

MOSSLEY		GATESHEAD	
White & Black		Claret & Blue	
1	Steve Wilson	1	Tony Davison
2	Nicky Thompson	2	Craig Baxter
3	Will Ryder	3	Chris Mason
4	Joel Pilkington	4	Jamie Harwood
5	Gary Furnival	5	James Curtis
6	Jonathon Smith (c)	6	Steven Baker
7	Joe Shaw	7	David Southern
8	Christian Cooke	8	Steve Salvin
9	Steve Burke	9	Paul Thompson
10	James Turley	10	Thomas Haigh
11	David Eyres	11	Craig Nelthorpe
12	Steve Sheil	12	Chris Hughes
14	Lee Shillito	14	Warren Byrne
15	Peter Wright	15	Paul Talbot
Manager: Jason Beckford		Tony Lee	
Assistant: John Murphy		Ian Bogie	
Referee:		Mr R. Roberts (Leyland)	
Referee's Assistants:		Mr A. Gear (Blackpool)	
Mr J. Salisbury (Preston)			

NEXT GAME AT SEEL PARK
Saturday 3rd February 2007
 Kick off 3.00 p.m.
MOSSLEY v PRESCOT CABLES
 UniBond League Premier Division

Welcome to Seel Park . . .

Good afternoon and welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Gateshead Football Club who are making their first visit to Seel Park since way back in the 1989-90 season

Gateshead, now managed by successful former Newcastle Blue Star manager Tony Lee have shown good progress in recent weeks and still have a chance of a play off place following their 5-2 thrashing of bottom club Grantham Town last Saturday.

Our own form remains patchy at best and on Tuesday night we were dumped out of the Manchester Premier Cup at the quarter final stage by North West Counties Leaguers Flixton.

It was an immensely disappointing night and a very poor performance by a makeshift Mossley side missing several regulars at Flixton, themselves far from full strength, managed to claim a semi final spot

despite Joe Shaw equalising on the stroke of half time.

It is hoped that at least one new signing will have been made in time for today's game while David Eyres, Jonathon Smith, James Turley and keeper Steve Wilson, all absentees on Tuesday will likely return to action today.

Following the disappointing and contentious 4-3 defeat by League leaders AFC Telford United last Saturday we are in desperate need of points in order to avoid relegation and today's game is of obvious significance in that regard.

Next Saturday we travel to Leek Town with a 3.00 pm kick off and the following Saturday (3rd February) we return to Seel Park as we entertain Prescott Cables at Seel Park.



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**Grateful thanks to today's
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Mr Steve Tague**

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RESULTS

Saturday, 13th January 2007

Fleetwood Town 2-2 Frickley Athletic
Gateshead 5-2 Grantham Town
Guiseley 2-1 Ashton United
Leek Town 1-0 North Ferriby United
Lincoln United 0-2 Ilkeston Town
Matlock Town 5-1 Kendal Town

Mossley 3-4 AFC Telford United

Ossett Town 1-1 Marine
Radcliffe Borough 1-1 Prescott Cables
Whitby Town 1-0 Hednesford Town

FA Trophy 2nd Round

Witton Albion 0-1 Rushden & Diamonds

Tuesday, 16th January 2007

Manchester Premier Cup 2nd Round

MOSSLEY 1-2 Flixton

FIXTURES

Saturday, 20th January 2007

AFC Telford United v Guiseley
Ashton United v Matlock Town
Hednesford Town v Burscough
Ilkeston Town v Kendal Town
Marine v Leek Town

Mossley v Gateshead

North Ferriby United v Grantham Town
Prescott Cables v Ossett Town
Whitby Town v Fleetwood Town
Witton Albion v Lincoln United

Tuesday, 23rd January 2006

UniBond League Cup 3rd Round

MATLOCK TN/Gresley R vs. Kidsgrove Ath

Friday, 26th January 2007

Lincoln United v North Ferriby United

Saturday, 27th January 2007

AFC Telford United v Ashton United
Burscough v Matlock Town
Fleetwood Town v Guiseley
Frickley Athletic v Marine
Gateshead v Prescott Cables

Grantham Town v Ossett Town
Hednesford Town v Whitby Town
Kendal Town v Witton Albion

Leek Town v Mossley

Radcliffe Borough v Ilkeston Town

Tuesday, 30th January 2007

UniBond League Cup 2nd Round

MATLOCK TOWN v Gresley Rovers

Saturday, 3rd February 2007

Fleetwood Town v Gateshead
Grantham Town v Frickley Athletic
Guiseley v Kendal Town
Leek Town v Hednesford Town
Matlock Town v AFC Telford United

Mossley v Prescott Cables

North Ferriby United v Ashton United
Ossett Town v Ilkeston Town
Radcliffe Borough v Lincoln United
Whitby Town v Burscough
Witton Albion v Marine

Tuesday, 6th February 2007

Burscough v Fleetwood Town
Ilkeston Town v Guiseley

Saturday, 10th February 2007

Gateshead v AFC Telford United
Ilkeston Town v Ossett Town
Lincoln United v Leek Town

Mossley v Radcliffe Borough

North Ferriby United v Burscough

UniBond League Cup Quarter Finals

MATLOCK T/Gresley R or Kidsgrove A v WHITBY T
FLEETWOOD TOWN v GRANTHAM TN
WITTON ALBION v MARINE

Woodley Sports v Harrogate Railway Ath.

UniBond League Chairmans Cup Quarter Finals

Alsager Town v Cammell Laird
ASHTON UNITED v Rossendale United
GUISELEY v Ossett Albion

UniBond League Presidents Cup Semi Finals

MATLOCK TOWN / Gresley R v Wakefield
Buxton v Stocksbridge Park Steels

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1 AFC Telford United	26	17	8	1	50	17	33	59
2 Hednesford Town	26	15	7	4	34	22	12	52
3 Marine	26	14	5	7	41	29	12	47
4 Burscough	25	13	6	6	50	26	24	45
5 Whitby Town	26	14	3	9	44	39	5	45
6 Matlock Town	23	13	4	6	44	25	19	43
7 Guiseley	27	12	7	8	41	28	13	43
8 Witton Albion	22	11	6	5	41	28	13	39
9 Lincoln United	28	10	8	10	23	32	9	38
10 Ossett Town	26	10	7	9	38	39	-1	37
11 Frickley Athletic	30	10	7	13	39	49	-10	37
12 Gateshead	25	9	9	7	43	38	5	36
13 Ilkeston Town	26	9	7	10	37	37	0	34
14 Prescott Cables	28	8	9	11	36	38	-2	33
15 Fleetwood Town	22	9	5	8	40	37	3	32
16 North Ferriby United	26	8	7	11	34	44	-10	31
17 Ashton United	26	8	5	13	35	48	-13	29
18 Kendal Town	27	7	8	12	36	53	-17	29
19 Radcliffe Borough	29	5	9	15	26	44	-18	24
20 Mossley	27	5	4	18	34	52	-18	19
21 Leek Town	25	5	4	16	21	40	-19	19
22 Grantham Town	24	3	5	16	23	45	-22	14

