

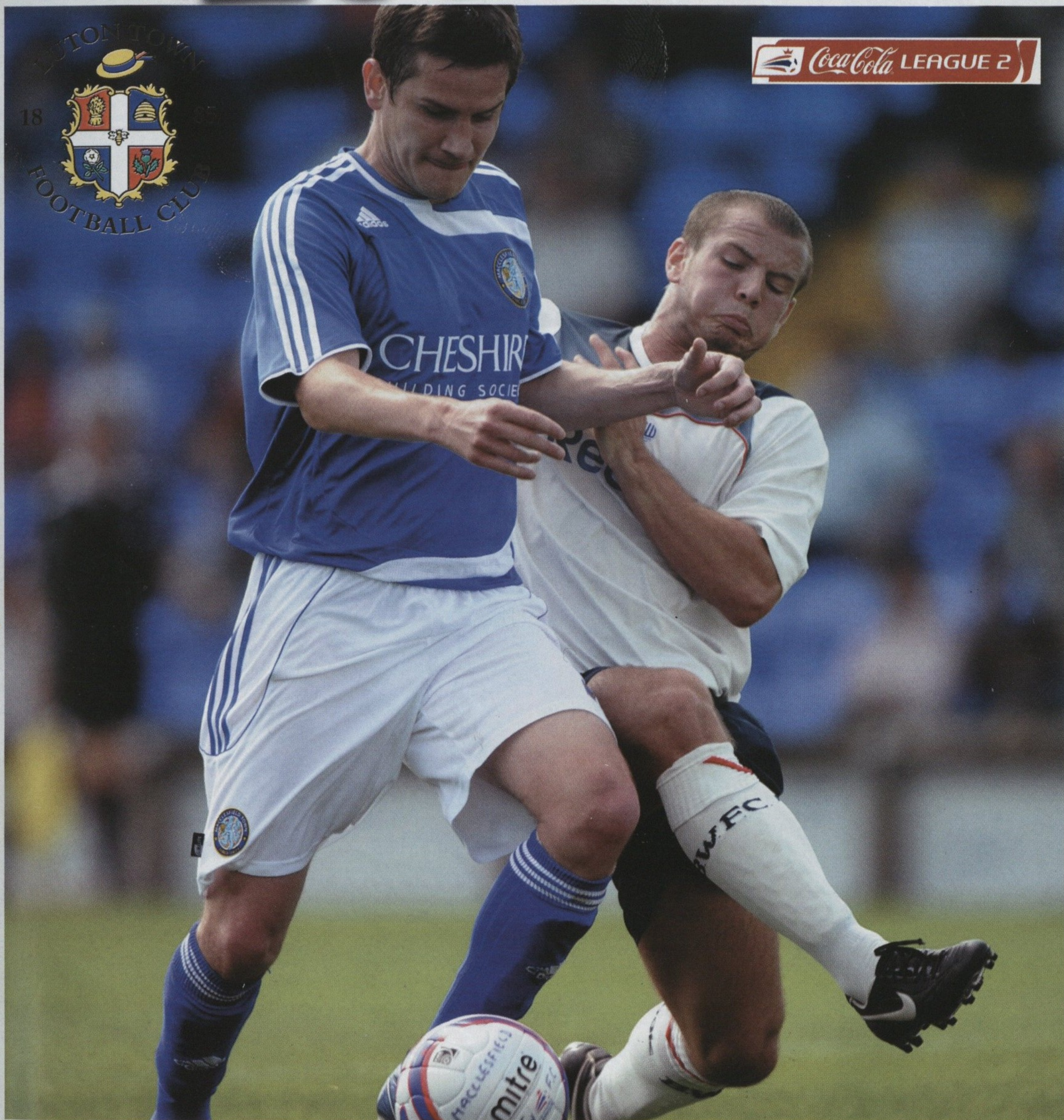


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Keith Alexander

Welcome along to the Moss Rose for this afternoon's encounter with Luton Town, who after all the uncertainty of recent months must be just delighted to be concentrating on football once again.

It is not my place to comment on the relative merits of the punishments handed out to them and the other two clubs in our division. But you can't help but sympathise with the fans and the new owners who are paying the price for past misdemeanours.

But any such thoughts will be put to one side come 3 o'clock this afternoon when we look to get our season back on track after the events of last week. Defeats are bad enough to take but to lose six nil at home really does tend to focus your mind.

Call me a glutton for punishment but I must have watched the game back on video close

to a dozen times now. When things like this happen, it's important you attempt to understand why and certainly that has been the main focus of our hard work on the training ground.

You can look for excuses and I do think we have been on the receiving end of some bad luck. I certainly don't think we have warranted four red cards and strangely enough I thought for the first ten minutes of the second half against Darlington we looked the more likely of the two teams to score. We didn't and managed to press the self-destruct button in pretty spectacular fashion.

In many ways the same can be said of our trip to Crewe in the week. To find ourselves a goal and a man down with less than fifteen minutes on the clock made for a difficult night. But in the second half, after we had gotten the players in at the break, I was mightily impressed we our both our discipline and commitment. It would have been easy just to start feeling sorry for ourselves and risk shipping another six goals.

But we didn't and with the support of another great following, we stuck to our task and worked extremely hard. And that is very much what the doctor ordered as it's the only way you will start to win games of football. It's also a time for patience. Things seem to happen so

quickly these days in the game. You only have to look at the Premier League this week for evidence of that with the departures of Kevin Keegan and Alan Curbishley.

Of course I accept that as a team we have not performed this season and I've been in the game long enough to know that I am already under pressure just four games into the season. That won't stop me working as hard as I ever have as that is something I have always believed in.

I've never had anything handed to me on a plate in life and don't expect that to suddenly start. Whilst it can be an emotional roller

coaster at times, football is still a great business to be involved in. I know I am in a very fortunate position and it is important none of us forget that.

Football affects people's lives in so many ways and I suspect a lot of you were very down after last weekend's results. We understand that and accept we need to improve. And of course it is right for us to expect to be on the end of some criticism.

But ultimately, and I know this is easy to say, everyone involved in Macclesfield Town is after the same thing, and that is to see the club win games and do well.

"I certainly don't think we have warranted four red cards and strangely enough I thought for the first ten minutes of the second half against Darlington we looked the more likely of the two teams to score"

It's important we never forget that even at times when things aren't going so well. Despite this disappointing start the last thing we need to happen is for an air of despondency to set in. The lads we have here at the Moss Rose are an honest bunch of guys and I know are capable of taking the club forward.

So keep the faith and if you are planning to travel to Bournemouth next weekend have a safe journey and hopefully we'll be able to put a smile back on your face.

**Enjoy the game.
Keith**



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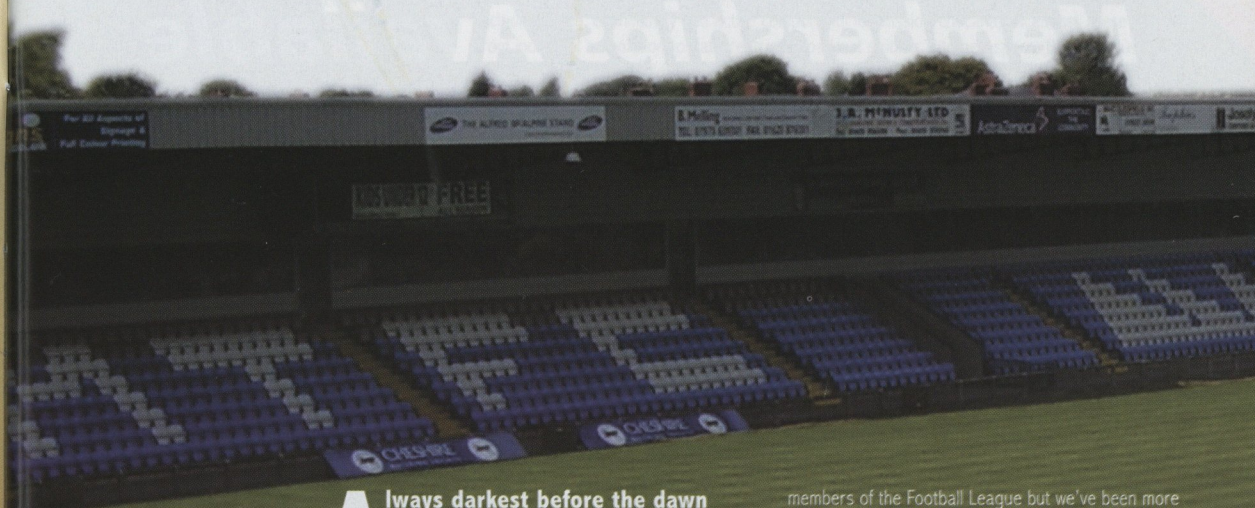
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from the boardroom



Always darkest before the dawn
..... it's a marathon not a sprint
..... there's still 126 points to
play for..... It would be tempting to
roll out the clichés this afternoon.

I'm sure that most Moss Rose regulars spent the summer in optimistic mood. After yet another difficult season it seemed we'd finally turned the corner with play off form over the last twelve games, an outcome built on an unbeaten home record over the same period. With the majority of the squad that achieved those results still with us, surely we were right to be optimistic about the future.

It's all the more frustrating therefore to be going into this afternoon's important game with Luton Town without a point on the board. We always knew our opening fixtures were going to be tough and so they have proved to be. But a 6-0 home defeat does tend to focus your mind.

And those frustrations are increased by the fact that our performances in the Carling Cup against Championship and Premier League opposition seem to offer conclusive proof that we can play.

Candidly, everyone involved at Moss Rose recognises that we've fallen well short of supporters' reasonable expectations thus far and there is a massive commitment to get things back on track as quickly as possible. We are a small club with limited resources but we cannot offer that as an excuse. We've faced the same challenge in every one of our previous eleven seasons as

members of the Football League but we've been more than able to survive and on occasion even to thrive over more than a decade whilst operating within our cost constraints. I would like to make it crystal clear to all our supporters that we'll do everything in our power to do justice to that heritage.

I'd like to welcome today's opponents Luton Town for what is their third visit to our corner of Cheshire. At this point I have to declare an additional interest. I was born in Hertfordshire and spent my formative years as a Watford supporter, an affliction that was cured many years ago by a move via Hull to Cheshire. For the uninitiated the rivalry between the Hornets and the Hatters is every bit as intense as any in the country and I have to say that my two visits to Kenilworth Road as a Silkmen fan, both undefeated, were most enjoyable.

Much has been written over recent months over the penalties meted out to the Bedfordshire club by both the FA and the Football League. Whether it's appropriate for the 2008/09 Hatters to be paying such a high price for perceived past misdemeanours is moot this afternoon. The truth is that the combination of our under-achieving start to the season with their 30 point deduction means that today's game will be seen by many as perhaps the first ever relegation six pointer to be played in September!

Enjoy the game. After all it's always darkest before the dawn it's a marathon not a sprint and there's still 126 points to play for

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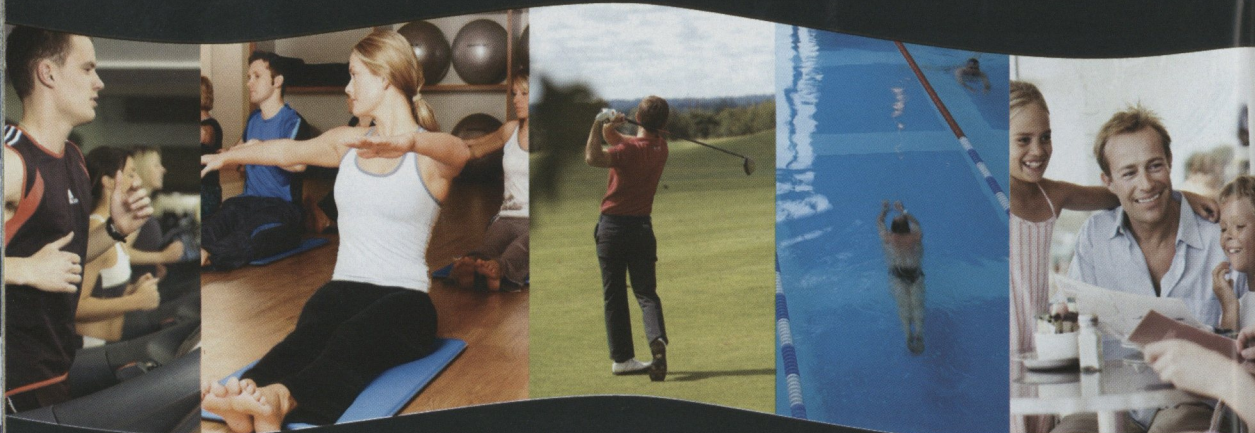
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And you don't have to be a business to benefit from the above. If you've a birthday or special occasion around the corner why not treat those involved to a day out at the Moss Rose that they will remember?



notice BOARD

USE OF MCALPINE STAND FACILITIES ON MATCH DAYS

Following the difficulties that have been encountered both during and after home games this season the club would like to clarify the arrangements for utilisation of the facilities in the McAlpine Stand on match days.

MCILROY SUITE

The McIlroy Suite will be reserved for the exclusive use of sponsors, match day diners and club vice presidents both before the game and during half time. Sponsors, diners and vice presidents pay a significant premium for this privilege and are thereby contributing substantially to match day revenues. Match day packages are available to all. We will be promoting the use of the Suite for the next few home games. Watch this space for details of special offers.



After the game everyone is welcome to enjoy a drink in the Suite would we like to encourage supporters to join players, management and directors at that time. On the rare occasions when the suite is to be utilised for another event later it may be necessary to close the bar early. We will endeavour to keep supporters appropriately informed should this occur in future. The club shop will continue to be located with the McIlroy Suite on match days with access before the game via the Club Office entrance.

SPORTS BAR (PREVIOUSLY THE PRESIDENTS BAR)

The Sports Bar will be open to all supporters before the game with access via the Moss Lane entrance. On Saturday afternoon the Bar will open at 12.30pm to allow supporters to watch the televised live game on big screens whilst enjoying a competitively priced drink. Bar food will be available. Supporters will be required to leave the bar before kick-off in order to enter the ground via their chosen turnstile.

The Sports Bar will be open at half time for use by supporters in the McAlpine Stand. Access at half time will be via the stairs from the concourse under the stand. The Sports Bar will also be available to all supporters after the game. We would like to make the McIlroy Suite and Sports Bar the places of choice for Macc Fans on match days. We really appreciate your support!

RESERVE TEAM NEWS

The Reserves began their Central League Cup campaign on Wednesday with a trip to the Accrington Stanley, going down in a close fought and entertaining 5-3 defeat at the Fraser Eagle Stadium.

The Silkmen have been drawn in Group 4 along with Rochdale, Morecambe, Accrington and Tranmere and will play each of the opponents just once. The side finishing top of the group will go straight through to the semi-final knock out stages.

The dates of our remaining games are as follows:

Wed 17th Sept - Tranmere Rovers (a)

Wed 8th Oct - Morecambe (h)

Wed 19th Nov - Rochdale (h)

All games kick off at 7pm with our home ties scheduled for the Moss Rose. Season ticket holders are entitled to free admission.

