I begin by extending my warm welcome to the players, staff, officials and fans of Lower Breck who have made the trip across from Merseyside this afternoon. I hope your journey across wasn't too stressful and wish you all a safe journey home after what promises to be an entertaining game, given our previous encounter in the FA Vase last year.

Secondly, I must give credit to our fantastic volunteers and ground staff, who have worked tirelessly to ensure Sandygate is looking marvellous ahead of our first competitive home fixture for this season. This club would not be in the place it is right now without all of you.

As we're expecting a sizeable crowd this afternoon, please be patient with our volunteers, and be sure to make use of all the facilities at the ground.



Finally, a word of safety and caution. We would like to ask supporters to ensure they do not enter the field of play during the game. Please remain behind the barriers around the ground. This is for your safety, as well as the safety of the players and officials. Failure to do so could incur consequences for the club and yourselves.

Enjoy the game and your time with us this afternoon

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NCEL PREMIER REVIEW

Meanwhile, beaten playoff semi finalists Rossington Main came from 2-0 down to snatch a draw away at Eccleshill United.

A brace from Ross Hannah either side of half time rescued a point for Rosso after Eccleshill had raced into a two goal lead thanks to goals from Joshua McKiernon and Harvey Booth.

The most entertaining game of the opening weekend was to be found at Frickley Athletic, where Pickering Town also recovered from an early two-goal deficit to clinch a dramatic 4-2 win.

A manic three minutes on the hour mark proved the difference, as a George Brown strike coupled with a Harry Jessop brace completely turned the game on its head before a stoppage time penalty from Wayne Brooksby sealed a remarkable first win of the season for the Pikes to cap off the opening weekend of the 2024/25 campaign.

By Joe Burton



NCEL PREMIER REVIEW

Last weekend saw the opening round of the Northern Counties East Premier Division, with all 20 teams in action.

Eight games took place on Saturday, whilst the honour of hosting the first games of the new campaign were handed to Golcar United and Silsden, who played Penistone Church and Champion respectively.

Golcar kicked off the new season in style with a convincing 4-1 win over Penistone.

The visitors saw goalkeeper Harry Ambler sent off in the first half, and struggled to recover as the home side made light work of a Penistone outfit who narrowly missed out on the playoffs last term.

Silsden also got off to a perfect start, keeping the first clean sheet of the season in their 3-0 win over Champion to round off the opening night of the new campaign.

Kayle Price struck early to score the first goal of 24/25, whilst Luke Brooksbank and Casey Stewart added late goals to ensure the scoreline made for more emphatic reading.

The Countrymen's 0-0 draw at Knaresborough was one of two goalless encounters as Saturday got underway, with Barton Town and

Albion Sports also sharing the points after a stalemate on the Humber.

Newly promoted Parkgate were playing in their first Premier Division match since 2018, and they ensured it was an afternoon to remember as they eased past Goole.

Three second half goals were enough to earn a 3-0 win for the Steelmen, as Taylor Nicholson's goal immediately after the interval was backed up by quick-fire strikes from Jamie Austin and Harry Day to make sure of the three points.

Fellow NCEL newcomers Beverley Town weren't so fortunate, as despite going in level at the break, a Finn Donovan double helped Thackley to a 2-1 win, and it wasn't a happy return for Winterton Rangers upon their return to the NCEL following last season's relegation either, as Brandon Bagley and former Hallam favourite Scott Ruthven scored to clinch a 2-0 Handsworth win.

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HALLAM HISTORY

This city has a long, proud and incredibly rich sporting heritage. The oldest football club is from here. The oldest set of football rules is from here. You even have us to thank in part for your beloved Boxing Day football fixtures. And last, but by no means least, the oldest football ground, home to Hallam FC, is here.

1860 - 1900 - The Beginnings, The Rules and the first ever trophy

The Hallam Football Club was formed 4th September 1860, and is officially recognised as the second-oldest association football club in the world. Although formed in 1860, the football club can trace its links even further back, to 1804, when the owner of the now demolished Plough Inn on Sandygate Road agreed to allow a new cricket club, Hallam Cricket Club, to start playing on an adjacent field he owned.

The club had over 300 members by the 1850s, and in 1860 decided to form a football club to compete against Sheffield F.C, who were formed three years earlier. On Boxing Day 1860, the two clubs played each other at Sandygate for the first time. The match report for the game in the Sheffield Daily Telegraph states that the game was played between 16 of Sheffield and 16 of Hallam and Stumperlowe.