LEADING GOALSCORERS 2006/07

		Lge	Cup	Total
Ciaran Kilheaney	Burscough (inc. 9 for Ashton United)	18	6	24
David Southern	Gateshead	16	4	20
Danny Brunskill	Whitby Town	14	6	20
Peter Cumiskey	Marine	13	7	20
Gary Bradshaw	North Ferriby United	10	10	20
Ian Homes	Matlock Town	15	4	19
Adam Warlow	Witton Albion	12	5	17
Steve Foster	AFC Telford United	14	2	16
Robert Pell	Guiseley (inc 10 for Frickley Athletic)	14	2	16
Adam Muller	Ilkeston Town	14	1	15
Andy Hayward	Ossett Town	12	3	15

Division One	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1 Buxton	29	19	7	3	63	24	39	64
2 Eastwood Town	28	17	6	5	57	25	32	57
3 Cammell Laird	28	15	8	5	62	37	25	53
4 Stocksbridge PS	29	15	7	7	52	26	26	52
5 Bradford Park Avenue	26	15	4	7	44	24	20	49
6 Rossendale United	27	14	5	8	43	31	12	47
7 Colwyn Bay	30	13	7	10	43	46	-3	46
8 Alsager Town	29	13	4	12	52	48	4	43
9 Gresley Rovers	27	13	4	10	39	37	2	43
10 Woodley Sports	26	11	8	7	59	41	18	41
11 Ossett Albion	25	12	5	8	38	36	2	41
12 Harrogate RA	26	12	3	11	49	47	2	39
13 Goole AFC	28	11	6	11	46	56	-10	39
14 Shepshed Dynamo	28	11	4	13	41	48	-7	37
15 Bamber Bridge	30	10	6	14	52	56	-4	36
16 Skelmersdale United	28	9	7	12	45	51	-6	34
17 Brigg Town	26	10	4	12	33	42	-9	34
18 Belper Town	26	9	4	13	33	49	-16	31
19 Kidsgrove Athletic	24	8	6	10	46	47	-1	30
20 Warrington Town	28	9	3	16	46	57	-11	30
21 Clitheroe	25	8	3	14	36	45	-9	27
22 Wakefield FC	27	5	5	17	25	46	-21	20
23 Chorley	26	3	4	19	25	60	-35	13
24 Bridlington Town	28	1	8	19	19	69	-50	11

DIVISION ONE LEADING GOALSCORERS 2006/07

		Lge	Cup	Total
Michael Lennon	Kidsgrove Athletic	20	12	32
Peter Knox	Eastwood Town	20	4	24
Ronnie Morgan	Cammell Laird	20	4	24
Mark Reed	Buxton	19	4	23
Danny Toronczak	Ossett Albion	14	7	21
Matt Rhead	Kidsgrove Athletic	9	10	19
Graham Marchant	Harrogate Railway Athletic	12	6	18
Aaron O'Connor	Gresley Rovers (now Grays Ath)	15	2	17

PITMEN SUCCESSFUL WITH OLIVER AFTER MISSING OUT ON BIRCH

UniBond League Premier Division club Hednesford Town have signed Dean Oliver on a month's loan from Premiership Sheffield United.

The 18-year-old striker went straight into the squad for the game at Whitby Town on Saturday.

Manager Phil Starbuck went to Sheffield to watch Oliver in action on Thursday evening. After the game discussions with Sheffield officials set the wheels in motion for the move to go ahead.

With great assistance from the Blades the forms were signed mid-afternoon and faxed to the FA and the UniBond league with just over an hour to spare to allow him to play at the Turnbull Ground.

Oliver's arrival eased the pain of losing Gary Birch, who was made an offer to join The Pitmen.

The Lincoln City player was thinking about the move to Keys Park along with an alternative offer from Hamilton Academicals, so it came as a surprise when the player informed the club on Friday that he had signed an eighteen-month contract with promotion-rivals AFC Telford United.

WHALLEY COMPLETES STANLEY MOVE

Shaun Whalley has completed his move to Coca-Cola League Two strugglers Accrington Stanley.

The winger joined Stanley on loan from UniBond League Premier Division Witton Albion in November, putting pen-to-paper on a two-year deal last week.

Whalley, 19, is considered a top prospect by Stanley boss John Coleman, who pipped Crewe Alexandra for his services despite the youngster training with the Railwaymen for two months earlier in the campaign.

"It's all confirmed now and we're looking forward to seeing him develop over the next couple of years," said Stanley chief executive Rob Heys.

Whalley has enjoyed an eventful start to his league adventure, making five starts and picking up a red card since his debut in a 2-1 defeat to Hartlepool.

FLEETWOOD PAY FOUR-FIGURE FEE FOR HURST AND NET BROWN

UniBond League Premier Division club Fleetwood Town have paid rivals Radcliffe Borough an undisclosed four-figure fee to capture goalkeeper Danny Hurst.

The 26-year-old had been Boro's number one choice for the past three seasons after Kevin Glendon plucked him from relative obscurity, but with his contract up at the end of the season and Radcliffe unable to persuade him to sign another, one a move was on the cards.

Hurst had recently been on loan at Division One side Chorley and the deal went through immediately his temporary move to the Magpies finished last Saturday.

Fleetwood are also delighted to announce the signing of former Preston North End utility player Michael Brown.

Brown joined North End as a trainee before graduating to the first-team squad. He also enjoyed a successful loan spell with Chester City, turning out for the Deva Stadium club on nineteen occasions. Indeed, Brown did so well at Chester that on his return to Deepdale he was offered a new contract.

Brown, who is 21 years of age, is a versatile player who can play in all four midfield roles and at right back.

In recent weeks, Brown has been turning out for Shrewsbury Town's reserve side, and aware that several other clubs were interested in clinching his signature, Fleetwood acted decisively and, having been impressed with their ambitious plans for the future, Brown readily agreed to sign a contract with Town until the end of the season.

