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Mitton Group Stadium  
Saturday 29th March  
2022 Kick Off at 7.45pm  
NCEL PREMIER DIVISION

VS  
**SILSDEN AFC**

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**28 THE GREEN**

# **CLUB DIRECTORY**

**Eccleshill United Football Club**

**Founded:** 1948

**Nickname:** The Eagles

**Home Ground:** The Mitton Group Stadium

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**Owners:** Sally Smith-Butler & Jay Butler

**Chairman & Secretary:** Adrian Benson

**Treasurer:** Sally Smith-Butler

**Match Day Secretary:** Brain Bell

**Groundsman:** Nick Hird

**Manager:** Lee Elam

**Assistant Manager:** Asif Hussain

**Kit Manager:** John Duckworth

**WE ARE THE EAGLES**



# THE CHAIRMAN



Good Evening and a warm welcome to our opponents for this evenings game Silsden AFC.

With this being our last home game of the season we are looking forward to hopefully finishing with a bang after winning the last 3 games.

The latest win a hard fought one over Sherwood Colliery 0-2.

We are currently in 3rd place on goal difference behind Winterton Rangers who are in 2nd with both teams on 72pts, Garforth are in 4th place on 68pts.

Both Garforth and Winterton play each other tonight as well.

We travel to Penistone Church on Saturday who are currently in 6th place and it's going to be a difficult game.

I hope all those in attendance, enjoy the final home game of the season.

Hopefully see you all back here next season in July/August.

Adrian Benson



I'd like to extend a warm welcome to The Mitton Group Stadium to this evenings opponents Silsden AFC and their traveling supporters.

After Saturdays hard fought victory over a tough team in Sherwood Colliery we now have 3 games left with each one a cup final.

All we can keep doing is winning our games and hope that Winterton drop some points along the way, hoping Garforth can do us a favour tonight.

We need to make sure we take advantage of our home tonight with the final 2 league games being away. First up is a very tough trip to Penistone Church this Saturday followed by an away trip to Athersley Recreation for the last game of the season.

Keep supporting the lads and we will make sure we fight right till the end.

Lee





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Wlacyński



Ben Bodle



Sam Bradley



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Cooper



Emmerson Cox



Aidan Day



Musab Aliyu



Alex Laird



Omar Anjum



Sumaili Cissa



Talent  
Ndlovu  
(Captain)



Benni  
Wilkinson



Kevin Bleau



Mahamdu  
Bokum



Ellis Wade



Jonathan  
Irving



Zac Sangster



Luke Aldrich



# Getting to know Jonathan Irving



## 1. What's Your Day Job?

**Jonathan:** Joiner

## 2. Team You Support.

**Jonathan:** Leeds United

## 3. Who has the best dress sense in the team?

**Jonathan:** After myself I would probably have to go with Andrew Cooper. His brown shoe collection is quite incredible.

## 4. Who has the worst dress sense in the team?

**Jonathan:** Talent Ndlovu or Sumaili Cissa. Both have some questionable clobber

## 5. Football idol?

**Jonathan:** Probably Gerrard.

## 6. Who is the biggest joker?

**Jonathan:** Ellis Wade, the lad has me in stitches

## 7. What's your favourite number?

**Jonathan:** My favourite number is 29. My favourite number shirt to wear is 9 or 10.

## 8. Who has the best taste in music?

**Jonathan:** Sumaili is the DJ in the changing rooms and occasionally Bodle when Sumaili isn't there, both have some good tunes. I reckon Emmerson has good taste as well his initiation song was really good, he can sing.

## 9. What's is your favourite sport other than football?

**Jonathan:** I play a lot of golf. I am the best golfer in the club followed by Jay Butler and Andy Copper

## 10. What's your favourite music/band?

**Jonathan:** - I like all sorts listen Gerry cinnamon a lot at home

## 11. Favourite league ground you've played at?

**Jonathan:** I've not really played at and football league grounds best one I've played at is probably Halifax Town

## 12. Favourite non league ground ?

**Jonathan:** I always like playing at Garforth. We played at Scarborough pre season last year that was really good to

## 13. Who's the brainiest in the team?

**Jonathan:** There's a few you know, probably Coops but I reckon Aiden Day and Ed are pretty smart too

## 14. Where in the world would you most like to live?

**Jonathan:** Where I live now, Centre of the universe. Scholes or maybe North America

## 15. What's your favourite drink?

**Jonathan:** If you're talking alcoholic then it's definitely a guinness. If non alcoholic I like a citrus oasis.





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# BLAST FROM THE PAST

## Eccleshill United stun Guiseley to reach County Cup final

19th February 2014

Eccleshill United 2 Guiseley 1

The Eagles will be flying to Valley Parade for the final of the West Riding County Cup after pulling off a famous victory.