The Hallam Football Club's founder and captain, John Charles Shaw, soon became President of the Sheffield Football Association which organised matches according to the local rules for its growing number of member clubs. Shaw was directly instrumental, with Charles Alcock of the

London-based Football Association, in the formation of the nationally accepted rules for playing the game. Shaw and Alcock were the respective captains in the first game between a Sheffield XI and a London XI, in 1871, in which the preferred rules were tried out.

In 1867, Hallam won the first ever football competition, the Youdan Cup. The trophy itself is named after Thomas Youdan, a local theatre owner who endowed the cup for the tournament. The trophy was subsequently misplaced by the club, and did not resurface again until 1997 when a Scottish antiques



collector who had come into possession of the silver trophy sold it back to the club for £2,000. In 2022, the trophy received a valuation from Graham Budd Auctions, who placed a value of £350,000 upon it. During the 1870's and 1880's, professionalism began to creep into the game. Despite this, Hallam chose to remain fully amateur. In the summer of 1886, for reasons unknown but likely because of financial constraints, the club was dissolved, but a year later the club was re-formed and re-registered with the Sheffield & Hallamshire FA.

1892 saw Hallam enter their first league competition by joining the newly formed Hallamshire League, and they would also play in the Sheffield Minor Cup League, Sheffield Alliance and the Hatchard League as the 19th century came to a close.

1860 Member's Club Evening Review

We recently held our second 1860 Member's Club evening at the Sandygate Clubhouse. This was once again sponsored by the Sheffield Assay Office, who very kindly paid for everyone's first drink. Many thanks as always. The evening was well attended with Volunteers, Playing and Coaching staff and of course our valued Members.

We started with an update regarding membership numbers to the end of last season – a total of 124 members joined, the majority of whom are unsurprisingly local, but notably we had members from (amongst other places) Stockport, Crewe, Bournemouth, and from Nottingham (including our youngest member who signed up at just 8 hours old!). We also had international members join from Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, Gran Canaria, Taiwan and the USA.

At the time of writing many of our members have renewed and we already stand at 87 for the 2024/25 season. Notably this year our players have all agreed to join as well.

Our Chairman Richard gave a quick update on the season past, reporting that an incredible 29 fixtures had to be rearranged last season. With the FA Vase cup run being the highlight. He also talked about the clubs aims and ambitions for the coming season.

This was followed by a Q&A session with Craig Denton. Clearly there is a good relationship between Chairman and Manager who are aligned on the aim of pushing for promotion, noticeable by Craig's early appointment to allow the recruitment process to begin as early as possible. One question we never really got a response to came from the floor "Who is your favourite player?" Not easy to answer with so many players present – answers on a postcard please.

Finally, to round off what was an enjoyable evening, our resident Quiz Master put together a Hallam FC based quiz which certainly tested everyone's Club knowledge.

We will have another Member's Evening around Christmas time for a "Half-time report" and of course at the end of the season for the "Full-time report".

If you are not yet a member and would like to join, it is £12 for the season. Further details are available on the website:

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1900 - 1982 - The Nomads, The Record Makers and The Trophy Winners

Hallam won the Hatchard League title for the first time in 1903, and a year later won the league again, though they lost the play-off final played between the top four teams, and so surrendered their title. They also reached the final of the Sheffield and Hallamshire Senior Cup for the first time in 1904, but lost 1-6 to Barnsley reserves at Bramall Lane.

In 1911 the club first competed in a Football Association (FA) cup competition, when they entered the FA Amateur Cup. Three years later the First World War began, but Hallam continued to play, dropping out of the Hatchard League to join the Sheffield Amateur and Minor Leagues, previously competed by the club's reserve team. However, in 1917, Hallam decided they could no longer keep playing, and suspended playing operations, rejoining the Sheffield Amateur League after the war had ended, in 1919.

A downturn in fortune was soon to follow. At the end of the 1932-33 season the landlord of the Plough Inn public house decided to lease Sandygate to other teams, such as Crookes WMC and Fulwood, as Hallam were not providing enough bar takings. Although the club retained its affiliation with the local FA, Hallam's eviction from their ground saw them refrain from playing any football for a period of 15 years.