Fleetwood chairman Andy Pilley commented: "I am absolutely delighted that Michael has agreed to join us. Everyone I have spoken to speaks highly of him, including one of his new team-mates, Ricky Mercer, who was with Michael at Preston. We knew that other clubs were interested in Michael and we see this signing as another major coup."

Brown's ability to fill several roles undoubtedly makes him a key signing for Fleetwood at such a crucial stage of the season

UniBond TV Goes Live

The banner for the UniBond TV service has now been placed on the <http://www.unibondleague.com/> website although it is not expected to be fully linked until Thursday afternoon of this week.

The games to be covered by UniBond TV over the coming months include :-

Marine v Leek Town
Witton Albion v Lincoln United
Hednesford Town v Whitby Town
Witton Albion v Marine
Gateshead v AFC Telford United
Buxton v Skelmersdale United.

Full information will posted shortly.

SUPPORTERS FAVOURITE DEPARTS FLEETWOOD

Fleetwood Town goalkeeper Andy Banks has departed Highbury Stadium to sign for fellow UniBond League Premier Division club Marine.

Banks has been a tremendous servant to Fleetwood and all connected with the club will be sorry to see this popular figure leave for pastures new.

Banks made 179 league and cup appearances for Town in a period spanning five seasons and two separate spells at Highbury Stadium.

He initially joined Fleetwood on loan during the traumatic 2001/02 campaign and made his debut in March 2002 in an away league game at runaway leaders Kidsgrove Athletic.

The talented keeper made an immediate impression, helping his side to a valuable 2-2 draw.

Having looked certain for relegation at one point, the arrival of Banks and one or two other crucial signings helped Fleetwood to a relatively healthy fourteenth position and once the season was complete, he joined Town on a permanent basis.

In his first full campaign at Highbury (2002/03), Banks became a huge crowd favourite and was rewarded for his outstanding form when he won three of the four principal awards at the end of season presentation night - the supporters', the manager and players' player of the year awards all finding their way in to the safe hands of the genial goalkeeper.

Following another superb season during 2003/04, Banks moved on to Bamber Bridge and as a consequence missed Town's North West Counties First Division championship triumph. But he was back for the 2005/06 season, playing a leading role as Town won promotion for a second successive season.

Banks has always been a popular figure with supporters, players and officials alike and he will be a hugely missed presence.

VAUGHAN GOING NOWHERE

Rob Smith, manager of UniBond League Premier Division leaders AFC Telford United, has moved to reassure fans over the future of in-form wing-back Lee Vaughan by declaring: "He's going nowhere!"

Vaughan has turned in a string of impressive performances this season and has arguably been the star performer to-date in Telford's push for promotion.

The 23-year-old is only on non-contract terms at the New Bucks Head, but Smith is not concerned about him being poached by a bigger club - and hinted that a more permanent deal could be on the table in the summer.

NO PRIORITISING BY GLADIATORS

Phil Brown, manager of UniBond League Premier Division club Matlock Town, says there is no question of his side prioritising between the league and the cups, despite an increasingly tight fixture schedule which will see them play a minimum of twenty two games in the final three months of the season.

It was back to the training pitch for the Gladiators squad on Tuesday night when the weather once again prevented the jinxed UniBond League Cup second round clash with Gresley Rovers from going ahead at the Geoquip Stadium.

"We're treating everything equally," said Brown. "Obviously we want to finish as high in the league as possible, but we're still in two cup competitions and as they say we're in it to win it. We messed about with the side in the earlier rounds of the Derbyshire Senior Cup but fielded a much stronger side at Buxton. We've got them again on Tuesday and in some ways it would be nice to play some of the lads who have not been playing regularly lately. But then again we want to keep the run going. We also know what its like to win the League Cup and we want to do it again, so there's no chance of us saying one competition's more important than the other. We want to do well in every competition we enter."

Brown was delighted after watching his side return to action for the first time since the 3-1 victory at Ilkeston Town on Boxing Day and thrash Kendal Town 5-1 at the Geoquip Stadium on Saturday. Over the years Kendal have been a bogey team for Matlock but that was laid firmly to rest as the Gladiators repeated the emphatic winning scoreline from their trip to the Lake District in November.

"We were a little concerned about having a long lay off while we were on such a good run. Had it disturbed things and had the lads lost their match fitness, especially having to play on a heavy pitch? But their response was terrific, they played some great football and you'll not see many better goals than the last two. Their overall performance, given the conditions, was a credit to themselves and all the hard work they have put in. After that display we won't be able to use the pitch as an excuse if we don't play as well in the future," he joked.

For those not yet 70 - a flavour of 1930

A FANTASY SATURDAY IN 1930

From Arthur Dyson (Onchan, Isle of Man) originally published in 2001

We are in November and the kick-off time today is 2.45 pm. Next month it will be 2.30 pm and back again in January to 2.45 pm. The game will finish at precisely 4.25 pm as there is no 'stoppage time' and exactly ten minutes break at half-time.

Of course way back in September the kick off was 3.15 pm and allowed a more leisurely approach. After all, those who had a job worked until mid-day after which they still needed a drink, a wash and change plus Saturday dinner before walking to the match.

We are playing Sandbach Ramblers today and expect to win, we would be much less confident playing Port Vale or Tranmere Rovers reserve teams who are always smart and well organised.

The pitch is soft but not too heavy at this time of year, not like it will be in the depth of winter with puddles everywhere but even then still no danger of a cancellation. Nobody could kick the ball very far anyway as the leather ball is too heavy for that.

It's a dull day but too windy for any signs of mist or fog and Seel Fold is on pretty high ground anyway. There should be a £25 'gate' from close on 1,000 spectators paying 6d. to enter, 40 sixpences to the Pound.

The selected team was printed in the 'Reporter' that we read last night and it remains to be seen who A.N.OTHER will turn out to be. No reserve was printed and substitutions for injuries or anything else is not yet even in the imagination.

There was a brisk sale of tickets for the half time draw, after all it isn't a bad prize a ten shilling note, many people work a whole day to earn that much.

The referee has inspected the nets, which have iron supports but the goalposts are square wooden ones and the crossbar as well. The goalie will sometimes swing on the crossbar pulling it down in the middle a few inches but not many keepers or other players are taller than 5'1" 0" or 12 stone in weight.