FANCY A FLUTTER

Here's how BET365 rate our chances today:

Silkmen win - 27/10 Draw - 12/5

Hatters' win - Evens

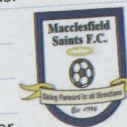
MAN IN CHARGE

Andy Penn takes charge of this afternoon's encounter having joined the League list at the start of the 2002/03. Since that time our paths have crossed on nine occasions, the Silkmen winning two, drawing three and losing the remaining four games. One of those victories was the remarkable 5-4 win at Wycombe! More recently he oversaw our Carling Cup tie with Leeds United last August and our league defeat at the hands of Lincoln City at the Moss Rose later in the season. So far this season he has overseen four games, issuing a total of five yellow cards.



FANCY A GAME

Macclesfield Saints Football Club are looking for additional players to compliment their new Under 7's team for the coming Season. So if you are over 6 and under 7 on 31st August 2008 and looking to join a friendly, well run local club where boys and girls are welcome then why not give them a call? You can contact them by visiting www.maccsaintsfc.co.uk or by calling Matt Cooper on 07515 167469 for more information.



AWAY TRAVEL TICKET NEWS

The Silkmen are on the road the next two Saturdays with trips to first Bournemouth and then Port Vale. Both clubs operate a cashless turnstile policy which means you have to buy your tickets before entering the ground.

Please note that for both games it is possible to pay on the day but you will have to buy your tickets from the ticket office, and thus leave yourself some extra time to ensure you do not miss the kick-off. We do however have some advance tickets for the Port Vale game which will be on sale from today at Moss Rose main office.

Bournemouth

Away supporters are located in the East Stand which is all seated and covered.

Admission prices are:

£16 - adults

£7 - 65+, Under 16s and NUS cardholders



Supporters have to buy their tickets from the ticket office which is in the Main Stand (opposite the away stand) and if they aim for the Colour Crazy windows, there are two counters there to buy them. Any of our disabled supporters will gain free admission and should contact Phil Tyrell on 07803 090047 to arrange parking etc.

Port Vale

Visiting supporters are housed in the Hamil Road Stand with tickets available from the club's ticket office before the game.

Adults (19-60yrs) - £19.00

Juniors up to 18 yrs - £8.00

Seniors Over 60yrs - £12.50

Under 9's - free of charge

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in **opposition**



Luton Town

Just over three years ago Luton Town were still celebrating their success after claiming the League One title - but what has followed since has been a rapid decline that almost spelt the end of the football club.

A succession of financial problems has dogged the club since the late 90s - culminating in entering administration for the third time in their history at the back end of last season - for which they were docked ten points by the Football League.

A further 20 points were added as punishment for leaving administration without setting up a Creditors Voluntary Agreement - meaning that they began this season with the biggest handicap ever handed out to a Football League team.

However that did not stop former TV presenter Nick Owen, and his Luton Town FC 2020 consortium from getting together to take over the running of the club and attempt to restore some of the former glories to the Kenilworth Road club.

Luton are one of a select band of clubs that have played in all four divisions and have provided the Premier League with a string of players in recent times such as Leon Barnett, Curtis Davies, Matt Taylor and Emerson Boyce.

They were the first professional club from the south of England, with records of payment to players dating back to 1896 and their former striker Joe Payne set a football league record of ten goals in one game back in 1936, which has never been surpassed.

The club's finest moment came in 1988 when a side including current manager Mick Harford defeated Arsenal 3-2 in the final of the Littlewoods Cup at Wembley - but they were deprived of the chance of entering the UEFA Cup because of the Heysel ban.

Harford was the club's third manager last season, following on from Mike Newell and Kevin Blackwell and the Geordie is determined to overcome the massive handicap of the points' deduction to retain league status this season.

Finances remain tight at the club, but despite their parlous state, Harford has still managed to attract no fewer than 12 new faces to Kenilworth Road for the challenge ahead. Only two have cost money, in the shape of the return of fans' favourite Kevin Nicholls from Preston North End and powerful defender Claude Gnaka from Peterborough United.

The remainder have been free transfers and loan signings as Harford looks to put together a side capable of writing their names into Luton Town folklore by pulling off the greatest of all great escapes this season.



last time **out**

Exeter City 0 Luton Town 1

St James Park
Coca-Cola League Two
Saturday 30th August 2008
3pm Kick-off

Subs: Charles for Martin
Subs not used: Logan, Roper, Hall, Watson
Bookings: None
Goal: Parkin 47
Attendance: 5328



meet the **manager**

MICK HARFORD was voted the "Greatest Ever Hatter" by Luton Town fans - so it's fair to say that his status will elevate to something approaching Messiah levels if he pulls off the miracle of keeping the club in the Football League this season.

Luton supporters had more than a few candidates to choose from when voting - but there will be no doubt about their choice if their revered former striker beats the handicap of a deficit of 30 points this season.

Any central defender who has ever come across Harford on a football field will tell you that the Geordie, seemingly hewn from granite, never ran from a battle in his life and he is not about to start now.

The easiest thing for Harford to have done in the summer, when the football authorities handed out the most severe sanctions for entering administration and then leaving it without making a CVA with creditors, would have been to say no thanks to the challenge which faces everyone at Kenilworth Road.

"It's really not my style to run away from things. I could have left, but I knew exactly what I was getting involved in when I went back to the club. I knew the state of finances, salaries and budgets," he said.

"I knew that the club had been in financial problems for several seasons. I accepted all that. I don't agree with what the football authorities have done to us and maybe I did not think it would be as difficult as it has been, but I am relishing the challenge.

"We felt hard done by from the two football associations, but the policy at the club is to accept what has been thrown at us and to get on with it. We can't dwell on what has happened in the past. We can only affect the future and that is what we are determined to do."

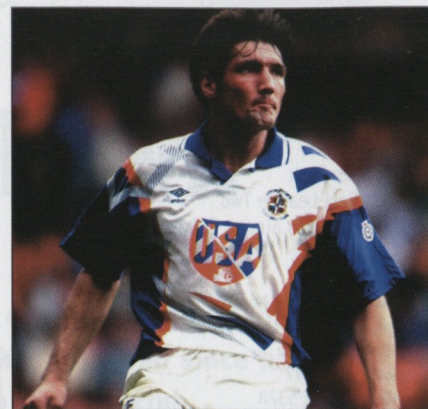
Harford served the club as a player in the halcyon days under David Pleat and then Ray Harford and was part of Luton's finest moment when they defeated Arsenal 3-2 to win the Littlewoods Cup in 1988 at Wembley.

And he returned to take over the reigns towards the back end of last season as the club slid out of League One for the second successive relegation - amid all the money troubles that have cast a giant shadow over the club he loves.



meet the manager

"Macclesfield deserved to win that game. They played really well and showed they are a decent team"



Garnering sufficient points this season to overcome that huge handicap will go down as one of the greatest achievements in football history and that is what is driving everyone who has signed up to what looks like mission impossible.

"There have been some very famous people associated with this club down the years and the club has achieved some fantastic things, but nothing would beat staying in the league this season. The players have a chance to write themselves into the history books," said Harford.

"It has not been easy attracting people to the club, because of the situation we are in, but those that are here are so united and determined to pull this off. The spirit amongst them is incredible really. You never hear anyone talk about the 30 points.

"The board members and people that have taken the club over are very positive and they know what needs to be done. The support we have had from the fans has been incredible and we have just got our heads down and tried to make a good start."

Seven points from a possible ten, would have had Luton nicely among the early pace-setters in the table, rather than still rooted to the foot of the table still 23 points adrift of safety, but no one even bothers to look at a league table. Mentally handling that kind of pressure is far tougher than actually entering the field of play on a Saturday

afternoon, trying to chip away at the gap, despite the strategies in place to systematically whittle it away.

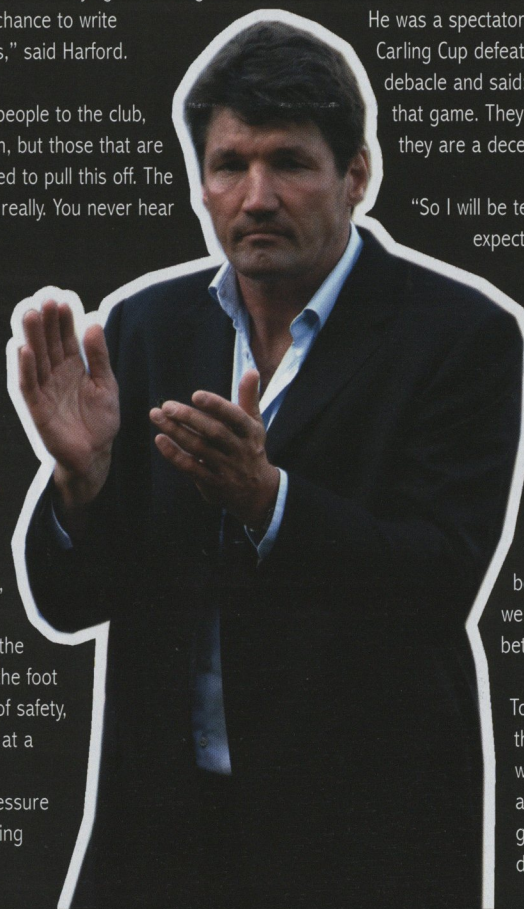
They have won both of their away games so far and would like to make that a hat-trick, although Harford will be warning his players to expect a totally different Macc side to the one that suffered at the hands of Darlington last weekend.

He was a spectator at West Ham United for our Carling Cup defeat a few days before the Darlington debacle and said: "Macclesfield deserved to win that game. They played really well and showed they are a decent team.

"So I will be telling my players that they can expect a major reaction from a side that lost its last game 6-0. I am expecting a backlash and they will be expecting one too, but we want to keep winning and keep the momentum that we are generating.

"The most important thing for us is to make sure that we beat the teams that are around us at the bottom end of the table. The longer we can keep them on no points the better."

To reduce the deficit to 20 points in the space of five league games would represent an outstanding achievement and with another 41 games to go after today - Luton's dream is still very much alive.



Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS profiles nine post-war Luton Town goalscoring favourites



GORDON TURNER

Long-serving inside-forward Gordon Turner holds Luton Town's all-time goalscoring record. Signing professional at Kenilworth Road in March 1950, he featured in Luton's 1951-52 FA Cup run and 1952-53 promotion near-miss. He was leading marksman seven times, including 1954-55 when ever-present as they won promotion to the top-flight, also representing the Football League. Netting 243 goals in 406 League outings for the Hatters, he briefly reunited with Jesse Pye at Wisbech Town in July 1964, then played for Kettering Town, Dunstable and Bletchley. He lived and worked locally until his death in December 1976.

RON DAVIES

Welsh international striker Ron Davies was Luton Town's leading marksman in 1962-63. Initially with Chester, he twice topped their goalscoring charts and moved to Kenilworth Road in October 1962. He impressed with his aerial strength in a struggling side, netting 21 goals in 32 League games for Luton before joining Norwich City in September 1963. Moving to Southampton in August 1966, he was top scorer three times prior to joining Portsmouth in April 1973. He played for Manchester United, Arcadia Shepherds, LA Aztecs, Tulsa Roughnecks and Seattle Sounders, becoming a soccer coach in Florida.

JOHN O'ROURKE

England U-23 striker John O'Rourke was Luton Town's top scorer in three successive seasons. Initially with Arsenal, he moved via Chelsea to Luton in December 1963 and netted 64 goals in 84 League games while at Kenilworth Road before joining Middlesbrough in July 1966. He starred as they regained Second Division status at the first attempt in 1966-67, then had spells with Ipswich Town, Coventry City and QPR in the top-flight, moving to AFC Bournemouth in January 1974. Later with Poole Town, Johannesburg Rangers, Weymouth, Dorchester Town and Poole again, he has since been a newsagent in Highcliffe.

BARRY BUTLIN

Striker Barry Butlin was leading marksman as Luton Town regained top-flight status in 1973-74. Signing professional for Derby County in January 1967, he had limited opportunities under Brian Clough and was loaned to Notts County prior to joining Luton for £50,000 in November 1972. He netted 24 goals in 57 League games while at Kenilworth Road before moving to Nottingham Forest for £122,000 in October 1974. Reunited with Clough, he featured in their 1976-77 promotion campaign and joined Peterborough United in August 1977, then played for Sheffield United. He is a financial adviser, living in Chellaston.

BRIAN STEIN

England international striker Brian Stein scored twice in Luton Town's 1988 Littlewoods Cup final triumph. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Edgware Town in October 1977, he was leading marksman in Luton's 1981-82 Second Division success and also starred as they

were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85 and 1987-88. He joined Caen in July 1988 and moved via Annecy back to Luton in July 1991. Voted their 'Player of the Year' for the second time in 1991-92, he netted 130 goals in 427 League games overall before joining Barnet in August 1992, helping win promotion in 1992-93. His brother Mark also played for Luton.

MICK HARFORD

England international striker Mick Harford played for Luton Town in consecutive Littlewoods Cup finals including their 1988 Wembley triumph. Signing professional for Lincoln City in July 1977, he had spells with Newcastle United, Bristol City and Birmingham City prior to joining Luton in December 1984. He starred as the Hatters were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85 and 1987-88, moving to Derby County in January 1990 and returning to Luton in September 1991. Joining Chelsea in August 1992, he then played for Sunderland, Coventry and Wimbledon. He has since been coach and now manager back at Luton.

TONY THORPE

Striker Tony Thorpe was leading marksman as Luton Town qualified for the Second Division play-offs in 1996-97. A former Leicester City trainee, he reunited with David Pleat at Luton in August 1992 and was also top scorer in 1997-98. He joined Fulham for £800,000 in February 1998 and helped them reach the play-offs that season. Sold to Bristol City for £1,000,000 in June 1998, he was top scorer three times prior to rejoining Luton in July 2002 after two loan spells. He netted 70 goals in 164 League games overall before moving to QPR in August 2003, then Swindon, Colchester, Stevenage, Grimsby and Tamworth.

STEVE HOWARD

Striker Steve Howard topped Luton Town's goalscoring charts in five successive seasons. Initially with Tow Law, he joined Hartlepool United in August 1995 and moved to Northampton Town for £120,000 in February 1999. He starred in their 1999-2000 promotion campaign, joining Luton for £50,000 in March 2001. A key figure as the Hatters won promotion in 2001-02, then the League One title in 2004-05, he scored 95 goals in 212 League outings before being sold to Derby County for £1,000,000 in July 2006. He helped them win promotion in 2006-07 and joined Leicester City for £1,500,000 in January 2008.

PAUL WALSH

England international striker Paul Walsh was capped five times while at Luton Town. Signing professional for Charlton Athletic in October 1979, he starred in their 1980-81 promotion success and moved to Luton in July 1982. He was 'Player of the Year' in 1982-83 and leading marksman in 1983-84, netting 24 goals in 80 First Division games for the Hatters prior to joining Liverpool in May 1984. Helping to win the League Championship in 1985-86, he joined Tottenham Hotspur in February 1988 and was an FA Cup winner in 1991. Later with Portsmouth and Manchester City until injury ended his career, he is now a football agent.



Kevin NICHOLLS



KEVIN NICHOLLS
captained Luton
Town to two
promotions in his first
spell with the club - but
those achievements will
pale into insignificance if
he is still a Football
League player with Luton
Town next season.

Nicholls is back where his heart is, at Kenilworth Road, for a second spell with the club he grew up supporting as a child, having signed a three-year contract last month, thanks to his release from a contract with Championship side Preston North End.

There is an adage in football that you should never go back, but as far as Nicholls is concerned he looks upon the situation in the opposite manner, after his painful experience with Dennis Wise at Leeds United showed him that he should never have left the club in the first place.