Hallam's time in the wilderness subsided in 1947 when they finally arranged a return to Sandygate, playing in the Sheffield



Amateur League and the re-formed Hatchard League (which they won) before finally re-joining the Sheffield Association League in 1949, winning the title for the first time. A year later Hallam won the Sheffield Senior Cup for the first time when they beat Stocksbridge Works at

Hillsborough in front of 7,240 spectators, and in 1952 they entered the Yorkshire League.

That same season, Hallam's FA Amateur Cup tie with Dulwich Hamlet was switched to Hillsborough stadium because of increased ticket demands - the attendance of over 13,000 proving to be a club record, which is still held today. After winning promotion to the top flight of the Yorkshire League for a second time in 1960, Hallam became a regular fixture in the league, playing at the same level for the next 20 years

In 1925 Hallam pulled off a giant-killing when they knocked out five-time Amateur Cup winners Bishop Auckland in front of over 2,000 people at Sandygate. Two years later the club entered the FA Cup for the first time. After winning the Sheffield Amateur League for the second time in 1927, they once again joined the Sheffield Association League.

THE VISITORS - LOWER BRECK FC

1982 - Present - NCEL Years, a rejuvenated Sandygate and the Centurions

The 1982–83 season saw the demise of the old Yorkshire League, with Hallam entering the newly formed Northern Counties East League (NCEL), which demanded more stringent ground grading rules. With only seven years of its ground lease remaining the club could not commit to expensive improvements.

Protracted negotiations with the landlord eventually led to a 99 year extension being granted but a large premium was demanded within one year. A massive fund raising effort secured the new lease and continued for the provision of floodlights, first used in 1992, and a stand behind one goal to shelter 100 people.

During season 2000/2001, Hallam FC received two certificates from the Guinness World Records organisation, which recognised that Sandygate was the Oldest Football Ground still in use and that Hallam FC possesses the World's oldest "knock-out" cup, namely the "Youdan Cup" of 1867. Both certificates can be seen proudly displayed in the entrance porch of the 1860 suite.

The club has spent most of its time in the NCEL in the Premier Division (which currently sits at level 9 and won the League Cup competition in 2004 when beating Mickleover Sports in the final, but in 2011 they were relegated back to the First Division.

In 2012, Sandygate received a much needed facelift, paid for by a posthumous

donation by lifelong supporter Roger Bell. This donation allowed the facilities to be upgraded in line with the modern day league requirements and to refurbish the clubhouse which was officially reopened on the 13th April 2012 as the "1860 Suite".

In the years that followed, the club became a competitive force in the first division, qualifying for the Division One end of season play-offs, but ultimately being eliminated in the semi-finals on both occasions.



The appointment of Craig Denton as manager in 2020 was followed by an upturn in results and attendances, and in the 2021-22 season Hallam secured the Division One title with a thumping 102 points, coupled with a goal difference of 103 and securing promotion to the NCEL Premier Division after nearly a decade away, with Sandygate hosting record crowds in excess of 1,100.

These magnificent crowds soon necessitated further expansion at Sandygate, with the Shed End seeing an extension behind the goal and beyond.

The 22/23 season saw Hallam finish in 6th place, with an average attendance of 502 for the campaign, a fine first season back in the Premier Division.

Club History continued

Due to the financial climate the decision was made by the club committee to bring the Lower Breck name back from its hiatus (Minus The Boys from the original name) For the 2013/14 season the club played their football in the Liverpool County Premier League's 1st Division as Lower Breck FC. With hard work and dedication the club was aiming to be playing Premier League football the following season and that aim was realized when the lads clung on to the last remaining promotion spot.

With the step up to the Premier Division secured the club looked to secure their position amongst the very best the city had to offer and build a squad capable of challenging for a league title in the forthcoming years.

For the start of the 2015/16 season Lower Breck had grown from the one team the Moore family founded back in 2010 to the club now running five playing sides.

With the addition of these sides Lower Breck set their focus on growing into a strong established club and with growth on/off the field and the club pushed full steam ahead. In the 2016/17 season the Breck secured a domestic cup double winning the

highly respected I-Zingari & George Mahon Cups.

In the 2017/18 season the club raised the bar even further and achieved greatness in Liverpool by winning all four competitions they played in and also going unbeaten throughout the whole campaign with a run stretching back to October 2016.

Lower Breck FC have made the swift transition from Youth side to North West Counties affiliated member Club in under 10 years. Fostering realistic ambitions of FA Cup Football at Breckside Park, this Club epitomises Grass Roots development. Signing off last season with an unbeaten clean-sweep of every available Trophy was a statement of our intent. You or your company could benefit from both local and national exposure: ensuring your sponsorship is a worthwhile investment for you, our Club and the wider Community.