The pitch marking is standard, the arc outside the penalty area has not yet been introduced nor the quarter circle at the corner flag. The two linesmen have taken their place and each will cover the full length of the touchline indicating when the ball is out of play. They will not flag for 'off-side' as they are not there for that purpose. Generally speaking a forward player will endeavour to keep on-side and defenders rarely have the combined wit to set a trap.

We have won the toss and elected to play up the slope, which is what we wanted as playing towards the park in the second half is a bonus. We are in our normal strip, white shirts, longish black shorts, no fancywork and none expected. The boots have cylindrical studs and hard toe caps designed more for strength than speed.

The formation of both teams is the customary 2 full backs, 3 half backs further up and a 'W' formation forward line with the two inside forwards feeding the wingers and the centre forward.

As the 'stopper' centre half is not yet in vogue centre forwards can find space quite easily and also score frequently. Sophisticated football embracing strategy and tactics is still a few seasons away.

Jimmy Leaver is at left back (later on he kept the Guidepost Pub in Stalybridge) whilst Jack Newnes is Centre half, a vital position, leaving Clifford Tarr and Jack Roscoe as the danger men up front. Clifford's favourite trick is to kick the ball round one side of the opposing full back and run round the other.

The game is under way, the crowd as usual is good natured, the policeman is on duty but will have no cause to move. The banter follows the usual pattern - 'Somebody should by the ref a pair of specs' - 'They wouldn't be any use, he's blind' - 'Where's Joe? I haven't seen him lately' - 'No, he said the team never came to see him when he was bad'.

It's going dark and well what do you know the ninety minutes is up and we have won 3-1. Time to walk home, talk about the goals, take tea and pop off to the newsagents for the Football Chronicle. Wonder how City have got on? - Manchester, of course. They are the really big club not too far away. After all our postal address is 'Mossley, near Manchester'.

MOSSLEY AFC PLAYER PROFILES

STEVE BURKE (age 18) striker Signed following his release by Bury where he was a regular goalscorer in their reserve team. Steve was snapped up by Jason Beckford after impressing in pre season training. Bury manager Chris Casper said of Burke after releasing several players at the end of the 2005/06 season, "The difficult decision was with Steve Burke and he could be the one that in the future we turn around and say 'we should have kept him'.

CHRISTIAN COOKE (age 20) defender / midfield Versatile player Christian Cooke was signed for the start of the 2005/06 season from Macclesfield Town where he had graduated through Macclesfield's academy set up after impressing while on trial with Mossley in pre season. Also had spells with Bury and Port Vale as a junior. Cooke would surely have made more appearances for Mossley had his season not been badly affected by illness. His father John (a youth coach at Manchester United) is a former Mossley manager.

DAVID EYRES (age 42) Eyres didn't get into the professional game until he was 25 years of age. He played non-league football with Morecambe, Southport and Rhyl. He eventually joined Blackpool in August 1989 from Rhyl for £10000. Whilst at Blackpool, he played at Wembley twice in play-off finals. Eyres played 196 games, scoring 45 goals. In July 1993 moved to Burnley. He played over 150 games, scoring around 40 goals. In October 1997 he joined Preston North End for an £80,000 fee. In October 2000 he joined Oldham Athletic on a free transfer. Eyres remained at Boundary Park until May 2006 and is now considered a legend at all of his clubs after making 241 appearances for the Latics scoring 44 goals. The 2006/07 season began with Eyres returning to his non league roots by signing for Hyde United before arriving at Mossley in October 2006.

GARY FURNIVAL (age 23) defender Signed from Witton Albion in September 2006. Furnival is a 6' 4" central defender He played as a junior with Liverpool, Everton, Oldham Athletic and Manchester City before going to make around 200 appearances in the UniBond Premier Division for Witton.

MELFORD KNIGHT (age 22) midfield Melford Knight came through the junior set up at Witton Albion to make it into the first team at 17. He was released to join Nantwich Town and earned himself a reputation as an all action midfielder with an eye for a good pass and likely to score a few goals along the way. Woodley Sports paid a four figure fee for the talented young midfielder at the start of the 2004/05 season but having neglected to place their purchase on contract Woodley lost Knight to Mossley in January 2005.

JOEL PILKINGTON (age 22) midfield / defender Midfielder or wing back signed from Hyde United in September 2005. Previously with Burnley where he was reserve team captain and also made 2 first team appearances. Worked extremely hard to secure a regular place in the Mossley side and has played several games as a wing back as well as in his favoured midfield role.

WILL RYDER (age 24) British Universities midfielder Will Ryder was signed from UniBond colleagues Ossett Town in December 2006. He has played for Halifax Town and Leigh RM in the Nationwide Conference. He has represented English Universities in the World University Games in Turkey in 2005, and also represented England in June 2005 for the International Futsal League where he made his debut against Romania.

JOE SHAW (age 19) midfield Joe Shaw is a 19 years old attacking midfielder signed in the close season after showing great form in the friendlies. Previously with Huddersfield Town where he was a regular in their reserve team. Made a big impact at Mossley in his first season and became a big fans favourite with his all action high work-rate and eye for goal.

STEVE SHEIL (age 25) defender Left sided central defender or wing back Steve Sheil signed for Mossley in February 2003 from Flixton having done the 2002 pre season at Mossley before signing for the Manchester club. Sheil began his career as a junior with Blackpool and Rotherham United before moving into non league as a 17 year old with Droylsden. He then had spells with Curzon Ashton and Ramsbottom United. He soon became an essential member of the Mossley set up and has now made over 100 appearances for the club and was a popular winner of the supporters Player of the Year award in Mossley's promotion winning 2003/04 season.

LEE SHILLITO (age 23) midfield Speedy right winger Lee Shillito (23) has signed from Conference North side Leigh RMI where he earned a reputation as a direct and skilful goal provider. Shillito was previously with Altrincham where he graduated through their youth team and Trafford.

NICKY THOMPSON (age 25) defender / midfield Nicky Thompson was signed by Mossley after impressing in pre season trial games following his release by Bury at the end of 2004/05 season. He appeared in a variety of defensive and midfield positions for Mossley in their title winning 2005/06 campaign and played extremely well.

DANNY TRUEMAN (age 23) goalkeeper Goalkeeper Danny Trueman was signed from Bradford Park Avenue in May 2006 following a brief spell there after previously serving Wakefield Emley. Truman was formerly with Ashton United but signed for the Yorkshire club in March 2005. He began his playing career with Southampton and has also been on the books of Huddersfield Town.