The £700,000 transfer to Elland Road ended in disaster with a major fall out with Wise after admitting that he had made a mistake in joining the Yorkshire club and he is something of a hate figure with Leeds fans. But that cannot be said of his standing with Luton supporters after 175 appearances in his first spell with the club and promotions from League One and League Two under former manager Joe Kinnear.

"I should never have left. I was honest enough to say that at the time and it is a fact. Things like this happen in football and I don't bare anyone any malice. I just want to be playing regularly and enjoying my football and I can do that at Luton.



"I know that people will say that I was mad to go back, with the club in the mess that they are in, but I don't look at it like that at all. These are exciting times for Luton. I really mean that. We have an opportunity to make history this season and with the people I know I have around me in the dressing room and the management and the people that are running the club, I think we can do it and if we do, it would beat those two promotions."

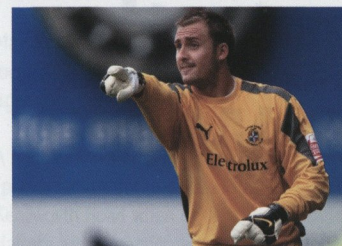
Nicholls started his career at Charlton Athletic and has had spells with Wigan Athletic, Leeds and Preston, either side of his hugely enjoyable first five years at Luton and now he is relishing the challenge of overcoming the 30-point deduction imposed on the club this season. And it is his dream of helping reconstruct the kind of side that he was part of a few seasons ago under Mike Newell, before the harsh realities of the financial problems struck hard.

"I can reel off so many players that have moved on. Curtis Davies, Leon Barnett, Carlos Edwards, Rowan Vine, Emerson Boyce, Matt Taylor and Stevie Howard. They have all proved that we are a club capable of developing players," said Nicholls. "That is something that we want to do again. We have some exciting young talent here and the spirit among them is incredible really.

And he insists that since a team meeting before the start of the season, the handicap does not even get mentioned any more and players don't even bother to even look at the league table as they set out on their miracle mission.

"I swear to you it never gets talked about by the players. We had a team meeting and discussed what we are up against, but that is it. We don't even talk about Rotherham or Bournemouth. We believe that we can do the job that is required by Luton Town to keep them in the league. It is not a case of a siege mentality. Maybe there is some sympathy out there for us and the situation that we are in, but whatever happens, we will stick together this season and we will all come out the other side stronger for it."

LAST SATURDAY'S STARTING XI

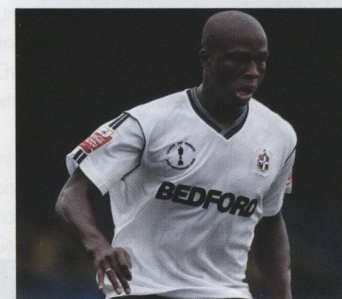


1 DEAN BRILL

Luton-born goalkeeper Dean Brill is another young player of whom big things are expected. Dean won the goalkeeper's jersey when boss Hatters boss Kevin Blackwell took over the managerial reigns at Kenilworth Road and despite the Club being relegated from the Championship, he was named Young Player of the Season. A tall, commanding goalkeeper standing at six foot three, Brill is a great organiser whose voice will always be heard throughout a game.

2 CLAUDE GNAKPA

Claude Gnaka is a defender capable of playing centre back or full back, who joined on a free transfer in August 2008. Having plied his trade across Europe with Montpellier HSC, Racing de Santander, Deportivo Alaves and FC Vaduz, Claude moved to English side Swindon for a brief spell, before being taken on in July 2007 by Peterborough United. He was a regular in the League 2 promotion winning side, starting 25 league games.



3 SOL DAVIS

The tough tackling left back arrived at Kenilworth Road back in 2002. He was unfortunately involved in a serious incident during the 2006/07 season when he suffered a stroke on the team bus prior to the Club's visit to Ipswich Town. The squad had been on their way to the game when Davis lost feeling in his left side and this was affecting his speech. Sol however made a miraculous recovery and despite being told by doctors it will take months for him to return, he was back

in action and started in the game against Cardiff City on New Years Day, 2007.

4 KEITH KEANE

Another of the youth team who regularly appeared for the Republic of Ireland at schoolboy level, he joined the Hatters at the age of nine having been scouted in local football, and has made a rapid progression through the club's centre of excellence and youth teams, demonstrating enough potential to convince Mike Newell to give him his first taste of senior action. Keith has featured most prominently on the right of midfield, bursting forward to great effect to provide many goals for himself and his team-mates.

6 GEORGE PILKINGTON

George Pilkington is a highly experienced defender who joined the club on a free transfer in August 2008. Having began his career as an Everton trainee, George joined Port Vale in June 2003, after a loan spell at Exeter City. Having started 223 league games for Port Vale, George was highly regarded at the Staffordshire club being named player of the year twice and club captain.

8 KEVIN NICHOLLS

The hard-working midfielder enjoyed six successful seasons at Kenilworth Road between 2001 and 2006, captaining the side to the League One title in the 2004-2005 season. He moved to Leeds United for £700,000 in July 2006 and was made club captain by then boss Dennis Wise. However, his very public fall-out with Wise saw him fall down the pecking order at Elland Road, and the following summer he moved to Preston North End. His time at Preston began encouragingly, however a change in the management team saw his first-team opportunities limited. Kevin was delighted to re-sign for Luton, signing a three-year deal in August 2008 and being named as club captain.

9 SAM PARKIN

Ex-Chelsea trainee Sam Parkin is a forward with a prolific goalscoring record, and chose Kenilworth Road as the place to further his career in August 2006 despite strong interest from other Championship clubs. Unfortunately, Sam's career at Kenilworth Road has yet to get going after a serious injury meant he played only eight games since signing under former boss Mike Newell. Coincidentally, Parkin arrived at a club to replace an outgoing Steve Howard for the second time in his career, having previously played for Northampton on-loan

after they sold Howard to Luton in 2001.

11 LEWIS EMANUEL

Lewis Emanuel arrived at Kenilworth Road in the summer of 2006 after deciding to leave his home town club Bradford City, the place where the defender started his career. Lewis is a pacy full-back but can also play on the left side of midfield, a position where he started on his league debut for the club. Lewis made over 150 appearances for Bradford in six-years at the club, scoring four goals. In his first season at Kenilworth Road he made 40 appearances, scoring twice.

16 ROSSI JARVIS

Rossi Jarvis is an adaptable player who can play on the left or right hand side of defence or midfield. Jarvis came through the Norwich City youth system, becoming the youngest player to appear for the reserve team at the tender age of 14. He went on to spend loan periods at Torquay United and Rotherham United. After finding first team opportunities hard to come by Jarvis joined Luton Town in August 2008 on a free transfer.



18 CHRIS MARTIN

Chris Martin joined the club on a season-long loan from Norwich City in August 2008. Martin is a young striker who has played 30 times for The Canaries, scoring 5 times. He burst into the first team in 2007, and his performances quickly saw him become a fans' favourite at the club. He is strong for his age and technically gifted, and his early promise saw him win call-ups for the England Under-19s squad, scoring on his debut against Turkey in March 2007.

20 MICHAEL SPILLANE

Michael Spillane joined the club on a season-long loan from Norwich City in August 2008. The Irish youngster is equally at home in defence or midfield, having playing in both positions in recent seasons for The Canaries. The Republic of Ireland U19 international is tipped to have a bright footballing future ahead of him.

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Malcolm MacDonald

Malcolm MacDonald had played a handful of games for his local side Fulham before joining Luton Town in July 1969 when aged just 19.

A marauding centre forward, Malcolm scored 25 league goals (plus a further three in cup football) during his first season at Kenilworth Road when he was an ever present, helping the Hatters win promotion as they finished runners-up in the Third Division to Orient.

His goalscoring prowess was soon noted and just short of two years later Malcolm hit the big time when he signed for Newcastle United. The Geordies love their No 9s and in 'Super Mac' they had found a new hero to worship.

He spent five glorious years on Tyneside during which he scored a century of goals, helping his team to lift the Anglo Italian Cup in 1973 and the Texaco Cup on two occasions.

FA Cup glory eluded him however as he was part of the Newcastle team which was beaten 3-0 by Liverpool in the 1974 Wembley Final.

He won his 14 England caps whilst a Newcastle player, the first in a 3-0 win over Wales at Ninian Park in May 1972. Surprisingly he scored on six times for his country, the first in a 2-0 win over West Germany at Wembley in March 1975. The other five came in a remarkable game the following month, Cyprus sent home packing from the Twin Towers on the back of a 5-0 European Championship thrashing.

Only Cyprus you may say, but the forward line that night also included Alan Ball, Mick Channon, Alan Hudson and Kevin Keegan who all remained goalless.

In August 1976, Malcolm appeared to be on his way to Spurs but at the eleventh hour opted for North London rivals Arsenal. Goals continued to flow during his time at Highbury, and in the 1977/78 season he scored in every round in the lead up to the FA Cup Final, where again he was on the losing side as Ipswich Town emerged as surprise winners.

After a brief spell in Sweden he was forced to retire through injury having scored 191 league goals in 369 games. After finishing playing he had spells as manager of Fulham and Huddersfield Town.



ROCK & GOAL YEARS

20 YEARS AGO

Twenty years ago to the day Macc drew 1-1 at home with Kidderminster Harriers with Phil Derbyshire scoring the all important goal. It could be considered a good point against a team who went on to finish 5th in the GM Vauxhall Conference table that year.

The Silkmen's unchanged team that day was as follows:-

Zelem, Roberts, Shaw, Edwards, Tobin, Kendall, Askey, Derbyshire, Hanlon, Lake, Burr



Yazz and the Plastic Population were still pointing 'The Only Way is Up' in the singles charts, as was Kylie who continued to head the album charts.

15 YEARS AGO

Dagenham & Redbridge were the first visitors to the Moss in September 1993, and won't have fond memories of their excursion to leafy Cheshire, returning home on the back of a 3-0 beating dished out by the Silkmen.

Macc, whose goals were scored by Carl Alford, Neil Sorvel and Chris Sharratt lined up as follows: Farrelly, Shepherd, Bimson, Lillis, Howarth, Dempsey, Roberts, Sorvel, Alford, Adams, Sharratt



Culture Beat still occupied top spot in the singles' chart so we look to the album chart for change and find UB40 making Promies and Lies coming to the end of its seven week stay at No.1.

10 YEARS AGO

The Silkmen were two days ahead of recording one of our best victories during the largely disappointing 1998/99 campaign. We visited Boundary Park and celebrated our first league victory against Oldham Athletic.

Dominic Barclay and Steve Wood with a penalty were the men on target. We later went onto complete the double of the Latics that season.

The winning team in Lancashire that day was: Price, Tinson, Ingram, Payne, McDonald, Sodje, Askey, Wood, Barclay, Sorvel, Durkan



Hopefully the message from the Manic Street Preachers (If you Tolerate this your Children will be Next) did not refer to any shortcomings on the pitch at that time!

WEMBLEY LEGENDS



The greatest ever Macclesfield team?



Geoff pictured with his guests last Saturday

Mention the names Frank Beaumont, Brian Fidler and John Bennett to anyone fortunate enough to be supporting Macclesfield Town in the late 1960's and early 1970's and I guarantee that it will bring an instant smile of fond nostalgia to their face.

For Frank, Brian and John were members of the Silkmen side that won (amongst many other trophies) the first ever FA. Trophy final at Wembley Stadium in 1970. They played in a team still considered by many older supporters to be the greatest Macclesfield Town team of all time and it therefore gave me great personal pleasure that they accepted my invitation to attend last week's game.

They spent much of pre and post match reminiscing about their playing days at the Club, recalling many instances with much clarity and immense fondness. They played in a team that became 'a family'; a team that played with such self-belief and confidence that they never contemplated defeat.

To this day, their affection for the Club still exists in abundance, as indeed it does with all members of that wonderful team. Frank commented that he still "gets a buzz" and Brian that he "gets goose bumps" every time that they return to the Moss Rose.

One thing is for sure, they will always be made very welcome by this Club; the Club that they played for with pride and with whom they achieved so much.

Thanks for the memories guys!

Geoff Findlow

Here's the very latest news from the team at Football in the Community who have been very busy over the summer months running a range of new and exciting activities.

Schools Programme

Last year saw F.I.T.C. branch outside the Macclesfield area and into Stockport and Manchester. The response from these schools has been fantastic with ten taking part in our 'FIT 4 LIFE' programme.

This is something we want to continue and our aim is to develop relationships with more schools in these areas over the coming twelve months. We have also recruited several players from these schools for our Development Centre at Parris Wood with 4 lads signing 2 year contracts with the Centre of Excellence.

And at the same time our Macclesfield School programme has also grown with our curriculum time coaching becoming more popular.

Clayton Bright

Last month Clayton Bright (pictured), MTFC's Centre of Excellence under 14 striker, took part in trials for Wales Schoolboys. Clayton has been with MTFC for 3 seasons after initially enrolling at the Community Teams Development Centre. By all accounts Clayton had a successful trial and is currently awaiting feedback from the Welsh FA.



Successful or not, the fact the players from MTFC are being recognised by international teams is a major boost, and the Community Team are thrilled that a Development Centre graduate has done so well. Let's hope more follow in his footsteps.

Street Soccer

During the last 3 weeks we have been involved in a brand new activity 'Street Soccer' (see pictures) in Poynton. We have linked together with Macclesfield Borough Council and Poynton Parish Council with the aim to try and get teenagers off the streets by taking part in Football. The response has been very positive and we are hopeful it will continue to grow over the coming weeks with more boys and girls taking part in the activity.

The project in particular can benefit the area of Poynton in a big way, helping youngsters integrate socially with one and other in a positive, safe and friendly environment. If this proves to be a success, we will hopefully look to extend this in other areas.

Summer Soccer Camps

During the Summer Holidays F.I.T.C. held 4 'Pre Season Training' camps for Development Centre and Centre of Excellence players. The response was fantastic with participants enjoyed themselves and receiving a high standard of coaching aimed at improving their fitness, skills and techniques. We also held a course at the Fermain Youth Centre in Macclesfield and a special course for the children whose parents work for our club sponsors, The Cheshire Building Society.

F.I.T.C. will be holding another camp for the Development Centre and Centre of Excellence later this year.

Super Saturday Soccer

Before the summer we held our revamped Saturday Morning Club. The response to both of these courses was fantastic, so much so that we will be holding two more courses in the coming weeks.

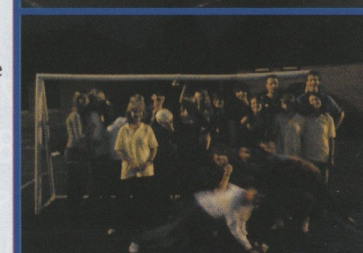
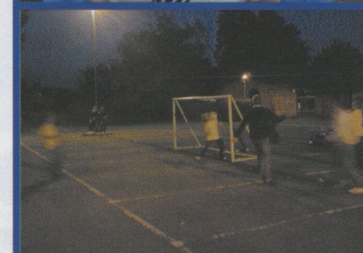
Full details are shown in the advert on page 6 of today's programme. However for more information on either Course 1 (starts 13th Sept) or Course 2 (starts 8th Nov) please give Chris Tomkinson a call on 01625 264688

Birthday Treats

With the season now up and running, F.I.T.C. will once again be holding our ever popular Birthday Treats packages either on Match days or during the week. So if you know someone who deserves a special treat please give Chris on the number above to find out more.

Good Luck to Keith and the team today.