Eccleshill had home advantage over Conference North neighbours Guiseley in the semi-finals and they made it pay.

The Toolstation Northern Counties East League hosts raced into a 2-0 lead and although the Lions pegged a goal back in the second half, the Eagles battled to keep their noses in front.

It was a perfect start for Eccleshill as Charlie Flaherty got on the end of Marcus Edwards' cross to break the deadlock.

Leading scorer Edwards added the second himself after picking up a through ball and steering a shot past Lions goalkeeper Steve Dickinson.

Guiseley boss Mark Bower made a change at half-time as Jack Rea replaced former Norwich City man Oli Johnson.

Michael Potts netted with a good finish in a packed area just after the hour mark to give the Lions hope.

Both sides pressed for more goals, with the Eagles coming under heavy pressure from their higher-ranking opponents towards the end but standing tall.





# THE VISITORSON KINGSWAY



Silsden AFC was formed in September 1904 by a local man, Doctor John Purcell. They started playing rugby, then handball and ended up playing both Saturday and Sunday football. Like any sporting team they experienced great successes and disappointing defeats but the dedication of countless volunteer committees kept the club alive. None more so than the present committee of the new Millennium who will leave a legacy for generations to come. The present Saturday senior team set up was formed with a team playing together since the 1996/97 season after starting life in our local Craven & District Football League Division Two after the team had progressed through the junior section within the club to open age football. They spent three years in the Craven League moving up to the Premier Division and in the last year in that division set a new record of going through the season unbeaten in all competitions. From there they joined the West Riding County Amateur League in Division Two and quickly gained promotion up into the Premier Division where they enjoyed three seasons. In season 2002/2003 Silsden set another record in going through the season unbeaten in all competitions. To add to this they also won the West Riding County Challenge Cup for the third successive season, a feat only achieved by one other club.

It was clear that the team was ready for football at a higher level and in season 2004/2005 Silsden joined the North West Counties League. Without floodlights and an enclosed pitch, the Cobbydalers were forced to play their home games at Cougar Park, the home of Keighley Cougars Rugby League Club.

The Cobbydalers gained promotion to the top division in their inaugural season, finishing as runners up to league winners Cammell Laird, and had their most successful runs in the FA Cup and FA Vase Competitions. The team who were promoted from the 1st Division that season (now the Premier Division) were Fleetwood Town!

The club's aim was to move back to the Keighley Road ground at the earliest opportunity and the club (football and cricket) embarked on a period of fund raising accruing over £100,000. Finally the development took place, with the help of a

£663,453 grant from the Football Foundation, as part of its continuing investment in grass-roots football and an additional Football Foundation grant of £300,000 through the Community Club Development Programme.

In May 2009 the building of a new clubhouse and changing facilities was completed just as the Keighley Cougars gave them notice to quit. The club had two options, to ground share with a Lancashire club or develop the playing surface and outdoor facilities at the Keighley Road headquarters.

They formed a committee and raised £110,000 in 5 months and in August 2010 saw the completion of the ground improvements which meant a return of Silsden AFC to its rightful place ... back in Silsden!

The Cobbydalers maintained their position in the top division of the NWCFL and in 2015 embark on their 10th season in the division, their best year being in season 2008-09 when they finished ninth with 58 points. The season after saw them relegated to Division One where they spent two seasons rebuilding.

In season 2017-2018 they were crowned champions of Division One with a league record of 103 points and a league record of goals scored. Another record was their great start to the season which saw them win their first 17 leagues games of the season!! A great achievement from everyone involved from managers, players and the hard working committee.

Since 2018 they consolidated their position in the NWCFL before being moved laterally across to the North Eastern Counties Premier League in 2019-20 season. The last two seasons can easily be forgotten because of the pandemic but Silsden are hoping for a top 10 finish this season.

The last 18 months haven't all been a disaster for the club, as they have been very active by improving their stadium.

They replaced their 82 year old wooden stand with a new fantastic 105 seater stand. Not only this but a lovely new Ticket Office and they are currently putting the finishing touches to a great newly-built Hospitality Suite situated next to the new stand. All this new work plus new terracing at the club end of the ground and re-positioning of the standing stand to behind the far goals.