STEVE WILSON (age 32) Experienced former Hull City, Macclesfield Town and Tranmere Rovers keeper Steve Wilson from Conference North club Worksop Town in December 2006. Hull born Wilson began his career with his home town club and made 217 first team appearances between 1992 and 2001. He then moved to Macclesfield Town where he played 151 games between 2001 and 2005. He then joined Tranmere Rovers making 13 appearances in the 2005/06 season before his release at the end of last season.

PETER WRIGHT (age 24) striker Signed in September 2006 from Chorley for who he was top scorer last season with 22 goals. Began his career as a trainee with Newcastle United before joining Halifax Town in the summer of 2001, where he made 14 League appearances. He joined UniBond Premier side Burscough in August 2002 after being released by Halifax Town upon their relegation to the Conference at the end of the 2001/02 season, then transferred to Southport in the summer of 2003 after helping Burscough lift the FA Trophy at Villa Park. Was handed the opportunity to return to Conference level with Northwich Victoria in November 2003, who paid an undisclosed fee for his services before switching to Altrincham in May 2004. Wright joined Chorley in the summer of 2005 after a spell with Bamber Bridge.

MOSSLEY AFC FIXTURES & RESULTS 2006-07

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Comp</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Att</i>	<i>Scorers</i>
Aug 19	Ilkeston Town	Home	ULPD	L 2-3	230	Bingham-2
Aug 22	Marine	Away	ULPD	L 0-1	249	-
Aug 26	Grantham Town	Away	ULPD	W 2-1	264	Allison, Thackeray
Aug 28	Burscough	Home	ULPD	W 3-2	254	Bingham, Knight, White
Sep 2	Lincoln United	Home	ULPD	L 1-2	239	Bowker
Sep 5	AFC Telford United	Away	ULPD	D 0-0	1838	-
Sep 9	North Ferriby United	Away	ULPD	L 1-2	187	Sheil
Sep 12	Matlock Town	Home	ULPD	L 0-3	212	-
Sep 16	Guiseley	Away	FAC1Q	L 1-2	253	Burke
Sep 23	Guiseley	Home	ULPD	L 1-3	203	Shaw
Sep 26	Radcliffe Borough	Away	ULPD	W 3-1	211	Wright-2, Knight
Sep 30	Whitby Town	Away	ULPD	L 2-3	303	Shaw-2
Oct 3	Whitby Town	Home	ULPD	W 2-0	241	Burke, Wright
Oct 7	Ilkeston Town	Away	ULPD	L 1-2	352	Wright
Oct 10	Witton Albion	Home	ULPD	L 1-2	219	Knight
Oct 14	Hednesford Town	Home	ULPD	D 1-1	275	Turley
Oct 17	Prescot Cables	Away	ULPD	D 2-2	214	Knight, Shillito
Oct 21	Lincoln United	Home	FAT1Q	W 5-1	276	Eyres-2, Ward-2, own goal
Oct 24	Salford City	Home	MPC 1	W 1-0	201	Wright
Oct 28	Ossett Town	Away	ULPD	L 2-3	202	Turley, Furnival
Nov 4	Cammell Laird	Away	FAT2Q	L 1-2	190	Eyres
Nov 11	Kendal Town	Home	ULPD	L 0-2	272	-
Nov 18	Hednesford Town	Away	ULPD	D 0-0	522	-
Nov 21	Fleetwood Town	Away	ULC 2	L 1-2	142	Ward
Dec 2	Matlock Town	Away	ULPD	L 1-4	322	Wright
Dec 9	Frickley Athletic	Home	ULPD	L 1-2	226	Wright
Dec 16	Burscough	Away	ULPD	L 0-4	268	-
Dec 26	Ashton United	Home	ULPD	L 1-2	372	Eyres
Dec 30	Frickley Athletic	Away	ULPD	W 4-0	188	Turley-2, own goal, Wright
Jan 1	Ashton United	Away	ULPD	L 0-1	325	-
Jan 6	Lincoln United	Away	ULPD	L 0-2	140	-
Jan 13	AFC Telford United	Home	ULPD	L 3-4	461	Turley, Thompson, Knight
Jan 16	Flixton	Home	MPC 2	L 1-2	-	Shaw
Jan 20	Gateshead	Home	ULPD			
Jan 27	Leek Town	Away	ULPD			
Feb 3	Prescot Cables	Home	ULPD			
Feb 10	Radcliffe Borough	Home	ULPD			
Feb 17	North Ferriby United	Home	ULPD			
Feb 24	Fleetwood Town	Away	ULPD			
Mar 3	Marine	Home	ULPD			
Mar 6	Leek Town	Home	ULPD			
Mar 24	Guiseley	Away	ULPD			
Mar 31	Grantham Town	Home	ULPD			
Apr 6	Fleetwood Town	Home	ULPD			
Apr 9	Kendal Town	Away	ULPD			
Apr 14	Witton Albion	Away	ULPD			
Apr 21	Ossett Town	Home	ULPD			
Apr 28	Gateshead	Away	ULPD			



Mossley AFC 2006/07 Appearances & Goals	2006/07 Apps	2006/07 Goals	Career Apps	Career Goals	Previous club
Steve BURKE	12+9	(1) 2	21	2	Bury
Christian COOKE	19+7	(4) 0	49	0	Macclesfield Town
David EYRES	14	4	14	4	Hyde United
Gary FURNIVAL	23+1	1	24	1	Witton Albion
Melford KNIGHT	26+3	5	92	15	Woodley Sports
Adie ORR	1+3	(1) 0	4	0	FC United of Manchester
Joel PILKINGTON	23+2	(1) 0	64	2	Hyde United
Fraser ROBINSON	5+3	(1) 0	8	0	Rochdale Rovers (Aus)
Will RYDER	5	(1) 0	5	0	Ossett Town
Joe SHAW	21+5	4	69	9	Huddersfield Town
Steve SHEIL	15+4	(3) 1	170	19	Flixton
Lee SHILLITO	12+6	1	18	1	Leigh RMI
Jonathon SMITH	7	0	7	0	Barrow
Nicky THOMPSON	13+3	(4) 1	55	1	Bury
Danny TRUEMAN	28	0	28	0	Bradford Park Ave
James TURLEY	12+2	5	14	5	Stalybridge Celtic
Steve WILSON	4	0	4	0	Worksop Town
Peter WRIGHT	19+5	8	24	8	Chorley
own goals		2			
Max poss appearances	33				
Total Goals		44			
also played					now with
Neil BRISCO	2	0	2	0	?
Martin ALLISON	5+3	1	26	2	Ossett Albion
Anthony BINGHAM	9+3	3	21	6	Buxton
Terry BOWKER	13	1	13	1	Ashton United
Lee BRACEY	1	0	69	0	Ashton United
Paul CHALLINOR	0	(2) 0	55	5	Ashton United
Rob DAWSON	3+3	(4) 0	6	0	Trafford
Chris DOWNEY	1+1	0	101	53	Radcliffe Borough
Rob EDWARDS	9+2	0	11	0	retired
Chris EVANS	3	0	3	0	?
Mike FLYNN	4	0	4	0	Hyde United *
Paul GARVEY	2+2	0	17	3	Curzon Ashton
Conor LYNCH	0	(2) 0	0	0	Trafford
Marvin McDONALD	4+2	0	6	0	Macclesfield Town *
Danny MEADOWCROFT	5	0	86	3	Morecambe *
Kenny MAYERS	6+2	0	8	0	Chorley
Andy THACKERAY	14+2	(1) 1	73	4	retired
James TYRELL-NESTOR	0+4	0	4	0	Farsley Celtic
Chris WARD	10+2	3	12	3	Clitheroe
Danny WHITE	13	1	13	1	Buxton