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SEASON IN FOCUS 1987/1988

The 1987/88 season saw cup fever at a high in the towns of Macclesfield and Luton, the scent of giantkilling very much in the air!

Conference Calling

The Silkmen, having swept all before them the previous season in the Northern Premier League, were now enjoying life in the GM Vauxhall Conference for the very first time. Steve Burr, John Askey and Nigel Shaw opened the season in superb goalscoring form, as a result of which Northwich Victoria, Stalybridge Celtic and Chadderton (the last two in FA Cup qualifying games) were on the wrong ends of five goal beatings.

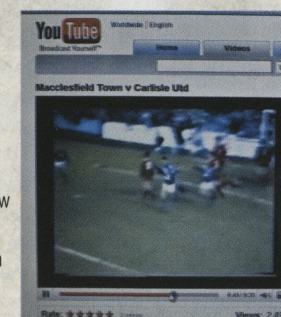
But it was the advent of the cup proper which was to cause the greatest excitement and a crowd of around 3,500 turned up at the Moss Rose for the 1st Round visit of Carlisle United.

Silkmen hit the headlines

At half time, with the visitors one ahead the feeling was very much of how the team had put up a brave showing against Football League opposition, few expecting the Silkmen to go on and win the game despite a first half of end to end attacking play.

Those thoughts were compounded when the lead was doubled moments after the restart. Three minutes later however the Silkmen pulled one back, Mike Hardman grabbing the goal. Game on!!

The Macc Lads sensed they had a chance and the fans responded, creating a hostile atmosphere for the United players. Soon 'Burry' set up 'Sir John' for an



equaliser and with the momentum very much on our side, the Silkmen were bossing the game and enjoying their superiority.

When Keith Mountfield's cross picked out central defender Graham Tobin, Macclesfield were ahead. Steve Burr added a fourth to crowning a grand climax. The game is even featured on YouTube — a full ten minutes of highlights and well worth checking out online.

Another League Scalp

'Nobody will fancy a trip to Macc' was the headline in the local papers. And how right they were! That honour fell to Third Division side Rotherham United who at the time were managed by the later to be sacked Norman Hunter.

On the day of the game Steve Burr enjoyed his finest hour in Silkmen colours bagging a superb hat-trick which, along with David Grant's contribution saw an embarrassed Rotherham head back to South Yorkshire on the back of a 4-0 thrashing.

'Bite your legs Hunter', the former Leeds United hardman sportingly admitted that 'there was only one team in it. Macclesfield were different class!'

Valiant Effort

Hopes of pulling a big name were dashed when Macc were drawn against Port Vale. It was something of an anti-climax but undeterred the Silkmen pushed their

opponents all the way and came within five minutes of earning a replay.

However the Valiant's 18 year old Kevin Finney was ultimately to end our dreams, diving bravely and with some skill to head in the only goal of the game.

Macc also made the Cheshire Senior Cup final (again!) only to lose out to Runcorn at Crewe by two goals to one. In the League the finished midway in the Conference table the pick of the results our win over champions elect Lincoln City at the Moss Rose, John Askey and Kevin Mountfield on target that day. We also enjoyed a 4-0 success over Runcorn with Steve Burr (2), Mike Lake and Joe Connor all on target.

And of course we have to mention our 3-1 away win at close rivals Altrincham, Steve Burr claiming another hat-trick to the delight of the Silkmen faithful!

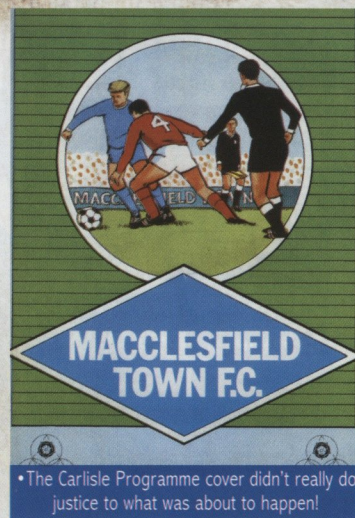
Our Conference record that year was:
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In the Top Flight

Our visitors today Luton Town were in the top flight back in 1987, scoring no less than 12 goals in their two games against Oxford United, beating Newcastle United 4-0 and also recording victories over the likes of Everton, Spurs, Chelsea and Portsmouth.

But it was in the cup competitions where they achieved most success reaching the semi-final of the FA Cup and facing Reading in the Simod Cup at Wembley.

And in the Littlewoods Cup they overcame all the odds



to defeat Arsenal 3-2 at Wembley to lift the trophy. Brian Stein (2) and Danny Wilson scored the goals, but the real hero was stand-in keeper Andy Dibble who was playing his first game in the competition following an injury to first team regular Les Sealey.

Time after time he denied the Gunners' forwards including a save from the penalty spot.

Other Footballing News

Liverpool were crowned champions in 1987/88 whilst Millwall lifted the 2nd Division

crown, Sunderland the 3rd and Wolves the 4th. It was the season of the great FA Cup final upset when Lawrie Sanchez's goal and Dave Beasant's penalty save enabled huge underdogs Wimbledon to defeat a Liverpool side who were bidding for the 'double'.



•Luton celebrate Wembley success

Across Europe

Across Europe, PSV Eindhoven defeated Benfica 6-5 on penalties following a goalless two hours to win the European Cup. KV Mechelen beat Ajax in Strasbourg to win the Cup Winners' Cup and in the UEFA Cup Final, both Espanol and Bayer Leverkusen won their home games 3-0 before – surprise surprise !! – the Germans triumphed 3-2 on penalties.

International Scene

England were unbeaten in their qualifying games for the Euro 1988 competition to be held in West Germany. This included an 8-0 win over Turkey in



•Action from November 1987



which Gary Lineker scored three and John Barnes two.

We also defeated Yugoslavia 4-1 in Belgrade and Scotland 1-0 at Wembley thanks to a Peter Beardsley goal.

Elsewhere in Sport

Looking around the world of sport in cricket Nottinghamshire were crowned County Champions with Worcestershire lifting the Natwest Sunday League. Notts and Yorkshire also achieved success in the cup competitions.

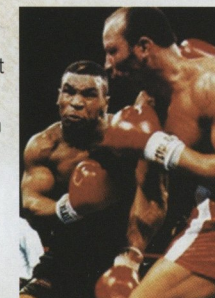


The Cricket World Cup took place in India and Pakistan during October and November of 1987, with England, Australia and the host countries all reaching the semi-finals.

The old enemy made it through to the final in Calcutta where after winning the toss the Aussies made 253-5 with David Boon top scoring on 75. Mike Gatting's side looked well on course for victory with Bill Athey (58) and both Allan Lamb and the skipper passing the forty mark.

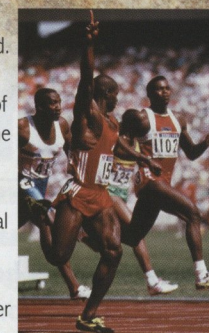
But after captain then got himself out attempting to play the reverse sweep we fell behind the run rate, and despite a valiant late effort from Phil DeFreitas we fell an agonising seven runs short.

Mike Tyson became the undisputed world heavyweight boxing champ in 1987 when he recaptured the WBC crown from James 'Bonecrusher' Smith while other top men around at the time included Sugar Ray Leonard, Evander Holyfield and our own Lloyd Honeyghan.



Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson beat the 100m world record with a time of 9.83 seconds, but when he was later to admit having taking drugs and the time was expunged. The following year, in the 1988 Olympics in

Seoul, he won Gold in 9.79 seconds but again disqualified. Carl Lewis and Florence Griffiths-Joyner took the title of fastest male and female on the planet.



Horse Racing's Grand National at Aintree saw Steve Knight ride Maori Venture first past the post, while the The Thinker and Ridley Lamb triumphed in the Cheltenham Gold Cup.

In Rugby League, Widnes were Division One champions, while Halifax won the Challenge Cup by defeating St. Helens in the final. France won the Grand Slam in Union

Nigel Mansell, driving a Williams, had won the 1987 British Grand Prix whilst Brazilian Nelson Piquet was world champion.

Our own Nick Faldo had won golf's British Open at Muirfield and Europe retained the Ryder Cup over the States by 15-13. There was also a home grown winner in the British Women's Open in the form of Alison Nicolas.



And final at Wimbledon Pat Cash lifted the men's title whilst Martina Navratilova made it six in six by winning the ladies' crown.

Bernard Jordan

Simon YEO



If Simon Yeo's new mates in the Macc dressing room think that the flak is flying from the fans because of the disappointing start to the season - it is all child's play for the former infantryman who had tours of Northern Ireland and Bosnia during his six-year army career.

Trying to bang in goals, as opposed to patrolling dangerous areas, with the real threat of being shot at, as part of a peace-keeping force is a far safer option for Yeo, who found his way into football the hard way, after training as a carpet fitter and spending 12 months as a postman, as well as his army duties.

Yeo did a two-year YTS course to become a carpet fitter when he left school and gained all his qualifications only to get made redundant from his first job after leaving college, putting him back to square one.

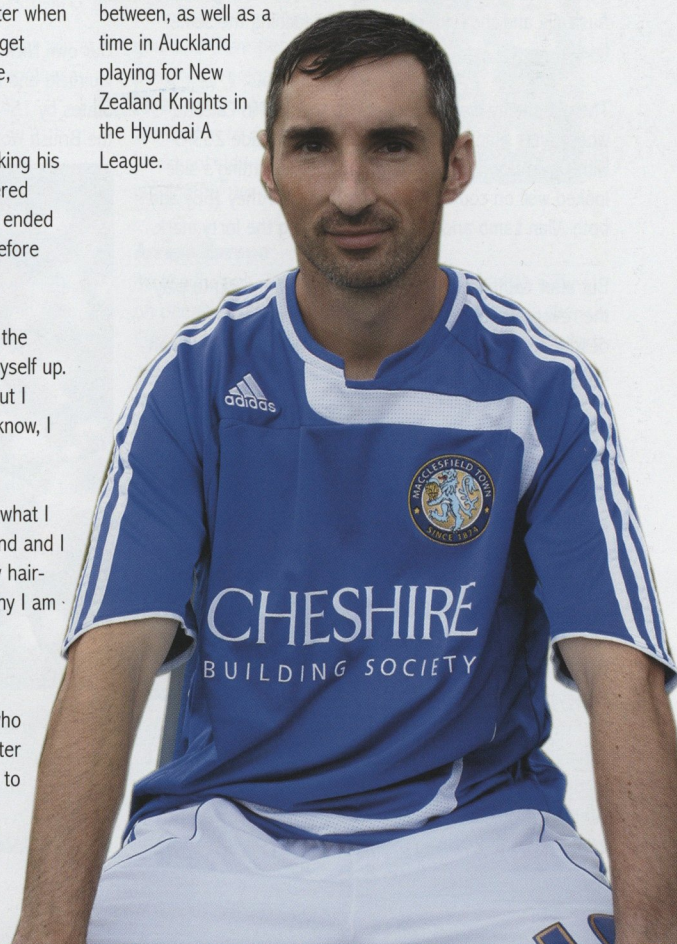
But any thoughts he had of putting his feet up and taking his time over his next career move was given were shattered thanks to some unexpected family intervention, which ended up with him joining the 22nd Cheshire Regiment, all before his 19th birthday.

"Before I knew it, my mom was dragging me down to the army offices and the next thing I knew I had signed myself up. It was not exactly a career I had planned for myself, but I enjoyed every minute of it and just so as all the lads know, I was not a chef doing the cooking in the kitchens.

"They give me some stick about it and reckon that is what I did, but I did over two years of duty in Northern Ireland and I did six months in Bosnia too. I have seen some pretty hair-raising sights, dead bodies and stuff. Maybe that is why I am a little crazy these days!"

It was during Yeo's spell in Northern Ireland that he began playing for Ards and subsequently Coleraine, who actually used to fly him back to Ireland from Manchester for games at weekends. But it was not until he began to take the eye with Hyde United and Leigh RMI that the opportunity for a professional career presented itself.

In May 2002 Keith Alexander, then the manager of Lincoln gave him the chance to step up from the non-league ranks and he has never looked back. His finest spell was at Sincil Bank under Alexander, where he scored 37 goals in 79 appearances and won the "BBC Cult Hero" for Lincoln City and the pair also worked together at Peterborough United, and Bury with a short time at Chester City sandwiched in between, as well as a time in Auckland playing for New Zealand Knights in the Hyundai A League.



"New Zealand was fantastic. The family was based in North Harbour, just a few miles from Auckland and we would have stayed out there, but for the fact that I still owned property back in England that was costing me a fortune.

"I played in Sydney, Melbourne, Perth and at all the top grounds. It was superb and it was a real wrench to have to leave New Zealand and come back.

"At Chester last year I was doing well and then just before Christmas I was told I could leave. So I went to Bury and joined up with Keith. I was only there a couple of days and Keith got the sack and the new man came in. He did not like me and I did not like him. I was just floating around in the reserves and I wanted to leave.

"So when Keith asked me in the summer it was a chance to link up with him again. He gave me my break into professional football when he was at Lincoln and we have always stayed in touch. He knows all about my game and I know him well. We are similar kind of people and it was a good opportunity for me." So far Yeo has had to be patient for his opportunity to get

"I played in Sydney, Melbourne, Perth and at all the top grounds. It was superb and it was a real wrench to have to leave New Zealand and come back"

among the goals again and as he approaches his 35th birthday thoughts are inevitably turning towards life away from football.

"It makes me laugh, I would love to see the superstars in the game do a hard days work and then go and play football after that," he said. "Coming into the game from the background I have always makes me appreciate things in football that much more and when they are coming towards the end, you relish every minute.