Lower Breck FC have major plans for funding and growth. In partnership with the Anfield Community Centre and support from the Liverpool County FA we hope to create an environment where local talent can play and progress

THE VISITORS - LOWER BRECK FC

Founded: 2010

Ground: Anfield Sports & Community Centre

Home Colours: Red/Red/Red

Away Colours: Yellow/Black/Yellow



Club History

Lower Breck Football Club was founded in the summer of 2010 in the Tuebrook area of Liverpool. The aim on formation was to establish a youthful group of quality, committed players capable of challenging for honours in all future competitions in the years to come.

In the club's first season they took the South Liverpool 2010/11 Youth Division Title which was a great achievement at the first time of asking. For the 2011/12 season the club took on the challenge and step up in quality and moved to the highly respected Carlsberg West Cheshire Association Football League.

In the season that followed the club created history winning the West Cheshire League Title, The West Cheshire Youth Plate and The LCFA County Cup. History was made as no other club from the West Cheshire League had ever got their hands on the LCFA County Cup/ Treble...The club was also been nominated for

Merseyside Team of the year 2011/12...Another honour in just being nominated...

Again not wanting to stand still the club for the 2012/13 season joined forces with the highly respected and fast growing Famous Grapes Football Club. The lads in their first season as an open age side became a member of the Liverpool County Premier League's 2nd Division. In keeping with tradition the lads won the 2nd Division title another remarkable achievement as this was their first year in adult football.

Not settling for just a domestic trophy the club embarked on a European Tour when they traveled over to Cologne Germany to take part in the 2013 Rheintal Trophy and in doing so brought home the winner's trophy capping another trophy led season for the lads.

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MATCH REPORT - vs KNARESBOROUGH TOWN

Hallam opened their NCEL campaign with a frustrating 0-0 draw against Knaresborough Town.

Knaresborough started much the quicker side as Hallam struggled to establish themselves in the game early on, with the home side going close with an effort snuffed out by the Hallam defence.

The Countrymen were forced into an early substitution as Tom Claisse was replaced early on by Toby Kenyon due to injury. The reshuffle seemed to unsettle the Countrymen further, with Hugo being called into action to save low from the Knaresborough '10. The home side followed up with a shout for a penalty after a tussle in the box, only for the referee to wave play on.

As the half wore on, Hallam seemed to settle more into the game, with a few half-chances troubling the home defence. Brandon Bradbury saw his driving run cut down by an industrial challenge which went unpunished, much to the ire of the away bench. Hugo came to Hallam's rescue once again, with an incredible point-bank save to keep the scores level as both teams went into half time with the score remaining 0-0

Knaresborough opened the second half in the same fashion as the first, forcing a great save from Hugo.

After that, Hallam began to pile on the pressure. After a penalty shout waved away for The Countrymen, Bradbury's

rifled drive whistled narrowly wide of the post. The Countrymen caught the home side on the break soon after, with great work from Howarth nearly rewarded with a goal, but wasn't to be after the Knaresborough keeper gratefully plucked Brandon's header out of the air.

Chances followed from Buttle, Peterson and Allan, but it was soon becoming clear that it was going to be "one of those days" for the away side. A double sub of Wilson and Pudil for Buttle and Peterson brought some brightness to Hallam, with Kenyon and Allen both going close.

The final action of the game came with a Hallam corner tipped onto the crossbar by the home 'keeper, with the referee's whistle blown with the crossbar still shaking.

A point on the road for the Countrymen leaves them 12th in the NCEL Premier Division, as attention turns to FA Cup action.

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KNARESBOROUGH TOWN FC vs HALLAM FC

NCEL PREMIER DIVISION - SATURDAY 27th JULY 2024



STARTING XI

- 1 - Hugo Warhurst
- 2 - Jack Brownell
- 3 - Danny Buttle
- 4 - Chris Salt
- 5 - Danny South (C)
- 6 - Brandon Bradbury
- 7 - Tom Claisse
- 8 - Ross Goodwin
- 9 - Alex Peterson
- 10 - Rio Allan
- 11 - Leon Howarth

SUBS

- 12 - Iren Wilson
- 14 - Toby Kenyon
- 16 - Khalid Suleiman
- 18 - Carter Tingle
- 19 - Daniel Pudil



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ATTENDANCE

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