* returned after loan spells

Gateshead



Finishing 7th in the 1929-30 season Football League outfit South Shields decided, due to financial problems, to move lock stock and barrel to another North East town, Gateshead. The new Gateshead AFC started life at Redheugh Park and in their first 3rd Division North campaign in 1930-31 finished 9th. The Tynesiders were then only denied promotion the following season by Lincoln City's superior goal average. Gateshead's highest League attendance occurred in the 1937/38 season when 20,752 saw a 1-1 draw against Lincoln City. A crowd of 39,287 was later recorded at neighbouring Newcastle's St.James' Park ground in 1952 for Gateshead's FA Cup 4th round defeat against West Brom.

The following season, 1952-53 saw Gateshead reach the quarter finals of the FA Cup. A 1-0 defeat over mighty Liverpool at a fog bound Redheugh Park in the 3rd round got the ball rolling. The Tynesiders went on to host Bolton Wanderers in the last eight but England striker Nat Lofthouse scored the only goal of the game in front of an 18,000 capacity Redheugh crowd. Bolton went on to lose what was dubbed the Mathews Final at Wembley 4-3 against Blackpool.

The end of a 30 year Football League dream came in the 1959-60 season after Gateshead finished 22nd out of 24 in the recently formed 4th division. Despite both Oldham Athletic and Hartlepoons United finishing below them the annual vote of member clubs in London threw Gateshead out of the League in favour of southerners Peterborough United who polled 17 more votes than the shocked Tynesiders.

The original Gateshead club battled on in Non-League football until, 13 years and five leagues later, they were finally laid to rest in 1973. Remarkably South Shields FC, then in the Northern Premier League, again decided to move to Gateshead to form Gateshead United. The new club however lasted only three seasons before it was replaced at the start of the 1977/78 season by the current Gateshead Football Club.

Gateshead were promoted to the now named Nationwide Conference on three occasions, their final stay during the 1990s lasting eight years during which they twice achieved top seven finishes. The clubs non-league hey day also saw them reach the quarter finals of the FA Trophy on three occasions before they were relegated from the top flight in 1998 after finishing second bottom.

Manager Mattie Pearson took over as manager for the start of the 1998/99 season. The first season back in the Northern Premier League, now sponsored by

UniBond, was a successful one with the club finishing 5th with a rebuilt squad. The "Millennium" season then saw the Tynesiders claim third spot with 82 points after they won 23 games and lost just eight. An FA Cup win at then Football League outfit Halifax Town was also achieved but the 2000/01 season saw Pearson replaced as manager by veteran Gateshead player/coach Paul Proudlock.

Cameron Hall Developments, sponsors of the club for over ten years, unexpectedly pulled out mid way through the 2001/02 season leaving the Tynesiders on the brink. Financial restraints and disappointing results eventually saw Proudlock resign with former Middlesbrough and Darlington midfielder Gary Gill taking over.

Four games into the 2002/03 season long serving chairman John Gibson resigned with Secretary Mike Coulson gaining control of Gibson's shares. Gill also resigned and over a dozen players left after wages had to be cut to keep the club alive. Gateshead legend Derek Bell took over as manager working on a tight budget but was unable to save the club from relegation.

Following relegation from the UniBond Premier Division in 2003 the club regrouped with the introduction of Reserve and Intermediate sides. Gateshead adapted well to life in the UniBond 1st division and managed to return to the UniBond's reconstructed top flight by virtue of a sixth placed finish. The club had again hit financial troubles though, with First Team manager Derek Bell stepping up to Acting Chairman following the resignation of Coulson.

It was looking positive with new owners and backers ready to take over the club in the summer, however Gateshead were thrown into fresh turmoil when they withdrew just two weeks before the 2004/2005 season was about to start.

After coming this far Derek Bell refused to throw in the towel and let the club die. Subsequently Bell has kept the club alive with help from key partners and now sets about rebuilding the club. With local junior club Low Fell now under the Gateshead FC umbrella, the Tynesiders are now striving to become a Community focussed club and are counting on the support of the local public to ensure a brighter future.

During the summer of 2006 supporter Graham Wood decided the time was right to put his money into the club and try to get them back on course after years of struggle. Will his dream of regaining league status for the club become a reality in years to come?

one to watch

Paul Thompson



the club and has been club captain in the past. Needs 130 goals to be all time top goal scorer at Gateshead but injuries are hampering him his season.

Midfield/Attack: The vastly experienced Thompson, 33, had made 359 appearances for Gateshead and 117 goals up to the end of last season. The former Hartlepool United, Stevenage, Bishop Auckland, Blyth Spartans and Whitley Bay striker is now in his fourth spell with

Tony Davidson - Goalkeeper
19-year-old Hartlepool United shot-stopper who is with Gateshead on a one month loan deal. Davidson was previously with Sunderland.

Craig Baxter - Defence/Midfield:
A right sided player who was released by Newcastle United during the summer, Baxter can play in defence or midfield and has won a regular place in the team through some excellent performances this season.

Chris Mason – Defence/
Midfield: Left sided defender or midfielder who signed for Gateshead after a spell in Sweden this season. Mason was previously with Harrogate Town.