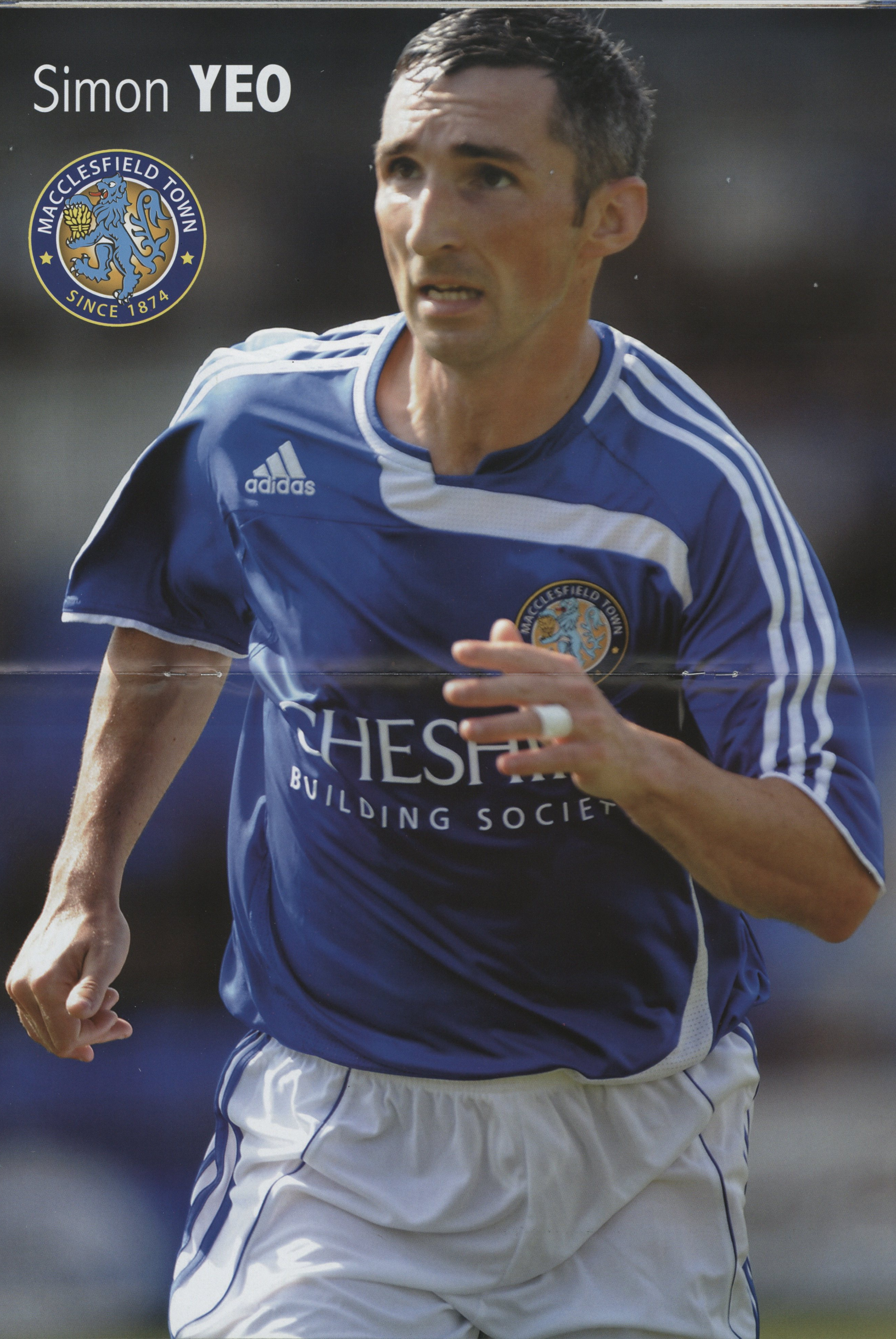
"I have my qualifications as a carpet fitter and I am doing an electricians course at the moment too, but that will take me a couple of years to finish.

"One thing I won't be doing is going into coaching. I have tried that with my sister's kids under-12 side and they are far too cheeky for my liking!

"But for the time being I want to enjoy myself and start scoring a few more goals. I still feel that I have it in me at this level and when my chance comes along, I want to grab it with both hands."



Simon **YEO**



A-Z

with Simon YEO

A

Actor – If you were an actor, who would you like as your leading lady?
Jenna Jameson would be a good choice!

B

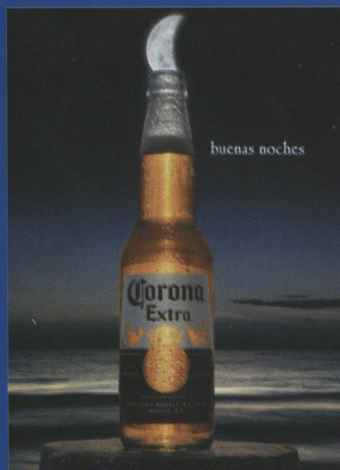
Boredom – What do you take with you on long away trips to keep you busy?
I usually take my lap top and loads of DVDs with me

C

Car – What car do you drive?
I drive a Golf SDI

D

Drink – What is your favourite drink?
A bottle of Corona with a slice of lemon always goes down well.



E

Electronic – Do you have a favourite gadget?
My ipod nano is never too far away

F

Food – If you could have one meal, what would it be?
I do love chicken and chips

G

Girlfriend – What was the name of your first girlfriend?
Samantha

H

Holiday – Which has been your favourite holiday, where and with whom?
You would have to go a long way to beat New Zealand - Auckland is a brilliant spot.

I

Icon – Who has been your all time favourite sports star?
Ian Rush - he is my all time hero, can't you tell I modelled my game on him!

J

Journey – How long does it take you to get into the Moss Rose?
It takes me 40 minutes normally. Depending on the traffic.

K

Karaoke – Which song would you pick?
My mate and me do a good version of "Everybody" from the Blues Brothers

L

Lucky – Do you have any superstitions before games?
I put my left sock on before the right and my left boot before the right.

M

Movie – Favourite all time film?
That would either be the Shawshank Redemption or Green Mile. Tough to choose one.

N

Nervous – What are you scared of?
I am scared of snakes.

O

Open – Are you any good at golf?
I tried it once, but I was rubbish at it. So no I am not.

P

Paper – Which newspaper do you read regularly?
I normally read the Sun on the coach to away trips.

Q

Quick – Who is the quickest player you have faced?
I played against Mario Melchiot once when I was at Lincoln and he was rapid.

R

Recipe – When did you last cook, and what?
I usually make my own pre-match meal which is pasta and chicken

S

Sports – Have you any other sporting hobbies?
I like playing darts, snooker and pool.

T

Television – Do you watch Big Brother?
I used to, but I have stopped watching it this year as all the people on there are idiots.

U

Unexpected – What is the biggest surprise you have ever had?
When I asked my wife to marry me and she said yes!

V

Value – Which possession do you value the most?
My plasma TV and my X-Box live. I would be lost without them.

W

Without – What can't you live without?
I could not live without the family.

X

Xylophone – Do you play any musical instruments?
I don't play any instruments.

Y

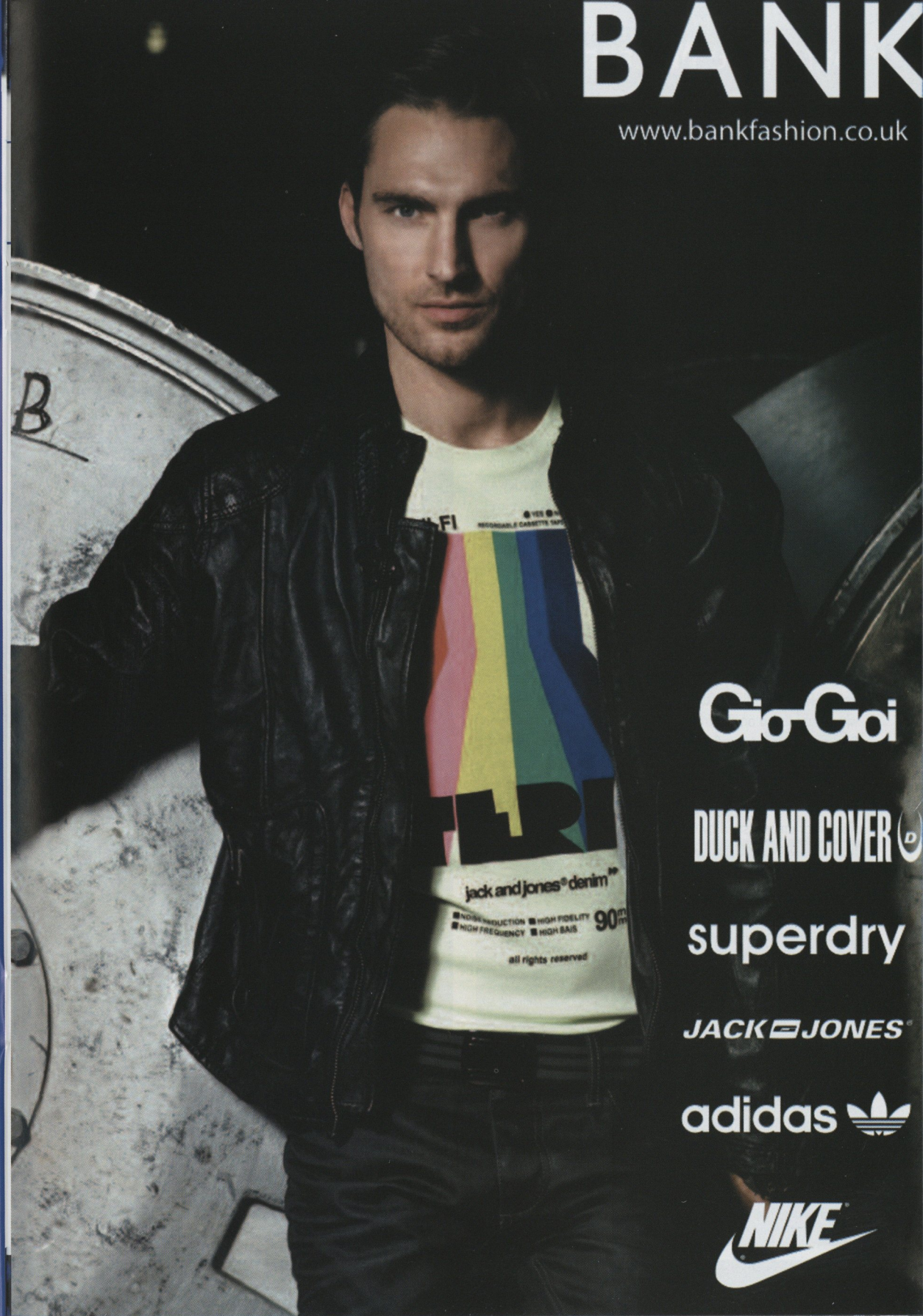
Yellow – What was your last booking for, and did you deserve it?
I got a yellow card for time-wasting at West Ham and I did not deserve it because the referee was a joke

Z

Zodiac – What sign of the Zodiac are you?
I am a Libran

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Over the course of this season we will be running a series of articles by the Editor of PROGRAMME MONTHLY & FOOTBALL COLLECTABLE magazine describing how programmes have changed over a century and a quarter of Association Football.

In today's issue of Blues Review programmes are starting to take shape at the turn of the last century.

1900's - the first recognisable programmes

Programmes started to adopt something approaching their modern appearance when the clubs and authorities discovered that they could charge buyers a penny, thus introducing the possibility of the programme making a financial profit. To justify such a price they had to provide some value for money, which meant including more information on the club, their opponents and their respective players. Printers and publishers quickly cottoned on to the example shown by other branches of entertainment, chiefly the theatre, and attracted paid advertising to the issue. That, in turn, required sufficient sales to keep the advertisers happy, which meant that content had to be good enough to attract buyers at the match.

By this process, the match programme evolved from a single sheet, to a folded, and then stapled, publication. Liverpool first issued in September 1892 with the visit of Rotherham Town to Anfield Road, and their 1d programme was a four page affair, with teams listed on the front page, surrounded by adverts; first and reserve team fixtures and results surrounded by adverts, and two pages of features on players, officials and recent matches, and "Notes".

The programme issued by Chester for the visit of Welsh club Druids on Christmas Day 1907 had the teams (in 2-3-5 formation) on one page, surrounded by adverts, and on the inside of the 4 page folded programme was substantial editorial entitled "Club Gossip", a photograph and description on one of the home players, reserve team results and scorers, and "Notes by Rambler."

A number of clubs were more ambitious in their programme production. In 1887 Aston Villa entertained London Casuals and issued a "Programme Card" but by 1906-07 they had launched "The Villa News and Record" in multi-page form. This remained at 1d, but sold far more copies than the brief team sheets of a few years previously, which in turn satisfied the multitudinous advertisers.

Not every League club issued for every fixture, and it often took a special occasion to compel the club to print. One such milestone was Cardiff City's first ever match at Ninian Park,

against Aston Villa in September 1910, and a special souvenir programme was issued, some time before City contemplated a regular programme.

The inexorable tide of commercialism was apparent even in those early days of the Association game, and few clubs could resist the blandishments of advertising agencies and printers who put much needed money into club funds thanks to the penny programmes.

SILKMEN PROGRAMMES THRU' THE YEARS 1949

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Cheshire County League
Macclesfield v. Crewe Alexandra
Saturday, 7th May, 1949. Kick-off 3.15 p.m.
Official Programme - Twopence

Club Chat—By Director.

The news of Player-Manager "Bill" Edwards' request for his release came as a shock to all connected with the club, and it was only with great reluctance that the Directors on Tuesday acceded to his wishes. Since he came to Macclesfield two seasons ago, "Bill" has rendered sterling service to the club and has carried out his duties in a conscientious manner. The Directors wish him "God-speed," and at the same time regret the unfortunate incidents which have been responsible for the decision to sever his connection with the club. We know that the majority of the club's supporters will endorse our genuine regret.

To-day's game with Crewe Alex. winds up another playing season, one which has had its ups and downs. At times the Silkmen have risen to great heights, particularly in their game at Mossley and at home to Altrincham and Wellington. Apart from two recent lapses at home, the team

has had a particularly successful league record since December 18th last, and have done remarkably well in away fixtures. The club has attained a respectable position in the Cheshire League table, and but for one or two unaccountable home defeats, would have been in the first six.

The championship has fallen to Witton Albion, who have had a most successful time and fully deserve the honour. Rhyl made a great bid for the coveted position and at times ran neck and neck. At the other end of the table it appears that Droylsden and Tranmere Rovers will have to apply for re-election at the Cheshire League meeting on May 14th. Congleton Town have just escaped that situation.

We now look forward to another season, before which a lot of work will have to be done. Team building will come foremost in the programme. Yes, a busy time lies ahead.

Classic Programmes from Classic Games

Programmes conjure up great memories, none more so than for some of most famous games in football history. And the Mighty Magyars visit to Wembley back in 1953 was one such occasion, as Puskas and friends delivered a footballing lessons to a shell shocked England team.

ENGLAND 3 HUNGARY 6 Friendly International at Wembley 25th November 1953

The insularity and complacency of English football was shattered with this Wednesday afternoon international at Wembley. Not only did Hungary become the first continental team to beat England at home, the manner of the English defeat was so comprehensive that the more enlightened in the game realised that there had to be a radical reappraisal in thinking.

England had Alf Ramsey, Billy Wright, Jimmy Dickinson, Stanley Matthews and Stan Mortensen in their side and the Hungarians were led out by a tubby little man, but Puskas and his team-mates possessed a level of skill, athleticism and tactical awareness that dumfounded the English team.

Hidegkuti opened the scoring in the first minute, but England rallied and equalised through Sewell 12 minutes later. Three Hungary goals in seven minutes established their superiority and a Mortensen goal made it 4-2 at half time. Hidegkuti completed his hat-trick in the second half, when Ramsey's penalty was merely a consolation, and the final result of 6-3 will always be a significant moment in English football history.

THE PROGRAMME

Wembley Stadium issued their familiar smallish-sized 20 page programme, printed black on white semi gloss paper, with red, green and blue colour on the cover pages. As was the tradition, the flags of the competing countries (albeit the Union Jack was used for England) and the Association Crests accompanied the aerial photograph of a packed Wembley, in blue, on the front cover. Price was the conventional 1/- (5p).

Contents included Programme of Arrangements and Music, welcome in two languages, a page of narrative on the visitors, pen pictures of both teams, photos of the last England home match, an eerily appropriate page article entitled "Soccer Pupils and the Old Professor", a couple of photos of Hungary and past and present fixture details. The advertisers were as predictable as the format and contents - Radio Times, Wembley events,

Taylor Walker's Special Pale Ale and Bovril.

Collecting England international issues is a popular category, and the programmes are sold at a significant premium to League match prices. However, supplies are relatively plentiful for Wembley internationals, although the England v Hungary programme sells for more than £30 largely because of its significance and collectability, some three times more than the 1953 England v Scotland programme, for instance. Most major dealers have sufficient supplies to include the programme on their sales catalogue.

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IT TAKES A LOT TO RUN THE LADIES CLUB!