This is just the start, as other on-going improvements to the pitch and further development are planned



# Remaining Fixtures

## UPCOMING MATCHES

TUE, 29 MARCH

ECCLESHILL  
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TUE 29  
19:45



SILSDEN AFC

Toolstation Northern Counties East League - Premier Division

APRIL 2022

SAT, 2 APRIL

PENISTONE  
CHURCH



SAT 2  
15:00



ECCLESHILL  
UNITED

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SAT, 9 APRIL

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# Player Statistics

Squad Stats	Lge		Lge Cup		Other*
Season 2021/22	A	G	A	G	G
Luke Aldrich	19 (7)	14	0 (0)	0	8
Musab Aliya	15 (2)	0	0 (0)	0	0
Omar Anjum	6 (1)	0	1 (0)	0	0
Samuel Awty	2 (2)	0	0 (0)	0	0
Kelvin Bleau	29 (4)	0	0 (0)	0	0
Ben Bodle	30 (3)	1	0 (0)	0	0
Mahmadu Bokum	0 (4)	0	1 (0)	0	0
Sam Bradley	34 (0)	4	1 (0)	0	0
Warren Carr	1 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0
Sumaili Cissa	25 (1)	6	0 (0)	0	3
Andrew Cooper	18 (10)	2	1 (0)	0	2
Emmerson Cox	17 (11)	2	1 (0)	0	0
Alex Cusack	1 (10)	2	0 (0)	0	0
Aiden Day	34 (0)	11	1 (0)	0	1
Jordan Emery	11 (0)	1	0 (0)	0	0
Bradley Emmerson	3 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	0
Tabish Hussain	0 (7)	1	0 (0)	0	0
Jonny Irving	27 (5)	10	1 (0)	0	1
Alexander Laird	29 (0)	1	1 (0)	0	0
Jamie Lyons	0 (3)	0	0 (0)	0	0
Jordan Moorhouse	1 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0
Talent Ndlovu	29 (0)	14	0 (0)	0	2
Zackary Sangster	14 (11)	5	1 (0)	1	3
Matthew Schofield	1 (7)	0	1 (0)	0	0
Ellis Wade	7 (8)	2	0 (1)	0	1
Edward Wilczynski	31 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0
Benjamin Wilkinson	1 (5)	0	0 (0)	0	0
<b>Players no longer registered with club</b>					
Benni Wilkinson	0 (2)	0	0 (0)	0	0

\* Other includes FA Cup, FA Vase and county cup matches.

Statistics up to and including Saturday 26th March, 2022.

# Latest League Table

NCEL Premier Division			P	Pts	+/-
1	Grimsby Borough		36	84	58
2	Winterton Rangers		35	72	46
3	Eccleshill United		35	72	34
4	Garforth Town	▲	35	68	36
5	Sherwood Colliery	▼	35	68	25
6	Penistone Church		36	65	21
7	Barton Town		34	54	8
8	Handsworth		34	50	-1
9	Maltby Main		35	49	4
10	Emley AFC		35	48	8
11	Staveley Miners Welfare	▲	35	46	10
12	Silsden AFC	▲	35	46	1
13	Goole AFC	▼	36	46	-10
14	Bottesford Town	▲	34	45	-19
15	Thackley	▼	37	44	-23
16	AFC Mansfield		36	40	-15
17	Knaresborough Town		35	33	-30
18	Albion Sports	▲	34	29	-29
19	Hemsworth Miners Welfare	▼	36	27	-34
20	Athersley Recreation		36	10	-90





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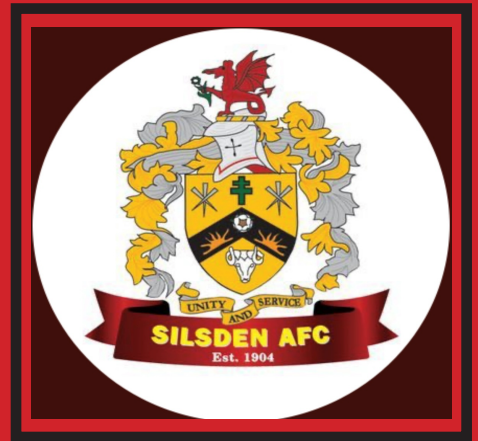




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ASSISTANT REFS: Declan

O'Regan & Kerion Moor



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