Jamie Harwood - Midfield:
Signed from Worksop in December 2006 where he showed great skill. The 22-year-old can play in midfield or in a more advanced role. Previously with West Auckland Town and Crook Town.

James Curtis - Defence:
A towering and solid central defender for the past three seasons, James, 24, was captain last season making 48 appearances and won both Player and Supporters Club Player of the Season Award.

Hartlepool on loan. Has played at both centre back and right back this season.

David Southern - Midfield/
Attack: Southern is an attacking midfielder or forward who signed for an undisclosed fee from Newcastle Blue Star during the summer. Now in his third spell with Gateshead he has also played for Birtley Town, Crook Town, West Auckland and Dunston Fed. Scored 39 goals in 43 appearances for Blue Star last season and is targeting 30 goals this season.

Steve Salvin - Midfield: Signed from Newcastle Blue Star in the summer, Salvin scored 9 goals in 31 appearances last season on and plays in the heart of the midfield. Previously with Bishop Auckland.

Thomas Haigh – Midfield:
Young midfielder who is currently on work experience from Hartlepool United, where Haigh is in his second year of YTS football.

Craig Nelthorpe - Midfield:
Talented young midfielder who has been operating on the left since being on loan from Doncaster Rovers, Nelthorpe opted to rejoin Gateshead after Christmas 2006 after turning down an offer from Hednesford.

Steve Baker - Defence:
28-year-old defender signed from Scarborough during the summer. Previously with Middle-

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field, Dar-

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MEET THE 'HEAD

Christian Hanson – Defence: A Solid defender previously with Middlesbrough, Cambridge and Torquay (on loan), Havant and Waterlooville, Port Vale, Leyton Orient and signed for Gateshead from Grays Athletic where he lifted the FA Trophy last season.

Warren Byrne – Attack: Byrne signed for Gateshead in December 2006 from Northern League side Spennymoor Town where he had scored ten goals this season. Scored 32 goals last season while with Darlington RA and then Spennymoor.

Paul Talbot - Defence: Left back Talbot, 27, rejoined Gateshead last season from Durham City after having spells with Burton Albion and Queen of the South. A youth at Newcastle United who then went to York before joining Gateshead the first time around.

Richard Flynn - Defence: Richard, 21, was partner to James Curtis in central defence last season and can also move into midfield when required. Flynn is another consistent performer and made 42 appearances last campaign. Made a handful of appearances at the start of the season but is likely miss the rest of the season through injury.

Chris Hughes - Midfield: Hughes signed from Scarborough in the summer. A strong midfielder who can create and score goals, the 22-year-old started his career with Darlington.

Ian Clark - Midfield: Left sided midfielder signed from Scarborough during the summer. Clark, 31, was previously with Doncaster Rovers, Hartlepool United and Darlington. Has been out injured after having an operation on a fused bone in his foot.



MOSSLEY vs GATESHEAD HEAD TO HEAD

Northern Premier League

1974-75	W 3-0	Brown, Moore, Skeete	L 1-2	Skeete
1975-76	W 2-1	Fleming, Napier	D 2-2	Moore-2
1976-77	D 2-2	Moore, Fletcher	D 1-1	Wilkinson
1977-78	L 0-1	-	W 3-1	Moore, Smith, Garmory
1978-79	D 3-3	O'Keefe, Moore, Skeete	W 3-1	Smith, Skeete, O'Connor
1979-80	W 6-1	Skeete-3, Smith, O'Connor	D 1-1	Salter
1980-81	D 1-1	Skeete	W 5-1	Skeete-2, Keelan, O'Connor, Salter
1981-82	D 1-1	Szabo	W 1-0	Derbyshire
1982-83	W 4-0	Garmory, Gill, O'Connor, Derbyshire	L 0-1	-
1985-86	D 0-0	-	L 0-2	-
1987-88	W 4-0	Nisbett-4	W 3-0	Scott-2, McCluskie
1988-89	D 1-1	Griffin	W 2-1	Rice, Bell
1989-90	D 2-2	McCluskie-2	L 2-3	McCluskie-2

Northern Premier League Cup

1989-90 L 0-4 - (3rd Round)

Northern Premier League Presidents Cup

1982-83 W 1-0 Gorman (2nd leg) L 0-2 - (1st leg)

P - 29 W - 12 D - 10 L - 7 F - 54 A - 35



Tony Lee - Manager

Lee is a vastly experienced manager now in his second spell at Gateshead and is proving to be very popular at the club. Lee won the Arngrove Northern League last season with Newcastle Blue Star.

Ian Bogie - Assistant Manager

Bogie became Assistant Manager to Lee in the summer of 2006. Recorded over 400 professional appearances with Newcastle United, Preston, Millwall, Leyton Orient, Port Vale and Kidderminster Harriers.





Axe is wielded by Lee

Gateshead have continued their mid-season clear-out. Former Hartlepool super sub Steven Istead has joined Northern

League outfit Consett, while defender Christian Hanson and keeper Simon Bishop could have played their last game for the club.

Istead made only 11 starts, scoring one goal, while the out-of-favour Hanson has been transfer-listed with the club putting a £3,000 fee on his head.

Bishop, currently suspended, could join departed trio Neil Tarrant, Adam Johnston and Nicky Deverdics through the exit door as Gateshead look to build on a now five match unbeaten run.



Tony Lee

Manager Tony Lee said: "Action needed to be taken, and with Jamie Harwood and Craig Nelthorpe on board, plus Chris Hughes and Ian Clark fit again, changes have been made.

"Bishop has done well but he didn't train regularly. He showed no respect to the club and I'm disappointed with his attitude."

West Auckland keeper Mark Bell kept a clean sheet as stand-in keeper in the 2-0 win at Radcliffe Borough and 19-year-old Hartlepool United shot-stopper Tony Davison was between the sticks on Saturday.

"Davison was originally with Sunderland and he's signed on a month's loan, but a new keeper is a top priority," added Lee. "The move for Michael Price in the summer backfired and we need to get in a fit and capable keeper."

Lee is also in the market for a striker and may take Middlesbrough youngster Ben Hutchinson on loan to increase his attacking options.

Gateshead entered Saturday's clash with struggling Grantham, their first home game of

Gateshead match Preview

the new year, in mid-table and desperate to build on consecutive two-goal away wins.

"We looked good at Lincoln United and Radcliffe and we now have a number of good partnerships in different areas," said Lee. "The midfield looks particularly strong."