As the Club has expanded from one to eight teams since it started in 1997, and the need to comply with increasing administration and regulation it takes a lot of time to run Macc Town Ladies! The playing side is the main objective and requires training sessions, organising the teams, putting up nets, getting referees, and so on; and then actually playing the game! However, there is much that goes on in the background that is also crucial in support of this. Obviously the money has to come in to cover all the expenses of league fees, insurance, pitch hire, kit and equipment etc etc, so a key activity is making sure we have enough income from subscriptions, sponsorship and fundraising. Playing in three different leagues means that officials have to go to a number of meetings to keep on top of developments and new requirements from the leagues and the FA. For many years the Club has had a Child Protection Officer and as new regulations now require a "Welfare Officer" the job has expanded to take on this role which covers all ages.

Fortunately, to cope with this workload we have a team of volunteers who give up much

of their own time throughout the year to make sure things run as smoothly as possible, deal with problems that inevitably arise from time to time, and generally provide enjoyable and successful football for our teams.

A list of the officials for 2008-9 is shown below and it's worth saying that just a few years ago there were only about four females involved in running the Club; now it's eleven. Also, a number of the female officials shown play for the open age teams as well - all of which is very appropriate for a Ladies Club!



Vicky Jepson; plays for the Ladies and manages the Under 16s

POSITION	NAME
Chairman	Jeff Henshaw
Club Secretary	Nicky Walmsley
Treasurer	Helen Henshaw
Publicity	Rex Beach
Club Welfare Officer	Karen Bayley
Fundraiser	Kath Holloway
Social Secretary	Natalie Richbell
Open Age Ladies Manager	Phil Mape
Open Age Ladies Assistant	Jeff Henshaw
Open Age Silks Manager	Geoff Richbell
Under 16s Ladies Asst	Vicky Jepson
Under 16s Ladies Asst	Sophie Thomason
Under 14s Ladies Manager	Pat Slade
Under 14s Ladies Asst	Glyn Morgan
Under 14s Silks Manager	Russ Holloway
Under 14s Silks Assistant	Dave Bracegirdle
Under 12s Ladies Manager	Susan Bassett
Under 12s Ladies Assistant	Andy Walmsley
Under 12 Silks Manager	Beth Rankine
Under 12 Silks Assistant	John Kemp
Under 10 Ladies Manager	Mel Holland
Under 10s Ladies Asst	Andy Holland

If you are interested in joining the Club or would just like more information, please contact one of the officials shown below:

Jeff Henshaw 01625-410658

Nicky Walmsley 01625-428708

Rex Beach 01625-614664

We are always looking for new kit sponsors and will recognise this with suitable publicity - if you are able to assist the club in this way please discuss with Jeff, Nicky or Rex.

THE NEW SEASON STARTS TODAY!

The girls teams start their season today (6th September) at Moss Farm Sports Centre in Northwich with the following fixtures:

Under 10s v Crossfield Juniors
Under 12s Silks v Halton
Under 14s Ladies v Frodsham

Under 14s Silks v Warrington Town
Under 16s v Halton

On Sunday (7th September), the Open Age teams kick off their new campaign. The Silks (Second team) are at home to Oldham Athletic, and also have a game on Wednesday 10th also at home, to Winston Athletic.

The Ladies (First team) are away to Bolton Lads and Girls, followed by a midweek game again away, to Winsford on Wednesday 10th September.

The Ladies first home match is on 14th September against Buxton.

The Open Age teams home ground is at The Mulberry's, Club AZ, Nether Alderley, with a 2.00pm Kick Off on Sundays. Please come and support your local Ladies teams!

THANKS KRISTA!

The Club is losing the services of one of its key players as Krista Oakes is moving on to pastures new. Krista has been with the first team since it started and has put in excellent competitive performances in midfield. Even on the occasional "off day" which every players has, Krista has never given less than 100% and her skills and commitment will be missed by her teammates and the Club. Thanks for your contributions, Krista and best wishes for the future!



Krista Oakes

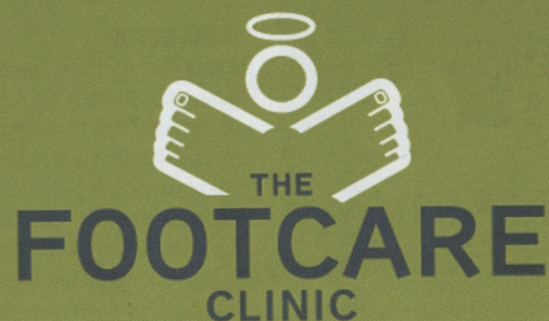
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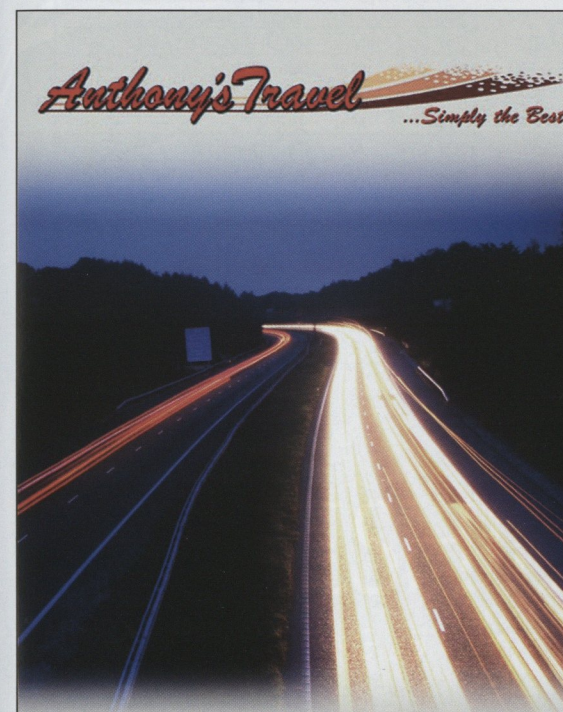
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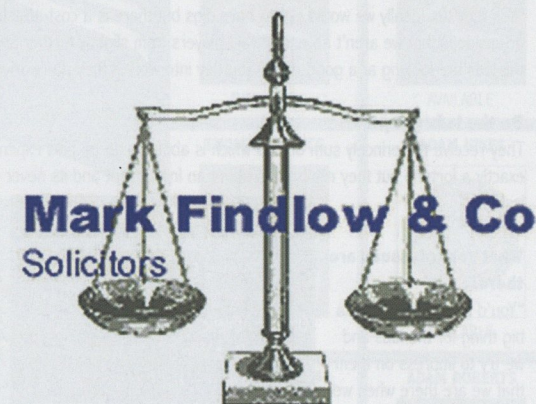
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After a weekend off, the Youth Team were due to recommence league duties this morning with a trip to Shrewsbury Town. So with no action to report on we caught up with boss John Askey to find out a bit more about the set up and how the new players are settling in to their new surroundings.

"It's always a big transition for the new lads in their first year," explained John. "Whilst previously they've only been used to training perhaps twice a week they're suddenly looking at five or sometimes six sessions a week.

How do you prepare them for the challenge?

"Most of the lads have come through our Centre of Excellence and we do try and get them in one day a week whilst they're at school and also over the holidays. So they're kind of prepared but it still comes as a shock to most of them. We start most days at 9am and often they won't be getting home until after 5pm. So it's a long and tiring week for them."

Is it all focused on football?

"Whilst a lot of effort is placed on developing them as a footballer this extends to both on and off field aspects of the game. As young lads its our job to prepare them for what they can expect and increasingly in the game a lot of it takes place off the pitch. Education is also vital and we have tutors who come to the Moss Rose twice a week to help them with their studies. We used to send them off to college but we found this wasn't working so we brought it in house. It seems to be working as all the lads who took their scholarship last year passed which is great news for both them and the club, who receive extra funding as a result."

Do the lads live at home?

"Yes they do. Ideally we would like to have digs but there is a cost attached to that. The downside is that we aren't able to attract players from slightly further afield and some of the lads are looking at a good hour's journey into work if they don't drive."

Do the lads get paid?

They receive the princely sum of £45 which is about to go up plus expenses. So not exactly a fortune but they realise it is about an investment and its never ever been an issue."

What sort of issues are there?

"You'd be surprised. It's a big thing for the lads and we try to impress on them that we are there when we need them. If any of the lads felt they weren't able to come and have a chat with me then we're failing in our role. As coaches we have to realise that what might seem trivial to us can be a big thing for a 16 year old and it's part of the job I really enjoy. Nothing beats the feeling of seeing the lads develop as people and footballers."

LAST WEEKEND'S RESULTS

Blackpool 0 – 5 Bury
Burnley 5 – 1 Morecambe
Chester City 2 – 3 Stockport County
Oldham Athletic 4 – 1 Preston North End
Port Vale 0 – 1 Walsall
Rochdale 4 – 0 Accrington Stanley
Tranmere Rovers 0 – 2 Wrexham
Wigan Athletic 2 – 1 Shrewsbury Town

THIS WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

Blackpool v Chester City
Burnley v Oldham Athletic
Bury v Rochdale
Morecambe v Accrington Stanley
Preston North End v Carlisle United
Shrewsbury Town v Macclesfield Town
Stockport County v Wigan Athletic
Walsall v Tranmere Rovers
Wrexham v Port Vale

PUMA NORTH WEST YOUTH ALLIANCE

				F-A
Sat	16	Aug	Walsall	0-2
Sat	23	Aug	CARLISLE UNITED	2-2
Tue	26	Aug	Wrexham	2-2
Sat	6	Sep	Shrewsbury Town	A
Sat	13	Sep	Chester City	A
Sat	20	Sep	PORT VALE	H
Sat	27	Sep	Tranmere Rovers	A
Sat	4	Oct	WREXHAM	H
Sat	11	Oct	Lincoln City YA Cup R1	A
Sat	18	Oct	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H
Sat	25	Oct	Wigan Athletic	A
Sat	1	Nov	Port Vale	A
Sat	8	Nov	CHESTER CITY	H
Sat	22	Nov	YA CUP R2	
Sat	29	Nov	TRANMERE ROVERS	H
Sat	6	Dec	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H
Sat	13	Dec	Stockport County	A
Sat	10	Jan	WALSALL	H
Sat	17	Jan	Accrington Stanley	A
Sat	24	Jan	YA CUP R3	
Sat	31	Jan	SHREWSBURY TOWN	H
Sat	7	Feb	Accrington Stanley	A
Sat	14	Feb	ROCHDALE	H
Sat	21	Feb	Preston North End	A
Sat	28	Feb	YA CUP R4	
Sat	7	Mar	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H
Sat	14	Mar	Morecambe	A
Sat	21	Mar	CARLISLE UNITED	H
Sat	28	Mar	Bury	A
Sat	4	Apr	Blackpool	A
Sat	18	Apr	BURNLEY	H

Puma Youth Alliance Tables (up to & including 1st September 2008)

North West Conference		Pld	W	D	L	For	Agt	GD	Pts
1	Burnley	3	3	0	0	11	3	+8	9
2	Wrexham	3	2	1	0	6	2	+4	7
3	Oldham Athletic	2	2	0	0	9	1	+8	6
4	Walsall	2	2	0	0	3	0	+3	6
5	Wigan Athletic	2	2	0	0	3	1	+2	6
6	Rochdale	2	1	1	0	6	2	+4	4
7	Stockport County	3	1	1	1	4	5	-1	4
8	Bury	2	1	0	1	5	1	+4	3
9	Shrewsbury Town	2	1	0	1	3	3	0	3
10	Blackpool	2	1	0	1	2	5	-3	3
11	Macclesfield Town	3	0	2	1	4	6	-2	2
12	Carlisle United	2	0	1	1	4	6	-2	1
13	Tranmere Rovers	2	0	1	1	1	3	-2	1
14	Preston North End	2	0	1	1	3	6	-3	1
15	Port Vale	2	0	0	2	1	3	-2	0
16	Chester City	2	0	0	2	2	5	-3	0
17	Accrington Stanley	2	0	0	2	0	6	-6	0
18	Morecambe	2	0	0	2	1	10	-9	0

Youth Team Profile

TOM DARLINGTON

Date of Birth 14th December 1990

Home Town Birkenhead

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MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Keith Alexander	Mick Harford
Played 16 Won 5 Drawn 4 Lost 7 For 11 Against 22 Av Pts/game 1.19 Biggest Win(s) Macclesfield 3 Barnet 0 (24/03/2008). Biggest Loss(es) Macclesfield 0 Darlington 6 (30/08/2008).	Played 26 Won 4 Drawn 5 Lost 17 For 21 Against 40 Av Pts/game 0.65 Biggest Win(s) Luton 3 Oldham 0 (15/03/2008). Biggest Loss(es) Hartlepool 4 Luton 0 (02/02/2008).

MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ..0	Keith Alexander	0	Mick Harford	0
Draws ..0	Goals 0		Goals 0	

Player with the most...

shots
Gareth Evans 11

shots on target

Danny Thomas 4

shots off target

Gareth Evans 7

assists

Francis Green 0

crosses

Danny Thomas 3

fouls

Martin Gritton 9

free-kicks-won

Martin Gritton 15



Player with the most...

shots
Sam Parkin 13

shots on target

Sam Parkin 8

shots off target

Chris Martin 6

assists

Kevin Nicholls 2

crosses

Claude Gnaka 11

fouls

Claude Gnaka 12

free-kicks-won

Sam Parkin 7

SHARP SHOOTERS

Macclesfield	CCFL Cup Tot	Luton	CCFL Cup Tot
Gareth Evans	0 1 1	Sam Parkin	3 0 3
Martin Gritton	0 1 1	Chris Martin	1 0 1
Shaun Brisley	0 1 1	Rossi Jarvis	0 1 1

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played	4	Macclesfield wins	2	Luton wins	0
Draws	2	Goals 8 (2.0 per game)		Goals 4 (1.0 per game)	
0-0's	1	Times failed to score 1		Times failed to score 1	

Biggest League win at Macclesfield for each team:

24/11/2001 Macclesfield 4-1 Luton
No wins for Luton



2008/09 LEAGUE STATS

21	Position	24
4	Played	4
0	Won	2
0	Drawn	1
4	Lost	1
0	Goals For	4
14	Goals Against	4
0	Points	-23

Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
0	0	4	24	1	0	1	6

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
0	0	0	21	1	1	0	12

Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
0	0	0	21	2	1	0	7

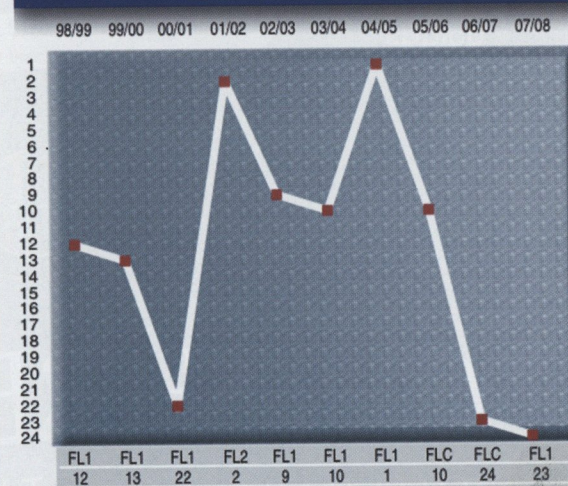
Record When Conceding First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
0	0	4	24	0	0	1	19

Match Scores

Wins: None, Losses: 0-2[2], 0-4[1], 0-6[1], Draws: None
Wins: 1-0[2], Losses: 1-3[1], Draws: 1-1[1]

LUTON - TEN SEASON RECORD



*up to and including 31/08/2008

SHARP SHOOTERS

Player	Team	Lge	Cup	Ttl
Billy Clarke	Darlington	4	1	5
Peter Thorne	Bradford	5	0	5
Ryan Lowe	Chester	2	2	4
Ben Strevens	Dag & Red	3	0	3
Paul Benson	Dag & Red	3	0	3
Marc Richards	Port Vale	3	0	3
Reuben Reid	Rotherham	2	1	3
Sam Saunders	Dag & Red	3	0	3
Paul Mullin	Accrington S	2	1	3

WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/Mt
L.B Barking & Dag Stad	Dag & Red	2	8	4.00
The Deva Stadium	Chester	2	8	4.00
The Moss Rose Ground	Macclesfield	2	8	4.00
The EBB Stadium	Aldershot	2	7	3.50
Christie Park	Morecambe	2	7	3.50
Kenilworth Road	Luton	2	6	3.00
Spotland Stadium	Rochdale	2	6	3.00
Vale Park	Port Vale	2	6	3.00
Sincil Bank	Lincoln City	2	6	3.00
Don Valley Stadium	Rotherham	2	5	2.50
Recreation Ground	Chesterfield	2	5	2.50
96.6 Darlington Arena	Darlington	2	5	2.50
Underhill Stadium	Barnet	2	5	2.50
Coral Windows Stadium	Bradford	2	5	2.50
New Meadow	Shrewsbury	2	5	2.50
Gigg Lane	Bury	2	4	2.00
Meadow Lane	Notts County	2	4	2.00
Griffin Park	Brentford	2	4	2.00
Fitness First Stadium	Bournemouth	2	3	1.50
Fraser Eagle Stadium	Accrington S	2	3	1.50
Adams Park	Wycombe	2	3	1.50
KRBS Priestfield Stadium	Gillingham	2	2	1.00
St James Park	Exeter	2	2	1.00
Blundell Park	Grimsby	2	1	0.50

TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most..
shots on target 32 Gillingham. shots off target 33 Rochdale. corners 36 Rochdale. hit woodwork 4 Dag & Red. offsides 27 Bury. fouls 57 Macclesfield. yellow cards 8 Chesterfield. red cards 1 Port Vale.

PLAYER POWER

Player with the most..
Shots 20 Simeon Jackson (Gillingham). Shots on target 13 Simeon Jackson (Gillingham). Shots off target 13 Kevin Ellison (Chester). Assists 3 Ryan Lowe (Chester). Crosses 22 Neil Wainwright (Morecambe). Offsides 13 Ben Strevens (Dag & Red). Fouls 12 Richard Ravenhill (Darlington). Free-kicks won 15 Martin Gritton (Macclesfield).



2008/09 SEASON

GOAL COUNTER

118

RIGHT FOOT

68 goals

57.6%

LEFT FOOT

28 goals

23.7%

HEADERS

19 goals

16.1%

Own goals 3 (2.5%), Other body part 0 (0%)

QUICK-FIRE GOALS

From the start of a match
Ian Craney (Port Vale vs Accrington S) 3:21

By a substitute after coming on
Diarmuid O'Carroll (Morecambe vs Dag & Red) 1:21

DISCIPLINARY



2.1 cards per match

0.0 cards per match

QUICK-FIRE CARDS

From the start of a match
Sol Davis (Gillingham vs Luton) 15:00

By a substitute after coming on
Jamie Yates (Rotherham vs Chester) 4:02

SUB TOTALS

Subs used212

Offsides308

Corners554

Shots Off Target510

BEAT THE TRAFFIC

Total number of goals you would have missed by leaving every match ten minutes early

0 1 3

RESULTS

How many times each result has occurred this season - home sides score shown first

0-0	3
0-1	8
0-2	3
0-3	-
0-4	-
0-5	-
0-6	1
1-0	5
1-1	8
1-2	2
1-3	5
1-4	-
1-5	-
1-6	-
2-0	2
2-1	2
2-2	1
2-3	-
2-4	-
2-5	-
3-0	-
3-1	3
3-2	1
3-3	-
3-4	-
3-5	-
4-0	2
4-1	-
4-2	-
4-3	-
4-4	-
4-5	-
5-0	-
5-1	1
5-2	-
5-3	-
6-0	1

*up to and including 31/08/2008

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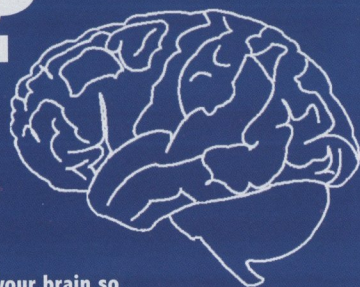
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WHERE'S YOUR HEAD AT?



Welcome back to the Moss Rose this afternoon and another brand new set of general knowledge questions from Chestwig to test that old grey matter.

The question is, has the continued lack of summer sun (haha) and rain frazzled your brain so much that your it works more like Del Boy's clapped out Reliant Robin, than a Premiership star's brand new Masserati sports car? Now's the time to find out so good luck and enjoy!!

1. In what city are the headquarters of the World Health Organisation?

- (a) Geneva.
- (b) New York.
- (c) Paris.
- (d) Rome.

2. What team won the first Scottish Cup Final in 1874?

- (a) Glasgow Celtic.
- (b) Vale of Leven.
- (c) Glasgow Rangers.
- (d) Queens Park.

3. In what year was the first episode of the now legendary Dr Who shown?

- (a) 1962.
- (b) 1963.
- (c) 1964.
- (d) 1965.



4. At what age would a Jewish boy celebrate his Bar-Mitzvah?

- (a) 11.
- (b) 13.
- (c) 18.
- (d) 21.

5. The supermarket giant ASDA is derived from what original name?

- (a) American Delicatessen.
- (b) Associated Dairies.
- (c) Amalgamated Dairies.
- (d) Associated Delicatessen.

6. The terms "rugby team" and "young and keen" are often used to represent what number in the game

of Bingo?

- (a) 11.
- (b) 47.
- (c) 15.
- (d) 1.

7. In what year did the farthing cease to be legal tender in Britain?

- (a) 1960.
- (b) 1969.
- (c) 1971.
- (d) 1980.



8. What date does the grouse shooting season start on?

- (a) 12th of June.
- (b) 12th of July.
- (c) 12th of August.
- (d) 12th of September.

9. In culinary terms what is Aemono?

- (a) A cold soup.
- (b) A salad.
- (c) Bread.
- (d) Fish pie.

10. Ermine Street was the name of the original road between what cities?

- (a) Lincoln to Exeter.
- (b) London to Chichester.
- (c) Dover to London.
- (d) London to York.

11. Which sport does NOT allow participants to have beards?

- (a) Motor racing.
- (b) Horse racing.

- (c) Cycling.
- (d) Judo.

12. What type of clothing is a filibeg?

- (a) A Kilt.
- (b) A pair of Spanish half length trousers.
- (c) A vest.
- (d) A hat.

13. The M5 travels from Birmingham to where?

- (a) Bristol.
- (b) Exeter.
- (c) Southampton.
- (d) Cambridge.



14. Legendary all girl band the "Spice Girls" were originally known as what

- (a) Rosalie.
- (b) Earth.
- (c) The Bangs.
- (d) Touch.

15. Who scored the Silkmen's consolation goal in the 3-1 defeat to non-league Rushden & Diamonds in last season's FA Cup first round?

- (a) Martin Gritton.
- (b) Gareth Evans.
- (c) Francis Green.
- (d) Carl Regan.

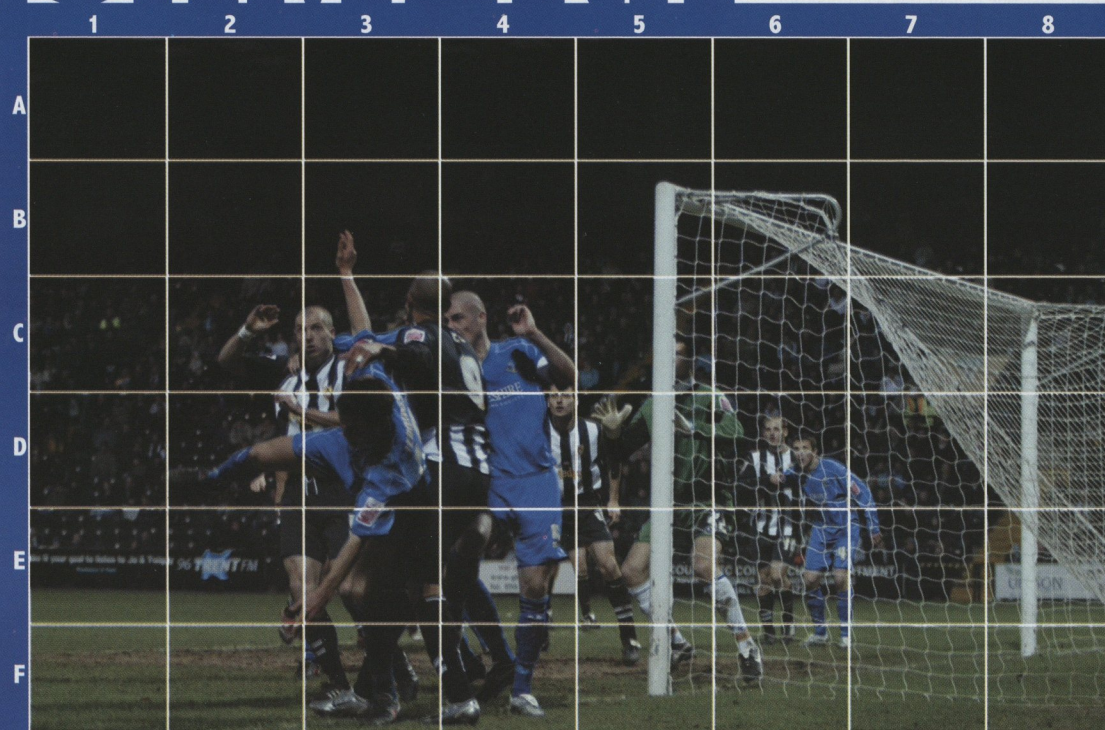
HOW'D YOU DO?

- 0-4 Don't give up your day job
- 5-8 Try again next year
- 9-13 Boot camp contender
- 14-15 The X Factor



CAUGHT ON CAMERA

We've made it a bit tougher this week. So for one point can you name the game featured here and for a further three points the three Silkmen players captured on film?



SPOT THE BALL

Think you are good at reading the play? Well using your skill and judgement take a look at the picture below and have a go at predicting the grid reference of where you think the ball is! And if you don't get it, why not test your mates?

ANSWERS
3b, 4b, 5b, 6a, 7a, 8c, 9b, 10d, 11b, 12a, 13b, 14d, 15a
and Jamie Tolley (right) **Spot the ball: AZ Quiz** - 1a, 2d,
2007) John Miles (centre) chased by John Murphy (left)
Caught on Camera: Silkmen vs Notts County (May

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A warm welcome to all at Luton Town Football Club and to all their fans that have made the long trip from Kenilworth Road for today's game.

Let's hope it's a cracker and that the Silkmen can finally get back on the right track and record that all important first win that the fantastic Silkmen support over the last few weeks deserve.

The problems that today's visitors have encountered so far this season have been well documented but should serve as a warning to those clubs who go and 'splash the cash' in the hope of gaining instant success.

We at Macc are lucky that after almost twelve years in the football league we've never entered administration once and perhaps this is something we should reflect on when things aren't going our way on the pitch. Ask a Luton fan at today's game what they rather have and I'm sure they'd snap your hand off for 4 straight league defeats and zero points as opposed to the massive penalty they received in the summer.

The future of Luton Town looks to be in safe hands though with the arrival of the 2020 consortium and the news of the cost cutting measures, imposed at

Kenilworth Road last week, will at least reassure the Hatters fans that their new owners' intentions are honourable as they try to get Luton Town back on track.

As we all know having money doesn't always make a successful football team (although it helps a little) but I find it amazing that suddenly a bunch of oil barons from the middle east roll into town and Manchester City can suddenly afford to buy someone for £30 million just minutes before the close of the transfer deadline.

It really is time to ask ourselves 'what is happening to this beautiful game that we all fell in love with?' and why so many so called supporters get excited about foreign owners - with absolutely no historic connection to their team - playing Russian Roulette with their clubs.

The great thing about the real fans of football clubs such as Macclesfield and



Luton lies in the loyalty they attach through the heritage and the history of their respective club and this is not something that can be bought overnight by the lure of rubles, dollars etc. True fans, that can be trusted to be there through thick and thin, in sunshine, hail and rain, up at Carlisle on a Tuesday night or down at Bournemouth, cannot be manufactured and as quick as these 'arm chair fans' come they will rapidly disappear and start following the next biggest fad.

Anyhow enough of my ranting for this week - but before I sign off don't forget to use the £4 off SST voucher you'll have received with your new Adidas shirt. This voucher entitles you to reduced SST membership or a cheap coach fare for an away game of your choice on SST coaches. More information on this can be found at www.silkmensupporterstrust.co.uk

Let's hope the team carry on with the battling qualities they showed in the second half against Crewe on Tuesday night, that we make plenty of noise and encourage the team to even greater efforts and hopefully even a win.

Enjoy the game!!

Matt Beresford
Silkmen Supporters' Trust



West Ham United 4 Macclesfield Town

Bowyer 74, Cole 100, Hines 105, Reid 117

Evans 5

Wednesday 27th August 2008 Crowd 10055

Silkmen take the Hammers to Extra Time

The Silkmen came within fifteen minutes of causing a major shock at Upton Park in the 2nd Round of the Carling Cup last week. With little or no form going into the game few outside of the most optimistic of Macc fans gave the Silkmen any chance of pulling off a result. Talk of keeping the score to a respectable level, whilst not publicly aired, was very much the realistic expectation.

But with less than five minutes on clock all those thoughts were banished when Gareth Evans shocked the home crowd by planting a header past Rob Green in the Hammer's net. The Macclesfield born striker lost his marker and directed his firm header into the top right hand corner from the six yard line to send the travelling band of very vocal Silkmen fans into raptures.

With home manager Alan Curbishley already under pressure the nervousness in the home team's play was very apparent as the Hammers struggled to find a way back into the game. But whilst they saw a lot of ball, as the first half wore on it was the Silkmen who grew visibly in confidence and competed on equal terms with their illustrious opponents whose team included many first team regulars.

There was little evidence to suggest a massive 72 places separated the two teams but inevitably into the second period, aided by some strange decisions from the referee, West Ham gradually made their extra quality tell as the Silkmen's eyes glanced nervously at the clock.

It was back to the walls stuff, the defence finally cracking on 75 minutes when Lee Bowyer, making his first appearance since February, lost his marker to score with a low header. A period of intense pressure followed but with the game heading for extra time Izak Reid was harshly shown a second yellow card and issued his marching orders.

Going into extra time a man down was always going to be difficult and so it proved with goals from Carlton Cole, Zavon Hines and Kyel Reid giving the scoreline a very false reading.





Crewe Alexandra 3

Schumacher 5, Jones 27, O'Donnell 42

Tuesday 2nd September 2008 Crowd 2423

Gresty Road gloom for Silkmen

The Silkmen's interest in this year's Johnstone's Paint Trophy came to an end at the first time of asking at Gresty Road earlier this week.