Former Darlington schemer Hughes replaced on-loan Hartlepool youngster Tom Haigh in midfield following his recovery from a double hernia operation.

Gateshead continued their run of good form with a commanding 5-2 home win over bottom side Grantham.

Despite going 1-0 down in the first half Gateshead had taken the lead before half time through David Southern, his 21st of the season, and a free kick by Craig Nelthorpe for his 4th of the season.

Gateshead went from strength to strength in the second half with Jamie Harwood completing a hat-trick give him four goals from four games since signing from Worksop Town.

A late goal by Grantham with five minutes to go was too little too late for the visitors who are still looking for their first away league win of the season.

Despite the win though Gateshead didn't move up the table with Ossett drawing at home to Marine and Frickley picking up a point at Fleetwood in a 2-2 draw.

Attendance: 239 - Highest of the season, so far.

Gateshead Line-Up: Davison, Baxter, Mason, Harwood, Curtis, Baker, Southern, Salvin, Thompson, Hughes, Nelthorpe. Subs: Byrne (on for Thompson), Clark (on for Hughes), Talbot (unused).



Jamie Harwood

STAT ATTACK 2006-07

GAMES PLAYED	33
PLAYERS USED	38
GOALS SCORED	44
GOALS CONCEDED	61
BIGGEST HOME WIN	5-1 v Lincoln United
BIGGEST AWAY WIN	4-0 v Frickley Athletic
HEAVIEST HOME DEFEAT	0-3 v Matlock Town
HEAVIEST AWAY DEFEAT	0-4 v Burscough
MOST SUCCESSIVE WINS	2
MOST SUCCESSIVE DEFEATS	6
LONGEST UNBEATEN RUN	4
LONGEST RUN WITHOUT A WIN	9
5 GOALS SCORED IN GAME	1
5 GOALS CONCEDED IN GAME	0
4 GOALS SCORED IN GAME	1
4 GOALS CONCEDED IN GAME	3
3 GOALS SCORED IN GAME	2
3 GOALS CONCEDED IN GAME	6
2 GOALS SCORED IN GAME	5
2 GOALS CONCEDED IN GAME	14
1 GOAL SCORED IN GAME	14
1 GOAL CONCEDED IN GAME	5
0 GOAL SCORED IN GAME	8
0 GOAL CONCEDED IN GAME	5
GAMES SINCE HOME WIN	5
GAMES SINCE AWAY WIN	1
GAMES SINCE HOME DRAW	7
GAMES SINCE AWAY DRAW	5
GAMES SINCE HOME DEFEAT	0
GAMES SINCE AWAY DEFEAT	0
HOME RECORD:	
P 15 W 5 D 1 L 9 F 23 A 29	
AWAY RECORD:	
P 18 W 3 D 3 L 12 F 21 A 31	
HIGHEST HOME ATTENDANCE	
461 v AFC Telford United	
HIGHEST AWAY ATTENDANCE	
1838 v AFC Telford United	
LOWEST HOME ATTENDANCE	
201 v Salford City	
LOWEST AWAY ATTENDANCE	
142 v Fleetwood Town	
LEADING GOALSCORER	
Peter Wright	8
HAT-TRICKS	0
RED CARDS	4
YELLOW CARDS	26

THE FIRST TIME WE MET

15th February 1975

Mossley 3 Gateshead United 0

scorers:- Brown, Moore, Skeete

The Mossley team was:-

John Fitton, Harry Pollitt, Micky Fleming, Alan Brown, Graham Schofield, Tony Steenson, Jimmy O'Connor, Dave Moore, Leo Skeete, Jimmy Riley, Eric Brodie.
Sub: Geoff Sleight.

THE LAST TIME WE MET



24th October 1989

Mossley 2 Gateshead 2

scorers:- McCluskie-2

Jim McCluskie scores a header (above) in this 2-2 draw at Seel Park on 24th October 1989.

The Mossley team that day was:-

Ian Haigh, Joe Kelly, Nick Stanley, Brian Marriott, Mark Hilton, Paul Tomlinson, Steve Wood, Archie Lloyd, Jim McCluskie, Tony Quinn, Kenny Saunders
Subs: Alan McDermott, Andy Doyle.

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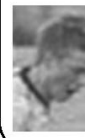
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'Mossley dumped out of Manchester Cup'

Mossley 1 Flixton 2

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Team:

1. Danny Trueman
2. Nicky Thompson
3. Will Ryder
4. Joel Pilkington
5. Gary Furnival
6. Steve Sheil
7. Lee Shillito
8. Melford Knight (c)
9. Fraser Robinson
10. Steve Burke
11. Joe Shaw
12. Peter Wright
(for Shillito 61 mins)
14. Christian Cooke
(not used)

Mossley were unceremoniously dumped out of the Manchester Premier Cup by North West Counties Leaguers Flixton at Seel park tonight, the Manchester club's first ever win over Mossley in 13 attempts.

Mossley opened brightly enough on a surface still heavy from Saturday's home game and Steve Burke ought to have scored when put clean through by Pilkington only to see his effort saved. Joe Shaw then hit the post with a rasping drive as Mossley dominated the opening phase. However, Flixton scored with their first shot of the evening when Andy Lundy found himself with time and space in the Mossley box to pick his spot.



Flixton looked happy and reasonably comfortable sitting on their lead but the spell was broken on the stroke of half time when Lee Shillito got round his marker and crossed low for Joe Shaw to turn home from 15 yards.

Having seemingly done the hard work Mossley then shot themselves in the foot as they lost possession inside the Flixton half and a peach of a long pass from ex Mossley midfielder Steve Tobin found Andy Howard who raced clear and rounded Trueman before slotting home.

Mossley attempted to find an equaliser by pressing forward but Flixton looked more likely to score as the quick and tricky Howard and the skilful Leon Grandison were a constant threat on the break against a sluggish Mossley defence.

Mossley's best chances fell to Melford Knight who



*Joe Shaw . . .
Scored equaliser*

scissor kicked over the bar and saw a goal bound effort hit Fraser Robinson on the head. Substitute Peter Wright had a golden opportunity to equalize late on but his first touch let him down and the chance was gone and keeper Bennett made a great save to tip over what would have been an own goal.

Mossley found themselves bogged down in the Seel Park mud and unable to prize open a Flixton defence that was decidedly ordinary at best. All in all a very poor performance and Mossley's last chance of silverware this season has now gone.