Crewe Alexandra ran out easy winners to progress to the 2nd Round with all the damage done in the opening fifteen minutes. By that time Macclesfield were already a goal behind and a man down as a result of the team's fourth red card of the season.

With Keith Alexander opting for a strike partnership of Simon Yeo and Martin Gritton, and youngsters James Jennings and Matthew Flynn making their first starts the team was also buoyed by the return of Izak Reid after his one game suspension.

But any hopes of a confidence boosting early lead was ended when Stephen Schumacher put the Railwaymen ahead on five minutes. It got worse on 12 minutes when Martin Gritton received his marching orders for his second bookable offence. After having been booked for dissent, the striker's mistimed tackle left the referee with little alternative and the Silkmen facing an uphill task.

The extra man gave the home side license to get the ball down and pass the ball at will. When we did see any possession it was quickly lost as an isolated Simon Yeo was all too often left to fend for himself up front.

The home team were good value for their 3-0 lead at the break with further goals coming from Jones (27) and O'Donnell (42), the final ball into the box causing the Silkmen no end of problems.

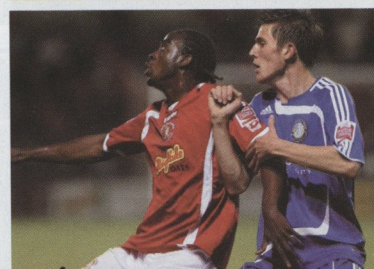
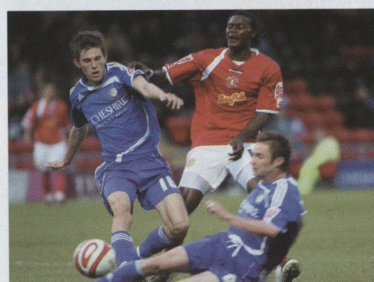
The sanctuary of dressing room at half-time could not have come soon enough and it certainly had the desired effect as the team played with greater composure and belief in the second period, retaining possession well and competing on level terms despite being a man down.

The best chance of the evening fell to Simon Yeo but the striker could not find the target after good work from the lively Danny Thomas. But it was a case of a little too late as the game inevitably petered out despite the introduction of Kristian Dennis.

It was a case of what might have been but in the end there was no way back after the events of the opening 12 minutes.



Macc Town 0



Scandinavian Silkmen

It may come as a surprise to many, but the club has a thriving fan base across the North Sea in of all places Norway.

Our own 'Scandinavian Silkmen' are regular visitors to the Moss Rose. But who are they and how to the association come about?

We decided to find out and caught up with Lars Erik Pedersen who was only too happy to spill the beans.

Why do the Silkmen have fans in Scandinavia?

Every time any member of the Scandinavian Silkmen Supporter's Club visits Macclesfield we get the same question: "Why do you support Macc Town?"

I suppose the question is fully justified given the challenges the club faces in attracting fans from its own town let alone somewhere 500 miles away.

So why do a bunch of Scandinavian support the Silkmen then?

It all started back in the early 90's when a mate of mine, Atle Sundqvist, came back from England with a record by the infamous Macc Lads. He played the record at parties, and with lyrics like "I Love Macc", "Lads From Macc" and "Miss Macclesfield" it wasn't difficult to figure out where they came from.

Little did we know though at the time that the town of Macclesfield also had a football team! It wasn't until 1994, when we got hooked on the computer game Championship Manager, that we became aware that the town had even more to offer.

We started to look out for the Silkmen's results, and with the team flying high in the Conference, I suppose it would be fair to describe us as glory hunters!

Nevertheless, the interest continued to grow...

In January 1995 the Scandinavian Silkmen Supporter's Club were officially founded, and our first fanzine - Silkmen News - was distributed to friends and family. Within a year we had members from nearly every part of Norway.

With most of us being students, funds were limited, but before the 1996-97 season long time member Vegar Norum and myself decided we wanted to travel to Macclesfield to see our favourite team in action. We wrote a letter to the club, and could hardly believe it when we got a phone call back.

Colin Garlick, then club secretary, invited us over,

and we decided that Easter 1997 would be a good time. We were both very excited, but in our wildest dreams we couldn't imagine what we were to be part of during our week long stay.

To say we were made welcome would be the biggest understatement ever. Colin picked us up at the airport, and drove us directly to the Moss Rose, where he interrupted a board meeting to introduce us to the board. Chairman Alan Cash then bought us a drink before we were given a tour at the ground.

Later that week it was arranged for us to train with the first team, we were taken out for a night on the town with Phil Power and Steve Wood, and we got tickets for the games against Morecambe, Stevenage and Hednesford.

As most Silkmen fans will know, the game against Stevenage, where we came back from two down with Sir John Askey sent off with half an hour to go, more or less secured our promotion to the Football League. To this day that game ranks as my favourite Silkmen memory, with Woody scoring his second goal of the game with a beautifully curled free kick deep into injury time, just two days after taking us out (clearly no hangovers there...)

It has to be said, that even though we were fans when we arrived, the trip made us hooked for life. I can honestly say that I've never felt more welcome anywhere in my entire life. So a big thank you to Colin and everyone else!

Since then more than a 100 Scandinavians have visited the Moss Rose, and I don't think anyone of them have left disappointed. Although the football hasn't always been great - the fans, players, management and directors have always looked after us in the best way possible. And I hope we have been able to give something back too, to make your hospitality worth while.



So there you have it. Had it not been for the Macc Lads' punk rock, or the generosity of Colin Garlick, there probably would never have been a Scandinavian Silkmen Supporter's Club.

Here's hoping for our first three points against Luton.

Up the Silkmen
Lars Erik Pedersen

A big thank you to Lars for his help and of course his continued support. We plan to catch up with him again at various times throughout the season in Blues Review. But until then, as they say in Norway (or so Wikipedia informs us) -

Ser deg senare



Lars Erik Pedersen started following the Silkmen after listening to LPs by the Macc Lads. He later discovered that another favourite band - Joy Division - also came from Macclesfield. The picture shows Lars with the "Beer and Sex and Chips and Gravy" and "Unknown Pleasures" albums.

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Question & Answer

Here are just a few more of
the questions posed to
club director Bashar
Alkadhi in the recent fans forum
on the Maccfans website.

Q Could I ask what is your view of the League's deduction of points from Luton (20 points), Rotherham (17) and Bournemouth (17)? On the one hand leagues should be won on the pitch. On the other hand there is no doubt that by in effect writing off substantial debts those clubs are going to be in a better position to compete against those that are still saddled with their debts. I think that the League were placed in an awkward situation, and probably got the result about right. Do you agree?

A It's true; the League is placed in an awkward position, as they have to consider many conflicting interests, not least those of their fans. Then again it's sometimes fans' unrealistic expectation that pressurise club owners and board to over-extend themselves, which invariably comes back to bite them in the wotsits! I'm actually quite upset about what happened to our division this season. These deductions has given it a bit of unreal feel which can't be good. My personal opinion is that any club which does not play by the rules and accordingly gains an unfair advantage, should be relegated one or two divisions.

Q I don't post on internet message boards but i received an email about it and thought I'd just express my thanks. Myself and my two youngest lads go to every home game and it costs £18. You really can't say much fairer than that. Do you ever envisage the 'kids for free' scheme ceasing? Hope not as your certainly making two fans of the future in my lads.

A It's a pleasure. Kids are obviously the future of our Club and we must maintain their interest and loyalty. I don't envisage stopping the scheme.

Q I was wondering what your opinion is of what went wrong towards the end of Brian Horton's time as Macc manager? He's without doubt the most successful we've had in recent years, and at one stage the club seemed to be flying. It's also interesting in

view of his recent high profile success at Hull City (where the fans seem to credit him with a huge part in their rise). Did it all stem from that ridiculous FA fine, were there some unknown reasons, or was it just one of those inexplicable things?

A Brian, a man I like immensely, is a football man through and through and I believe his achievements at Macc should never be under-estimated. We were fortunate to have such an experienced campaigner. The FA saga did take a lot out of the Club (financially, but more importantly psychologically), and that did affect him and the team, without a doubt. But I think what went wrong is that, by his own admission, he took his eyes off the ball a little bit during that close season, and was in a bit of a comfort zone. He also made a couple of wrong signings. There was no real intensity at the start of his last season and the team suffered.

Q I signed up for the macc lottery hoping to win a few quid as well as help the club out. A few months later after people on here raised the alarm bells I find out loads of clubs are in it and there is pretty much no chance of winning anything. Would you agree that this should have been told to us before signing up and what are your opinions on this?

A This is not Bashar replying (obviously) but the Hon Sec of the SST. The Trust AGM gave Mike Rance a really testing time on this one and the fact is that the Gold Bond Lottery is a decent deal for the Club and the fan wanting a big win. However, we made clear to Mike that not all fans wanted to be 'in the big one' and we have just agreed to set up a much smaller, local 100 Club, which will go through the Trust into the Club. And we want to target support to the reserve team, so now you have a choice. We are also hoping that the Trust will be a Gold Bond Agent as well.

From Bashar: I'll just add that for every £1 spent, Macc gets 40p; 40p goes into the prize fund and 20p is taken up by admin costs and agents commissions. There are 286 weekly winners, which is about a 1 in 90 chance of winning something, which is actually very good as far as lotteries go. In fact, this is one of the most successful lotteries around and I know for a fact that Rochdale and Morecombe, to name just two, are part of this very same lottery and their revenue from it is very high indeed

Statistics **2008/09**[illegible][illegible]

Key:

1st Substitution
2nd Substitution
3rd Substitution

Home Games in CAPITALS

Goal Scorers in Bold

Booked Sent Off

League **Table 2008/09**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Dag & Red	4	1	1	0	7	1	2	0	0	5	2	9	10
Shrewsbury	4	2	0	0	5	0	1	1	0	3	2	6	10
Bury	4	2	0	0	3	1	1	1	0	4	2	4	10
Wycombe	4	1	1	0	2	1	2	0	0	3	0	4	10
Bradford	4	2	0	0	4	1	1	0	1	4	3	4	9
Brentford	4	1	1	0	4	0	1	0	1	1	1	4	7
Port Vale	4	1	0	1	3	3	1	1	0	4	2	2	7
Aldershot	4	1	1	0	4	3	1	0	1	1	1	1	7
Gillingham	4	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	3	2	1	7
Acc.Stanley	4	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	2	1	2	6
Chesterfield	4	0	0	2	1	4	2	0	0	4	1	0	6
Darlington	4	0	1	1	2	3	1	1	0	6	0	5	5
Rochdale	4	1	1	0	4	2	0	1	1	0	2	0	5
Exeter	4	0	0	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	1	-1	4
Notts County	4	0	2	0	2	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1	3
Chester	4	1	0	1	5	3	0	0	2	1	9	-6	3
Grimsby	4	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	5	-5	2
Morecambe	4	0	0	2	2	5	0	1	1	2	3	-4	1
Lincoln City	4	0	1	1	2	4	0	0	2	0	2	-4	1
Barnet	4	0	0	2	1	4	0	0	2	2	8	-9	0
MACCLESFIELD	4	0	0	2	0	8	0	0	2	0	6	-14	0
Rotherham	4	2	0	0	4	1	1	1	0	3	1	5	-7
Bournemouth	4	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	2	4	-3	-15
LUTON	4	0	1	1	2	4	2	0	0	2	0	0	-23

Team Appearances

PLAYER	LEAGUE			CUP			TOTAL		
	Apps	(Subs)	Goals	Apps	(Subs)	Goals	Apps	(Subs)	Goals
L Bell	3	0	0	2	1	0	5	1	0
N Blackman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J Brain	4	0	0	3	0	0	7	0	0
S Brisley	3	0	0	3	0	1	6	0	1
A Deen	4	0	0	2	0	0	6	0	0
K Dennis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T Dunfield	1	1	0	2	0	0	3	1	0
G Evans	3	1	0	2	0	1	5	1	1
M Flynn	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
F Green	2	2	0	1	1	0	3	3	0
M Gritton	3	1	0	2	0	1	5	1	1
J Hadfield	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	0
N Harvey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S Hessey	4	0	0	2	0	0	6	0	0
J Jennings	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
C McDonald	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
C Millar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
P Morgan	3	0	0	2	0	0	5	0	0
I Reid	1	2	0	2	1	0	3	3	0
J Rooney	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
D Thomas	4	0	0	3	0	0	7	0	0
J Tolley	4	0	0	2	0	0	6	0	0
R Walker	3	1	0	2	0	0	5	1	0
S Yeo	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	3	0
Own Goals	0			0			0		



Macclesfield Town | Luton Town



Manager: Keith **ALEXANDER**

Manager: Mick **HARFORD**

- 1. Jon **BRAIN**
- 2. Izak **REID**
- 3. Ahmed **DEEN**
- 4. Sean **HESSEY**
- 5. Richard **WALKER**
- 6. Paul **MORGAN**
- 7. Lee **BELL**
- 8. Francis **GREEN**
- 9. Martin **GRITTON**
- 10. Simon **YEO**
- 11. Jamie **TOLLEY**
- 12. Danny **THOMAS**
- 13. Matthew **TOWNS**
- 14. John **ROONEY**
- 15. Neil **HARVEY**
- 16. Shaun **BRISLEY**
- 17. Jordan **HADFIELD**
- 18. Kristian **DENNIS**
- 19. James **JENNINGS**
- 20. Nick **BLACKMAN**
- 21. Chris **HIRST**
- 22. Matthew **FLYNN**
- 23. Christian **MILLAR**
- 24. Clayton **McDONALD**
- 25. Terry **DUNFIELD**
- 26. Gareth **EVANS**

- 1 Dean **BRILL**
- 2 Claude **GNAKPA**
- 3 Sol **DAVIS**
- 4 Keith **KEANE**
- 5 Ian **ROPER**
- 6 George **PILKINGTON**
- 8 Kevin **NICHOLLS**
- 9 Sam **PARKIN**
- 10 Ryan **CHARLES**
- 11 Lewis **EMANUEL**
- 14 Asa **HALL**
- 15 Ed **ASAFU-ADJAYE**
- 16 Rossi **JARVIS**
- 17 Kevin **WATSON**
- 18 Chris **MARTIN**
- 19 Drew **TALBOT**
- 20 Michael **SPILLANE**
- 21 Conrad **LOGAN**
- 22 Josh **KLEIN-DAVIES**
- 23 Tristan **PLUMMER**
- 24 Paul **UNDERWOOD**
- 25 George **BEAVAN**
- 27 Dean **MORGAN**
- 28 Paul **McVEIGH**

next up | at Moss Rose

v **Exeter City**

Saturday 27th September 2008
Kick off 3.00pm



next | away

v **Bournemouth**

Saturday 13th September 2008
Kick off 3.00pm



today's | **Fixtures**



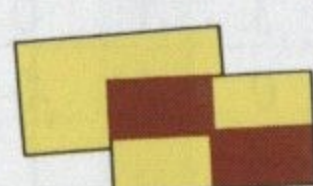
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Aldershot v Darlington
Brentford v Dag & Red
Chester v Bury
Chesterfield v Rotherham
Exeter v Accrington Stanley
Gillingham v Grimsby
Lincoln City v Barnet
Macclesfield v Luton
Morecambe v Shrewsbury
Notts County v Bournemouth
Port Vale v Bradford
Rochdale v Wycombe

today's | **officials**



referee
Mr A Penn



assistant 1
Mr R Johnson

assistant 2
Mr K Mattocks

fourth Official
Mr S Cummins